

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF KINGSOLVER  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIV-  
ING THE NATIONAL BLUE RIB-  
BON AWARD

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kingsolver Elementary School. Located in Fort Knox, KY, Kingsolver Elementary was presented with the National Blue Ribbon Award earlier this year.

I would like to commend Kingsolver Elementary School's educators and administrators on their many hours of hard work and service to Kentucky's students. Your commitment and devotion to the education of future leaders is commendable and I hope you are very proud of this achievement.

I join with all of Kentucky's Second District in congratulating everyone at Kingsolver Elementary School on this honor.

SUPPORTING VERA HOUSE'S  
WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Vera House's 20th Annual White Ribbon Campaign.

For more than 35 years, Vera House has played a key role in combating domestic and sexual violence in Central New York.

Vera House provides a safe shelter and counseling services for victims of rape and sexual abuse and helps survivors rebuild their lives.

This organization also provides life-saving prevention and education services to people across my district.

Vera House serves over approximately 1,000 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes in a year.

They also provide nearly 20,000 people in our local community with prevention and education services annually.

It is critically important that we continue to support Vera House's ongoing mission to end domestic abuse and sexual violence, to empower victims, and to promote equality and respect in relationships.

The White Ribbon Campaign is led by men and encourages all members of the community—men and women, young and old—to join these efforts.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand in support of Vera House's White Ribbon campaign to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence.

MR. ROBERT SILBERNAGEL  
TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Robert Silbernagel, Editorial Page Editor for the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel in Grand Junction, Colorado since 1995. After 18-plus years and through four publishers, Mr. Silbernagel retired from the Sentinel in March, 2014.

Mr. Silbernagel moved to Colorado in 1973 after receiving his degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin and after meeting his wife, Judy. In the same year, he began his career writing news for the Vail Villager Weekly and the Glenwood Post. In 1980, he moved to the Grand Junction Sentinel to write for the political, environmental, and business beats, where he also became the city editor and bureau reporter. He served for 15 years in this role and in 1995 became the editor of the Editorial page, where he recently finished his distinguished career.

In addition to writing news, Mr. Silbernagel has published three books, contributed to countless magazine articles, and even developed his own website. In addition to his robust career, he has received many awards, most recently for winning first place in editorial writing from the Colorado Associated Press Editors and Reporters Association in 2012.

When not writing, Mr. Silbernagel has been very active in his community, serving as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Land Management's McInnis Canyons National Conservation area, Chairman of Palisade High School's Accountability Committee, and as a member of the United Way of Mesa County distribution committee. Mr. Silbernagel's dedication to the community is unquestionable and I have no doubt he will continue to have an impact there for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Robert Silbernagel for his contributions through his writing with the Grand Junction Sentinel and his civic service to the Grand Junction community, and the State of Colorado. I wish him the very best in his retirement.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME  
TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2014*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, the Coast Guard is facing difficult challenges related to maintenance and costs of its aging ships and aircrafts. In these difficult financial

times, the Coast Guard should examine the potential cost savings resulting from the use of laser peening technology, which may help to strengthen parts and extend the life of the Coast Guard's assets.

Developed as a result of work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and in conjunction with Curtiss-Wright Metal Improvement Company, laser peening uses laser beam impacts to strengthen metal four times deeper than conventional shot peening, resulting in increased resistance to fatigue and erosion driven failures.

In ships, such as those used by the Coast Guard, erosion and cracking can occur in metals due to environmental and repeated stresses. These problems can cause damage to key metal components of ships such as propellers, rudders, ship hulls near propellers, control valves, pumps, and impellers. Without replacing or strengthening these important ship components, this damage can potentially lead to the part's unexpected failure. With a Coast Guard fleet stretched well beyond its estimated lifetime, the Coast Guard should examine the benefits of laser peening as a way to reduce costs and enhance the life of its ships.

Laser peening has been proven in both commercial and military settings. For example, in the commercial sector, laser peening has been used by Rolls-Royce to repair and strengthen cracked engine blades for airplanes. From its success with Rolls-Royce, in 2003 Curtiss-Wright became the first specialized laser peening repair station for commercial aviation to be approved by Federal Aviation Administration. Within the military, laser peening has been used by both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force to increase lifetime of aircraft components and save money on maintenance. These successful commercial and military applications have helped reduce costs by strengthening and extending the life of critical components.

In past years, the House has gone on record in support of laser peening as a means for saving money on future repairs. For example, the Armed Services Committee report accompanying H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 stated that: "laser peening has achieved considerable success in commercial aerospace and power-generation applications, reducing costs by enabling improvements in the metal structure and mitigating high-cycle fatigue failures of a system, thus extending the system's lifetime." The Armed Services Committee further encouraged the Department of Defense "to examine the potential cost savings that may be derived from adopting this technology broadly across the military services, but was concerned that some military departments have not fully explored the use of such technologies to reduce costs associated with problems of fatigue failure, stress corrosion cracking, and component shape corrections. The committee further encourages the Department to explore such technologies for use in aircraft engines to slow the rate of replacement of highly stressed components and parts."

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I suggest that the Coast Guard examine the potential cost savings that may be derived from adopting laser peening, which can be utilized to greatly reduce cracking and erosion. It could have wide benefits to Coast Guard vessels, fixed wing aircraft, and rotorcraft. The cost savings resulting from the use of laser peening could reduce the need for major structure rework, slow the rate of replacement of highly stressed components and parts, and provide a longer lifetime for Coast Guard assets.

CONGRATULATIONS WAYZATA  
BOY'S SWIMMING AND DIVING  
TEAM

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wayzata High School's Boy's Swimming and Diving team who recently won the Minnesota Class 2A state title. The Trojans were able to secure the school's first championship with a balanced effort in the finals. Led by a first place performance from Greg Arnold in the 100 freestyle, Wayzata was able to secure the title before the last race even began.

Coach Dave Plummer, in his first season as head coach, pointed to the full team effort necessary to qualify in the preliminary races. Six top-four finishes in the finals also helped put the Trojans over the top.

The dedication it takes to excel in swimming and diving is to be commended. It means that these athletes push themselves every day to shave hundredths of a second off their personal best or repeat dive after dive until it's perfect. When adding in schoolwork, family obligations, and other time commitments, it is remarkable these student-athletes accomplish all that they do.

Once again, congratulations to the Wayzata High School Boy's Swimming and Diving Team on a job well done.

HONORING CHERYL DIEHM

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cheryl Diehm upon her retirement as the District Representative in my Congressional office. Cheryl has been an integral member of my staff, both in the California State Senate and in Congress for the past twenty-six years. The unwavering dedication, loyalty and compassion she has displayed throughout these twenty-six years is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

Cheryl came to work on my staff after my first campaign and has been the best person to work with, both in the State Senate and in Congress. In twenty-six years, there is no part of our district that Cheryl has not touched. From our offices in Vallejo to Napa to Santa Rosa, wherever I needed her to go, she went. No matter what office she was in, and no matter what her role in the office was, she made the office better and she made the community those offices served better.

Cheryl is loyal, compassionate and committed to our office, our district and the institution of representative government. She knows that government has a responsibility to make sure things are fair and she's always working for what is best for the American people. When constituents called with problems, she solved them. She has helped countless constituents navigate everything from Medicare benefits to mortgage problems, and VA payments. She spearheaded our office's Military Service Academy nominations. She organized interviews, sorted through applications, and worked with liaison officers to help make sure that young people who wanted to serve our country had the opportunity to do so.

Cheryl has an unrivaled political antenna, and she always took time to nurture and mentor young staff. She shared her skills and traits with the other people in our office and because of that, her service to our county and country will endure long past her retirement from our office.

Cheryl is an asset to our district, a role model to our younger staff, and a best friend to me. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Cheryl for her invaluable service and wish her a most enjoyable retirement.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND  
MARK A. DENNIS, JR.

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Mark A. Dennis, Jr., Senior Pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Evanston, Illinois.

Ten years ago, this visionary leader took his place as the eleventh Senior Pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church, Evanston's first black Baptist Church, organized in 1882. He was called to provide greater leadership in spiritual formation, strategic visioning, community development, and pastoral care.

Reverend Dennis came with outstanding academic and professional credentials. He holds several degrees including a Master of Divinity, cum laude, from Howard University School of Divinity; a Master of Music from Bowling Green University; and a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College. Many honors have been bestowed on him, including admission to the prestigious Preacher's Hall of Fame at Morehouse College.

Second Baptist is a highly-respected Church in the Evanston community with a dedicated congregation whose vision is to be "A beacon of light: A Christ-centered Church celebrating faith, freedom, stewardship and the social responsibility of caring for souls."

Reverend Dennis has more than lived up to that mission, reaching well beyond the walls of Second Baptist to become an inspiring and energetic leader in all aspects of the religious and civic life of our community.

