

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAMELA JONES-MORTON, FROM
ESTERO, FLORIDA, AWARDED
THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

HON. TREY RADEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RADEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Pamela Jones-Morton for being awarded the Carnegie Medal for her bravery in saving Audrey L. Hart and Colleen M. Page from a burning car in Bonita Springs, Florida. I am submitting a copy of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission's news release which includes Mrs. Jones-Morton's story.

[From the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, June 25, 2013]

Pamela Jones-Morton saved Audrey L. Hart and Colleen M. Page from burning, Bonita Springs, Florida, December 10, 2011. Audrey 3, was the back-seat passenger in the sport utility vehicle drive by her grandmother, Page, 49, that collided with another vehicle and overturned onto its passenger side. Page was suspended, restrained by her safety belt, and Audrey was secured in a child safety seat as flames erupted on the undercarriage of their vehicle. Driving nearby, Jones-Morton, 64, retired educator, witnessed the accident. She approached the sport utility vehicle and attempted to open the only accessible door, at the rear, but it was locked. At Jones-Morton's urging, Page unlocked the doors. Jones-Morton opened the rear door, cleared items from the cargo area, and entered. The only passageway inside the vehicle was between the tops of the seats and the ceiling, and Jones-Morton maneuvered through it, discovering Audrey as she did so. After struggling to release Audrey from her seat, Jones-Morton carried her to the back of the vehicle and stepped outside. She then reentered it for Page. She made her way to the front of the vehicle and released Page's safety belt, Page then falling to the passenger door. The two women made their way to the back of the vehicle and exited. Flames spread quickly, engulfing the vehicle before firefighters arrived.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition of H.R. 5, the so-called Student Success Act.

H.R. 5 reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and it is one that we have waited a long time to revisit.

I hoped that we could work together on this bill because all of us care about our children's growth and development. Both Republicans and Democrats share concerns over the rate at which we are falling behind other nations. And whether you are liberal or conservative, we know that we need to hold our schools accountable for their performance.

That is why this bill is so distressing. H.R. 5 is as dysfunctional as anything else that has come to the floor this Congress. It may not be as pointless as the 38th and 39th votes to repeal Obamacare that we had Wednesday. And it may not have been rammed down our throats quite as aggressively as the Farm Bill was last week. But this bill is still a piece of unilateral maneuvering—when we could be working together.

Instead of spending public funds for the public good, H.R. 5 creates a quota system that shifts funds to private schools that are meant to go to low-income children and schools. Along the way to privatizing our public schools, it decreases accountability for states and school districts by block-granting specialized grant programs—allowing funds meant to address specific hardships to be diverted elsewhere.

I will admit to my friends across the aisle, that while I know some in your base may buy into that pipedream—it is not the way to rebuild America. Formalizing the distinctions between our two Americas is not the key to healing our nation. Nor is depriving extra help to students with special learning barriers.

Give our children their future. Give them a bill that will guarantee a 21st century school system to lead the world. I urge my colleagues to use this opportunity for something greater than mere posturing, and oppose this bill.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 5, the Student Success Act. This bill undermines the fundamental purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which was created to ensure that disadvantaged children are provided a high-quality education that allows them to compete on a level playing field with their more-advantaged peers.

Among its many problematic provisions, this bill locks in devastating sequestration-level education funding, fails to hold States and districts accountable for supporting and improving the achievement of all students, eliminates

and weakens protections for disadvantaged students, and lacks critical support systems for our Nation's educators.

I believe No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is flawed and must be reformed, and reauthorization presents a tremendous opportunity to make much-needed improvements and bring our education system into the 21st century. However, instead of fixing the problems of NCLB, the Student Success Act does not reflect best practices and fails to strike the appropriate balance between flexibility and accountability.

Reauthorization should support college and career-ready standards, address the overuse of testing in teacher and school evaluations that currently forces educators to substitute test preparation for instruction, and feature an accountability system that includes meaningful targets for improving student attainment that gives schools and districts flexibility in how they achieve those goals.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 5 and instead support reauthorization that restores our Nation's commitment to providing equal opportunity for all students regardless of background.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the legislation on the Floor today, a missed opportunity to reform our education system and ensure that every student has access to a high quality education.

We should be working in a bipartisan manner to correct the widely-acknowledged flaws of No Child Left Behind and make the law more fair, flexible, and responsive to the needs of students. Instead, the bill before us shortchanges our schools and eliminates supports for our most vulnerable populations.

We should be providing the resources our schools need to fix the achievement gap and put a good, supported teacher in every classroom. Instead, today's bill locks in post-sequestration funding levels for K-12 education and cuts back on professional development.

We should be setting high expectations for our schools and giving States flexibility to create accountability systems that improve achievement for every student. Instead, this legislation eliminates requirements for districts to fix struggling schools and ensure that all students make it to graduation.

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We should be providing additional support for students with additional challenges—students with disabilities, English-language learners, and at-risk youth. Instead, we have a bill that allows funds to be directed away from these students and allows all students with disabilities to be taught at a lower standard.

We should be encouraging innovation in the classroom, empowering teachers and allowing charter schools to test new ideas. But while this bill would expand charter school availability, it does not require those schools to be accountable or transparent with taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Chair there are many missed opportunities in this bill. It continues the exclusive focus on math and reading, with no support for STEM, geography, history, the arts, or other subjects that provide a well-rounded education. It eliminates funding for afterschool programs and wraparound services that ensure students are prepared to learn.

Our students, teachers, and parents deserve better than this bill. We should come together in a bipartisan fashion, as we have always done with education in the past, to develop real reform that gives our students the skills they need to succeed in our 21st century global economy.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

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Mr. PETRI. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of this amendment and am pleased to be a cosponsor. Charter schools are a critical component of our Nation's public school system and are helping to foster an array of high-quality public school options for parents and their children. Today, more than 6,000 public charter schools serve a diverse student body of more than 2.3 million students in 40 States and the District of Columbia. Unfortunately, however, almost one million students find themselves on charter school waiting lists, unable to attend the school of their choice. We must do more to expand access to these high-quality public school options.

