

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE 15 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE TAHOE TRUCKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation for 15 years of service to the community. The Foundation began with a generous gift of one million dollars from William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett Packard. It was his vision and commitment that challenged other individuals to dedicate time and resources to help promote philanthropy. Today, more than 3,000 donors have distributed millions of dollars to local nonprofits, improving the quality of life in this historic and beautiful region.

The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million in grants to the community. The most recent project, the Community House, opens this fall and will serve as a long-term community wellness center. The House will provide a variety of services including professional counseling and enrichment classes to help individuals become more self-reliant.

It is the initiative of private citizens to improve the quality of life for all that has earned the Foundation national recognition by the Council on Foundations as one of the top community organizations in the entire nation. This honor attests to the vibrancy of the group and the importance of the Foundation's deeds.

As John Adams put it, the success of this organization is the "result of good heads prompted by good hearts." May the good hearts of the many donors and volunteers continue to make the name of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation a beacon for all those in need and an enduring example for those who work to make our cities, states, and the nation better for all. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and thank the Foundation for its years of service to our community.

### IN RECOGNITION OF C. WAITMAN TAYLOR AND HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

#### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of C. Waitman Taylor, Jr. Born and raised in Lewisport, Kentucky, Waitman has continued the Taylor family legacy by serving Hancock and Daviess Counties in a variety of ways.

Waitman is retiring as Executive Director of Owensboro Health's Foundation for Health. Nearly 86 years old, Waitman has over 60

years in the workforce along with serving in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a captain of the U.S. Air Force reserves in 1966. The list of titles and duties are long, but his distinguished career is truly one to be acknowledged.

Waitman has served in his current role since 2002. Prior to that, Waitman served as an industry official at institutions such as L.R. Chapman Inc., General Electric Co. and Texas Gas Transmission. He was also elected Mayor of Owensboro, a position he held from 1972–1976, after serving as Mayor Pro-Tem for two years.

Waitman's roles go beyond industry and elected office. Waitman served in numerous board positions for the University of Louisville, Murray State University and 30 years with Brescia University receiving honorary doctorate in 1976. Waitman's list of community and fundraising activities are equally as impressive, serving in a variety of leadership positions at the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Foundation, Junior Achievement, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport and Industry Inc., now known as Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. Waitman was the co-founder and chairman of Community Foundation of Owensboro-Daviess County. And he was a member of the first Leadership Kentucky class in 1985.

It should come as no surprise that Waitman's achievements have been recognized with numerous awards. In 1958, Waitman was named Owensboro's Outstanding Young Man. Hancock County Historical Society named him Historian of the Year in 2012. In January 2013, when the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday they named Waitman as their Chamber Member of the Century.

Quoted in Owensboro's Messenger Inquirer, Waitman said, "Looking back, if I had retired at 65, I wouldn't have met and worked with all these wonderful people in the last 21 years." I can tell you that sentiment is shared. It has been a true pleasure working with Waitman and I join the people of Kentucky's Second District in thanking him for his contributions. Please accept my best wishes and blessings for Waitman and his family.

### A TRIBUTE TO JAMES WATTS

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague Representative STEVEN PALAZZO, to honor James Watts for his many years of service to the community. Born in 1919 in McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Watts has dedicated his career to public service. His children and stepchildren have followed in their parent's footsteps and have been leaders in their own right throughout the United States.

During World War II, Mr. Watts defended his country by tracking German submarines as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Later, in civilian life, he would go on to hold executive board positions in both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America organizations.

Mr. Watts' passion for volunteerism speaks volumes about his character. While he lived in Grand Junction, Colorado, he volunteered as an EMT and then a paramedic for what is now St. Mary's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. Upon relocation to Gulfport, Mississippi, Mr. Watts taught CPR and First Aid for the American Red Cross and various organizations around the country, which is a testament to his devotion to the well-being of the communities he has visited.

Perhaps one of his biggest accomplishments was in 1956 while he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. As a mine safety engineer in New Mexico, Mr. Watts noticed a uranium boom town of more than 10,000 residents who were living without access to a local hospital for emergency services. With ambition and selflessness, he took it upon himself to spearhead organization efforts for the creation of Cibola General Hospital, which has been committed to serving the medical needs of the community since 1959. Ever since, patients continue to be saved, the critically ill continue to be treated, and 24-hour emergency care is still available to the community.

Now at 94 years old, Mr. Watts resides with his wife, Barbara, in Gulfport, Mississippi. Although he is retired, the organizations and community projects developed under his leadership are still in operation today. I believe Mr. Watts' life is a great example of generosity and devotion to the greater good of society. We can all learn from Mr. Watt's inspiring story of public service. I join my colleagues in recognizing and thanking Mr. Watts for his life of service. We wish him, his wife Barbara, and their children Susan, Rick, Jane, Danette, and Paul all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for continuing their father's legacy of noble service to the community.

### RECOGNIZING BRYON MAZADE'S NINETEEN YEARS AS CITY MANAGER OF MUSKEGON

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryon Mazade and his over 19 years of commendable service to Muskegon, Michigan as their city manager.

Bryon grew up in Muskegon and graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School. After earning a Master's in Public Administration from Western Michigan University, Bryon stayed in West Michigan to serve his community. He quickly

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earned a reputation in West Michigan as a hard-working and reliable city manager for both Coopersville and Newaygo. Bryon had the opportunity to return to his hometown of Muskegon in 1994 and has served as the city manager ever since.

Muskegon is a place where families and businesses can thrive. A city of 38,000 people and 1,100 businesses, Muskegon is representative of Michigan as a manufacturing hub, popular beach-town, and close knit community. Bryon certainly played a large roll in making Muskegon what it is today.

During his 19 years as the city manager for Muskegon, Bryon tackled challenging projects that revitalized his hometown. To name just a few, Bryon oversaw the implementation of the Muskegon Lake Express, Lake Michigan's first high-speed, cross lake ferry. He also spearheaded improvements to L.C. Walker Arena, helped establish two Grand Valley State University facilities in Muskegon, developed Shoreline Drive and Bluffton Bay Estates, created many beautiful miles of bike trails, and encouraged countless other redevelopment projects, improving the economy while showcasing Muskegon's natural beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Bryon recently announced that he will retire in October, capping 19 notable years as the Muskegon City Manager. His tenure in a position that rarely has longevity, speaks volumes about his managing skills and ability to work with Commissioners and staff for the good of the people. While Bryon will no longer be Muskegon's City Manager, he will continue to play a prominent roll in the city that he dedicated decades to.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring City Manager of Muskegon Bryon Mazade for his great service in Muskegon and throughout West Michigan.

#### A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SIEV

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Robert Siev of South Pasadena, California, a kind, brave and highly respected man.

Robert was born on April 6, 1926, in Germany. During the Holocaust, at the age of thirteen, he and some of his family escaped by boarding a moving train in Lithuania, getting their visas stamped by Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara, and then jumping off of that train. After a dangerous flight across Russia, they eventually made it to America. Having lost much of his family to the Holocaust, including his younger brother Jonah, Robert was eternally grateful to the United States for permitting his family to emigrate, live freely and for the educational opportunities the United States afforded.

The Sievs came to the United States and settled in New York, where Robert attended New York University. During this time period, he taught himself English, joined the Army, and became a United States citizen. Robert moved to Philadelphia and while at Penn State University, in 1943, he met the love of his life, Beatrice (Bea) Spector. Robert and

Bea got married and in 1946, their daughter Carol was born. In 1955, Robert moved his family to South Pasadena, California, where he and Bea became active in the community.

A chemical engineer by trade, Robert worked for renowned engineering companies CF Braun, Aerojet General, and Bechtel from which he retired. In his volunteer life, Robert was involved in all aspects of the South Pasadena community. Generous with his time and money, he was active in the South Pasadena Educational Foundation—which supports the city's schools, interested in city politics, and he was a staunch “freeway fighter” in the effort to stop the 710 freeway extension through South Pasadena. Robert was a steadfast supporter of Israel and was proud of the accomplishments made by the Jewish people. He was very involved in his temple, Temple Beth Israel in Highland Park, and was a continuous contributor to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Holocaust Museum. In addition, Mr. Siev was also occasionally the featured guest speaker at various organizations, where he would speak about his own experiences during the Holocaust.

Robert passed away on July 6, 2013, and is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Beatrice, daughter Carol, brother-in-law Ellis, son-in-law Stuart, grandchildren Lisa and Daniel, and one great-grand daughter Shana. I ask all members to join me in remembering Robert Siev, a true treasure to the South Pasadena and greater Los Angeles community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JESSE EDWARDS GREEN

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a dear friend, Colonel Jesse Edwards Green. Col. Green passed away at the age of 90 in Windermere, Florida, on June 30, 2013.

Col. Green was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 30, 1922, to the late Claire and Jesse Green. As the son of a career Army officer, he followed in his father's footsteps and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. In 1946, he graduated from West Point with his Army Air Corps pilot wings and was assigned to the Air Force's first all jet squadron. In January 1947, Col. Green married the love of his life, former Caroline Bailey, and started a family which grew to four children.