Under Reverend Dennis's leadership, Second Baptist partners with my synagogue, Beth Emet, on meaningful youth programs including a joint Civil Rights Pilgrimage to the Southern United States to visit civil rights landmarks. Along with Temple Beth Israel in Skokie, Second Baptist hosts a weekly soup kitchen. Rev-

erend Dennis has spearheaded programs at Second Baptist that lift our entire community, such as "Cradle to Career," which helps young people to take full and equal advantage of the opportunities before them and Pioneering Healthier Communities, a partnership with the City of Evanston, the YMCA, and health providers, which is improving individual lives and community well-being. Reverend Dennis serves as a leader in Interfaith organizations and efforts in our region.

Reverend Dennis has been a treasured friend and mentor to countless people inside and out of his congregation, including me. I congratulate him on his tenth anniversary as Senior Pastor at Second Baptist Church and wish him many more years in the pulpit and the community.

TO RECOGNIZE RALPH  
DIGUISEPPE, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bristol Borough Council President, Ralph DiGuiseppe, Jr.

Strong values and close family ties are the hallmark of the DiGuiseppe family. Ralph's grandparents journeyed here from Italy, passing through Ellis Island just as many of our own ancestors had, and then settled in the Delaware Valley. Ralph's parents met at a dance in Bristol Borough. They eventually married and made Bristol Borough their home.

Ralph is a proud, lifelong resident of Bristol Borough—a true "Bristolian." He is proud to serve as President of the Bristol Borough Council and has passed on the value of service to the next generation of DiGuisepes as his son, Ralph DiGuiseppe III, serves on the Bristol Borough School Board.

Ralph has volunteered countless hours at St. Ann's Parish as a project manager and a laborer, and strengthened the parish's finances by reinstating the annual carnival, an iconic Bristol event. Kind and generous, Ralph donates to ensure traditional Thanksgiving feasts can be enjoyed by local families who would otherwise go without.

Ralph has been described as an "idealist, a dreamer, always thinking in long term." He believes the American Dream is a dream come true for the DiGuiseppe family. From his first day on council, his goal has been simply to improve the quality of life for the residents of Bristol Borough.

"Welcome Friend" has been Bristol's motto since a wooden sign greeted the Marquis de Lafayette on his "Farewell Tour of America" in 1824. The original sign still hangs within the Borough Hall, where it continues to greet locals and newcomers. Ralph views every individual he meets as important. He truly embodies this simple gesture, "Welcome Friend," and graciously welcomes all into the Bristol Borough family.

I commend Ralph DiGuiseppe Jr. for his selfless dedication to his community and his never ending pursuit of the American Dream for his family and fellow Bristolians.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM DEAN  
MCKAMEY

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today a memorial service is being held for William Dean McKamey at the United States Naval Academy.

Will was a young man for whom I had the privilege of nominating to the Naval Academy. A former Mr. Football winner from Grace Christian Academy, Will unfortunately passed away on March 25 after having collapsed during football practice the previous Saturday.

Will was one of the most outstanding men I have had the privilege of meeting. From all of the things I have read and heard, this young man had an incredibly bright future. He was outstanding in every way.

Will was only 19 years-old when he died, but, in his short life, he touched many lives personally and has inspired thousands of lives in my home state of Tennessee and around the Country as people learn about him.

Will was a committed Christian, and his mother Kara has noted that "Will was able to change the spirit of a community, a school and a Navy football team . . . without really saying a word."

I had the honor to attend Will's funeral service, and I saw firsthand the impact Will has had on his community.

Tennessee and the Navy football family mourn the loss of such a great young man: a son, a friend, a teammate, and a Christian.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE  
OF KASSAB, SYRIA

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the people of Kassab, Syria. Their town was overtaken by Islamist rebels late last month. The town's inhabitants, who are largely Armenian Christians, have been forced by jihadist rebels to evacuate their homes and seek refuge in Lebanon and the nearby city of Latakia. I submit an article which ran in yesterday's Washington Post which paints a deeply disturbing picture of the events unfolding in Kassab.

This is yet another case of Christians and other religious minorities being pulled into violent conflicts in the Middle East. Throughout the region, small and peaceful minority groups are often the first to suffer collateral damage, as we have seen in recent years not only in Syria, but also in Iraq, in Egypt, and elsewhere.

It is especially poignant to recognize the people of Kassab at this time of year, since April 24 is the Genocide Remembrance Day observed by Armenians around the world to commemorate the atrocities committed against their people nearly a hundred years ago.

I have advocated for a non-governmental bipartisan Syria Study Group to bring a fresh approach and possibly creative solutions forward to address the ongoing conflict in that

country. It is inexcusable for the world to stand by while families are being driven from their homes, children are being killed and ancient communities' very existence threatened.

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 2, 2014]

SYRIAN ARMENIANS, WHO HAD BEEN INSULATED FROM WAR, FORCED TO FLEE AFTER REBEL OFFENSIVE

(By Loveday Morris)

ANJAR, LEBANON.—Some fled in their nightclothes, others in their farming boots straight from the fields. Many thought they'd be able to return in a few hours but now fear they may never again.

Until the shells started raining down late last month, the tiny Syrian village of Kassab and surrounding villages had been largely sheltered from the three-year-old conflict that has devastated other parts of Syria. But now the area is the focus of a rebel offensive in the coastal province of Latakia, and an accompanying social-media storm of disinformation.

Kassab, a lush, mountainous idyll abutting the Turkish border, is an ancestral home of Syria's minority ethnic Armenians, Christians who have lived on the land for a millennium. But the attack by jihadist rebels sparked a mass exodus from Kassab and nearby villages.

The picturesque Armenian hillside villages in the north of Latakia provide a foothold for a push into the rest of the province—a heartland of Syria's minority Alawites, who are largely supportive of President Bashar al-Assad.

The area holds little other strategic value for the opposition, but the limited gains there have boosted rebel morale amid a string of defeats elsewhere, with the leader of the main opposition body, Ahmad al-Jarba, making a rare visit to Syria this week to tour the area and meet with fighters.

The Armenian diaspora, including some celebrities, has expressed outrage, demanding that the United States act to protect the Armenian community in Syria. The State Department has said it is "deeply troubled" by the developments.

Some Syrian government loyalists have launched a propaganda campaign accusing rebels of mass killings and desecrating churches in the area, sparking fierce rebuttals from opposition activists.

But the people of Kassab, like the 7 million others who have been displaced by the civil war, are focusing on trying to rebuild their lives after being torn from their land. At least 30 families have fled to neighboring Lebanon, seeking refuge in the Armenian village of Anjar and in the capital, Beirut, and the testimonies of more than a dozen shed some light on the events surrounding the offensive.

All but about 30 of the area's roughly 2,500 residents fled within 48 hours of the attack, they said. The fate of those who remained, who were too old or unwilling to leave, is unknown, with communications to the villages cut. There was no major loss of life, they say, with just one known death, that of a local teacher who was hit in her car by a sniper as she tried to flee. Still, the mass exodus is particularly emotional, with Armenians from Kassab having been forced to leave their homes twice in the past century because of persecution by the Turks.

The Armenians first fled during the Adana massacre of 1909, when tens of thousands died at the hands of the Ottomans.

Then, in 1915, as many as 5,000 residents of Kassab died during the fracturing empire's murderous campaign against the Armenians, which is widely recognized as a genocide.

"Now it's 2014, and we are being displaced again," said a 41-year-old farmer's wife who

arrived in Lebanon a week ago. Like others fleeing the loyalist area, she spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals if she and her family return.

"But thank God that this time there is no massacre," she said. "We believe that, as Armenians, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Once again, the Armenians see the hand of their long-standing enemy behind their displacement, saying the rebel attack was launched from Turkish soil. Many of the farms and homes in what was once a popular tourist spot offer sweeping views of the Turkish border.

The offensive, they say, began about 5 a.m. on March 21, with villagers waking to the sound of heavy machine-gun fire, followed by shelling.

Two Syrian border posts were first struck, according to the accounts of several residents. With the posts manned only by lightly armed Syrian border police, residents said there was little in the way of defense against the push by jihadist rebel groups, which included the al-Qaeda-linked Jabhat al-Nusra and the Islamist Ahrar al-Sham.

Not long after, the main border crossing to Turkey fell, residents said.

Villagers had prepared evacuation plans. In case of an attack, instructions were for women and children to congregate in Nabaeen, a village farthest from the Turkish border, with a back road to the city of Latakia.

By 7 a.m., one Nabaeen farmer said, about 50 people had gathered at his house. "People were crying and yelling that they had nothing with them. Some were in their slippers and pajamas," he said. "It was a sad situation."

Despite the chaos, many grabbed the deeds to their houses—an instinct, they say, for a people with a history of displacement. Some of the men stayed behind to see how the situation developed.

"We left all our valuables and had nothing more than the clothes we were wearing," said one 40-year-old mother of three. As the shelling picked up, by 11 a.m. most of the families had left Nabaeen for the safety of Latakia, 35 miles south, as Syrian army reinforcements made their way north.

By March 23, the rebels had reached the center of Kassab. Villagers point to Turkey's shooting down of a Syrian jet attempting to hit the invading fighters later that day as further evidence of Turkish support for rebels.

A Turkish diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject, said that no rebels are "deliberately" allowed to use the Turkish border and that if there was shelling into Kassab from Turkey on March 21, it was because of new rules of engagement, which allow the country's armed forces to retaliate when fired at to deter further attacks.

