

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAVEN BUILDING PRODUCTS

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 100th anniversary of Haven Building Products of Winter Haven, Florida.

Originally founded as Winter Haven Planing Mills by Illinois businessman Albert Adolphus Dugger, Haven Building Products has provided a wide range of construction services and materials since 1913. The company has adapted throughout the years to dynamic markets and the growing economy, all while maintaining the same exemplary quality and service associated with the family business. The Dugger family, who still owns and operates the business today, remains committed to serving local builders.

I commend the Dugger family and Haven Building Products for their extraordinary contribution to the Central Florida community.

### RETIREMENT OF POLICE OFFICER STEVEN TROJANOWSKI

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Steven Trojanowski who is retiring after more than 35 years of law enforcement service, with nearly 24 years of that service to the City of Fairfield.

After serving five years as a Reserve Deputy with the Placer County Sheriff's Office and six years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, he was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on November 27, 1989. Officer Trojanowski served the community in a number of capacities within Patrol, Traffic, Investigations, and Quality of Life Bureaus.

In addition to routine patrol assignments, he has served as a DUI Enforcement Officer, Detective, Field Training Officer, provided law enforcement support to the City's Quality Neighborhoods Team (QNT), and earned a Life-saving Award. Some of his most significant contributions to the Police Department have been his knowledge and experience, solid investigative skills, and quality reporting techniques. Officer Trojanowski has been a dedicated team member and a positive representation of the Fairfield Police Department.

He has been a valued employee and his commitment to the community was second to none. Officer Trojanowski was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community

and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

### HONORING JOSHUA SHAYNE MOORE

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Shayne Moore. Joshua 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 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joshua has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

### CONGRATULATING SISTER JEAN McGRATH FOR HER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Jean McGrath, the principal at St. John Fisher Elementary School in Chicago. For the past 50 years, Sister McGrath has tirelessly worked at St. John Fisher as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her work has not only benefited the school and the parish, but the entire community. This month, Sister Jean—as she is affectionately called—was honored with a celebratory Mass and a street marked with an honorary sign bearing her name.

In 1963, Jean McGrath joined the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She joined because she “wanted to be somebody who could do good” and “make a difference.” Sister McGrath continued to make an impact when she began working as a second-grade teacher at St. John Fisher in 1986, just blocks away from her childhood home. Even as other nuns who she entered the congregation with left to pursue family and life outside the church, she followed her mother's advice to pursue her vocation and serve the community.

When Sister McGrath started at St. John Fisher, she was one of eleven nuns serving on the staff, today she is the only one left. After almost three decades working as a second-grade teacher, high school English teacher and in her current role as principal, Sister McGrath continues to guide and counsel students, teachers, and families with the same passion that inspired her to join the congregation a half century ago. This passion has been a fundamental reason why St. John Fisher Elementary School has flourished during the past 27 years.

During her time as principal, Sister Jean has succeeded in developing a new technology program, and created exemplary art and music programs to foster her students' creative minds. Throughout all the changes St. John Fisher has seen during her tenure, Sister Jean's welcoming and inspiring spirit has remained a constant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sister Jean McGrath for her 50 years of service to the South Side of Chicago and congratulate Sister Jean on her Golden Jubilee. May she continue to guide and inspire people for years to come, and serve as an example of the best qualities of the human heart.

### CONGRATULATING THE ROBERT YOUNG CENTER AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE, INC. IN MOLINE

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Robert Young Center (RYC) and Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) in Moline, Illinois, which have been recognized with a Gold Best Practice Award from URAC, a leading healthcare accreditation and education organization.

Out of seven national finalists in the category of care coordination and clinical integration, the Robert Young Center and Community Health Care, Inc., received the top award for their work on integrating care for people with severe mental illnesses and co-existing chronic medical diseases. Behavioral disorders and depression often coincide with major medical conditions, including cancer, heart disease and diabetes. CHC established a primary care clinic at the Robert Young Center and RYC placed a mental health clinician at CHC to address co-existing disorders, dramatically reducing ER visits and medical and psychological costs while increasing patients' quality of life scores by 131%.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again congratulate the Robert Young Center and Community Health Care for their remarkable achievements. I am very grateful for the wonderful services that they provide for our community and thankful to URAC for allowing them a platform to share their model with others.

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RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 MAIN STREET BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc. Awards.

The Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc. is an association of business and professional men and women living in, owning, or operating a business or service in the Niagara Street Community. They are dedicated to improving and aiding in the development of the community. The members of the Association work together to make Main Street a progressive and serving community of which one can be proud. This year's awardees embody these noble values.

The recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc., Awards are the Chu's Dining Lounge, Dr. Margaret O'Keefe, Dr. David Taylor, Matt Green, Joseph Hotchkiss, Jim Haid, Robert Pascoal, Niagara Falls Clean Mob, Mitch Alegre, Austin Collins, Laurice Russell, and Kayla Carrisquillo.

Each of these impressive individuals has made significant contributions in various career and community endeavors. I am proud to see such dedicated, hard-working individuals be recognized tonight, and applaud their efforts to better our community.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Main Street Business and Professional Association, Inc., Awards, and those who work tirelessly for this valuable organization. Their achievements are commendable and their devotion to our community is inspiring. I wish each and every one of them the best in all their future endeavors.

S.252, THE PREEMIE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act, bipartisan legislation I introduced with Congressman Leonard Lance to expand research, education, and prevention of preterm birth. This legislation will reauthorize important programs created by the first PREEMIE Act, which I championed in 2006.

November is Prematurity Awareness Month, and it has come with good news. Just days ago, the March of Dimes announced that the preterm birth rate in America dropped for the sixth consecutive year to 11.5 percent largely due to the original PREEMIE Act.

But each year, half a million babies are still born prematurely. Preterm birth is the leading cause of newborn mortality and the second leading cause of infant mortality. Babies born

even a few weeks too early can require weeks to months of hospitalization after birth, and premature birth can sometimes lead to developmental delays and disability later in life.

In addition to the emotional and physical toll of prematurity, there are significant health care costs to families, medical systems and our economy. A report by the Institute of Medicine found the cost associated with preterm birth in the United States was \$26.2 billion annually, or \$51,600 per infant born preterm. While employers, private insurers and individuals bear approximately about half of the costs of health care for these infants, 40 percent is paid by Medicaid.

We are making great strides in reducing infant mortality—the U.S. infant mortality rate fell by 12 percent between 2005 and 2011, in part due to the decline in premature births. Unfortunately, we still fall far behind the majority of other developed countries, and this is something we have the power to change with continued research and prevention.

The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act will help us learn the causes of premature birth by requiring the HHS Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality to develop a report that identifies research gaps and opportunities to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce preterm birth rates. Appropriate representatives of the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Health and Services Administration should be involved in developing this report along with the experts from the Advisory Committee.

In my Congressional District, Stanford University teamed up with the March of Dimes to establish the transdisciplinary March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center in 2011. These NIH-funded researchers are bringing cutting-edge medical discoveries from the lab to the bedside. In the last two years, they've made new discoveries that reduce preterm birth and made great strides in ensuring that the tiniest preemies are given the best chance at life.

The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act passed the Senate unanimously on September 25th and I ask my colleagues in the House to follow their lead and send this bill to the President's desk for his signature.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES COLLINS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the accomplishments of veteran James Collins of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, the Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year.

James Collins, born in Kentucky, served in the Air Force as a staff sergeant in Korea and Japan, as well as at the Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod. In 1965, Mr. Collins moved to Dartmouth, Massachusetts and has selflessly served veterans in his community, primarily as a Dartmouth Veterans Service Officer from 1996 to 2003. In his retirement, Mr. Collins has continued his service to the veteran community providing needed assistance and securing benefits for veterans and their families. In addition, Mr. Collins is a member of the Dartmouth Veterans Advisory Board which he

helped establish in 1997. He is the current Adjutant and Services Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9059 and is a member of the American Legion Post #307. In all of these organizations, he has worked tirelessly to increase membership and raise funds for projects such as local Veterans Memorials and the annual Dartmouth Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Collins has given so much to his community, and serves as an example of what it means to serve one's country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize James Collins for his service in the Air Force and his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the work of Officer James Collins, the Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT OF 2013

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013.

The Obama administration's health exchange enrollment announcement yesterday is one of myriad reasons we must pass this bill. Frankly, these long-awaited numbers did not come as a surprise. A mere 106,185 patients registered for healthcare on the new marketplaces, a fraction of their 500,000 target. According to the Health and Human Services report, the number does not distinguish between those who've paid a premium and those who "selected a plan by clicking a button on the website." Mr. Speaker, the number of Americans who've had their health plans cancelled is in the millions—exponentially higher than those who've received coverage from Obamacare.

This disastrous law was destined to fail from the start. For more than three years now, we've warned the law is unworkable for small businesses, unfair to patients and physicians, and unaffordable for taxpayers.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHIEF JOE MEDICINE CROW

**HON. STEVE DAINES**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary tribal leader in Montana, Chief Joe Medicine Crow, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. As the Crow Tribe's last traditional War Chief and oldest living man, Chief Medicine Crow is not only a celebrated member of the Crow Tribe but an important historic figure in Montana.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and joined the 103rd Infantry Division. As a proud member of the Crow Tribe he never went into battle without his war paint beneath his uniform and a sacred eagle feather beneath his helmet. During World War II he achieved the war deeds to be declared Chief. He also earned the Bronze Star for acts of bravery or merit for his

service in the U.S. military and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

Among his many accomplishments, he was the first member of the Crow Tribe to earn a master's degree. A celebrated writer, he also received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Southern California and Rocky Mountain College. As a distinguished lecturer and historian, Chief Joe Medicine Crow has worked tirelessly for decades as an advocate for the Crow Tribe. I am proud to know Chief Joe Medicine Crow and thank him for his leadership and loyalty to this country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 571, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### HONORING THE U18 USA POWER SOCCER TEAM

### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the U18 USA Power Soccer Team.

Team USA recently traveled to Paris, France to compete in the Powerchair Football World Cup. After defeating Ireland's National Team in the semifinals, 13–0, Team USA went on to win the championship with a 5–0 victory over the host French team. The Americans showed incredible strength and team-effort, not surrendering a single goal during the entire tournament.

Team USA included three Hoosiers Lexi Heer, Zackary Dickey and Michael Rodriguez. Their contributions helped the USA bring home another world cup championship. These young athletes embodied the best of American sportsmanship and competition and I was proud to have them representing our country in this tournament.

I join the entire 6th District and Americans across the Nation in congratulating the U18 USA Power Soccer Team for a fantastic and thrilling 2013 Powerchair Football World Cup championship. I look forward to seeing what each of these talented young men and women will achieve in the future.