Col. Green's 30-year military career included over 120 combat missions in Korea, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two tours in Vietnam. He also graduated as a test pilot from the Air Force Flight Test School at Edwards Air Force Base in California and was among the first Air Force pilots to fly above 50,000 feet in the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. His bravery, dedication and sacrifice to our nation will not be forgotten.

In 1976, after retiring from the Air Force, Col. Green and his wife moved to Windermere, Florida. During retirement, they both enjoyed water skiing, cooking and gardening together. Today, their papayas are legendary on Second Avenue in downtown

Windermere. Col. Green was also a beloved friend, board member and construction volunteer of the Edgewood Children's Ranch and West Orange Habitat for Humanity. For 37 years, he volunteered alongside many friends and neighbors building homes and varieties of construction projects. The numerous contributions that Col. Green made to his community, along with his legacy of hard work, strength and love he leaves behind to his children and grandchildren will be forever cherished.

He was a loving and dedicated father, son, brother, grandfather, and uncle. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, my prayers and condolences go out to his loving wife of 67 years Caroline, his daughters Patricia, Molly, and Judy, son Mike, grandchildren Leon, Cannon-Marie, Cody, Kyra, Serafina, Tyler, Evan, Kellen, Caitlin, and Michael, sister-in-law Anne Bailey, and many beloved nieces and nephews. May God bless them through this time of remembrance.

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN SOMALIA

### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the people and Government of Turkey.

On July 27, 2013, their embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia was attacked by three suicide bombers. Two security guards and a Somali student lost their lives in the explosions, while several members of the embassy staff were also injured. An al-Qaida-linked, Somali militant group named al-Shabab has claimed responsibility for the attack. This serves as a stark reminder that al-Qaida remains strong throughout the Middle East and Africa and needs to be confronted at every turn.

Turkey has been a force for good in Somalia and is actively involved with Somalia's reconstruction. Turkish aid workers have been assisting Somali authorities to rebuild their war torn country by undertaking development projects, including street renovations and the construction of schools. Furthermore, Turkey continues to strengthen commercial ties with Somalia to help boost its economy.

Mr. Speaker, I share the Obama administration's condemnation of this attack and express my condolences in the strongest terms possible.

#### HONORING DANIEL WEICKENAND

### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Daniel Weickenand on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Weickenand is the President and CEO of Orion Federal Credit Union in Memphis, Tennessee. He earned his BA in accounting

and MBA from the University of Texas in San Antonio. He practiced public accounting before devoting more than 20 years to the credit union industry. Prior to his service at Orion Federal Credit Union, where he oversaw a complete brand overhaul from Memphis Area Teacher's Credit Union, Mr. Weickenand served as the Chief Financial Officer at FedEx Employees Credit Association.

In addition to his expertise in financial services, Mr. Weickenand is actively involved in the Memphis community in various charitable capacities and is currently serving as treasurer for the Memphis in May International Festival Board of Directors.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Weickenand will bring a tremendous amount of expertise to the NAFCU Board. I wish Mr. Weickenand the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this achievement.

HONORING ANDREW JAMES  
FARNEN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew James Farnen. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 24 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow, and led his troop as the Junior Assistant Scout Master and Senior Patrol Leader. Andrew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Andrew designed and constructed a sandbox for a new outdoor classroom at Burr Oaks Nature Center in Blue Springs, Missouri. Andrew cut down trees for logs, cleared the area for the sandbox, constructed and filled the sandbox, and landscaped the area surrounding the sandbox for the Nature Center.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew James Farnen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF COLONEL GEORGE EVERETT "BUD" DAY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of one of America's greatest warriors, Colonel George Everett "Bud" Day. Colonel Day was a proud resident

of Northwest Florida where he retired from the United States Air Force after courageously serving our Nation with honor and distinction in three wars across four decades.

Colonel Day's service began in 1942 when he voluntarily joined the United States Marine Corps and subsequently served 30 months in the South Pacific Theater during World War II as a non-commissioned officer. Following the War, Colonel Day attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa earning a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctor of Humane Letters. He also earned a Master of Arts degree from St. Louis University, a Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota, and a Doctor of Laws from Troy State University. Colonel Day was also admitted to practice law in South Dakota and Florida.

After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Colonel Day continued his quest to serve our Nation when he joined the Air National Guard after receiving a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1950. In 1951, Colonel Day was called to active duty in the United States Air Force and entered Undergraduate Pilot Training. Following his graduation from training, Colonel Day served two tours in the Far East as a fighter bomber pilot during the Korean War.

In April 1967, Colonel Day was assigned to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Tuy Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. He later moved to Phu Cat Air Base where he organized and became the Commander of Detachment 1 of the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron also known as the "Misty Super FAC's." This new unit flew two-seated F-100F Super Sabre aircraft in a pioneering top secret mission as Fast Forward Air Controllers operating inside many high threat areas of Vietnam and Laos.

On August 26, 1967, flying under the call sign "Misty-01" and after flying more than five thousand hours defending our great Nation, Colonel Day was shot down over North Vietnam and began sixty-seven long and brutal months as a Prisoner of War. Despite severe injuries from his ejection over enemy territory and repeated torture, Colonel Day was always defiant to his captors who labeled him a "hard resistor" and often singled him out for exceptionally harsh treatment. During one such event in which Colonel Day participated in a forbidden religious service amongst his fellow prisoners, Colonel Day defiantly stared down the Vietnamese guards who tried to stop the service ultimately singing our National Anthem in protest. Colonel Day's resistance, leadership, and bravery in the face of deadly enemy pressure saved the lives of countless fellow aviators who were still flying over Vietnam, and he served as an inspiration to his fellow servicemembers who were also held as Prisoners of War.

In March 14, 1973 Colonel Day was released after an unimaginable two thousand twenty-eight days of captivity. His heroism, determination, and courage were further echoed by the presentation of our Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford on March 6, 1976.

Colonel Day retired from the Air Force on December 9, 1977 as the Vice Commander of the great 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. By the end of his career, Colonel Day was the Air Force's most highly decorated officer having been awarded nearly seventy military decorations and awards with an astounding fifty earned for actions in combat.

A patriot in the truest sense of the word, Colonel Day never stopped looking out for his brothers in arms.

Following his retirement, Colonel Day continued to be a very passionate and active leader in the community and throughout the Nation. Colonel Day had a very successful law practice often championing veterans and military retiree issues. His leadership was instrumental in protecting the earned health care benefits of military retirees both in litigation before the federal court system and through his successful advocacy of the Congress which ultimately resulted in the restoration of military medical benefits.

Colonel Day's most important legacy is that of a family man and as a great neighbor and friend to so many in our community. Colonel Day's enduring impact on his community and Nation will be felt for generations to come. Though many have bravely served their country before Colonel Day, and many continue to honorably serve, few have endured as much as Bud Day for duty, honor, and love of country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life and service of an American hero, Colonel George Everett "Bud" Day. Our community and countless others will miss his unwavering perseverance and optimism, but his legacy will endure for years to come. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to Colonel Day's wife, Doris; their four children, Steven; George, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel (USAF retired); Sonja; and Sandra; their four-teen grandchildren; and the entire Day family.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

The House on the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2397, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY2014. I commend Chairmen ROGERS and YOUNG and Ranking Members LOWEY and VISCLOSKEY for crafting a bipartisan bill that both strengthens the security of our nation and provides for vital programs that benefit our men and women in uniform and their civilian colleagues.

I am particularly encouraged that the bipartisan amendment I offered with Rep. MULVANEY, Rep. COFFMAN, and Rep. MURPHY was adopted and included in final passage. Our amendment ensures that the account to fund our operations in Afghanistan and overseas contingency operations will not become a slush fund for unrequested defense spending. The FY2014 funding for the war in Afghanistan and other overseas contingencies is at the level the DoD and military leaders say is necessary for the mission, and the underlying bill had originally provided \$5 billion more than our military leaders say is needed for overseas contingency operations (OCO). Our

amendment eliminates \$3.5 billion of the excess funds. It provides sufficient funds to fully meet the President's FY 2014 request for the war in Afghanistan and other overseas contingences, as well as an additional \$1.5 billion to address any shortfalls in Guard and Reserve Equipment Modernization.

I am also pleased that this legislation fully funds the Sexual Assault and Prevention Office (SAPRO) at \$156.5 million and includes a new provision establishing dismissal or dishonorable discharge as a minimum mandatory sentence for individuals subject to a Uniformed Code of Military Justice court-martial. In addition, I strongly support an amendment that Rep. SPEIER introduced—and which was adopted—that provides increased funding to train investigators to properly investigate sexual assault related offenses.

I also support Rep. BONAMICI's amendment in support of preserving the 34 C-23 Sherpa aircraft operated by the Army National Guard. These aircraft are vital to the Maryland National Guard and I am pleased that this amendment was adopted. I also strongly support the provision that fully funds the request of \$220.3 million for Iron Dome and includes \$173 million above the request of \$95.8 million for the Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs.

