

Humane Society Animal Shelter, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the volunteers in Carteret County, North Carolina, who answered the call to help homeless animals in their local community.

The Carteret County Animal Shelter, located in my district, was facing the loss of its state license and possible closure unless it underwent significant improvement due to a tight budget on the local, state, and federal levels. This shelter is the only facility in the area that provides a place for homeless pets to stay while they wait for adoption.

In an unprecedented outpouring of support from the community, more than 100 volunteers, including 30 U.S. Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, came together to renovate the facility. The ASPCA, through its nationwide grants program, was more than willing to provide essential funding for supplies and improvements as well.

As a result of this funding and assistance from the community, the shelter was given preliminary approval to reapply for its license and continue its work as a safe haven for homeless animals in Carteret County.

This situation is a testament to the incredible results that are possible when local citizens, along with national organizations like the ASPCA, come together to serve a community.

I want to thank the Carteret County Humane Society Animal Shelter, the ASPCA, and the people of the Third District of North Carolina for their work on behalf of the homeless animals in Eastern North Carolina. These individuals and organizations have provided a tremendous service to Carteret County, and I am pleased to have them recognized by the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING KIA MOTORS FOR  
THEIR ONE MILLIONTH CAR  
BUILT IN WEST POINT, GA

### HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2013*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to recognize a tremendous milestone for Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia: The completion of their one millionth car built in West Point, Georgia. This is a huge achievement for Kia Motors North America and for Georgia, as West Point is the first Kia automobile manufacturing facility on our continent.

Beginning in November of 2009, Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia has been rolling out cars and keeping over 11,000 Georgians employed. Using on-site and local suppliers, they've helped to grow the Third District's economy with quality manufacturing, excellent jobs, and a deep commitment to improving our community. Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia's continued success led to a \$100 million expansion in early 2012, increasing their annual capacity to 360,000 vehicles. In fact, the best-selling vehicle in the U.S., the Optima, is built in West Point, Georgia.

One million cars in four years is a huge success for Kia and for Georgia. Kia's achievements showcase how great Georgia is for manufacturing and business, and I thank them for their commitment to improving our district's economy. I am honored that Kia Motors Manu-

facturing Georgia calls the Third District home and look forward to sharing many more milestones with them in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ELLIOTT  
LYNN, WINNER OF AUBURN'S POLITICAL  
SCIENCE LEADERSHIP  
AWARD

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young leader who attends Auburn University, which is a leading research and educational institution in my district in Alabama. Auburn's political science department each year recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It's my honor to announce that Mr. Elliott Lynn is this year's winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award. A faculty committee selected Elliott after careful consideration of his outstanding credentials.

Elliott is from Phenix City, Alabama. He is a senior political science major with an outstanding 3.95 Cumulative Grade Point Average. Elliott is a National Merit Scholar and on the Dean's List. He is a member of many honor societies, including Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pi Lambda Sigma. Elliott is an Honors College Drummond Scholar and a recipient of the Auburn University Marie Glass Ward Endowed Academic Scholarship.

Elliott is active in helping the community, and he participated in multiple service trips to underserved communities in the U.S. and in developing countries. He went to Haiti to build housing for the victims of the 2010 earthquake. He also volunteered as a teaching assistant with the Victory Mission at a church in Columbus, Georgia, and volunteers at the Columbus Habitat. Last summer, Elliott had the opportunity to intern with our colleague in the other chamber, Senator RICHARD SHELBY, and he has also interned with a Circuit Court Judge in Alabama.

After graduating from Auburn, Elliott plans to attend law school and work in human rights or public interest law. He hopes his career will allow him the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Elliott and thank Auburn University for producing such outstanding students and citizens.

### KILLEN'S STEAKHOUSE

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2013*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chef Ronnie Killen and the staff of Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland, Texas. It's no secret that Texas is known for its beef. Killen's Steakhouse has been ranked the number one steakhouse in Texas and the number six steakhouse in the United States out of The Daily Meal's top 20 American Steakhouses. This is an exceptional honor, and reflects the hard work, talent and dedication to culinary

craft that Chef Killen and his staff have contributed. This upscale steakhouse is the only restaurant in the Pearland area serving Allen Brothers USDA prime beef, and I am more than excited to be a loyal patron.

Small businesses make up the backbone of the U.S. economy and play a crucial role in American productivity and economic vitality. We must continue to support small businesses like Killen's Steakhouse, and I look forward to hearing from Chef Killen as a small business owner about the needs and concerns of the small business community.

Congratulations to Killen's Steakhouse for achieving this prominent ranking. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to recognize this achievement. Our community is proud that Killen's Steakhouse calls Pearland home. I wish Chef Killen and his staff the best of luck in the future.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 16, 2013*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to attending the memorial for the 19 firefighters who died fighting the wildfire in Yarnell, Arizona, I missed 20 recorded votes on July 9, 2013. I would like to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for those votes.

On rollcall vote No. 308, H. Res. 288, I would have voted "yea" On Ordering the Previous Question to begin consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

On rollcall vote No. 309, H. Res. 288, I would have voted "yea" On Agreeing to the Resolution for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

On rollcall vote No. 310, Journal, I would have voted "no" on approving the Journal.

On rollcall vote No. 311, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to strike the section of the bill that would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from updating guidance concerning federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.

On rollcall vote No. 312, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to strike the section that would prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from changing the definitions of "fill material" or "discharge material" under the Clean Water Act.

On rollcall vote No. 313, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to increase renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency by \$245 million and to decrease Weapons Activities by the same amount.

On rollcall vote No. 314, H.R. 2609, the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, I would have voted "no" to increase Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability and Efficiency by \$31 million and reduces Departmental Administration by the same amount.