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House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 3, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God, You created us, endowed with freedom. We give You thanks for giving us another day.

On the eve of America's national holiday, may all citizens be mindful of the wonder of our Nation's inception. Men and women of goodwill, from various backgrounds and sections of the colonies, from disparate faith traditions came together in prayer and, united by a vision of political and economic autonomy, courageously placed their lives, their liberty, and their fortunes on the line to found these United States.

May all Americans be renewed in their commitment to our representative government. May each American citizen expect of themselves intelligent participation in the political process so that the Members of Congress they elect might be statesmen and -women who are able to represent the interests of their constituents while also faithfully honoring their oath to defend the Constitution in doing what is best for our Nation.

In all the celebrations of this weekend, may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 641, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 30, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*The Speaker, U.S. Capitol,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 30, 2014 at 12:35 p.m.:

That the Senate passed H.R. 2388.
That the Senate passed S. 1799.
That the Senate passed S. 2076.
That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 494.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1799. An act to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990; to the

Committee of the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 2076. An act to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 2388. An act to take certain federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 641, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 7, 2014, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6226. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Silk Way Airlines of Baku, Azerbaijan pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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6227. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priorities. Centers for International Business Education Program [Docket ID: ED-2014-OPE-0034] [CFDA Number: 84.220A.] received June 12, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6228. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program [Docket ID: ED-2014-OPE-0035] [CFDA Number: 84.015B.] received June 12, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6229. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. Language Resource Centers Program [Docket ID: ED-2014-OPE-0037] [CFDA Number: 84.229A.] received June 12, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6230. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priority. Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program [Docket ID: ED-2014-OPE-0036] [CFDA Number: 84.016A.] received June 12, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6231. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final priorities. National Resource Centers Program [Docket ID: ED-2014-OPE-0038] [CFDA Number: 84.015A.] received June 12, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6232. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Report to Congress on the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) for FY 2008 through FY 2011; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6233. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's annual report for Fiscal Year 2013 prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6234. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6235. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on Defense Contract Management Agency's Drug-Free Workplace Plan, pursuant to Public Law 100-71, section 503(a)(1)(A) (101 Stat. 468); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and Oversight and Government Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 641, the following report was filed on July 2, 2014]

Mr. CRENSHAW: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 5016. A bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-508). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted July 3, 2014]

Mr. CAMP: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 4718. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation; with an amendment (Rept. 113-509). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 3086. A bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act (Rept. 113-510). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 3488. A bill to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-511, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4802. A bill to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-512). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4803. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 113-513). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 4185. A bill to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-514). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ISSA: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 4195. A bill to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-515). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4812. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes (Rept. 113-516). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration, H.R. 3488 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. YOHO introduced a bill (H.R. 5017) to prohibit United States non-security assistance to Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:
H.R. 5016.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. YOHO:
H.R. 5017.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 9 Clause 7, No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 303: Mr. JOLLY.
H.R. 543: Mr. WILLIAMS.
H.R. 630: Mr. LOBIONDO.
H.R. 1518: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 2021: Mr. GOSAR.
H.R. 2316: Ms. PINGREE of Maine.
H.R. 2504: Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, and Mr. LOBIONDO.
H.R. 2673: Mrs. BLACK.
H.R. 2994: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
H.R. 3172: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.
H.R. 3400: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 3471: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 3543: Mr. ENYART and Mr. HECK of Washington.
H.R. 3576: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
H.R. 3717: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.
H.R. 3992: Mr. BENISHEK and Mr. CÁRDENAS.
H.R. 4106: Mr. MEADOWS.
H.R. 4143: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 4165: Mr. SOUTHERLAND.
H.R. 4227: Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 4272: Mr. CHAFFETZ.
H.R. 4418: Ms. DEGETTE.
H.R. 4447: Mr. POSEY, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. BRIDENSTINE.
H.R. 4450: Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HECK of Washington, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 4590: Mr. GOODLATTE.
 H.R. 4677: Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee and Mrs. BACHMANN.
 H.R. 4717: Ms. KUSTER.
 H.R. 4718: Mr. PETERS of Michigan.
 H.R. 4879: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
 H.R. 4920: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. ELLMERS, and Mr. CRENSHAW.
 H.R. 4930: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.
 H.R. 4962: Mr. COLE.
 H.R. 4970: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
 H.R. 4980: Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, and Mr. REED.
 H.R. 5003: Mr. PRICE of Georgia.
 H.R. 5009: Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FARR, Mr. GARCIA, Ms. HAHN, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HOLT, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. ESHOO.
 H.R. 5010: Mr. HONDA.
 H. Res. 326: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.
 H. Res. 606: Ms. NORTON.
 H. Res. 607: Mr. ROKITA.
 H. Res. 621: Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.
 H. Res. 632: Mr. McDERMOTT.
 H. Res. 644: Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. NUGENT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SHUSTER.

AMENDMENTS

Under Clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 1: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Energy to apply long-term predictions of life cycle greenhouse gas emissions for United States LNG exports in any public interest determination under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b).

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 2: At the end of the bill, before the short title, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used within the borders of the State of Louisiana by the Mississippi Valley Division or the Southwestern Division of the Army Corps of Engineers or any district of the Corps within such divisions to implement or enforce the mitigation methodology, referred to as the "Modified Charleston Method".

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 3: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. The amounts otherwise provided by this Act are revised by reducing the amount made available for "Department of

Energy—Energy Programs—Departmental Administration", and increasing the amount made available for "Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Corps of Engineers—Civil—Construction", by \$5,000,000.

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Page 3, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$5,000,000)".

Page 26, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 5: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. The amounts otherwise provided by this Act are revised by reducing the amount made available for "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Departmental Administration", and increasing the amount made available for "Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Corps of Engineers—Civil—Operation and Maintenance", by \$5,000,000.

H.R. 4923

OFFERED BY: MR. CASSIDY

AMENDMENT NO. 6: Page 4, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$5,000,000)".

Page 26, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".



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Senate

The Senate met at 1:32 and 37 seconds p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 3, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS R. CARPER, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARPER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JULY 7, 2014, AT 2 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, July 7, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:33 and 11 seconds p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 7, 2014, at 2 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
BRANDON GARABRANT OF
GREENFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Lance Corporal Brandon Garabrant, of Greenfield, New Hampshire, for his heroism and service as a U.S. Marine serving our country in Afghanistan. I was devastated to learn of the tragic death of Lance Corporal Garabrant, who spent his life serving his community and his country with honor and courage. Through his dedicated service as a volunteer firefighter and as a Marine, he made his family, his state, and his nation proud. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Granite State are with Lance Corporal Garabrant's family and friends. It is our responsibility as Granite Staters and as Americans to protect and honor all those who serve our great nation and guard our freedom.

Our veterans and servicemembers make grave sacrifices in order to preserve our freedom and protect our families. These courageous men and women devote their lives to standing up for our way of life, and they deserve our deepest respect and gratitude.

The greatest tribute we can provide for Lance Corporal Garabrant is to continue to remember his bravery and sacrifice, and to celebrate his life. He paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom and way of life, and we must forever honor his memory.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF AMBASSADOR TATOUL MARKARIAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of His Excellency Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to the United States of America.

His Excellency Dr. Markarian is completing his term as Ambassador to the United States after nine years of service. Dr. Markarian has been a crucial figure in fostering relations between Armenia and the United States.