Turkey also said that the jet it shot down had strayed into its airspace.

Jihadist fighters who entered Kassab have gone to great lengths to stress that they are not desecrating churches or hurting civilians.

The mother of three said that after she arrived in Latakia with her children, she called home, and a man who identified himself as a member of Ja'hat al-Nusra answered.

"He said, 'Come back, why did you leave your home? We have come here to protect you,'" she recalled, though she added that he later said she should convert to Islam before returning. "I pleaded with him, 'Eat and drink whatever you like, but please don't destroy the house.'"

But Kassab's displaced residents are not convinced by the jihadists' assurances, and some fear they will never be able to feel safe

in the area again, even if the government succeeds in pushing out the rebels.

One farmer, who sold his car in Latakia to afford the journey to Lebanon, said his grandmother survived a notorious death march from the village to the city of Horns during the genocide but still returned to Kassab.

This time, he's not sure his family will make it back.

"Our roots are there, everything is there," his wife said, "but we can't."

**HONORING THE BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of men who established the Brentwood Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. These men have shown that positive outcomes can be made across the board through hard work, dedication, and a desire to serve their community.

This alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi has served as a lightning rod for other members; wherein, these members collectively seek to indoctrinate and instruct fraternity members in brotherhood, reclamation, community service, history, and protocol; to unite in a fraternal bond college men of culture, vision and honor who possess a high degree of commitment to serving mankind; to encourage through fraternal brotherhood honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; to mentor young men through the chapter's Guide Right students; to sponsor community service to support local schools, youth and provide charitable services to low-income residents and seniors; and to promote the social intellectual, and moral welfare of brothers and service in the public interest.

The Brentwood (TN) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was organized in the home of Vincent Abernathy, and on October 2, 2010, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was established. Under the leadership of the chapter's first Polemarch, Dewayne Collier, and current Polemarch, Jeff Wilson, The Brentwood Alumni Chapter has become the second largest chapter in the Middle Tennessee area.

The Brentwood Alumni Chapter's Guide Right Program has adopted New Hope Academy School, the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin and Ravenwood High School as partners in its initiative to support young men 9th–12th who show academic potential and a desire for leadership.

The Brentwood Alumni Chapter has charted The Brentwood Leadership Foundation and awards scholarships to seniors and juniors further promoting the educational advancement of young people.

Other event that The Brentwood Alumni Chapter participates in include: St. Jude Sunday of Hope, Kappa Choir, the Pepsi Refresh Project, Piney Woods, Kappa on the Hill, Student of the Year, Kappa Foundation, United Way of Williamson County, and Mercy Children Clinic Christmas Party.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Brentwood Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, I was not present for 3 votes. I wish to submit my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 152, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 153, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 154, I would have voted "nay."

**RECOGNIZING JAMES BERGERON**

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Education and Human Services Policy Director James Bergeron for his years of service to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce—and the American people.

James Bergeron, who joined the Committee nearly a decade ago under then-Chairman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON, will soon depart the Committee for a new endeavor. He leaves an indelible mark not only on this institution, but also on the landscape of education policy.

During his tenure with the Committee, James worked tirelessly on legislation to improve workforce development, revamp K–12 education, support students with disabilities, enhance early childhood care and development, and strengthen the nation's higher education system. Many of the policies James championed have become key provisions in federal law, helping improve the lives of countless workers, students, teachers, and children.

James is a consummate professional, a skilled negotiator, and a trusted advisor who will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Committee and the whole House, I thank James for his dedication, and wish him the very best in the years ahead.

**IN HONOR OF THE ARSENAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, 2014 STATE CHAMPIONS**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the boy's basketball team at Arsenal Technical High School which is part of Indianapolis Public School district. The Titans were crowned the Division 4A Indiana State Boys Basketball Champions on March 30,

2014 after capturing the state title with a 63–59 victory in front of a sold out crowd at Indianapolis Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

As a graduate of Arsenal Tech, I am proud of this team's achievements. The Titans made their first appearance in the state finals in 1929, and 85 years later they earned their first state championship. Their accomplishment is also significant because it has been 34 years since an Indianapolis Public School program has won this title. Additionally, all the Tech fans, in particular the energetic student body should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in their team.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arsenal Technical High School Titans, coaches, school officials, teachers and the greater Indianapolis community on their accomplishments this season.

**IN RECOGNITION OF LPL FINANCIAL'S NEW, SUSTAINABLE OFFICE TOWER**

**HON. SCOTT H. PETERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the leadership, employees and partners of LPL Financial—the nation's largest independent broker-dealer and a RIA custodian—for their dedication to sustainability and social responsibility, demonstrated by the opening of the firm's new San Diego headquarters, Tower II at La Jolla Commons, on April 2, 2014. La Jolla Commons II was designed to be the largest net-zero energy commercial office building in the United States.

The focus of this project was to build an environmentally friendly workplace that would be reflective of LPL's values and work styles. With that in mind, the building design was guided by four pillars: sustainability, health and wellness, connectivity and flexibility. This design is currently under consideration for LEED Platinum certification, the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) highest standard for environmental design.

Among other sustainability features, the 13-story, 416,000-square-foot office tower will result in an estimated \$300,000 annual savings in electricity costs due to the incorporation of fuel cell technology, and nearly 2.5 million gallons—about 88 percent of the water used in the building—will be reclaimed and reused. Additionally, the building boasts a number of health and wellness-related amenities including a state-of-the-art gym for employees.

I ask all Members to join me in applauding this incredible effort that demonstrates LPL's commitment to its employees, the city of San Diego, and to our environment.

H.R. 2824

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2824, which would roll back a Reagan-era rule to protect Appalachian

streams and communities from mining waste contamination.

In 1983, in order to protect ground and surface water, the Reagan Administration implemented a rule that said mountaintop mining operations could not dump their waste too close to streams. Today's bill would require states to replace those existing protections with a 2008 rewrite of the rule that would weaken standards and fail to safeguard water resources from the impacts of mining waste. States would not be permitted to enact stronger standards to shield their drinking water from contamination. I offered an amendment with my colleagues Representatives CARTWRIGHT and LOWENTHAL to ensure States have the right to take additional action if they find it necessary, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

This legislation is particularly egregious because just last month, the DC Circuit Court vacated the 2008 rule because the Bush Administration failed to consider the impact of waste dumping on threatened and endangered species. Not only would this bill write that illegally-drafted rule into statute, it would set a five-year moratorium on any new rules to protect streams from coal mining waste.

The Interior Department is currently in the process of developing new rules to reflect advances in mining practices and mitigate environmental and health impacts from mining operations. Rather than forcing implementation of a rule so flawed that it's been tossed out by the courts, we should allow this process to go forward to safeguard Appalachian communities. I urge a no vote on the bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 149, 150, 151, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 149, "yea" on rollcall vote 150, and "yea" on rollcall vote 151.

I was also absent for the following votes on Friday, April 4, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 157, "nay" on roll call vote 158, "yea" on rollcall vote 159, and "yea" on rollcall vote 160, "yea" on roll call vote 161, "yea" on rollcall vote 162, "yea" on rollcall vote 163, and "nay" on rollcall vote 164.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. ALBERT L. NELLUM

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Albert L. Nellum. Al transitioned peacefully on March 1, 2014. His impact on this city and our country may not be as well known, but it is indelible. Al was a pioneer consultant, businessman, and activist in his own way.

Al was born in the heart of the Deep South: Greenville, Mississippi and later grew up in Chicago, Illinois as well. He, like a number of us, arrived to a Washington that now barely resembles its former self. And yet, he set out to change it for the better. Opportunities were scarce for African Americans, and Al paved the way for the presence of future black consultants in the District. During the height of the Civil Rights Movement in 1964, he established A.L. Nellum and Associates Inc., the oldest black-owned management consultant firm in the United States.

He also supported and worked with us in forming what would become the Congressional Black Caucus. We relied on Al's expertise and advice over the years, and welcomed his input at various stages. He helped to organize the first CBC Foundation dinner as well as the scholarship program, which he and fellow business leaders spearheaded. Al also worked with Rep. Parren Mitchell on the first CBCF Braintrust on Black Business.

Al's activism was not limited to the U.S., but his impact can be felt internationally. His efforts against anti-black racism in Japan are a testament to his commitment to making the world a better place. He organized a full page ad to oppose Japanese racism and advocated for the fair depiction of blacks. He even traveled to Japan and met with its leaders at his own expense, to protest these offensive products and derisive images. Al's ties to Japan stretched back to the 1950s when he was a serviceman in the U.S. Army there.

I salute Al Nellum, and extend my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. May the memories of him sustain all of us at this time.

RECOGNIZING JAKE CRAIN AND THE PEARLAND OILERS BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake Crain of Pearland High School. This young man pitched an impressive no-hitter on Tuesday, March 25 when the Pearland Oilers defeated the Pasadena Memorial Mavericks. Crain led the Oilers to an 8-1 victory, improving their overall record to 5-0 in district play.

