

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING FORMER MAYOR  
HARRY MIMS

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commend Former Mayor Harry Mims, who has devoted 38 years of outstanding leadership to the Village of East Hodge in Louisiana. The East Hodge Town Hall will be dedicated in his name honoring his unwavering service. Also adding to the festivities, a celebration will be held to commemorate Mayor Mims' 99th birthday.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering plentiful well wishes to Mayor Mims. His resolute commitment and compassionate service to the community deserve our gratitude.

HONORING MRS. HELEN S. SLAGLE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Helen S. Slagle of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Slagle is retiring from Federal service after 36 years of loyal service.

Helen Slagle entered into Federal service in 1977 and has never truly left. In 1977 Helen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After her honorable discharge in 1997 from the Marine Corps at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant; Helen was once again called into Federal service with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Helen then transitioned to the private sector, working under contract for the Federal Government. In 2006, Helen began her final posting with the Federal government as a Special Agent with the United States Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services, Kansas City Office. During her time at O.P.M. Helen has directly supported the Federal, military and defense contractor assets located in Northwest Missouri. The investigations that Helen conducted have been for the proud military men and women who are serving their state and country.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen S. Slagle. For the last 36 years Helen has dedicated herself to the United States of America through her unwavering Federal Service and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall votes 287–288. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted “yes” on both.

IN HONOR OF LINGOHOCKEN FIRE  
CO.—100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, as one of Bucks County's many volunteer fire companies, the Lingoocken Fire Company is celebrating 100 years of continuous service that began with caring, local farmers leaving the fields to answer a neighbor's call for help. This small cadre grew and soon a “fire company” was responding to the loud clanging of an old locomotive wheel that now hangs outside the firehouse as an historic reminder of those who answered the call. Today's volunteers are 21st century—trained in the use of modern equipment and well-prepared to protect lives and properties. They continue to work hard and last year, alone, they put in nearly 5,000 hours responding to fire calls, training, attending meetings and other company-related activities. We proudly acknowledge the Lingoocken Fire Co., serving Wrightstown Township and portions of Buckingham and Upper Makefield townships. Congratulations on your 100th anniversary, outstanding public service, and for the example you set for others to follow.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCLER-  
ODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Scleroderma Awareness Month this June, I rise today in recognition of the 300,000 Americans with Scleroderma.

Scleroderma is a chronic and disabling connective tissue and rheumatic disorder resulting from an overproduction of collagen in the skin, tissue, and underlying muscle. The word “scleroderma” means hardening of the skin, which is often one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. But scleroderma can also affect many other areas of the body including the heart, lungs, kidneys and gastrointestinal system.

Given the unpredictable progression of the disease, Scleroderma, like many other auto-

immune diseases, is difficult for medical practitioners to accurately diagnose and even more difficult to treat as there are currently no disease specific treatments. As we recognize the need for awareness of this troublesome disease, we can and must do more for the thousands of Americans who are diagnosed with this condition each year.

This is why I authored H.R. 1429, the Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act. This bipartisan legislation coordinates and intensifies research and awareness of this disease, prioritizes the development and evaluation of new treatments options, and authorizes Director of NIH to pursue enhanced clinical and basic research related to Scleroderma. I want to thank my colleague, Representative PETER KING (NY–02), for leading this bill with me and then 11 cosponsors who have already lent their support to this effort.

I urge my colleagues join us in support of this important legislation providing for needed federal investment in this misunderstood disease.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM AREA  
AGENCY ON AGING

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William Area Agency on Aging.

The Prince William Area Agency on Aging is one of more than 670 agencies in the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. The Agency of Aging works to maintain the independence and quality of life for adults and their families. Volunteers work alongside professionals serving as advocates, educators, and coordinators implementing programs and services for the senior members of the tri-jurisdictional areas of Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Volunteers assist with the Bluebird Tour Program, Disability Service Board, Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program, Agency on Aging Tax Aid, Commission on Aging, Long Term Ombudsman Program, and the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Bluebird Tour Program:

Bill Barnhart, Trudy Burks, Brian Fulton, Diane Fulton, Fran Harrod, Mary Kay Portell, Wanda Pulliam, Ray Vanderbilt, Chester Smith, Nancy Smith.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Disability Service Board:

Phyllis Aggrey, Michael Bizik, Nona Bond, James Bryant, Janice Buie, Ashley Cavossa, Barbara Diehl, Mark Fletcher, Lillian Garland, Melvin Padgett, II, Diane Raulston, Karen Smith, Paul Weisenberger, Karen Williams.

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It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the name of the following volunteer for the Virginia Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program:

Robert Gainer.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following volunteers for the Tax Aide Volunteers Program:

Ronald Bond, William Burston, Mary Coleman, John Kirz, VaLoris MacDowell, Bob Martin, Mike Martin, Lee Schumacher, Elizabeth Smolen, Gail Strickland, Bruce Willey.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Commission on Aging:

Willard Bennett, Raymond Beverage, Sandra Dawson, Edna Garr, Jane Lakata, Frank Maresca, Len Postman, Richard Sienkiewicz, Mary Shufelt, Nancy West.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Long Term Ombudsman Program:

Nancy Bireley, Celeste Cole, Pat Giusti, Judy Kenyon, Fred Knox, Carol Leet, Barbara Ondo, Carol Sturz.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Senior Centers and Adult Day Healthcare:

Jo Adell, Marie Akins, Mathilda Alexander, Joann Amidon, Martha Andrews, Gorrell Angel, Grant Angel, Jean Angel, Lynn Ashe, George Ashley, Sally Au, Emelda August, Alleen Bagley, Bobsonm Bangura, Stanley Baranowski, Yon Barker, Sharon Bauer, Nancy Bell, Beverly Bendekgey, Barbara Betton, Arline Blanke, BettyAnn Blanton, Doris Bodwin, Suzuyo Bolvin, Zile Brannon, James Branscome, Carol Brauzer, Felicia Brown, Peggy Bruhn, Laura Buckenmeyer, John Bucsko, Dom Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Margie Byrne, Doris Caporale, Helen Caporaletti, Kit Carney, Olive Carrington, Francis Chergosky, Gene Chumley, Luis Cifuentes, Elizabeth Clemens, Katherine Cooke, Sheila Copeland, Catherine Corner, Margaret Covington, Ollie Cross, Maryls Daack, Ronald Daack, Edgar Davis, Paul Davis, Pauline Davis.

Gretchen Day, Roberta Dearden, Naomi Delashmutt, Melita Diklich, Barbara Dillon, Hugh Dillon, Dottie DiMartino, Henry D'Souza, Cathy Dykstra, Karen Edwards, Linda Edwards, MaryJane Ellis, Mildred Ellis, Glory Emmanuel, Marianne Enright, Sue Flatequal, Joan Galvin, Dorothy Garland, Lenore George, Susan Gillon, Betty Glasco, Susan Glynn, Brenda Goodridge, Ethel Gorham, Carolyn Grandjean, Beulah Green, Mary Griffith, Mary Gueriera, Norma Guerra, John Hahn, Mazen Hammoudeh, John Happoldt, Althema Harris, Daniel Harris, Kitty Harris, Rosi Harrison, Barbara Hayes, Bobbie Henderson, Lee Hendricks, MaryLou Hill, Iris Hodges, Joseph Hohos, Norma Holmgren, Brett Hoyer, Elizabeth Hudson, Roy Hudson, Maureen Humphrey, Francine Jacobs, Thomas Jonas, William Kelsey, Edith King, Betty Knowles, Frederick Knox.

Theresa Koger, Marie Komyathy, Martin Kruger, Joseph Kubica, Edward Lacy, Albert Lammers, Jan Lawler, Tina Leacock, Jane Lehman, Rene Lehman, James Lewis, Allen Lindholm, Mary Livingston, Amber Love, William Lucas, Norma Mace, Irma Machado, Don Mackintosh, Agnes Maiden Mary Mange, Dolores Masters, George Mawhiney, Teresa McCall, Harold McCarty, Daniel McCasin, Pearl McCray, Gretchen McDonell, Barbara

McGlawn, Julie Meeham, Ruth Meier, Karen Merchant, Roberta Messamer, Ruth Miller, Jack Millett, Pamela Millett, Sadhna Minter, Robert Mitchell, Emerita Mogrovejo, Mary Money, Molly Mooney, Leo Moore, Mary Moore, Virginia Morales, Joseph Mugnano, Karlene Murphy, Mary Murphy, Billie Nichols.

Jennifer Nicol, Marianne Nigreville, Gi Nigro, Carol Nolan, Clifford Nolan, Phyllis Norling, Sandy Novak, Gloria Oakes, Susie O'Neal, Lynn Oneill, Albert Osborne, Margaret Palomares, Cynthia Parent, John Parker, Edith Peel, Jo Peters, Dianne Peyton, Marie Phoenix, Mirta Pimentel, Louise Pleines, Elinor Polansky, Len Postman, Joseph Powers, Patricia Prochnow, Marlene Puglisi, Frederick Puhala, Najibullah Qazei, Hilde Reed, Phyllis Reese, Noreen Reynolds, Samuel Rhodes, S.H. Richardson, Charles Rigby, Mary Rigby, James Riley, William Ritter, Latasha Rivers, Willow Rolfe, Griselda Roque, Shirley Roy, William Ruhe, Bertha Russ, Gwen Ryfinski.

Anna Ryman, Rayzel Sachs, Joyce Sakole, Michael Sakole, Glenn Sartori, Barbara Schonherr, Andrea Schu, Joseph Schu, Dorothy Schumacher, Valerie Schutz, Connie Scurlock, Thomas Scurlock, Richard Shaffer, David Shely, Gertrude Slater, Geri Smith, Michael Somma, Janet Spence, Cyme Spicer, Annemarie Stalsworth, Frank Stone, Lois Stone, Cynthia Tallia, Hafiz Tarbal, Helen Tang, Eric Taylor, Doris Tchakirides, Brooks Terry, Howard Teten, Tom Thatcher, Joyce Thomas, Lowell Thomas, Michael Timko, Lana Tobey, Nancy Tsou, Meridel Turch, Alan Turner, Wilma Turner, Sylvia Urani, Mohammad Vali, Shirley VanEss, Andrew Vani, Dianne Vaughn, Glenn Vinson, Arc Vosac, Barbara Wagner, Charlotte Walker, Lorelea Wann, Claudett Warner, Jeanne Warner, Brenda Warren, Peggy Weber, Evelyn West, George Whitfield, Joyce Wilson, Pearl Wilson, Theresa Winiesdorffer, Regeanne Woodworth, Carol Wright, Kyong Yoo, Barbara Zader, Adella Zilka.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these dedicated volunteers. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the men and women who participate in the Prince William County Area Agency on Aging programs and services. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these selfless community activists.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM  
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF  
2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I appreciate the efforts of Chairman LUCAS (R-OK) and Ranking Member PETERSON (D-MN) to craft this year's farm bill. The FARRM Act makes many several necessary reforms to our county's agricultural policy. The bill encourages organic

agriculture, promotes specialty crops, such as fruits and vegetables, and ends direct commodity payments to farmers in favor of a more robust crop insurance program.