As Armenian Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Markarian has been credited with creating closer ties with the United States by coordinating visits between the two countries' government officials and diplomats. He has been instrumental in securing increased humanitarian assistance from the U.S. to both Armenia and Artsakh, two struggling economies that are in great need of economic support. This has been highlighted by Armenia becoming a competitive potential candidate for

Millennium Challenge Corporation funding, which aims to reduce widespread poverty and strengthen infrastructure. Ambassador Markarian has also been largely responsible for coordinating improved bilateral talks between both countries, through the U.S.-Armenia Economic Task Force and Strategic Dialogue.

Dr. Markarian has had a long career in public service. He served in the Republic of Armenia's legislative and executive branches at a crucial time, during the Republic's early years, first as assistant to the Vice Chairman of the newly created Armenian parliament, then as an advisor to the Vice President of Armenia and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister. During his tenure as Ambassador to the United States he concurrently serves as the Ambassador to Mexico.

I commend his Excellency Dr. Markarian on his service and accomplishments. His service has strengthened the relationship between Armenia and America. I wish the best for him, his wife, and three sons in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING OCOSTA HIGH SCHOOL'S NATIONAL RECYCLING PROGRAM AWARD

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ocosta High School in Westport, Washington for receiving the 2014 American Forest & Paper Association's School Recycling Award for Partnerships.

These partnership awards, offered by the AFPA, seek to recognize and promote new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling. Ocosta High School established a paper recycling program in 1992 when the nearby Port of Grays Harbor recycling program closed down. Since then, Ocosta High School's recycling program has evolved into a district-wide program, working not only with students at all grade levels, but local businesses and the community as a whole.

Ocosta High School also operates a baling machine which allows them to track the success of the program and compare amounts of paper recovered with past records. In 2013, over two decades since beginning the program, Ocosta High School recovered 24 tons of paper and paper-based products.

Programs such as Ocosta High School's recycling program are an essential component of our work for developing and expanding renewable resources. The commitment we share will ensure sustainability for future generations.

In receiving this special recognition, I am confident that Ocosta High School will inspire other schools to create new and innovative programs that will increase the amount of

paper and paper-based packaging recovered for recycling. The high school's work for sustainability and environmental awareness has had a substantial benefit to our region and to the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by sending my best wishes for the school's continued success, and again applauding Ocosta High School's students and faculty on receiving the 2014 American Forest & Paper Association's School Recycling Award for Partnerships. I am proud to recognize their dedication to environmental stewardship and to their community, today, in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL DAVID J. TERANDO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of Colonel (Col) David Terando on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I commend Col Terando's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his more than 30 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation.

In 1984, Col Terando was commissioned via the NROTC program at the Illinois Institute of Technology and he began his time in the Marine Corps as a communications officer with Base Communications Center, Camp Pendleton. He has supported our great nation by deploying multiple times throughout his career where he has directly supported both humanitarian and combat operations. He was involved with Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and deployed three separate times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as the Liaison Officer to the Kuwait Army, and in critical staff billets for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Three decades later, Col Terando has come full circle and is retiring from his post as Chief of Staff of the combined Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST)-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (MCB CAMPEN).

In 2012 Col Terando focused on the merger of MCIWEST and MCB CAMPEN. Successfully creating a new Command structure is a massive undertaking that requires leading thousands of individuals, detailed analysis, decisive action and countless Operational Planning Teams. This culminated on 5 April 2012 with the activation of MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN, where Col Terando assumed his duties as Chief of Staff.

In his role as the Chief of Staff, Col Terando successfully transformed the organization from concept to operational. Col Terando developed regional policies, directives and practices that led to the interaction of five bases and stations occupying over 160,000 acres throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

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Col Terando has been the epitome of what a Marine Corps leader should be. His performance throughout his career was exemplary.

I offer Col Terando my warmest congratulations and hope that he enjoys a rich and rewarding retirement with his wife Janet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the career of Col Terando.

RECOGNIZING DEVERAUX AND
KRISTIE HUBBARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements and community work of Deveraux and Kristie Hubbard, of Peoria, IL.

Deveraux and his wife Kristie have been and continue to be invaluable members of their community, and for their hard work and dedication, they have fittingly been honored at the annual Boy Scouts of America, W. D. Boyce Council, Whitney M. Young reception on June 29, 2014.

Extremely active throughout their communities in other capacities, Deveraux and Kristie have prioritized their work with our local youth and their dedication to the local Boy Scout troop is to be admired.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. Scouting is unique and provides young men with opportunities and structure they may otherwise never experience.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Hubbard family for their years of dedicated service to the greater Peoria community. They have truly been a catalyst for change and growth in the community. I am delighted to recognize their achievements and pleased to know they are not alone in their dedication to our youth and community development.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF THE CITY OF WESTPORT,
WASHINGTON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Westport, WA, which is celebrating its 100th year as a city on June 26, 2014. This historic fishing community located on the beautiful coast of Washington State serves as a gateway to Grays Harbor and the majestic Olympic Mountains.

The city of Westport has a rich history. The coastal community and region is the ancestral home of several local Native American tribes who remain vibrant today. In the summer of 1857, Thomas Barker Speake and his family settled in what would eventually become the city known as Westport.

Among the earliest structures built, the Westport Lighthouse was dedicated on April 14, 1898, and still stands as a beacon for weary mariners anxious to return home from sea.

By 1914, Westport was a busy, though small, center for fishing, shellfish harvesting, seafood processing, and tourism. This history has given Westport a strong connection to its environment and natural resources. Today, with a population of over 2,000 citizens, Westport continues to rely on these resources for much of its livelihood.

Westport's centennial celebration demonstrates the vitality and continued excellence of the city's maritime and fishing heritage. I have seen firsthand some of the businesses that keep Westport moving forward, such as Ocean Gold Seafood and Westport Shipyards. I have enjoyed the extraordinary sense of community that happens during the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

The Founders Day celebrations will help ring in the 100th anniversary of the beloved City of Westport. I am proud to join Mayor Michael Bruce in his efforts to commemorate this special occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by again congratulating the City of Westport on their first centennial celebration. I am pleased today to recognize in the United States Congress the city's contribution to my home state's history and to a stronger nation.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END
USER RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

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Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters:

COALITION FOR DERIVATIVES

END-USERS,

June 17, 2014.

Re End-User Support for Adding Derivatives End-User Bills to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization Bill.

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS,
*Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON,
*Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS AND RANKING MEMBER PETERSON: The Coalition for Derivatives End-Users is writing to thank you and the other members of the Committee on Agriculture for incorporating language into H.R. 4413 that would protect derivatives end-users from harmful and unnecessary margin and clearing requirements. H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act, reauthorizes the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and was approved in your Committee by voice vote on April 9, 2014. The Coalition strongly supports your bill and hopes that it will pass the House on a bipartisan basis.

Your bill incorporates H.R. 634, the Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization

Act of 2013, which would ensure that non-financial derivatives end-users are not subject to unnecessary margin requirements. This bill passed the House of Representatives last year 411-12. Your bill also incorporates key provisions of H.R. 677, the Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act, which was reported favorably out of both the House Financial Services and House Agriculture Committees last year. These provisions would exempt certain swaps with centralized treasury units ("CTUs") of non-financial end-users from clearing requirements.

A recent Coalition survey of chief financial officers and corporate treasurers, released on March 26, 2014, underscores the urgent need for the end-user provisions contained in your reauthorization bill. The survey found that 86 percent of respondents indicated that fully collateralizing over-the-counter derivatives would adversely impact business investment, acquisitions, research & development and job creation.

Nearly half of our survey respondents use CTUs to execute OTC derivatives. The CFTC has issued no-action relief so that some end-users that employ CTUs may avail themselves of the clearing exception. However, our survey found that, of those respondents that utilize a CTU structure, 69 percent do not qualify for the CFTC's no-action relief or are unsure about whether they could rely on the relief.