One recent study conducted by the Stanford Center for Research on Education Outcomes found that schools that have a strong start tend to remain highly successful schools in the future. The federal Charter Schools Program has been a crucial tool in helping many charter schools get this strong start. Unfortunately, however, many schools aren't able to use the funds provided through this program in ways that would be most effective for their students. This amendment would simply expand the ways in which charter schools can use the startup funds provided through this program, including for professional development, teacher training, instructional materials, and minor facilities improvements.

The amendment would also give priority to States that allow funding provided to charter

schools to be shared when a student is enrolled in multiple schools. This flexibility will help support the growth of a wide array of high-quality virtual schools and other expanded learning opportunities provided through partner organizations.

Lastly, the amendment simply ensures that charter schools receiving funds under the federal Charter Schools Program are doing outreach to low-income and underserved populations. While charter schools often serve a disproportionate number of low-income students, this amendment will simply ensure that they continue to lead the way in providing access to high-quality public school options.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, funding for education and STEM education is an investment in our future, and perhaps one of the most important investments we make as a Nation. I am very concerned that H.R. 5 guts education funding by 1.3 billion dollars in order to lock in the sequester preventing Congress from being able to appropriate above sequester levels. According to an analysis carried out by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, the United States ranks second to last of the 44 countries and regions analyzed in terms of progress in innovation-based competitiveness over the last decade. It used to be that the world's best and brightest flocked to our shores. Now many of our own best and brightest are finding better opportunities in other countries, and we are losing our edge in the competition for top talent from around the world.

Mr. Chair, I have many concerns with this bill. H.R. 5 opts to convert Title 1 funding into a block grant program. This change will disproportionately harm many disadvantaged low-income students. Schools across the country, including some in my Congressional district, rely on these funds to help ensure that all children meet State academic standards. Even the highest performing students in the urban schools are faced with an uphill battle in obtaining the same academic achievement present at the high performing schools. While college preparatory courses are standard for many students in our highest performing public schools, urban school districts often lack the resources to provide the same advantages to their students.

According to the National Education Association, H.R. 5 "as a whole it erodes the historical federal role in public education: targeting resources to marginalized student populations as a means of helping to ensure equity of opportunity for all students . . . [and]

perpetuate[s] a system that intentionally delivers unequal opportunities and quality to children across this country." Even according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, H.R. 5, "Would reduce school-level accountability, would not provide consequences for low-performing schools, and would not require states to adopt college- and career-ready standards and assessments."

Mr. Chair, the cuts in this bill which will ultimately result in a poorer education for future generations of young Americans represent a gigantic step backwards for our Nation. I strongly believe an investment in education funding is the most sensible investment we can make. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act was first enacted at the height of the Civil Rights Movement in order to increase investments in primary and secondary education, strengthen equal access to education and establish high standards and accountability. Mr. Chair, in conclusion, I cannot support the bill we have before us today which erodes and dismantles the key principles of this law.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TREY RADEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of Mr. LUETKEMEYER's amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that States and local education agencies should maintain the ability and responsibility to set curriculum and measure achievement for their students.

This historically has been the case, but today, under current law, the Federal Government believes they should dictate policy at all levels of government.

The Department of Education heavily incentivized and pressured States into adopting the Common Core State Standards Initiatives. These national standards and assessments ultimately determine the curriculum and teaching materials used in the classroom across the nation. Common Core is a one-size-fits-all approach to instructing kids from Florida to Alaska. Washington cannot demand a similar teaching style or test result from a teacher in Cape Coral as they would from one in Milwaukee.

Common Core was adopted by many States through a heavy-handed waiver for the Administration's "Race to the Top" grant program and Title I funding. This "Race to the Top" program imposes a national K-12 core curriculum-testing program in return for funds. This top-down influence erodes state authority over education.

We have little to show for the trillions we have spent on national education mandates. Failed federal education mandates have done enough damage and it is time to once again allow our public schools the freedom to make decisions on what is best for their students.

Mr. Chair, you make the best decisions on how your child should be raised, where your child should go to school, and what your child should learn—not Washington bureaucrats. Teachers, principals and members of your local school boards, should run your child's classroom, school, and school district, not some random bureaucrat in Washington who has no clue about the challenges they face.

You know what's best for your kids, not an empty suit thousands of miles away, and that is why I rise today to support Representative LUETKEMEYER's efforts to fight for competitive excellence and innovation in our nation's education system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 18, 2013, I inadvertently voted "no" on roll No. 367—Young of Alaska Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 5. I had meant for my vote to be recorded as "aye".

TO RECOGNIZE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Best of Braddock Awards, presented by the Braddock District Council of Community Associations. These awards are given annually to deserving individuals, organizations and companies in the Braddock Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Va., who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community.

The goal of the Braddock District Council is to promote the civic, community, and general welfare of the citizens of the Braddock Magisterial District of Fairfax County. The Council represents the interests of community associations that lie within the Braddock District, facilitates cooperation and coordination between community associations, and provides a path of communications between associations and officials/elected representatives of the Braddock Magisterial District. I am pleased to join the Braddock District Council of Community Associations in recognizing the Recipients of the 2013 Best of Braddock Awards:

Citizen of the Year—Diane DiPietro, former president of Kings West Swim Club, for her tireless efforts to turn the blighted pool property into Rabbit Run Park.

Outstanding Business—The Peterson Companies for the development and management of the Fairfax Corner Center.

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee—Ed Richardson, Manager, Park Operations Division, Fairfax County Park Authority for working with Braddock District residents to effectively carry out the FCPA mission areas of promoting and protecting our cultural and natural resources, and providing safe recreation facilities for activities and programs.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification—Dave Bowden, Fairfax County Parks Authority and Craig Carinci, Fairfax County Storm Water Management, who led their teams through the successful conversion of the blighted Kings West Swim Club property to Rabbit Branch Park.

FCPA Team: Dave Bowden, Isabel Villaroel, John Lehman, Tim Scott, Julie Cline, Brian Williams, and Charles Smith.

Storm Management Team: Craig Carinci, Rose Barrie, Ron Tuttle, Elfatih Salim, Dave Anglin, Brad Melton, Yudhie Brownson, Paul Thaler, Mannan Qureshi, Joseph Adzovie, and Bruce Goudzari.