#### HONORING MIKE NUSSBAUM

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and Chicago actor, Mr. Mike Nussbaum. As an actor and director, Mr. Nussbaum has certainly made an indelible mark on the city of Chicago, Hollywood and

the world. His unstoppable energy and dedication to his work keeps Mike Nussbaum on stage at age 90. His love for his family and friends, with four great-grandchildren and counting, also keeps him young.

Mike Nussbaum represents the epitome of success in the Chicago acting community. He has been nominated for the Joseph Jefferson Award ten times and awarded the prestigious award three times over the course of his long career. He has acted in movies such as *Men in Black*, *House of Games*, *Fatal Attraction* and *Field of Dreams*. He has performed in plays such as Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* and Beck- et's *Endgame*.

Mike's signature gift is that he is able to perform in such diverse roles not only because of his talent, but his hard work and unwillingness to quit. His major strategy is to keep his mind and body as supple as possible. For most, it is difficult to perform exemplary work at age 90—but Mike Nussbaum makes it look easy.

Nussbaum helped build Chicago into the theatre powerhouse it is today. Chicago is now widely respected for its cutting edge theater. This could not have been done without Mike Nussbaum. Happy 90th Birthday, Mike!

#### HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR HOWARD O. ROBINSON AS HE RETIRES FROM THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

### HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, thanking him for his service and wishing him well as he retires from the Illinois National Guard.

CSM Robinson served as my senior enlisted advisor when I was Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. I presided at the Change of Responsibility Ceremony in 2011 and passed the sword to CSM Robinson as he became the 10th Command Sergeant Major of the Illinois National Guard. In this capacity he helps provide training for approximately 13,000 Illinois National Guardsmen.

CSM Robinson enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1983 with the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago. In 2001 he was selected as the Senior Enlisted Adviser for the 2nd Battalion 123rd Field Artillery in Milan, Illinois. Over the next eight years, his assignments would include: Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago, Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 404th Chemical Brigade based in Chicago and Army National Guard Land Component Senior Enlisted Adviser.

A 2006 graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, CSM Robinson's military education also includes the Army's Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Tactical Information Operations Course and the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Development Course. He served overseas in Germany, participating in a War Fighter Exercise and has participated in various training events throughout Europe.

CSM Robinson has received numerous awards and decorations during his service, including: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Training Ribbon, Long and Honorable Service Medal, Military Attendance Ribbon, State Active Duty Ribbon, and Louisiana Emergency Services Ribbon.

Prior to his current position with the Illinois National Guard, CSM Robinson has enjoyed a career in healthcare administration and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration at Governors State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished career of Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well as he enters his next life chapter.

#### COMMEMORATING MELWOOD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Melwood, Maryland's second-largest non-profit agency focusing on people with differing abilities, as it marks its fiftieth anniversary.

In 1963, a small group of parents and supporters decided to teach plant care to young adults who were considered by most to be unemployable. It was then that Melwood was launched as a place where people with differing abilities learned new skills with the goal of employment. For 50 years, Melwood has been advocating on behalf of individuals with differing abilities by providing support services, helping them with critical skills, and placing them in jobs that provide independence and dignity.

Today, Melwood continues to provide job opportunities and support services to nearly 1,900 individuals with differing abilities. With 38 AbilityOne contracts at 43 locations, Melwood is the second-largest agency of its kind in Maryland and the largest AbilityOne employer in the Eastern Region. Additionally, it operates the Melwood Recreation Center for nearly 900 adults and children with and without special needs. Melwood's great work has even earned it an international reputation, and Melwood's "social entrepreneurial" model has been copied elsewhere in America and in other countries as well.

Every American who wants to contribute to building our country and strengthening our communities ought not to be held back because of a differing ability, and for a half a century Melwood has empowered people with differing abilities to transform their own lives through opportunities of employment, job training, life-skill improvement, and supportive and recreational services.

Much of Melwood's work helped lay the foundation for the enactment of the Americans

with Disabilities Act, bipartisan legislation I was proud to lead to passage in the House in 1990 and witness signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. As advocates for people with differing abilities celebrate this milestone anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to Melwood's mission to empower and inspire. I look forward to continuing to work with Melwood for many years to come, and I am confident that it will continue to carry out its mission for another fifty years and beyond.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating co-founder, President, and CEO emeritus, Earl Copus, Jr., current President and CEO, Cari DeSantis, and the rest of the outstanding Melwood staff, who will continue carrying this outstanding organization into the future.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROY ATMER HUTCHINS

**HON. STEVE STOCKMAN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. STOCKMAN. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Coach Roy Hutchins was a proud veteran of World War II; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Southern University in 1947, and a Master of Science Degree from the same University in 1952; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins joined the faculty of George Washington Carver High School of Baytown, Texas in 1948 and remained there until 1967, as assistant football coach, Coach Hutchins played a major role in Baytown Carver High School winning seven district football championships and three state football championships; and

Whereas, As Head Track and Field Coach, Roy Carver saw his track teams win five state championships; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins is known for molding numerous Carver athletes into PVILCA Hall of Fame or Hall of Honor members; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins was also known and very much admired as a science teacher, motivator of youth, and father-like figure who knew how to mold honorable and successful men out of young boys; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins also exhibited an exemplary family life, and provided a wonderful role model for his student athletes; Be therefore

*Resolved:* That I, Congressman STEVE STOCKMAN of the 36th District of Texas, proudly salute the life and career of this Carver High School hero and fellow Texan; and do strongly urge that he be inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) Hall of Honor.

HONORING ETHAN JAMES FENSKE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan James Fenske. Ethan 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 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT JON JENSEN

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Master Sergeant Jon Jensen for his extraordinary service to the nation while serving in the United States Army for the past 25 years. His record of distinguished service includes tours in Kuwait, Korea, and a competitive selection assignment as a Congressional Legislative Liaison to the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.

As the 295th Ordinance Company First Sergeant while deployed to Kuwait in 2004 and 2005, he superbly integrated 110 cross-leveled Army Reserve Soldiers and 44 active duty Soldiers into one cohesive company. First Sergeant Jensen utilized his superb leadership abilities to provide command and control and health and welfare of his unit, despite their dispersal throughout the Kuwait area of responsibility. First Sergeant Jensen also assumed operational duties during this deployment and successfully established three ammunition holding areas and a theater amnesty program resulting in the company's ability to maintain and provide more than 74,000 short tons of ammunition in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his tenure as the 303rd Ordinance Group Operations Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, MSG Jensen successfully ensured full munitions support for all U.S. and coalition forces on the Korean Peninsula during the Ulchi Focus Lens Korea 06 exercise. While serving as the 1st Brigade, 104th Training Division Operations NCO, MSG Jensen was hand selected by the Ordinance Corps Advisory Group to present a proposal to the U.S. Army Chief of Ordinance on recommended upgrades to the 89B (Ammunition Specialist) Military Occupational Specialty. While in this role, he also led the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Command from last to first place in Division operational readiness in a span of only four months.

MSG Jensen's military career culminated in his competitive selection as the Army Reserve's only senior enlisted Legislative Liaison. At this strategic level, MSG Jensen heavily engaged with key congressional leaders and key senior leaders of governmental and non-gov-

ernmental entities. MSG Jensen supported numerous congressional hearings, frequent office calls, and countless Hill engagements with members of Congress and Army Reserve Senior Leaders. He spearheaded, organized, planned and executed the Army Reserve Congressional Staff Delegation to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin to showcase the capabilities of an Operational United States Army Reserve.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Master Sergeant Jon Jensen for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army.

A TIMELY CALL TO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit Cardinal Timothy Dolan's remarks at the annual U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathering in which he gave an impassioned plea for the church in the West to focus on the increasingly dire plight of the persecuted church around the globe.

I venture that the Catholic bishop under house arrest in China, the imperiled believer in Iraq still reeling from the devastating attack on Our Lady of Salvation Church and the unjustly imprisoned Christian in Pakistan will undoubtedly be heartened by his words and buoyed by his call to action.

CARDINAL TIMOTHY M. DOLAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB)

ADDRESS TO THE USCCB GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Just last August, I had the honor of concelebrating the Mass of Dedication for the Cathedral of the Resurrection in Kiev. A particularly moving moment came when Metropolitan Shevchuk asked the Lord's protective hand upon believers suffering persecution for their faith anywhere in the world. That such a heartfelt plea came from a people who had themselves been oppressed for so long made it all the more poignant.

This morning I want to invite us to broaden our horizons, to "think Catholic" about our brothers and sisters in the faith now suffering simply because they sign themselves with the cross, bow their heads at the Holy Name of Jesus, and happily profess the Apostles' Creed.

Brother bishops, our legitimate and ongoing struggles to protect our "first and most cherished freedom" in the United States pale in comparison to the Via Crucis currently being walked by so many of our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world, who are experiencing lethal persecution on a scale that defies belief. If our common membership in the mystical body of Christ is to mean anything, then their suffering must be ours as well. The new Archbishop of Canterbury has rightly referred to victims of Christian persecution as "martyrs." We are living in what must be recognized as, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, "a new age of martyrs." One expert calculates that half of all Christian martyrs were killed in the twentieth century alone. The twenty-first century has already seen in its first 13 years one million people killed

around the world because of their belief in Jesus Christ—one million already in this still young century.

That threat to religious believers is growing. The Pew Research Center reports that 75 percent of the world's population "lives in countries where governments, social groups, or individuals restrict people's ability to freely practice their faith." Pew lays out the details of this "rising tide of restrictions on religion," but we don't need a report to tell us something we sadly see on the news every day.

While Muslims and Christians have long lived peacefully side-by-side in Zanzibar, for instance, this past year has seen increasing violence. Catholic churches have been burned and priests have been shot. In September one priest was the victim of a horrific acid attack. Nigeria has also been the site of frequent anti-Christian violence, including church bombings on our holiest days.

The situation in India has also been grave, particularly after the Orissa massacre of 2008, where hundreds of Christians were murdered and thousands displaced, and thousands of homes and some 400 churches were torched. Just recently, a Christian couple was recently attacked by an angry mob just because of their faith, their Bibles torn from their hands.

We remember our brothers and sisters in China, where Catholic bishops and other religious leaders are subject to state supervision and imprisonment. Conditions are only getting worse, as the government closes churches and subjects members of several faiths to forced renunciations, so-called re-education, and torture.

Of course, it's not just Christians who suffer from religious persecution, but believers in other faiths as well. Much religious persecution is committed by Muslims against other Muslims. Buddhists in Tibet suffer under government torture and repression. In Myanmar Muslims suffer at the hands of Buddhist mobs. All of us share apprehension over reports of rising anti-Semitism.

But there is no escaping the fact that Christians are singled out in far more places and far more often.

