

States today who for the past 10 years sought legal action to hold SNCF accountable.

As we remember Leo's life and legacy, it is important to continue his fight for justice. I will continue to work on this issue with the same vigor Leo had, to give Holocaust survivors a deserved day in court and finally hold SNCF accountable for its wartime injustices. Leo's passing is an unfortunate reminder that the number of Holocaust survivors left in the world continues to dwindle. His incredible story is an inspiration to me and anyone who hears it, and I know that his life and legacy will never be forgotten.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 96) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Chair, the federal budget is about much more than just dollars and cents. It is a moral document that reflects our values and our vision for our nation's future.

Unfortunately the Republican budget before us is a reflection of misguided priorities and values.

Instead of creating jobs and opportunity for the middle class and those aspiring to realize the American dream the Republican budget recklessly and unfairly protects the super wealthy and special interests at the expense of everyone else.

The Republican budget ignores the significant importance of investing in education, job training, research, innovation, modern day infrastructure and advanced manufacturing. In doing so, it will foolishly cripple our country's economic growth and the future potential of hardworking Americans and their families to create and successfully compete for 21st century jobs.

The Republican plan also jeopardizes the wellbeing of our seniors by proposing to turn Medicare into a voucher system.

In my state of California alone, this disastrous Republican budget would raise health care costs for seniors by ending the Medicare guarantee and forcing 358,862 seniors to pay more for prescription drugs. It would ransack our nation's commitment to education and push 21,140 Californian children out of Head Start and deny Pell Grants to 51,350 low income California college students. The Republican budget would also force California to turn more than 488,000 people away from job training, employment and job search assistance.

And, according to the non partisan Congressional Budget Office, it would stall our nation's recovery by cutting economic growth by 2.5 percent in the year 2015.

I am proud to stand with my Democratic colleagues who have a different vision for Amer-

ica that responsibly reduces our deficit. Our vision respects the American people, gives them opportunity through the creation of good paying jobs that build and strengthens the middle class, protects the future and wellbeing of our children and insures we remain the greatest country in the world.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF LOTTIE LAUTMAN SOL-
OMON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary woman, Lottie Solomon, a talented, loving and brilliant woman who died at her home in Los Altos Hills, California, on April 6, 2014, at the age of eighty-eight.

Lottie was born in New York City on October 26, 1925, the only child of Sadie and Hyman Lautman. She attended public schools in New York City, graduated from James Monroe High School at sixteen, and from Brooklyn College at the age of twenty. She was an accomplished and highly regarded violinist who considered a career as a professional but instead earned a graduate degree and a teaching credential from Columbia University. She began her career as an elementary school and music teacher in New York City. In later years she earned a Masters degree in Healthcare Administration from The George Washington University.

In 1947, Lottie married Herbert Solomon, a statistician she met while both were studying at Columbia. They were married for fifty-seven years, until his death in 2004. Lottie and Herbert moved to California when Herbert became a Professor of Statistics at Stanford University. Before moving to Los Altos Hills, the couple and their three children, Naomi, Mark and Jed, lived on the Stanford campus for fifteen years.

Lottie was passionate about music and teaching, and played violin with the Peninsula Symphony and many quartets. She had a long career leading choral music, including founding and leading the Yiddish Choristers.

Lottie gave generously of her time and considerable talents as a member of the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Commission. She also was a valued participant and contributor to many Jewish organizations including Congregations Beth Am and Kol Emeth, the Jewish Community Federation, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, ORT, the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, and Hillel at Stanford.

Lottie Solomon was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She leaves her sons Mark and Jeb, their wives Carolyn and Leslie Colvin; and her four grandchildren, Jacob Solomon, Sara Solomon, Nathaniel Solomon and Daniel Solomon. She was preceded in death by her daughter Naomi Solomon, who perished on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center attacks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire U.S House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to this extraordinary citizen and extending our most sincere condolences to her family. She will be missed greatly by those who had the privilege of knowing her and calling her their

friend. Lottie was one of the blessings in my life, as was her husband and their son Mark. Lottie strengthened our community in countless ways, bettering our country through her service to others and raising a family that carries on the great values she embodied.