We thank you for your efforts to address the concerns of derivatives end-users. Throughout the legislative process, the Coalition has supported efforts to increase transparency in the derivatives markets and enhance financial stability for the U.S. economy through thoughtful new regulation while avoiding needless costs. Your bill would help end-users to focus their efforts and capital less on needless regulation and more on innovation, growth and job creation.

Sincerely,

AGRICULTURAL RETAILERS
ASSOCIATION.
BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE.
FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES
INTERNATIONAL.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CORPORATE TREASURERS.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MANUFACTURERS.
U.S. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

June 19, 2014.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting, and defending America's free enterprise system, strongly supports H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act," a bipartisan bill that would reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and make a number of important reforms designed to promote smart regulation, enhance accountability at the CFTC, and protect Main Street businesses from onerous and unintended derivatives regulation.

The Chamber is particularly supportive of provisions in H.R. 4413 that would help preserve the ability of commercial end users to manage their financial risks by using derivatives. Congress clearly intended to shield non-financial companies from certain regulatory requirements contained in the Dodd-Frank Act—a mandate that unfortunately has not been carried out fully by regulatory

agencies—and last year the House voted 411–12 to pass legislation to exempt end users from margin requirements. H.R. 4413 includes that critical exemption and a number of other fixes that would ensure non-financial companies would be protected from burdensome and unnecessary regulations, consistent with Congress's clear intent almost four years ago.

The Chamber also supports provisions in this bill intended to promote transparency and accountability in the CFTC's rule-making process, including a requirement to conduct a cost-benefit analysis for new rules, and the creation of an Office of the Chief Economist to support such analysis. Cost-benefit analysis has been a fundamental tool of effective government for more than three decades, and these requirements would help protect Main Street businesses, investors, and consumers from some of the unintended consequences of regulation.

Additionally, H.R. 4413 contains a number of sensible provisions that would promote principles of good governance, including providing market participants with more certainty regarding "no action" letters issued by the CFTC staff, and a requirement that the CFTC develop internal risk control mechanisms in order to protect sensitive market data. These are common sense measures that would help make the CFTC a more effective and accountable regulator, and the Chamber appreciates their inclusion in this bill.

The Chamber strongly urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 4413 and may consider including votes on, or in relation to, this bill in our annual How They Voted scorecard.

Sincerely,

R. BRUCE JOSTEN.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. FRANK LUCAS,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, House of
Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. COLLIN PETERSON,
Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, MINORITY LEADER PELOSI, CHAIRMAN LUCAS, AND RANKING MEMBER PETERSON: On behalf of the more than 200 member CEOs who lead major American companies operating in every sector of the U.S. economy, I wish to convey Business Roundtable's strong endorsement of H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act, as reported by the House Committee on Agriculture, which would reauthorize the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

In particular, Business Roundtable strongly supports important provisions included in H.R. 4413 that will reform derivatives regulation to focus more effectively on addressing potential systemic economic risk.

H.R. 4413 incorporates H.R. 634, the Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013, which would ensure that non-financial derivatives end-users, who pose no systemic risk to the U.S. economy, are not subject to unnecessary margin requirements. This bill passed the House of Representatives last year by a strong bipartisan vote of 411–12 and is needed more than ever due to the uncertainty associated with differing margin proposals from the financial regulators.

H.R. 4413 also incorporates key provisions of H.R. 677, the Inter-Affiliate Swap Clarification Act, which was reported favorably out of both the House Financial Services and

House Agriculture Committees last year. The language in H.R. 4413 would ensure that end-users are not subject to clearing requirements applicable to banks simply because they trade through efficient, cost-effective centralized treasury units (CTUs).

A recent survey conducted by the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users of chief financial officers and corporate treasurers underscores the urgent need for the end-user provisions in H.R. 4413. Eighty-six percent of respondents indicated that fully collateralizing over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives would adversely impact business investment, acquisitions, research and development, and job creation, and more than nine in ten end-users indicated that a margin requirement would cause them to alter their hedging strategy.

Nearly half of the survey respondents use CTUs to execute OTC derivatives. The CFTC has issued no-action relief so that some end-users that employ CTUs may avail themselves of the clearing exception. However, the survey found that of those respondents that utilize a CTU structure, 69 percent do not qualify for the CFTC's no-action relief or are unsure about whether they could rely on the relief. Thus, a legislative solution is essential.

Business Roundtable supports efforts to increase transparency in the derivatives markets and enhance financial stability for the U.S. economy through thoughtful new regulation while avoiding needless costs. We appreciate you moving this legislation forward and urge the House of Representatives to pass this vital, bipartisan legislation to ensure that derivatives regulation addresses real economic risks without adversely affecting non-financial end-users who utilize derivatives to reduce risk.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER M. CUTLER,
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer,
Eaton; Chair, Corporate
Governance
Committee, Business
Roundtable.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4413) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters:

AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, June 16, 2014.

Hon. FRANK D. LUCAS,
Hon. COLLIN C. PETERSON,
Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS AND RANKING MEMBER PETERSON: On behalf of the American Public Power Association (APPA), I am writing in support of House passage of H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act. The legislation includes important

relief for public power utilities and other end-users seeking to use swaps to hedge commercial-operations risks. APPA is the national service organization representing the interests of more than 2,000 not-for-profit, locally-owned electric utilities in the United States. These public power utilities are in every state in the nation (except Hawaii) and provide power to more than 47 million Americans.

In particular, the legislation incorporates the provisions of H.R. 1038, the Public Power Risk Management Act (PPRMA). As you know, PPRMA was approved on a 423–0 vote in the House on June 12, 2013, and has since been introduced on a bipartisan basis in the Senate. The legislation is needed to address Commodity Futures Trading Commission rules which resulted in public power utilities losing—on average—half the available counterparties to swaps needed to hedge their commercial operations risks. The legislation will allow public power utilities to hedge commercial-operations risks on an even playing field with other end users in the power and natural gas utility sector. This means continued reliable power at affordable—and predictable—prices to customers.

H.R. 4413 would take other important steps to improve protections for consumers and commercial end users. By addressing issues related to margin requirements for non-financial end-users, the definition of "bona fide hedging," swap reporting in illiquid markets, and forward contracts with volumetric optionality, the bill improves the CEA to better reflect the needs of end users.

Finally, we praise the clarity provided as to the intent of the legislation in the accompanying committee report and the changes made to the bill in response to legitimate concerns raised by other stakeholder groups. We understand that concerns remain and hope that you will continue to work toward consensus. We stand ready to assist if we can.

Thank for your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

SUSAN N. KELLY,
President & CEO.

AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, March 26, 2014.

Hon. FRANK D. LUCAS,
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

Hon. COLLIN C. PETERSON,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS AND RANKING MEMBER PETERSON: The American Gas Association appreciates the opportunity to support the Committee in its efforts to review the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). AGA supports H.R. 4267, a bill to amend the CEA to provide relief for end-users that use physical contracts with volumetric optionality, as providing necessary regulatory clarity to energy end-users. In particular, AGA believes H.R. 4267 will protect natural gas utilities' ability to mitigate commercial risk and restore the contractual innovation and liquidity in physical natural gas markets that gas utilities rely on to deliver affordable, reliable natural gas to America's energy consumers.

The American Gas Association (AGA), founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 71 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 94 percent—over 68 million customers—receive their gas from AGA members. AGA is an advocate for natural gas utility companies and their customers and provides a broad range of programs and services for member natural gas

pipelines, marketers, gatherers, international natural gas companies and industry associates. Today, natural gas meets more than one-fourth of the United States energy needs.