I don't have to tell anyone in this room that our brothers and sisters in the Middle East face particular trials. As Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople has observed, for Christians in the Middle East, "even the simple admission of Christian identity places the very existence of [the] faithful in daily threat . . . Exceptionally extreme and expansive occurrences of violence and persecution against Christians cannot leave the rest of us—who are blessed to live peacefully and in some sense of security—indifferent and inactive."

The humanitarian catastrophe that continues to unfold in Syria has been particularly close to our hearts these past few months. We've prayed for and stood in solidarity with the Church and the people of Syria, and with Pope Francis and the bishops of the Middle East in their call for peace.

It's no surprise that this violent and chaotic situation has bred even more religious persecution. Of course we're all familiar with Syria's venerable history as the place from which our faith spread to the rest of the world, and Syria has long been home to a sizable Christian minority. Yet those Christians who have remained in Syria face ever-present, rising threats of violence.

Last April two of our Orthodox brother bishops were kidnapped in Aleppo by gunmen as they returned from a humanitarian mission. Their driver was shot and killed. And a little less than a year ago an Orthodox priest

from Hama was killed by a sniper while helping the wounded. Similarly tragic violence against believers is now commonplace.

Just as Syrian Christians have suffered from the war raging in their land, the war in Iraq has devastated that ancient Christian community in that country as well. As Bishop Shlemon Warduni of Iraq tearfully told us during our spring assembly in 2012, remember, the situation of Christians there "became a tragedy of immense proportions after 2003," with many religious and lay faithful tortured and killed.

Violent attacks continue to terrorize the Iraqi people. Just a little over a year ago the war's worst massacre of Iraqi Christians occurred in a brutal attack on Our Lady of Salvation Church in Baghdad, where some 58 believers were massacred. Those martyred for their faith included their parish priest who died holding a crucifix, forgiving the gunmen and asking him to spare his people.

The situations in Syria and Iraq wrench our hearts, but the plight of Christians in Egypt is no better. This past summer saw the serious escalation of violence against our brothers and sisters there, as the ancient Coptic Christian community has been targeted. Dozens of Coptic churches have been burned; Christian-owned businesses and hotels have been attacked; and individual believers have been murdered.

To take one example, John Allen reports that in August, "hundreds of Muslim extremists stormed a school run by Franciscan sisters in . . . Upper Egypt, where they reportedly raped two teachers. Three nuns were paraded before the crowd as prisoners of war." It was only through the intervention of a Muslim lay teacher that other sisters' lives were spared.

We as bishops, as shepherds of one of the most richly blessed communities of faith on the planet, as pastors who have spoken with enthusiastic unity in defense of our own religious freedom, must become advocates and champions for these Christians whose lives literally hang in the balance.

Pope Francis recently invited us all to an examination of conscience in this regard during his General Audience on September 25:

"When I hear that so many Christians in the world are suffering, am I indifferent, or is it as if a member of my own family is suffering? When I think or hear it said that many Christians are persecuted and give their lives for their faith, does this touch my heart or does it not reach me? Am I open to that brother or that sister in my family who's giving his or her life for Jesus Christ? Do we pray for one another? How many of you pray for Christians who are persecuted? How many? Everyone respond in his own heart. It's important to look beyond one's own fence, to feel oneself part of the Church, of one family of God!"

I am convinced that we have to answer those questions of Pope Francis, not merely as individual believers, but collectively as a body of bishops.

So you ask me, what can we do? Without any pretense of being exhaustive, here are some ideas I'd like to lay before you, with a nod to John Allen and his recent compelling work on this topic.

First, we can encourage intercession for the persecuted. Remember how the "prayers for the conversion of Russia" at the end of Masses over a half-century ago shaped our sense of what was going on behind the Iron Curtain? A similar culture of prayer for persecuted Christians today, both in private and in our liturgical celebrations, could have a similar remedial effect.

We can also make people aware of the great suffering of our brothers and sisters with all the means at our disposal. Our columns, our blogs, our speeches, and our pastoral letters can reference the subject. We can ask our pastors to preach on it, and to stimulate study sessions or activist groups in their parishes. We can encourage our Catholic media to tell the stories of today's new martyrs, unfortunately abundant. Our good experience defending religious freedom here at home shows that, when we turn our minds to an issue, we can put it on the map. Well, it's time to harness that energy for our fellow members of the household of faith hounded for their beliefs around the world.

We know the importance of supporting organizations such as Aid to the Church in Need, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Catholic Relief Services, and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, who have done heroic work, while among our Protestant brothers and sisters groups such as Open Doors make a similar contribution. Writers such as Nina Shea, Paul Marshall, John Allen, and Phillip Jenkins here in the United States help keep the issue alive, as does our own Committee on International Justice and Peace.

Finally, we can insist that our country's leaders make the protection of at-risk Christians abroad a foreign-policy priority for the United States. We can also cajole political leaders to be more attentive to the voices of Christians on the ground, since those Christians will certainly feel the consequences of whatever the West does or doesn't do. As Dr. Thomas Farr reminded us at our spring meeting a couple summers ago, the protection of religious freedom abroad, and advocacy of oppressed believers, has hardly been a high foreign policy priority for administrations of either party.

In general, my brothers, we can make supporting the suffering Church a priority—not one good cause among others, but a defining element of our pastoral priorities. As historians of this conference know, speaking up for suffering faithful abroad has been a hallmark of our soon-to-be-century of public advocacy of the gospel by the conference of bishops in this beloved country we are honored to call our earthly home.

Protecting religious freedom will be a central social and political concern of our time, and we American bishops already have made very important contributions to carrying it forward. Now we are being beckoned—by history, by Pope Francis, by the force of our own logic and the ecclesiology of communion—to extend those efforts to the dramatic front lines of this battle, where Christians are paying for their fidelity with their lives. As the Council reminded us, we are bishops not only for our dioceses, not only for our nation, but for the Church universal.

May all the blessed martyrs, ancient and new, pray for us, as we try to be confessors of the faith.

Praise be Jesus Christ!

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 572, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MATTHEW ALAN  
STUBBS II

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Alan Stubbs II. Matthew 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 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

CONGRATULATING ED ROCHA AND  
ROCHA'S VALLEY ENTERPRISES

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ed Rocha and Rocha's Valley Enterprises, which will be inducted as a member of the Stanislaus County Agricultural Hall of Fame "Legends in Agriculture" during a ceremony in Modesto, California, on November 14, 2013.

Trucking is truly a family legacy for the Rocha family. In 1924, John Rocha founded John N Rocha transportation. They started hauling milk, hay and dairy supplies and added cattle a few years later. In 1952, when Ed was a senior in high school, his dad took him to Salinas Dressed Beef Company, in Salinas, CA, to look at two nearly-new 1951 Peterbilt Cabovers they had for sale. His dad told him, "If I like the deal, you're in business." They ended up buying the trucks and Ed and his father became partners under the name Rocha Livestock Transportation.

Ten years later, Ed decided to go out on his own and started Ed Rocha Livestock Transportation. Over the years, Ed's operations expanded to Stockton and Modesto and the fleet grew to include tankers, vans, curtain vans, flats and of course cattle trucks.

In 1990, Valley Enterprises was founded, leasing tomato trailers to the Morningstar Company. To this day they are handling the shuttle and interplant business for E&J Gallo. It is important to note that the Rocha family has been hauling for the Gallo family for over 70 years.

A true family business, Ed's youngest son Douglas was running a tomato operation at twelve years old, helped out by his sister

Stephanie, at only nine years old. Today, Doug runs Valley Enterprises whose fleet consists of 27 power units and 150 sets of trailers.

Dedicated to giving back to the industry, Ed is very active with several trucking organizations. He is the former president of the California Trucking Association and is active in the American Truck Historical Society (ATHS). Ed also serves on the board of directors for the American Trucking Association (ATA), served on the National Ag Science Center Board of Directors, and he is the executive director and past president of the Hays Antique Truck Museum. His community involvement spreads beyond transportation, Ed and Carole helped start Children's Guardian Home in Oakdale, a home that takes in abused and abandoned children. Ed is a past president of the Children's Crisis Center in Modesto.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Ed Rocha and Rocha's Valley Enterprises, for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of our local community.

TRIBUTE TO LEONEL J. CASTILLO,  
EDUCATOR, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST,  
AND HOUSTON'S FIRST HISPANIC ELECTED

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Leonel J. Castillo, a legendary and pioneering figures in the history of Houston, Texas. Mr. Castillo, who was the first Hispanic elected to public office in Houston, died November 4, 2013. He was 74 years old.

Leonel J. Castillo was born June 9, 1939 in Victoria, Texas and educated at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, from which he received his Bachelor's degree in English, and his Master's degree in Community Organization from University of Pittsburgh.

Like many men and women of his generation, Leonel Castillo was inspired by President John F. Kennedy's call to service and joined the Peace Corps, serving in the Philippines. During this time he met the gracious and brilliant Evelyn, his partner in life and marriage for more than 50 years, and the mother of their two children, a daughter Avalyn, and a son, Efrem.

In 1967, Leonel and his family moved to Houston where he soon became involved with local neighborhood organizations. He organized across racial lines and worked to find common ground on important issues to each community, including integration and better educational opportunities for the children of Houston.

Leonel served as Director of SER-Jobs for Progress, board member of Catholic Charities, and member of the Memorial Hermann Hospital advisory board. Leonel also was one of the co-founders of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Houston International University. He also taught at the University of Houston and Texas Southern University.

In 1971, Leonel Castillo was elected Comptroller of the City of Houston, the first Hispanic

ever elected to public office in the city's history. He served in that office with distinction, earning the nickname the "Watchdog at City Hall."

Based on his record of demonstrated excellence as a manager and public administrator, Leonel Castillo came to the attention of President Jimmy Carter, who nominated him on April 7, 1977 to be Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and confirmed by the Senate just three weeks later, on April 27, 1977. He was the first Hispanic to hold this position. Leonel Castillo served as INS Commission until October 1, 1979.

At a White House swearing-in ceremony, President Carter explained his reasons for appointing Leonel Castillo to such an important post:

He's a man who has the highest possible reputation. He's a public administrator, and I think I can tell you that he's going to take on one of the most difficult jobs in the Government.

Mr. Speaker, Leonel J. Castillo touched so many lives in so many ways. He inspired a generation of civic minded Hispanic men and women to seek public office. He was a towering figure in the life of our community. He will be greatly missed.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in honor of a great American, my friend, the Honorable Leonel J. Castillo.