Professional pitchers play their entire careers without pitching a no-hitter, and Jake achieved this as a senior in high school. The contributions of his teammates were also inte-

gral to Jake's achievement. He relied on his defense to back him up and the Oilers offense to put runs on the board. This was a team effort. Great athletes are an extension of great teams.

The Pearland Oilers baseball team is full of great teammates. I wish the Pearland Oilers the best of luck this season. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Jake Crain and all of his Oiler teammates on recording a no-hitter.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 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 \$17,585,625,829,197.83. We've added \$6,958,748,780,284.75 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CHAIRMAN JIMMY R. NEWTON, JR. TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr., of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Colorado. Chairman Newton, after over 10 years of service to his tribe, passed away on April 1, 2014, at the age of 37.

Beginning his service in politics at the age of 26, Chairman Newton served as a Tribal Council member, Vice Chairman, and Acting Chairman before becoming permanent Chairman in 2012. Though he spent much of his life in public service, he earned a degree in Visual Graphic Design from Al Collins Graphic Design School in Arizona, after which he worked as a reporter & photographer for the tribal newspaper, the Southern Ute Drum. Chairman Newton frequently sang at tribal ceremonies, exemplifying the love of his culture. He also used his voice as a dedicated servant of the Southern Ute people, working to ensure his tribe's wellbeing in every level of government.

Chairman Newton's commitment to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado has been a blessing to many communities, families, and individuals, and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Flora Murphy-Newton and daughter, Maylon K. Newton. I extend my deepest sympathies and prayers to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, though his life was tragically short, Chairman Newton maximized his time leading with strength and an exemplary heart. It is an honor and a privilege to recognize Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr. for his many accomplishments and distinguished service.

CELEBRATING THE CENTER FOR VOLUNTEER AND NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Excellence on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 5, 2014.

For the last five decades, the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL) has advanced nonprofits and volunteerism by strengthening leadership, encouraging innovation and empowering individuals to develop a vital and engaged community. CVNL is committed to creating a stronger nonprofit sector and a more engaged community by offering comprehensive leadership programs, organizing community fundraisers, coordinating volunteer opportunities, and providing many other resources and services.

The Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership is a community treasure, and Marin County has benefitted greatly from this organization's many years of fostering volunteerism and supporting the nonprofit sector. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to CVNL, and congratulations on fifty years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Syracuse Housing Authority, celebrating its 75th Anniversary in providing quality, affordable housing to the residents of Syracuse.

Established as one of the first housing authorities in the nation, the Syracuse Housing Authority opened the doors to its first development, Pioneer Homes, in 1938. This development began the continued success of the Syracuse Housing Authority, which now owns and manages 15 housing developments and over 2,500 apartments throughout the City of Syracuse.

The Syracuse Housing Authority provides a home to over 15,000 individuals and families, while also supporting the health and well-being of its residents. Opportunities are available for residents of the Syracuse Housing Authority for education, medical services and homeownership.

Under the leadership of Director Bill Simmons, the Syracuse Housing Authority cares deeply about its role as a leader in the City of Syracuse and provides safe, affordable housing to many members in our community, from young families to those neighbors who are elderly or living with disabilities.

Aside from a place to call home, the Syracuse Housing Authority also offers a variety of programs to its residents to promote educational achievement, economic independence

and job training. The Syracuse Housing Authority assists residents pursue their ambitions, building a stronger community for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and commend the Syracuse Housing Authority on its 75th Anniversary of public service to our community. I look forward to its continued legacy and the exciting things yet to come from this outstanding organization.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN GERRAL K. DAVID

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On April 4, 2014 Captain Gerral K. David will relinquish his command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey and retire from the Navy later this year.

Public service careers are often measured by either their long duration or some particularly distinguished accomplishment. The measure of Captain David's career invariably involves both. His Navy career will extend to thirty years by the time he retires. And each of those years was marked by distinguished service.

Captain David grew up in Conroe, Texas. In 1984, he graduated from the Naval Academy and began his Naval career as a flight officer. His early career took him many places, including deployments to Sigonella, Sicily, Bermuda, as well as numerous Special Project detachments throughout the Atlantic Fleet. He later served aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* during various deployments in the Pacific that included the support of operations in Somalia and Iraq. Other flight assignments took him to Diego Garcia, and Japan. In 2002, Captain David assumed command of Patrol Squadron 46, based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Under Captain David's command, the "Golden Swordsmen," won numerous unit awards and commendations, as well as deploying after 2003, to help support the U.S. war efforts in Iraq.

Interspersed with his flight commands, Captain David took on various shore duties. Early on, he served as a recruitment officer in Houston. In 1997, he assumed duties as the Flag Secretary for the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2007, Captain David took command of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Under Captain David's command, the Navy recognized Team Whidbey as the top Naval Air Station three years in a row and awarded it with a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Then in 2010, Captain David took command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey. In essence, he became the city manager for the naval facilities that house the Naval Postgraduate School, the Navy's Fleet meteorology forecasting and research center, and a variety of other U.S. Navy shore functions. And it is in this capacity that I have come to know Captain David. He has helped steer several significant new construction projects to completion and has deftly managed his facilities relationship with the surrounding communities. He never fails to combine an understanding of the issue at hand with a deft personal diplomacy.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in extending our most sincere gratitude

for Captain David's service to our Nation. The United States is a more secure and fruitful place as a consequence of his efforts. I want to wish Captain David and his wife Anne all the best as they transition from active duty to continued public service in what will surely be an active and fruitful retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED COMMISSIONER JIM WILLIAMSON

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Commissioner Jim Williamson, who passed away on April 2, 2014. Throughout his long and distinguished career in public service, Jim served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. All those who have been blessed by his presence mourn the loss of a great man and accomplished public servant.

A life-long native resident of Santa Rosa County, Florida, Jim graduated from Milton High School in 1964. He enjoyed a four-year professional baseball career with the St. Louis Cardinals, before establishing his own business, Williamson Electrical Co., Inc., in Northwest Florida.

In 1977, Jim began his career in public service when he was elected as a member of the Milton City Council, where he served until 1985. He then continued his dedicated service to the community when he won a seat on the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in 1996. Thanks to his leadership and strong work ethic, Jim achieved rapid success, and he was re-elected without opposition in 2000. He then went on to serve as Chairman of the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners until his recent retirement just days ago.

Jim served Santa Rosa County with the utmost integrity. During his time in office, he contributed greatly to the growth of Santa Rosa County and worked tirelessly to promote economic and cultural growth as well as fiscal accountability. His efforts included streamlining the building permit and inspection process, enhancing recreational opportunities for Santa Rosa County residents, constructing county buildings, and implementing safety improvements at Peter Prince Airport. His achievements did not go unrecognized, as he received several accolades, most notably the God in Government award and Santa Rosa County Chamber Leader of the Year. Aside from his leadership in Santa Rosa County, Jim was actively involved in many other aspects of the community, including coaching youth athletics and worshipping the Lord at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Throughout his life, Jim served his community with humility. For more than twenty years, I have had the privilege of working closely with him on a bevy of issues that affected Santa Rosa County and the entire Florida Gulf Coast. Jim represented everything that is great about Santa Rosa County. There is no question he will be remembered as a man of unquestionable character, unwavering resolve and unmatched determination. To his family

and friends, he will be remembered as a man of great faith and compassion, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Commissioner Jim Williamson. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our sincerest condolences and our prayers to his wife, Paulette; sons, Jayer, Jeremy, Jarrod, Randy, and David; 11 grandchildren; and the entire Williamson family. Jim's presence will be deeply missed, but his example will always be with us.

A TRIBUTE TO SACRED HEART  
PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Football Team of Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton, California for winning the Central Coast Championship and the Northern California CIF Championship. They made history by being the first team in San Mateo County to play in the California CIF Championship Game.

The Sacred Heart Prep Football Team is a combination of talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship and has established itself as an exceptional group. With great dedication, the Gators worked diligently and ended their season on this historic note.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Head Coach Pete Lavorato, Assistant Head Coach Matt Moran, and Assistant Coaches Ed Larios, Mark Modeste, and Greg Sutter on an extraordinary season! The entire team can look back on this season with tremendous pride. I wish the seniors the best of luck in your next endeavors, and their younger teammates the best of luck in next year's season. Go Gators!

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HAUGEBERG

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dave Haugeberg, community stalwart, citizen activist, Newberg-Dundee Bypass champion—and today, 2013 Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Dave Haugeberg epitomizes this spirit—combining great determination with a hero's tendency toward humility.

In addition to a lengthy and distinguished legal career, Dave has a remarkable track record of community service. He is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees at Linfield College and serves as President of the Board at Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, which provides employment, community inclusion services, residential support, and transportation services to

adults with disabilities in order to maximize their potential.