I support many of these reforms, but the bill that was considered in the House this week could have been much better. The FARRM Act cut conservation programs designed to reward farmers for protecting drinking water and land and reduced acreage enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The bill failed to place caps on the taxpayer's share of crop insurance premiums and increased price guarantees for many major crops. Additionally, the bill contained a provision added by amendment in the Committee that would have prevented states from setting their own farm and food standards.

But the most outstanding issue with the FARRM Act is by far the \$20.5 billion cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly known as food stamps. At a time when a record numbers of families are struggling to put food on the table the House bill would recklessly cleave SNAP resulting in a loss of benefits for more than 2 million low-income individual, working families, children and seniors.

In New Jersey the number of SNAP participants over a 5 year period has more than doubled from only 431,797 participants in March 2008, up to 873,657 participants in March of this year. The Americans who rely on this program are not looking for a handout or trying to game the system, they are individuals and families who have fallen on hard times and need just a little assistance to afford the most basic of needs—something to eat.

The average weekly SNAP benefit is \$31.50 a week or about \$4.50 a day. Half of all SNAP beneficiaries are children. 1 in 5 American children live in a food insecure household and 75% of households with food insecure children have one or more adults in the labor force. Overall 76% of SNAP benefits go to households with children, 16% to households with disabled persons, and 9% to households with seniors.

I voted against final passage of the FARRM Act because we must stop trying to balance the budget on the backs of the poor and working class. A \$20.5 billion cut in SNAP would harm only poorest families in American and disproportionately affect children, seniors and people with disabilities.

As a country we must end our obsession with debt and deficits, especially when these reductions are coming at the expense of the impoverished and the hungry. We need policies that encourage economic growth which will allow for the creation of more jobs, higher incomes, and increased tax revenues that will in turn contribute to deficit reduction.

There are greater savings possible elsewhere in the farm bill, such as placing caps on insurance premium subsidies that enable some of the largest farms to receive millions of taxpayer dollars year-after-year.

Rather than cutting programs that are specifically focused on the hungry and poor, I support policies that will create jobs and improve incomes, allowing in the long-term fewer household to depend on SNAP for their next meal.

Now that the FARRM Act has failed to pass the House by a vote of 195 to 234, it should be clear to the House Majority that members

on both sides of the aisle are opposed to the SNAP cuts in this bill. I encourage my colleagues in Leadership and in the Agriculture Committee to work towards a compromise that would eliminate the SNAP cuts and allow for the passage of a farm bill that supports agriculture without hurting hungry families.

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM  
AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF  
2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1947) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1947, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act. While Congress must pass a long-term policy for American consumers, farmers, and ranchers, this bill is simply unacceptable. Unlike the measure passed by our colleagues in the Senate, the House GOP's bill makes deep, reckless cuts to programs for low-income families and children. This bill reduces by \$20 billion the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will end food aid for nearly 2 million people, and kick 210,000 children off of free school lunch and breakfast.

We need a farm bill that is fiscally responsible, provides small farmers and ranchers with tools to manage risk, and creates opportunities for conservation in areas like the Chesapeake Bay. There is agreement that we need to eliminate direct payments that are made regardless of yields, prices, farm income, or size. Unfortunately, until the House GOP bring a reasonable measure to the floor, the federal government will continue to give taxpayer dollars to big agribusinesses whether they need them or not.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill and look forward to working with them on a responsible, long-term reauthorization of our nation's agriculture policy.

IN HONOR OF MARY BORKOVITZ

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Mary Borkovitz for 35 years of service to the Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts, a group she founded in 1978. Earlier, she demonstrated a keen spirit of volunteerism by serving on the township Park and Recreation Board, as a Girl Scout leader and teaching music in a local nursery school. Soon she began a popular community concert series under the auspices of the new Lower Makefield Society for the Performing Arts. Mary continues serving as executive director of the expanded and renamed Bucks County

Performing Arts Center as it celebrates its 35th anniversary. We join the community in paying tribute to Mary Borkovitz for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the performing arts. The community is fortunate to have such a remarkable leader. We appreciate the commitment she has demonstrated and wish her continued success as she sets an example of community service for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter.

As part of the Prince William County Animal Control Bureau, the Prince William County Animal Shelter aims to provide permanent safe and clean homes for animals through adoption. The Prince William County Animal Shelter strives to educate the public about the overpopulation of companion animals and the need to provide them with a safe and secure living environment. The volunteers help promote pet adoption by loving and caring families.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Animal Shelter:

Taylor Andrejko, Donna Angel, Laura Ariza, Ashley Arrendo, Christine Baird, Grace Bennett, Haley Bolduc, Chris Bowers, Tyler Brainard, Edward Busse, Maddy Busse, Dale Cash, Jessica Cash, Nicole Cotter, Courtney Creegan, Kristy Delcid, Lurn Ferrell, Ja'Sjnn Ford-Maxwell, Kirsten Freeman, Kyle Geary, Kourtney Gifford, Monica Gonzalez, Bill Graham, Eliza Hayslett, Jennefer Hayward, Rachel Higgins, Shanon Hintz, Garrett Holguin, Madeline Honneger, Sara Howell, Stefanie Howlett, Joan Hufnagel, Becca Jackson, Jayson Juarez, Helena Karch, Greg Kellenberger, Terri Kellenberger, Christopher Leta, Christy Lewis, Catherine Lynn, Dawn Lopicollo, Hannah Malone, Jakob Manne, Lorraine Marks, Tom Marks, Kourtney McClendon, Angela Meier, Barbara Meier-Bice, Rick Mensch, Tessa Metz, Genesis Moreno, Fernando Navarro, Matthew Noble, T.J. Nocera, Betsy O'Connell, Shan Oliver, Debbie Padula, Ron Padula, Ashley Plaster, Breon Randon, Ariel Reilly, Noah Robles, Mickenzie Roby, Collen Rosengrantz, Maja Ruble, Karol Salas, Jennifer Stafford, Vicki Smith, Corey Taylor, Anika Tolentino, Lynn Traxler, Allison Tucker, Candice Villanuerva, Bryce Wade, Roxanne Wilson, Annika Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the Prince William County Animal Shelter for their dedication to the protection of animals in our community. Family pets can be a great source of comfort and companionship and the least we can do is work to provide them with a loving home when they are without one.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES HIGH TECH COMPONENTS, INC. AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 LANTERN AWARDS

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate High Tech Components, Inc. as the Acadiana Region recipient of the 2013 Lantern Awards.

The Lantern Award provides an opportunity to salute manufacturers for their outstanding contributions to the Louisiana economy and to their communities. Recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions over a period of time to the betterment of their communities, growth in the number of employees, and expansion of their facilities.

Owned by Frank's International, High Tech Components, Inc. has manufactured, repaired, and stocked the widest selection of Gate Valve Components in the Gulf Coast region for 26 years. The scope of manufacturing is broad which allows the company to machine something as small as a thimble to as large as a car.

In an ever changing and competitive industry, High Tech utilizes the latest and most powerful technology to optimize its machining processes while producing the highest quality products. Committed to providing quality products in a timely manner that meets and exceeds its customers' expectations, High Tech Components, Inc., has seen tremendous growth since 2006. As a small company starting with 28 employees and 19 machines, High Tech Components, Inc., has expanded to encompass a 19,600 square foot facility with 210 employees using 86 machines.

It is due to the efforts of companies and businesses like High Tech Components, Inc. that Louisiana continues to grow and prosper economically.

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN REA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO OREGON AND THE NATION

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nathan Rea, a long-time, dedicated member of my staff and very good friend who recently left Washington, D.C. to return to his family's farm in Umatilla County, Oregon. Nathan came to the nation's capital in 2005 intending to stay for a brief three month internship in my office before returning to his family's multi-generation farm. Three months turned into eight years, and along the detour Nathan fell in love with Emily Skoblar. Nathan and Emily married, and in February of last year they welcome their beautiful daughter Gwenyth "Gweny" Isabelle into the world. During their time in Washington, Nathan and Emily both dedicated themselves to the needs of others, but they decided to heed the call to family farm life and turn the federal public service opportunity over to others.

Nathan was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and was raised on the Rea family farm in Milton-Freewater, Oregon by his parents Dennis and Laura Rea. From a very young age, Nathan worked in the field with his grandfather H.T. Rea and father planting and harvesting wheat and green peas.

Nathan graduated from DeSales Catholic High School in Walla Walla and earned his degree in agriculture businesses from Washington State University in 2004. His love of his alma mater was not only evident in the numerous WSU Cougar logos found around his desk, but also by his well-stated affection for the famous "Cougar Gold" cheddar cheese, a product produced and sold around the world by students at the WSU Creamery in Pullman. And even though the Cougs only beat my Oregon Ducks football team once during Nathan's eight years in my office, I will admit that Cougar Gold cheese is worthy of the praises Nathan and his fellow alumni so readily tout.

While growing up on the farm, Nathan gained an appreciation for politics and public service and saw the impact that agriculture and trade policy had on his family and community. When he opened the Milton Freewater Valley Herald one morning and saw an opening for an internship in my Washington, D.C. office, he applied and was soon off to our nation's capital.

The work ethic that Nathan learned on the farm was seen from day one when he started in my office. His first full day in D.C. was on a Saturday, but rather than tour the sights as he had planned, Nathan opted to pitch in with the team. He spent the better part of that day in "The Cage" helping fold thousands of outgoing constituent letters and get my mail out the door. It definitely wasn't the glamorous start that he may have expected!

Nathan rose quickly through the ranks in our office. He was hired on full time as a staff assistant after a few short months as an intern and was later promoted to Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant, and Legislative Director.

He served the people of Oregon's Second District—and the country—with his firm grasp of policy issues that mattered to people back home—from promoting Oregon's wonderful agriculture around the world to putting people back to work in the woods to expanding American energy.

If something needed to be done in our office, Nathan would do it. No job was too big or too small—from negotiating landmark legislation to hiring and mentoring young staffers to greeting visiting Oregonians.

One of Nathan's side hobbies is photography. Nathan was always looking for the perfect shot—for committee hearings, for World War II veterans on an Honor Flight, or for his family. In early 2009 during an Energy and Commerce hearing on the salmonella outbreak, I held up a canister of contaminated products and asked the manufacturer if he was willing to eat his own product. Nathan captured this exchange with an excellent photo that was ultimately used by national media outlets and was seen all over the country.