HONORING ANGEL WOODRUFF

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Angel Woodruff of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for her compassionate defense of others in her local community. Ms. Woodruff currently serves as the first assistant prosecuting attorney in Cape Girardeau County, and has become widely-known for her compassionate and diligent defense of victims of crime. She is known for encouraging victims to advocate for themselves, and to actively seek out the help of the law. Ms. Woodruff began her education studying English at Southeast Missouri State University, and continued on to earn a Law Degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She began working at the Cape Girardeau Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 1998 and specializes in violent crimes, drug crime, domestic violence, and sex crimes. She believes that her job is more than just what people see on headlines and in court rooms, and seeks to help victims whose daily lives are affected by her cases on a personal level. Ms. Woodruff reaches out to victims and shows them that they are not alone, and that she is willing to fight for them.

In the words of the U.S. Attorney who hired her, Morley Swingle, "A crime victim is lucky if she is assigned to the case." I am grateful that we have such caring and hardworking members of the Cape Girardeau community, such as Ms. Angel Woodruff. It is my pleasure to recognize her achievements before the House of Representatives and to encourage her to continue advocating for victims of crime.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN  
MAXINE PARKER

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Birmingham City Council President Maxine Herring Parker who passed away on Tuesday November 12, 2013. I am deeply saddened by her passing but I am comforted in knowing that her rich legacy of diligent service will live through those she served in Birmingham City Council District 4.

Councilwoman Parker was the epitome of grace, class and firm yet gentle leadership. With her signature flower lapels to accentuate her immaculate appearance, this soft-spoken leader personified womanhood while serving as a great source of strength for her family and her community. In her presence, it was clear, that while she was a warm spirit, Councilwoman Parker was never afraid to fight for what she believed in.

This beloved advocate was first elected to represent Birmingham's District 4 in November 2005. She initially ran on a platform that focused on improving the quality of life for her constituents. But her contributions to the area were boundless. Throughout her eight-year tenure, Councilwoman Parker was best known for her advocacy for environmental justice on behalf of the Collegeville, Harriman Park, and Fairmont neighborhoods.

For decades, citizens in these areas were negatively impacted by industrial pollution. But it was the diligent efforts and leadership of Councilwoman Parker that led to government action. In 2011, as a result of her tireless advocacy, the Environmental Protection Agency began its first major intervention in the area. Today, the EPA continues environmental cleanup efforts in the area as a result of Councilwoman Parker's efforts to raise awareness on the environmental injustice suffered by her constituents.

Councilwoman Parker went on to receive national recognition for her work and the project was even referenced as an example of successful government and community partnerships at a national conference. In July she served as a presenter at the EPA's Community Involvement Training conference in Boston where she shared her story about the federal environmental cleanup project in her district.

Shortly before her untimely death, Councilwoman Parker was elected as Birmingham City Council President as she began her third term. Prior to her election to the council, she served for many years as Collegeville neighborhood president. She also served as the executive assistant to the President at Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama for 41 years. During her tenure at the college, she served under the administration of six presidents.

On behalf of our Nation and the residents of North Birmingham, I am honored to pay tribute to the life of this phenomenal woman. She was indeed one of the most passionate community servants of her time. Councilwoman Parker had a heart for the people and a courageous spirit that dared to believe in the power of fighting for what we believe in. Let us all commit to continuing her legacy by inher-

iting her sincere passion for caring for the needs of others. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Birmingham City Council President Maxine Herring Parker.

HONORING STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE PHYLLIS POND

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my friend and colleague Congresswoman JACKIE WALORSKI, to pay tribute to State Representative Phyllis Pond of New Haven, Indiana. Rep. Pond was an outstanding Hoosier who represented both her district and Indiana with integrity, and sadly passed away on September 22, 2013 at the age of 82.

Rep. Pond began her service to our great state in 1978 when she was first elected to the Indiana General Assembly. A lifelong Hoosier who grew up on a farm and graduated from Warren High School, Ball State University, and Indiana State University, Rep. Pond was the longest-serving female state representative in the history of Indiana. She was also the first woman to earn her seat in the prestigious front row of the Statehouse Chamber. We, the female Members of the Indiana Congressional delegation, are especially grateful for her leadership and guidance that has helped shape our own careers in public service.

As members of the House Education and the Workforce and Armed Services Committees, we honor Rep. Pond for her outstanding work for both Hoosier students and servicemembers. As a former kindergarten teacher who taught students for 37 years, Rep. Pond worked tirelessly to ensure that our state's students received the best education and had access to exceptional opportunities.

Thanks to Rep. Pond, Hoosier K-3 classrooms have no more than eighteen students, creating a healthy learning environment where students receive the attention they need to excel in school. Rep. Pond strongly believed in recognizing our servicemembers and their families. During the holiday season, she was well known for sending cards and words of encouragement to Indiana's finest. Rep. Pond also sponsored legislation to give soldiers on active duty more time with their children.

We are proud that such an exceptional public servant, teacher, and stateswoman called the Hoosier State home, and we are honored to recognize her life's work today. Our deepest condolences and well wishes go out to George Pond, her husband of 62 years; her children, Douglas Pond of Indianapolis, Dr. William Pond of Fort Wayne, and Jean Grasmick of Zionville; grandchildren, Greg and Scott Pond, Joel Aiken, and Jennifer Knepp; and great grandchildren, Beatrice, Walker, and Eleanore. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
MEDICAID COVERAGE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opportunity that my home state of Texas lost when it opted out of expanding Medicaid. Denying health care coverage to seniors, veterans, and low-income residents is unconscionable.

Texas has the most uninsured residents among the 24 states that refuse to expand Medicaid. At very little cost to the state itself, 1.5 million uninsured people could have health insurance coverage by now. However, Governor Rick Perry's refusal to expand Medicaid to 133 percent of the federal poverty line ultimately hurts our most vulnerable citizens.

Another adverse effect of choosing not to expand Medicaid falls on our neediest hospitals. Because of reductions in payments to safety-net hospitals, or disproportionate share hospitals (DSH), low-income patients suffer reduced access to care. With these reductions to hospitals, refusals to expand Medicaid, and cuts to Medicare subsidies, we are exposing our most susceptible patients to incredible risk.

If expanded in Texas, the Affordable Care Act would fully fund each state's coverage for the first three years. Over time, the federal government would continue to pay for no less than 90 percent of coverage for newly eligible individuals. This increase in spending is partially offset by the DSH payment reduction. However, in states that do not expand Medicaid, low-income residents who seek treatment at safety-net hospitals suffer.

Our veterans, seniors, and low-income residents are forced to miss the opportunity to have quality and affordable health insurance simply because of political posturing. I urge my colleagues and each state to support the expansion of Medicaid.

HONORING ANTHONY JONES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Anthony Jones. Anthony 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 59, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Anthony has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Anthony has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 40 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Anthony has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

HONORING ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL  
IN ORLAND PARK FOR BEING  
NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Michael School, an exemplary Catholic elementary school in Orland Park, Illinois, for receiving the prestigious 2013 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award.

In 1982, The Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. The program's goal is to identify aspects of thriving American schools in order to replicate their success. I am proud that St. Michael School in Orland Park in my district has been honored as one of those exceptional schools.

Since first opening its doors in 1949, St. Michael has been serving the community of Orland Park by providing a diverse, challenging curriculum that emphasizes academics, moral values, and discipline. The mission of St. Michael School has always been to provide students with a learning environment that will reinforce the principles and values of Church, home, and community in an effort to prepare them for lifelong and responsible citizenship.

Today, St. Michael School offers programs from preschool through eighth grade and attracts students from Orland Park and surrounding communities, currently enrolling more than 600 students. As a proud graduate of Catholic schools, I understand the rigorous and engaging curriculum that emphasizes Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Technology, Language Arts, and Religion. St. Michael's offers challenging educational experiences that foster success, promote unity, and respect the individuality of each student.

Last year I had the pleasure of visiting St. Michael School during Catholic Schools Week. I enjoyed touring the school and visiting with students, and I came away very impressed with the students, teachers, and administrators under the leadership of Principal Bernadette Cuttone. It made perfect sense to me when St. Michael's was chosen as one of only 50 private schools nationwide that received a National Blue Ribbon School Award. Everyone at the school and in the parish should be extremely proud.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of St. Michael School and all the National Blue Ribbon award winners. Their pursuit of academic excellence is inspiring, and I hope that their success can serve as an inspiration for schools across the nation.

CONGRATULATING WQPT-TV IN  
THE QUAD CITIES ON THEIR 30TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate WQPT-TV, the Quad-Cities PBS

station, on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary.

WQPT launched on Nov. 3, 1983 with only four hours of programming each weekday. With support from local leaders, including former Representative Lane Evans, area colleges and universities, and many dedicated volunteers, WQPT has grown into a station that provides excellent programs on its main and secondary channels 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. WQPT has formed a great partnership with Western Illinois University Quad-Cities, allowing staff to collaborate with students and faculty, speak regularly to classes and engage with the community. Additionally, as part of its educational mission, WQPT's "Ready to Learn Initiative" has donated 123,000 books to area students since 1995.

Before WQPT launched 30 years ago, the Quad-Cities area was the largest metro area in the country without a PBS station. WQPT still has one of the smallest staffs and budgets out of all stations in the Corporation for Public Broadcasting network, yet manages to provide locally relevant, award-winning programs for everyone in the region. These awards include an Emmy nomination, two CINE Golden Eagle Awards, the PBS Sterling Award and a Grassroots Advocacy Award from the National Friends of Public Broadcasting.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate WQPT-TV for reaching this milestone, and I thank them for their 30 years of service to our community.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FOR-  
TIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
PAYNE-PULLMAN SCHOOL OF  
TRADE AND COMMERCE IN DE-  
TROIT, MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the staff, students and alumni of the Payne-Pulliam School of Trade and Commerce in Detroit as they gather to celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary of service to the community.

In 1973, Reverend Betty E. Pulliam and Ms. Freddie M. Lindsey-Payne recognized a growing need in their community—an educational institution whose focus was to provide its students with employment-ready knowledge and skills. In response to this need, Reverend Pulliam and Ms. Lindsey-Payne founded the Payne-Pulliam School which offered a business education in a small class with an individualized learning environment.

As the educational needs of the Greater Detroit community have changed over the last four decades, the Payne-Pulliam School has adapted to meet that demand. Today Payne-Pulliam offers its students assistance with GED preparation, job readiness education and personal development classes. The focus of its dedicated education professionals is to aid their students in their journey to rebuild themselves and their skills. As part of this commitment, Payne-Pulliam provides its students with extensive support in job placement, counseling and training. In 1997, the leadership of the Payne-Pulliam school furthered this commitment by partnering with Michigan Works and

the City of Detroit Employment and Training Department.

Each year, as part of its community outreach initiatives, the Payne-Pulliam School hosts its annual Door Opener's Awards event, where students, alumni, educators and community stakeholders come together to recognize individuals who have assisted the School in its mission to provide important education and skills development to the residents of the Greater Detroit region. It is fitting that in this milestone year for the Payne-Pulliam School its founders will be recognized as Door Openers—for their decades of dedication as professional educators and leaders in the endeavor to make education available to all the residents of Southeast Michigan. For both Reverend Pulliam and Ms. Lindsey-Payne, their commitment to education extends far beyond their work at their school as they have been leaders in many other community organizations that are working to increase the accessibility to education in the Greater Detroit region.

