

Zebra Coalition is able to positively impact the lives of so many young people that would otherwise have no place to turn.

I am happy to honor Jefferson R. Voss, during LGBT Pride Month, for his tireless work to support LGBT+ youth in the Central Florida community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take a few moments to recognize June 9th through 13th as National Men's Health Week. I strongly support National Men's Health Week and the participating health organizations that help raise awareness of men's health in our communities. I embrace the spirit of Men's Health Week which maintains that all men need to do our best to take care of our health and our families' health to strengthen our communities. Heart disease is the primary killer of men in our country. Men live an average of 5 years less than women, and men between the ages of 18 and 44 are less likely to visit the doctor than women. I am a firm believer in prevention and the importance of health awareness. A crucial step to maintaining a healthy lifestyle is being aware of your current health status. Increased awareness of our medical needs and preventable health problems will help remedy possible issues before they become life threatening. Taking care of ourselves is crucially important as we age, and regular check-ups with our health providers are important steps to strengthen the health of our communities.

We have many community health centers in the 7th District of Illinois that provide excellent care to Illinoisans. These health centers play critical roles in strengthening men's health. I would like to recognize and commend Near North Health Service Corporation for its efforts during National Men's Health Week. Near North is performing free health screenings for men during this time period. For example, they are conducting screenings for blood pressure, oral health, HIV, diabetes, and prostate cancer. They are conducting informative workshops on healthier eating as well. I applaud the dedication of our community health centers to improving the health and meeting the medical needs of our communities during Men's Health Week and throughout the entire year.

I also want to recognize the efforts of the Illinois Department of Public Health during Men's Health Week. IDPH partnered with the Chicago White Sox and Bat for the Cure to provide free prostate cancer screenings. Further, the state health agency is leading multiple awareness events and seminars this week, including an African-American Male Health and Fitness Expo at Malcolm X College and the 20th Annual Real Men Cook event at Kennedy King. All of these efforts are important steps in raising awareness and improving the health of citizens in Chicago, Illinois and the Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I submit a clarification of my vote during consideration of H.R. 4745, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015. I fully intended to continue my strong support of the Housing for Persons with AIDS program and mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote 277, the Nadler Amendment. I intended to vote "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF MARY ELLEN EPPS TO THE
PEOPLE OF COLORADO

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my former colleagues in the Colorado General Assembly, Mary Ellen Epps. Mary Ellen and I served together at the State Capitol in Denver. Mary Ellen was an absolute dynamo of a Representative and Senator who faithfully served her constituents in the Fountain and Widefield region.

Mary Ellen lived a full life and had an intense passion for learning. She received her bachelor's degree from Colorado Christian University and also took courses in French and nursing. She even was a student pilot.

With large portions of Fort Carson in her district, and as a Lifetime VFW member, Mary Ellen was a passionate advocate for our men and women in uniform, their families, and our veterans.

Mary Ellen was a passionate, dedicated, and hard-working legislator. A tough fighter for public safety and law and order, Mary Ellen worked hard to pass legislation increasing penalties on uninsured motorists. She also worked to increase the hardships of prison for our most dangerous criminals.

The range of Mary Ellen's knowledge and expertise was reflected in the committees she served during her time in the General Assembly. She was able to help and assist so many people while serving on the Criminal Justice, Medically Indigent, Environmental, Arts and Tourism, and Health Care committees.

Mary Ellen was able to represent her constituents so well because she made a conscientious effort to personally connect with as many as possible and learn what motivated them and what issues were their priorities. Her passionate advocacy and tireless work ethic was an inspiration to me and I was honored to call her my friend.

Mary Ellen has passed away, but I know that she is in a better place. Please consider her three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild in your thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CARLOS GUILLERMO
SMITH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Carlos Guillermo Smith. Carlos is the son of Luis Ricardo Smith and Johanne Marie Ghyslaine Guay.

Carlos was elected Chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party on December 16th, 2013 and made history as the first openly gay Democratic Party Chair in Orange County at the age of 32. A Latino of Peruvian descent, Carlos has worked closely with leaders in Central Florida to engage the local Hispanic community in the political process and elect more Latinos to hold public office.

An alumnus of the University of Central Florida, Carlos gained political experience working on a number of Democratic races, including his role as Communications Director and Senior Advisor during State Representative Joe Saunders 2012 race.

In 2011, Carlos became a public policy fellow for Equality Florida, where he crafted state and local legislative strategy with LGBT leaders. Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Carlos currently serves as legislative aide to State Representative Joe Saunders. Prior to his current position, Carlos served as the aide to Former State Representative Scott Randolph from 2011–2012 and Orange County Democratic Party Communications Chair from 2011–2013.

I am happy to honor Carlos Guillermo Smith during LGBT Pride Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING NORCELL D. HAYWOOD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norcell D. Haywood, a leader in my State of Texas who has practiced architecture for over thirty seven years.