Nathan leaves my office with a long list of accomplishments as well as friends who highly admire him. But most importantly, he leaves with his wonderful family. Nathan met Emily shortly after he was hired in my office, and they married in 2010. A native of Akron, Ohio,

Emily is a child and adolescent psychologist. She has served the children and families of combat injured service members as part of Operation BRAVE Families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Like Nathan, Emily is a true and highly dedicated public servant.

Nathan is no longer a formal member of my staff, but he'll always be a highly valued member of Team Walden. We miss Nathan's intellect, humor and care. I am certain that he will continue to exhibit in his local community the values he showed on my team—Eastern Oregon values like hard work, service, and loyalty.

In a special address to Congress on January 9, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said "The proper role of government, however, is that of a partner with the farmer—never his master. By every possible means we must develop and promote that partnership—to the end that agriculture may continue to be a sound, enduring foundation for our economy and that farm living may be a profitable and satisfying experience." As Nathan departed Washington, D.C. after many years of utilizing his expertise in agriculture to improve our nation's policies—efforts often met by others' misunderstanding of agriculture—he was very well suited to fully appreciate President Eisenhower's noble thoughts. Whether working in Congress or from the family farm, Nathan Rea will make his community a better place and represent his industry with honor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite our colleagues to join me in thanking Nathan and his family for their service to the people of Oregon and the country, and wish them the very best of luck as they make their new life back home in Oregon.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE RAINBOW THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center.

Established in 1985, the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center offers equestrian activities to help Prince William County area citizens who are facing mental health or physical challenges. In an age where technological breakthroughs dominate medicine and where urbanization dominates our surroundings, the Rainbow Center has worked diligently to preserve horse-riding not only as a simple form of leisure, but also as a pleasurable means of facilitating the improvement of physical and mental health for many of our citizens.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center:

April Braun, Leigh Bravo, Larry Conneen, Debbie Cosby, Montana Crawford, Nicole Creedon, Sharon Croft, Meagan Curtis, Thomas Dabney, Nicole Dabney, Shane Dalton, Veronica Demarest, Adele Dennis, Emily Dixon, Carlo Domingo, Natasha Dziarnows, Kristina Ferrell, Rose Flanery, Jennifer Fowler, Kaitlyn Fowler, Samantha Fox, Caroline Gellene, Maddie Gierber, VeeDeanya

Goodgion, AJ Handy, Alex Hickey, Cassie Hickey, Ellen Hill, Abby Hitt, Christine Hutchinson, Susan Jefferies, Marilyn Keeler, Hailey Kemp, Shirley Kossoy, Amber Kozavac, Samantha Lebley, Marie Lerch, MaryBeth Lerch, Ellen Linder, Tatiana Link, Stan Livingston, Susan Livingston, Carin Lodell, Nick Londino, Nicholas Londino, Natalie Lutsky, Jenny Lyons, Jordan McCloskey, Susan McClure, Raleigh McClure, Kelly Mcgillivray, Sandy McGushin, Kim Millsbaugh, Kyra Min, John Moser, Ellen Mullen, James Mullen, Sue Murphy, Judy Musa, Sandra O'Connell, Gloria O'Connor, Laurie Olivieri, Natalie Pinto, Tori Plumley, Mackie Radar, Diane Ramee, Susan Roberts, Elizabeth Schwitz, Meagan Searles, Larry Shane, Micaela Shrauder, Pat Sodo, Maril Sowa, Emily Steadman, Eliza Stelmack, Susan Sykes, Tyler Walker, Sharyn Walker Kapp, Leighann Whitley and Karen Zipper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center for their work preserving equestrian activities in Northern Virginia and engaging citizens struggling with mental and physical challenges.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE MINNESOTA  
TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the founders, members and many volunteers of the Minnesota Transportation Museum on the 50th anniversary of the museum. Based in the historic Jackson Street railroad roundhouse in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the museum plays a vital role in preserving and interpreting the history of Minnesota's transportation systems. The museum allows the public to learn about more about how our state has grown, and experience first-hand the vintage rail cars, trains and buses that have helped move and transform our state.

From its inception, the Minnesota Transportation Museum has been a one-of-a-kind museum, with six operating sites. The museum was first formed to save a single streetcar, Twin City Rapid Transit (TCRT) #1300, as it was only one of two that survived completely intact after TCRT was abandoned in 1954. Following restoration of #1300 to operating condition, it was decided that the streetcar would be returned to service for the public. The streetcar began making regular trips on a remaining stretch of the streetcar route in the southwest suburbs of Minneapolis. More than ten thousand people clamored aboard the car during the first several days of operation helping to propel the museum down the track to early success.

Between 1981 through 1985 the Minnesota Transportation Museum ran a series of short steam excursions and shuttle operations in the Twin Cities area, including destinations in New Brighton, Stillwater, Lilydale, and Northfield, Minnesota. These operations spurred annual town celebrations that brought communities together to share and celebrate vision of the museum. Like many nonprofit organizations, the museum has encountered challenges, but

the museum has always risen to overcome these obstacles, thanks to the many volunteers and public supporters drawn to the group's mission.

Not unlike Minnesota transportation itself, the museum has had an amazing history. At the peak of its growth, the museum operated a streetcar line, an interstate tourist railroad, and a 70-foot wood steamboat. The creativity behind preserving this rich part of Minnesota's history remains intact through its volunteer and member network of more than 800 people, many of whom have remained active to this day. By preserving the earliest of streetcars, trains and steamboats, the museum also documents the journey of these vehicles to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy their rich history.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the history and legacy of this organization and the many committed people who make it a success, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Minnesota Transportation Museum.

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION—  
THE FAIR ACCESS CO-OPS FOR  
VETERANS ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, across the U.S., there are more than 1.2 million units of housing cooperatives. In New York City, there are close to 6,000 housing cooperatives throughout the five boroughs, housing more than half a million families. Unfortunately, these alternative forms of housing, which are becoming more and more prevalent in urban areas like New York City, Washington, DC, Chicago, and Los Angeles, are not available to our country's veterans.

In 2006, the Congress passed legislation I authored to allow veterans to use the Veterans Affairs' Home Loan Guaranty Program to purchase cooperative housing using their low interest loan benefits. This program allows veterans to buy homes with no down payment and limited closing costs. However, the loan benefit for co-op housing sunset at the end of 2011. That is why today I am introducing legislation, the Fair Access to Co-Ops for Veterans Act, which would permanently permit veterans to use their loan benefits to purchase a co-op. In addition, to ensure that veterans are aware they can utilize the loans for co-op housing units, the bill includes a provision so that the Secretary of the Veterans Administration can advertise the program to eligible veterans, participating lenders, and interested realtors.

By permanently allowing these home loan benefits to include cooperatives, we can honor and thank all who bravely served in our Armed Forces by giving them the tools and resources they need to pursue their dreams of homeownership wherever they live. I thank Senator SCHUMER for introducing companion legislation and thank my colleague Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON for cosponsoring today's bill.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF  
AMERICA—PRINCE WILLIAM, INC.

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. (LVA-PW).

Serving Prince William County for the last 23 years, LVA-PW is a non-profit affiliate of ProLiteracy America dedicated to offering free literacy instruction for adults. With over 685 adult learners, LVA-PW's mission is to teach adults to read, write, and communicate effectively and acquire basic literacy skills to become self-sufficient, better themselves and their families, and enable them to more actively participate in the community. LVA-PW provides free basic literacy instruction, English as a Second Language, computer and workplace literacy, Pre-GED and GED tutoring, and ESOL/Civic tutoring services to the community; none of which would be possible without the unwavering efforts of LVA-PW volunteers.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc.:

Deborah Abbott, Cherry Andrews, Joanna Andrusko, Susan Angello, Jan Arbegast, Lidia Baca, Helen Baker, Barbara Ball, Kathryn Baum, Laura Baum, Wanda Beasley, Patti Beattie, Randy Beattie, Susan Brown, Chris Brown, Fred Bryant, Judith Bugbee, Connie Bukzin, Java Calvin, Lusetta Campbell-Hylton, Janice Carr, Barbara Charlton, Natacha Clay, Melinda Colassard, Natasha Collier, Jean Cook, Elizabeth Crawford, Joanna Crutchley, Joyce Cummings, Susan Cunningham, Stewart Davis, John Davis, Karen Deloney, Brigitte Dickerson, Inge Donahue, Wayne Doran, Julia Dorsey, Sandra Dowden, Abe Dymond, Douglas Eagles, Dixie Elk, Laura Ellis, Bonny Fahy, Amy Feinberg, Rebecca Ferrall, Diane Figula, Sara Fink, Glorious Ford, June Forte, Trish Freed, Lillian Garland, Forrest George, Rachel Goad, Robert Goldschmidt, Johnnie Gordon, Dominique Graham, Lasheeco Graham, Bobbi Grant, Vicki Gross, Robert Gross, Angela Hailes, John Haneklau, Lori Harrell, Patricia Hart, Zahra Hashmi, Joe Hebert, Jean Heger, Jim Heller, Shandra Herrod, Kathryn Hildebrandt, Wanna Hinchee, Sonia Hoehn, Linda Hwong, Ken Ikeda, Davine Irving, Kristine Jankovits, Viola Jaramillo, Diane Jenifer, Ernestine Jenkins, Marsha Jenkins, James Jolly, Alma Jones, Rose Marie Junge, Jeannette Kameni, George Kerr, Lynn Kerr, Stephen Khan, Roberta Knussman, Martha Kobliska, Susan Koster, Richard Kroh, Mary Langley, Virginia Lawrence, Barbara Leigh, Susan Linden, Juan Martinez, Thomas Matochik, Deborah Matos Lowe, Linda Mazzucchi, Rebecca McCary, Brenda McClary, Dewayne McDaniel, Robert McNeary, Murray Minster, Janet Mouw, Barbara Murphy, Lottise Murray, Sylvestine Myers, Dao Nguyen, Gail O'Neal, Frances Oquendo, Bob Orazi, Mark Ortega, Joseph Papovich, Damita Payne, Henrietta Phillips, Claudia Phillips, Joel Phoenix, Vic Poillucci, Malath Rangan, Keleigh Reece, Bev Reusser, Noreen Reynolds, Harriet Richard, Marley

Richards, Karen Rito, Christie Rolon, Christine Rosen, David Rossi, Bruce Roth, Mercedes Salinas, Nottebon Sanchez, Don Scarr, Cynthia Schell, Joe Schu, Dee Dee Scott, Dottie Smith, Pat Sodo, Janet Sorlin-Davis, Jayne Speck, Steve Spoerry, Jo Storaker, Adele Strader, Linda Sturdivant, Audrea Tarver, Gordon Tassi, Rodney Teixeira, Jean Thompson, Marion Todaro, Cielito Trinidad, Gardenus Tucker, Catherine Turner, Diane Van Bavel, LukeVan de Voorde, Amy Vaughters, Mark Victorson, Erika Visnevskaja, Tracy Walker, Stephanie Way, Lori Weis, Laura Wheelock, Janis White, Sabine Winkler, Ellen Yarborough, Krystal Yeboah, Brian Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these volunteers for their dedication to adult tutoring and literacy instruction.