Lastly, I support the amendment which would require the Executive Branch to receive Congressional approval before taking any military action in Syria. This reinforces the role of Congress in making decisions that would put our men and women in the Armed Forces at risk.

With regards to Congressman AMASH's amendment, I have submitted a separate statement for the record to address that vote.

While I voted for this defense bill, I do so with reservations. This bill deprives deserving employees of the Department of Defense of a modest cost-of-living adjustment by denying them of a 1 percent COLA proposed by the Administration. It is unreasonable to ask federal employees, who have already disproportionately sacrificed for deficit reduction, to bear the burden again.

This legislation also includes a misguided provision which would continue funding restrictions that prohibit the construction or modification of a detention facility in the United States to house Guantanamo detainees, and would constrain DoD's ability to transfer Guantanamo detainees, including those who have already been designated for transfer to other countries. Unfortunately, Representative MORAN's amendment to lift the prohibition on using funds to transfer or release any individual detained at Guantanamo Bay was rejected. This legislation also contains provisions which ignore DoD recommendations and blocks the Administration's ability to retire aging and unnecessary military aircraft, including the C-130 AMP, when less expensive options are readily available.

While I support the funding level contained in the Defense Appropriations bill, I strongly oppose the overall House Republican Budget. That budget would dramatically cut our investments in education, scientific research, infrastructure, Head Start, Meals on Wheels, and programs to provide and supply for the most vulnerable. I strongly support President Obama's position that we will not boost defense spending at the expense of the other investments needed to support economic

growth. After all, our national security is directly tied to the strength of our economy and putting Americans back to work.

For these reasons, I support President Obama's threat to veto final passage of this legislation unless it "passes the Congress in the context of an overall budget framework that supports our recovery and enables sufficient investments in education, infrastructure, innovation and national security for our economy to compete in the future." However, it is my hope that these issues will be resolved in conference with the Senate and that I will be able to support its final passage.

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS VAN HOLLEN REGARDING CONGRESSMAN AMASH'S AMENDMENT H. AMDT. 413 TO THE FY14 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT (H.R. 2397)

We must protect the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans. While we must ensure that our nation has the necessary and appropriate tools to protect itself, we must also ensure that those tools do not undermine the very liberties we seek to protect. I have always been a staunch defender of the 4th Amendment, and have long opposed the broad language in Section 215 of the so-called PATRIOT Act (along with the similarly broad language in Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act). In fact, I voted against the reauthorization of Section 215 in 2011 and Section 702 in 2012. I am pleased that others are now joining the conversation in seeking to amend and improve these sections.

I voted against the Amash amendment because I did not believe that it was the most comprehensive and effective way to address this important issue. I have opposed Section 215 because the "tangible items" authority and the "relevance" standard are overly broad and subject to potential abuse. These definitions need to be narrowed. Also problematic is the fact that recipients of Section 215 orders are required to wait a year before challenging a nondisclosure order. Additionally, I oppose the provision that allows the government to use secret evidence to oppose judicial challenges to a Section 215 order. Finally, when Congress reauthorized this section in 2005, it made permanent the authorization for the use of National Security Letters (NSLs), which are surveillance tools used to obtain certain types of communications and financial records. I opposed this measure, and have advocated for amendments that would reintroduce sunsets (i.e. established dates upon which these authorities expire so we can hold agencies accountable) for NSLs and require Inspector General audits on the use of NSLs and other "tangible item" orders. The use of these orders should also be publically reported to increase transparency and oversight.

I am interested in reforming Section 215 and its legislative language in a manner that addresses all of these issues, creating a workable solution that can serve as a foundation for our national security efforts while upholding the 4th Amendment protections in the Constitution for this and future administrations. Unfortunately, the Amash amendment did not address any of these important issues. Rather, it focused on a narrow issue that has been the subject of much misinformation. I worry that this piecemeal approach to amending this law could both hamper our national security efforts in the near-term while creating inconsistent policies in the long-term because of laws enacted at different periods of time on different legislative vehicles (such as an appropriations bill). I am also concerned about unintended consequences; for example, under the Amash

amendment, the FBI would have been unable to obtain an individual order for records from an associate of someone under investigation for terrorism activities. This is an example of the policy implications that can arise when complex issues are addressed in a hasty, non-deliberative process.

My biggest concern since the disclosure of particular aspects of these programs by Edward Snowden has been with respect to the standards in place that control how and when the government can request access to the content of Americans' communications. I asked pointed questions on this issue at recent intelligence briefings on these programs and I am confident that any access to the content of communications within a program authorized under Section 215 does require an individualized warrant from a judge. These warrants are not issued unless the government has shown probable cause that the identified individual is an agent of a foreign power or a potential terrorist.

I will continue my efforts to improve Section 215 (along with the other problematic sections of the PATRIOT Act and FISA). We must introduce more accountability, transparency, and checks and balances into these laws. That is why I am a co-sponsor of the Ending Secret Law Act (H.R. 2475) and the Presidential Appointment of FISA Court Judges Act (H.R. 2671). These bills would make important reforms to the FISA Court by shining a light on the secretive rulings it issues that significantly construct or interpret the law, along with ensuring that the judges who sit on that court are appointed by the President and subject to a public confirmation process in the Senate (currently, they are only chosen by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court). There should be no institution in our country with the power to create secret laws.

Finally, I am pleased that the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board finally has a confirmed Chairman (David Medine) and has announced plans to release a report on the legality of the NSA FISA programs and their impact on civil liberties. We pushed for the creation of this Board to serve as a crucial check to the government's authority with respect to these activities. I had been discouraged by the lack of operational progress of this Board since its establishment by Congress in 2004, and it is my hope that this Board will now begin to more forcefully exercise its oversight role (through its access to classified documents and FISA Court opinions).

As a Member of Congress who opposed the reauthorization of Section 215 of the so-called PATRIOT Act, I will continue to press for comprehensive changes to this and other provisions. However, we must do so in a way that addresses the real problems with these programs, and in a manner that doesn't have unintended consequences that could unnecessarily compromise our abilities to prevent terrorist attacks on Americans.

HONORING THE CEREALINE  
MANUFACTURING CO.

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Cerealine Manufacturing Co.,

the newest addition to the roster of the Indiana Historical Bureau's state historical marker series.

The Cerealine Manufacturing Company, founded in 1880, was an early producer of corn flakes and grew to prominence as the railroads opened national markets to Midwest producers. Founded in Columbus, Indiana, the Cerealine Manufacturing Co. produced up to 12,000 bushels of product daily, creating a corn flake that was the precursor to the famous cold breakfast cereal. The state historical marker honoring the company will be placed at the site of the original mill building, currently restored and serving as offices for Cummins, Inc.

I want to thank the Indiana Historical Bureau for its continued leadership in recognizing and commemorating significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These roadside markers are familiar to all Hoosiers and visitors who pass through the State. With over 500 state historical markers in place, the Indiana Historical Bureau impresses on Hoosiers across the State the importance of our history and the promise of our future.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking the Indiana Historical Bureau for recognizing and publicly marking our shared history and the heritage of the Cerealine Manufacturing Company in Columbus, Indiana.

HONORING WILLIE B. NELSON, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, IMPROVED BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE WORLD

**HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Willie B. Nelson, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southern District of Illinois and Exalted Ruler of Hercules Lodge #90 in East St. Louis, of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order (I.B.P.O.) of Elks of the World.

Willie B. Nelson has been a pioneer who helped break down racial barriers in the local banking community. He worked as a custodian at the former Illini Federal Savings and Loan Association in East St. Louis at a time when management positions were not available to African-Americans. While working for the financial institution, which would later become Associated Bank, Nelson went to school at nights and took a number of financial training and internship programs. His determination and stellar performance succeeded in his appointment as Branch Manager for the bank. He would retire as Branch Manager after serving Associated Bank for 43 years.

In addition to his professional career, Willie B. Nelson has dedicated his life to service and leadership within his community. Since being initiated into the I.B.P.O. Elks of World in 1955, he has served in virtually every leadership position for that organization, including two times as Exalted Ruler, first from 1975 through 1990 and again from 2007 to the

present. In addition to serving as District Deputy Director for the Southern District of Illinois, he also served for 15 consecutive years as State Director of the Illinois/Wisconsin States Association.

Willie B. Nelson has served in a leadership capacity on many other community organizations. He has served as President of the East St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, Target 2000, the Katherine Dunham Museum and the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation. He has also served as a Commissioner on the Board of the Illinois Housing Department. His leadership service extends to his church as well where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Interim Finance Director for the Greater Faith Christian Church in Centreville, Illinois.

Willie B. Nelson has been a devoted family man as well. His wife and two of his children have gone on to their heavenly reward but he is still blessed with the presence of his loving daughter, Lavonda Nelson, along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of community service of Willie B. Nelson and wishing him the very best in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF RALPH PETTY

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Petty as he retires from 38 years with the U.S. Postal Service. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his illustrious career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Mr. Petty's many years of service.