Organizations Making a Difference in the Community (2 honorees)—Food for Others (Annandale Site); and Friends of the Burke Centre Library.

Special Achievement or Recognition—The Audrey Moore Recreation Center Rescue Team—Sophie Polnow, Tim Polnow, Connie Polnow, Corey Stoney, Faith Garrish. While swimming laps on May 18, Doug Padrutt started to feel dizzy. The next thing he knew he was on the deck surrounded by lifeguards and EMTs. Due to an arrhythmia, his heart had stopped and he sank. The team pulled Mr. Padrutt out of the water, started CPR, administered the AED, called paramedics and got him conscious and calmed down all in few short minutes. Because of their quick actions, Mr. Padrutt survived and has no permanent heart damage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding residents and companies and also in thanking them for their service to our community. Their efforts and leadership have been a great benefit to Northern Virginia and truly merit our highest praise.

IN HONOR OF AVDHOOOT BABA SHIVANAD, JR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is rare in life to have the chance to recognize and honor a truly selfless person. A person who has dedicated his life to healing humanity by engaging in selfless activities for the betterment of mankind, asking only that they surrender their faith and devotion in return. This is why I am extremely proud and humbled to be here in order to honor his holiness, Avdhoot Baba Shivanad Jr., the father of sacred Ancient Indian Healing, and master of spirituality, for his work in helping United States citizens. I am deeply inspired by Babaji's deep belief that we all come into this world with vast potential, and through Shiv Yog, the process of uniting with the infinite consciousness, we can access this potential and create our own destinies. We all will honor Babaji's noble accomplishments and teachings, and it is my deepest hope that as we move on with our lives we will continue living less for our own selfish desires, and more for those around us as Babaji does.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman KLINE and Ranking Member MILLER for their work to improve education for our Nation's children. I thank the Rules Committee for making in order Jackson Lee Amendment #5 for full consideration by the House of Representatives.

My amendment to H.R. 5, the "Student Success Act," is simple and is an important addition to this bill. I believe that my amendment to H.R. 5 can be supported by every member of the House.

JACKSON LEE AMENDMENT # 5

Jackson Lee Amendment #5 would direct States with insufficient funding to target funds to schools serving neglected, delinquent, migrant students, English learners, at-risk students, and Native Americans, to increase academic achievement of such students. The purpose of the Amendment is to make the best use of the funds available to focus resources on students with the greatest need.

According to research conducted by Chester Hartman, titled, High Classroom Turnover: How Children Get Left Behind, found that a disproportionate number of schools with predominantly low-income African American and Hispanic students have low stability, and that such students are much more likely than others, to switch schools in the middle of the year. High student mobility has consequences for students, teachers, and schools and can result in lower achievement levels, slower academic pacing, and lower teaching satisfaction.

Poor families move 50–100 percent more often than non-poor families. Welfare reform has resulted in residential mobility. Migrant children typically move from community to community. Foster children often change schools each time they are removed from a home. The education administrators' role in education should emphasize meeting the needs of disadvantaged students, and students who are mobile are among the most disadvantaged.

In the past, the government has taken limited steps to address this issue. Jackson Lee Amendment #5 is intended to support schools educating children who are neglected, delinquent, migrant students, English learners, at-risk students, and Native American youth.

The topic of delinquency also presents challenges to schools and educators. Children live in their own worlds, which can present threats to their health, safety and emotional well being.

Children become delinquent or can become at-risk for a number of reasons including school bullying and violence.

Consequences of bullying:

15 percent of all school absenteeism is directly related to fears of being bullied at school.

According to bullying statistics, 1 out of every 10 students who drops out of school does so because of repeated bullying.

Suicides linked to bullying are the saddest statistic.

STATISTICS ON HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

1. HISD has over 200,000 students, 80 percent of which are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. This means that, 80 percent of students come from low socioeconomic households. HISD has approximately 25 percent African American students, 63 percent Hispanic students, and 30 percent students with limited English proficiency.

2. The 100 largest districts represent less than 1 percent of all school districts in the nation, yet enrolls 21 percent of all students, including 25 percent of the Census poverty students, 33 percent of the black students, 32 percent of the Hispanic students, and 31 percent of all minority students.

Houston Independent School District's challenge in providing a world class education faces many of the challenges that Jackson Lee Amendment #5 would address.

The Nation's first line of national defense is a well educated population. Much of the Nation's defense depends on what is developed and created by STEM jobs. It is also important that men and women serving in the Armed Forces have a basic working knowledge of STEM to succeed. For these reasons, it is vital that every child have the best education that this Nation can provide. There is no one size fits all, and there are changes with each generation of teachers and students, but the one constant are the needs of all children are not the same.

There is no deterministic model that decides which child will succeed and which will fail. What we do know is that given the right learning environment with teachers with the right training and support we can graduate students who can create, innovate, lead and succeed in life.

I urge all members to vote in favor of these amendments.

JEREMY LYNN JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joplin High School's Jeremy Lynn for winning the Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship.

Jeremy's victory demonstrated hard work, dedication, and courage. Despite battling increasing pain during the match, he won the State championship and finished with a 36-1 record for the season.

Jeremy's victory served as the capstone of a brilliant high school career. In addition to being a State champion, Jeremy is a three time district champion and a three time conference champion. His senior year established him amongst the Nation's best, ranking second in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Missouri Valley region, as high as 47th in the entire Nation, and as the champion of the 2012 Boy's 18's USTA National Open Championship in Denver.

Jeremy's accomplishments are not just tied to the court; they extend to the classroom. In his first semester of his senior year, Jeremy earned a 4.3 GPA, achieving academic all-conference status.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jeremy Lynn on his Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship and a stellar athletic and academic career.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to make a statement in memory of a brave firefighter in California's 36th Congressional District, Christopher Douglas, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Christopher Douglas, a native of Colorado Springs, lived in Temecula, California. Chris was an avid surfer who was well-known and respected by the local community. Chris served his country in the United States Air Force and, after leaving, became an Engineer and Paramedic for CAL FIRE. On Friday, July 5, 2013, he was struck by a vehicle along Interstate 10 in Riverside County, California, while preparing to leave the site of a traffic collision to respond to another incident. He was rushed to the hospital, but tragically passed away. Chris Douglas, an eight-year veteran with the fire department, was only 41 years old. He leaves behind his expectant wife Amy, their two-year-old son Samuel, and family members and friends. Chris died with the same courage as he lived, helping those in need.