His imprint on Yamhill County is enormous, and soon to be very visible along a several mile section of Highway 99W. Nearly three decades ago, Dave began his legendary volunteer efforts for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, hoping to summon enough community, regional, and State resolve to construct a new highway, circumventing traffic around the historic and traffic-plagued cities of Newberg and Dundee. This effort, forged through decades of teamwork, frustration, partnership, and dogged persistence in the face of doubt, has now paid off. On August 29, 2012, Dave dug his ceremonial shovel into the ground, kicking off construction of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

To be sure, he had partners along the way, but it is no accident that Dave Haugeberg is affectionately known as the 'Grandfather of the Bypass.' With Phase I construction well underway, I'm hopeful he took a brief victory lap before, undoubtedly, redoubling his efforts to complete the entire corridor.

Dave Haugeberg is a remarkable citizen, the kind of person who willingly, even eagerly, gives more to his community than he anticipates receiving in return. His contributions to Yamhill County will always be remembered fondly by those he worked with—and for, including the hundreds of thousands of people who will eventually traverse the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, and the local citizens who will live in transformed communities where it is safe to work, live, and play.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dave on this eminently deserved award, and wish him and his wife Kathy, and his children and grandchildren of whom he is so proud, continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO NIKI DePHILLIPS

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Niki DePhillips of Kum & Go for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 600 business leaders and growing.

Niki DePhillips began her career with Kum & Go 12 years ago as an administrative assistant. Today, Ms. DePhillips is the youngest female executive in the company's history and serves as the Senior Vice President of Store Development and Interim Vice President of Human Resources. Niki credits her impressive and expeditious climb to senior management at such an esteemed company to utilizing the strong work ethic instilled by her mother to pursue her inspiring passions for both real es-

tate and the people she assists every day. As a 2012 recipient of the Industry Impact Award from the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association, Niki's influence in her company and the state of Iowa as a whole cannot be understated.

Outside of work, Niki gives back to her community in numerous ways. She volunteers on the United Way of Central Iowa Retail Committee, is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Women, helps lead the Iowa Expo Committee, and chairs *Couture for a Cause*—a benefit for Children's Cancer Connection. Niki, a graduate of Valley High School, now resides in Waukee with her husband Joe and their daughter Samantha. In all aspects of her life, Ms. DePhillips is an example of service, hard work, and Iowa values that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to represent leaders like Niki in the United States Congress and it is with great pride I applaud Ms. DePhillips for utilizing her talents to better both her community and our state. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Niki on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR  
DEBRA SAUNDERS-WHITE IN  
RECOGNITION OF HER INSTALLATION  
AS THE 11TH CHANCELLOR  
OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend Dr. Debra Saunders-White on her installation as the 11th Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. Dr. Saunders-White will be formally installed as Chancellor on April 4, 2014 and will become the first female to hold that post at NCCU.

Great leaders motivate others to reach their full potential and show others through their actions that they can make a difference. Dr. Saunders-White is a great leader who will lead current and future generations of NCCU Eagles by motivating them through her leadership, her words, and her actions. Like many students at NCCU, she is a first-generation college graduate. Her mother grew up a sharecropper in North Carolina while her father was a car salesman. Dr. Saunders-White's journey to become leader of a world-class research university will show students what is possible through lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of others.

As institutions of higher learning like NCCU face pressure to do more with less, we increasingly rely on strong leaders with innovative perspectives to shape the future of education. Dr. Saunders-White brings valuable business experience, administrative knowledge from outstanding institutions like Hampden University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and a comprehensive understanding of higher education from serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S.

Department of Education. Those experiences will enable NCCU to become more connected to the Durham community, the state, and our global economy. Her vision of leveraging resources, preparing students for an ever-changing world, and guiding NCCU to the forefront of affordable and quality academics will position the University to excel for years to come.

Dr. Saunders-White understands that quality higher education has never been as important to succeeding in a global economy as it is for today and tomorrow's young minds. I congratulate Dr. Saunders on her installation. NCCU is blessed to have such an experienced, innovative, and inspirational leader as its 11th Chancellor.

LOU DURANTE

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Lou Durante. Lou was a beloved member of the Bronx community and passed away this year at 85 years of age.

Lou was born in East Harlem and lived most of his life in Pelham Bay. He was immensely proud of his country and served with distinction and valor during World War II, when he was stationed in Europe. After finishing his service, Lou returned to the United States and began his career as an electrician. He also joined the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post 1458, where he was a member for 65 distinguished years, recently serving as Commander.

I will never forget the passion that Lou displayed for his fellow veterans, past and present, including his efforts to recognize deceased veterans on a monument in Keane Square Park. While visiting the monument during one of the annual ceremonies that Lou put together, I could see firsthand how lucky the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post and the Bronx were to have someone like Lou, who did so much for his community.

Lou's efforts went far beyond the monument at Keane Square Park. He also made sure current Bronx veterans and residents had a second home at the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post. Year after year, Lou worked with local leaders and elected officials to ensure the post had the funding necessary to remain a place where both veterans and community members could come together.

Mr. Speaker, Lou's commitment to both community and country was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to all of us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Commander Lou Durante. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY  
OF MR. FRED A. CURLS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 95th birthday of Mr.

Fred Curls, a pioneer for civil and political rights and a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. On March 31, 2014, Mr. Curls turned 95 years young. Last weekend on March 29th, he was honored in Kansas City, Missouri, by family, friends, and acquaintances.

Mr. Curls is one of the original founders of Freedom Incorporated, an African-American political organization which at one time could generate nearly 70,000 votes. Freedom Inc. was and has been a very influential political action group. The organization has been at the forefront in serving as a catalyst for change in civil rights, public accommodations, and the election of candidates at all levels of government. Freedom Inc.'s office has been visited by City Councilpersons, Jackson County Executives, Mayors, Missouri State Senators and Representatives, Governors, Congresspersons, Senators, Presidents, and those who have Presidential aspirations.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Curls has dedicated his life to the Greater Kansas City community, promoting and improving political empowerment and the civil rights of people of color. His children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have followed in his footsteps in acknowledging their responsibility of giving back to the community. His son, State Senator Phil B. Curls, Sr. was the President of Freedom Inc. during a period when it was recognized as one of the most potent political organizations in the United States and brought about the election of the first African-American Congressman from the Fifth District of Missouri, U.S. Representative Alan Wheat.

Since the mid-1950s, Mr. Curls has been involved in real estate sales and appraisals, most notably in the African-American community of Kansas City. He fought against "restrictive covenants" whereby residential homes could not be sold in certain areas to minorities. He was part of a class action lawsuit which resulted in the United States Supreme Court outlawing such covenants.

In all of his activities, Mr. Curls demonstrates his dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. He is actively involved with his high school graduating class, the Class of 1937, which has been very close to this day. He was honored by Jackson County, Missouri, as one of its "Legacy Awardees" for its 175th anniversary as a political subdivision. He also has been honored by fellow Missourian U.S. Representative William Lacy Clay of St. Louis and myself as an awardee of the "Missouri Walk of Fame" designation, as one of the pioneers of Kansas City's African-American political struggle.

Throughout his life, he has believed in the saying "make it happen." He has put his principles into practice, and the results of his efforts have "made it happen" throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to recognize Mr. Fred Curls on his 95th birthday celebration. Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Fred Curls and his endless commitment to serving the residents of Kansas City and the State of Missouri. Whatever we, as African-Americans, may attain in the political arena, Fred Curls and those who labored to act on our behalf as political pioneers have helped to change the course of history. He is a true role model not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community at large.

IN DEFENSE OF AMERICA'S COAL  
MINERS ON THE ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE UBB DISASTER

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today, on the eve of the 4th Anniversary of the tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia—a disaster that took the lives of 29 miners. I take this opportunity to remind my colleagues and all Americans of that terrible day, of the good men we lost far too young, of those injured, of the families that still mourn and the communities that were forever altered.

I come here, also, to remind my colleagues that the Upper Big Branch miners are still owed our full energies and every effort to ensure that such a tragedy will never occur again.

And I take this time to caution my colleagues—and the public—not to be duped by the self-serving sack of utter baloney being circulated on the internet. The so-called documentary "Never Again" is nothing more than a piece of carefully crafted fiction—a transparent attempt to white wash history and revise reality.

Four separate studies found that Massey Energy, with Don Blankenship at the helm, created a callous corporate culture in which production was valued over safety, in which profit was valued over people. The families of the victims of UBB are rightly livid over the release of this fantasy film, and I stand with them, sharing their complete disdain.

Failing to legislate to close safety loopholes exploited by Massey is akin to condoning that corrupt culture and its fatal results. And Mr. Blankenship is not alone in his dangerous, fantasy view of mine safety. There are deep-pocketed individuals who have funded studies which actually suggest that mine safety rules are un-needed. Nothing could be further from the truth and it is immoral that the Congress has not acted to protect coal miners further.

So many of my colleagues in this body are defenders against what we sagely see as a war on coal. It is common these days for us to come to this floor, red-faced with anger to shout about the unfair treatment of coal by an overzealous and ideological EPA. We are disgusted and rightly so.

But I believe that to be a champion for coal, one has to be a champion for the coal miner.

Defense of the coal miner cannot stop at the mouth of the mine. It must follow him into the mine, ensuring that working conditions are as safe and healthy as we possibly can make them.