After honorably serving his nation in the Vietnam War, Ralph began a long career with the Postal Service as a letter carrier. He would later rise to become the spokesman and customer relations coordinator for the Postal Service in Sacramento, where he has constantly engaged the public, furthering access and understanding of the postal services available to area residents and businesses. Ralph has a widespread reputation for incredible customer service, and is a well-beloved member of the Postal Service staff, even earning the nickname "Mr. Stamp". His good nature and excellent work ethic have made him an invaluable asset to Sacramento area residents, including my staff and me, and his service will be sorely missed.

Ralph has left his mark of the Postal Service in California and our Nation. He was instrumental in the creation of the Breast Cancer Stamp that has raised over \$75 million for breast cancer awareness, and has been recognized by the Postal Service's leadership with the "Benjamin Award" for spreading postal services and products. Ralph was also a key proponent of the Santa Letter Program, which brings joy to countless needy children, and created a time capsule in 1993 that marked 150 years of mail delivery to Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to Mr. Ralph Petty, who has served our Nation and community for so long. His diligent work

has greatly contributed to the Sacramento region and he has helped to ensure that the Postal Service products are at the forefront of the public's mind. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this man whose community mindedness and service have been such an asset to Sacramento and our Nation.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 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 \$16,738,084,158,233.57. We've added \$6,111,207,109,320.49 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on July 30, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for rollcall vote No. 424. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING KYLE WILLIAM MILLSAP

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle William Millsap. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 32 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kyle has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow, and led his troop as the Patrol Leader. Kyle has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kyle leveled the ground, installed a border ring and placed rubber mulch within the ring for the Joella Conrad Memorial Playground at Heartland Church in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle William Millsap for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LETTER TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE HONORABLE ROBERT F. HALE

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I insert this letter from myself to Under Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Robert F. Hale.

Hon. ROBERT F. HALE,  
*Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Pentagon, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SECRETARY HALE: Thank you for providing me and members of the Readiness Subcommittee a briefing on the implementation of civilian furloughs at the Department of Defense. I appreciate your first-hand view of the policy and its impacts on our defense civilian workforce and our military readiness, and I benefitted from your candid remarks about the challenges that sequestration continues to present to the department.

While I continue to believe that the best way to address furloughs and other impacts to our military readiness is for Congress to pass a comprehensive and balanced plan to end sequestration, I also believe that the department must continue to evaluate all options available to it in reducing or eliminating furloughs this year. During our briefing you indicated that the department was evaluating whether additional reductions in furlough days can be made. It is my hope that the department will finish that analysis and make a positive public announcement on that matter as quickly as possible in order to provide furloughed employees the greatest possible certainty as to their financial outlook for the rest of the year.

Additionally, as I and several of my colleagues mentioned in our session, there are a number of specific aspects of the current furlough policy that continue to frustrate those individuals facing loss of pay through no fault of their own. For example, I believe that the individual military services and agencies can be provided with greater flexibility to pay down or eliminate furloughs under their purview. Additionally, further consideration must be given to the status of dual status technicians and those whose work is funded through the defense working capital funds—both workforces are critical to the day-to-day needs of our military, and I continue to believe that exceptions must be made for these personnel.

Just this past Saturday, I attended a welcome home event for the 1109th TASMG of the Connecticut National Guard, who spent the last year in Afghanistan providing critical maintenance for our helicopter fleet. Their joy at being home with family was undermined with the reality that nearly a third of the 100 returning members are dual status technicians and therefore hit by furlough. After serving in a war zone away from family, it was a bitter pill for these patriots to lose 20 percent of their pay almost immediately upon return.

As I also mentioned in our briefing, the department must better quantify and communicate the cuts that have already been made in attempting to avoid furloughs. When I recently met with furloughed personnel at Naval Submarine Base New London, I received many questions about whether the department made any attempts to cut back on contracting for services, returning outsourced work to federal employees and other potential ways to find the savings necessary to reduce or eliminate furloughs. It is my hope that you will provide members of this committee, as well as the workforce at

large, with additional information on the extent to which the department has, or plans, to cut in other areas to limit the reach of furloughs.

Finally, let me thank you for your positive words about the work that our DOD civilians do each and every day in support of the defense of our nation. As you shared in our meeting, one of the most disappointing impacts of the furloughs has been giving our defense civilians the impression that they are not important to or valued by the department, by Congress and by our fellow Americans. That these furloughs, and the greater budget uncertainty at large, is causing long-serving and hard working civilian professionals to question whether they want to stay at the defense department is one of the most insidious impacts of this budget impasse. That is why I hope you and Secretary Hagel will continue to do all you can to reduce or eliminate furloughs, revisit specific unique exemptions, and provide more detailed information about the steps you have, and will continue to take, to limit furloughs through reductions in areas like service contracting and reversing outsourcing decisions.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to meet with me and my colleagues on the Readiness Subcommittee, and I sincerely thank you for your service to our country in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

JOE COURTNEY,  
*Member of Congress.*

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF HEDY RATNER AND CAROL DOUGAL

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hedy Ratner and Carol Dougal, the founders of Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), for their exemplary leadership in supporting women's entrepreneurship. As Hedy and Carol step down from their role as co-presidents of the WBDC, let us recognize the work that these two remarkable women have done for more than 25 years to empower other women to start, improve and expand their small businesses.

In 1986, Hedy Ratner and Carol Dougal created the Women's Business Development Center to address the lack of support for women in the business world. Since then, Hedy and Carol have worked tirelessly to accelerate the growth of women-owned businesses and microenterprise ownership, increase the economic impact of women business owners on families and communities, build awareness of business ownership as a path to economic self-sufficiency, and help stimulate policy and system changes to empower women in the economy. Today, the positive impact of the WBDC is clear, and the Center continues to be a leader in expanding opportunities for women.

Over the years, the WBDC has helped more than 66,000 women in the greater Chicago area in their entrepreneurial efforts. Its success has spurred the creation of 14 other centers in 6 states. The oldest and largest women's business assistance center in the country, the WBDC is constantly developing and implementing new approaches to help potential and

current women business owners. The Center and its outstanding staff give women the tools, the needed support and the confidence to know that they can become successful entrepreneurs.

Hedy and Carol are recognized leaders who have advised business groups and public officials at all levels about ways to help women improve their families' well-being and our nation by creating new business opportunities. I am one of many who have been fortunate enough to receive their advice on ways to improve federal contracting and lending policies and to learn about the barriers that must be torn down so that more women can enter the realm of business ownership.

I congratulate Hedy and Carol on the extraordinary contributions they have made through the Women's Business Development Center. Although they are leaving their posts as co-presidents of WBDC, I know that they will remain leaders in advocating for women-owned businesses in Chicago and nationwide. I look forward to watching their next steps toward helping women business owners successfully achieve economic independence through entrepreneurship.

RELEASE OF THE DREAM 9

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I submit this letter, from Rep. JARED POLIS of Colorado and myself to the President of the United States asking for the release of the DREAM 9 held in detention in Arizona.

JULY 25, 2013.

President BARACK OBAMA,

*The White House, Washington, DC.*

DEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA: We write you to express concern for the nine undocumented young people who earlier this week attempted to re-enter the United States from Mexico to return to their homes. They presented themselves at a check point, were detained by U.S. border patrol and are currently being held in the Eloy detention center in Arizona.

As we understand it, these "DREAMers" are asking that discretion be exercised by federal authorities to allow them back into the United States and to return to their families and communities. An additional goal that they express is to work to change a system that has resulted in the deportations of DREAMers. Regardless of whether we feel their actions are the best way to affect the change they desire, we share their goal to allow DREAMers and others with strong ties to the United States and who were deported to return to the United States. You stood firmly with the DREAMers when you put in place beneficial case by case relief for DREAMers through Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA). We believe that the DREAMers currently detained on the border should have your concern and consideration, as well.

We understand that a long term legislative solution is required in order to provide the most justice for the most people. We are deeply committed to ensure that the ability to return to the U.S. for previously deported individuals is enacted into law, and have worked hard to incorporate such relief into the bipartisan proposal currently being drafted in the House of Representatives. We continue to build the bipartisan support

needed to pass legislation this year. While immigration reform is making its way through Congress, we ask that the young people currently detained at the border be released from detention and allowed back into the United States. Their actions to lift up the needs of those deported should not result in detention or exclusion from the United States. In fact, their return would likely be allowed under the Senate-passed immigration bill, S. 744, which we all support.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of DREAMers and your support of comprehensive immigration reform. We urge you to release the DREAMers detained on the U.S. border in Arizona and allow them to rejoin their families. We urge you to act with all possible speed to make this happen.