This brave man died before his time. He was an honorable, passionate man who devoted himself to his country, his duty, and his family. His service and life are to be commended. His memory will live on in the people whose lives he inspired with his final act of sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF JOHN P. CATALDO, SR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, John P. Cataldo, Sr. was a husband, father, grandfather, civic leader and patriot. He served his country in World War II and as a 17-year-old sailor in the United States Navy he was part of the amphibious forces that landed in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. In civilian life, he devoted much time to his family, business, and civic and charitable organizations. Mr. Cataldo founded the public accounting firm that bears his name and continues today. As a resident of Warminster, he was a volunteer on several local boards and committees, and also an elected Warminster Township supervisor. He proudly served on the military veterans' advisory board in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. For many years, he was active in the Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No.

806 and the Free and Accepted Masons. We mourn the passing of a true gentleman and acknowledge his faithful service to country and community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT D. GETZOFF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague from New York, Representative TIM BISHOP, to honor the memory of Robert D. Getzoff. Rob was a dedicated brother, a beloved son, a caring uncle, and a fiercely loyal friend.

To his many friends, he was one of the warmest, brightest, and funniest people on Capitol Hill. Though he was a self-described "Jewish rocker from Philadelphia," Rob was a friend of the Illinois Fifth District, having worked for my predecessor, then Congressman Rahm Emanuel, for four years.

Rob served as Congressman Emanuel's Legislative Counsel for the Budget, Financial Services and Ways and Means Committees—a full plate of challenging policy responsibilities and assignments that Rob fulfilled with great skill and success. No one loved it more and worked harder than Rob Getzoff. In an office that prided itself on long hours, Rob made a point of being the first person in the office in the morning, and on many nights he was the last to leave. He served his country and tackled complex challenges and tight deadlines with intelligence and humor.

Rob began his Hill career in the office of his idol, Senator Ted Kennedy, and tackled every aspect of his Hill career with the passion and dedication to public service exemplified by the late Senator. Rob's impressive record of accomplishment was built on his distinguished academic credentials. He held a bachelor's degree from George Washington University, a law degree from Temple University, and an MBA from Georgetown University. In addition to his service on the Hill, he added to his impressive credentials by becoming an expert in financial services regulatory policy while working for industry leaders including Citigroup and Bank of New York Mellon.

Rob was a true policy wonk and a brilliant political strategist. He defended his views with passion whether he was trying to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to help low-income Americans, explaining the greatness of eighties hard rock, or the eating habits of Great Cats. He was unrelenting in pushing his colleagues to do the right thing, whether the question at hand was a pivotal vote or a quality timepiece. He left a legacy of legislative accomplishments including meaningful lobbying reform, janitors insurance, closing the corporate jet loophole, and reducing the size of the "tax gap." He also played a pivotal role in drafting comprehensive tax reform legislation that made the tax code simpler and fairer for all Americans.

Rob was beloved by many who had the privilege to work with him and share his passion and dedication to work and friends. A legislative staff in a Congressional office is a small unit, and Rob was part of a family. That small group of people crammed into a not-so-

large shared space working long hours on difficult issues got to know each other about as well as you can with people assembled by someone else. In stressful moments full of "pushback" and "red flags", he could be counted on to pitch in to help, or simply remind his fellow staffers "you love this song".

Even after Rob left the Hill, everyone wanted to stay in touch with Rob, either through a "pop-in" to the Longworth office or to meet for a cup of coffee for some advice and a few laughs. He maintained his relationship with the Fifth District even after his former boss moved on to the White House, serving as a friend and mentor to my staff.

Rob brought that same *joie de vivre* to all of his work, on and off the Hill. It is no surprise that so many people in Washington and beyond have a story about Rob helping them out with a thorny issue, providing career advice or simply helping them during a challenging time. Rob will also be remembered by so many of us for how easy it was to become and stay good friends with him, and how we were frequently uplifted by his sense of humor, including his spot-on impressions, and his very infectious laugh.

Mr. Speaker, it's not often I find myself in the position of singing the praises of a Flyers fan, and while I'm still happy his team finished second in 2010, there's no question he's first in the hearts of his friends and family. A few years ago the derisive term "little punk staffer" became a badge of honor among the many who've toiled in tiny cramped spaces like 1319 Longworth. Rob was among the best little punk staffers this institution has ever seen.

He was taken from us prematurely, and so many people are devastated by this loss. But Rob wouldn't want us to be sad. He would say "go out and enjoy your young life." He would want us to put on some Green Day, walk past the Capitol Dome and remember why we came to Washington in the first place. The best way to honor Rob is to do a great job while giving everything you have to some great friends. Rob, we miss you already.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes during this week:

On rollcall vote 354, on the passage of H.R. 2576, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 355, on the passage of H.R. 1848, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 356, on the passage of H.R. 2611, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 357, ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 358, on the passage of H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 359, on the Motion to Adjourn, I voted "no."

On rollcall vote 360, on the Motion to Re-commit H.R. 2667, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 361, on passage of H.R. 2667, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 362, on the Motion to Re-commit H.R. 2668, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 363, on passage of H.R. 2668, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 364, on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 303, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 365, on passage of H. Res. 303, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 366, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 368, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 369, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 354 and 355, I missed these votes because my first flight was canceled, and my second flight was delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

17TH NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week close to 50,000 Boy Scouts and members of the Scouting community are gathering in Glen Jean, West Virginia for the 17th national Boy Scout Jamboree. This 10-day event features some of the most physically challenging events in its history, including rock climbing, rappelling, white water rafting and biking. The Jamboree is a monumental event for Scouting and is a highlight for the thousands of Scouts who attend.

The first Jamboree was held in 1937 in Washington, D.C. and featured more than 27,000 Scouts who camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, the Boy Scouts of America has held National Jamborees at several locations across the country, with the most recent in 2010 in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

As an Eagle Scout, I could not be more proud that the Mountain State is hosting the Jamboree for the very first time and will serve as the permanent home for the event in the coming years.