Defense of the coal miner must follow after a miner leaves the mine, so that the promises of retirement and health benefits made to miners and their families are honored. And so that the opportunities every American is entitled to are made available to every coal miner as well.

This Congress, however, has yet to take up a package of reforms I worked on with the late great Senator Robert C. Byrd—reforms that we know are necessary to save lives in the wake of the UBB tragedy. It has, frustratingly, yet to act on legislation to protect the health and retirement security of miners.

What this Congress has done, and it has done it over and over again, is tried to repeal the law containing the reforms I fought for over many years to better enable our miners stricken with black lung—and their spouses and widows—to get the benefits they are owed.

I believe that the fight for the coal miner should not end when a miner retires. That has been the long-time policy of our government—during both Republican and Democratic Administrations going all the way back to Harry Truman and Franklin Roosevelt. But this Congress seems utterly indifferent and ignorant of that commitment.

This Congress is bent on cutting budgets for the agencies that help to provide medical care and monthly benefit payments to miners stricken with black lung. It seems content to allow black lung victims to languish for years in a legal limbo, waiting for review of their claims.

This Congress is bent on cutting funds for the health and safety protections that ensure miners return home after every shift.

This Congress, which boasts about its commitment to the future of coal, is bent on cutting funds for the research and development of new technologies critical to ensuring coal's place in our Nation's long-term energy portfolio.

This Congress, in the worst and most callous way, has been utterly indifferent to the plight of retired miners whose health and retirement benefits are stripped away in bankruptcy proceedings.

The closure of the mine research facility in Pennsylvania, the rewrite of grant guidelines for black lung clinics, the denial of sufficient funding for long-time organizations providing essential mine rescue team training required by Federal and State laws—these are all priorities that have fallen by the wayside in the bureaucracy of this Administration and, apparently, in this uncaring and indifferent Congress.

I have always felt that fighting for our miners meant fighting for a decent wage, fighting to ensure that they could retire with dignity, fighting to ensure that they had access to medical care, and that their children had access to the opportunities afforded by a college education.

But the leadership in this House is blocking an increase in the minimum wage. It is promoting cuts to Medicare and is prepared to put Social Security on the chopping block. It is axing worker training and college grants. It is refusing to close the loopholes that allow unscrupulous operators to walk away from the health and retirement benefits promised to their workers.

Where is all the anger when it comes to the coal miner now? Where is all the rage?

There is much more to defending coal country than fighting against the EPA.

I say to all my colleagues who regularly come to this floor and raise the roof in defense of coal, we must recommit ourselves not just fighting the anti-coal zealots of this Administration, but also to the intense and long-term battle for the well-being of America's coal miners.

We should start by moving meaningful mine health and safety legislation that honors the memories of the 29 miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine on April 5th, 2010. Our obligation to them is long overdue.

RESTORATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee and my colleagues to call for the immediate passage of legislation in the House concur with the Senate in the restoration of unemployment benefits to the more than 2.2 million Americans who have been cut off extended unemployment insurance because Republicans continue to block extension of the program.

It is inconceivable that as a government and as a nation, we would leave all of these people hanging, many of them since December of 28 of last year 2013. Nationally, nearly 72,000 people are losing unemployment insurance on average every week, adding to the 202 million people who have already lost their benefits.

The Department of Labor estimated that the bipartisan Senate agreement to extend the emergency unemployment insurance program would benefit nearly 2.8 million people.

Illinois, my state of Illinois is estimated to have lost 296,763,435 just under 300 million dollars in unemployment dollars in unemployment benefits during the first three months of 2014 due to the Republican shutdown of the Federal benefits program. 153,400 Illinoisans would benefit from extending emergency unemployment benefits. And let's do it now.

SECOND ANNUAL TURQUOISE ART AND LANGUAGE CONTEST

**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, The Chicagoland area is proud to host the Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language Contest, organized by the Turkish American Society, to be held at the Rosemont Theater in Rosemont, Illinois on April 12, 2014; and

Whereas, The Turquoise Art and Language Contest is held annually to promote intercultural understanding, friendship, and dialogue; and

Whereas, The contestants will demonstrate diverse talents such as folk dancing, singing and poetry recitation, in a multitude of languages including English, Spanish, and Turkish; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society began operating in 2005 in the city of Mount Prospect, Illinois to facilitate and encourage cross-cultural experiences and interfaith cooperation; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society is involved in generous philanthropic ventures and projects benefiting the people of the State of Illinois while addressing the social and cultural needs of the Turkish-American community living in the Chicago area; creating a welcoming environment for new immigrants adjusting to life in the United States; providing communities with educational services; intro-

ducing Turkish culture to the Chicago area; uniting the Turkish-American community; and establishing dialogue between diverse communities with the goal of leading to global peace; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society's efforts to forge a stronger bond amongst all Illinoisans and spread the wonders of Turkish culture are worthy of the greatest respect; now therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, that best wishes are extended to the participants of the Turkish American Society's Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language Contest, and the Turkish American Society is honored and commended for its wonderful work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 HEFLIN TAEKWONDO TIGER PRIDE DEMO TEAM

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to pay special tribute to a group of young people in my Congressional district from Heflin, Alabama. These boys and girls, the Heflin Taekwondo Tiger Pride Demo Team, recently traveled to Jackson, Mississippi to compete in a National Taekwondo competition. They were awarded with the 2014 Taekwondo United Demo Team National Championship, the highest honor.

The Tiger Pride team consists of 14 kids that range in age from 8 to 15. These students have shown tremendous dedication as they have practiced over the past 10 months to perfect a six-minute routine they performed at the competition. The Tiger Pride team competed against four other teams from California, Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this team for their extraordinary efforts that led to their National Championship title.

**HAJJI SALEEM AAKHIR MUHAMMAD**

**HON. ALBIO SIRES**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the very distinguished Hajji Saleem Aakhir Muhammad for his service in our armed forces.

Mr. Muhammad of Elizabeth, New Jersey, departed this life on January 6, 2012, at the age of 83. He served in the United States Army Air Force and was a decorated World War II veteran. Mr. Muhammad was also an original member of the 332nd Fighters Group Squadron, an all Black unit known as the Tuskegee Airmen, for which he received Congress' highest and most distinguished civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. Following his service, Mr. Muhammad was a small business owner and entrepreneur in New Jersey.

Last week the City of Elizabeth saluted a legend and honored the life of Mr. Muhammad

and his dedication to our country. Mr. Muhammad and his contributions are outstanding examples of service in our military and service to our communities.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF FORT  
LAUDERDALE CITY COMMIS-  
SIONER CARLTON MOORE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, scripture tells that "joy cometh in the morning." I don't know, but I certainly hope so. I do know, however, that heaven has gained an angel. Carlton Moore, a tireless advocate for the poor, and my friend, passed away on April 2, 2014. He will certainly be missed by his loving family and those of us honored enough to call him a friend.

I had the good fortune of witnessing Carlton's entire career. He served with distinction in our community, and he was a businessman par excellence. He was first elected City Commissioner in 1988, a position from which he was a tireless champion of the poor. Carlton worked passionately for the impoverished northwest section of Fort Lauderdale. Indeed, the people of Fort Lauderdale can thank Carlton for the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency; the post office on Northwest Seventh Avenue; the Negro Chamber of Commerce building; a \$550 million water and sewage project; and the Seventh Avenue Family Health Center. These accomplishments led to public housing that had swimming pools, tennis courts and child care centers. Carlton was also the first black City Commissioner to be elected Vice Mayor.

Mr. Speaker, no one could ever accuse my friend Carlton of sitting on the sidelines while others did the work. As if the accomplishments noted above were not enough, Carlton was the President of the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the NAACP and did endless hours of work for many boards that benefited our community. He sat on the board for the Broward League of Cities; the Broward County Water Advisory Board; the Florida League of Cities' Blue Ribbon Committee; the Strategic Planning Committee; and the Broward Commission on Substance Abuse and Leadership. Carlton garnered many accolades for his dedicated efforts, including the 2008 National Forum of Black Public Administrators' National Leadership Award, and the Broward League of Cities' President's Award.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Carlton achieved so much in his all too brief time with us—so many things that we can point to with pride and say "look what he did." However, perhaps his greatest legacy will not be the tangible achievements he leaves us with. Perhaps his greatest gift will be the inspiration he instilled in others to work for the common good. As many of my friends in Fort Lauderdale know, Carlton was a surrogate father to many of our young people. It will be upon Carlton's shoulders that these young people stand as they strive to continue the work that Carlton so ably accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, we all have that person in our life that inspired us to achieve more than we

ever thought possible. For Carlton, that person was his mother, Ada Moore. Carlton rightly gave Ada the credit for instilling in him a social consciousness—a sense of civic responsibility—that gave him the fuel to work tirelessly on behalf of the poor. As Carlton's friend who saw his work up close, I can tell you that Ada did a magnificent job, and we thank her. Indeed, Carlton often referred to Ada as his "hero." I hope the knowledge of his love for her provides solace in these undoubtedly dark hours. I know his friendship does so for me.