Sincerely,

LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ,  
Member of Congress.  
JARED POLIS,  
Member of Congress.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

July 30, 2013—rollcall vote 419: on agreeing to the Gallego Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “nay”; rollcall vote 420: on agreeing to the Young Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “nay”; rollcall vote 421: on agreeing to the Grayson Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “aye”; rollcall vote 422: on agreeing to the McClintock Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “aye”; rollcall vote 423: on agreeing to the First Hastings Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “nay”; rollcall vote 424: on agreeing to the Second Hastings Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “nay”; rollcall vote 425: on agreeing to the Third Hastings Amendment to H.R. 2610—I would have voted “nay”.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT ACT

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Incentives for Business and Individual Investment Act, to reauthorize the federal tax incentives for investment in economically distressed areas in the District of Columbia, commonly known as the D.C. empowerment zone, and the D.C. \$5,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit, both of which expired at the end of 2011. This bill would reauthorize the tax incentives through the end of 2015, and would be retroactive for 2012 and any period in 2013 during which they remain lapsed, consistent with similar empowerment zone legislation. The empowerment zone incentives include a special capital gains rate, expanded tax-exempt bond financ-

ing, additional expensing for equipment purchases and a wage credit of up to \$3,000.

The D.C. tax incentives were due to be extended with the package of temporary tax provisions that Congress regularly extends, commonly known as “tax extenders.” However, the D.C. tax incentives, for the first time, were not included in the most recent tax extenders package, the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA or P.L. 112–240), which was approved at the beginning of the year. This omission was possible, and we believe occurred, because the D.C. empowerment zone was separately and specially created in 1997, several years after the first, similar urban empowerment zones were created.

Although the D.C. tax incentives, as well as a small number of other expiring temporary tax provisions, were not extended in ATRA, Congress, in the same bill, recognized that the benefits of incentives for investment in economically distressed communities outweighed their costs when it extended all the other empowerment zones. This same logic has particularly strong application to the D.C. tax incentives.

The Republican Party Platform first proposed the D.C. tax incentives in 1996, a year before Congress created them. Republicans, who saw D.C. as a demonstration for what tax incentives could do to revitalize a city, wanted to make the entire District of Columbia an empowerment zone. The Republican platform stated, “We endorse proposals by the congressional Republican Leadership for dramatic reductions in federal taxes . . . within the District . . . . A Republican president will make it part of a comprehensive agenda to transform the nation’s capital into a renewal community, an enterprise zone leading the way for the rest of urban America to follow.” Every Republican platform since 1996 has indicated strong support for one or more of the D.C. tax incentives.

Senate and House Republicans took the lead in the creation of the D.C. tax incentives after an unprecedented financial crisis revealed the unique peril for a city required to pay for many state-like functions. They reasoned that the tax incentives would revive and sustain the District, and where they have been applicable, they have met that test. The success of the tax incentives is a vindication of the work of the cosponsors. The D.C. tax incentives were proposed by, among others, then-Senators Trent Lott (R-MS), Connie Mack (R-FL), Sam Brownback (R-KS), Spencer Abraham (R-MI), Kent Conrad (D-ND) and Joe Lieberman (D-CT), as well as by then-Representative Amo Houghton (R-NY), and have always been embraced by both Republican and Democratic Congresses and presidents.

The wisdom of the bipartisan use of modest, targeted tax incentives has been amply and visibly demonstrated in the economic resurgence in parts of the city designated as empowerment zones, including parts of downtown Washington. Effects of the empowerment zone incentives are apparent throughout the city, but among the most visible are the Penn Quarter neighborhood, which had limited residential, commercial and retail spaces and is now a popular mixed-use neighborhood, and the vibrant area around the Verizon Center, then a virtual downtown slum but now surrounded by offices, restaurants and nightlife.

Before the business tax incentives, the city found it difficult to retain, much less attract,

businesses. However, one of the business tax incentives enabled the city government to issue more than \$155 million in tax-exempt bonds on behalf of for-profit and non-profit entities for capital projects. For example, \$15 million was issued for the construction of the International Spy Museum, which has brought the added benefit of increasing tourism.

In addition to the business tax incentives, the \$5,000 homebuyer tax credit has provided invigorating nourishment to the District’s badly starved residential tax base. This credit, which applied citywide, almost immediately reversed the city’s alarming residential decline. According to the 2010 census, the District gained population (5.2%) for the first time since the 1950 census, with much of this increase traceable to the homebuyer tax credit. Not only did the homebuyer tax credit staunch the taxpayer exodus for the first time in decades, but with the stability that the credit initiated, other individuals and families began moving to the city. The District is attracting 1,100 residents a month, but these are mostly young, unmarried people. However, the goal of growing the residential tax base by 100,000 to ensure sustainability, set by Alice Rivlin, chair of the D.C. Financial Control Board, as well as a respectable business tax base, is far from being achieved. The city’s residential tax base remains well below the Washington metropolitan region and the nation, where it trails all 50 states. In 2012, the homeownership rate in D.C. was 45%, compared to the national rate of 65.4%. D.C.’s homeownership rate was also lowest among the 75 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas and significantly lower than in the statistical area for the Washington metropolitan region, which was 66.9%. The reauthorization of the homebuyer tax credit is essential if the District is to reach the 100,000 residents the Financial Control Board said was required for the city to sustain itself.

For all of its recent economic progress, the District remains a city without a state backstop. Recognizing this anomaly, Congress passed the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, but the city continues to operate many state-like services, such as higher education, roads and bridges, and health and human services. Furthermore, the federal government continues to impose significant revenue constraints on the District in the Home Rule Act, including a tax exemption on the federal government’s use of the city’s most valuable real property, a federal limit on the height of buildings in the District and a prohibition on taxing non-resident income.

Now, the city’s low-income neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River and in Northeast are on the brink of developing economically, similar to the development experienced in other parts of the District such as NoMa and Capitol Riverfront. The new headquarters for the U.S. Coast Guard will open in August, the first in a complex of buildings Congress has authorized for the federally owned West Campus of the St. Elizabeths hospital. The tax incentives have demonstrated that they can revitalize the eastern half of the nation’s capital. Particularly after the recent recession, the business and homebuyer tax incentives are essential for these neighborhoods to see the revival that the incentives have contributed to in downtown and near-in neighborhoods. Withdrawing these incentives, particularly after they have proven effective elsewhere in city,

leaves the nation's capital with essentially half of a revival, and would be tragically timed just as the lower-income parts of the District, which need the incentives most, are ready for residential and commercial redevelopment.

There is no reason to extend incentives to the other large empowerment zone cities but not to the nation's capital, which lacks many of the advantages of other cities. Like the health of many other cities, the District's fiscal health has improved since the tax incentives were established in 1997, but the incentives continue to be indispensable for ensuring that lower-income areas of the city are part of the city's economic progress. It would be tragic to single out the nation's capital as the only empowerment zone city not to be renewed just as the eastern sections of the city are about to take off. As essential as the federal incentives have been, their costs have been de minimis compared to the billions of dollars in construction, new local revenue and new taxpayers the incentives have generated. They deserve to be extended.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOURTH  
ANNUAL CIGAR BOX FESTIVAL

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the York Emporium as it hosts its fourth annual Pennsylvania Cigar Box Guitar Festival in York Pennsylvania.

The cigar box guitar is a traditional American instrument, with roots funning through the Civil War, the Great Depression, and the Panic of 1983. It harkens back to a time when folks would make-do with musical instruments they had constructed with their own hands, using found objects.

The annual Pennsylvania Cigar Box Guitar Festival, now in its 4th year, celebrates this homegrown musical style and the ingenuity of its musicians with the largest music festival of its kind. It features performers from Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, upstate New York and Pennsylvania. The festival brings tourists from throughout New England, the Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states. In recent years, the festival has even seen the arrival of international visitors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues in recognizing the uniquely American attributes that this festival celebrates.

HONORING JAMES K. BAKER

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and extraordinary accomplishments of one of my constituents, James K. Baker of Columbus, Indiana.

James Baker became president and chief executive officer of Arvin Industries in 1981 and served until his retirement in 1998. During James' stewardship of the company, Arvin Industries was noted for its aggressive pursuit

and success in building a globalized sales and supply infrastructure as the auto industry diversified globally in the 1980s.

In addition to building a Fortune 500 company, James served from 1990–1991 as the chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He was a former chairman of the DePauw University Board of Trustees, his alma mater, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and the 2003 Indiana Government Efficiency Commission. James was a strong advocate of education reform efforts and higher educational standards as a means of building and sustaining a global and competitive workforce in our communities across the State. I know Jim was particularly proud of his involvement as a Member of the Board of Trustees with the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School, an Indianapolis charter school.

James Baker was my friend and an inspiration to people across the Hoosier State. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to keep his wife, Beverly, in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the life of James Baker.

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF SERVICE: PEGGY LYNCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF THE PARKS AND TRAILS OF SAINT PAUL AND RAMSEY COUNTY

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the inspiring career of Ms. Peggy Lynch, a leader in preservation of parks and green space, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director from Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

The Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County has its origins in a group of citizens who banded together to protect Hidden Falls—Crosby Lake Regional Park in 1984 from developers proposing to build housing within the park. After the housing proposal was defeated, the group continued to meet, and a permanent organization was established in 1985 with a grant from the Saint Paul Foundation. Peggy Lynch co-founded the organization and served as Executive Director for the next 28 years. Today, because of Peggy's extraordinary persistence and advocacy for the outdoors, the organization has led development and preservation of parks across the east metro region and earned her the title the "Conscience of the Parks."