RICH IN LAUGHTER IN HONOR OF  
RICH LITTLE AND HIS GIFTS TO  
AMERICA AND OUR ARMED  
FORCES

**HON. JOSEPH J. HECK**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. HECK of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents from Nevada, a man who has become so very close to America's heart over the years. Rich Little, the man of over 200 voices. In the last decades he has impersonated every President. Through his rich collection of voices, he has entertained America and the world. In honor of the love of his life, his late wife Maria, he has also formed a foundation to help children, homeless people, and for animals in need. Just recently he has proudly become an American citizen in 2010. For years Rich's other love has been directed towards the men and women of the Armed Forces. Whether on front lines with Bob Hope, or in hospitals across the America with the USO. He has brought so much joy to these heroes and their families. Taking them all back home for the holidays, and letting them forget the evils of war. He is also a very proud father of two lovely daughters, Brio and Alaina. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

RICH IN LAUGHTER!  
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Rich . . .  
Rich in laughter!  
Rich in joy!  
For these are the things in life which we  
need so much more!  
Some so measure wealth all in silver and  
gold!  
But the greatest measure of ones wealth,  
is but what is so found in the heart's we  
hold!  
And all of the hearts along the way,  
that we so touch with our's of gold!  
Make them laugh!  
And make them smile!  
Ever so strive to so live your life just like a  
child!  
Like Peter Pan and that crocodile,  
be happy and never grow up and ever smile!  
For we will only be here for just a while!  
So make each day so count,  
all in your true amount,  
and touch as many hearts along the way all  
with your style to mount!

So make a difference with it all,  
and so ever carry with you the heart of a  
child!

The only thing Little about this man,  
is his great name which rhymes with Kittles  
like that candy man!

For he is The King!

The King of Impersonator's In Comedy,  
as this is so said without any hesitation so  
indeed!

And Arnold would say,  
"you pump me up . . . Rich you complete  
me!"

Some say he's an Impersonator . . . a fake!  
Yes he is, but he's the good kind of which is  
great!

And he's served more terms as President you  
see,

than anyone in history!  
As a Man for all seasons,  
for so many wonderful reasons he can claim!  
He's so big he needs to have citizenship in  
two countries,  
just to maintain!

And every President but so remembers his  
name!

Rich, one of the giants of Hollywood,  
and him and Frank did it their way the  
same!

So President Obama,  
if in the White House there is any drama and  
you need help!

Call him up,  
an he'll come over in his Honda, and get you  
some results!

Born a Canadian, one America's greatest  
friends,  
as one of America's greatest import's for  
years he would stand!

And even better now my friend,  
we are all so proud to so call him an true  
AMERICAN!

And if Elvis was here today he'd say,  
"Thank you, thank you very much . . .  
for all of those GI's you took home on all  
those holidays that you so touched"  
He's on so many Walks of Fame,  
you'd have to walk around and around the  
world,

and back again just to so see all of his  
names!

But his greatest love,  
his wife Marie who passed away . . .  
and he has founded a foundation all in her  
name for what she gave!

And one day up in Heaven him and her,  
and Jimmy Stewart and Harvey and Ron will  
all be together again!

The Rich and Marie Foundation was so  
founded,

to so help children and the homeless and animals  
in every way!

But perhaps his greatest love,  
is for all our Men and Women of the Armed  
Forces he holds so very high above!

As over the years with Bob Hope here,  
into harms way He and Rich would so appear!

And in hospital beds,  
across the country, has so said to them what  
must be said!

Making them smile,  
and so raise their spirits and lift their heads!  
Bringing tears to all of our wounded women  
and men who deploy!

And that is why one thing is so,  
he's GOT TO BE MR. USO!

And I would give you a long list of all the  
people that he can so impersonate,  
but you need to be home for Christmas with  
your loved ones they can't wait!

Rich In Patriotism,  
that really so describes him to a T,  
because he's one fine Yankee Doodle Dandy!  
But the one thing about this man that which  
you can not so impersonate,  
is but his huge heart inside of him which is  
so very warm and great!

And if Ronald were here today,  
he'd say, "well there you go again Rich, you  
are a great American in every way!"

Make them laugh!

Make them smile!

For we will only be here for just awhile!

Rich In Laughter,

don't you so wish the world could all so be  
the while?

THANKING JAMES P. D. FLEET II  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, today I pay tribute to James Fleet, the Democratic Staff Director of the Committee on House Administration. Jamie, as he is known by friends and colleagues, has served in this role since 2009, and his impact has been felt by every Member, staffer, and visitor to the House.

Jamie has been responsible for coordinating and overseeing the back-office operations of the House, including human resources, finance, technology, security and legislative institutions such as the Library of Congress, Government Printing Office, Architect of the Capitol and Officers of the House, as well as the Smithsonian Institution.

Jamie has played a critical role in the Committee's oversight of federal elections, including such pertinent issues as campaign finance, voter registration, military and overseas voting, voter identification, and preventing voter suppression. His leadership was instrumental in the House's passage of the DISCLOSE Act, requiring full disclosure of political contributions.

Jamie's life in politics began at the age of 18, when he waged a successful write-in campaign to serve on the Gettysburg Borough Council. He went on to work for Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. He formed his own successful campaign consulting firm, providing guidance for both state and national campaigns. He also served as a Senior Advisor to City of Philadelphia Controller Jonathan Sidel.

While Jamie should be proud of all of his accomplishments, they pale in comparison to the pride for his young daughter Rory.

Jamie will be missed throughout the institution. It has been a pleasure to work with him for the last seven years. Please join me in commending his outstanding service and wishing him continued success as he takes on new challenges in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VOLUNTEERS FOR MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County volunteers for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is the largest nonprofit working to protect families from drunk driving and underage drinking. MADD volunteers in Prince William County, Virginia have increased public awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and the assistance families need to persevere through such tragedies. Volunteers in the county organize annual programs and initiatives in tribute to local victims and survivors. To establish a safer future for all, MADD volunteers campaign to eliminate drunk driving, host the PowerTalk21™, the national day for parents to talk with their kids about alcohol and provide literature to area residents and drivers. These volunteers work tirelessly to prevent families from experiencing the pain of losing a loved one to drunk driving.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the Prince William County volunteers for Mothers Against Drunk Driving: Laura Dawson, Debbie Sausville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County volunteers for Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to ending drunk driving. These volunteers provide education, advocacy, and victim assistance to reduce the painful impact drunk driving has on our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 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 \$16,738,602,543,527.17. We've added \$6,111,725,494,614.09 to our debt in 4.5 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CARLA R. HULTBERG

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, Wednesday, June 24, 2013, I, along with my good friend Congressman ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, would like to honor the contributions of Carla R. Hultberg on the occasion of her retirement from the House of Representatives after more than 24 years of exemplary service to Congress and the nation.

Carla began her career in the House of Representatives in 1989 as Assistant Clerk for the Committee on Energy and Commerce, helping to implement a demanding legislative agenda set by then-Chairman JOHN DINGELL.

In 1995, after receiving recognition for her exceptional work, Carla was asked to begin

servicing in two roles, conducting the Committee's exacting clerking responsibilities while also incorporating new online technologies that had never been used before on Capitol Hill.

In 2007, Carla was promoted to Deputy Clerk of Technology and Administration and supervised a team of staffers managing and maintaining the office's networks and equipment and representing the Committee's administrative interests before the full House.

In 2009, Carla took on perhaps her most significant challenge when she was promoted to Chief Clerk of the Oversight Committee under then-Chairman Edolphus Towns, where she helped build a new majority office from the ground up and took the lead on all Committee operations.

For the past three years, Carla has served as Chief Clerk for the minority staff of the Oversight Committee under Ranking Member ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, managing all legislative and investigative records, all clerking responsibilities, and all administrative and personnel operations.

Throughout her career, Carla has been an anchor for Committee operations, and she has never sought credit or attention, although it is most certainly due.

Carla is defined by her dedication, work ethic, and selflessness. She is the type of staffer that every Member of Congress seeks—and desperately wants to keep.

Carla has touched the lives of countless Members of Congress who rely on her, congressional staffers who look up to her, and members of the American public whom she has served for more than two decades.

Author Marianne Williamson said: "Nothing liberates our greatness like the desire to help, the desire to serve."

No one embodies this quote better than Carla Hultberg. She has been a true servant of the American public, and she will be missed dearly in the halls of Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAKE A CHANGE GANG TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAM

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Make a Change Gang Tattoo Removal Program.

The Make a Change (M.A.C.) Gang Tattoo Removal Program is a collaborative effort by the Prince William Area Gang Response Intervention Team, the Prince William County Bar Foundation, Inc. and the Greater Prince William Community Health Center. The program provides free removal of gang tattoos for young adults who would like to leave gang life and remove all visible remnants of that life through tattoo removal. The names and organizations that are mentioned below have provided service to the M.A.C. Program, and helped members of the community who seek a new start at a life free from gang affiliation.

As former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I was proud to lead efforts to reduce gang involvement and violence.

Through the creation of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, we were able to implement a number of initiatives including tattoo removal. These initiatives resulted in a significant reduction in gang activity in Fairfax County. Since being elected to Congress, I have continued to support efforts to address gang violence and joined with several of my colleagues to provide additional funding to the Task Force.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Make a Change (M.A.C.) Gang Tattoo Removal Program: Amir Bajoghli, MD; Jane Keady, RN; Saeed Marefat, MD; Judy Merring, RN; Carol Shapiro, MD.