This week, thousands of Scouts from around the United States, their leaders and others have travelled to the new facility near the New River Gorge in beautiful Fayette County, West Virginia. The site, known as the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, will house Scouts, staff and adult leaders, who will enjoy the outdoors and test their abilities in a number of ways. During the Jamboree, the Summit will be the third largest city in West Virginia.

Also, because of its location in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia, physical activities will be more intense and will provide a more diverse terrain for Scouts of all ages. The Summit will challenge Scouts with programs

like BMX biking, climbing, whitewater rafting, and gliding along one of the fastest zip line courses in North America.

Construction of this permanent home for the national Boy Scout Jamboree has pumped nearly \$170 million into the West Virginia economy over the past four years.

The new home for the jamboree, sitting on 10,600 acres in a world-renowned adventure sports region, will undoubtedly provide a huge economic boost for the state and hopefully the participants will keep coming back to enjoy all our stunning state has to offer.

But the greatest impact the Summit will have will be on the thousands of Scouts and adults who participate. This type of impact may be not measured immediately, but will be felt for generations to come. I know that, first hand.

As an Eagle Scout from Troop 6 in Wheeling, W.Va., I can say that the lessons I learned as a young man in the Boy Scouts have stuck with me throughout my life and guided my decisions in my personal and professional career.

My experience in Scouting has helped shape who I am today.

Sadly, many of the values held true by the Scouts are sorely missing in society today. Too often, duty to God and country are not valued in our culture. That is why it is so vital that we help the Boy Scouts continue their mission.

For over 100 years the Boy Scouts have made this country a better place. More than 2.6 million Scouts are continuing to build character, promote physical, spiritual and mental growth, and acquire leadership skills for generations of young men. You can look no further than the 300,000 hours of community service that will be performed during the Jamboree to understand the positive impact Scouting has on its members and the community as a whole.

Now, the Boy Scouts of America have a brand new home to carry on their jamboree tradition in the beautiful state of West Virginia. We are also excited that for the first time in 52 years, the World Scout Jamboree will be held in the United States at this same site in 2019.

While thousands of Scouts are here to "Go Big, Get Wild," we welcome them to our beautiful country roads!

IN HONOR OF DAVE PLATT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Dave Platt, the owner of the Newtown Swim Club, in Newtown Township, Bucks County, has provided thousands of families with healthful recreational activities since 1983. Dave is closing the business and in this next chapter of his life, he plans to concentrate on his family and his health. We congratulate Dave as a man who has contributed so much to area youth and the community, overall. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he is a past member of the board of directors of Frankford Hospital, Northeast Federal Savings, The George School and the Bucks County Planning Commission. For many years he was the owner of the Somerton Springs Golf Centers where he held

the annual Richie Ashburn Golf Classic, raising over \$1 million for the Boy Scouts of America. Now, we wish Dave Platt and his family, a happy and successful future as we acknowledge his many contributions and, especially, the example he has set for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26TH AS
"NATIONAL ELECTRICAL
LINEWORKER APPRECIATION
DAY"

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I solemnly rise in memory of Marc Moore, a resident of my hometown of Lakeland, and a Florida electrical lineworker who was tragically killed while serving Floridians on August 26, 2002.

Lineworkers have one of the most dangerous occupations across our country. Utility companies throughout the United States employ over 100,000 electrical lineworkers. These individuals are some of the first people on the job after natural disasters, and are a critical component of maintaining our nation's infrastructure after hurricanes, blizzards, tornadoes, and earthquakes.

They are unsung heroes who literally put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing to our nation's homes, hospitals, military bases, schools, and churches.

Florida linemen not only respond to local and state emergencies; they travel to other states that experience weather related disasters to help restore service, such as the Alabama tornadoes and Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast.

Hardworking men and women, like Marc Moore, who is survived by his wife, Tracy, and two boys, risk their lives daily in dangerous circumstances to ensure reliable delivery of electricity to citizens across the state and across the country.

With that in mind, I would like to encourage my colleagues to join me in annually recognizing August 26th as "National Electrical Lineworker Appreciation Day."

WINTECH, INC., "MAKE IT IN
AMERICA" MANUFACTURER OF
THE WEEKMEMBER'S OFFICIAL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor WinTech, Inc., as the U.S. Commerce Department's "Make it in America" Manufacturer of the Week for July 1–5, 2013, as part of their National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP).

Founded in 1991, WinTech, Inc. custom manufactures high quality, cost-effective windows for metal and modular buildings. WinTech also manufactures access doors, view ports, and panels for the HVAC industry. The company recently added a new division

which produces an innovative series of commercial windows and PTAC Louvers for the construction industry.

Located in Monett, Missouri, for over twenty years, WinTech is an outstanding example of what the Manufacturing Extension Partnership aims to highlight. WinTech continues to develop innovative products, reach new markets, and create jobs through their company values of integrity, honesty, self discipline, and continuous improvement. It is these values that enable WinTech to live up to its mission of building quality, cost-effective products while striving each day to reach its full potential.

The ingenuity, creativity, and hard work of American manufacturers helped build our nation, and it is our manufacturers that are vital to keeping our nation strong. I am honored to recognize WinTech, Inc. for their contributions and outstanding work in being named the NIST MEP "Make it in America" Manufacturer of the Week. I am proud of the work they do and jobs they provide for Missourians in the 7th District.

REINTRODUCING THE NATIONAL
WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY
PROJECT ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project Act, co-sponsored by my upstate New York colleagues Representatives TOM REED, DAN MAFEI, and RICHARD HANNA. I originally worked with then-Senator HILLARY CLINTON to pass this bill into law in 2009. With the current authorization for the project set to expire this year, it is vital that Congress pass this reauthorization and ensure that the women who shaped our nation's history and fought for every woman's rights are remembered and honored for generations to come.

The National Women's Rights History Project will establish an auto route linking sites significant to the struggle for women's suffrage, known as the Votes for Women Trail. It will also add to the National Register of "Places Where Women Made History," a variety of historic sites that were home to pivotal moments in our nation's struggle for gender equality. Finally, this Project will establish a public-private partnership network to offer financial and technical assistance for educational programs about the history of the fight for women's rights.