Thanks to Peggy Lynch's vision, the organization achieved foundational work to protect public access to green space. In 1985 the group initiated a study of parks in Saint Paul and Ramsey County during a period of intense developer interest in prime park land. At the time, there were few local park commissions and developers had no obligation to contribute to the park system. Cities such as Saint Paul sold parkland for a dollar per parcel. As a result of a study by the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County, Park Commissions in Saint Paul and Ramsey County were established. The amendment of the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County charters for "no net loss" of parkland were approved. These actions built a system to preserve and add parkland for public use.

Additionally, Peggy and Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County have helped develop and support the environment by promoting appreciation for parks and open space through quality parks, trails, and bikeways. Through educational, community, and corporate outreach programs, they have provided access to recreational opportunities to communities who otherwise may not have the opportunity to experience it.

Peggy's influence brought increased recognition and elevated the importance of preserving the great outdoors for present and future generations to come. Her work along with the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County are legacies that will live on in the organization's work advocating for the environment in the Twin Cities.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Ms. Peggy Lynch, a leader in the environmental community, I am pleased to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of her retirement as Executive Director of the Friends of the Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF DR. REED BELL

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's Dr. Reed Bell, who passed away on July 28, 2013. Dr. Bell's mission was to better the lives of children, and still today, his name is synonymous with pediatric health. The entire Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of this talented, kind-hearted man.

Dr. Bell was born on December 24, 1926 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Growing up, he attended Pensacola High School, where he was a model scholar-athlete. He was the captain of both the football and basketball teams, elected king of the high school's coronation, and graduated as Salutatorian. Dr. Bell then took his athletic talents to the University of Florida, where he was awarded a football scholarship. However, shortly thereafter, he answered the call of his Nation by serving in World War II. When he returned home, Dr. Bell opted to attend the University of the South, where he further applied his natural leadership abilities by again captaining both the basketball and football teams.

Despite his athletic successes, Dr. Bell was destined to serve his community through his knowledge of medicine and his love of children. He graduated from Duke's College of Medicine in 1953 and performed his residency in pediatrics and fellowship in endocrinology at Baylor University in 1957. Returning to his native Pensacola, Dr. Bell began practicing as a board-certified pediatrician and pediatric endocrinologist. In 1969, however, Dr. Bell founded the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, the only facility of its kind in the area. To support this great endeavor, founded at the hospital where he himself was born over forty years prior, he served as the Medical Director, formed a pediatric residency program, and established a neonatal intensive care unit to better serve the children of our community. In a

further testament to his strength as a leader and his humanitarian nature, Dr. Bell also co-founded the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida.

Dr. Bell's exceptional abilities were not localized to Northwest Florida alone. In 1986, then-President Ronald Reagan appointed him as the founding Director of the National Institute of Health Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, the federal government's first substance abuse prevention program. This appointment marked another example of Dr. Bell's exceptional ability to lead and help his fellow man. It would be exhausting to list the many awards and accolades he received throughout his career, which further represents his tremendous strength of character. However, these pale in comparison to his sheer love of family, service, and community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Dr. Reed Bell. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Nell; six children, Rev. William R. Bell, Jr.; Mitzi Peters; Terry Bush; Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Bell; Lance Bell; and Brian Bell; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OBSTETRIC FISTULA PREVENTION, TREATMENT, HOPE, AND DIGNITY RESTORATION ACT OF 2013

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representatives JOSEPH CROWLEY, JOHN CONYERS, SAM FARR, RAÚL GRIJALVA, HENRY "HANK" JOHNSON, JIM McDERMOTT, GWEN MOORE, JAMES MORAN, and JACKIE SPEIER, am reintroducing the "Fistula Prevention, Treatment, Hope and Dignity Restoration Act." This comprehensive legislation both prevents new obstetric fistulas and helps to treat existing ones, helping millions of women throughout the world.

Pregnancy shouldn't leave a woman with a disability and ostracized from her community. Congress should ensure investments for the more than two million women worldwide that have obstetric fistula and we do what we can to prevent new cases. Obstetric fistula is a devastating condition that results from prolonged labor without medical attention. During delivery, the infant's head presses against the woman's pelvis for so long that it kills the tissues. This causes a hole between the woman's vagina and rectum develops, leaving her without control of her bladder and/or bowels for the rest of her life if she goes untreated. It often results in the death of the infant. They are almost always abandoned by their husbands and shunned by their families. According to the World Health Organization, about two million women suffer this condition worldwide.

Fortunately, multilateral organizations such as UNFPA (the United Nations Population Fund) and bilateral organizations such as USAID are working with partners on a global campaign to prevent and treat fistula with the

goal of making the condition rare in developing areas such as sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

It is imperative that we in Congress support these efforts to eradicate the devastating condition which is why this bill authorizes the President to provide assistance to prevent and treat obstetric fistula. This legislation allows for a comprehensive, three pronged approach of prevention, treatment and reintegration which includes: increasing access to prenatal care, emergency obstetric care, postnatal care, and voluntary family planning; building local capacity and improving national health systems; addressing underlying social and economic inequities such as reducing the incidence of child marriage and increasing access to formal and informal education; and supporting reintegration and training programs to help women who have undergone treatment return to full and productive lives. These essential investments create a multiplier effect of benefits in the lives of women and their communities.

The legislation also supports coordination among the community working to prevent and treat obstetric fistula through the International Obstetric Fistula Working Group. Support for monitoring, evaluation, and research to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of such programs throughout their planning and implementation phases will ensure the most efficient and effective use of US foreign assistance dollars.

I urge my colleagues to support this important, meaningful legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL KEIL GENTRY, USMC

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a fellow Marine, Colonel Keil Gentry. After more than two years of service as the Marine Corps' Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Commandant, Keil will be assuming responsibilities as the Director of the Marine Corps War College. On this occasion, I believe it is fitting to recognize Colonel Gentry's distinguished service and dedication to fostering the warm relationship between the United States Marine Corps and the Congress.

With over two decades of dedicated service to his country, Colonel Gentry has distinguished himself serving the cause of freedom across the globe. His service leading young Marines as a Battery, Battalion, and Regimental Commander, in garrison and in combat, is emblematic of the caliber of his character.

Over the course of the last two years, Colonel Gentry has been instrumental to ensuring the Marine Corps' story is heard on the Hill. Known for his in-depth knowledge of legislative issues, personal warmth, and an ability to skillfully navigate Headquarters Marine Corps, Colonel Gentry worked long hours and through major surgery to ensure that Congress was armed with timely information on Operation Enduring Freedom, Marine Security Guards at our Embassies, and all other forward deployed Marine forces. Colonel Gentry could be counted on as a trustworthy source

on Marine Corps Programs, be it the Joint Strike Fighter, the Amphibious Combat Vehicle, or the MV-22 Osprey. Moreover, his efforts helped this body properly recognize the contributions of the first African American Marines through the award of the Congressional Gold Medal in tribute to the Montford Point Marines.

As Keil departs the Pentagon he will be heading just down the road to Quantico, Virginia. There he will be directing the Marine Corps' top level school, the Marine Corps War College. It is only fitting that an officer who has spent a career mentoring and training Marines should assume this great responsibility. Here Keil will interact with the Corps' senior leaders, those ready to assume vital commands around the globe. We can have no doubt that he will ensure they are well prepared for the duties they are about to undertake.

Colonel Gentry's absence will be felt in the Congress and the Pentagon. I join many past and present Members in my gratitude and appreciation to him for his outstanding leadership and his unwavering support of the missions of the United States Marine Corps. I wish him and his wife, Jenny, fair winds and following seas as he continues to serve our great nation.

KEEP TEACHERS TEACHING ACT

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper" to provide for the "general Welfare" of Americans. In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE TAUGHER

**HON. JERRY MCNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my friends and colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished public servant Mr. Mike Taugher and his dedicated work in journalism and his dedication to protecting the environment. Mike passed away earlier this month at the age of 50.

For many years, Mike worked as the environmental reporter for the Contra Costa

Times. His deep knowledge and tireless pursuit of articles earned Mike the respect of readers, citizens, and other journalists in addition to numerous awards. Governor Jerry Brown recognized his expertise on environmental issues and appointed Mike as a spokesperson for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in May of 2012. His commitment to these issues was a benefit for all Californians.

With his outstanding public service both as a reporter and a spokesperson, the people of California will always be thankful to Mike. I myself enjoyed working with him during his years as a reporter. In his personal life, Mike was known to talk as much about his family as his work. In the words of his brother, David, "Mike loved his family very dearly."

I ask you all to join me in honoring the life and work of Mike Taugher.

RETIREMENT OF POLICE  
SERGEANT JOEL R. ORR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Joel R. Orr as he retires after nearly 25 years of law enforcement service to the City of Fairfield.