MARGARET M. LADONIS

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Margaret M. Ladonis of Drums, Pennsylvania who is turning 100 years old on April 15, 2014.

Mrs. Ladonis was born on a farm in Dorchester County, Wisconsin on April 15, 1914. During World War II, she supported the war effort by manufacturing torpedoes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She eventually moved to Berwick, Pennsylvania and opened Ladonis Appliance Store with her husband, Alex Ladonis, in 1946. Mrs. Ladonis assisted in the operation of this store for many years until retiring in 1978. Throughout her time in Pennsylvania, Margaret has been an active member of the local community, volunteering with Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops, St. Mary's Church, Berwick Hospital, and the Red Cross. She was also a member of the former Daughters of Isabella and the National Council of Catholic Women at St. Mary's. Today, she enjoys visiting with her four children and six grandchildren, reading, and solving jigsaw puzzles.

Mr. Speaker, as she turns 100, I wish Margaret Ladonis a happy and healthy birthday.

THE SAD CONNECTION BETWEEN
THE SUPREME COURT DECISION,
THE REMARKS OF NEVADA
RANCHER CLIVEN BUNDY, AND
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS OWNER
DONALD STERLING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disagreement with last week's Supreme Court decision and at the same time I wish to condemn in the strongest terms, the inappropriate comments by NBA owner Donald Sterling and Cliven Bundy, the Nevada rancher who owes the federal government more than \$1 million in grazing fees that he has not paid in 20 years.

America is a nation moving into a future and our diversity makes us better and stronger; and comments and attitudes like those expressed by Donald Sterling and Cliven Bundy have no place in our civic life and are a tragic illustration of why the Supreme Court reached the wrong decision at a most inopportune time in upholding Michigan's anti-affirmative action initiative.

With its decision in *Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action*, the Court has weakened the precedents that protected minorities from ballot initiatives that suppress minority civic participation.

This decision flies in the face of prior rulings of the Supreme Court that struck down laws and ballot initiatives that place extra burdens on the ability of minorities to participate on equal footing in the political process.

Also Mr. Speaker, let me add my voice to that of the President and so many other persons of goodwill in denouncing the racist and offensive comments of Clippers owner Donald Sterling. His remarks have no place in our society and are beneath contempt.

It is particularly unfortunate that these despicable remarks were made by an owner of an NBA franchise because the NBA has been leading the way in showing the world that America's diversity is its greatest strength and asset.

NBA teams are comprised of athletes from every race and background who work hard and in common purpose to achieve the shared goal of winning championship and thrilling their fans, who can be found on every continent of the globe. As an economic engine, the NBA generates billions of dollars to the national and local economy.

Americans do not disrespect or disparage African, Asian, South American, or European basketball stars because of their ethnicity or country of origin. They welcome them.

Nigeria's Akeem Olajuwon, China's Yao Ming, Dkembe Mutombo from the Democratic Republic of the Congo are still revered in my home city of Houston.

I am encouraged by the announcement of NBA Commissioner Silver that the league and its owners take this matter very seriously and I am confident will take appropriate action to make it clear that when it comes to racism, the NBA has a zero-tolerance policy.

But last week we are unfortunately reminded that 50 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 there is still much work to be done in perfecting our union.

It is perhaps not a coincidence that the offensive comments of Donald Sterling and Cliven Bundy were made by persons who came of age during the pre-Civil Rights era and that their views are not shared by the vast majority of their children's and grandchildren's generation. Diversity in education has been indispensable in this transformation.

That is why the decision in Schuette by the Supreme Court upholding Michigan's anti-affirmative action initiative is so unfortunate.

The Court's decision perpetuates the direct harm to African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students and inflicts indirect harm to all other students, including those admitted as alumni legatees, which is just a disguised affirmative action program for the affluent.

They are all harmed is because as Justice Sotomayor pointed out in her powerful dissent, the Court's ruling handicaps Michigan's public colleges and universities in providing the campus diversity that "ensures the next generation moves beyond the stereotypes, the assumptions, and the superficial perceptions that students coming from less-heterogeneous communities may harbor, consciously or not, about people who do not look like them."

