

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC ON WINNING THE INDUSTRY WEEK BEST PLANTS COMPETITION

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thermo Fisher Scientific's facility in Asheville, North Carolina, for winning the Industry Week Best Plants competition.

According to Industry Week, winners of this annual competition are selected based on their strong manufacturing performance and an unending pursuit of performance excellence.

The equipment manufactured at Thermo Fisher's Asheville plant, including cold storage for biological samples and other lab products, enables research and scientific discovery around the world.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Asheville site and see firsthand their commitment to investing in process innovations, including their progress toward sending no waste to the local landfill by 2015.

I am thankful for the employment opportunities Thermo Fisher brings to Western North Carolina and pleased that Industry Week—and others worldwide—are recognizing its achievements.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate the dedicated employees of Thermo Fisher Scientific's Asheville facility on this well-deserved award and thank them for their ongoing commitment to our region.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF FRANCES BOHANNON NELSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary woman, Frances Bohannon Nelson, who passed away peacefully after a brief illness on November 23, 2013.

Frances was born in Oakland, California in 1922, and was the oldest daughter of Ophelia and David Bohannon. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1943, and began her stellar career in real estate development with the Bohannon companies.

She was named President of Bohannon Development Company in 1975, and led the company in its successful growth. With Frances's leadership, Bohannon Development Company flourished, and among its many successes expanded and enclosed Hillsdale Shopping Center in 1981, during a severe economic downturn. Frances also established an extraordinary record of philanthropic serv-

ice, serving as the Regent and Trustee of Santa Clara University; as a member of the Board of Governors of the Urban Land Institute; and the Advisory Board of Peninsula Volunteers. She was Honorary Chairman of the Capital Campaign for the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Mateo County, and generously supported Planned Parenthood and women's reproductive rights. Frances was voted into the San Mateo County Woman's Hall of Fame in 1990.

An astute businesswoman and generous philanthropist, Frances was also a marvelous cook and an adventurous woman who loved to fish and hunt with her family in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, India and Africa.

Frances lived in Woodside, California for 55 years, was a devoted wife to Howard Nelson and the parent of three beloved children, Patricia Atassi, Linda Davis and Steven Nelson. She is survived by daughters Patricia and Linda, and grandchildren Tarek Atassi, Jennifer Davis, Blair Nelson and Eric Nelson. Her husband Howard Nelson, son Steven Nelson, sister Barbara Carleton, brother David E. Bohannon, and grandson Ramzi Atassi predeceased her.

I had the privilege of knowing Frances Nelson for many years. She was a powerful role model in our community. She and her family are amongst the most highly respected in our community, and are responsible in countless ways for the betterment of San Mateo County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a woman who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her. Frances Bohannon Nelson was a true patriot, a woman who loved her family and served her community and her country with a deep sense of dedication. For this, the entire House of Representatives extends its condolences to the Nelson and Bohannon families.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING AND EDUCATION BY CARMEN F. AMBROSINO

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Carmen F. Ambrosino, who recently retired from a career of public service as the Chief Executive Officer of Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. Over the last four decades, Ambrosino has made tremendous contributions to efforts to combat substance abuse and addiction at the local, state, national and international levels.

Since 1973, Mr. Ambrosino has dedicated his entire career to help others battle to overcome addiction. As a leader in the field of substance abuse counseling, he has received nu-

merous awards and accolades for excellence in his profession and leadership in his community. He was the founding member of the first Chapter of National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors in Pennsylvania and was a National Board Member representing the Commonwealth for two years.

For 40 years, Mr. Ambrosino worked tirelessly to educate people about the dangers of drug use. He has contributed hundreds of articles to newspapers on drug and alcohol abuse and related issues, and he wrote a weekly column for six years in Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice and Pittston Sunday Dispatch. During his distinguished career, Mr. Ambrosino made over 2,600 presentations on chemical dependency. He also authored a role-play presentation entitled, "A Family in Conflict", which has been presented to over 250 groups in Pennsylvania and New York and was awarded a National MARKIE Award for excellence in alcoholism communication.

As a current member of the adjunct faculty of Wilkes University and King's College and a past faculty member of Misericordia University and Penn State University—Wilkes-Barre, Mr. Ambrosino is invested in the education of future drug and alcohol counselors, and has drafted drug and alcohol policies for many institutions. At Wilkes University, he developed an innovative graduate course for educators on early detection, identification of high risk behavior children, intervention/confrontation techniques, codependency, and other topics. He also developed a five-course curriculum for students focusing on chemical dependency at Misericordia College, which was adopted by other colleges and universities as a chemical dependency model for use in sociology departments.

Today, I am proud to applaud Carmen Ambrosino's lifetime of service to Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services, myriad institutions of higher education, and to all those struggling with addiction. He has dedicated his life to educating the world about the dangers of substance abuse and to helping others battle addiction. On behalf of the 17th district of Pennsylvania and the many individuals and families he has touched, I thank him for all his work making our community a safer, healthier, better place.

HONORING JOE ANN MISTER-THOMAS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable person, Mrs. Joe Ann Mister-Thomas, who is a native of Grenada, Mississippi. She currently resides in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Thomas helps maintain her family farms in both Grenada and Calhoun Counties. Her farms specialize in cattle and vegetable

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crops. Farming has been her passion for the past thirteen and a half years. Mrs. Thomas specializes in the production of greens, peas, peppers and tomatoes. She enjoys increased crop production and quality with the use of high tunnels in her operation.

Mrs. Thomas is a child advocate and works with several youth organizations including Grenada County 4-H as Volunteer Leader, Hinds County 4-H Leader and Girls Making a Change (GMAC). These organizations are focusing on healthy families.

Mrs. Thomas is community driven and has been instrumental in feeding the homeless in her area from her garden production. The youth actively assist with this community service project, teaching them sustainability and how to help and care for others. Mrs. Thomas serves as NWIAA Mississippi Hills Region Chairwoman. Her chapter includes Grenada and Calhoun Counties.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Joe Ann Mister-Thomas, for her dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN COLACCHIO

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Central Florida community, John Colacchio. Mr. Colacchio is an 89-year-old veteran of the Second World War who recently participated in an Honor Flight. The Honor Flight for the 2nd Infantry Division from World War II was a one-day event in which veterans flew to Washington, DC and visited the memorials to their fallen comrades. A native of Long Island, New York, Mr. Colacchio worked in the rail industry before serving our country. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Colacchio voluntarily joined our armed forces. He bravely fought with the Army's 2nd Infantry Division in historic battles including the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Colacchio served with distinction for two years and nine months overseas, earning a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

After leaving the armed services, Mr. Colacchio returned to his job at ATO Operations Railroad and worked there for another 34 years. In 2008, after the passing of his beloved wife, Mr. Colacchio moved to be near his only child, in Celebration, Florida. His daughter, Barbara, is a Marine Corps veteran and served as Honor Guardian on his recent Honor Flight.

Mr. Colacchio sacrificed greatly to help our country in a time of need. He served with dedication and bravery and has remained active in the veteran community. It is my pleasure to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAY BEYDOUN'S INDUCTION INTO THE HERITAGE HALL OF FAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Fay Beydoun on her recent induction into the International Institute Foundation's Heritage Hall of Fame. Each year, this honor is given to just a few individuals in the State of Michigan whose work within our many ethnic communities has enriched the entire state and beyond.

As a first-generation American, Fay understands the challenges that newly arrived immigrants face as they seek to become part of our great nation and achieve the American Dream. During her many years as a leader in Michigan's Arab-American community, she has brought individuals from across the Greater Detroit region together to advance social, political and economic causes that have enhanced the vitality of Michigan. And while much of her work has been in Michigan, Fay has also taken a lead role in developing the Arab-American business community, both nationally and internationally.

In her current role, as Executive Director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, Fay leads the largest Arab-American business organization in the United States and oversees the support programs and services it provides to its more than 1,500 members, which span the gamut from small businesses to large multinational organizations. Fay's approach to her work is to focus on empowering entrepreneurs in our many minority business communities with the information they need to recognize and realize their goals. As part of her commitment to empower others, Fay has also served as Chief Operating Officer for the American Middle East Economic Affairs Committee (AMEEAC) since 2008, where she focuses on increasing economic relations between the United States and the Middle East. During her tenure in the leadership of AMEEAC, Fay brought together a wide array of stakeholders to form the TEJERA Global Development Center, an incubator and accelerator with a mission to promote entrepreneurship and exporting businesses in ethnic and minority communities. For the remarkable impact she has made on her community, Fay has been honored by the Michigan Women's Foundation with its Top 25 Women Making a Difference Award and by Corp! Magazine's with its 2011 Diversity Leader Award.