Hired as a Public Safety Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on July 25, 1988, and served the community in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, and School Resource Officer. Sergeant Orr also took on ancillary assignments by joining the Crisis Negotiation Team and being selected for the first Street Criminal Apprehension Team (SCAT). In the course of teaching important skills such as Parent Project, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and driver awareness, he earned the City Manager's Commendation Award for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing the City's Driver Training Program. Sergeant Orr also assisted California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) with their Entry-Level Patrol Officer Job Analysis Project and then completed the distinctive Robert Presly's Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) certification course with a specialty in homicide investigation.

On December 5, 2003, Sergeant Orr was promoted to Police Corporal and then on August 18, 2006, he was promoted to Police Sergeant where he served in Patrol, Investigations and Professional Standards, and as a Public Information Officer. In 2008 and 2010, as the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, Sergeant Orr consistently stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. Over the last five years, he has assumed the Police Lieutenant's position twice and managed Patrol Operations. Sergeant Orr has a can-do attitude and he consistently provided quality service to the community.

Sergeant Orr has been a valued employee and leader and his commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. He was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

RECOGNIZING TRANSPORTATION  
SECURITY OFFICER, JACOB  
NEAL, FOR SAVING A MAN'S  
LIFE

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Transportation Security Officer Jacob Neal, who saved a life at Chicago O'Hare International Airport with the help of two other TSA officials earlier this month.

When TSO Marvin Jackson noticed that a passenger had collapsed and lost consciousness, he quickly placed a call to his supervisor, Jacob Neal. TSO Neal, who served in the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter and medic before joining the TSA, demonstrated great leadership and poise as he took control of the situation, asking everyone to step away unless they were certified in CPR. He put on his gloves and started to give chest compressions, while also comforting the passenger's wife by letting her know that he was a former paramedic. His quick thinking, expertise, and professionalism made the difference.

"When someone is suffering like that you just feel compelled to jump in and help," said TSO Neal, a two-time O'Hare TSO of the Year honoree.

Jacob Neal along with the others who helped save a man's life that day showed extraordinary strength and exemplified what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty. It is acts like these that inspire us to be better people and better citizens. Due to the quick thinking and composure of the men and woman involved, a potentially tragic situation was avoided.

Again, I would like to thank Jacob Neal for his commendable efforts in saving a life this past month. I also want to recognize him and his TSA colleagues, and other federal employees who work hard each and every day to serve the public and keep our nation strong and secure.

RECOGNIZING MYKE REID ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM THE AMERICAN POSTAL  
WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Myke Reid on the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career as the Legislative and Political Director for the American Postal Workers Union, APWU. Mr. Reid dedicated his career to postal reform and played an integral role in the enactment of important legislation, including the Family & Medical Leave Act in 1993 and reform of the Hatch Act.

Myke Reid began his long and accomplished career with the United States Postal Service in 1976 as a clerk in Norfolk, VA. Mr. Reid's community involvement and enthusiasm for legislative reform won the recognition and admiration of his fellow union mem-

bers, and he quickly rose to the position of state legislative director and state president.

In 1984, Mr. Reid arrived in Washington, DC, and joined the fight to preserve Social Security. For nine years, Mr. Reid served as the Special Assistant to the President of the APWU.

After the retirement of Roy Braunstein in 2004, Mr. Reid was appointed to serve as the Legislative and Political Director of the APWU. His service, his expertise on postal issues, and his accomplishments have earned the respect of many within the APWU and across the postal community and Capitol Hill. Commenting on Mr. Reid's retirement, APWU President Cliff Guffey spoke for many when he said, "He has made great contributions to our struggle and will be missed."

In addition to his service to the nation's postal workers and his important contributions in the halls of Congress, Mr. Reid still found the time to serve his community. He served on many community-based organizations, including the Virginia Employment Commission Advisory Board, the Virginia Community College Board, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board, and the Alexandria Democratic Committee. Mr. Reid is a native Virginian, born in Portsmouth. He received a B.A. from Norfolk State University and currently resides in Alexandria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Myke Reid on this occasion and in commending him for his service and his work to represent the interests of America's Postal Workers and working families.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF  
HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the driving force behind Honor Flight South Alabama, the organization which sent more than 950 World War II veterans from Southwest Alabama to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC from 2009 to 2013.

I was honored to have met all nine flights of courageous veterans as they arrived at their Memorial. The monumental effort required to complete these flights came to fruition due to the hard work of the seven key players, each donating their tremendous talents to ensure this noble effort to thank our veterans was a success. Today, I pay tribute to those who made this remarkable program possible: Margaret Coley, Col. Pat Downing, Col. John New, Cdr. Pete Riehm, Anne Eubanks, Tina McGrath, and Dr. Barry L. Booth.

Over the last four years, Honor Flight South Alabama provided the veterans of Southwest Alabama an opportunity to visit the memorials on the National Mall as well as Arlington National Ceremony and to receive our Nation's sincerest gratitude for their selfless sacrifice and service. Honor Flight South Alabama chartered their final plane to Washington on May 8, 2013, and returned home to a grand welcome by family, friends and the community at large.

While the Honor Flight South Alabama program gleamed in a well-deserved spotlight, the

efforts behind it went somewhat unnoticed. Each beautifully orchestrated event required careful attention to detail and collaboration. The organizing team of Honor Flight South Alabama worked together to create a powerful legacy of volunteerism. Therefore, it is my honor to recognize the people integral to the success of the program.

Margaret Coley, the Director of Volunteer Activities and School Support System, took on the responsibility of the mail call from South Alabama students and the magnificent ticker tape parade at the Mobile Airport. Col. John New, the Security Liaison, coordinated the security arrangements between Mobile and Washington DC through the airports and U.S. Park Service. Cdr. Pete Riehm, Director of Operations, ensured a smooth Honor Flight orientation and flight day. Anne Eubanks, Director of Medical Support, ensured the veterans' medical care needs were met. Tina McGrath, Director of Administration, worked tirelessly to maintain and coordinate documentation and all administrative duties. Col. Pat Downing, Director of Guardian Training, was truly in the crosshairs of responsibility with the Guardian Training Program. And, of course, Dr. Barry L. Booth, Director of the Veteran Guardian Program, coordinated the assignments of all 957 veterans with their Guardians in each of the nine Honor Flights.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly grateful for the contributions of these men and women, and I rise to pay tribute to all those who have worked tirelessly to serve our area's veterans. May we never forget the valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices of America's military heroes who have secured our Nation's freedom.

RECOGNIZING ROSE MARY  
SARGENT

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Rose Mary Sargent for her 16 years working in my district office and serving the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

Rose Mary came to work in my District Office soon after I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1997. Born in Costa Rica, Rose Mary grew up and attended public schools in San Jose, California. Having received her undergraduate degree at College Luis Dobles Segreda, she completed her secondary education at North Shore Community College in my district.

Rose Mary's intricate knowledge of the immigration system, her Spanish-speaking abilities, and her enthusiasm to assist others made her a perfect candidate for managing immigration and refugee casework. Throughout her tenure with my office, Rose Mary has assisted thousands of people and has not only guided constituents through the complex immigration system, but she has also contributed to public education regarding the benefits of immigration to our communities.

In what spare time she has, Rose Mary volunteers as an active member of the community of Lynn. She founded several organizations and currently serves as an Executive Board member for at least three others.

Among the organizations she helped found are VOCES—Guardians Against AIDS, the Lynn Hispanic Festival, and Lynn's Cultural Diversity Task Force.

And she has done all of this while balancing her responsibilities as a mother of two adult daughters and a grandmother to five.

Rose Mary's dedication to the people of the City of Lynn and the entire Sixth District of Massachusetts is well-known. She has dedicated her career to improving her community and building "ladders of opportunity" for all.

I congratulate Rose Mary on her remarkable career and wish her all the best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, I missed seven roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 419 and 420, and voted "no" on Nos. 421, 422, 423, 424, and 425.

HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON  
JULIAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Washington Julian, honored as the newest addition to the roster of the Indiana Historical Bureau's state historical marker series.

George Washington Julian of Centerville, Indiana was a United States Representative during the Civil War. His legacy lives on through his moral convictions as he advocated for abolition, equal rights, and land reform during an era of discrimination. He demanded rights and freedom for slaves as an attorney in several historic fugitive slave cases and also supported freedom and equal access to public lands for immigrants and women. Julian was an extraordinary Congressman who helped shape our country into what it is today.

I want to thank the Indiana Historical Bureau for its continued leadership in recognizing and commemorating significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These roadside markers are familiar to all Hoosiers and visitors who pass through the State. With over 500 state historical markers in place, the Indiana Historical Bureau impresses on Hoosiers across the State the importance of our history and the promise of our future.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking the Indiana Historical Bureau for recognizing and publicly marking our shared history and the legacy of George Washington Julian in Centerville, Indiana.

HONORING COLONEL WILLIAM W.  
MOORE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Colonel William W. Moore's posthumous awarding of the Prisoner of War Medal. He was held captive by Chinese forces for 33 months during the Korean War.

Col. Moore began his military career by joining the Army Air Corps in 1942 and graduated flight school in 1944. He was assigned to Wheeler Field in Oahu, Hawaii for deployment, but World War II ended before he got to fly any missions. His next assignment was at Eglin Air Force Base near Ft. Walton, Florida where he served as a test pilot. While stationed there he was able to fly up to five fighters in one day.

