

farm in Minnesota. Upon his high school graduation in 1968, Gregory enrolled in the University of Minnesota, Duluth to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Geography. In 1972, Gregory received his degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force through the ROTC program. He earned his wings in 1973 and would begin his storied career serving as an A-7 pilot and Forward Air Controller across the world before joining the Iowa Air National Guard in May of 1978.

Since joining the 132nd Fighter Wing, Major General Schwab's remarkable efforts have been invaluable to the State of Iowa. Initially serving a number of squadron roles in and out of the A-7, Major General Schwab transitioned to the F-16 with the unit and led two combat deployments to Southwest Asia in 1996 and 1997 as the 124th Fighter Squadron Commander. By 2002, he had ascended to Commander of the 132nd Fighter Wing. His remarkable leadership and management of such a renowned unit led to his service as the Deputy Adjutant General for the Iowa National Guard in 2008. In this role, Major General Schwab assisted leading Iowa's 9,000 Guardsmen in meeting mission requirements at the state and federal level. His outstanding work in Iowa resulted in his selection as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander of Air Combat Command in which he has served since 2011.

Mr. Speaker, our state and nation owes Major General Schwab a great debt of gratitude for his decades of service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to honorably serving his country and fellow Americans has been recognized through numerous decorations and continues to positively impact both Iowa and our nation as a whole. I know all of my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in thanking Major General Schwab for his years of faithful service and congratulating him on a truly stellar career. I wish him, and his wife Debey, the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEC. 217 OF H.R. 4435, WHICH PLACES COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY LIMITATIONS ON MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES FOR THE SPACE-BASED INFRARED SYSTEMS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to Sec. 217 of H.R. 4435, the 'Buck' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015. During the committee markup of this bill, language was added that limits the availability of funding for the modernization initiatives for the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) program.

This provision fences off 50 percent of the funds for the SBIRS SMI Hosted Payloads and Wide Field of View Testbed projects until the ongoing analysis of alternatives for the SBIRS is completed and reported to the congressional defense committees.

I am concerned that restricting funding for these initiatives will derail important efforts to develop future architecture concepts for the missile warning platform. Fencing funds for

those projects will likely ensure that alternative architectures will not be viable or informative when the major acquisition milestone decision on the next SBIRS is made in the 2017–2018 timeframe.

The Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center estimates that the 50 percent restriction will delay the launch of the demonstration by seven months, pushing the project completion date to April 2018 and incurring about \$10 million in cost growth.

It is my understanding that the intent of the bill's language is not to damage or derail these important modernization efforts, but rather to compel the timely completion of the Department's ongoing Analysis of Alternatives for the missile warning architecture. I support that goal, but I believe it should be achieved without limiting funds for the modernization initiatives for the SBIRS program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as voting "aye" on rollcall vote No. 254, an amendment by Mr. MORAN that would facilitate closing the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by allowing the transfer of those dangerous detainees, who were captured on the battlefield in the war on terror, to be transferred to the United States of America. Mr. Speaker on this vote I was misrecorded. I duly intended to vote "no" on rollcall No. 254.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. T. NATHANIEL HERCULES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules is celebrating fifty-five (55) years in ministry this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Saint Paul AME Worship Center, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules as he celebrates fifty-five years in ministry and to salute him as he re-

tires from pastoral leadership; A true Man of Excellence; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 6, 2014 as Reverend Dr. T. Nathaniel Hercules Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 6th day of June, 2014.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE GARCIA, VISIONARY, ACTIVIST, AND FIERCE WARRIOR FOR TEXAS WOMEN AND EQUALITY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and remember one of the most influential and prominent leaders in the movement to empower women and groom the next generation of women Democratic political leaders.

Grace Garcia died on Monday, June 2, in a traffic accident in Waxahachie, Texas. She was 59 years old. She died doing what she loved and what she was put on earth to do, and that was to help women gain the skills, resources, and opportunities to become leaders in their communities.

Powerful and courageous, compassionate and sympathetic; this was the rare and beautiful blend that was Grace Garcia.