On this day in 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Mary Ann M'Clintock convened the first women's rights convention at Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. This event marked the beginning of a 72-year struggle for women's suffrage. During the convention, 68 women and 32 men signed the Declaration of Sentiments, which set out radical notions such as women's freedom to own property, receive an education and earn fair wages.

I am especially proud that it was in Rochester, New York where Susan B. Anthony fought so hard for the rights that women throughout this country rely on today. Among her many efforts, Susan B. Anthony estab-

lished the Equal Rights Association to refute ideas that women were inferior to men and to fight for women's right to vote. She also fought to tear down the walls holding women back from higher education.

In 1880, a woman launched a brave petition to be the first female student at the University of Rochester. For almost twenty years, the petition was flatly denied—until 1898, when the University said that women would be allowed if they raised \$100,000 for the school. In today's terms, that is equal to \$2 million. By June of 1900 a group of women had managed to secure \$40,000, and the University decided that women would be allowed to enroll if they could raise another \$10,000 by September. Scrambling to reach the new goal, the women were \$8,000 short a day before the deadline. With hours remaining, Susan B. Anthony stepped forward and raised \$6,000 from friends and family before pledging her own life insurance policy to raise the final \$2,000 and throw open the doors of higher education in Rochester. Now, more than 100 years later, the University of Rochester is home to the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies—one of the pre-eminent educational institutions in the world.

These are the stories of incredible courage, dedication, and unyielding belief in equality that the National Women's Rights History Project is designed to honor.

The fight for women's rights and equality still continues today. It was just 93 years ago that women were finally granted the right to vote. The struggle for women's suffrage was never easy and it is vital that we honor the sacrifices and commitment of those who blazed the trail that led us here today, where a record number of women serve in the 113th Congress.

Reauthorizing the National Women's Rights History Project Act will ensure that this important civil rights story is celebrated for generations to come. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project.

LUNCH PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the problems created by the Healthy Hungry-Free Kids Act.

We are trying to balance the needs of hungry children against fighting childhood obesity in America. Kids including my three children, Toryn, Griffin, and Clark are not getting enough to eat because of athletic programs and physical education classes.

I am concerned that the food only requirements of this program are creating excessive waste and have put a financial burden on already cash strapped schools across the country. Many kids are rejecting these new menus and throwing their food away and going home hungry. While we need to look at the nutritional content of school lunches, we must also not forget the importance of physical education classes.

Illinois is currently the only state that requires students in kindergarten through high school to have PE every day. A combination

of good nutrition and exercise is essential to the health of our children.

That is why I would like to take this time to recognize and wish my children's junior high teacher Joe Champley a Happy Birthday. Joe has been a long time PE teacher in my hometown at Taylorville Jr. High School. Happy Birthday Mr. Joe!

CELEBRATING THE RED CAPS OF
THE SAINT PAUL UNION DEPOT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Red Caps who served generations of the traveling public at the Union Depot in Saint Paul, Minnesota. For many years, the Red Caps were the first faces that many travelers saw upon arriving in Minnesota's capital city. These welcoming and dedicated men performed an important role in Minnesota's transportation history and served a vital community role as well—as the backbone of Rondo neighborhood, historically home to many of Saint Paul's African-American families.

The hard work of the individuals who served as Red Caps can be traced to the end of the Civil War, when many former slaves found work on the railroad. The growth of our nation's railroads was made possible by the tireless work of these individuals. By the 1860s Pullman porters could be seen in the station greeting passengers, carrying luggage, serving food and beverages, tending to the sleeper bunks, cleaning, and even shining shoes. The duties of these porters eventually extended to the Red Caps by the time the original Saint Paul Union Depot opened in 1881. The Red Caps filled critical jobs not only on the trains, but in the stations as well, receiving small salaries and earned tips. Many of these men settled and raised families in Saint Paul's old Rondo neighborhood. The Red Caps created a solid African-American middle class in Saint Paul that has lasted well over 85 years until traveling preferences and diminished employment led to many of the Red Caps becoming sky caps at the airport and eventually to the closure of the Saint Paul Union Depot in 1971.

This weekend marks the 30th Anniversary of Rondo Days, a vibrant community festival. As part of this anniversary, the Red Caps will be honored and celebrated for their generations of contributions to the community.

Today Red Caps can still be seen working in several stations throughout the country, continuing their strong legacy. The re-opening of the Union Depot just this past year marks another wave of change in transportation for the region, the City of Saint Paul, and along with it a dedication to the Red Caps. As a child, I remember the Red Caps fondly, and was delighted to be present during the recent commemoration of the Red Cap Room at the Saint Paul Union Depot. It is an appropriate gift for those who gave so much to our community.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Red Caps, I am pleased to submit this statement to recognize their hard work and contributions to the Rondo neighborhood and the city of Saint Paul.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MOVIE THEATER SHOOTING IN
AURORA, COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will mark the one-year anniversary of the movie theater shootings in Aurora, Colorado. The 12 killed and 82 injured never thought the midnight screening of a movie would end in violence.

We stand here today as members of the Colorado delegation to remember and honor the victims of this tragedy.

And we stand here today to honor the strength and resilient spirit Coloradans have shown in the wake of an event that sent shockwaves around the world.

The victims included children, members of the military, and people from across Colorado and the country. As accounts of the shooting began to come out, we heard more and more stories of heroics from those inside the theater.

People jumped up to shield their loved ones from harm, putting their lives on the line to save the lives of others. Complete strangers helped bring the wounded outside to safety. And first responders reacted quickly and worked urgently to save lives.

These are the people we honor today, who, in the face of evil, showed true courage.

Mr. Speaker, we will never forget the events of July 20th, 2012. And we will never forget the lives and legacies of those who lost their lives that day.