In addition to her work promoting entrepreneurship within the Arab-American community, Fay has been a strong advocate for women in business. As a cofounder of the Arab American Women's Business Council, Fay brought together women leaders in business with the mission to ensure that minority women would have access to the network, tools and knowledge necessary to succeed in their commercial endeavors. Fay furthered her commitment to this mission when she brought together members of the American Arab Chamber to found its Women's Council to support women aspiring to be leaders in business.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Fay has volunteered her leadership and experience

with countless community organizations including: Global Detroit, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Culture Affairs, the ACLU of Michigan and Henry Ford Community College—all with the goal of supporting entrepreneurship in Michigan and building ties between the diverse communities of the Southeast Michigan region.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment of leaders like Fay Beydoun is essential to ensuring the robustness of our communities. Her work has fostered greater cross-cultural dialogue and helped others to realize their part of the American Dream, which has greatly enriched the lives of many of my constituents. I congratulate Fay on this great affirmation of her work that she has received from the International Institute Foundation and I thank her for the many insights she has shared with me on local issues, as well as her unwavering dedication to building a strong and diverse Greater Detroit region.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MARGARET ANNE MCGOVERN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great and good woman, Margaret Anne (Maggie) McGovern, who died surrounded by her loving family on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013. Maggie was born in New York on July 20, 1933, and moved to San Francisco with her family in 1945. She was a straight A student who was educated at St. Anne's Grammar School and St. Paul's High School.

Maggie married Ed McGovern, and in 1963, they co-founded Knight's Restaurant and Catering in San Francisco. For over forty years in business they served Presidents, a Pope, the famous (and infamous) from all over the world. It was a true partnership, with Ed as CEO and Master of Ceremonies, and Maggie, as the well-dressed, gracious hostess and strong CFO.

Together, Maggie and Ed became world travelers, visiting six continents, including several trips to Amsterdam, Ireland, all the world capitals, and to their beloved Kauai where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2006 with 30 of their closest family members.

Maggie lived a life of style and service, giving generously of her time and talents to others. She was a member of St. Paul's Alumni, the Loyola Guild, past President of Little Children's Aid Auxiliary, a board member of Catholic Charities for eight years, a member of the Archbishop's Ring of Charity, Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and in later years, volunteered weekly at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Francis in Sonoma. Her elegance was not only in her fabulous wardrobe . . . it emanated from the core of her spirit.

In 2005, Maggie and Ed retired to their beautiful home in Sonoma where they became active members of the community and formed new circles of loving friends.

Maggie was preceded in death by her loving spouse of 56 years, Ed, and was the devoted mother of eight children: Ed (Tina) McGovern; Margaret (Frank) van Beuningen; Maureen

Kelly; Brian (Theresa); Kevin (Lori) McGovern; Eileen (Andy) Patania; Deirdre (Douglas) Muller, and Moira McGovern. She was the beloved "Mimi" to Katie, Claire, Meagan and Jack; Molly, Danny and Grace; Brian, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen, and Elizabeth; Rosie; and Devin and Ryan.

I had the privilege of knowing Margaret McGovern for over three decades. She was a woman of great faith and lived a life of values, instilling in her children and grandchildren the importance of integrity, decency and a genuine respect for every human being.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the long and productive life of Maggie McGovern and in extending our most sincere condolences to her family. She shaped the lives of her family, lived her faith daily, and bettered the lives of so many, strengthening the community she served and the country she loved.

HONORING JOHN AND SAMUEL
GRENADA

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two men who were highly motivated entrepreneurs who made their life's wages from cultivating and harvesting the land on which their families lived on: Mr. John Grenada and Mr. Samuel Grenada.

John and Samuel Grenada were well known farmers within the Mount Olive community in Bolton, Mississippi. Dating back to as early as the 1950s, the Grenadas farmed an area of about 20–30 acres of land, which was located not far from Northside Drive. The Grenadas cultivated a number of crops, such as cotton, white potatoes, corn and butter beans. In addition to crops, the Grenadas also raised livestock, such as turkeys and geese.

All throughout rural Hinds county, the Grenadas supported their family financially through selling their crops and livestock throughout the various harvesting seasons as roadside vendors. Not only were they able to sell their harvested crops, but they were also able to feed their families, making great use of their land. The Grenadas were dedicated, talented farmers who mastered the craft of cultivating the land for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John and Samuel Grenada for their impeccable cultivator talent.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TED
LEIPPRANDT ON HIS RECEIPT OF
THE LEADERS AND LEGENDS
AWARD GIVEN BY MICHIGAN
AGRI-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to deliver a few words honoring Ted Leipprandt who is being awarded the Leaders and Legends Award given by

Michigan Agri-Business Association. This prestigious award is given annually to an individual who has been a leader in Michigan's agricultural community and honors a lifetime dedication to making a positive difference advancing the agriculture industry in the state.

Born to Theo and Lillian Leipprandt, Ted was the youngest of four children and grew up in the 1930s and 1940s on a 160 acre farm that was truly diverse. The family grew grain seeds, corn, sugar beets, while also raising cows, pigs and laying hens. As a teen, Ted helped his family around the farm staying active in the community by participating in organizations such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America until he went off to college at Michigan State University where he studied animal husbandry, and crop and soil sciences.

Once graduated from college, Ted volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army. While stationed at Fort Benning, he met his lovely wife Margaret, who together, would eventually raise three sons and one daughter: Jeff, Joel, Jim and Jill, and enjoy the company of 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After his time spent serving this nation, Ted took a job with the Macomb County Cooperative Extension Service where he worked at the soil testing laboratory before taking up his long career at the Cooperative Elevator in Pigeon, Michigan.

Throughout his career at the Co-op Elevator, Ted helped set up the first soil testing program for the members of the community working closely with local farmers on soil sampling that would eventually be used to make fertilizer recommendations.

As time grew, Ted gained the area farmers confidence and trust building strong relationships which would later lead to taking on more responsibilities in the role of manager of the feed and fertilizer division and participating in the Board of Directors meetings at Co-op Elevator.

His reputation would later gain him a seat as General Manager and CEO of the Pigeon Co-op Elevator in 1974.

Over the next 13 years, Ted helped Co-op Elevator flourish by investing in major projects to increase grain storage as well as overseeing the organization's fertilizer blending facility, which at the time, was "state of the art" and is still used today.

His innovative thinking helped continue the Co-op Elevator's growth constantly expanding the outreach and impact on Michigan's agriculture in the Thumb where I represent.

Through his life, Ted believed that being active in the community where you live and work was essential. With that in mind, Ted stayed active in his local church, was a member of the Pigeon Rotary Club and has been very supportive of the 4-H and F.F.A. He was a member to multiple organizations which includes sitting on Michigan Bean Shippers Board, the Michigan Bean Commission and Michigan Grain and Agri-Dealers Association just to name a few.

Even after his retirement, Ted continued to serve the interest of agriculture in the Thumb while on the Board of Directors of DTE Energy and East Central Farm Credit Services.

Looking back at Ted's story is something to be admired and the community thanks him for all his hard work and dedication he has put in over the years to support not the just the agriculture industry but his community has a whole.

I am honored to represent Ted who is constituent of mine and congratulate him on this well deserved "Leaders and Legends Award." You truly deserve it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed Roll No. 1. If I had been there, I would have voted "present."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on rollcall No. 1.

Had I been there, I would have voted "present."

HONORING MR. LEON CHEATHAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who made his life's wages from cultivating and harvesting the land to financially support his family, Mr. Leon Cheatham.

Mr. Cheatham was considered a masterful farmer by many in the Lyons Quarter community in Bolton, MS. Dating back to as early as the 1960s, Mr. Cheatham farmed approximately 21 acres of land, which was located at 2036 Lyons Road. Mr. Cheatham cultivated a number of crops, such as sweet potatoes, corn, sugar cane, watermelons, numerous other vegetables, and cotton.

In addition to crops, Mr. Cheatham also bred and raised cattle and swine, all of which were used to help feed his family. He often-times sold the sugar cane crops throughout rural Hinds County as a roadside vendor, while the cattle and swine he raised were sold at auctions in Jackson and Canton. Ultimately, Mr. Cheatham diligently farmed his land for approximately 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Leon Cheatham for his impeccable cultivator talent.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JULIA
MIRZA ALEXANDER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of an

extraordinary woman, Julia M. Alexander, who passed away in Florida, at the age of 94, on December 7, 2013.

Julia was born in Chicago, Illinois, and lived there until moving to Florida in the 1970s. She was a pillar of her church, serving as an Elder and Deacon, and was President of the Women's Association at Westminster Presbyterian. She worked tirelessly for the Dorothy Berger Leukemia Chapter, and was active in fundraising for the Shrine Club of New Port Richey, which led to her being lauded for her efforts by the Shrine Hospitals of North America. A bookkeeper in the retail and manufacturing industries for most of her adult career, she was also a Bingo leader, a golfer, a great and exceedingly generous cook, a dancer and a child of the Depression.