Grace Garcia came from a military family and the ethic of duty and service to others was embedded in her soul. Although the family relocated often, Grace claimed San Antonio, Texas, as her home.

Grace Garcia attended Jefferson High School in the San Antonio Independent School District and went on to earn her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and afterwards, moved on to live out her dreams.

From the start of her career, Grace Garcia was actively involved in government and politics. She went on to hold prestigious senior level positions from the state to the national level.

She played prominent roles in the management of President Clinton's successful 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns, Senator Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign, and was an advisor and confidante of Texas State Senators Wendy Davis and Senator Leticia Van de Putte in their bids for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Texas.

During the Clinton Administration, Grace Garcia held the position of Deputy Director in the Office of Presidential Scheduling and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Grace Garcia later went on to work in the Obama Administration as Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the Office of the Chief of Protocol at the U.S. Department of State.

Upon her return to Texas, Grace Garcia was named Executive Director of Annie's List, an organization dedicated to "advancing progressive women in Texas from the ballot box to the halls of power."

She was a mentor to many women who had dreams and ambitions to become leaders in the Democratic Party. But she was more than that: she was a beacon of light.

Annie's List flourished as a result of leadership and organizational genius as reflected in

the unprecedented achievement of nominating women to the two highest statewide constitutional offices.

Grace Garcia was a visionary leader and had tremendous passion for advancing equality and opportunity for women in the field of public service.

Women like Grace Garcia are diamonds. They are sharp, shine brightly, are unbreakable, and perfectly suited for their mission.

Grace Garcia loved to defy the odds; where others were deterred by obstacles, she saw and seized opportunity.

As a founder of the National Latina Political Action Committee and leading member of the National Latino Finance Council for Hillary Clinton's presidential bid, Grace Garcia proved to be an influential leader for the Latino community.

Grace Garcia's modesty belied her remarkable ability to influence events and improve people's lives.

Her departure came all too soon, but the trail she blazed leaves us a path to follow.

Grace Garcia opened doors of opportunity for women, and to honor her memory, we must continue that effort.

Mr. Speaker, today we remember the gift with which we were abundantly blessed with, and that is the life of Grace Garcia.

I hope it is a comfort to her family that so many of us mourn with them at this sad time.

But through our sadness, we draw strength from the legacy she left behind.

Grace Garcia will never be forgotten. She lives on in lives and deeds of progressive women political leaders in this generation and those to come.

So long my friend. We will miss you dearly, and forever hold you in our hearts.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the remarkable Grace Garcia.

MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF
CHAIRMAN BUFORD ROLIN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished career of a great tribal leader, Chairman Buford Rolin. For more than three decades, Chairman Rolin has worked tirelessly to build stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities—for his fellow Poarch Band of Creek Indians and for native peoples across the country. He retires with a towering legacy of leadership and accomplishment, built through the vision, determination and energy that has long defined his many years of service.

Rolin was born in Atmore, Alabama in 1940. He spent eight years in the Army, occasionally hitchhiking home from Fort Benning, Georgia to enjoy his weekend passes back in Poarch. His first job after the army was as a haberdasher in Pensacola, Florida. Eventually Rolin found a job with Dixie Asphalt and Paving.

Over the years, his insight and expertise has fueled work in positions involving diverse groups including the National Committee on Indian Work, the Episcopal Church, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Creek Indian Arts Council, Creek Indian Herit-

age Memorial Association, and the State of Alabama Public Health Board.

His hands-on experience with Indian health issues led to his appointment as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC) for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) in 1998. After his service as Tribal Co-Chair for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, President Bill Clinton appointed him to the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy. The National Congress of American Indians recognized his leadership by appointing him to the NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001. Diabetes prevention has long been a focus of Rolin's leadership, and just last year, he received the IHS Director's Special Recognition Award for his many years devoted to tackling this challenge.

Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians since 2006, Rolin has been a tenacious and devoted advocate for tribal sovereignty, the duty of the trust responsibility, and the health and prosperity of his people. Today, the state-of-the-art Buford L. Rolin Health Center—named in recognition of a lifetime improving health across Indian Country—carries forward his great work, caring for his home community with a host of primary care, nutrition, diabetes, diagnostic, and rehabilitative services.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I join with many others in thanking him for the many years of service and leadership he has given Indian Country and our Nation. For while Chairman Rolin is ending his career, we know that his achievements will make a difference in the lives of his community for generations to come. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
JANET GRAY HAYES

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman ANNA G. ESHOO and Congressman MIKE HONDA, to honor the life of our friend Janet Gray Hayes, the first woman elected as Mayor of San Jose, California.

We often use words like pioneer and trailblazer in tribute to inspiring and remarkable individuals, and that certainly is true for Janet Gray Hayes. She made a profound impact on our community in San Jose, and in a larger sense, was one of the pioneers who helped open the doors for women to serve their communities in public service.

Born Janet Gray Frazee in Rushville, Indiana, on July 12, 1926, she was the second of two daughters of John P. Frazee, Jr., and Lucile Charman Gray Frazee. Like other members of the famed "Greatest Generation," she grew up in the hard scramble years of the Great Depression. These humble beginnings, and the personal challenges she overcame, taught Janet Gray about character, empathy for others, and standing strong when it came to matters of principle.

Janet Gray would go on to pursue a higher education, graduating as a Phi Beta Kappa at

the University of Indiana. She met her future husband Kenneth while she was a student at the University of Chicago. They married in 1950, after Janet Gray earned a master's degree in social work, and she supported his medical studies. Their marriage would last for over five decades until Kenneth passed away in 2013.

In 1956, when Janet Gray's husband Kenneth took a job as a physician at Agnews State Hospital, they moved to San Jose. Having been raised in an active Republican family, Janet Gray was introduced to politics at a young age when her family home became an official campaign base for Wendell Willkie, the Republican presidential nominee in 1940. But her real impetus for launching into the world of civics and politics came when she was eight months pregnant and made an appeal to the City Council for a school crossing guard in her neighborhood.

That battle for a simple community issue would ultimately take sixteen years, but it unleashed Janet Gray's involvement in San Jose politics. By 1960 she became the president of both the San Jose and Bay Area Leagues of Women Voters. Six years later she was appointed to the San Jose Redevelopment Board and rose to become chair.

In 1971, Janet Gray won election to the San Jose City Council, and four years later, sought to succeed Mayor Norman Mineta after he was elected to Congress. Against tremendous odds, and against a deeply entrenched establishment that fought her candidacy, she won.

Her election threw the doors open for other women to follow, sparking a movement for women to get actively involved and seek public office. Over the next two elections, women were elected to eight of the eleven City Council seats and three out of the five Santa Clara County supervisor seats—including a future Member of Congress named ZOE LOFGREN.

San Jose was declared the "feminist capital of the world." And as Janet Gray welcomed delegates at the 1977 National Women's Political Caucus, hosted in the city, she proudly remarked that "In sunny Santa Clara Valley, you are in the heartland of women in power." However, Janet Gray's accomplishments were not limited to her milestone election.

Her successful stewardship running a major city shattered long held myths that women could not be successful executives. Janet Gray made a commitment to improving access to the mayor's office and presided over San Jose's growth during the high-tech development years by laying out a vision to make the city "better before we make it bigger." That vision for San Jose is present today in a city that has focused on smart growth and urban planning to avoid urban sprawl and achieve a better quality of life for its citizens.

When asked by her son to name her biggest source of pride, Janet Gray replied "I was proudest of the fact that I could open doors. I had a lot to do with these women getting where they are today." Her generous assistance, guidance, leadership and friendship helped emerging women leaders after her success.

Mr. Speaker, more than fifty years ago, Adlai Stevenson praised another pioneering woman when he said of Eleanor Roosevelt that she would 'rather light a candle than curse the darkness.' Those words are also fitting for Janet Gray Hayes. Because of her, and other pioneering women like her, future