Mr. Speaker, access to a quality education is a central component in the continuing success of the Greater Detroit region and other communities across our nation. I congratulate Reverend Pulliam and Ms. Lindsey-Payne on this great milestone in the history of the Payne-Pulliam School of Trade and Commerce and I congratulate its staff, students and alumni on their continuing efforts to ensure that the future of Michigan remains bright.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR H.  
RES. 402

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, Reps. SANDY LEVIN and JIM GERLACH in rising today to support the passage of H. Res. 402, supporting the European aspirations of the people of the European Union's (EU) Eastern Partnership countries, and to express continued support for Ukraine as it moves closer to signing the EU Association Agreement.

In order for Ukraine to progress democratically and economically, it is imperative that the conditions of this agreement, as jointly initiated by the EU and Ukraine, are fully met—in law and in practice.

The critical November 28–29 Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania is quickly approaching, bringing with it the deadline for signing the Association Agreement. Accordingly, we urge the U.S. Department of State to advance all appropriate opportunities for cooperation with Ukraine to address the remaining required reforms, including electoral and rule of law reforms as well as issues related to selective justice, particularly the release of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Along with the clear democratic and economic benefits, we believe these reforms, coupled with international monitoring and oversight, provide the best opportunity to ensure free and fair elections in Ukraine in 2015 and beyond.

Consistent with our support for H. Res. 402, we applaud the EU's progress—much of it

through the Eastern Partnership program—in helping to build democratic, prosperous, and stable societies throughout Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. Building on that progress is in the national interest of the United States; consequently, we call on the U.S. Department of State to direct needed resources to help support Ukraine's European choice.

**CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST HOSPITAL HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the 40th anniversary of Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euleless-Bedford (HEB). The hospital has been dedicated to serving the citizens of Northeast Tarrant County, Texas, where it has been improving the lives of the community with quality health care service.

The vision of an outstanding hospital was formulated through the cooperative leadership from the Cities of Hurst, Euleless and Bedford. The cities acknowledged the growing healthcare needs of their citizens and, as a result, the cities formed the HEB Hospital Authority to plan and build the hospital.

Fundraising for the hospital occurred in 1969 and, shortly afterwards in 1970, construction began. The Cities of Hurst, Euleless, and Bedford continued to raise funds for the project until the doors opened in June 1973.

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB is a fully accredited Cycle IV Chest Pain Center designated by the Society of Chest Pain Centers, and it also has a three-year accreditation, with commendation, from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. In addition, Texas Health HEB was the first hospital in Northeast Tarrant County to be certified as a Primary Stroke Center. Lastly, the hospital achieved the designation as a Level III Trauma center this year.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB for serving the North Texas community for 40 years with outstanding health care practices.

**HONORING SUSAN NUSSBAUM**

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, treasured playwright and author, Ms. Susan Nussbaum, on her 60th birthday. Susan has been a groundbreaking voice for persons with disabilities. Through her advocacy with disability groups, Susan has written plays and recently a remarkable book that has helped to change the perception of disabled people throughout Chicago and well beyond.

Susan acquired her disability in 1977 at the age of 24 in a car accident. She refused to

allow her newfound disability to define her after this tragic accident. In the 1970's, Susan became involved in the disability rights movement and helped to win key fights concerning wheelchair-accessible public transportation and the remodeling of sidewalks, schools, stores, and theaters. The strength and character she built through those wins continues to shine today.

Susan worked at Access Living, a wonderful organization in Chicago dedicated to inclusion, independent living and empowerment for people with disabilities. While working at Access Living Susan founded of the Empowered Fe Fes, a peer support and advocacy group of young women with disabilities. Susan knew that first and foremost, a girl with a disability is a girl, with the same feelings, emotions, wants, and desires of any other girl. The group gave young women with disabilities an opportunity to speak freely in a safe and private space and express the challenges and experiences they encounter on a daily basis. The Empowered Fe Fes challenges traditional stereotypes about disability and gender. My wonderful Constituent Advocate Taina Rodriguez, who has been helping residents in my district office for over 12 years, was Susan's assistant in the Empowered Fe Fe's and since she was in high school has had a special mother-daughter relationship with Susan.

Challenging stereotypes has defined much of Susan's work. On stage, Susan has written and directed plays that reframe disability through the lens of someone with an authentic disability experience. Her work has been showcased at Second City, Live Bait, Steppenwolf, and more. She has written such plays as No One As Nasty and Mishuganismo. "No One as Nasty" appears in a collection titled Beyond Victims and Villains: Contemporary Plays by Disabled Playwrights. Susan refuses to write her characters in a certain stereotypical light. Instead, she portrays them in a realistic manner, which has helped to change the stereotype of disabled characters. Susan's work has given voice to a disability experience that transcends the historical portrayal as someone who needs to be pitied, cured or worshipped. Too often, on television, in the movies, in literature, and on stage, people with disabilities are presented as bitter, depressed and pitiable, or as unnaturally heroic and inspirational. Rarely do you see a character with a disability defined as a full participant in our society who just happens to have a disability. I say rarely, because there are people like Susan Nussbaum.

Recently, her achievements as a writer have gone beyond the stage and expanded into literature. Her novel, Good Kings, Bad Kings, earned the 2012 Barbara Kingsolver PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction. The novel follows the lives of young people with disabilities as they tell their stories about abuse, neglect and love while living in a state institution. Barbara Kingsolver presented Susan the award and said, "The characters in Good Kings Bad Kings made me laugh, over and over again, and cry and cheer. This is fiction at its best . . . A stunning accomplishment."

Susan's body of work has transformed the way we think about disability. I encourage everyone, including my colleagues, to read Good Kings Bad Kings.

Among friends she's been called "Disability Culture Queen" and by her family she's known

as "Comrade Auntie Sue," "Mami" and just plain "Sue." Congratulations to Susan Nussbaum on your many amazing accomplishments, and a very happy 60th birthday!

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 573 I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

**IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN SAFE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS**

**HON. ALBIO SIRES**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the importance of investing in safe infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists. I recently read a report presented by the Sierra Club and League of American Bicyclists, entitled The New Majority: Pedaling towards Equity, and as someone who rides a bicycle regularly, I think there's a lot to be excited about in their findings.

Across the nation, bike ridership is up—and the numbers are impressive. From 2001 to 2009 there has been a 22% increase in bike trips among white Americans, 50% for Hispanics, 80% for Asian Americans, 100% among African Americans, and there's plenty of room for those numbers to grow.

Unfortunately, concerns about access to safe infrastructure remains a barrier for many would-be riders. I believe we must do more in Congress to address that. It's a simple fact that when we invest in complete streets with safe pedestrian and bicycle pathways, we create communities where businesses want to invest and families want to live. That is why I plan to introduce a bill in the coming weeks that will create innovative new ways of financing non-motorized infrastructure projects. I am hopeful that this legislation will attract bipartisan support here in Congress, so that Americans of all age and background can enjoy equitable access to safe roads.

**TRIBUTE TO COACH ROBERT L. STRAYHAN**

**HON. STEVE STOCKMAN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. STOCKMAN. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Coach Robert L. Strayhan of Baytown's Carver High School touched the hearts of the many Carver and Lewisville High School athletes, students, fellow faculty members, staff members and family and friends who had the privilege of knowing him and who had the chance to be coached or mentored by him; and

Whereas, Coach Strayhan, as he was known to all of his students, joined the faculty of George Washington Carver High School of Baytown, Texas in 1952 and remained there until May of 1967. He served as assistant football coach and head basketball coach. Coach Strayhan had strict standards for his athletes and students, making them stay focused on assignments and grades; and

Whereas, Coach Strayhan instituted a 'no pass, no play' rule long before the state of Texas mandated such a rule; and

Whereas, Coach Strayhan made sports fun and was a 'hands-on' coach; and

Whereas, Robert L. Strayhan had strong moral values, encouraging the young people under his guidance to avoid teen pregnancies, drug abuse, gangs, underage drinking and teen smoking; and

Whereas, Coach Strayhan did not use his athletes only for winning games, but encouraged them to go to college and worked hard to help them obtain scholarships, regardless of race; and

Whereas, Coach Strayhan was very justly proud of his days at Carver High School; Be it therefore

*Resolved:* That I, Congressman STEVE STOCKMAN of the 36th District of Texas, am proud to join the many other friends and members of the Baytown community in honoring the life and work of Coach Robert L. Strayhan—a shining example to his many friends, athletes and students, to the City of Baytown and to his fellow Americans. May he long be remembered.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LOW-WAGE FEDERAL CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE BACK PAY ACT OF 2013

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Low-Wage Federal Contractor Back Pay Act of 2013, to grant back pay to federally contracted retail, food, custodial and security service workers who were furloughed during last month's federal government shutdown. The bill, which would amend the current continuing resolution, would apply to all three branches of the federal government. The idea for the bill was brought to my attention by these federally contracted service workers, some of whom work here on the Capitol grounds providing Members of Congress and congressional staff with daily services.

Many federally contracted workers in federal agencies earn little more than the minimum wage with few, if any benefits, and while others are unionized with little better wages, all are the lowest paid workers in the federal government and should not be punished because Congress failed to do its job and keep the government functioning for 16 days. Congress did the right thing when it gave back pay to federal employees, who work in the same buildings as these low-wage service workers. However, both groups of workers were victims who deserve to be made whole. I recognize, of course, that contract workers are employees of contractors, but the distinction between federal workers and at least the lowest-paid

service workers who serve the federal government and its employees and keep, for example, their premises clean, fails when it comes to a deliberate government shutdown. Unlike many other contractors, those who employ low-wage service workers have little latitude to help make up for lost wages. Low-wage federally contracted service workers could least afford the loss of pay during the shutdown, and should not now have to go to work every day with everyone else in their federal buildings having received back pay except for them.

The nation's capital is the high-profile home of the federal government's collusion with those that pay low wages through leases and contracts with federal agencies. At least this legislation would provide some parity to these low-wage federal contractor workers.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

OBAMACARE

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, it's been seven weeks since the debut of the Affordable Care Act's website, and the reviews of the roll-out are in. Opinions from news organizations and commentators from across the political spectrum are nearly unanimous—Obamacare is an unmitigated disaster.

One constituent of mine, Cynthia from Novi, Michigan, tried to sign up for Healthcare.gov after her employer told her she'd be losing her plan. Her first attempt to access the exchange saw her kicked off the website. After finally getting a quote for coverage, she saw that the price of her same coverage had skyrocketed.