Julia was born to Agase and Martha Mirza of Chicago, Illinois, the fourth of their nine children, and was the beloved wife of the late Robert J. Eddy and Robert E. Alexander. She was the devoted mother of Deborah Eddy and the late Judith Carpenter, and the loving step mother of E. Robert Alexander and the late Charles Alexander. She was the devoted grandmother of Susan (Chris) Ulrich; Deborah Carpenter; Kim Alexander; Elizabeth (Blair) Piotrowski; Todd (Pamela) Alexander; and Daniel (Jeannette) Alexander. She was blessed with eight great grandchildren and was the beloved sister of Elsie Eshoo; Alice Maupin; Samuel (Mary) Mirza; William (Patti) Mirza; and the late Jennie Eshoo and Esther Aziz. She was the special aunt of many, including Sarah (Michael) Hensle, and the 'adopted' mother of Agnes Brassfield.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of a woman who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know her. Julia Mirza Alexander was a true patriot, a faith-filled woman who loved her family and served her community and her country with joy, generosity and dedication. For this, the entire House of Representatives extends its condolences to her entire family, most especially her daughter Debbie who did so much for her and brought her great joy.

HONORING FLOYD KING

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Floyd King, a decorated World War II veteran, peanut farmer and advocate, model U.S. citizen and one of my constituents.

Floyd was born September 14th, of 1918 in Binger, Oklahoma and recently passed on December 11th of 2013 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Floyd was the youngest of 8 and grew up in Sickles, Oklahoma and married his wife Lola in 1941. Floyd served the United States in the Army during the Second World War in the European Theatre, seeing action at the Bulge, Geilenkirchen, and near Bastogne where he exhibited courage and skill that earned him the Bronze Star. Upon returning from the war Floyd bought a farm in Caddo County and engaged in production agriculture. Inspired by irrigation systems he had observed in California during his military training, he studied and researched the aquifers of western Oklahoma and the drilling of water wells

and started King's Irrigation Service in 1954. Floyd worked with Oklahoma State University and U.S. Speaker of the House Carl Albert to further research that supported peanut production in Caddo County. He was President of the Southwest Peanut Growers Association and of the Oklahoma Peanut Growers Association. He sat on the National Peanut Board of Directors, on the Anadarko Bank and Trust Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of the Gold Kist Corporation in Atlanta, GA. Floyd lobbied Congress, myself included, for decades to preserve the federal peanut program. Floyd was a member of the Oakdale Missionary Baptist Church where he served in many capacities including Sunday School Teacher and Song Leader. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Cedar Hills Baptist Youth Camp for many years, and was a very proud to help raise funds for the National World War Two Memorial. Floyd was passionate about serving the Lord through song. He and his brothers Ted, Eugene, and Warren King comprised the "King Brothers Quartet" which sang across the area at church and social gatherings, weddings and funerals, and even on the radio.

He is what I consider to be a great individual example of America's "Greatest Generation", a generation which endured the great depression, dust bowl and World War II. Floyd survived these hardships and grew stronger, just as many did. He was a pillar of the community and a dedicated man of faith, family and country who will not be forgotten. I stand here to share the legacy of this man from Western Oklahoma who showed that while things may not always be easy, character is developed through life experiences—to which he had attained both in droves.

In recognition of all that he has done, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in remembering the life of Floyd King who will be greatly missed by those whom he proceeded, but has now joined his brothers and sisters—resting peacefully in eternity.

FRED JOSEPH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Fred Joseph for his outstanding commitment to our community.

When Fred Joseph's 83 year old mother got two calls in two days from scammers, she knew what to do. She'd read her son's columns in Prime Time News, the newsletter for Colorado's seniors. She called the scammers out and hung up.

Fred Joseph's mother is not the only person he helped. For 30 years, he served the people of Colorado, starting as deputy commissioner of savings and loans, and now he's retiring as the Colorado Banking and Securities Commissioner. He held both positions since 2011. He helped see Colorado through tough times, most notably the 1980s savings and loans crisis and the global financial crisis of these last few years.

For 10 years, Fred was on the board of the North American Securities Administrations Association. During his tenure as President of

the NASAA, his mission was to protect investors from fraud and maintain the integrity of financial markets so small businesses can raise capital.

Fred Joseph doesn't think of himself as a hero, though. Throughout his career, he stood up for ordinary, everyday folk against people who are out to take advantage of them.

To me, that's heroic.

Working tirelessly in a dual role as banking commissioner and securities commissioner, which will be two separate jobs now that he's retiring. That's honorable.

Fred does great work as both banking commissioner and securities commissioner: he's helped protect people from identity theft, helped prevent scammers from preying on the vulnerable and he ensured not a single penny was lost in an insured bank.

"The Commish," as he is referred to, is often described as fair, honest, devoted and a voice of reason.

I'm grateful for his trusted advice, counsel and friendship. I wish him all the best and want to honor "The Commish" for his 30 years of public service.

HONORING LOUIS WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Louis Williams, Jr.

Mr. Williams, Jr., a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, was born September, 25, 1945 to Inell Martin and Louis Williams, Sr.

Mr. Williams attended and graduated from Yazoo Training School and Jackson State University. He went to work for the Post Office in 1973, where he worked for 28 years.

Mr. Williams started a one man operation farm in 1997 after he bought a horse and two acre plots to house his horse. Unfortunately, he later learned the horse died prior to him moving his horse to its new home.

Currently, he owns and farms 77 acres of peas, corn, watermelon and okra that he sales at Wal-Mart. He also raises chickens and rabbits. He plans to leave the farm to his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Williams is married to Patricia Williams and to that union they have three children: Gabriel, Rodney and Deidra. He is a member of Tulane Baptist Church and Mr. Williams enjoys working in political campaigns.

THE RETIREMENT OF WINCHESTER CITY SHERIFF LENNY MILLHOLLAND

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Winchester City Sheriff Lenny Millholland who retired on December 31, 2013.

Sheriff Millholland has served the city of Winchester since 1979. He began his career in law enforcement in Cumberland, Maryland, where he worked for two years in the sheriff's

office before accepting a position with the Winchester Police Department. After reaching the rank of lieutenant, he ran for city sheriff taking office in 2002—a particularly challenging time in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

A graduate of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, the Maryland State Police K9 Academy, FBI National Academy Session 188, and the National Sheriff's Institute in Longmont, Colorado, his record of law enforcement training is impressive. Additionally, over the course of his term as sheriff, he was appointed to several committees and boards that serve law enforcement and local non-profit organizations. He is also a past president of the Virginia Sheriff's Institute, which trains sheriffs in Virginia, and was recently honored by the Horseshoe Curve Benevolent Association for his outstanding service to the community.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Lenny many times over the years. He has been a committed public servant to the Shenandoah Valley and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

I submit the following Winchester Star article on Sheriff Millholland's exceptional career of service to the Winchester community.

[From the Winchester Star, Dec. 30, 2013]
RETIRED SHERIFF READY TO RELAX, SEE
WHAT COMES

(By Melissa Boughton)

WINCHESTER, VA.—Lenny Millholland has one more day on the job as city sheriff, then he plans to lie low and see what the future holds.

"I just want to see if I like retirement first," he said Friday when asked what was next for the veteran law enforcement officer.

The 56-year-old Democrat announced in April that he would not seek a fourth term as Winchester city sheriff. He officially leaves his post Tuesday.

Taking over the position is Republican Les Taylor, who defeated Democrat Leonard Bauserman in the Nov. 5 election. His first day on the job is Wednesday.

"It's been a good ride, it truly has," said Millholland, who has served as city sheriff since 2002. "And my people have been the best."

He has no shortage of compliments for his staff and those who work in the Joint Judicial Center at 5 N. Kent St.

In fact, Millholland said, if he had one piece of advice for his successor, it would be to treat the employees at the courthouse right, especially the Winchester Sheriff's Office deputies.

"They are an extension of you," he said.

The city sheriff's office is responsible for security at the Joint Judicial Center and warrant service within the city, among myriad other duties.

Never without a smile, Millholland has been a fixture in local law enforcement since 1979, when he joined the Winchester Police Department as a patrol officer.

On Friday, he sat back in his chair and reminisced about applying for the job. "I opened up the Cumberland (Md.) Times and it said 'police officer wanted.'"

He got the job, and the rest is history.

Millholland's law enforcement career began in Cumberland, Md., where he worked for two years in the Sheriff's Office.