HONORING RESIDENTS OF THE
NEW JERSEY 1ST CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT KILLED IN AC-
TION OVERSEAS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and sacrifice of sixteen of my constituents who have been killed in action overseas and were recently honored at the Harleigh Cemetery this past Memorial Day: Corporal Terry P. Allen, Lance Corporal Curtis Christensen, Captain Gregory Dalessio, Specialist Anthony J. Dixon, Sergeant Michael Egan, Private First Class Adam Froehlick, Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr., Sergeant Jeremy Kane, Lieutenant Jason Mann, Captain Maria Ortiz, Captain Charles D. Robinson, Corporal Marc T. Ryan, Lieutenant Colonel John C. Spahr, Petty Officer First Class David M. Tapper, Staff Sergeant Joseph Weiglein, and Private Robert White. They join the ranks of countless Americans before them who fought on behalf of this country. These sixteen service members gave their lives in service not only to New Jersey, but the nation as a whole. They will not be forgotten.

Since before this country was even founded, young Americans have stepped forward to defend its ideals. They have fought with distinction in every corner of the globe. From the beaches of Normandy to the deserts of the

Middle East, they have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of freedom. Unfortunately, not all have returned.

These young service members laid down their lives in the preservation of liberty. They chose to devote themselves to the defense of this country and its people. The patriotism and resolve displayed by these sixteen men and women stand as a model for the rest of us. Their service should be mirrored; their sacrifice honored.

Mr. Speaker, the decision of these young men and women to serve their country will not go unrecognized, nor will their sacrifice fade from memory. I want to personally extend my condolences to their loved ones, who have also sacrificed greatly. We as a nation owe these sixteen brave men and women, and their families, a deep debt of gratitude.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEST
WESTERN ROUTE 66 RAIL HAVEN
MOTEL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel, located in Springfield, Missouri.

Founded in 1938, the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel has a long and storied history of serving Southwest Missouri and travelers from all over the United States. Brothers Elwyn and Lawrence Lippman built the original motel on their grandfather's apple orchard located on the eastern city limits of Springfield and Route 66. From 1938 and on, the Lippman brothers continued to expand their motel to accompany more customers. In 1948, the Best Western motel chain was founded and Lawrence began to serve on their board of directors in 1951, making Rail Haven part of the Best Western family. The motel is the oldest continually operating national branded Best Western hotel on Route 66 and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Throughout the next half century, Rail Haven and the City of Springfield saw vast growth and change. In 1994, local Certified Public Accountant Gordon A. Elliott acquired the property and through his vision and leadership, the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel extensively remodeled and upgraded its facilities. Today vintage gas pumps and classic cars can be found on the Rail Haven grounds, which shed light on the motel's humble beginnings.

Through Gordon's hard work, innovation, and leadership, Rail Haven has seen tremendous success in recent decades. In fact, Gordon was recognized as the 2013 Springfieldian by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel has a very distinct honor to be one of the original Route 66 motels. A very few number of these motels were part of the national chain, and it is very rare to find one that retains that affiliation to this day. I am honored to recognize the Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven Motel for its steadfast hard work and dedication over the past 75 years and look forward to watching its success for years to come.

HONORING THE RE-LAUNCH OF
THE CHARLES W. MORGAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the re-launching of the *Charles W. Morgan* this weekend at the Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

The *Morgan*, a 172-year-old whaling vessel, was built and launched from New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1841. For more than 200 years, vessels like her were the economic backbone of New England. Since its retirement from the whaling industry in 1921, the *Morgan* has served as a living artifact and a testament to the ingenuity, risk, and entrepreneurship of the United States. Today, the *Morgan* is a National Historic Landmark vessel, the only remaining wooden whaleship in the world, and the oldest commercial vessel in the United States.

The *Morgan* has completed a 5-year, multi-million dollar restoration at the Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport and the Sea and will be relaunched this weekend. Individuals and organizations from 22 States have contributed materials and expertise to make this launch possible. From educational curriculum to whaleboats, research to anchors, the contributions to the restoration of the *Morgan* represent a truly national effort and will help make the *Morgan's* mission that much more meaningful. The reach of these efforts touch literally every region and corner of our nation, with contributions from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Next summer, the *Morgan* will embark on a ceremonial 38th voyage, embarking on a new mission devoted to history, education, science, and ocean awareness. Most notably, the *Morgan* will sail with the wood from trees blown down from recent hurricanes in her frame and decks—giving new life to these trees as the *Morgan* embarks on her own new life. For instance, live Oak wood from trees in Texas damaged in Hurricane Ike is used in the ship's frame, live oak trees from Florida blown down in Hurricane Ivan, White Oak and White Pine wood blown down by Hurricane Sandy in New York, and live Oak wood from trees in Mississippi damaged during Hurricane Katrina. That we can turn the devastation of these storms in to a positive outcome that will have lasting impact is a unique and special part of this weekend's ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, there is an understandably high level of excitement for this weekend's festivities and the *Morgan's* upcoming mission of education, exploration and discovery next summer. I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering our congratulations to the Mystic Seaport and all those who made the restoration of the *Morgan* possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON COOPER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ron Cooper as he retires from Access Sacramento. As his family, friends and colleagues all gather to celebrate his outstanding career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Mr. Cooper's decades of service.

Mr. Cooper selflessly served the Sacramento media, television and radio community for 26 years at the non-profit organization, Access Sacramento. For more than 22 of those years, he was its executive director. Under his leadership, Access Sacramento became nationally recognized as a pioneer in media technology and advocate for voicing unheard, marginalized voices and opinions.

Access Sacramento has succeeded in providing important and timely ideas, thoughts, sights, and sounds, especially for minority programs that commercial and public television and radio did not find economically viable. Mr. Cooper founded and cultivated the annual "A Place Called Sacramento" film festival, which supports local filmmaking and offers training, coaching and production assistance to community filmmakers.

Mr. Cooper also gave a voice to the youth of Sacramento by creating Neighborhood News Bureaus, which initiated ingenious methods of newsgathering and collaborations with neighborhood community centers through the implementation of current media technology and training. He also worked with college students from Cosumnes River College, high school students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, creating and fostering cooperative training arrangements to provide practical media production experience and opportunities in media careers. Mr. Cooper's tireless service enriched our democratic values by offering voter education programming during election cycles.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ron Cooper, who has served the Sacramento community and its people for more than two decades. His service has greatly contributed to the community and ensured the exercise of free speech. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this man whose leadership has strengthened and broadened Sacramento's very best attributes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, on consideration of H.R. 5, I am not recorded because I was absent due to medically mandated recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of the bill.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH M. POTENZA
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of Mr. Joseph M. Potenza of the District of Columbia, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law. At the helm of this esteemed organization, Mr. Potenza has brought a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership—leaving a profound impression on our country's intellectual property laws.