Mr. Speaker, when asked how he was doing, Carlton would often reply, "better than good!" Yes you were my friend, yes you were. I will miss his good cheer and friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with his mother Ada, and with his sons, Martin and Forrest Moore. My thoughts and prayers are also with Carlton's sister DeNese Moore as well as his two brothers, Benjamin Moore, Jr. and Dennis Ronald Moore.

46TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASSAS-  
SINATION OF REV. DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, 46 years ago today, one of the greatest leaders in the history of our country was felled by an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee.

The assassin may have killed the dreamer, but he could not kill the dream because as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in August 1963, the dream is "deeply rooted" in the American Dream.

The life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

So it is fitting that we pause to remember the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

It is proper that we remember the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

Dr. King knew that it was not enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible.

Dr. King walked the walk. He went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others. He knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity.

Above all, Dr. King was always willing to speak truth to power.

When the life of Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life. That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action.

It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace. It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, who in the present, toil in times of unevenness in our equality.

For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

It is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, in the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HAY-  
WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
REACCREDITATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Hayward Police Department, which was recently reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is an honor received by very few of the thousands of state and local law enforcement agencies across the country, and it is one that is well deserved.

CALEA is a joint effort of major law enforcement executive associations. It seeks to improve the workings of public safety organizations, in part by offering its accreditation program.

The program is voluntary, so public safety departments have to want to go through the process. I applaud Hayward Police Chief Diane Urban for being willing to take on the challenge.

To be reaccredited, the Hayward Police Department had to meet a variety of standards. They were reviewed by independent assessors, which closely observed officers in action as well as spoke with community members.

The Department passed with flying colors. The assessment summary noted that out of

the applicable mandatory standards, it was not out of compliance with any of them. It added that the Department “commits considerable resources to creating and maintaining community partnerships, and in return, enjoys equally considerable overwhelmingly positive community support and recognition.” CALEA officials involved in the formal hearing at which the Department was reaccredited were equally laudatory. Lead CALEA Commissioner Richard Myers said that he had “nothing but praise.”

As a former Alameda County prosecutor, I know Hayward faces a challenging law enforcement environment. That the Hayward Police Department is operating in such an environment makes its achievement all the more impressive.

I want to congratulate Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney, Police Chief Urban, and the entire Hayward Police Department on its success. Keep up the good work.

THE SHOOTING AT THE FORT HOOD ARMY BASE

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my condolences to the victims and their families of the senseless shooting at the Fort Hood Army Base, which took place on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. To date, three soldiers have died and many others were wounded in the aftermath of this grievous violence.

We must not let the untimely demises of those who have bravely served our country eclipse the noble sacrifices that they made in this life. We must commemorate and respect each of them for their many individual achievements and with hearts of love celebrate their lives.

While we are devastated by this violence, faith will console and nurture our broken hearts where reason cannot. Fort Hood and the surrounding community have endured tragedy before, and will once again rebuild and learn from this incident. Our nation will honor the fallen and continue to support our armed forces.

U.S. FOREIGN AID AND PALESTINIAN PRISONER

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank my dear friend from Florida for bringing this issue to Congress’ attention. To know that the Palestinian Authority provides salaries to former prisoners of Israeli jails is alarming. To discover a Government Accountability Office report that U.S. government agencies may have inadvertently given money to these terrorist is a flagrant breach of fiduciary responsibility.

In 2011 an Israeli research institute discovered international aid to the Palestinian Authority was paying for the salaries of Palestinian terrorist once imprisoned in Israel. Docu-

ments were discovered listing prisoner’s salaries as being a part of the general fund, the same general fund which is partially comprised of foreign aid.

Over the last fifteen years the U.S. government has committed around \$5 billion in bilateral assistance to Palestinians. As recent as FY2013 annual assistance to Palestine was about \$440 million.

A Palestinian Authority report shows prisoner’s salaries as part of the Palestinian Authority’s general salary budget which consists of civil servants and military personnel.

Former prisoners receive salaries around \$680 to \$3,400 a month. The reason for the range in salary is due to the perverse nature of this program. The more protracted the stay in an Israeli prison, the more egregious the terrorist act, the higher the monthly compensation. Since December of 2012 more than 4,500 Palestinian prisoners who serve time for terrorist related charges receive a monthly salary. This means members of Hamas and Fatah are able to subsidize their professional activities.

In addition to the monthly salaries the Palestinian Authority covers prisoner’s legal fees, Israeli fines, and post-prison pensions.

A Government Accountability Office report titled, “Measures to Prevent Inadvertent Payments to Terrorists under Palestinian Aid Programs Have Been Strengthened, but Some Weaknesses Remain,” found problems with U.S. paperwork vetting financial assistance to Palestine.

GAO found U.S. sub-awards were not properly following rules requiring they follow U.S. antiterrorism statutes before issuing aid.

One such example cited was when a sub-awardee, the United Nations, was found to not properly check a list of personnel against known terrorist organizations.

The United Nations is supposed to screen all staff, contractors, and beneficiaries to ensure they have no known terrorist affiliation. It was noted that the U.N. screened all related people against a U.N. Security Council list of potential terrorist, the list did not include members of Hamas and Hezbollah, which the U.S. designated as foreign terrorist organizations. These and other missteps in choosing the appropriate venues by which to send financial aid to Palestine is why Congress should be concerned.

GAO, since the issuing of the report, has stated all recommendations have been implemented but the Palestinian Authority has not stopped subsidizing prisoner’s cost of living.

In accordance with Congressman’s Yoho’s resolution Congress should not allow foreign aid dollars to an entity that feels it is okay to provide welfare for terrorist.

During this latest iteration of Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations, Israel has already offered up three rounds of prisoners to the Palestinian Authority. All Israel gets in return is an extended stay of Palestine at the negotiation table, nothing concrete.

Even with three rounds of prisoner releases, the Palestinian Authority begs for the worst of the worst to be sent home. Two senior prisoners Palestine is requesting to be released are Marwan Barghouti and Ahmed Saadat.

Marwan Barghouti, a senior official in the U.S. terrorist designated Fatah party is serving five life sentences for murdering Israeli citizens.

Ahmed Saadat, head another terrorist affiliated organization is serving a life sentence for the murder of an Israeli cabinet minister.

If these two prisoners are released they will enter the rolls of preceding radicals who receive a monthly pension because of their profession, killing innocent Israelis.

I beg this body to pay close attention to this issue and bring into debate the distribution of international aid to governing bodies who reward the malignant in their society.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE CITY’S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hawaiian Gardens, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents on the city’s 50th Anniversary of Incorporation. I am proud to represent this growing city as part of the 38th Congressional District of California.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens was incorporated on April 9, 1964 and earned its name from a popular fruit stand that featured bamboo stalks and palm leaves. Within the first five years, the city quickly began its rapid and continued growth.

The city’s motto is “Our Youth Our Future”, which perfectly captures the ambition and dedication to improving community and living standards. Education is a priority for Hawaiian Gardens, as exemplified by its annual awards ceremony where the city provides scholarships for youth reaching for higher education. It has also made great strides through the Youth Activity League, a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department which shows local youth a path to success through mentoring and by providing safe facilities, planned programs and the vital tools they need to thrive and succeed.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens is dedicated to its citizens, taking steps to better its transportation for the elderly and the disabled, maintaining an impressive public library, and offering child care services as well as a food bank. Its population of over 16,000 residents has been steadily increasing in recent years and is projected to continue to grow.

The city’s forward focus has been evident through its prudent financial planning, which has resulted in the saving of over \$13 million dollars. The city continues to make great leaps in regards to human services and has been recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama for its activism in fighting childhood obesity. Investment in youth is an investment in the future, one that is opportune and bright for the city of Hawaiian Gardens.

The city will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Incorporation with a weekend of festivities which will include a parade and a carnival. As the city commemorates this occasion, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city and residents of Hawaiian Gardens as they celebrate the past and focus on a prosperous future.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure the contributions of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country.

Uplifting women of character, courage and those who have made a lifelong commitment to serve should be acknowledged and honored. Throughout history, women are found on the forefront of leadership when dealing with troubling issues inflicting our great country. Currently, women face a pay gap in almost every occupation. Women are often paid less than men in female-dominated and gender-balanced professions. This is awful and we must work to make a change! We shouldn't have to explain this disparity to our daughters or nieces, should they have their true worth and value diminished. We must stand together and fight against the inequality; no one should be valued as superior over another. We must continue to work and end the injustice now.

As we embark on the journey of equal rights for all women, let us acknowledge and be conscious of those remarkable and unforgettable leaders who struggled for equality before us—Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and many more. As we champion this year's theme, "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment," we reflect on those women, and how they can be an inspiration to us as we continue to push forward for equality. It would be my pleasure to recognize these women from my district who has done outstanding work, your efforts does not go unnoticed and continue to be great. When Women Succeed, America Succeeds.

OUR SALUTE TO WOMEN OF THE 5TH DISTRICT  
OF FLORIDA

Thank you for your service and contributions to our community.

The Hon. Mabel Butler: Orange County Commissioner, 1st African American to serve; elected in 1984 for 8 years.