In Winchester, he was a patrol officer until May 1988, when he and his canine were stabbed with a Samurai sword while respond-

ing to an incident on Cameron Street. The dog, Apollo, eventually had to be put down, and Millholland's injuries required dozens of stitches.

Millholland returned to work the next day but moved to the Criminal Investigations Division, where he stayed until 1998, when he attended the FBI Academy.

Two promotions later, Millholland, then a lieutenant, decided to run for city sheriff.

"I was involved in a department shooting and it affected the way that I looked at a lot of things," he said.

Millholland took office as city sheriff in 2002 and got right to work.

"It was right after 9/11, so you had a whole different way people viewed security," he said. "We didn't have metal detectors, we didn't have X-ray machines—if you wanted to come into [the courthouse], you just came in."

Millholland made the security at the Joint Judicial Center what it is today, with X-ray machines, metal detectors and wands for deputies to search people when necessary.

"I think my biggest goal was to make sure that nothing happened at the courthouse under my watch," he said. "And I've got three more days to make sure that comes to fruition."

He added that another major goal he had when he took office was to treat everyone he worked with well.

"It's all about the people you meet along the way," Millholland said.

His most memorable moments on the job were when "his guys" received rewards and accolades for their work, he said.

"It's a great office, it's a great group of people," Millholland said, adding that he hopes the office will keep progressing under the new leadership.

Millholland said a lot of people have asked him about his plans for the future, but a recent medical issue has made everything uncertain.

Though he didn't elaborate, his doctor told him he was "pretty lucky." "It makes you wonder how short life can be," Millholland said.

He added that many of the people he used to have dealings with, including former Winchester Circuit Court Clerk Mike Foreman, have died, and that he realizes he could have been one of them.

"[Mike Foreman, before he died,] told me to get out while I could still remember why I wanted out, and while I could still do something else."

Known for his jovial, larger-than-life personality and enthusiastic community involvement, Millholland smiled when asked if he plans to take a post-retirement vacation.

"Me and Santa Claus are probably going to go find someplace warm and stay there for a while," he joked.

HONORING MRS. ROSETTA SKINNER ON THE OCCASION OF HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Rosetta Skinner, who turned 105 years old on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

"Miss Rosetta" as she is affectionately called, was one of eight children born to

James Edward and Ella Cartwright Poole on November 27, 1908 in the Pitts Chapel area of Pasquotank County. She was educated in my congressional district in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

For years, Miss Rosetta was a domestic worker for families in Elizabeth City. She was very well respected by everyone with whom she worked because of her determination, hard work, and dependability.

The most important thing to Miss Rosetta has always been her family. Many years ago, Miss Rosetta was married and gave birth to one child—Mrs. Queenie V. McMurren. From there, her family has blossomed to now include five generations including 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren, and 104 great-great-great-grandchildren. Her greatest joys have been seeing her family grow and having the opportunity to impart valuable wisdom that only someone who has lived as full a life as she has can do.

Miss Rosetta has been a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church for more than 60 years. She still attends when she is able. Over her more than six decades with the Church, Miss Rosetta became fond of the choir, church outings, and church picnics where her famous banana pudding was always in high demand.

Now 105 years old, Miss Rosetta has never been on an airplane and has only left her home town a few times in her life. But Miss Rosetta's life demonstrates that we need not be world travelers to have a full and complete life. Over the last century, Miss Rosetta has seen and lived through the evolution of our country. From segregation and the era of Jim Crow to witnessing Barack Obama be sworn in as President, Miss Rosetta has experienced more than many could dream.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in wishing Miss Rosetta best wishes for her 105th year and the many years to come.

TO CONGRATULATE THE NETWORK OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE (NOVA)

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I recognize January 11, 2014 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and congratulate the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) for its critical assistance and support of the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking. I acknowledge the ongoing victims' assistance efforts of NOVA in Bucks County and its work with the Coalition on the horrendous crime of human trafficking. NOVA brings its unique commitment to the exploited victims of this and other crimes and has provided years of community-based experience to the Coalition, that was launched one year ago to bring about an end to the suffering of the victims of this modern-day form of slavery. Both organizations have a commitment to working together and with other agencies. I offer congratulations to NOVA for continuously dedicating its resources and expertise to helping crime victims, including those exploited victims of human traffickers.

HONORING HERBERT ALLEN, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a long standing black farmer, Mr. Herbert Allen, Sr. of "Allen Farm". He and his family are residents of Silver City in Humphreys County, MS where generations of Allens have been farming since the 1940s, which gives them over 70 years.

The story of the Allen family as black farmers includes major setbacks, but they are still in operation today. Grandpa Nathan Allen started with 40 acres of land in an effort to provide a decent living for himself, his wife, and 6 children. After he died, his son Herbert Allen, Sr. began operating the 40-acre farm and grew it into 323 acres. Herbert and his wife, Nomie, raised 9 children on that small and hard to come by income because again the challenges of the black families were real. In fact they raised most of the food they used to feed their family.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the odds have been great and many: Depression, rainy and dry crop years with little to sometimes no government compensation, floods, bad loans, too little loans, and other unfortunate things, but again, through it all they survived.

Herbert Allen, Sr. operated the farm for over 50 years until his death in 2006, then Herbert, Jr. and his brother, Freddie, took over the operation. Although the two brothers managed the daily affairs, it was still a family affair involving all the siblings. There are several spin-off businesses that have been developed: Allen Recycling (Canton and Yazoo City, MS), Allen Heating and Air (Gulfport, MS), and Allen Cattle Ranch (Silver City, MS).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Herbert Allen, Sr., a black farmer from Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

PAGE LAMBERT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Page Lambert for her outstanding service and commitment to our community.

Page's motto—Connecting People with Nature; Connecting Writers with Words—describes her passion and her life. For 17 years, she has partnered with professional organizations such as True Nature Journeys, Grand Canyon Field Institute, and the Aspen Writers' Foundation to help women connect more creatively with the natural world. Page serves as an advisor to national writing organizations and nonprofits such as the Children & Nature Network and Women Writing the West. She also donates services locally—co-leading a two-year volunteer effort to build a community horse barn for Mount Vernon using fire-mitigation timber, and serving as Creative Consultant for the Clear Creek Land Conservancy, helping to foster a deeper appreciation for Colorado's open spaces.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Page Lambert for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to my plane flight to Washington, DC being canceled yesterday, I was unable to vote for the Quorum Call of January 7, 2014. Had my flight not been canceled, I would have answered the Quorum Call as "present."

"E. CLAY SHAW: A CONGRESSMAN WHO MATTERED," BY JIM MARTIN

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a eulogy Jim Martin, a good friend and former Chief of Staff to the late Senator Edward Gurney (R-FL), wrote recalling the great and influential life in public service of former Florida Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr. As all remember, our friend Clay passed away on September 10, 2013. His legacy will transcend generations, as you can see in the words shared by Jim, the founder and chairman of the 60 Plus Association.

E. CLAY SHAW: A CONGRESSMAN WHO MATTERED

(By Jim Martin)

The barber nearly lopped off the congressman's ear, but it wouldn't have been his fault if he had. For years, the tacit agreement that exists between every barber and customer to sit still as a statue when the clippers are humming was fiercely observed. But the barber said something that startled the normally reserved lawmaker to suddenly spin his head around mid-snip.

"Congressman," the barber offered, "I've been voting for you a long time, but this year I'm making a donation to your campaign." In a world of big campaign contributions, a modest offering of a few dollars is hardly noteworthy, unless you consider the source. Rep. Eugene Clay Shaw, Jr.'s hometown barber in Fort Lauderdale, FL was 68 years old and closed his shop the last few months of the year. Far from rich and not particularly political, his pronouncement all but floored his long-time customer.

But this was a special occasion. Under Shaw's leadership, Congress had just passed historic legislation, signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 2000, that removed a Depression-era law that cut Social Security benefits for seniors who earned more than \$17,000 per year. Though little-regarded by some, this legislation had a huge impact on working seniors, and further struck a blow for American productivity and commonsense, bipartisan solutions to intractable government inertia.

With Shaw's passing this month at the age of 74, the tributes honoring his 26-year career in Congress invariably focus on his welfare

reform legislation, implementing a federal missing-child registry and various environmental protections, all of which were monumental in their own right. But seniors are forever grateful for the dogged determination Shaw displayed as chairman of the House Social Security Subcommittee when he took on a law long past its expiration date.

As chairman of a national seniors organization, and having grown up in the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood part of Rep. Shaw's district, and having testified on his legislation, I was at the front lines cheering when this law passed, and recall that Shaw shared with me many of the reactions from working seniors. "People would think I was rich and off fishing somewhere," Shaw's barber told him at the time, "because my shop was closed the last months of the year. It just made no sense to stay open, as I was essentially working for free. This way, thanks to your legislation, I can continue to earn money which I can then happily spend at Christmas on gifts for our grandkids."