AGA members are regulated energy utilities that have an obligation to serve their customers. They must stand ready to meet their customers' needs at all times, under just and reasonable rates, under terms and conditions set by state regulatory authorities. To meet these physical delivery obligations, AGA members use non-financial, physical commodity contracts with volumetric optionality to secure reliable gas supplies at the lowest reasonable cost to customers, while managing commercial and operational conditions that may cause unexpected constraints on their delivery systems. AGA members require regulatory certainty to incorporate compliance into their contractual planning, including certainty as to the rules implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act).

In implementing the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC has defined "swap" and "commodity option" broadly, such that significant physical natural gas contracts that contain flexible delivery terms or "optionality" are being viewed as subject to CFTC regulation as "swaps." AGA and other gas industry participants have asked the CFTC to clarify that physical natural gas contracts containing delivery flexibility do not constitute "swaps," however, these requests remain pending.

The resulting regulatory uncertainty is creating tremendous confusion and disagreement in the natural gas industry and disrupting contracting practices, reducing liquidity in the physical natural gas commodity markets, and drying up the innovative contracting practices which have supported affordable prices for American natural gas consumers. AGA members are seeing a decrease in the kinds of offerings commercial counterparties are willing to make because counterparties are concerned that their offerings will be less competitive and desirable if they contain provisions for "optional" delivery that might trigger compliance with CFTC requirements. AGA members are also experiencing a decrease in the number of commercial counterparties willing to enter into flexible gas supply arrangements.

Given these trends, AGA is very concerned that the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act is having the unintended consequence of reducing physical commodity market liquidity with fewer opportunities to take advantage of the flexible and reliable services that are available under physical contracts with volumetric optionality. In turn, these market constraints can lead to increased natural gas procurement costs, particularly in periods of unexpected customer demand, severe weather or unexpected operational constraints. As gas utilities are regulated entities that pass through commodity costs in customer rates, increased gas costs borne by utilities will also lead to higher natural gas prices paid by American energy consumers.

AGA therefore supports H.R. 4267, to clarify that CEA Section 1(a)(47)(B)(ii) excludes from the definition of "swap" normal commercial merchandizing transactions used to buy and sell energy for ultimate delivery to end-users, including transactions that contain stand-alone or embedded options, so long as the transaction is intended to be physically settled. By passing this legislation, Congress can resolve significant natural gas market confusion and restore regulatory certainty as to the treatment of ordinary physical merchandizing transactions.

AGA believes that Congress did not intend the Dodd-Frank Act to constrain the phys-

ical commodity markets, create business-changing impacts on regulated natural gas utilities, or ultimately increase the costs of reliable service for natural gas consumers. As such, AGA supports the passage of H.R. 4267 to clarify Congressional intent, and to require that the CFTC redirect its resources to comprehensive regulation of financial entities, oversight of financial commodity markets, and protection of end-users' ability to hedge and mitigate commercial risk in these markets. H.R. 4267 provides natural gas utilities the regulatory confidence they need to continue procuring natural gas supplies at lowest reasonable costs for the benefit of American energy consumers.

Sincerely,

DAVE MCCURDY.

JUNE 18, 2014.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)—the nation's largest industrial trade association—supports provisions in the Customer Protection and End User Relief Act (H.R. 4413), to clarify that non-financial companies, like manufacturers, that use derivatives to manage business risk, will not be subject to onerous and harmful margin and clearing requirements.

Manufacturers use derivatives to manage and mitigate against fluctuations in commodity prices and currency and interest rates. The NAM worked to include provisions in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (P.L. 111-203) to protect manufacturers' use of over-the-counter derivatives. We continue to work to ensure that, as Dodd-Frank is implemented, end-users do not face undue burdens. Imposing unnecessary regulation on end-users would limit their ability to use these important risk management tools, increasing costs and negatively impacting business investment, U.S. competitiveness and job growth.

Provisions included in H.R. 4413 would ensure that regulators do not impose margin requirements on non-financial end-users and that end-users trading through a centralized treasury unit ("CTU") are covered by the end-user clearing exemption. These two issues also are addressed in legislation (H.R. 634 and H.R. 677) approved by the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committees with bipartisan support. Based on a survey by the Coalition for Derivatives End-Users, absent clarification on margin requirements, manufacturers and other end-users that use derivatives to manage risk may be forced to sideline a median of \$125 million away from business investment, R&D and job creation. Similarly, without the clarification on CTUs, non-financial end-users may be swept into costly clearing requirements meant for financial entities, simply because they use a CTU to manage internal and external trading to mitigate risk within a corporate entity—an industry "best practice".

The CFTC reauthorization also includes a NAM-supported provision from H.R. 3814 that requires the CFTC to take an affirmative action before lowering the swap dealer de minimis threshold. Without this provision, the de minimis level of swap dealing automatically drops from the \$8 billion to \$3 billion in a few years.

Almost four years after the enactment of Dodd-Frank, implementation of the Act is well underway and deadlines for compliance with various regulations are looming. End-users remain extremely concerned about final regulations on margin, the lack of clarity on the CTU issue, and the automatic drop in the de minimis threshold for swap dealing. Thank you in advance for supporting provisions in H.R. 4413 to ensure that derivatives regulation is focused on needed areas and not

on imposing unnecessary regulatory burdens on manufacturers.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY COLEMAN,
Vice President—Tax and
Domestic Economic Policy.

APRIL 8, 2014.

Hon. FRANK LUCAS,
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

Hon. COLLIN PETERSON,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN FRANK LUCAS AND RANKING MEMBER COLLIN PETERSON: The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) supports H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act, legislation to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to be considered by the House Committee on Agriculture on April 9, 2014.

NRECA is the national service organization for more than nine hundred rural electric utilities and public power districts that provide electric energy to approximately forty-two million consumers in forty-seven states or twelve percent of the nation's population. Kilowatt-hour sales by rural electric cooperatives account for approximately eleven percent of all electric energy sold in the United States. Cooperatives operate on a not-for-profit basis and all the costs of the cooperative are directly borne by their consumer-members.

Importantly, H.R. 4413 includes language that protects the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), a non-profit cooperative lender owned by the rural electric cooperatives, from the potentially significant costs of margin requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

The CFTC reauthorization legislation also amends the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) in a very narrow but important way: to clarify Congressional intent that CFTC shall not regulate as "swaps," contracts relating to nonfinancial commodities, where the parties intend physical settlement of their contract obligations. These nonfinancial, physical commodity contracts with optionality are necessary for electric cooperatives to secure adequate power supplies and hedge their fuel risks.

On behalf of rural electric cooperatives across the country, NRECA would like to thank the leaders of the House Agriculture Committee for seeking to clarify in statute that not-for-profit cooperatives do not pose risk to our financial system, and need not be regulated in the same way as a Wall Street bank.

We would like to urge all members of the House Committee on Agriculture to vote in support of H.R. 4413.

Sincerely,

JO ANN EMERSON,
CEO, NRECA.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION AND END USER RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes:

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters:

SIFMA,
June 19, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER AND LEADER PELOSI: SIFMA and its member firms strongly support H.R. 4413, the Consumer Protection and End User Relief Act, bipartisan legislation that seeks to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to better protect futures customers, provide market certainty for end-users, and make basic reforms to improve the functioning of the CFTC.