The Hon. Daisy Lynum: City of Orlando Commissioner of District 5 elected in 1998 retiring in 2014.

The Hon. Mildred Dixon (Deceased): City of Winter Garden Commissioner, 1st African American and woman to serve on the city commission elected in 1985 and serving 7 terms, three of which she was unopposed.

The Hon. Yvonne Scarlett-Golden (Deceased): First African American Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL (elected in 2003 and 2005).

The Hon. Linda Chapin: Orange County Chairperson (now known as Mayor) of County Commissioners from 1990–1998.

Dr. Barbara Jenkins: Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools named in 2012. Was former Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff and Senior Director for Elementary Education for Orange County Public Schools

The Hon. Kat Gordon: School Board Member of Orange County Public Schools elected in 2000, served as Vice-Chair in 2013. Has been a librarian and counselor for 25 years in Orange County.

Thelma Dudley (Deceased): Retired as an Adjunct Professor at UCF and working with Teacher Education for America's Minorities

program recruiting and helping black students become teachers. However, she began her career as a teacher at a then all-black high school, Jones High School, teaching there for 25 years.

Susie Boatman Forehand, RN: Former Nursing Professor at Valencia College who retired after 35 years.

Dr. Felicia Williams: President of West Campus of Valencia College. She was former Assistant Vice President of Workforce Development at Valencia and has worked for 13 years as an adjunct professor that led a team to create the college's first bachelor degrees.

Val Demings: Former Police Chief of the Orlando Police Department from 2007 to 2011 until her retirement. She was the first female to hold the position.

Natalie Jackson, Esq.: Founder of Women's Trial Group, and lawyer for the Family of Trayvon Martin.

Kelda Senior: Public Communications Officer for City of Mount Dora since 2012 and former Staff Assistant for United States Senate.

Jean Butler: Founder of JCB Construction established in 1987. A leading minority firm in Central FL for site development and construction management services.

Lynn Mims: Founder of Mims Construction established in 1989 and ranked as one of the top ten concrete and masonry service providers in central Florida. Minority owned and operated

Carolyn Fennell: Director of Public Affairs for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority that oversees the airport and general aviation Orlando Executive Airport. She is the 1st female director and 1st female to hold the position of Director of Community Relations, Marketing and Public Affairs

Jennie Joseph: Owner and Clinical Director of The Birth Place Birthing Center, a full-service midwifery clinic. Designed and developed unique model of care to address inequalities in health care service and delivery for minorities.

Mercedes Clark (Deceased): Nurse at Orange Memorial Hospital and Winter Park Memorial Hospital. The 1st African American female to be the Director of Orange County Health Department in Orlando, Florida. At the time of her retirement, she worked as a Nursing Care Coordinator at Orlando Veteran Administration Outpatient Clinic.

Ericka Dunlap: American Beauty Pageant titleholder who earned title of Miss Florida 2003 (the 1st African American) and subsequently crowned Miss America 2004.

Stephanie Henry: Founder and CEO Step by Step Expressions, Married to Mayor of Daytona Beach, FL., Derrick Henry

Tameka Gaines Holly, MPH: Community Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

HONORING BILL CRONK

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry County Commissioner Bill Cronk, who is retiring after three decades of public service.

After first being elected as County Commissioner in 1987, Bill Cronk went on to serve five nonconsecutive terms in that position. Bill became a community leader in Henry County, working tirelessly to address the concerns of those he served. He also mentored and befriended countless public officials and commu-

nity members. Even during a brief hiatus from his work as commissioner, Bill continued serving Henry County as the head crew chief for the Henry County surveyor.

During his time as commissioner, Bill was a key figure in the forming of the solid waste district that continues to serve the county, and in the opening of the Henry County Youth Center. He was also instrumental in bringing Ivy Tech to New Castle. Bill's commitment to his community and to improving the lives of his constituents is an example of public service to which we can all aspire.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in honoring Bill Cronk for a long and distinguished career dedicated to serving the people of Henry County. I have no doubt that Bill will bring the same dedication and enthusiasm to the next chapter of his life as he did in the previous one.

HONORING ROBERT GABLE

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frankfort resident Robert Gable, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 20.

Bob Gable is an important part of the foundation of the modern Republican Party in Kentucky. The one-time Kentucky Commissioner of Parks became the Republican nominee for Governor of Kentucky in 1975 and ran on a platform that largely continues to be relevant today—competitive rates of taxation, repeal of the death tax, protecting Kentucky's natural beauty and the Red River Gorge, and even advocating zero-based budgeting.

Bob did not win that race, but he continued to be a leader of the Republican Party in Kentucky serving as chairman and continuing to be sought out for advice and council by candidates. I was very fortunate and honored that Bob was one of the first to endorse my original candidacy in 2009. On behalf of Kentucky Sixth Congressional District, I would like to wish Mr. Gable a very happy 80th birthday and many more years to come.

PARK CENTER GIRLS' BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Park Center Girls' Basketball team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship, the first title for any sport in their school's history. While any championship season is going to have its trials and tribulations along the way, many do not include the obstacles that Park Center had to overcome in their championship game.

The triple overtime victory for the Pirates did not come easy. Park Center came back from a nine point deficit and relied on a Danielle Schaub buzzer-beater to tie the game up at the end of regulation. At the end of the game, because of foul trouble, Park Center did not have a player older than a sophomore on the floor.

The perseverance and competitive spirit that the Pirates showed is commendable. Winning a state title does not just happen; it takes years of dedication and hard work to reach that goal. When adding in schoolwork, family obligations, and other time constraints, it is remarkable these student-athletes accomplish all that they do.

Congratulations to the Park Center Girls' Basketball team on their first state title.

HONORING JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of young ladies who has shown what can be done through hard work and dedication, the John F. Kennedy Lady Hornets.

On March 13th, the John F. Kennedy Memorial High School of Mound Bayou, Mississippi girl's basketball team won the State of Mississippi 1-A championship with an undefeated season record.

The starting line-up is composed of all seniors, but the combined efforts of each player is what made their team so triumphant. They are as follows: Natassjha Anderson, Guard; Latina Jones, Guard; Jarvis Malone, Point Guard; Aleghsa Haywood, Guard; Jakerria Malone, Forward; Victoria Brown, Forward; Tanielle Woods, Point Guard; Kayela Franklin, Forward; Kenish Coleman, Forward; Shina Blunt, Forward; Jerterika Holmes, Forward; Amiya Clifton, Guard; Frederica Haywoor, Forward and Center; Ieysha Mays, Forward and Center; Danielle Thompson, Center.

The Lady Hornets reigned supreme with a 32-0 season, and for the first time in the school's history, they were victorious in winning the gold ball as undefeated champions.

The history that was made and the work that they put forth—as individuals and as a team—will forever remain in the hearts and minds of their school, and this profound achievement will carry them forward for the rest of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the John F. Kennedy Memorial High School's girl's basketball team for their

astounding achievement and making history through perseverance, hard work, and team effort.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLEY CAMPBELL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Charley Campbell of Kum & Go for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Charley Campbell has been with Kum & Go for 14 years where he now serves as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Originally from Oskaloosa, Charley attended Iowa State University and graduated with a degree in finance before obtaining his law degree from Drake Law School. Mr. Campbell received his start at Kum & Go while in college when he was selected to sit on the company's board of directors for a semester. That experience with the company and the Krause family ultimately paved the way for him to garner an internship in May of 2000. Today, Charley is an integral part of Kum & Go's rapidly expanding operation and has had his great work recognized through the company's Founders Award and Values Award for Integrity. Charley was also recently honored with the 2013 Association of Corporate Counsel Value Champion Award.

Outside of work, Mr. Campbell gives back to his community in a variety of ways. Charley serves on the board of directors of the Iowa Grocery Industry Association, volunteers as a youth basketball coach at the YMCA, is an active member at Lutheran Church of Hope, and is guest speaker at both Drake Law School and Iowa State University. Charley resides in

Waukee with his wife Nicole and their children Thomas, Grant, Blake and Kirsten. In all aspects of his life, Mr. Campbell is an example of service, hard work, and Iowa values that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Charley in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I applaud Mr. Campbell for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Charley on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILLY MACARONI COMPANY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the Philadelphia Macaroni Company now celebrates a century of success as a leading pasta manufacturer in Pennsylvania. This small, family-owned business has surpassed the five-year life span of the average, small business in America through five generations. The company was launched by Antonio Marano and his son, Vincent, on South 7th Street in 1914 and today has locations beyond Philadelphia and across the nation. The Philadelphia Macaroni Company is a leading manufacturer of pasta for many other national companies. Its first major contract came in the mid-1920s from the Campbell Soup Company—a request to make the small, letter-shaped noodles for its popular and long-lived alphabet soup. Many other ideas followed from soup marketers over the years. In the 1970s, some companies were searching for an instant noodle that could be packaged dry in a pouch and the Marano family delivered. There are many other inspiring stories associated with this family-owned business, but none more telling than the true spirit of American entrepreneurship we honor here today. We congratulate the Philadelphia Macaroni Company and the Marano family for setting an example of business acumen, hard work and a timeless belief in the American dream.