Jason, also from Novi contacted me about his experience with Obamacare. He has a family of four and likes his current plan because, quote "worked for me and my family" unquote. He recently received a letter from his insurance company explaining that the ACA had caused his plan to be cancelled effective January 1st. His new premium is 73% higher than his old premium.

These are just two stories that exemplify the havoc that this law is wreaking on the American people. It cannot be fixed. Passing a delay, now, is like telling the captain of the Titanic to just hold out a little longer after the iceberg struck. It must be repealed.

HONORING CINDY MARKS

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Cindy Marks, the 2013 President of the California School Boards Association. I want to recognize Cindy for her dedication to education over the past fifteen years. In addition to being a junior high and high school Health Education speaker, she spent the past thirteen years as a host family for unwed pregnant teens, and the past eleven years as a mentor at an inner city Apartment Complex in Modesto working with

at-risk youth and youth gang members. These are only a few among her many achievements that deserve to be recognized.

As President of CSBA, Cindy chairs a number of CSBA Task Forces and Councils. These include the Educational Legal Alliance Steering Committee, the Linked Learning Task Force, and CSBA's Superintendents Advisory Council. She is a member of the Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Board of Directors and she represents CSBA on the Education Coalition, a consortium of education stake holder groups.

In addition to serving in these leadership positions at a regional and state-wide level, Cindy has served on numerous county-wide committees pertaining to at-risk youth and student achievement. She was appointed by the legislature to the "Joint Committee to develop a master plan for education—Kindergarten through University." She is currently a member of the task force on k-12 Civic Learning, a joint task force established by Chief Justice Tani Canti-Sakaue and State Superintendent of public instruction Tom Torlakson. The task force will bring definition to the skills, knowledge, and dispositions that students and community members need to be informed of. Cindy leads the sub-group on Business and Community Partners.

In 2013, President Cindy Marks was named, "Elected Woman of the Year" by California Women Lead, a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of women holding—or aspiring to hold—elected or appointed office. She was among five women honored by the organization this year.

Moreover, Cindy has served on a variety of prestigious national governance-related committees including the "100 District Leader Network for Citizenship and Service Learning," a collaboration among national education associations such as the National School Boards Association and the American Association of School Administrators. She also serves on the National School Boards Association Pacific Region Board.

Cindy is also a board member for the Latino Emergency Council, the city Ministry Network, and a founding member of the Dr. Parker Steering Committee to address the achievement gap and how it relates to African American students.

Cindy's passion for education, her expertise across a wide-range of policy areas from school finance and fiscal reform to dropout prevention and school discipline, safe schools, and state and federal legislative issues make her one of California's outstanding education leaders.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Cindy Marks for her hard work, dedication to education, and for serving as an inspiration to others around her. I wish her great success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DELEGATE JOE JOHNSON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to Delegate Joe Johnson, who has dutifully served Southwest

Virginia for nearly 30 years as a member of the Virginia General Assembly. I had the privilege of working on our region's behalf with Delegate Johnson, and like many, was saddened by news of his retirement.

Born in Washington County, Virginia, Delegate Johnson attended Meadowview High School and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Emory and Henry College, which happens to be my alma mater as well, and went on to receive his law degree from the University of Richmond.

Delegate Johnson first represented Southwest Virginia in the House of Delegates in the 1960s. Construction on I-81 was not complete at that time, however. After several years making the long drive from Abingdon to Richmond, Joe understandably chose to prioritize his young family and took a twenty-year hiatus from life as a lawmaker. He successfully ran for office again in 1989, and has represented Southwest Virginia in the House of Delegates ever since.

Throughout his career, Delegate Johnson was involved in numerous issues related to education, playing a key role in establishing the Commonwealth's community college system and the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission as well. We may have been members of different political parties, but Joe could always be counted on to work both sides of the aisle on behalf of our region.

Even outside of his legislative work, Delegate Johnson has been an active leader for Southwest Virginia. Throughout the years, Joe has taught Sunday school and served as chairman of the Abingdon Baptist Church, and was involved in the Abingdon Civitan volunteer service club, the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation, and the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission Center. He was once chairman of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, and also served as vice chairman and trustee. Joe was on the board of trustees of the Center for Rural Virginia, and was chair of the Emory and Henry College board of trustees. He is former post commander of American Legion Post 13, former worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, former master of the Abingdon Masonic Lodge 48, a Kazim Shriner, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, McCabe Lodge. Joe was president of the Washington County Bar Association, and was a member of the Virginia State Bar. He also has been a substitute judge on the Twenty-eighth General District Court.

Delegate Johnson has long been a fixture throughout the community, regularly seen at church, sporting events, city council meetings, board of supervisors meetings, and other community events. Delegate Johnson can always be counted on for a warm smile and, during times of stress or strife, families in his area always could rely on Joe to be there to comfort them. His door was always open, and I know that those he has represented over the years have appreciated his involvement.

Throughout the years, Delegate Johnson has proven himself a dedicated friend of Southwest Virginia. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with and learned from him, and have no doubt that I will see my friend Joe again soon. Delegate Johnson, I wish you and your loved ones the very best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

#### HONORING DOLLY JEWEL

### HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dolly Jewel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for her achievements and impact in the community. For many years, Ms. Jewel has devoted both her time and her heart to the Alzheimer's Association in Southeast Missouri, to the great benefit of the community. Ms. Jewel hosts a monthly support group at the Lutheran Home, served on the Southeast Missouri Area Advisory Committee for Alzheimer's Disease, and has planned, coordinated, and implemented annual Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease events. Through these outlets she has sought to increase awareness of the disease, as well as raise money to fund medical research. Ms. Jewel's fight against Alzheimer's Disease became personal when she lost her husband to Alzheimer's in 1997, after an 8 year battle with the disease. Since then, Ms. Jewel is pleased that many advances have been made in the treatment of Alzheimer's, but she knows there is more work to be done.

As well as making a strong public effort in her local community to fight Alzheimer's Disease, Ms. Jewel also works to help lend support to others experiencing the disease. She takes pride in encouraging others to be open about their own experiences with the disease and to not feel embarrassed about acknowledging the disease. She adamantly insists to others that they are not alone, and encourages them to seek social support. Ms. Jewel has provided support and inspiration for many families affected by Alzheimer's Disease, and I truly admire her strength and dedication to helping others.

#### REMEMBERING SEAN ANTHONY JACQUES

### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sean Anthony Jacques of Big Bear Lake, California.

Having lived in the area since the age of seven, Sean attended Big Bear Lake Elementary, Middle School, and High School. After his High School graduation, Sean joined the United States Navy and served as an FC2 for six years. Upon the completion of his service, Sean returned to Big Bear Lake to work for the Big Bear Mountain Resorts. He served there and dedicated fifteen years to the area.

Sean is survived by his wife, Suzanne, his son Anthony, and daughter Alexandra, his parents, sister, and his many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I submit his favorite poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson. His wife Suzanne has dedicated this to him after his death.

(By Ralph Waldo Emerson)

“To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of

false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded.”

#### HONORING DAVID COEN

### HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Vermonter, Mr. David Coen, who is retiring from the Vermont Public Service Board, the state agency that regulates our public utilities, after 18 years of exemplary service.

There is no state agency that has a more direct impact on Vermonters' quality of life and economic well-being than the Vermont Public Service Board. Every Vermonter and every business in our state depends on this influential regulatory body to ensure the quality, availability, and affordability of electric, gas, cable, telecommunications, and water services.

David Coen was appointed to the Board by Governor Howard Dean in 1995 and has served with distinction for three terms. As a small-business owner who keenly understood the economic challenges of everyday Vermonters and the importance of high quality and reliable customer service, David was uniquely qualified to take on this challenge. Every day he served, he brought the perspective of the customer to the many challenging decisions in which he participated. David understood well utility law and public policy, but his top priority was to make sure the decisions made by the Board made practical and economic sense for Vermonters.

David's leadership and expertise on utility issues extended well beyond the borders of Vermont. He served in several national leadership positions, including Board Chair of the National Regulatory Research Institute and President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). At NARUC, David was the skillful and diplomatic voice of the association before Congress, the courts, and administrative agencies.

Characteristically, he brought his laser-like focus on the customer to the national stage. The theme of his NARUC presidency was “Keeping the Focus: Serving the Public Interest in Changing Times.” He also served as chair of NARUC's Consumer Affairs Committee.

Within the Public Service Board, David believed strongly in providing staff with opportunities for professional growth. With this goal in mind, he played a leading role in the creation of regulatory partnerships with other countries, such as Macedonia and Georgia. He also recognized the value to Vermont of good relationships with utility regulators in neighboring jurisdictions, working to foster productive relationships with both American and Canadian regulators.

David's strong legacy reflects his rich personal life and deep commitment to public service. His wife, Sandy Berbeco, is a professional

artist and a passionate advocate for the arts. And David brought valuable experience to the Board as a former English teacher and leader in community and business organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. David Coen for his 18 years of service to Vermont and the nation and for his deep and abiding commitment to public service. Vermonters, and indeed our country, are better off because of his tireless and distinguished service.

HONORING JERRY MANSBACH AS HE IS AWARDED L'ORDRE NATIONAL DE LA LEGION D'HONNEUR

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Gerald (Jerry) Mansbach. On November 17, 2013, Jerry will be honored with l'Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur (the National Order of the Legion of Honor) by Honorary Consul Diane Thomas, representing the French Consulate in Chicago.

Created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Legion d'honneur is the highest and most prestigious distinction bestowed by the French Republic to celebrate extraordinary contributions to the country. Given solely based on merit, the Legion d'honneur expresses the gratitude of the French people for the bravery of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who fought to secure France's freedom during the Second World War. It is an honor today to join the French people in expressing my gratitude for the sacrifices of America's troops during the struggle to liberate Western Europe from Nazi Germany, and especially to recognize one of my constituents, Sergeant Jerry Mansbach.

Jerry was born in New York City and moved to the Hoosier State at the age of ten, where he grew up and attended high school in Fort Wayne. While attending Indiana University, Jerry joined the U.S. Army in January of 1943. He defended France in the Battle of the Bulge and participated in the Normandy Invasion as a tank commander under General George Patton. Tragically, all of Jerry's fellow tank crew died in battle but he miraculously survived, though not without injury. For his courage, Jerry was awarded the Silver Star Medal for "gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States." He was also presented with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Like many members of the Greatest Generation, Jerry came back home again to the Midwest to raise a family and begin a career. He worked for Merrill Lynch for forty years, retiring in 2000, and has four children, three stepchildren, and seven grandchildren. Jerry currently resides in Carmel, Indiana, with his wife Shirley. I am proud that such an exceptional Hoosier calls my District home.