One provision in this bill seeks to create harmonization of cross-border swaps regulation by requiring the CFTC and SEC to jointly promulgate rules in full compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act and within 270 days. This is necessary as the two agencies share jurisdiction over the swaps markets and currently have inconsistent approaches to the extraterritorial application of rules under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act. This provision is largely similar to H.R. 1256, Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act, which passed the House by vote of 301–124.

Another provision in the bill would prevent costly margin requirements from being imposed on non-financial end-users for their derivatives activity used to hedge commercial risks. This provision is largely similar to H.R. 634, Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2013, which passed the House by vote of 411–12.

SIFMA strongly urges you to vote for H.R. 4413. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

ANDY BLOCKER,
EVP, Public Policy and Advocacy, SIFMA.

EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE,
Washington, DC, June 18, 2014.

Hon. FRANK LUCAS,
Chairman, House Agriculture Committee,
Washington, DC.

Hon. COLLIN PETERSON,
Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS AND RANKING MEMBER PETERSON: On behalf of EEI's member companies, I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 4413, the Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act. The legislation provides additional certainty and clarifies congressional intent on a number of issues of significant importance to EEI members.

EEI is the association of all the U.S. investor-owned utilities, international affiliates and industry associates worldwide. Our members provide electricity for 220 million Americans, directly employ more than a half-million workers, and operate in all 50 states. With more than \$85 billion in annual capital expenditures, the electric utility industry is responsible for providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity that powers the economy and enhances the lives of all Americans.

EEI members are non-financial entities that primarily participate in the physical commodity market and rely on swaps and futures contracts mainly to hedge and miti-

gate their commercial risk. The goal of our member companies is to provide their customers with reliable electric service at affordable and stable rates, which has a direct and significant impact on literally every area of the U.S. economy. Since wholesale electricity and natural gas historically have been two of the most volatile commodity groups, our member companies place a strong emphasis on managing the price volatility inherent in these wholesale commodity markets to the benefit of their customers. The derivatives market has proven to be an extremely effective tool in insulating our customers from this risk and price volatility. In sum, our members are the quintessential commercial end-users of swaps.

As such, regulations that make effective risk management options more costly for end-users of swaps will likely result in higher and more volatile energy prices for retail, commercial, and industrial customers. H.R. 4413 goes a long way in providing much needed regulatory relief and an even greater clarity to the compliance landscape facing EEI and the entire end-user community going forward.

Thank you for your leadership on these important issues.

Sincerely,

THOMAS R. KUHN.

JUNE 17, 2014.

DEAR MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: The undersigned organizations represent a very broad cross-section of U.S. production agriculture and agribusiness. We urge you to cast an affirmative vote on H.R. 4413, the "Customer Protection and End-User Relief Act," when it moves to the floor for consideration.

This legislation, unanimously approved on a bipartisan basis by the Committee on Agriculture, provides important protections for futures customers:

Enhanced reporting, transparency and accountability in futures markets. These much-needed improvements will help prevent another MF Global.

The ability for customers to "claw back" assets from a parent firm in the event of a shortfall of customer funds in FCM insolvencies—something that wasn't possible with MF Global.

A clear roadmap for meaningful cost-benefit analysis to be performed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission before proposing major rules.

A solution to the very troubling "residual interest" rule approved last fall by CFTC that would force customers to pre-margin hedge accounts, thereby putting perhaps twice as much customer money at risk, dramatically increasing hedging costs, and likely driving farmers, ranchers and small hedgers out of the futures market.

Relief from technologically infeasible recordkeeping requirements in the cash commodity markets.

Thank you in advance for your support of this bill that is so important to U.S. farmers, ranchers, hedgers and futures customers.

Sincerely,

Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Agribusiness Council of Indiana, Amcot, American Cotton Shippers Association, American Feed Industry Association, American Soybean Association, Commodity Markets Council, Grain and Feed Association of Illinois, Indiana Grain and Feed Association, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives, Kansas Cooperative Council, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Bean Shippers, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association, Montana Grain Elevators Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

National Corn Growers Association, National Cotton Council, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grain and Feed Association, National Milk Producers Federation, National Pork Producers Council, North American Export Grain Association, North Dakota Grain Dealers Association, Ohio Agribusiness Association, Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council, Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association, South Dakota Association of Cooperatives, South Dakota Grain & Feed Association, Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, United Egg Producers, USA Rice Federation.

IN HONOR OF SCOTT OBERG

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Oberg for his outstanding commitment and dedication of 29 years of service to law enforcement, specifically the California Highway Patrol, the community, and his service to the United States of America.

Scott Oberg began his law enforcement career as an officer when he joined the California Highway Patrol El Centro Area Office on May 23, 1985 after graduating from the academy. Soon after, Scott Oberg served as a Field Training Officer from 1988 until 2002; during this time he trained seventeen officers, served on the Critical Incident Investigations Team from 2009 until 2012, as Court Officer from 2011 to 2013, and currently serves as a Front Desk Officer.

Additionally, from 1992 to 1996, Scott Oberg served on the elite Imperial County Narcotics Task Force, where he participated in 24 undercover investigations and assisted in many seizures and arrests. Furthermore, Scott Oberg has an exemplary record of approximately 21,000 citations issued, 1,000,000 patrol miles, 12,000 motorist services, 900 collisions investigations, 425 DUI arrests and 95 felony arrests.

I applaud Scott Oberg for his distinguished service to California, the Imperial Valley community, and California's 51st Congressional District.

STATEMENT COMMEMORATING
MELROSE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the centennial celebration of Melrose, Wisconsin. Originally known as "Bristol," the village was first settled by Robert Douglas in 1839. Located in Jackson County, the village served as an important hub for the lumber industry during Wisconsin's early development. After the lumber boom, Melrose's mill and proximity to water helped support the development of the agricultural industry that is so abundant in southwest Wisconsin. In 1854, the village post office was established, and the community name was changed to Melrose. In 1913, the village of Melrose was incorporated.

With a population of 503 residents, Melrose is proud of its many close-knit community connections. The village boasts two wonderful

parks, including Recreation Park, where residents can come together to enjoy Wisconsin's great summers and play baseball, tennis, and volleyball, and "Tank" Park, where residents can enjoy various recreational activities while inspecting the park's World War 2 Era tank.

The beautiful wooded lands surrounding the village make it an excellent destination for outdoorsmen and women of all sorts. Melrose is a great place to explore the Black River, or to hike, bike, or snowmobile on one of its many recreational trails. The village also hosts a number of popular events, including the Melrose Corn Broil, which features locally-grown produce.

On July 5, 2014, Village President Tory Lockington, local elected leaders, and Melrose residents will come together to celebrate the village's centennial with a variety of events devoted to the village's diverse offerings, including a farmer's market, concerts, and various performances by local student groups. Today, I recognize Melrose's centennial and join in their celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF
THE WOLF CREEK BRIDGE TO
MICHAEL G. GIBBS

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the dedication of the Wolf Creek Bridge in Cocke County, Tennessee to Mr. Michael Gibbs.

The Wolf Creek Bridge is one of East Tennessee's infrastructural treasures. Located in Cocke County, Tennessee, the original bridge was completed in February 1928 for a meager cost of \$119,102. Having been through a series of repairs throughout its time, the Wolf Creek Bridge underwent its first major rehabilitation in April 2012 under the direction of the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Wolf Creek Bridge is now larger than it has ever been at 30.8 feet across with lanes widened to 12 feet and 3 foot shoulders on either side. Thanks to this rehabilitation, this bridge, which has been an integral part of the region since its induction in 1928, is now better than it has ever been before.