Additionally, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following organizations that have collaborated with the Make a Change (M.A.C.) Gang Tattoo Removal Program: Prince William Area Gang Response Intervention Team, Prince William County Bar Foundation, Greater Prince William Community Health Center, Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, Novant Health Prince William Medical Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending and thanking the volunteers for the Make a Change Gang Tattoo Removal Program. These volunteers have worked diligently to integrate former gang members who would genuinely like to follow a more productive and fulfilling path in life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following votes on June 20, 2013, I would have voted accordingly:

1. Roll No. 264 On Agreeing to the Amendment Brooks of Alabama Part B Amendment No. 18—"no" Vote

2. Roll No. 265 On Agreeing to the Amendment Butterfield of North Carolina Part B Amendment No. 25—"yes" Vote

3. Roll No. 266 On Agreeing to the Amendment Marino of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 26—"no" Vote

4. Roll No. 267 On Agreeing to the Amendment Schweikert of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 30—"no" Vote

5. Roll No. 268 On Agreeing to the Amendment Tierney of Massachusetts Part B Amendment No. 32—"yes" Vote

6. Roll No. 269 On Agreeing to the Amendment Polis of Colorado Part B Amendment No. 37—"yes" Vote

7. Roll No. 270 On Agreeing to the Amendment Garamendi of California Part B Amendment No. 38—"yes" Vote

8. Roll No. 271 On Agreeing to the Amendment Marino of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 41—"no" Vote

9. Roll No. 272 On Agreeing to the Amendment McClintock of California Part B Amendment No. 43—"no" Vote

10. Roll No. 273 On Agreeing to the Amendment Gibson/Meeks/Sean Maloney of New York Part B Amendment No. 44—"yes" Vote

11. Roll No. 274 On Agreeing to the Amendment Walorski of Indiana Part B Amendment No. 45—"no" Vote

12. Roll No. 275 On Agreeing to the Amendment Courtney of Connecticut Part B Amendment No. 46—"yes" Vote

13. Roll No. 276 On Agreeing to the Amendment Kind of Wisconsin Part B Amendment No. 47—"no" Vote

14. Roll No. 277 On Agreeing to the Amendment Carney/Radel of Delaware Part B Amendment No. 48—"no" Vote

15. Roll No. 278 On Agreeing to the Amendment Goodlatte/Scott (GA)/Moran/Polis/Meeks/DeGette/Lee of Virginia Part B Amendment No. 99—"yes" Vote

16. Roll No. 279 On Agreeing to the Amendment Radel of Florida Part B Amendment No. 49—"no" Vote

17. Roll No. 280 On Agreeing to the Amendment Walberg of Michigan Part B Amendment No. 50—"yes" Vote

18. Roll No. 281 On Agreeing to the Amendment Pitts/Davis (IL) of Pennsylvania Part B Amendment No. 98—"no" Vote

19. Roll No. 282 On Agreeing to the Amendment Fortenberry of Nebraska Part B Amendment No. 100—"no" Vote

20. Roll No. 283 On Agreeing to the Amendment Huelskamp of Kansas Part B Amendment No. 101—"no" Vote

21. Roll No. 284 On Agreeing to the Amendment Southerland of Florida Part B Amendment No. 102—"no" Vote

THANKING JAMIE P.D. FLEET, II  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S.  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, today I pay tribute to Mr. Jamie P.D. Fleet, II, Democratic Staff Director for the Committee on House Administration. In this role, Mr. Fleet is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the operations of the House, including human resources, finance, technology, security, and other areas of operations. His guidance, mentorship, and leadership have been invaluable assets to his staff and colleagues, and to all Congressional offices.

The Committee provides oversight of the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, Government Printing Office, and the appointed House Officers including the Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms and Chief Administrative Officer, Inspector General. Mr. Fleet played a central role in the oversight of federal elections, which is one of the most important responsibilities of the Committee. During the 111th Congress, the Committee, under Mr. Fleet's management, reviewed issues pertaining to voter registration, guidelines, military and overseas voting, use of technology in facilitating expanded voting, robocalls and other campaign outreach tools.

Mr. Fleet's introduction into the political arena was at the age of 18, when he waged a successful write-in campaign and was elected to the Gettysburg Borough Council. He

spent several years as a Special Assistant to Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Eventually he formed his own political consulting firm leading successful campaigns across the country. Mr. Fleet also served as a Senior Advisor to City of Philadelphia Controller Jonathan Saidel.

His unique mix of local, state, national political experience gives him exceptional insight into the U.S. electoral system.

Please join me in commending the outstanding service of Mr. Jamie P.D. Fleet, II, to the Congress of the United States and congratulating him on his new position as Chief of Staff to Senator CANTWELL of Washington. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services.

The dedicated volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services are an essential part of the Neighborhood Services Division. They support a tireless effort to preserve and enhance our neighborhoods by facilitating resident input and involvement. This strategic partnership promotes civic responsibility, neighborhood collaboration and government responsiveness.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services: Jason Byrd; Stephanie Donahue; Jim Hollis; Nikki Hunt; Carl Hunt; Karen Lyle; Amy McGowan; Eileen Settlemeyer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for Prince William County Neighborhood Services for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to neighborhood beautification in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday June 20, 2013, during a rapid succession of two-minute votes, I mistakenly voted 'aye' for rollcall No. 281.

This amendment seeks to dismantle the U.S. sugar program, which has operated successfully for decades at no cost to taxpayers, and provides a stable supply of sugar for Americans at affordable prices. Doing away with the U.S. sugar program would cost thousands of jobs, destabilize the U.S. sugar supply, and would not result in a discernible change in the price of sugar for Americans. The price of sugar continues to drop, and is currently at its lowest level in a decades. Passage of this amendment does nothing to decrease the price of sugar, and will only assist companies to offshore jobs, cut labor and

health care costs, and leave American farmers penniless.

Supporters of this amendment complain about high prices for sugar. Yet restaurants give sugar away and that one can buy a five-pound bag of sugar for almost nothing. This amendment will do nothing to create a free market for sugar and will only subject the U.S. to distorted world sugar markets that will cost farmers their livelihoods and American jobs.

IN HONOR OF ROYAL SPRING  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Royal Spring Middle School in Georgetown, Kentucky, and to congratulate them on being named one of the top performing middle grades schools in the country. Royal Springs Middle School will be recognized with 119 other high-performing schools from across the nation as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform at their annual conference June 27–30, 2013 in Arlington, Virginia.

Through the Schools to Watch initiative, the National Forum identifies schools across the United States that are well on their way to meeting the Forum's criteria for high performance—schools that challenge all students academically, are sensitive to the unique developmental challenges of early adolescence, and provide every student with high-quality teachers, resources, and support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Royal Spring Middle School for its commitment to its students and in congratulating the school on this well-deserved recognition. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the Royal Spring Middle School for not only improving the lives of its students, but also bettering our Commonwealth.

RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE  
PAOLO COSTA

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Paolo Costa, the Special Government Commissioner for the enlargement of the United States military installation at Del Din in Vicenza, Italy. Honorable Costa was appointed by the President of Italy as a Special Commissioner and was responsible for overseeing the Del Din project. The Del Din project resulted from a major U.S. Army restructuring plan that called for the relocation of two additional battalions from Germany to Italy by 2013. This expansion would increase troop levels from 2,400 to 4,200 soldiers in Italy. Unfortunately, this expansion was met with strong resistance from local leaders as well as the Italian population.

Without the hard work and persistence of the Honorable Paola Costa, the Del Din

project would not have succeeded, impacting the mission and also the service members of the United States military. For the last five years, Mr. Costa was able to work with various groups, protestors, students and local government officials ensuring the successful construction of the expansion ultimately providing housing for the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Mr. Costa understood the importance of this expansion to the U.S.-Italian long-term strategy. Despite the significant challenges, Mr. Costa stood firm in his vision and unwavering in his commitment to the U.S.-Italy alliance by bringing the Del Din project to reality.

The Honorable Paola Costa's contributions are indispensable to the success of our Infantry, our Army and our Nation. I am extremely honored to recognize the Honorable Paola Costa and his tremendous accomplishments and commitment to the U.S.-Italy alliance.

HONORING LILLIAN EDWARDS

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Lillian Edwards, one of our nation's selfless veterans, who will be turning 100 on July 18th. In addition to serving our country during World War II, she spent a lifetime as an educator and serving her community.

Lillian is a native of Marion, Louisiana, and at the age of 15 completed high school. She then went on to work on numerous advanced degrees. She graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science and a teaching certificate. In 1940, she received her Master of Science in Physical Education from Louisiana State University, and in 1950 she achieved a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina.

As a teacher, Lillian taught at Farmerville High School and Mansfield High School in Louisiana.

In 1942, Lillian entered the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) in the U.S. Navy. She then served our nation for two and a half years as a Naval communications officer. For her service she earned a World War II Victory Ribbon and American Theater Ribbon Work Experience.

A year after returning from service, Lillian joined the Louisiana Public Health Department and was the first woman in the U.S. to receive her job training before she received her Master in Public Health. In 1956, she moved to Monroe and became the regional health educator, serving 28 North Louisiana parishes.

Lillian has served on a number of committees and boards, including the Louisiana Public Health Association, the American Public Health Association, the Louisiana Conference of Social Workers, the Louisiana Mental Health Association, and the Ouachita Council for the Aging.

In anticipation for her 100th birthday, I pay tribute to Lillian Edwards for her service to her

community and to our nation during World War II. She is truly one of America's Greatest Generation.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION  
CENTER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Prince William County Juvenile Detention Center.

The Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) volunteers assist with the efficient operation of the Juvenile Detention Centers After-school program. They treat the youth with respect, dignity and worth, becoming role models for youth who wish to change their lives. The volunteers promote healthy social, educational, emotional, and physical development.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Juvenile Detention Center:

Jean Andreas, Cherry Andrews, Antonio Ante, Mileydi Ante, Alex Arevalo, Edith Ayala, Tina Barnett, Luffon Berry, Viola Berry, Pat Black, Shannon Boozer, Barbara Borthwick, Patrick Bowens, Tricia Bowling-Bryant, Carol Browser, Isabella Buckley, Daniel Card, Anthony Cardwell, Louis Chevalier, Triane Choir Ministry, Iris Clowers, Randy Cooper, Frank Corish, Avonne Critch, David Curry, Joel Danelli, Cheryl Devallon, Faith Dickerson, Arthur Dietrich, Josephine Diggs, Moises Duncanape, Danell Escalera, Karen Evans, Pete Ferman, Ellen Field, Cindy Fleming, Doug Freeman, Phillip Freeman, Wilber Gieb, Keith Gil-Ortega, Vickey Givens, CeCe Graham, Tabitha Greco, Linda Guion, Shontay Hammon, Rodney Harlee, Ruth Harris, Sherri Hellwig, Christine Hines, Corey Hobbs, Pat Holeman, Greg Holiday, Cinclair Holt, Stephanie Howard, Merle Howard, Jackie Jackson, Josefa James-Bond, Breanna Jarquin, Frank Jones, Minka Lanier, Kimberly Larson, Sandy Lawrie, William Lewis, Dudley Ligon, Tracey Lindsay, Vickey Logan, Ardine Marie, Elizabeth McCoy, John McKie, Robert Melvin, Dan MenMuir, Greg Morris, Daniel Natal, Sheila Parocia, Sammy Perez, Betty Poling, Keith Pollard, Carlos Recono, Stephanie Robbins, Cindy Rodriguez, Kathy Ruehle, Joy Russom, Brandis Sanchez, Cathy Sanders, Cathy Schaffer, Angel Serrano, Natasha Severe, Rick Sibbett, George Simpson, Lori Sims, Victoria Soberanis, Martin Steinberg, Sherry Stone, James Strickland, Brenda Todd, Doyoberto Trejo-Guzman, Paul Villavicencio, Diane Walden, Sandra Watjen, Jan Weng, Tracey Wilkins-Clark, Carol Wilson, Michael Wilson, Bobbi Wright, Rennie Wright.