Jerry Mansbach is a patriot and a hero. Along with the Honorary Consul and the French people, I am honored to recognize his sacrifices and bravery during the Second World War today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 574 I was unable to be present for the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING ERIC LARRABEE AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DOUG LaMALFA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an extraordinary milestone of Durham resident Eric Larrabee, as he celebrates his 50th birthday today, November 14, 2013.

A fourth generation Californian, Eric is an active member in the communities of Butte City, Chico and Durham. Eric and his wife, Treasa, are busy raising their twin daughters—Abigail and Jillian—in Durham, while simultaneously running a thriving agricultural operation and giving back to the communities he works and lives through volunteer efforts and serving on boards.

Eric currently serves on the boards of the Association of California Water Agencies, as a trustee to the Enloe Medical Center, and a director at Western Canal Water District. He has also served on the Glenn Country Farm Services Agency County Commission, California Rice Research Board, Levee District Three, Butte City Volunteer Fire Department, and the Glenn County Planning Commission.

Eric is also owner and partner of Larrabee Farms in Butte City, where he works alongside two of his brothers growing rice, pecans, walnuts and various row crops. Farming has been a part of Eric's entire life, being born in Chico and raised on a family farm his great grandfather originally started in 1918 in Clarks Valley in western Glenn County of the California coastal range.

Eric enjoys spending time with his family, skiing in the winter, hunting and fishing throughout the year and enjoying the beautiful landscapes all of Northern California has to offer. As a proud father and husband, family is a strong part of his character. His dedication to community service, family and a life in farming is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Eric on this special day, November 14, 2013, and in wishing him a Happy 50th Birthday. May he have many, many more.

HONORING JAMES HAWKINS OF MOHAWK, N.Y. FOR VOLUNTEERING/BEING A LEUKEMIA SURVIVOR

**HON. RICHARD L. HANNA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Hawkins of Mohawk, New York. James is a leukemia survivor. For years he has selflessly provided support to local blood cancer patients through volunteering with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, an organization dedicated to the mission of curing blood cancer.

James has worked to support blood cancer patients through public education/awareness events, public advocacy, and personally speaking with many newly diagnosed blood cancer patients each year. The positive impact he has had on these patients is immeasurable. James' dedication to this cause can be seen in his work with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, where he volunteers in the patient services department and fundraises for the organization to advance their goal of curing blood cancer.

The work James has done with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is particularly inspirational. The society has invested almost \$1 billion in research, contributing to the development of life-saving drugs, and is making great strides in its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since 1963, myeloma survival rates have more than tripled. Lymphoma survival rates have more than doubled. Leukemia survival rates have more than quadrupled.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Hawkins for his hard work with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and his efforts to make a difference in the lives of blood cancer patients in Upstate New York and Vermont.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANNIE JANE (BLAKELY) JACKSON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Annie Jane (Blakely) Jackson who will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Monday, November 18, 2013. The community will join with Annie J. Jackson to celebrate her centennial on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

Mrs. Jackson was born November 18, 1913 in Hopten, Alabama, was raised in Adamsville, Alabama and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1945. She found work at the Cudahy Meat Packing Company and was also employed at the Veteran Hospital for two years. She later found employment with the American Can Company where she worked for twenty-three years prior to her retirement from the company in September, 1976.

Mrs. Jackson was married to the late Junior Lee Jackson for 32 years. Junior Lee Jackson was the owner of Party House Tavern for

nearly 30 years and as an entrepreneur was able to employ many people in the community. Mrs. Jackson is the mother of three children—Jonathan, Arlene (both deceased) and Valerie; grandmother to Venus and Raven.

I have literally known Mrs. Jackson all of my life. She is a charter member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin since May of 1956, my church home. There were 17 members when the church was incorporated and today she is the only living charter member. Mrs. Jackson was an active member in the church; she served on the Usher Board and Mission Board and was the very first Mission Board President. She is now confined to a wheel chair and is unable to attend church services but continues to be supportive both spiritually and financially.

Mrs. Jackson volunteered for many years at Lutheran Social Services agency calling the elderly to determine their needs and refer them for necessary services. Cooking and fishing are her most favorite things to do. She has already begun preparation for Thanksgiving dinner; she has cleaned thirty pounds of Chitterlings. It gives her great joy and happiness to be able to cook the entire Thanksgiving dinner for her family, then sit down at the table to eat and thank God for all of their blessings.

It is an honor for me to acknowledge someone who continues to contribute so much to Milwaukee and the 4th Congressional District. She set a strong example of leadership and excellence as a member of her church and for the entire community. She is a Milwaukee and Wisconsin treasure and I value her service. Mr. Speaker, that is why I rise to honor and celebrate Mrs. Jackson's 100 years of life.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LAWRENCE ELIOT MARCUS

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding man, Lawrence Eliot Marcus. Born in Dallas, TX, "Lawrie," as he was generally known, was the last surviving child of the second-generation in the family that built the Neiman Marcus retail chain to international prominence. The department store, founded by Lawrence's father and aunt, would eventually become a transcendent international retail chain.

Following the death of his father, Herbert Marcus, in 1950, Lawrence Marcus and his brother Stanley took leadership of the the family's iconic department store. Neiman Marcus continued to serve as Lawrence's funnel for dedication to quality and service well beyond his retirement in the early 1980s.

As a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, Texas, Lawrence Marcus earned both a bachelor's degree and an MBA from Harvard University, served in World War II, and eventually earned a Purple Heart during his military service before returning to Dallas to assume a bigger role in the Neiman Marcus' operations. While he was known and recognized for many great qualities, most notable was his attention to detail. He once flew to New York to approve the yarn for a new

store's carpet before weavers could begin putting the carpet together. Even on the day before his passing, Lawrence Marcus was said to be critiquing shirt fabric.

It is with great respect that I recognize the life and accomplishments of Lawrence Marcus. Both his memory and legacy serve as examples of hard work and tireless dedication to many and I ask that my colleagues keep his family in our hearts and prayers.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE BIKE- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, along with my colleagues Representative COBLE, Representative DEFAZIO, and Representative MCCAUL, I am introducing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act. This legislation requires the US DOT to establish separate measures for motorized and non-motorized safety targets with the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Under this program, states will set their own safety targets and are given the flexibility to choose the best methods to meet them. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act encourages states to make their roadways safer while acknowledging local needs.

The need for such legislation has never been clearer. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration recently reported a 2 percent drop in roadway fatalities, and a 4.6 percent drop for occupants of cars and light trucks between 2010–2011. These safety improvements, however, have not helped all road users. Even as driver and passenger deaths have decreased, the percentage of bicyclist and pedestrian roadway deaths has increased. While overall traffic deaths have decreased, the number of bicyclists dying on our roadways has increased by 9 percent and pedestrian deaths have increased by 3 percent.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act requires states to address this increasing safety concern, while maintaining state flexibility. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this legislation and protect all roadway users.

#### HONORING THE VICTIMS OF KATYŃ MASSACRE OF 1940

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a recent New York Times article titled, "Ruling on Katyn Killings Highlights Russia-Poland Rift," by Alan Cowell and Andrew Roth, regarding the Katyn Massacre of 1940. In so doing, we call continued attention to the atrocities committed in Stalinist-controlled Russia inside the Katyn Forest and surrounding areas, events which continue to deeply resonate within the world consciousness and haunt Polish-Russian relations. In 1940, the Soviet secret police was directed by Joseph Stalin to systematically murder approximately 22,000

Polish military officers, prisoners, and intellectuals in and around the Katyn Forest. A U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee was tasked in 1951 with conducting an investigation into the Katyn killing and concluded that the Soviets were responsible for the mass murder. In 2010, after decades of denial and despite protests from its Communist members, the Russian Parliament approved a statement that ultimately acknowledged Stalin's responsibility in perpetrating these heinous crimes. Thus, in September 2012, I issued a formal announcement that the US National Archives and Records Administration, at my request, opened newly declassified compilations and Katyn documents held in storage by the government of the United States. Yet, this past October, while reaffirming in its ruling that Russia had failed to meet obligations to properly investigate the massacre, The European Court of Human Rights found it had no jurisdiction over the massacre and that it ultimately held no duty to investigate the events at Katyn. The Polish people and freedom-loving Americans deserve better. Humanity deserves better. As pointed out in the New York Times piece, in its ruling and in failing to demand a complete and thorough investigation into these events, the ECHR fails to fully condemn this genocide, setting a disturbing precedent for the future and provides no comfort to those families of the victims. As Pope Paul VI so eloquently stated, "If you want peace, work for justice." Justice remains unserved. Thus, I call upon Russia to declassify, once and for all, its 2004 decision to close the investigation into the Katyn Massacre. Let the world of nations continue to work in conjunction with the Polish government and victims' families to uncover the truth of what happened in the Katyn Forest and nearby killing fields. The whole truth will enlighten future generations so that they learn from these heinous crimes, heal the fissures of tyranny and prevent atrocities of the future.

[From the New York Times International, Oct. 22, 2013]

#### RULING ON KATYN KILLINGS HIGHLIGHTS RUSSIA-POLAND RIFT

(By Alan Cowell and Andrew Roth)

LONDON.—In the long-simmering and emotional debate over a notorious mass killing during World War II, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Monday that Russia had failed to comply with its obligations to adequately investigate the massacre of more than 20,000 Polish prisoners of war by the Soviet secret police in 1940.

But the court said it had no jurisdiction over the massacre itself or on the subsequent treatment of the relatives of the dead, prompting an outcry in Poland and expressions of satisfaction among officials in Moscow, underscoring the deep and lingering divisions inspired by the mass killing in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk.

"We are rather disappointed by this verdict," said Poland's deputy foreign minister, Artur Nowak-Far, according to Agence France-Presse. "The ruling does not take into account all the arguments of the Polish side that have here a great moral and historic right."

Andrzej Melak, president of the Association of the Families of Katyn Victims, called the judgment "scandalous," adding that it was "inadmissible and incomprehensible."

"The failure to condemn this genocide and the impunity of its perpetrators led to it being repeated in Rwanda, the Balkans and it will be repeated again," he said. "Poles will not accept a ruling like this."

But in Moscow, Georgy Matyushkin, the deputy minister of justice and its envoy to the European Court on Human Rights, told the Interfax news agency that the ruling showed that “the court does not have the conventional duty to investigate the events at Katyn” and that it would thus be “illogical” for it to address allegations of improper treatment of the victims’ relatives.

“The Russian authorities from the very beginning said that these events are located outside of the frame of the jurisdiction of the European court from the point of view of the time frame,” Mr. Matyushkin said. “And this point of view was accepted by the European court.”

The Polish prisoners, including nearly 5,000 senior Polish Army officers, disappeared in late 1939 and early 1940 during a period of German-Soviet cooperation, when Soviet forces occupied eastern Poland. In April and May 1940, they were taken to the Katyn woods, near Smolensk, west of Moscow, where they were executed and then buried in mass graves there and in two other villages.