June 27, 2014 marked a new day in the history of the Wolf Creek Bridge, wherein the bridge was dedicated to one of the many soldiers from Tennessee that has given his life to the service of our nation and renamed Veterans Pass in Memory of Michael Gerald Gibbs. Michael G. Gibbs, a native of Del Rio, Tennessee, served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. On April 25, 1967 he made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and was among the first casualties from Cocke County, Tennessee. His name on the Wolf Creek Bridge marks a significant union between those who have served our nation on the front lines through the military and those that have provided the necessary infrastructure and community support to keep America strong at its core.

It is an honor to see the dedication of the Wolf Creek Bridge to the memory of Mr. Michael Gibbs, a true representation of the volunteer spirit.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PENN STATE COOPERATIVE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago, the Cooperative Extension was established by Congress as a nationwide transformational education system that would operate through Land-Grant universities. We acknowledge the good work of the Penn State Cooperative Extension in this anniversary year. This successful program advocates healthful lifestyle choices, community vitality and a safe and abundant food supply, while dedicated to protecting our natural resources. It engages rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, with topical classes available to children as well as adults, such as business, health, family, youth, food, animals, plants, pests and master gardener classes. Like all Cooperative Extensions, the Penn State Cooperative is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture, state and county government. We congratulate the Cooperative Extension and its dedicated staff on a century of outstanding service to the communities they serve and look forward to interesting and exciting programming through the 21st century.

HONORING SYLESTER FLOWERS,
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HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Sylester Flowers. Known as a hardworking and long-standing public health advocate, and a visionary in the field of pharmaceutical services, Mr. Flowers has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on June 21, 2014, we look to Sylester Flowers' legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 30, 1935 in High Point, North Carolina, Mr. Flowers grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Howard University in 1958 and moved to California after serving in the military. He worked as a pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco from 1961 to 1963 before opening his first retail pharmacy, The Apothecary, in East Oakland in 1964. He opened other pharmacies in working-class neighborhoods that grew into a successful chain, all while primarily serving underrepresented communities. In 1967, Mr. Flowers founded the Ramsell Corporation (Ramsell) as a holding company for his pharmacies. His business later flourished as he expanded into managing pharmaceutical services. In addition, he served as the Pharmacy Director for the San Francisco County Mental Health Department's methadone treatment program from 1971 to 1982, and also held teaching positions as an adjunct professor of pharmacy at the

University of the Pacific in Stockton and as an assistant clinical professor of pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy.

Headquartered in Oakland, Ramsell serves as the parent company to four healthcare-related businesses including Ramsell Public Health Rx, Ramsell Pharmacy Solutions, Ramsell Information Technology and Ramsell International. In 1997, Ramsell won a competitive bid to administer the State of California's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and the company operates similar programs in Oregon, Texas, Washington, Colorado and Delaware. Active in 14 states, Ramsell provides forty percent of HIV/AIDS medications nationally with a mission to ensure that underserved communities receive access to prescription drugs and quality health care services. Ramsell has expanded services to include drug administration program management, medication therapy management, patient assistance programs tools and re-entry solutions for Corrections. Mr. Flowers served as CEO and President of Ramsell until 2008, when he stepped down and his son Eric Flowers took the reins. He served as Chairman of the Board until his passing.

Throughout his prolific career, Mr. Flowers was also keenly committed to community leadership. With a strong passion for giving back to his community and finding solutions to bridging the gaps in care and treatment in marginalized populations, Mr. Flowers and his family established the Flowers Heritage Foundation in 2003 with an educational grant to Howard University. The Flowers Heritage Foundation became a non-profit organization in 2005 and is dedicated to working closely with community partners and stakeholders to achieve successful outcomes of the unmet needs in the healthcare system, which includes identifying and addressing disparities in HIV/AIDS care and prevention as well as other burgeoning health crises.

Mr. Flowers also earned myriad accolades, including recognition by the California State Senate and then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007, and receiving the California Pharmacy Hall of Fame Award in 2008 by the California Pharmacists Association. In 2009, Mr. Flowers received the Pinnacle Award from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation for his leadership on enhancing healthcare quality. Additionally, he was honored by Howard University and received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement for his accomplishments in business and public health service. In 2013, the Oakland African American Chamber of Commerce honored Ramsell with the Oscar J. Coffey Small Business Award for its vital contributions to improving the lives of Oakland and Alameda County residents.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and community leader, Mr. Sylester Flowers. His invaluable service to improving the lives of the underserved will live on in the endless legacy of his life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones, friends and colleagues he touched over the course of his incredible life. May his soul rest in peace.

WELCOMING PARISH CHOIR AND
CHORISTERS OF ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome the Parish Choir and Choristers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church to our nation's capital.

The choir, along with their Rector, The Rev. Darren R. S. Elin, and music director, Dr. Carlton Monroe, was one of a few Episcopal choirs invited to sing at the National Cathedral this summer, a very distinct honor.

I congratulate these men, women, and children on this special occasion, and I commend them for their service to their community and to God. We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated people in the Second Congressional District of Ohio.

Again, congratulations to the St. Thomas Church Choir on this well-deserved honor. I wish them the best of luck this weekend and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAL
BODZIANOWSKI

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michal Bodzianowski of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Michal, a sixth grader at STEM High and Academy, is an honorable winner of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education's Student Spaceflight Experiments Program.

Michal's project will explore the creation of beer in microgravity. The project was one of eleven student proposals that were selected to be aboard SpaceX-3 that launched from Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in December of 2013.

His innovative project is currently being executed at the International Space Station by astronauts who are closely following the direction of the young scientist himself. Simultaneously, Michal is conducting the same experiment on the ground to see what differences may arise. We are rooting for the success of Michal's experiment and are certain that it will have pivotal, lasting effects on the evolution of space research.

Michal serves as role model to young scientists. His early dedication and determination to study science and technology is a testament to the American dream and I am proud to represent him in Congress. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Michal Bodzianowski for his achievement of winning the "Student Spaceflight Experiments Program" and successfully launching his experiment into space.

HONORING HOUSTON JEWELRY

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Houston Jewelry, a Houston family-owned and operated business since 1866, which has specialized in diamonds and fine jewelry since 1953. A true "Texas Treasure," this jewelry store can trace its history all the way back to the family's general store on Main Street. The Donsky-Solomon family is now in its fifth generation of active management of the business.

The history of this family store mirrors that of Texas itself. What started out as a frontier general store in the young, burgeoning town of Houston, grew and matured to become one of "America's Best Couture Jewelers" and a multiple winner of the Better Business Bureau of Houston's Award for Excellence. Like the city of Houston, from humble beginnings, the store owned by the Donsky-Solomon family has now earned national and international recognition. From the sale of staple and fancy dry goods to fine jewelry through catalog and online sales, each generation has enhanced the business it inherited. Weathering storms, economic busts, and national depressions, Houston Jewelry has been a steadfast testament to the power of determination, innovation, and family bonds. Their contributions to Houston are unquestioned, and I wish them continued success.

FAREWELL REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR TATOUL MARKARIAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Ambassador Tatoul Markarian for his service as the Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States.

A distinguished diplomat, the Ambassador has a long career in public service, having represented the people of Armenia both at home and around the world. Prior to his current position, he served as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Special Representative of the President of Armenia for Nagorno Karabakh negotiations and as Ambassador to the Mexican States. Additionally, he served previously from 1994–1999 as the Deputy Chief of Mission for the Armenian Embassy in Washington.

Before entering the Armenian Foreign Service, Ambassador Markarian served in the newly-independent Armenia's legislative and executive branches.