Additionally, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following groups and organizations that have collaborated with the Prince William County Juvenile Detention Center Volunteers:

Ebenezer's Men's Choir,  
St. Mark's Quilters,  
Virginia Challenge Program,  
Quail Springs Student Choir,

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William County

Juvenile Detention Center volunteers for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to this valuable mentorship program.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JOSEPH'S  
CENTER OF SCRANTON, PA FOR  
125 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Scranton's oldest, most respected community service institutions: St. Joseph's Center. On July 1, St. Joseph's will celebrate its 125th anniversary. Since 1888, St. Joseph's Center has provided much-needed services in northeastern Pennsylvania.

From the very beginning, the women of St. Joseph's organized to help the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians—abandoned orphans with nowhere else to turn. There was such a demand for their assistance that St. Joseph's outgrew three buildings before 1900. From sheltering homeless infants, St. Joseph's quickly expanded to assist unwed mothers and provide child placement services.

After World War II, St. Joseph's refocused on another area of pressing, unmet need in the community. The center was quickly transformed from an orphanage into a center for children diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. Today, the center runs thirteen community homes where individuals with even the most serious disabilities can live well, treated with dignity and respect.

St. Joseph's also worked actively to support families caring for children with intellectual disabilities at home. They provide community-based assistance to hundreds of families every year. In 2003, the opening of the Blakely Street Campus for Adult Day Services allowed St. Joseph's to offer year-round services for young people with intellectual disabilities who are not in one of the Center's residential programs.

Today, St. Joseph's still provides shelter and support for pregnant women. They offer not just counseling and adoption services but life-skills training, a mother/infant residence and, most importantly, a steadfast commitment to the values that have guided them since their founding 125 years ago. The Center's service to the community has truly been outstanding, and we look forward to the next 125 years.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR KEEP PRINCE WILLIAM  
BEAUTIFUL

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Keep Prince William Beautiful (KPWB).

KPWB's objective is to protect the environment. Through the implementation of six programs, the organization focuses on three areas of environmental stewardship: litter re-

moval, recycling education, and water quality initiatives. The six programs include: Volunteer Storm Drain Initiative, Adopt-A-Spot Program, Volunteer Speakers Bureau, Fall and Spring Cleanup, Litter Survey, and Community Cleanup.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Keep Prince William Beautiful:

Kelly Adam, Tim Adam, Matt Anderson, Arnold Appanah, Allyson Avery, Nyjah Bell, Jasmin Blocker, Ebony Blount, Tamea Boone, Gwen Bourke, Taylor Branch, Jeanine Britt, Susan Brooks, David Brown, Gillette Brown, Deborah Campbell, David Carr, Ralph Cataneo, Liviu Catuneanu Cica, David Centeno, Chrissy Christiansen, Mark Clark, Barbara Conrad, Austin Cooper, Ed Cronin, Raiven Crosby, Sharon Delap, Francis Diaz, Kevin Dupree, Kelly Easterly, Morgan Easterly, Tyler Easterly, Scott Ebol, Marc Engelking, Marge Fatula, Steve Glasser, Linda Gosnell, Jorm Hansen, Ron Haynes, Jeannie Hefin, Michael Hicks, Sara Hodja, Jeanne Howard, Ed Howell, Patsy Humphrey, Pauline Hunter, Pierre Jackson, Aliyah Jameer, Jay Leach, Tonie Jones, Peter Lineberry, Becky Logan Fay, Nina Lomax, Damaris Lopez, Kyle Love, Joanne Luce, Zara Mahmood, Allen Matthys, Helen Matwiejuk, Mitchell Arnold, Alexis Morgan, Seth Morgan, Steve Morgan, Bill Moser, Connie Moser, Delain Moyers, John Nagel, Barbara Nuckols, Victoria Okocha, Amanda Pataluna, Yariel Perez, Joseph Pettiford, Jeffrey Poisson, Rebecca Purdy, Gerri Ratchye, Sofia Riaz, Cindy Riggie, Rebecca Rinke, Sara Rinke, Soo Rinke, Hilary Rokwa, Imani Sandres, Josue Santoya, Kim Sawicki, Albert Sedeno, Same Shanker, Tom Smith, William Smith, Dana Taylor, Rachel Teufert, Steffen Thomas, Kenvin Thorne, Connor Trexel, Dan Trexel, Jasmine Turner, Alexandra Wakely, Colin Walthall, Pat White, Bennett Whitlock, Larry Wilbanks, Sharon Witt, Kimberly Wood, Eric VanNortwick, Marie Vayer, Megan Vidas, Zoe Vitter.

Additionally, it is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the following organizations and civic associations that have collaborated with Keep Prince William Beautiful:

KPWB Adopt-a-Spot, KPWB Volunteer Groups, Affordable Lawn Care, ASK DR. RUTH CONSULTANTS, Belmont Bay Community, Bethel United Methodist Church, Blooms Mill HOA, Cardinal Glen HOA, Christ Chapel Academy, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Cub Scout Pack 1196, Cub Scout Pack 1355, Cub Scout Pack 1364, Cub Scout Pack 1369, Cub Scout Pack 1831, Cub Scout Pack 30—Tyler Elementary School, Dale City Civic Association, Dale City—PWC Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. & Top Teens of America, First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Didlake, Inc., Dunbar Neighborhood Watch, Ghana Wesley Church, Glendale Community Group, Jackson's Ridge Community, Gods Ladies of Significant Service (G.L.O.S.S.), Good Shepard United Methodist Church, Huffman Family, Jack & Jill Foundation, Jackson's Ridge Community, Jr. Girl Scout Troop 4980, Lakewood Manor HOA, Lindendale Community Group, Little Baptist Church, Marine Recruiter Substation Woodbridge, New Balance Potomac Mills Mall, Nottingdale Neighbors, PNC Bank

at Potomac Town Center, PWC Youth Ambassadors, Prince William Resolves Chapter, Quantico Marine Base, Daughters of the American Revolution, Prinedale/Ridgedale Community Pride, PurdyRandom Sisters, Rippon Landing Master Association, River Oaks Community Association, Ron Haynes, Keller Williams Realty, Saint Paul United Methodist Church, Second Heritage MEWS Community Association, Steve Glasser, Thies Family, Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), Troop 1297, Twin Oaks Farm, Venture Crew 35, Victory Christian Preschool and Academy, Whitlock Wealth Management, Winston Family, Woodbridge Potomac Communities Civic Association, Woodbridge Women's Club, Zuniga Family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of Keep Prince William Beautiful and in thanking them for their dedication to environmental stewardship and community beautification.

HONORING RICHARD MICHALSKI  
ON HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rich Michalski and his long and well-respected career with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAMAW.) Throughout Rich's career with IAMAW, he has dedicated over forty-five years to the machinists, a life-long relationship that began when he joined the union himself in 1968 and will culminate with his retirement as the General Vice President, a position he has held for the past seven years.

I was first formally introduced to Rich in 1992 by Congressman Jerry Kleczka, who has always spoken highly of him and since this time, I too have grown to greatly respect and admire Rich and his steadfast commitment to IAMAW. Rich was first initiated into IAM Local Lodge 1916 at General Electric in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1968. He worked as a welder, steward, chairman of the bargaining committee, and president. From his initial beginnings with the union, Rich was always involved with IAMAW's political and legislative priorities. For twelve years he was the Democratic committeeman for his precinct and was elected a delegate to the 1980 and 1984 Democratic National Conventions. As IAM's Director of Legislative and Political Action Department, he partnered with AFL-CIO and its affiliates, and Members of Congress to promote legislative issues affecting our American laborers and their families. Thanks to Rich's most recent efforts as the General Vice President he has overseen and managed the IAM headquarters, and he has significantly contributed to actions countering the anti-union and anti-labor agenda.

Throughout my years of knowing Rich, I have truly valued the supportive friendship and long professional association that I have shared with him. On many occasions, I have relied on his intelligence and political acumen, and he has proven to be a trusted voice who has taught me a great deal over the course of our friendship. Mr. Speaker, please join me in

congratulating Rich on his retirement and long career as a committed advocate on behalf of our nation's workers, especially our machinists. It is with gratitude for these efforts that I join with Rich's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my well wishes for a much deserved retirement and happy and fulfilling future ahead.

IN HONOR OF SALLY MURPHY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Representatives CALVERT, CAPPES, COSTA, HUNTER, MATSUI, MCNERNEY, ROYCE, THOMPSON and WALDEN to honor Sara Hope Murphy or "Sally" to her friends, who recently retired from Wine Institute, where she was the chief public policy advocate for the California wine industry.

Sally is one of the bravest people we know. Her retirement was the result of a diagnosis for ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. It all started because she was having troubling speaking. Unfortunately now, the disease has left her unable to speak at all. But in true Sally fashion, she has not allowed that to silence her. Many of you received her letter announcing her leaving, which was characteristic of Sally. It was right up front and center, and very frank.

Sally has a long association with the United States Congress. She first came to Capitol Hill to work for Congressman Lou Frey of Florida. She then spent 10 years on the staff of THAD COCHRAN in both the House and the Senate. She worked for Congressman Henson Moore and then left the Hill to work for Pacific Telesis Group and Sprint.

However, the crowning glory of her career was going to work for Wine Institute. Her Members, the winery owners, are so pleasant and she was impressed with how they—many of whose families had been in the business for four or five generations—so love what they plant, nurture, and produce.

The people she worked with at Wine Institute are some her closest friends: Bobby Koch, its president, Vikki Watkins, Susan Gregory, and Sheila Credle of the Washington office. She loves her former colleagues in the home office in San Francisco and those in Sacramento and in the states as well; all of them made every day a joy for Sally to go to work.

Currently there is no cure for ALS, but Sally decided early on not to be defeated. Despite the daily struggles, she has refused to give up in her fight. She finds strength in her husband Billy, who has been a stalwart help to her.

To us, Sally was the perfect embodiment of the wines she represented. Her presence brings life to any gathering of friends and fills every conversation with laughter.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to rise and celebrate the accomplishments of Sally Murphy and to offer her our prayers and support.

RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN SYRIA:  
CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I chaired a joint hearing of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa. We turned our attention to an overlooked aspect of the crisis in Syria—the religious minorities caught in the middle of the conflict and apparently targeted by government forces as well as rebel groups.

More than 93,000 Syrians have been killed in this horrendous and seemingly endless civil war. More than 4.25 million people are displaced within Syria, with millions more fleeing to safety in the surrounding countries of Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, and Iraq. It is disturbing to note that one in five of the refugees is Christian although Christians in Syria make up one in ten of the pre-war population of 22 million people. This would seem to indicate that Christians are even more fearful for their lives and safety than other segments of the Syrian population.