Upon his return to Washington after a routine recess, Clay related to me not only his barber's reaction, but also the response he received from a 66-year-old waitress who served him breakfast one morning. "Mr. Shaw, I had to tell my manager I couldn't work the last months of the year, as I made no money. Fixing this law is a huge relief to me, my boss and my regular customers who often ask for me during my absence."

While Congress is always an easy target at which to aim our nation's considerable political frustrations, it's important to remember and honor dedicated public servants like Clay Shaw who got up every day intending to use their clout to bridge the aisle to make life better for the people back home. Shaw was also congressman to my favorite senior, my mother.

His career harkens back to a day—just a few decades ago though it seems like ages—when institutional knowledge meant something, and political clout was more frequently a tool of bipartisan cooperation. Shaw is in the company of congressmen such as Republican Dante Fascell of Miami, and many others now long gone who didn't mind a good fight, but would never let their differences prevent them from banding together to do the right thing on behalf of the people back home.

America has 60 million senior citizens with more than 10,000 joining our ranks every day. All of them, as well as those soon to join our ranks, owe a debt of gratitude and thanks to the gentleman from Broward County. He and his kind are sorely missed.

HONORING FRANK WILBOURN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a prodigal farmer, Frank Wilbourn.

Mr. Wilbourn was born and raised in Marks, MS. He is 71 years old and has the ageless quality of someone with natural wisdom and a generous spirit. At age 22, he took the road north for the promise of better paying jobs. After returning home from 23 years of working in the steels mills of Milwaukee, he bought his father's farm and began life as one of the few local organic produce growers and the only local organic produce seller in the town. This land was purchased by his parents in 1939.

Mr. Wilbourn spends part of his days below a shade tree besides the Fred's Dollars Store parking lot. His truck bed overflows with cabbage, string beans, bundles of kale, bags of okra, and baskets of tomatoes and peppers.

Mr. Wilbourn grows all of the produce himself on a 5-acre fraction of his 100-acre farm that's nearby. On his property, two high tunnels stand in stark contrast to the surrounding straight lines of pines and the row crops of area farms.

Mr. Wilbourn is a part of the Delta Fresh Family and was inspired by his wisdom and love for his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Frank Wilbourn for his dedication in being a remarkable farmer.

WE CAN WIN THE WAR ON
POVERTY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 50th Anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's declaration of the "unconditional war on poverty." The question we must now ask is whether we will continue to fight to win the war on poverty or whether we will allow those who would rather wage war on the poor themselves carry the day.

No one can argue that we have won the war on poverty. We have only to look at the nearly 50 million Americans who are living below the official poverty line—including more than 16 million children. But we can argue—and should do so vigorously—against those who call the war on poverty a failure and want to raze its very foundation.

The war on poverty was based on the idea that we should make sure every American has access to a good education, economic opportunity, sufficient food, housing and health care to climb out of poverty, reach their full potential, and contribute to the economic strength of our country.

Consider what life would be like without Medicare and Medicaid, Head Start and college assistance, food stamps (now the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Jobs Corps and expanded unemployment insurance benefits, and Section 8 housing. How would we protect Americans in economically trying times without them?

Researchers tell us they make a difference. The EITC lifts six million Americans—half of them children—out of poverty, and SNAP does the same for almost five million people—also almost half of whom are children. In 2011, Medicaid kept almost 3 million Americans out of poverty. Unemployment insurance has kept 11 million people out of poverty since 2008. Without programs that help reduce poverty, almost twice as many Americans—nearly 30 percent—would live below the poverty line.

Are these programs perfect? No. Are there ways we can improve them? Of course, and many of us have been working to do so—to add new tools to lower prescription drug costs and eliminate fraud, to improve education by providing universal pre-K and making college more affordable, and to create jobs that will help the unemployed find work.

What we cannot do is follow the Republican Budget Proposal—which would give the average millionaire a \$245,000 tax cut and pay for that by gutting SNAP funding, slashing education funding, cutting infrastructure investments, voucherizing Medicare, and cutting Medicaid by more than \$800 billion over the next decade. Aside from my moral opposition to cutting those vital priorities, there is an economic reason: cutting them will hurt economic growth by preventing low-income Americans an opportunity to succeed and to contribute to our economic growth.

Instead, we should commit to strengthening the programs that have contributed to a reduction in poverty. Rather than cutting off unemployment insurance for 1.3 million Americans—and costing our economy more than 200,000 jobs in the process—we should extend the program so that those struggling to find work have the support they deserve in a time of need. Rather than weakening our education system, we should invest in universal pre-K and provide affordable student loans so that all students have a fair shot. Rather than cutting SNAP, we should restore the Recovery Act's boost to the program and ensure that it has adequate resources to prevent hunger in this country. Rather than cutting Section 8 and other housing assistance programs, we should make it our goal to ensure that everyone has a safe place to live. Rather than ending the guarantee of Medicare, we should ensure that it is strong and that our seniors have the health care they need and deserve. Rather than allowing workers to be paid less—in real terms—than at any time since the 1960s, we should commit to raising the minimum wage so that employment will mean escaping poverty.

Those investments, and others, can be made by asking the wealthiest Americans to contribute a little more and by closing loopholes that allow American corporations to avoid their fair share in taxes. Those policies do not represent "class warfare," they represent reality: if we are to end poverty, we need to invest in our people. In fact, I believe that what truly constitutes class warfare is the gutting of programs and policies that prevent poverty. If we make needed investments in preventing and reducing poverty, we will have an even stronger workforce, a more sound economy, and a brighter future for every American.

PATSY MUNDELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Patsy Mundell for her outstanding service and commitment to our community.

Patsy Mundell is Division Chief and a 28-year veteran of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Recognized by her peers as an innovator of inmate management and program development, Patsy implemented successful inmate education and mental health programs. She has also reformed ADA policies regarding inmates and developed video visitation in the jail. In addition to her advocacy for women in law enforcement, Patsy Mundell mentors indi-

viduals within the organization on career goals and promotions. As a Metro State University graduate, she is also a mentor for the Metro State Women's Basketball team.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Patsy Mundell for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM T. DWYER
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida for their victory in the 7A State title game. In a well contested battle at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, the Dwyer Panthers defeated Niceville High School 55–39 to win their second State football championship.

Panther's coach Jack Daniels took his team to the title game with a perfect 15–0 record, the school's first undefeated season. After 15 consecutive playoff appearances, Dwyer High School can now call themselves repeat State champions in football, and I am honored to recognize them today.

Throughout the football season, these student-athletes balanced the pressures of both academics and football. As student-athletes across the country, myself included, can tell you, this is a challenge that tests one's patience and perseverance, and I commend the team for their successes in the classroom as well as on the field.

The Dwyer Panthers handled themselves with class in front of thousands of fans on a big stage. I hope all of the players, faculty, and parents who showed their support continue to enjoy the school's rank of 2013–2014 7A football champions for the State of Florida. I wish all of the graduating seniors the best in their future academic and athletic endeavors. To those returning next season, continue to work hard and take pride in everything you do. Congratulations again to the 2013–2014 Dwyer Panthers.

EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL UN-
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PRO-
GRAM

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my serious concern about the expiration of the federal unemployment insurance program for more than 1.3 million Americans, including more than 90,000 hard working people in New Jersey. At a time when so many Americans are still struggling to recover from one of the greatest periods of economic downturn in our nation's history, it is unconscionable to me that Congress would fail to stand behind those who need our support the most right now.

The emergency federal unemployment insurance program was signed by President

George W. Bush and took effect in 2008. Despite clear economic progress since then, more than four million Americans have been out of work for six months or longer. These are hard working Americans who are now struggling to pay their bills and feed their families.

Yesterday, our colleagues in the Senate took an important first step toward extending the unemployment insurance program for an additional three months. I urge our leadership in the House to allow a similar vote so that the federal government can again provide vital relief for people who worked hard, played by the rules, but at no fault of their own have lost their jobs.

I understand the need to bring our budget under control, but let us not do it on the backs of hardworking Americans. Let us not create even more uncertainty in their lives. Ending this lifeline for America's working families will not grow the economy and it will not balance our budget. Mr. Speaker, I call on you to bring an extension up for a vote today.

HONORING CATHY KIMBROUGH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough. Mrs. Kimbrough has served adults and children in numerous capacities. Some of the service area include: reading instructor in Germany, General College reading instructor at Alcorn State University, and self-contained and inclusion teacher in the Attala County School District.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served her community as local president of the Attala County Association of Educators. Mrs. Kimbrough has also served on the Board of Directors for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Kosciusko/Attala County.