I am proud of the work we have been able to accomplish together while Ambassador Markarian has been stationed in Washington for the last nine years. Together, we have fought together for Congressional Recognition of the Armenian Genocide, and foreign aid assistance to both the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Armenia. As the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I have had the honor of working

closely on these issues for more than twenty years.

Today, the U.S.-Armenian relationship remains critically important. Armenia has been a crucial ally in a strategic region of the world by extending robust support for the U.S.-led peacekeeping deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo. Additionally, they have cooperated with the United States on a broad range of regional and security challenges. This relationship has been stewarded and advanced by Ambassador Markarian during his time in Washington.

Ambassador Markarian has dedicated his life's work to our shared goals and the people of Armenia. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to him for his service here in the United States and offer both him and his family the best of luck as they move forward on to their next diplomatic posting.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF
LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA, AS A
PURPLE HEART CITY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on this, the eve of the anniversary of American Independence, it is fitting that we recognize not only the role of the founders in freedom's birthplace, Philadelphia, but that we salute those who have, ever since that declaration of freedom in 1776, fought in battle after battle and in war after war to secure our freedoms. On that day of days celebrating America's freedoms, like all days when freedom reigns, we should honor those who have so selflessly served and made such extraordinary personal sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, more than a year before independence was declared, General George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. His leadership was born of our War for Independence, and, to this day, General Washington remains a revered figure for the soldier in the field. And for so many reasons, the General still warmly resides in America's hearts and minds. Among our Nation's highest honors stands one enjoying almost universal recognition and holding a distinguished reverence by those both inside and outside the ranks of our dedicated military services. Its pedigree stretches back to the legendary commitment General Washington had made to his troops.

Above all, the Purple Heart symbolizes the sacrifice made freely for this country, given for each of us and for future generations. Here in our Nation's Capital on the office wall of West Virginia's Third Congressional District hangs one of my most cherished recognitions, a citation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America recognizing my service to the Order. Each year, I am honored to welcome West Virginia members of the Order to my office and to discuss with them issues of importance.

Many times I have had the high honor of presenting the Purple Heart to my fellow West Virginians. Without exception, they are as humble in accepting this award as they were meritorious in their actions for which it was granted. Here, Mr. Speaker, is found the true heart of the American character.

In the heart of the Appalachian Coalfields, in the heart of Logan County, West Virginia, its County Seat, the City of Logan, has been rightly proclaimed "A Purple Heart City." Through the decades and by the thousands, the men and women of this patriotic town and from throughout this county have freely enlisted their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to further the cause begun with the "shot heard 'round the World."

The Proclamation honors the service and sacrifice of those who have received a Purple Heart. Our service men and women and veterans, many of whom are honorably represented by Logan's Chapter 733 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, are revered by the citizens of the City of Logan and those in the County at large.

The great cost, the blood lost, will never have been in vain within these city limits. Mr. Speaker, the honor and respect paid to those in uniform and those now in the ranks of our veterans is supreme and as about as united as you are going to get in these United States of America.

As Logan Mayor Serafino J. Nolletti's Proclamation states, "the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the City of Logan who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens."

Nor, Mr. Speaker, does the service to our Nation end for the West Virginia veteran with his muster out pay. Not by any stretch of the imagination. Our veterans continue to contribute to their community through their faithful work in their churches and service within the many charitable organizations to which they belong. Their selfless work is the mortar that so securely binds our Republic together.

That most certainly includes the dedicated commitment of the officers of Chapter 733: Charles Baisden, Commander; Troy Varney, Senior Vice Commander; Charles Frye, Finance Officer; and Larry Thompson, Sergeant at Arms.

In creating the military honor that preceded today's Purple Heart, General Washington issued an order that closed with these words: "The road to glory in a patriot army and free country is thus open to all." Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, if the veterans and Purple Heart recipients in Logan, West Virginia, have any say in the matter, and I assure you they will, the road to glory will always be open to all in a free United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
REVEREND DR. SHELLIE SAMPSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 28, 2014, the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York & Vicinity led by President Reverend James D. Morrison paid tribute to late Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, who presided over the conference as president until his untimely passing, which occurred on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 20, 2014.

It is with great honor that I am able to say that Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson was a true disciple of the Lord and messenger of the

word. He combined the power of education with the power of divinity to manifest perfection and excellence. Dr. Sampson earned it the old fashion way, because he was led by God and destined to lead others. The Book of Proverbs, Chapter 16, Verse 9 states, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

Biblically literate and centered, Dr. Sampson brought down the walls of Jericho, and removed all the obstacles by raising and developing his leadership through ongoing training and learning at the highest level. Book of John, Chapter 13, Verses 13–17 also states, "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Reverend Dr. Sampson was guided by these teachings during his 30 years of pastoral service to Thessalonia Baptist Church and his devoted leadership to the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York and Vicinity. Therefore, it is our firm belief that the Creator sets a clear path for each of us to follow, and the path paved by Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, Jr. will allow so many to benefit from his commitments. Great men like our beloved husband, father, grandfather and Pastor are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments will be far remembered and everlasting and define him as a true patriot of an American Dream well lived.

I am including into the RECORD Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson's obituary which was read during his Going Home Services.

Shellie Sampson was born on December 15, 1940 in the central region of Newark, New Jersey. As the eldest of three children to the late Shellie Sampson and Lillian Brinson, he placed a high value on education and led a life characterized by profound spiritual insight, hard work, tenacity, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. While growing up in Newark, he took advantage of the opportunities before him and used his resources to become a man of distinction who would leave an enduring legacy.

Shellie Sampson graduated from Central High School with honors in science, history, music, and distance running. He went on to attend Rutgers University dual majoring in chemistry and natural science before earning a Bachelor's of Arts in natural science. He worked diligently even while being one of few Black Americans to attend Rutgers. During a time of tumultuousness and racial upheaval, he persevered in spite of discrimination from professors and hostility towards African Americans. Following his bachelor's degree, assured of the unquestionable spiritual call upon his life, he attended Drew University where he earned a Master's of Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry of Christian Education. At the same time that he was yielding to the spiritual call, there was an equally great intellectual fervor continuing to grow within him. He was accepted to New York University where he pursued Urban Studies and all coursework leading to a doctorate degree. After the program had been eliminated, he transferred to Temple University where he gained far beyond what he imagined. Choosing to start from the beginning of his doctorate, he was able to

study the latest research that would provide him with the tools he needed to produce his own original, cutting-work. Dr. Sampson gained mastery in areas beyond his particular discipline, integrating Urban Studies, Psychology, Black Studies, History, Sociology, and Education. In 2007, at 66 years old he had completed coursework for his third doctorate and earned a Ph.D. in Urban Education and Psychology. Within the University, some of the most highly esteemed scholars commented that they were astounded by the depth of his intellectual contributions to fields that were not his own. His departments began his dissertation as the model for all subsequent doctoral theses and asked him to provide a list of every title in his personal library at home. Based on his inquiries and insights, additional courses were added to the curriculum to further enhance the program. These accolades were in addition to seminars he attended at MIT and Princeton University.

Not only was Dr. Sampson a man of keen spiritual insight and intellectual prowess, but he had an unwavering commitment to his high school sweetheart. At age 15, he met Deloranzo Paschal at Central High School, and after looking up her academic records in the school office, he determined that she was the kind of woman that he wanted to date. For their first date, he took her to see the "The Ten Commandments," and was then certain that they shared a common vision and passion for God. As their love blossomed, he proposed to her and even waited while she pursued her dream of entering military service as Air Force personnel. In 1960, they were married in Bloomfield. They have six sons and three daughters. Dr. Sampson was a devoted father who worked tirelessly to provide his family with the best education, well-rounded extracurricular activities and diverse life experiences: Above all else, he taught them that God and education were the keys to success. Because of his ambitions and standards of excellence, his family now includes leaders in the following fields: educational leadership, pastoral visionary, law, counseling, civil service, music conducting, early childhood, elementary and higher education, public relations, veterinary medicine, public health, medical assistance, chemical engineering, cross cultural studies, computer engineering, fashion marketing, animal science, communications, media and music technology and performance.