Before the war, Syria was a fairly pluralistic society, with Alawites, Shias, Ismailis, Yezidis, Druze, Christians, Jews, and Sunnis living in relative peace, side by side. The situation was far from perfect, as President Bashar al Assad's regime had a vast security apparatus in place with members inside each of the religious communities to monitor their activities.

The Assad government was guilty of serious human rights violations, including the summary imprisonment and execution of political opponents. But relations between the various religious groups were generally not violent.

That civil co-existence has ended with the war. In February of this year, the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic reported that, "The conflict has become increasingly sectarian, with the conduct of the parties becoming significantly more radicalized and militarized."

This followed on an earlier Commission report stating that, "Entire communities are at risk of being forced out of the country or of being killed inside the country. With communities believing—not without cause—that they face an existential threat. . . ."

We know that early in the civil war, Assad came to view the Christian minority with suspicion, accusing churches of laundering money and goods for opposition forces and forbidding banks from transactions for certain churches.

There is also evidence that the Assad regime encouraged sectarian tensions in order to maintain power—perhaps believing that if the people were afraid of Islamists commandeering a nominally secular state, the people would be more likely to support Assad over the opposition.

In December 2012, Time Magazine reported allegations that the Assad regime was paying individuals to pose as opposition supporters and chant slogans at protests including "The Christians to Beirut, the Alawites to the grave."

Our own government has voiced concern about the particular threat posed to Christians

in Syria. According to the State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2012, "The regime continued to frame opposition actions as targeting the Christian population. At the same time, it increased its own targeting of Christian and Alawi anti-regime activists in order to eliminate minority-voices that might counter its narrative of 'Sunni-Sponsored violence'."

Religious minorities seem to fear the opposition forces. Some prominent opposition groups (such as the Muslim Brotherhood) have a religious basis which has been seen as threatening to Syria's Alawite and Christian minorities.

Smaller opposition factions, such as the al-Qaeda-affiliated jihadist al-Nusra Front, take explicitly sectarian positions. There are reports of incidents in which rebel forces engaged in sectarian violence, such as burning Shi'ite mosques.

Christians are perceived by many in the opposition to be Assad loyalists, possibly due to Assad's aggressive recruitment of Christians into the regime militias at the start of the civil war. Other reports indicate that the Christians attempted to remain neutral either out of pacifism or concern about their rights under opposition forces.

Christian neutrality was perceived by some opposition groups as loyalty to the regime. In December 2012, a rebel force believed to be associated with the Muslim Brotherhood released a Youtube video entitled, "Warning mainly Christian cities in the province of Hama", and promising attacks if they continue to support and house the pro-Assad forces.

Christian leaders have been targeted, such as the April 2013 kidnapping of Mor Gregorius Yohanna Ibrahim of the Syriac Orthodox Church and Bishop Boulos Yazigi of the Greek Orthodox Church—both men still have not been returned.

The Druze community reports being targeted as well. In March 2013, a Druze leader reported to Christian Solidarity International, "Our people get stopped at checkpoints and are asked which sect they belong to. Once the militias hear that they are from Swaida [a province where 90% of the population is Druze], our men disappear."

The al-Nusra Front, a U.S. designated foreign terrorist organization, has been blamed for much of the sectarian rhetoric and violence, but dozens of the opposition groups ascribe to Islamist or Salafist-jihadist ideologies and mingle with the Free Syrian Army—which the U.S. may now be supporting.

Over the last three years, the United States has committed to providing \$250 million to various opposition groups in Syria—at least \$117 million of which has already been funded, largely to the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces. With the chemical weapon red line crossed, the Administration has also agreed to provide ammunition and small arms.

It is not clear whether any of this new lethal assistance will go to the Free Syrian Army and its worrisome opposition groups.

The Administration has also committed to send an additional \$300 million in humanitarian aid to "vulnerable groups" in and surrounding Syria. It is not clear whether distribution of this aid will be informed by the plight of religious minorities.

I am very concerned that the Administration may not be taking seriously the targeting of re-

ligious minorities. Too often, we have heard from this Administration that they have bigger issues to deal with than the vulnerability of religious minorities.

In the last two appropriations cycles, we have directed the Administration to condition aid to Egypt (\$1.3 billion dollars) on certification that Egypt is acting to protect the religious freedom of its minorities. The Administration (both Secretaries Clinton and Kerry) refused to do so. Perhaps not surprisingly, the government of Egypt continues to allow attacks on Coptic Christians with impunity.

Money talks. The United States should be using assistance to ensure recipient countries and entities have a plan that is implemented to protect vulnerable religious minorities. This is all the more critical in situations like Syria, where we are providing lethal aid in what has become sectarian tinderbox.

RECOGNIZING DR. MITCHELL T. MUNSON

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine, Dr. Mitchell T. Munson, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Dr. Munson will soon be elected president of the American Optometric Association (AOA) during their 116th annual meeting, where he will be installed as the association's 91st president on Saturday, June 29, 2013, in San Diego, California.

Dr. Munson is a graduate of the Southern California College of Optometry and has a private practice in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He has been a leader in his profession at the local, state, and national levels. The Colorado Optometric Association (COA) named him Young Optometrist of the Year in 1993 and he became president of the COA in 1995. Dr. Munson is a past president of the Southwest Council of Optometry and a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Munson has built a renowned record of service and leadership in his profession and I am confident that he will have a very successful term as president of the AOA. The sixth District of Colorado is proud to have Dr. Munson as a constituent and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him on this achievement and wishing him the very best of luck.

ETHIOPIA AFTER MELES: THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, which I chair, held a hearing that examined the human rights and governance situation in Ethiopia, and the status of U.S. relations with Ethiopia. Given Ethiopia's important cooperation in opposing Is-

lamic militants in Somalia, as well as its cooperation in other counter-terrorism and peacekeeping efforts, the administration has been reluctant to seriously hold the Ethiopian government to account for persistent, egregious human rights violations, including the inability of the opposition political parties to function, restrictions on civil society organizations and journalists that prevent them from operating freely and forced removals of citizens from their lands.

According to the USAID's Assistant Administrator for Africa Earl Gast, "USAID believes that open channels of communication with the Ethiopian government create opportunities to influence democracy, rights, and governance issues." However, Amnesty International testified last week that "[s]ince 2005 the human rights situation in the country has deteriorated still further, with significantly increased restrictions placed on freedom of expression, association and other rights. Sadly the Ethiopian authorities have not acted in a vacuum during this period. The United States and others in the international community have failed to raise concerns over the government's systematic violation of human rights and flouting of its international obligations. The failure to speak out and press for change has emboldened the government and also allowed Ethiopia to set a dangerous example for other governments in the region to emulate. It is critical that the United States and other members of the international community press the Ethiopian authorities to address human rights concerns and repeal and reform key legislation and policies."

Amnesty International also noted in its testimony today that "[f]or Ethiopians held in detention, conditions continue to be extremely harsh. Torture is regularly reported to take place during interrogation in the initial stages of detention, often before the detainees have access to their families or to legal representatives. Prisoners have been slapped, suspended from the walls and ceiling by their wrists, beaten with various objects, denied sleep, electrocuted, and had weights suspended from their genitalia. Solitary confinement for extended periods is often reported. Within prison facilities, sanitation was often reported to be poor. Amnesty International has received reports of medical resources being withheld, and reports of deaths in custody. Food and water is often in short supply, and is supplemented by visiting family members where access is permitted."

Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country, after Nigeria, and the United States considers its government to be an important development and regional security partner. Ethiopia plays a key leadership role in the region, hosts the African Union (AU) headquarters, and is a major troop contributor to U.N. peacekeeping operations.

According to the State Department, the three pillars of the bilateral relationship with Ethiopia are economic growth and development; democracy, governance, and human rights; and regional peace and security. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Karen Hanrahan stated in an October 2012 speech that "advancing democracy and human rights is one of our highest priorities in our engagement with Ethiopia." Nevertheless, it has been difficult to get cooperation from the current and previous administrations in confronting the

Government of Ethiopia on its shortcomings in observing democratic principles and human rights in that country.

In June 2005, following a contentious election in which then-Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and his party seemed to suffer unexpected losses in the legislature, demonstrators, led by college students, took to the streets to protest a delayed release of election results. The government's reaction was to deploy snipers who shot and killed protesters and to jail hundreds of others. An increasingly violent response to protests took place in November of that year. The death toll resulting from both protests was 193, but the numbers arrested has never been confirmed.

In the summer of 2005, I travelled to Ethiopia to assess the situation and met with Prime Minister Meles, members of his government, political opposition leaders, including one of our witnesses today—Berhanu Nega—civil society representatives, the religious community and the diplomatic community. What I found was a government leader who was arrogant in his certainty that he could arrest his political opposition whenever he wanted. I also found a political opposition convinced that they had won a majority in the legislative elections that year.

Unfortunately, the government's view won the day. Mr. Nega and other political leaders and human rights officials were arrested and held in jail for more than a year on charges that had to continually be changed due to the repeated failure to convict them. Some of them who managed to be released from jail, found themselves forced to live outside their home country, such as Mr. Nega.

The political space for opposition parties continues to be constricted. The imprisonment and prosecution of political leaders has dissolved parties and caused reformulations that also weren't able to continue. Mr. Nega founded Ginbot 7, a new political party in Ethiopia, but two years ago, it was declared a terrorist organization by the Meles government, and not only was it unable to operate openly, but Ethiopian journalists were prevented from reporting on the party or its statements.

Similarly, the Government of Ethiopia, according to the State Department's human rights report, continued to imprison more than 400 opposition leaders, activists, and local journalists by the end of 2012, many on vague national security-related charges.

As of 2011, the Ethiopian government had completed long-term cheap land leases on more than 3.6 million hectares (equivalent to the size of the Netherlands), mainly to large-scale foreign agricultural investors, and an additional 2.1 million hectares of land has since been made available for such leases to foreigners. An estimated 1.5 million Ethiopians in four regions have been displaced, many of them subject to a supposedly voluntary program known as "villagization." Others displaced due to these land leases or because of major dam projects now reside in refugee camps in Kenya.

Despite an unacceptable political and human rights environment in Ethiopia, we hold out hope that the post-Meles government may yet change the direction the government has taken for so long. Earlier this month, thousands of Ethiopians protested political repression in the capital city of Addis Ababa. Under the late Prime Minister Meles, such a show of defiance likely would have been met with offi-

cial violence and mass arrests, but the government of current Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn did not react in that way. This is an encouraging sign that the current Ethiopian government may consider changing its course and allowing its citizens to effectively express themselves—including at the ballot box.