Mr. Haywood was one of the first four African American students to be admitted to the University of Texas and was the second African American to graduate from the University of Texas School of Architecture in 1960. Upon graduation, he taught at Prairie View A&M University's school of Engineering. He later gained employment with the City of Austin Planning Department. He also published a local Newspaper, The East Side Reporter, which has a circulation of 20,000 papers weekly distributed on the eastern section of San Antonio.

In 1968, he became the first licensed African-American Architect in San Antonio. He then founded his firm, Norcell D. Haywood & Associates (1968–71) and later in 1971,

founded the firm of Haywood Jordan McCowan SAT Inc., Haywood Jordan McCowan of Houston Inc and Haywood Jordan McCowan of Dallas Inc (HJM). Under Norcell's leadership HJM has been the recipient of the prestigious Merit Design and Honor Awards. The University of Texas—Dallas, Student Union Center was also a design award winner along with numerous housing developments in Houston, Austin, Dallas and San Antonio areas such as the Texas Southern University Physical Education Building and Business Technology Building in Houston, Texas; Lincoln Magnet High School in Dallas, Texas; Alamodome Stadium and the completed Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center both in San Antonio, Texas.

His professional memberships include the American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, the Society of American Military Engineers. He is also a life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was the first African American to be appointed to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and served as Vice Chairman of the Board. He was also a Delegate on the White House Sub-Committee on Small Business in 1995. He is the recipient of the 1997 Bank of America—San Antonio, Black History Chronicles Trail Blazer Award and a 1997 Texas Legislative Black Caucus Outstanding Texans at Large Honoree. The San Antonio Chapter of the UT Ex-Students Association awarded him this 1999 Outstanding San Antonio Texas-Ex Award.

In addition to his many professional achievements, Mr. Haywood is a concerned professional who believes that architecture can be a significant part of the healing and problem solving process. His most passionate interests lie in early child training and development. He actively supports the YMCA, Boy's and Girl's Club of San Antonio and many other local youth organizations. He is a life member of both the Ex-Students' Association and the UT President's Associates. Mr. Haywood has personally been cited with many awards for his Humanitarian and civic duties.

Mr. Speaker, our Country is a better one because we have a Norcell D. Haywood and he deserves recognition for his decades of work.

HONORING MS. GABRIELLE MARIE ARANDA AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS OF 2014

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Gabrielle Marie Aranda as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2014.

Gabby graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Spanish, and she received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force on May 27, 2014.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Gabby's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation. The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

The challenge for this young woman will be to retain as much as possible, pass what she learns to others, and live life for every moment.

South Mississippi is proud of Gabby and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Gabby embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Gabby my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE WEDDING OF AMBER GRAY KIRBY AND KEVIN "KIP" TALLEY

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Amber Gray Kirby and Kevin "Kip" Talley. Ms. Kirby is a native of Mt. Olive, NC and graduate of NC State University, Wake Forest Law School, and American University. As a constituent and friend, she is truly an exemplary example of the quality leaders our communities produce. Mr. Talley is a native of Washington, DC and attended The Pennsylvania State University. His advice and council on issues related to premium cigars has been an invaluable asset to my Congressional office.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of their upcoming wedding on June 14, 2014 in Washington, DC at Western Presbyterian Church. Being incredibly bright individuals, I am confident that Amber and Kip will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantees a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize two individuals who have become friends and well-respected throughout this Congress. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Amber and Kip on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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THE PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) FUNDING IN FY15 TRANSPORTATION-HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 4745)

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Mr. GRIFFIN's (the Gentlemen from Arkansas) amendment to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The amendment was adopted and included in H.R. 4745, as passed.

On March 4, 2014, an incident involving a gas line in Ewing, New Jersey resulted in an explosion damaging dozens of homes—destroying some, injuring seven construction workers, and claiming one life.

Although the investigation of this particular accident is ongoing, it is a reminder of the need to properly inspect and operate safely around our country's expanding pipeline infrastructure.

The pipeline in this instance was only a 2 inch line, however elsewhere in Central New Jersey, and around the country, pipelines with much greater capacity are aging. Combined with demand for new energy pipeline infrastructure, many pipelines are now being constructed or expanded.

For instance, a 42-inch pipeline expansion project has been proposed along an existing route in my New Jersey district. I have heard from my constituents about their safety concerns with this project which will require excavation and construction work along an existing, more than 50 year old pipeline, which runs past homes and schools.

Nationally, about one-third of our natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines are over 50 years old.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is primarily responsible for reviewing proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, but PHMSA has a role in enforcing regulations and standards for design and construction.

The bill before us today recommends \$131,500,000 to continue pipeline safety operations, research and development, and state grants-in-aid, which is \$12,413,000 above fiscal year 2014 but \$26,500,000 below the President's budget request.

I appreciate the Committee's work to increase funding for PHMSA over the previous fiscal years, and I am happy to support Mr.