The success that Dr. Sampson's family achieved is the result of the hand of God upon his life. It began when he accepted Christ in his heart while playing the organ as a teenager. At the risk of embarrassing his pastor, he was honest with himself and with God, responding to the altar call because he wanted to know God as his Lord and Savior. From that very moment, Dr. Sampson yielded to the Holy Spirit and began to center his life on his newfound spiritual identity from church activities, to vacation, to times of prayer with his family. He tenaciously pursued his purpose until January 20, 2014 when the Lord called him home.

He was blessed to have an impeccable academic record but also to have an impressive career as a chemist for Theobald Industries. He also worked as a microbiologist at Best Foods International and a Technological Supervisor in Packaging Engineering—Quality Control for Anheuser Busch. In most of his positions, he was one of few, if not the only African American working in the company. Although he frequently met with racial opposition, when he traded his career as a chemist for Anheuser Busch for the call of preparing people for God's Kingdom, the company was disappointed to see him go and promised him a job and benefits if he ever wanted to return. There was no question, as

for Dr. Sampson and his house, they would serve the Lord.

In the 1970s, Dr. Sampson was ordained and installed on the same day as Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. Despite the arduous schedule, he worked, attended school, and pastored with his whole heart. While pastoring at New Calvary, he was invited to apply to serve as the interim headmaster at Covent Avenue Science Academy. He assumed the position and the Lord would continue to open doors for him, connecting him with various leaders who would recognize his gifting and invite him into more extensive church networks. Dr. Sampson served as the president of both the Shiloh Baptist Association Congress of New Jersey, as well as the Northern Baptist School of Religion of Newark. He was a guest instructor for the Eastern Baptist Association College Seminary Extension; a guest lecturer at Drew University School of Theology, and Executive Director of the Baptist Education Center of New York. In addition, he traveled with the NYC Religious Education Academic Foreign Studies Tours, traveling to WCC Geneva, Switzerland, Gregorian University, Rome and Hebrew University, and Israel.

After pastoring from 1970 to 1982 at New Calvary Baptist Church, he was called to Thessalonian Baptist Church and installed as the twelfth pastor in May, 1982. Dr. Sampson came with a vision that continues to grow even unto this day. His vision included major projects such as, the erection of the Cultural Community Center, which today is a multi-million-dollar communal faculty. Upon completion, the Center housed the following: South Bronx Leadership High School, the TIR Bookstore, church offices, a banquet hall, amphitheater, chapel, lower gallery with additional office space and over a dozen classrooms. Dr. Sampson was a strategic thinker who anticipated the future. In laying the plans for the building, he placed the elevator and handicap ramp at the intersection of the church and the new construction in order to provide access for seniors and disabled visitors. Dr. Sampson's strategic leadership led him to establish the Thessalonian Institute of Religion and the Thessalonian Academy, an elementary school designed to ground students in the Gospel and provide a rigorous academic curriculum. To date, the Academy has had over 50 graduates and more than 100 students, many of whom have gone on to attend prestigious boarding schools, colleges, and universities. Other endeavors include several renovations to the church building, food pantry, senior programs, adult education programs, feeding and clothing of the needy, Boy Scouts, youth ministry, annual church retreats, and the enhancement to the name: Thessalonian Worship Center.

In addition, writing was the hallmark of Dr. Sampson's life. Not only could he often be found feverishly inscribing notes in a

pocket notebook, but he always carried a pen and was ready to record the things that God was revealing to him. His discipline to write transferred to his roles in ministry. He was Editor-in-Chief for the National Baptist Christian Education Handbook and he wrote materials for church leadership, such as *Effective Techniques in Abuse Ministry: Handbook for youth education, Superior Leadership in Challenging Situations* as well as training guides for various aspects of the ministry. He authored several books and publications, including *Revelation Now: Viewing the Tragedies and Triumphs of Believers, Building Faith Now and Achievement*. His publications extended beyond local venues and were disseminated to international audiences. He incorporated his own publishing company, Dorkeo Inc and his texts were distributed through a variety of formats including print, digital, audio, and visual.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson. Educator, Spiritual Leader, and a true American Hero.

IN HONOR OF DAVID R. GREEN

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David R. Green for his outstanding and invaluable service to the community, his service to the United States of America, and congratulate him on his retirement.

David R. Green began his healthcare administration services career in 1974. During his 40-year career he served as chief executive officer at seven Southern California hospitals and was an administrator of five different skilled nursing facilities. Additionally, David R. Green served on a number of healthcare boards, including but not limited to, the California Hospital Association Board and CHA Rural Hospitals Board.

During David R. Green's tenure at the El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC), which began in 2003, officials completed construction of a two-story, 60-bed addition consisting of a state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit. He also expanded the emergency department, surgical suites and outpatient services with the acquisition of the Oncology/Hematology of Imperial Valley clinic and the Imperial Valley Wound Healing Center, and the hospital's laboratory underwent an extensive renovation.

David R. Green has exhibited dedication to ECRMC's patients and staff and commitment

to expanding and improving healthcare services in Imperial County the last eleven years. I applaud David R. Green for his distinguished service to California, the Imperial Valley community, California's 51st Congressional District, and the nation.

H.R. 4870, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise an issue for consideration as we move towards conference on this bill. When we considered the NDAA several weeks ago, an amendment that I submitted with Mr. ROONEY of Florida was adopted by voice vote to ensure that TRICARE beneficiaries with developmental disabilities have access to behavioral health treatment, specifically a therapy known as applied behavior analysis, or ABA.

The provision streamlines access to care by moving coverage of ABA under TRICARE Basic, removing caps on coverage, ensuring access to providers, and allowing all children with developmental disabilities access to these services.

However, because of the obscure way that a small class of TRICARE beneficiaries' benefits are funded, additional appropriations language is needed to make sure these children get the care they deserve.

I had planned to offer an amendment that would just clarify that retirees and their dependents of the Coast Guard, Commissioned Corps of NOAA, and Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service Corps can have these specific ABA treatments made available by the NDAA, funded out of the Defense Health Program.

By doing this, we would fulfill the legislative intent captured in section 704 of the NDAA which ensures access to ABA in TRICARE and states that we intend to ensure appropriate and equitable access to such treatment for all TRICARE beneficiaries.

While I will not offer the amendment at this time, I would appreciate the opportunity to work with Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member VISCLOSKY as we go to conference to make sure that all TRICARE beneficiaries are able to access the care they need.

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 1:32:37 p.m., in pro forma session, and adjourned at 1:33:11 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 5017 was introduced. **Page H5826**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5826–27**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on July 2, 2014, as follows:

H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–508).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–509);

H.R. 3086, to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act (H. Rept. 113–510);

H.R. 3488, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–511, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4802, to improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–512);

H.R. 4803, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–513);

H.R. 4185, to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and

Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–514);

H.R. 4195, to amend chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the Federal Register Act), to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–515); and

H.R. 4812, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–516).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5825.

Senate Referrals: S. 2076 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services and S. 1799 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Education and the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
JULY 7, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Upon disposition of the nomination of Cheryl Ann Krause, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Monday, July 7

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 1 p.m.

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