Mrs. Kimbrough is a member of the following organizations: Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of Pleasant Hill M.B. Church, pastored by Rev. Osie C. Grays.

Mrs. Kimbrough earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University. She was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Alpha Beta Alpha Library Science Fraternity.

She is married to Mr. Henry Kimbrough. She has four children: Jerry Jr. (Erica), Essence Crystal (Theodore), Sonja Merrie', and Joyanne' Faith; six grandchildren—Deontrez Jerrick, Jersia, Kamiah, Kayla and Shytianna. She enjoys creating song lyrics, writing poetry, reading and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough for her dedication to serving others in Attala County.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR ON POVERTY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker. in his first State of the Union address on January 8, 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America." Today, as a member of Congress and as a member of the Democratic Whip Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, I join my colleagues to mark the 50th anniversary of this declaration and stand in solidarity to continue the fight against economic injustice.

The War on Poverty policy initiative introduced federal programs such as Head Start, Job Corps, Volunteers in Service to America, and legal services for the poor. It also strengthened America's safety net for poor through food stamps and expanding social security and healthcare programs, which American families, including those in my district of American Samoa, continue to benefit from today.

Our nation has made significant progress over the past half century. We have seen, for example, the percent of the population in poverty drop from 26% in 1967 to 16% in 2012. But the war has yet to be won. Today, poverty continues to plague our communities and Americans continue to suffer the effects of economic recession and long term unemployment.

As President Johnson declared 50 years ago today, "Our task is to help replace their despair with opportunity." Government can still play a crucial role in reducing hardship for Americans and increasing opportunities for families who struggle just to make ends meet. As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the War on Poverty, let us be resolved to continue the fight so that all Americans can have the opportunity to attain the American dream.

SONYA ESTES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sonya Estes for her outstanding service to our community.

Sonya is dedicated to the health and fitness of her community. For over nine years she has promoted the sport of running and its opportunities for community involvement. She was recognized by Jefferson County Public Schools for her support of cross-country and track events, and she sponsors middle school and high school races and Girls on the Run. As the owner of Lakewood's Runners Roost Sonya has opened up her store as a lecture and event location for local charities including Team Challenge, the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado and the American Lung Association of Colorado. She also donated thousands of recycled shoes to the More Foundation. Working with the City of Lakewood Parks and Recreation she contributes to the Lakewood Trail Running Series and the Bear Creek Grin

and Bear It. Sonya doesn't walk the talk . . . she runs it!

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sonya Estes for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING WILLIE COOPER'S CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive career of service of Willie F. Cooper. Not long ago, Willie marked 40 years of serving as the State Executive Director of the Louisiana Farm Service Agency and now has a total of over 56 years of work with USDA.

Willie began his career with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) while he was still in college and began working his way up the ranks until he was eventually appointed the State Executive Director in April 1972, a role he has held ever since. During his career, Willie has distinguished himself by working tirelessly for the farmers of the state of Louisiana while remaining the approachable family man inherent in his humble roots. These attributes have led him to be named "Progressive Farmers' Man of the Year" and to be honored by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation with their Distinguished Service Award.

As impressive as his career has been, his service to his community and his dedication to his family has been equally as impressive. He is an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria, a member of the MacArthur Drive Lions Club, and holds a lifetime membership in the Louisiana Lions League for Crippled Children.

So, please join me in recognizing and honoring this great civil servant. His life and career should serve as an inspiration to all who seek to better their community and state.

HONORING MR. GEORGE "BOOMER" SCOTT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of baseball's greatest contributors to the game, Mr. George "Boomer" Scott. His attitude and stature did determine his altitude.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott knew pick'n cotton was not all he could do. The Jim Crow south prepared him for the challenges and opportunities that would be forthcoming. And his ability to tackle any task and meet any challenge was a "God given talent." Many wanted him, the University of Oklahoma, University of California in Los Angeles, Michigan State University, and Jackson State University.

In May 1962, Red Sox scout Ed Scott, recognized that God given talent and signed

George "Boomer" Scott with the Boston Red Sox and he reported to the minor leagues training camp. This was during the time in which blacks did not receive sign-on bonuses but were eager to play the game. His dream to play in the major league following in the footsteps of his ideal, Willie Mays, came in 1965 when he made the Red Sox roster and opened the season on third base. During his career in major league baseball, George eventually met Willie Mays and played against him in several games.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott helped to break many barriers in major league baseball and set his own records to be beat. At his first rookie camp his talent was appreciated but not his color. Nevertheless, his love for the sport and determination to not return to Mississippi the same kept George in the race. He was not allowed to have the same eating and sleeping arrangements as his white baseball team mates.

In 1966, he hit his first major league home run against the Detroit Tigers; while also earning the reputation as one of the greatest defensive first basemen to ever play in the league. Aside from that, he hit a homerun against Whitey Ford that is remembered as one of the longest homeruns in baseball history with acknowledgements coming from some of baseballs greatest like Mickey Mantle. In that same year, 1966, George was considered as one of the leagues batting leaders, hitting .330 earning him a slot behind Tony Oliva and Baltimore Robinson boys, Frank and Brooks. As a rookie his career highs and some of the best games ever played in baseball slated George to be "Rookie of the Year" by many of his colleagues. Baseball Hall of Famer, Rick Ferrell said, "In all my years in baseball I have never seen a player have a debut like Scott. He's amazing."

In 1971 he was traded to the Milwaukee Brewer's and that became his career year when he won his seventh Gold Glove and recognized as Milwaukee's MVP. But change came in 1978 when George's career slowed down due to injuries. His career began to experience continuous highs and lows. Starting in 1979, he was traded to Kansas City and shortly afterwards to the New York Yankees, the Texas Rangers, and in 1980 to the Mexican League. A career decision was inevitable, so George decided to retire from major league baseball but, not his love and dedication to the game.

George held many managerial positions, in both the Mexican League and the Independent League with such teams as Saskatoon Riot, Massachusetts Mad Dogs, and Rio Grande Valley White Wings of the Texas-Louisiana League. From 1991 to 1996, George coached at Rothbury Community College. He finished his managing career in baseball with the Berkshire Black Bears of the Northern League in 2002.

In 2006, George was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Hall of Fame. Sure, career lows are expected just as careers highs are preferred, but both contributed to him having a great baseball career. We are thankful however, that his career highs out-numbered his career lows helping George to earn the reputation bestowed upon him by his baseball colleagues, as one of the best in many positions of the game.

Mr. George "Boomer" Scott broke barriers and set records; he had three sons of which

he was very proud, often boasting about them to friends and colleagues. Dion, his oldest played professional baseball but is currently a principal in the Atlanta Public School District. George, III is in real estate in New Bedford, MA. His youngest son, Brian, played college baseball for Mississippi Delta Community College and had a batting high of over .400 in 2006 breaking his Dads record of .330 in 1966.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. George "Boomer" Scott, one of baseball's greatest players; I am proud that he was a product of the Mississippi Second Congressional District. Rest in peace Boomer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF
SERGEANT JOSEPH ANDERSON

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Joseph Emmanuel Anderson, a dedicated father and an active duty U.S. Army Sgt., who was cruelly taken from us by gun violence at the age of 31. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all that knew him. I join with them today in grieving the loss of this special man and hope they find some comfort in celebrating his life and the knowledge that it serves as an example for all of us.

A loving father, brother, son, and friend, John Anderson was born and raised in Marrero, Louisiana. At the age of 20, he joined the Army so that he could take care of his family.

A devoted father to his three children, Sgt. Anderson worked hard to provide for them and loved them completely.

During his 12 years of service in the U.S. Army, Sgt. Anderson served our country through three deployments in Iraq. He also earned his Airborne Wings and was proud to follow in the footsteps of his grandfathers who both served in the Army.

The loss of Sgt. Anderson deeply saddens me and all those who care about our communities. While we mourn the loss of Sgt. Anderson, let us look to who he was and the life he led as inspiration. We should all strive to live our lives with the same overwhelming love for our families and dedication to our country that Joseph Anderson showed in his life. His vitality and love should be celebrated and honored. I am proud to stand here today to honor the life and legacy of an exemplary man, Staff Sergeant Joseph Anderson.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
EXTENSION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to give stability to the American economy by restoring emergency unemployment insurance.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Senate moved one step closer in extending unemployment benefits, and the House must do the same and act immediately.

Less than 2 weeks ago, unemployment insurance payments were cut for 1.3 million Americans and will expire for a further 3.6 million this year.

It is estimated 213,793 Californians have been affected by the cut, including over 14,000 individuals in Orange County.