Mr. Speaker, America is a nation moving into the future. Our diversity gives us the unique opportunity to compete and win in a globalized economy.

But to realize that future, we must leave behind the long discredited beliefs and attitudes of the Donald Sterlings and Cliven Bundys of this world.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM "BILL" BLAIR, JR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of William "Bill" Blair, Jr., a talented Negro Leagues pitcher who became a voice for Dallas' African-American community. His passing on April 20, 2014 leaves a void in the city Dallas, and I join with the Texas community in giving our condolences to the Blair family.

Mr. Blair attended Booker T. Washington High School, where he played football and met his wife of 70 years, Mozelle Jordan. He went on to continue his studies at Prairie View A&M University and later enlisted to fight in World War II. In 1945, Mr. Blair became the youngest black sergeant to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Blair, a Negro Leagues Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, pitched from 1946 to 1951, for teams including the Indianapolis Clowns and Cincinnati Crescents, and was a player-manager for the Dallas Black Giants. He was instrumental in the development of the African American Museum's Texas Sports Hall of Fame and served on its advisory board. He was also inducted in 1996 as a member of its inaugural class.

After his baseball career, Mr. Blair founded the Highlight News which ran from 1947–1957. He also later founded the Southwest Sports News, a newspaper that specialized in publishing scores from Black college games throughout the United States. The paper was renamed The Elite News in 1960, and is still in publication today, serving as the official voice of the church and the community.

As a civil rights activist for more than 50 years, Blair was instrumental in establishing the Elite News Awards, the first local African-American awards ceremony, in 1975. In 1986, he established the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade in Dallas, which is now an institution in the community.

In honor of William "Bill" Blair, a pillar of the Dallas community, this statement will be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. He will be remembered as a civil rights activist, a leader of the community, and an irreplaceable figure in the history of the city of Dallas.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE
VICTIMS OF THE RWANDA GENOCIDE

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the victims of the Rwanda Genocide and to ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the twenty-year anniversary of this horrific period in our human history.

Over the course of just ninety days in 1994, extremists in the Rwandan government executed a highly organized plan to exterminate the country's entire Tutsi minority population.

Sadly, they very nearly succeeded.

Nearly one million Rwandans were killed in this horrendous conflict, and it is estimated

that over three-fourths of all Tutsis living in Rwanda in 1994 were killed before the end of the summer.

In 2010 and 2011, I traveled to Rwanda while researching my doctoral dissertation on the Rwandan Genocide.

I met the prosecutors in Arusha, Tanzania, where the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda was headquartered, as well as the archivists and researchers engaged in preserving its history.

Their stories remind us all why we must recommit to ending genocide.

Today, on the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide, I ask that my colleagues join me and the people of Rwanda in honoring the victims.

May we learn from the Rwandan Genocide, and may we ensure that such atrocities are never again permitted to take place.

HONORING THE SEXUALITY INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SIECUS)

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) as it celebrates 50 years of advancing policies and education on sexuality and sexual and reproductive health. Founded in 1964, SIECUS is dedicated to ensuring the sexual health and well-being of our nation's youth and people of all ages.

With the month of April dedicated to STD Awareness, April 10th recognized as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and the month of May dedicated to Teen Pregnancy Prevention, we acknowledge the continued need for health and sexual education for our nation's young people. I commend SIECUS for its tireless work and commitment to ensuring social justice and sexual rights for all people over the course of the past five decades.

While teen pregnancy and birth rates in the United States have declined to historic lows, the United States continues to have one of the highest teen pregnancy rates among comparable countries and pregnancy rate disparities—whether by race or geography—among young people persist. Additionally, young people are bearing the burden of new HIV incidence and other sexuality transmitted infections.

Through teacher training, policymaker education, parent and health care provider resources, and national and state partnerships, SIECUS has strived to advance comprehensive sexual education across the country to help address these alarming facts and equip young people with the information and resources they need to lead healthy lives.

Through the vision and leadership put forward by SIECUS, there have been renewed efforts to invest in effective evidence-informed, medically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive sexual health education over the past four years.

In my congressional district alone, efforts to support the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) has allowed the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to effectively collect and report vital student health data and