Mr. Potenza, partner with the firm of Banner & Witcoff, LLP, will end his one-year term as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law in early August. With thirty-eight years' of experience as an intellectual property law practitioner, Mr. Potenza's current practice focuses on litigation, counseling on patent and copyright matters, and preparation and prosecution of patent and copyright applications.

Mr. Potenza graduated with honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree followed by a Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University's law school in 1975. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Potenza has served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, the ABA Standing Committee on Publication Oversight, the ABA House of Delegates, and as Chair of the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law, and the ABA Young Lawyers Division. He was also a past President of the Patent Lawyers Club of Washington, and Master of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court.

Additionally, Mr. Potenza's remarkable achievements have led to his being listed in Euromoney's recent "Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners." He is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in intellectual property law, as well as recent editions of The International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers and Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. In 2009, Mr. Potenza was selected by Washingtonian Magazine as a "Top Lawyer," a designation that represents the top one percent of attorneys in the Washington D.C. area.

During his year as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, Mr. Potenza guided the Section's work on complex IP policy issues to be considered for adoption by the ABA House of Delegates as ABA policy and subsequently presented in the form of amicus briefs to both the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Potenza has led efforts within the ABA to develop IP policy submissions to several international government agencies in Europe and China. He has also championed the Section's participation on international delegations, global roundtables, and national and regional liaison efforts all aimed at fostering these relationships and expanding the Section's global reach. At the same time, he spearheaded efforts to provide commentary on IP policy on numerous occasions to U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Copyright Office, the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S.

Customs and Border Protection and the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Mr. Potenza's tenure as Section Chair comes to an end in early August, and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the successful tenure of Mr. Joseph M. Potenza as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law and applaud his determined efforts to improve the legal process and promote intellectual property law across the nation and around the world.

LANCASTER HEROES

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today, I come to the floor to recognize two young heroes from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Last week, a young five-year-old girl was abducted from her front yard by a stranger, an older man who turned out to be a previously convicted sex offender.

The police and folks across the neighborhood quickly organized a search.

Temar Boggs and Chris Garcia set out on their bikes with other friends.

When the boys spotted a suspicious car wandering through their development, they checked it out and saw the young girl inside.

They relentlessly chased the driver on their bikes for 15 furious minutes.

Recognizing that the boys wouldn't give up, the man let her out of the car and drove away.

She immediately ran to the boys asking for her mother.

They safely brought her back home, and while they might not think of themselves as heroes, they certainly are.

Thanks to Temar and Chris, the girl is home and the suspect is now in custody.

and women of Carl Junction High School for winning the Destination Imagination Global Finals.

The Destination Imagination Challenge is a global competition where students from all over the world imagine, create, and develop solutions to world problems in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, fine arts, and service learning. The problem solving competition is held over a four day period at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville where 1,200 local, state, and regional winners from 45 states and 13 countries gather to compete in the global competition.

The Carl Junction team put their device against 66 other teams competing in the area of wind energy and bested them all, including teams from Mexico, Singapore, China, Turkey, and South Korea.

These outstanding world champion students include seniors JW Keckley, Parker Fitzgerald, Carter Richardson, Nate Demery, Morgan Ross, Julie Jones, and junior Abigail Danley. Through the team's hard work, dedication, and guidance from their gifted education teacher, Lori Good, the team was able to extensively research wind energy and incorporate the research into a technical device and presentation. Team member Parker Fitzgerald stated, "The technical device was essentially a reduced-friction neodymium-magnet motor powered by compressed air. The device utilized the properties of magnets to precipitate motion without any physical contact between gears."

In addition to the global championship, the team also placed first in Destination Imagination's Instant Challenge. In this challenge, teams apply their quick-thinking problem solving skills to create solutions to challenges they have never seen before in as little as five minutes.

I am proud of the job these brilliant young men and women performed. This is the first time a Missouri team at the elementary, middle level, or high school level has placed first at Destination Imagination Global Finals.

firefighters from California's 36th Congressional District, William Warneke and Chris MacKenzie, who lost their lives tragically in the line of duty.

William "Billy" Warneke grew up in Hemet, California, where he attended Hemet High School. As a student, he enrolled in the Junior Air Force ROTC, and served four years in the United States Marine Corps, including a tour in Iraq. When Billy returned from serving his country, he went to school in Tucson, Arizona, utilizing his hard earned veteran education benefits. While at school, he attended fire training and became a firefighter with the Prescott Fire Department. As a firefighter in Prescott, Arizona, Billy was a member of the highly trained, elite Granite Mountain Hotshots, who placed their lives on the line every day. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, Billy Warneke was fighting the 13-square-mile Yarnell Hill Fire when was overrun and perished with 18 other members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. Billy was only 25 years old, leaving behind his wife Roxanne and their baby due to be born in December. Billy's death cut short a brave and selfless life of service, but he died just as he lived—serving with honor and protecting the lives of others.

Chris MacKenzie grew up in the San Jacinto Valley in Riverside County, California, and graduated from Hemet High School in 2001. Chris loved snowboarding and dreamed of becoming a firefighter like his father, and worked hard to achieve that dream. Chris joined the United States Forest Service in 2004, and in 2011 transferred to the Prescott Fire Department. As a firefighter there, he served in the elite Granite Mountain Hotshots, who placed their lives on the line every day. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, Chris MacKenzie was fighting the 13-square-mile Yarnell Hill Fire when he was overrun and perished with 18 other members of the Granite Hotshots. He was 30 years old, leaving behind his mother, Lauri Goralski, and his father, Michael MacKenzie, as well as family members and friends. Chris died just as he lived—protecting the public from a dangerous fire.

These two brave young men died before their time. They were heroic public servants and upstanding members of the communities they gave their lives to serve. They were honorable, passionate men who devoted themselves to their country, their duty, and their family. Their service and lives are to be commended. Their memories will live on in the people whose lives they inspired and their final act of sacrifice.

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HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate seven young men

IN MEMORY OF TWO FALLEN
FIREFIGHTERS

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to make a statement in memory of two brave