According to CBO estimates, our GDP would be boosted and employment would be increased by 200,000 jobs if unemployment benefits were to continue in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, it is our job to make sure the economy recovers and we find a way to get people back to work.

But we should not leave those trying to find a job without a lifeline. We must act now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT
GENERAL WILSON A.
"DUTCH" SHOFFNER, USA, RETIRED

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and service of Lieutenant General Wilson A. "Dutch" Shoffner, USA, Retired, of Colleyville, Texas, who passed away on January 3, 2014, at the age of seventy-five.

Lt. Gen. Shoffner, born in 1938 to Fred and Jewell Shoffner, was originally from Ryan, Oklahoma. He attended Cameron State Agricultural College (now Cameron University) where he participated in ROTC, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Student Government Association; and later graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1961. Shortly thereafter, he joined the United States Army, and was commissioned in Field Artillery in 1967.

In his thirty-two years of service, which included the Vietnam War, Lt. Gen. Shoffner commanded the 214th Field Artillery brigade in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, West Germany, and the Combined Arms Command at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. His many positions also included being the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations in Washington, DC. He earned his third star and the rank of Lieutenant General in 1991. Lt. Gen. Shoffner had also received a Bronze Star and a Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded for exceptional performance in a duty of great responsibility.

After retiring from the Army in 1993, Shoffner became Vice President for Product Development at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Grand Prairie, Texas. In 2003, he retired from that position but continued to volunteer at community organizations and speak to ROTC cadets at Cameron University. He is in the alumni hall of fame at both Cameron and Oklahoma State University.

Lt. Gen. Shoffner was recently preceded in death by his wife of fifty-two years, Beverly, of Lawton, Oklahoma. Together they had two sons, Al and Andy, He is survived by four sisters—Myra, Jean, Joan, and Judy—and three grandchildren—Kristin, Lauren, and Austin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in remembering

and honoring Lieutenant General Wilson and his thirty-two years of admirable service to the United States.

HONORING MRS. OCEY RICHMOND

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who made her life's wages from cultivating and harvesting the land on which her family lived, Mrs. Ocey Richmond.

Mrs. Ocey Richmond was a sharecropper in Bolton, Mississippi. Dating back to as early as the 1950s, Mrs. Richmond farmed an area of about 15–20 acres of land, which was located not far from Bolton-Brownsville Road. Mrs. Richmond cultivated a number of crops, such as sweet potatoes, corn, peanuts, numerous other vegetables, and cotton.

As a sharecropper, a portion of her harvest was payment for her land and home, which was leased to her through the white-owned Gaddis & McLauren Seed and Feed Store. Not only were they able to sell their harvested crops, but they were also able to feed their families, making great use of their land.

Mrs. Richmond enlisted the help of other family members in assisting with the daily demands of cultivating and harvesting acres of land. Other members of her family, such as Deanna Hill and Clarence Richmond assisted her, helping to meet the demands and expectations of her sharecropping responsibilities.

By 1973, Mrs. Richmond ceased cultivating the land and moved from her leased property to another area within the Bolton community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Ocey Richmond for her impeccable cultivator talent.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 7 and 8, 2014 I was in New York and was absent for recorded votes on four measures—a quorum call, H.R. 724, H.R. 3527 and H.R. 3628. I would have voted “present” on the quorum call and “yes” on H.R. 724, H.R. 3527 and H.R. 3628 had I been here.

EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Senate voted to proceed with debate on an extension of long-term unemployment benefits. The ending of these benefits in December affected about 1.3 million people nation-wide, one in six of whom live in California. This extension of unemployment

benefits is needed for the constituents I represent.

Unemployment benefits keep individuals actively looking for work, increasing their chances of finding employment when jobs become available. They prevent families with a reduced income from becoming homeless.

Unemployment benefits allow families to continue spending which can create more opportunities for job growth in the future, and can reduce the need for such benefits once the economy recovers.

I ask that the Speaker work with the Senate and take up this extension.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TOM D'AMORE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great solemnity to share with you the recent death of Tom D'Amore.

Tom D'Amore was a vibrant fixture in Connecticut politics for over 40 years. Serving as the State Chairman for the Republican Party Connecticut from 1983 to 1987, Tom went on to run a number of successful campaigns for former Connecticut Senator Lowell P. Weicker. Most notably, Tom steered the former Republican Senator to victory as an independent candidate for the Connecticut Governorship in 1990.

Serving as Chief of Staff to Governor Weicker, Tom played a central role in helping the Governor pass the state's first broad-based income tax in 1991. Tom also worked with the Governor during his term to implement legislation for school desegregation, stronger gun laws, and health care reform.

With a vision for the nation and a passion for politics, Tom remained influential in state and federal politics after Governor Weicker left office. Starting a successful consulting business with former Speaker of the Connecticut House Richard Balducci and former colleague John Doyle, Tom advised on a range of candidate campaigns over his 30-year tenure.

As a family man from New Hartford, Connecticut, Tom is survived by his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Tom D'Amore, and sharing our condolences with the family and friends he leaves behind.

HONORING WALTER LEE WARE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Walter L. Ware who is a remarkable public servant, Sunday School Teacher, and laborer for the church.

Mr. Walter L. Ware was born in Carroll County, Mississippi on September 19, 1943 to the late Granville and Myrtle Ruth Ware. To this union ten children were born, four girls and six boys. In 1983, his father passed away. Recently, his mother was honored by her fam-

ily when she turned the young age of 98 on April 21, 2013.

Mr. Ware attended Browning Elementary School. After elementary school, he attended and graduated from Amanda Elzy High School. Upon graduating from Amanda Elzy, Walter spent his summers up North working so that he could make some money to pay for his college education. He attended Coahoma Community College before transferring to Alcorn State University. At Alcorn he obtained his Bachelor's Degree. Later, he would obtain a Master's Degree from Mississippi Valley State University.

Mr. Ware is a very well known respected member of the Browning Community where he grew up and still lives. It is here, where in 1972, he began to raise cattle on over 200 acres of land. In 1999 he began to grow milo and soybeans.

He served as board member from 1983–1984 for the Mississippi Action for Progress.

He has received such awards as Teacher of the Year for the Leflore County School District, where he served as Social Studies teacher for 29 years before retiring. He has continued to drive the bus for the district for over 40 years. In 1984 he received an Outstanding Service to the Community Award. Later in 1998 the United States Department of Agriculture would honor him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in agriculture.

He is married to Earlean Maxwell. Together they are the proud parents of three sons and one daughter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF AIR FORCE CAPTAIN DAVID L. LYON

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, United States Air Force Captain David L. Lyon has given the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. He was assigned to the 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, and gave his life for this country at the age of 28.

Capt. Lyon died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He was killed in action on December 27, 2013 in Kabul, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device struck his patrol. Capt. Lyon is survived by his wife, Dana Pounds Lyon of Lexington, Kentucky; his parents, Bob and Jeannie Lyon; and his younger brother, Sean.

There is nothing as noble as the character of a man who so willingly dedicates his life for others. The American warriors serving our military, and their families, understand this better than anybody. They embody what it means to be an American.

Capt. Lyon grew up in Sandpoint, Idaho, with the ambition of graduating from the United States Air Force Academy and answering the call to serve his country. Capt. Lyon was a star athlete, acting as the team captain for the Air Force Falcon's track and field team, and winning a conference title in the shot put at the 2008 Mountain West Conference Indoor Championships. He met the love of his life, Dana Pounds, at the Air Force Academy, and they married shortly after graduating from the Academy.

Capt. Lyon was serving his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, and earned significant recognition with awards that include the Bronze Star

Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

We grieve the loss of this great American, but we also celebrate and honor his life and his service. Capt. Lyon embodied the best of the American ideals and values we know are instilled in our fighting Airmen. He served this nation as the fine Airman he always wanted to be. He was willing to fight to bring liberty to people he did not know, in a land where he had never been.

I am forever grateful for Capt. Lyon's service to our country and am both humbled and honored by the sacrifice he made for our freedom. Because of his bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms are protected for future generations. He is truly a hero and an inspiration to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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 \$17,310,216,315,568.94. We've added \$6,683,339,266,655.86 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. LUAN THUY DUONG, MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, AT THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service of my dear friend, Dr. Luan Thuy Duong, who has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam since 1990 and for the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the United States since August 2010. Dr. Duong is currently the Minister Counselor for Congressional Affairs at the Embassy and is completing her term this week.

Dr. Duong received her B.A. in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, her M.A. in International Studies from the University of Sydney, and her Doctorate degree from the Vietnam National University.

Before being posted to the Vietnam Embassy in the United States, Dr. Duong was

Deputy Director General at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam and conducted academic research on Southeast Asia, ASEAN and the Asia Pacific region. She made foreign policy recommendations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Vietnamese Government. She also gave lectures on international relations and foreign policies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. Dr. Duong is the author and co-author of several books and has published many articles in foreign newspapers and other publications.

