

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, Brigette 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 ani-
mals 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 ap-
pear!

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 WIL-
LIAM 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 RETIRE-
MENT 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