He was then assigned to 7th Fighter Squadron in the 49th Fighter Group in South Korea. While on temporary duty as a Forward Air Controller, he was taken captive when his vehicle was ambushed by Chinese forces. Col. Moore liked to make clear that he was "captured out of his element" on the ground rather than being shot out of the sky.

While in captivity, he was determined to stay alive and return home to his wife and sons; remaining active and trying to eat everything he could, helped to save his life. The prisoners were marched at night when it was -40° in the snow up North, and they secretly stole as much wood and coal as they could find to keep themselves warm when they rested during the day. When they arrived at the camp, Col. Moore was elected by the other prisoners to be the cook, a position he held the entire time of his captivity.

While in the camp the Chinese tried to re-educate the captured Americans, holding classes to teach them the "truth" about America. The Americans resisted everything they could through subtle tactics such as retelling the landing of Pilgrims and other stories of history with humor and distorting facts to maintain a healthy morale for the prisoners. They also tried to attend all of the church services so as to annoy their communist captors.

When the Armistice was signed in 1953, Col. Moore was finally released from captivity and reunited with his family. After the war he was assigned to the 94th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, where he flew the F-86D and F-102. In 1958, he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Air Defense Tactical Evaluation Team at Air Defense Command Headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO. While with the ADC he wrote the training and flying manual for the F-106. His next assignment took the new Lt. Col. to Australia to join the RAAF Operational Command as the Chief of Fighter Operations.

In 1964, the Air Force sent him to the Pentagon where he was the F-5 plans officer in the Military Assistance Program where he was promoted to full Colonel. He selflessly volunteered to go to Vietnam, but only if he could fly; instead he was given command of the 27th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Loring, Maine. As commander of a fighter squadron, with over 400 men and 18 aircraft, Col. Moore flourished. His last assignment took him to Murphy Dome, Alaska where he was the base commander for a radar unit.

After 30 years of a full career in the Air Force, Col. Moore retired in 1972 to Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife, Lila, had four boys they raised as they moved all around the country. Col. Moore and Lila were married for 60 years before she passed away. He then remarried his wife of 10 years, Bonnie. He was a devoted family man who enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting with his sons.

While he was in captivity for 33 months, Col. Moore did not let that define his life or his career. He continued to look at the positives and strive for the best, yet gained a lot of perspective on life while a prisoner. He was a man who selflessly did not call attention to the fact he was accidentally not awarded the POW medal when he returned from Korea, instead his loving wife, Bonnie, sought to honor him by correcting that error. I am truly humbled and offer my sincerest thanks to Col. Moore and his family for their selfless service to our nation.

CELEBRATING MILTON AND  
RENEE KAMEN'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my constituent Michael Kamen's parents, Milton and Renee Kamen, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2013.

The Kamens have been voting in Presidential elections since 1948, although not always on the same side. In fact, the first time they voted for the same presidential candidate was 2008. Their ability to disagree for so many years while maintaining a harmonious marriage is a testament, both to their love for each other and to their dedication to the American political process.

The Kamens are truly an exceptional family. I know I join with their friends and loved ones in celebrating this magnificent milestone and wishing them good health and continued success in the coming year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, during an evening series of votes on July 30, 2013 on amendments to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2014, (H.R. 2610), I intended to vote "no" on the McClintock Amendment, but inadvertently voted "yes". This amendment would zero out the appropriation for the Essential Air Service account (a cut of \$100 million).

STOPPING GOVERNMENT ABUSES  
AND HOLDING THE ADMINISTRATION  
ACCOUNTABLE

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, over four years ago, President Obama asserted that his would be "the most transparent Administration in history." Instead, we have seen the Executive Branch act in a manner wholly inconsistent with that statement and take great strides to conceal the truth from public scrutiny. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better.

That is why today the House is considering several pieces of legislation aimed at curbing the widespread abuse that we have witnessed in recent years and helping to restore faith in the federal government for hardworking taxpayers across this country. As a senior Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I have been involved with investigating the many scandals that have been reported on throughout the last several months.

As we continue to see in the ongoing investigation of conservatives being targeted for their political beliefs, the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, has failed to act in a fair, non-partisan, and nondiscriminatory manner. In targeting an individual or group for audits and investigation on the basis of their beliefs—and not a legitimate tax-related purpose—the IRS has weakened its level of trust among both the American public and Congress. That is why I introduced H.R. 1950, the Taxpayer Nondiscrimination and Protection Act of 2013. With over 100 cosponsors and a companion measure in the Senate authored by Senator MARCO RUBIO, this bill is aimed at preventing biased, politically-motivated discrimination and seeks to strengthen taxpayer protections in current law by making such action a crime.

Earlier this year the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform also heard from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration in which details were exposed of a lavish, taxpayer-funded conference for IRS employees in Anaheim, California. The IRS reported an estimated final cost of \$4.1 million for the conference—\$3.2 million of which were transferred from the funds appropriated by Congress for salaries, expenses, and personnel. In response to the revelation that taxpayers footed nearly 80% of the tab for this wasteful party, I introduced H.R. 2345, the Stop Internal Resource Slush Fund Act. This bill would address the back-door budgeting used by the IRS and put an end to these government slush funds.

In addition to the deeply troubling actions by the IRS, the Administration remains defiant in what may well be the lasting legacy of President Obama's scandals: the plight of Delphi Salaried Retirees. For over three years, I have worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers to hold the Administration accountable for unjustly terminating the pensions of an estimated 22,000 retirees in the wake of the General Motors bailout.

Both Congress and these hardworking men and women continue to press the Treasury Department, the President's Auto Task Force, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

for answers and full and complete disclosure of their actions that have led to tremendous hardship for thousands across the country. Despite bipartisan efforts toward fairness and transparency, the Administration has thus far remained secretive and defiant.

It is my sincere hope that the measures we are considering today, the legislation I have authored, and the ongoing investigations of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will put an end to these government abuses and hold bad actors accountable to the American people.

U.S. NAVY COMMISSIONS NEW  
SUBMARINE: MINNESOTA

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the commissioning of the newest United States Navy submarine: The USS *Minnesota*. The USS *Minnesota* will be commissioned on September 7th, and is only the third ship to be named after the great state of Minnesota. The last Navy ship to be named the Minnesota was commissioned in 1907 and later joined the active fleet during World War I.

The USS *Minnesota* is the tenth Virginia-class submarine to be constructed for the Navy. The 377-foot long sub is capable of submerged speeds of nearly 30 miles per hour and can stay submerged for up to three months at a time. It has been built for increased firepower, maneuverability, and stealth and will be the most advanced warship of the Navy. The *Minnesota* will be manned by a crew of 134 brave officers and enlisted personnel who will be led by Commander John Fancher.

After more than 100 years, it is a tremendous honor for the state of Minnesota to be the namesake of another mighty ship. As the USS *Minnesota* sets its course around the globe, we must take this opportunity to thank the men and women who have sacrificed and bravely serve to keep us safe here at home.

HONORING JIM DOWNING

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jim Downing who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on August 22, 2013. Throughout his century of life, he loyally served the United States Navy, was a devoted husband and father and faithful to his Creator.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1932, and was assigned to the USS *West Virginia* where he held a variety of roles onboard. On April 8, 1935 Jim gave his life to the Lord and vowed to follow Him wherever he was led. Jim was involved with original founders of The Navigators who disciplined him and gave him the tools to evangelize to his whole ship and lead regular Bible studies onboard.

A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he helped rescue men from his ship and fight fires onboard. He later rose to the rank of Lieutenant, commanding his own ship the USS *Patapsco*. While at sea in 1954 his ship was showered with the radio-active ash from the "H" bomb being tested at Bikini Atoll. He served as an advisor to the Brazilian Fleet in Rio de Janeiro and later became an assistant professor of Naval Science at the Merchant Marine Academy.

Jim retired in 1956 with 24 years of service in the Navy and went to work for The Navigators for the next 22 years. During the years he served on The Navigator staff he held many capacities including, Divisional Director for Europe the Middle East and Africa with Headquarters in London, Vice President, Deputy to President Lorne Sarmy, and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Jim and his wife Morena were married for 68 years before her passing. He has authored two books, *Meditation and Living Legacy*, both of which have been very well received. He has spent over 78 years working for the Lord and being a disciple maker wherever he is located. While he retired from full-time ministry in 1983, he has not retired from teaching others about the Lord and is on the volunteer staff of The Navigators' Collegiate Ministry.

To this day, Jim is investing in the lives of thousands of young people through personal

discipleship and The Navigator's Collegiate and Military Ministry. I am greatly honored to help celebrate 100 years of life for a man who has been influential to so many communities around the world through his service and devotion to the Lord.

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#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### AUGUST 2

9:30 a.m.  
Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for July 2013. SD-G50

##### SEPTEMBER 10

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts  
To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Federal Judgeship Act of 2013". SD-226

##### SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission. SD-138