In my official capacity as the former Chairman and current Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, I want to publicly acknowledge Dr. Duong's contributions to strengthening U.S.-Vietnam relations. Her contributions have been invaluable to our bilateral partnership, and she has served the Government of Vietnam with distinction and loyalty.

Dr. Duong is the daughter of Luan Van Uc and Vo Thi Thiet. She is married to Nguyen Van Tri and they have two children, Nguyen Luan Quoc Anh and Nguyen Luan Thuy Anh.

On a personal note, I will miss Minister Counselor Luan Thuy Duong. I extend to her and her family my highest regards and best wishes.

H.R. 3685—PROTECTING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act, and to thank Representative LOU BARLETTA of Pennsylvania for his sponsorship of this legislation.

Volunteer firefighters, first aid squads, and emergency medical technicians are vital in ensuring safety in my home state of New Jersey and across the nation. Many communities rely exclusively upon such dedicated volunteers for protection and emergency medical services.

The National Volunteer Fire Council reports that there are 783,000 volunteer firefighters in the U.S. comprising 70 percent of the firefighting force, and our nation has over 20,000 volunteer departments.

However, thousands of volunteer groups across the nation could be forced to shut down because the towns cannot afford the high costs of the President's new healthcare law.

Due to the Affordable Care Act's requirements, fire departments, emergency squads and municipalities may have to provide health insurance for volunteers working more than 30 hours a week. The current law stipulates that the 'employer mandate' will apply to organizations that have at least 50 employees, which can include multiple fire departments and EMS houses within one community.

The vast majority of volunteers I speak with do not expect to receive health insurance from their departments or organizations. Volunteer firefighters and EMS responders do not see their work as a career or a part-time job—it's a call to serve the community passed down from one generation of a family to the next.

I know that volunteer fire and EMS departments operate on a shoestring budget, and won't have the resources to pay for health insurance for their personnel. Without this new bureaucratic burden, most departments already have difficulty making ends meet.

I am deeply concerned that subjecting fire departments and municipalities to this provision will result in vital volunteer services being reduced or eliminated in our communities.

This is why I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 3685, the Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act, and again thank Congressman LOU BARLETTA for his leadership in addressing this critical public safety issue.

RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM E. INGRAM, JR.

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Lieutenant General William "Bill" E. Ingram, Jr., who has faithfully and valiantly served the American people for 44 years in the United States Army. General Ingram has had a truly remarkable career and it is on behalf of a grateful nation that I congratulate him on his retirement as Director of the Army National Guard.

In his 44 years of service, Lieutenant General Ingram has commanded at all levels from platoon to battalion. He has commanded United States, United Nations, and North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces in Croatia, Macedonia, and Kosovo, and was especially effective as the General of the North Carolina National Guard for over nine years—a position his father held from 1977 to 1983. Over the past two years he has served as the Director of the Army National Guard where he oversaw the entirety of the Army National Guard's programs, policies, civilian employees, and over 350,000 Guardsmen in all 50 states.

Throughout his stellar career, Lieutenant General Ingram's dedication to service has been recognized with numerous awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Kosovo Campaign Medal among many others.

I am proud to say that Lieutenant General Ingram is a product of the First Congressional District of North Carolina. He was born and raised in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and was a resident of Williamston, North Carolina. He and his wonderful wife, Lil, have been tremendous assets to National Guard families in North Carolina and across the United States helping them cope with the deployment of family members through several children's programs and family readiness initiatives.

I have had the good fortune to know Lieutenant General Ingram for many years and have watched the progression of his career with admiration. I am honored to call him my friend. He is an inspiration to eastern North Carolina and to all who know him.

I offer my sincere appreciation for his service to the United States of America and the great state of North Carolina. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Lieutenant General William E. Ingram, Jr., on his retirement and wish him many years of enjoyment with his family.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WAR ON POVERTY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, a half-century ago today, President Johnson stood before Congress and declared “unconditional war on poverty.” Since that declaration we have seen many victories, but also many defeats. Battles may have been won, but the war is far from over.

President Johnson’s first State of the Union committed his administration to the pursuit of his fallen predecessor’s agenda. Not out of sorrow for President Kennedy, but out of conviction for the principles he represented.

President Johnson defined the mission of the War on Poverty as helping Americans achieve the American dream. He spoke in terms of the average citizen and his “hopes for a fair chance to make good; his hopes for fair play from the law; his hopes for a full-time job on full-time pay; his hopes for a decent home for his family in a decent community; his hopes for a good school for his children with good teachers; and his hopes for security when faced with sickness or unemployment or old age.

He identified poverty as not the cause but the symptom of America’s problems. He believed the cause lay in a lack of education and training, a lack of proper clothing and housing, a lack of safe communities and the sense of security needed to pursue a better life.

He challenged the nation to pursue bold solutions. He called for expanded investment to rescue distressed communities; to engage aimless youth in productive purposes; and to ensure basic levels of food, income, and medical security.

We have done much in the intervening years to achieve his vision. Today, we have the Affordable Care Act helping Americans to receive vital medical services that were previously out of reach. We have numerous programs helping communities offer their children more opportunities to succeed. We have rooted out the most abject forms of poverty that once prevailed throughout much of our rural communities. The poverty faced by our nation’s seniors prior to Johnson’s declaration has seen tremendous improvement because of his call to action. And we have expanded workforce training programs and educational opportunities for everyone, sending millions of Americans to college who are the first in their families to attend.

Unfortunately these admirable gains reflect less urgency and dedication than the War on Poverty should merit. The gains in the first decade after President Johnson announced this endeavor were remarkable, with the official poverty level hitting its all-time low in 1973. But since then new economic challenges have arisen that work against those at the bottom, limiting the ability of the impoverished to raise their position.

Today, we have an inflation-adjusted minimum wage that is less than 70% of what it was at the end of President Johnson’s administration. We have vast inequities in our

schools that make the quality of children’s education first and foremost a function of address and not their own effort or merit. These inequalities are magnified in an era of skyrocketing executive pay, corporate profitability, and worker productivity, where workers must subsist on stagnant wages that cannot even keep up with historically modest inflation. Just a couple of weeks ago, we made the problem worse by cutting off unemployment assistance to 1.3 million long-term job seeking Americans in a job market that simply cannot offer them meaningful employment.

I urge my colleagues to cease their assault on the objectives President Johnson declared so long ago. Quit fighting the healthcare law and help us improve, refine, and implement it for the good of all Americans. Quit denigrating people who worked for decades, but through no fault of their own are now facing extended unemployment. They aren’t resting on a hammock; they are clinging to anything that floats in an economic storm that we helped Wall Street create. Quit bargaining away the social safety net that prevents a family confronted with an unexpected layoff or family illness from losing their home and their future.

But those actions are merely the very least of what we should be doing. If we want to make sure that every person actually has a chance to pursue happiness—which as President Johnson pointed out is the reason that we so jealously guard our security and liberty—then we need to finally win this war. It is time for us to recognize that in the wealthiest nation in the world and in the history of the world, we simply cannot tolerate the sort of persistent poverty that prevents generations of citizens from providing for themselves and their families.

Winning this prosperity will require us to take action just as our predecessors did when President Johnson first called upon them. We can begin by taking up my bill, H.R. 1000, which would aggressively pursue a program of job training, and infrastructure and community investment until we reach full-employment. We should also pass a bill to raise the minimum wage and index it to inflation for this generation of workers—the most productive of any generation in history—so they can realize the same fair break their parents and grandparents had. And we must reauthorize extended unemployment insurance to help salvage the dignity and security of men and women who lost their jobs because of the Wall Street bankers we bailed out in 2008.

These are the first steps to ensuring that every American is able to enjoy the fruits of our forebears and our own toil. They are not enough to solve the breadth of problems that we face, but their enactment would lead to a meaningful improvement in the lives of those who are beginning to lose faith in us and themselves.

I urge my colleagues to take action this session of Congress that reflects the standards President Johnson laid out a half-century ago and to pursue an agenda that elevates the poor rather than entrenches the rich. We did it before, we can do it again.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 10

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for December 2013.

SD-G50

JANUARY 14

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense counterterrorism operations.

SVC-217

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine conference and travel spending across the Federal government.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine aging in comfort, focusing on assessing the special needs of America’s Holocaust survivors.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight

To hold hearings to examine management of air traffic controller training tactics.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the report of the President’s Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies.

SD-226

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JANUARY 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection
To hold hearings to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations.

SR-253

JANUARY 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and Brad R. Carson, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and William A. LaPlante, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine income inequality in the United States.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219