Our witnesses last week included the former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia, the U.S. official in charge of our significant aid portfolio to Ethiopia, the former elected mayor of Addis Ababa, a member of the first U.S. delegation to meet with the current government and a longtime Ethiopian activist on human rights issues.

RECOGNIZING CLARINETIST  
ARIANNA BEYER, WINNER OF  
THE 2013 UNITED STATES NAVY  
BAND HIGH SCHOOL CONCERTO  
COMPETITION

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate clarinetist Arianna Beyer on competing in and winning the 2013 United States Navy Band High School Concerto Competition. This annual competition identifies the best high school musical talent in the nation and allows the finalists to travel to Washington, D.C. to compete for a chance to perform a prepared solo piece with the world-renowned United States Navy Band.

For 12 years now, the United States Navy Band has hosted this national competition. After each student submits an audio recording, the United States Navy Band evaluates each submission and selects the finalists to come to Washington, D.C. to perform at the competition. This competition is not only used as a method of motivating and rewarding inspiring musicians, but also to stimulate America's future leaders. In order to win this competition, Ms. Beyer sacrificed a vast amount of her time and dedicated herself to this goal. Her relentless pursuit of maximizing her potential has allowed her to gain tremendous recognition as a clarinetist at a young age. Ms. Beyer continues to go above and beyond all expectations in her musical endeavors.

Her accomplishments do not end with winning the United States Navy Band High School Concerto Competition. She has excelled in the classroom and as a leader in her community. Arianna continues to give back by mentoring peers in both music and academic curriculums. In addition, Arianna is a 2013 Emerson Scholar and has received a full merit scholarship to attend Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan this upcoming summer. In the fall of 2013, she will begin her dual degree studies at the Eastman School of Music and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Rochester.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and applaud Arianna for her hard work, dedication and achievement. She is most deserving of this prestigious honor as the winner of the 2013 United States Navy Band High School Concerto Competition. May her character and passion inspire others to follow in her footsteps. I wish her great success as she applies her dedication toward even higher pursuits.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR PROJECT MEND-A-HOUSE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Project Mend-A-House.

A joint effort between private citizens and the Prince William County government, Project Mend-A-House was created in 1984. At the time, Lily Blackwell was a volunteer delivering meals to seniors who were confined to their homes due to disabilities. Her call to action began with the observation that a number of seniors along her delivery route could no longer perform necessary home repairs. Basic home repair and some structural improvements were needed to ensure that these disabled seniors remained safe and independent. Ms. Blackwell partnered with Toni Clemons-Porter and Lin Wagener of the Prince William Area Agency on Aging to create the foundation of an organization that has now provided humanitarian assistance for a quarter of a century.

Project Mend-A-House completes home repairs and safety modifications to facilitate independent living for seniors, the disabled and low-income residents. Over the years, projects have ranged from fixing termite damage in an older home to making entire houses more accessible with wheelchair ramps, hand rails, shower seats and transfer benches. The work is truly a community effort. Local corporate partners provide monetary support, volunteers and building materials. Civic associations and faith based groups contribute hundreds of volunteer hours to Project Mend-A-House each year. Project Mend-A-House puts everyone to work regardless of skill level to improve the quality of life for our disabled, elderly and low income neighbors.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Project Mend-A-House:

Lee Bertand, Edie Clark, Don McCubbin, Steven Donovan, Rich Feickert, Kristen Hull, Tajr Hull, Dave Kaiser, Bob Leiker, Terry Lopez, Chris Maddocks, Sally Okuly, Marty Raines, Barbara Reese, David Seigrist, Dave Rogers, Matt Schaffer, Gail Straker, Guy Straker, Therese Swetnam, Terry Swirchak, Sarah Tamai.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of Project Mend-A-House for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING THE 2013 STANLEY  
CUP CHAMPION BLACKHAWKS

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup. As the team lifted the historic Stanley Cup in the air, it was as if they were lifting the City of Chicago itself.

From beginning to end, the Blackhawks were the best team in the National Hockey

League. They had the best start in NHL history, setting the record for most consecutive points scored to start a season. Entering the playoffs they were the overall number one seed. The team faced and defeated the Minnesota Wild, Detroit Red Wings, and the Los Angeles Kings to win the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions.

Lead by Coach Joel Quenneville, the Blackhawks faced the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup Finals. It was truly a team effort to overcome the physicality and aggressiveness of the Bruins. After a hard-fought series, it came down to 2 goals scored in 17 seconds late in the third period, by Bryan Bickell and Dave Bolland, to overcome a one goal deficit to win the Stanley Cup. Patrick Kane became only the 4th American player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as NHL Playoff MVP.

As a lifelong Chicagoan I take great pride in congratulating the Blackhawks on another thrilling season. I thank them for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the Madhouse on Madison.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT.  
COL. FRANK BLACKBURN

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great American, Lt. Col. Frank Blackburn, of Rome, NY, who will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, 27 June, 2013. Lt. Col. Blackburn was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in December 1953 after completing flight training school in Texas. He graduated from Syracuse University.

Lt. Col. Blackburn had a distinguished flying career with the Air Force. He was stationed in Korea following the war with the 405th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Langley, VA; with the 353rd Tactical Fighter Squadron in Myrtle Beach, SC; as a missile crew commander in Sembach, Germany; and with the 37th Tactical Fighter wing in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, as a forward air controller. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired from the service in 1972. While in the Air Force, Frank piloted many of the nation's earliest and most important jet aircraft, including the F-84, F-86 Sabre and the F100 Super Sabre.

Lt. Col. Blackburn earned numerous commendations, including: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, Air Force Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Air Force Medal.

He followed this career with 25 years of service at PAR Technology Corp. in Rome, NY where his responsibilities included operations, purchasing, and security. He and his wife, Donna Logan Blackburn raised five chil-

dren: Wendy, James, Debra, David and Andrea. Lt. Col. Blackburn served as a council member, elder and Sunday School teacher at St. John Lutheran Church in Rome and he was a member of the Retired Officers Association and a past member of the Rome Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Blackburn was a 20-year career U.S. Air Force officer, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and member of his community. Let us honor him as a true American patriot. May his memory never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN REGNO

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement on behalf of the office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

Karen Regno has faithfully worked for the better interests of our country for nearly 22 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Patent and Trademark Office, and even for a short time as a Fellow in a Congressional office in Washington, D.C.

Originally from Waco, Texas, Karen brings a well-rounded knowledge of the nongovernmental world as well, as evidence by her 14 years working for Bell South and then later AT&T. She took her education seriously during this time and earned her undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Maryland, an MBA from Kennesaw State University, a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University, and a certification as a Project Management Professional.

Karen returned to civil service in May of 2009, and has served as the Congressional Affairs Contact Officer for the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology since that time. She takes the utmost care to ensure that the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology provides timely and accurate responses to all Congressional inquiries and requests. As a Member of Congress, I cannot emphasize enough how valuable this capability and dedication to the job is to the efficient and effective running of our government.

Service to our country runs in her family. Her Father, Bryan, served in the Marines during World War II in Guam, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, and the Philippines; her older brother, Rob, served in the Army during Vietnam; her father-in-law, Jim, served in the Army; her son-in-law, Todd, is a Colonel in the Army currently serving in Stuttgart, Germany; and her daughter Keli, is an Assistant District Attorney in Texas. She has not only seen the examples of those who came before her, but has also been an example to those who have come after about the importance of serving our country.

We, the office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, wish her the best of luck as she steps into this next adventure as she travels, goes to as many baseball games as possible, and spends time with her grandkids.

RECOGNIZING THE TIRELESS SERVICE AND EARNEST DEDICATION OF THE DARDEN FOUNDATION AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the tireless service and earnest dedication of the Darden Foundation, the charitable arm of Darden Restaurants, Inc., on their awarding of over \$200,000 during the month of April 2013 to Florida nonprofit organizations through their Restaurant Community Grants program. The altruistic aspiration to improve Florida through their philanthropic support of charitable organizations is to be admired.

The value of service for Darden Restaurants was defined over 40 years ago by Darden's founder, Bill Darden, who established a culture that rewards caring for and responding to people. Darden's Restaurant Community Grants program is a local initiative which strives to make an impact in the communities Darden and its restaurant brands serve by engaging and supporting nonprofit community organizations. The Darden Foundation focuses its efforts on three key program areas: access to postsecondary education, preservation of natural resources and elimination of hunger. Every restaurant in the Darden family of brands is empowered with the opportunity to help award a \$1,000 grant to exceptional nonprofit organizations that align with Darden's three areas of focus.

In addition, it is my pleasure to recognize Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, which has partnered with Darden in a joint effort to combat hunger. For nearly three decades, Second Harvest has fought hunger by collecting, storing and distributing donated food items to over 500 partnering agencies throughout six Central Florida counties. In partnership with Darden, Second Harvest's Food Rescue Program picks up prepared food items from various Central Florida Darden restaurants and delivers the food items to surrounding nonprofit agencies who serve meals to people in need. Darden has also united with Second Harvest's "Building Solutions to Hunger" campaign with a leadership gift of \$750,000 to assist Second Harvest's construction of a new facility that will be better equipped to meet the needs of the Central Florida community.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to recognize the selfless work of the Darden Foundation and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. May their example of continuous service and generosity inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a family medical situation

and was unable to vote on rollcall No. 287 and rollcall No. 288.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 287 and "yea" on rollcall No. 288.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF LUCIANO JAVIER MALIGAD SR.

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 26, 2013*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Luciano Javier Maligad Sr., who passed away on June 21, 2013 at the age of 84 in Elk Grove, California. Luciano grew up in the Philippines and immigrated to the United States, spending years in military service to this country.

As a young teen Luciano witnessed the Japanese invasion of the Philippines and helped American forces by reporting Japanese troop and munitions movements. He later took a job as a civilian contractor for the U.S. Army in Guam and served as a volunteer for three years in the Korean War.

Luciano became a naturalized American citizen in 1955 and joined the U.S. Air Force, deploying to Vietnam. In Vietnam he served as an aircraft and auto mechanic and also helped start a library for active-duty soldiers. Luciano was also deployed to the Netherlands, Hawaii and California, and retired as a Tech Sergeant after 21 years of service.

Luciano was predeceased by his daughter Andrea and is survived by his wife Mary, five children and numerous grandchildren.

He was a man proud of serving his country, thankful for the opportunity to live in freedom and bequeath it to his posterity, and blessed with a loving family.

Mr. Speaker, Luciano's life embodies the true meaning of the American Dream. It is with a grateful heart that I rise today to honor his memory.

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 Thursday, June 27, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 9

2:30 p.m.

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

SH-219

JULY 11

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Victoria Nuland, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Douglas Edward Lute, of Indiana, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Daniel Brooks

Baer, of Colorado, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

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

SH-219

JULY 16

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Water and Power  
To hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study.

SD-366

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138