After decades of denial, Russia admitted responsibility for the massacre in 1990, and opened a criminal investigation. The investigation was closed 14 years later, but much of its findings were classified and no one was publicly held responsible.

Relatives of the victims complained to the court in 2007 that the Russian inquiry had been ineffective and that the Russian authorities had displayed a dismissive attitude to requests for information about the event. The case was brought by 15 Polish citizens who are relatives of 12 victims of the massacre—police and army officers, an army doctor and a primary school headmaster—according to court filings.

The court’s highest panel, the Grand Chamber, ruled unanimously that “Russia had failed to comply with its obligation” under the European Convention on Human Rights to “furnish necessary facilities for examination of the case,” according to a statement from the court in Strasbourg, France.

But the ruling said the court had no jurisdiction to examine complaints over the killings themselves because the massacre took place a decade before the rights convention became international law and 58 years before Russia acceded to it, in 1998.

That period was too long for a “genuine connection” to be established between the killings and Russia’s accession to the convention, the ruling said. The court rejected an application for awarding damages.

The court also ruled that there had been no violation of the convention’s provision prohibiting inhuman or degrading treatment as it relates to the suffering of families of “disappeared” people. That part of the ruling overturned a lower court’s ruling in 2012, which found that that provision had been violated in the cases of 10 of the 15 Polish family members.

In its ruling, the Grand Chamber said Russia had not offered a “substantive analysis” for keeping the decision to classify the decision to close its investigation. “The court was unable to accept that the submission of a copy of the September 2004 decision could have affected Russia’s national security,” the ruling said.

Nikita V. Petrov, a historian for the Memorial human rights group, which has sought to declassify the decision, called the ruling a “light reprimand” that would do nothing to further the investigation.

“It’s like telling a criminal, ‘You haven’t behaved yourself very well,’” he said. “But it does not say that a crime is still taking place, because the government is hiding information about past criminal activities like the Katyn case.”

The massacre has continued to haunt Russian-Polish relations.

In April 2010, a plane carrying the Polish president and 95 other members of Poland’s political and military elite to a commemoration of the massacre crashed over Smolensk, killing everyone on board. The crash led to mutual recriminations over an event intended to help heal the wound.

In November 2010, the Russian Parliament approved a statement holding Stalin and other Soviet leaders responsible for the Katyn killings.

Despite protests from Communist Parliament members, the State Duma acknowledged that archival material “not only unveils the scale of his horrific tragedy but also provides evidence that the Katyn crime was committed on direct orders from Stalin and other Soviet leaders.”

IN RECOGNITION OF LESLIE A. WOOLLEY, FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the season of giving thanks, I reflect on an individual who made a lasting impression on me and this institution. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Leslie Woolley, my former Chief of Staff of five years, on her retirement. A Capitol Hill veteran, Leslie has had a long and distinguished career in public service and the financial services industry.

Prior to working for me, Leslie was the Vice President, for Congressional Relations and International Banking at the Conference of State Bank Supervisors. She had previously spent over twenty years in the Senate and the House working as a professional staff member for the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs for Sen. Joe Lieberman (then D-CT), for U.S. Senators Zell Miller (D-GA), and Bob Graham (D-FL), who were both on the U.S. Senate Banking Committee. She also worked for U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee members Bill McCollum (R-FL) and Wes Watkins (then D-OK), and as a professional staff member on a House Financial Services Subcommittee for U.S. Representative Norm Shumway (R-CA).

Leslie served in the Executive Branch at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she was Director for Business and Public Liaison in the Office of Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, during Secretary Larry Summers’ tenure and at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) where she was the Deputy to the Chairman for Policy for the first woman Chairman of the FDIC, Ricki Helfer.

She had private sector experience as well, previously serving as the Vice President for Legislative Affairs at both the Investment Company Institute and at Chemical Bank.

Leslie has had the unique opportunity to provide 25 years of federal service doing what she has loved—working in financial services public policy. During her 35 years in Washington, the financial services issues were interesting and sometimes very challenging. In particular, Leslie guided the FDIC’s legislative involvement with the 1996 Deposit Insurance Funds Act which recapitalized the Savings and Loan Insurance Fund (SALF) and worked with Senator Miller to ensure that the internal con-

trols sections that applied to corporations under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 were more balanced than under the original drafts of the bill. Leslie worked with me on the 2010 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act which was a response to the late-2009 economic recession, by bringing some of the most significant changes to financial regulation since the Great Depression and impacting all federal financial regulatory agencies and almost every part of the United States’ financial services industry.

She holds both a Bachelor in Science and Masters in Business Administration degrees from Oklahoma State University (OSU). In 1995, Leslie was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the OSU Alumni Association. In 2011, Leslie was named one of the top 50 MBA graduates from the OSU Spears School of Business at their 50th anniversary celebration. She has also received the Department of the Treasury’s, Secretary’s Honor Award (2001); and Women in Housing and Finance’s Distinguished Leader Award (2004).

In addition to her professional career, Leslie has made time for and been active in her community. She was President of Women in Housing and Finance 1984–85, and a Board Member from 2002–04; She held the office of Treasurer for Women’s Giving Circle of Alexandria from 2007–2011 and a Board Member from 2007 to the present; Leslie was President of the Oklahoma State Society in 1991; and the President of the D.C. Chapter of the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association from 1993–95, an Alumni Association National Board member from 1996–2001, and a member of the OSU Alumni Association Executive Committee from 1998–2001.

Even though the financial services industry has experienced its share of ups and downs, one thing has stayed consistent—the quality of the people, such as Leslie, who worked as colleagues and friends across different states, delegations, agencies, companies and trade associations for the betterment of our country. Upon her retirement, Leslie shared with me how blessed she was to have worked with each and every one of her colleagues and associates. Her husband, Doyle Bartlett and their two children, Ann and Cameron, have helped to make Leslie’s career possible and her life better.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Leslie for her 25 years of public service in the financial services arena; for her five years of support, help, and kindness to me, my Congressional staff and the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri. I wish her the very best in all her future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 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 \$17,149,193,429,752.16. We’ve added \$6,522,316,380,839.08 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation,

our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

INTRODUCING THE “INTERNET GAMBLING REGULATION AND TAX ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2013”

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Internet Gambling Regulation and Tax Enforcement Act of 2013. This bill would generate new streams of revenue for the federal government as well as state and tribal governments, create an estimated 30,000 new jobs in America, and provide funding for children in foster care and for historic preservation and the arts. This is a companion bill to H.R. 2282, legislation sponsored by Cong. PETER KING and CAPUANO, which would license and regulate online gambling at the federal level. Under current law, intra-state online gambling is legal, but inter-state online gambling is not, except for betting on horseracing, which is legal on an inter-state basis.

Under my legislation, the federal government along with state and tribal governments would recognize a new, untapped stream of revenue. The revenue could help jurisdictions fund needed services at a time when many governments are struggling with tightening budgets.

Online gambling operators would pay a tax to the federal government as well as state and tribal governments equal to a percentage of the total deposits they collect. The money paid to the governments would not be deducted from the accounts of online gamblers.

Operators will pay a tax to the federal government equal to four percent of the funds deposited by players who reside inside the U.S. Operators will pay a tax to state and tribal governments equal to eight percent of the funds deposited by individuals residing within their jurisdiction. The deposits to state and tribal governments would be made automatically every month by website operators, in lieu of them (the governments?) imposing other taxes of their own. This deposit tax for states and tribes would be an optional, simple, and uniform way to participate.

A quarter of the revenue raised by the bill would go to providing assistance to the nearly 500,000 children in America who live in foster care. The funds generated would be directed at helping foster children through grants to each State to carry out educational and transi-

tional support for individuals who are or were in foster care.

Finally, the bill sets aside 0.5 percent for historic preservation and the arts. I helped enact a similar program in my home state of Washington, and it has been hugely successful over the years.

Some in this body may be concerned that legalizing online gambling would further open the door of the virtual casino to children, but evidence shows the current availability of online gambling options on the Internet has not led to an increase in gambling among minors. Moreover, technology is widely available and used in the United States and abroad to verify identity, age and location for online financial transactions from online banking to online gambling on horseracing.

The future is happening. People in small towns and big cities across America are gambling online either legally under a patchwork of inconsistent state laws or illegally without any consumer protection. We have to deal with this issue. If we regulate online gambling, we can create jobs, generate revenue, and expand aid to children in foster care.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA—125TH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to the City of Redlands, California, as their community celebrates the 125th Anniversary of Incorporation. The City of Redlands was established in 1888 by vote of the people of the Lugonia and Redlands Townships. Following incorporation, the City of Redlands rapidly gained distinction for superior citrus production, and was considered around the globe to be the “The Washington Naval Growing Capitol of the World.” Through thoughtful leadership and the dedication of residents, The City of Redlands has grown from a small agricultural community to an economic, academic and cultural epicenter.

Redlands, “A City That Works,” is home to more than 200,000 residents who enjoy a wide variety of cultural events throughout the year including the Summer Music Festival at the Redlands Bowl, the Redlands Theater Festival and the Redlands Symphony. Popular community events include the Redlands Bicycle Classic and the Run through Redlands.

Residents of the City of Redlands are proud of their City’s distinct attributes and have

worked with the City of Redlands Historic and Scenic Preservation Ordinance and Commission, the Redlands Area Historical Society and the Redlands Conservancy to ensure the preservation of the historic built environment and conserve the natural open space. Many architectural treasures including the Lincoln Memorial Shrine, the Redlands Bowl Prosellis, Kimberly Crest House and Gardens, A.K. Smiley Public Library and Morey Mansion have been preserved for future generations due to the dedication and generosity of residents of the City of Redlands.

The commitment of the residents of the City of Redlands for bettering their community extends to their support of the University of Redlands, a private liberal arts university, consistently ranked among the best universities in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, on this very special year for the City of Redlands, please join me in commemorating their One Hundred and Twenty Fifth anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 14, 2013*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on November 12 and 13, 2013, due to the birth of my first child. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013:

Rollcall No. 571: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2871, “yea.”

Rollcall No. 572: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2922, “yea.”

Wednesday, November 13, 2013:

Rollcall No. 573: On Ordering the Previous Question, providing for consideration of H.R. 982 and H.R. 2655, “yea.”

Rollcall No. 574: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 982 and H.R. 2655, “yea.”

Rollcall No. 575: Cohen of Tennessee Amendment No. 1, “no.”

Rollcall No. 576: Nadler of New York Amendment No. 2, “no.”

Rollcall No. 577: Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 3, “no.”

Rollcall No. 578: On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, “no.”

Rollcall No. 579: On Passage of H.R. 982, “yea.”