Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal. The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed. The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015, introduced by my friend and colleague, Chairman BILL SHUSTER.

Enacted in 1972, the Clean Water Act established a Federal-State partnership to protect our Nation’s navigable waterways. The administration has maintained that the proposed Waters of the U.S. rule would have no impact on waters historically not under the Clean Water Act’s jurisdiction and is needed simply to provide legal clarity.

While I agree that the boundaries of the Clean Water Act need to be better defined in statute, this proposal provides no such clarity or certainty, creating far more problems than it can solve. Conversely, rather than clarifying the law, the rule would actually create more confusion about where the law stops.

Back in March, the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, which I chair, held its second hearing to review the proposed rule and its impact on rural America. The various witnesses spoke loud and clear that the rule would have far-reaching and unprecedented impacts on permitting costs and regulatory uncertainty for land use activities, such as agriculture and forestry.
With the significant challenges already before farmers, ranchers, foresters, and landowners, there is too much on the line to continue down the path of nonsensical overregulation. The Corps of Engineers and the EPA must withdraw this rule, and go back to the drawing board.

HOLD THE VOTE

(Mr. HECK of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, next week we will be out of session and back in our districts, and many of us will be visiting small businesses, appropriately because it is National Small Business Week. We should visit small businesses; we should, frankly, whenever we are home.

Meanwhile, only 25 legislative days remain before a tool used and cherished by America's small businesses disappears. Only 25 more legislative days before this business tool for small businesses vanishes altogether. Only 25 more legislative days, and the Export-Import Bank will shut its doors to our Nation's small businesses unless we hold the vote.

Mr. Speaker, hold the vote. Hold the vote today. Hold the vote if you champion America's small businesses succeeding in global competition. The votes are here. Mr. Speaker, hold the vote.

HELPING GRANITE STATE FISHERMEN

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of New Hampshire's most historically important enterprise: our fishing industry. For nearly 400 years, our fishermen have provided the Granite State with a steady source of resources and tools necessary to assist our fishing industry. For nearly 400 years, our fishermen have provided the Granite State with a steady source of jobs and revenue. Their passion and livelihood is woven into the fabric of New England's rich heritage.

Today our fishermen face a host of challenges, most of which are due to the heavy hand of government intervention and regulation. Our government must help—not hinder—our State's fishermen.

That is why this week I join my colleague, Congressman BILL KEATING, from Cape Cod, to introduce H.R. 2106, a bipartisan bill to redirect more than $100 million in existing funds to programs of crucial importance to our fisheries, our fishermen, and the region at large.

Granite State fishermen deserve the resources and tools necessary to assist with their jobs, cope with government mandates, and increase their ability to put food on the table for millions of Americans around the United States. This bipartisan legislation represents one step we can take to ensure this industry that is so important to the history of our State and our region and our country can last for another 400 years.

RECOGNIZING 2015 AS THE YEAR OF THE MILITARY DIVER

(Ms. GRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize 2015 as the Year of the Military Diver, to honor the hard work and sacrifice of divers from all of our Nation's service branches.

Within north Florida's Second Congressional District is Naval Support Activity Panama City, the home of military diving in the United States. Today, led by Commanding Officer Hung Cao, the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center at NSA PC is training the world's most advanced divers. I have seen firsthand how hard the men and women of our Armed Forces train at the diving center to keep our Nation safe, and today I would like to thank them for their service and officially recognize 2015 as the Year of the Military Diver.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the further consideration of H.R. 2028.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 223 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill. H.R. 2028.

Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, with Mr. Poe of Texas (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole House rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on an amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. LaMalfa) had been postponed, and the bill had been read through page 57, line 11.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. DUNCAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

Snc. For an additional amount for "Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Investigations", there is hereby appropriated, and the amount so provided by this Act for "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Departmental Administration" is hereby reduced by, $30,000.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 223, the gentleman from South Carolina and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina. Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, before I start, I just want to thank the gentleman from Idaho, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for all his exemplary work on this and allowing the open process to actually work. I know that my colleagues that have offered amendments appreciate the time that they have been able to do that, and I want to thank him for that.

Mr. Chair, I rise today to offer an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. This amendment takes dollars out of the purse in Washington, D.C., and puts it to work for the American people, helping ports and harbors like the Charleston Port in my home State of South Carolina do the important work necessary to begin the deepening of those harbors.

Last month, I had the pleasure of visiting the Panama Canal when I led a House delegation to the Summit of the Americas. The lock and dam system in that canal is being upgraded, and it was very interesting to see the work that they are doing there. Once that work is complete, larger ships will be able to come through the canal and deliver goods to and from Atlantic and Gulf ports along the eastern seaboard. This will be one of the key economic drivers in the 21st century.

If America is going to compete on the global stage, we need to be ready for this transformation. My amendment seeks to speed that readiness, helping to transform critical ports like Charleston's to the depth that will allow these bigger ships to navigate those harbors more often.

This amendment is about this House setting our government's spending priorities, just like every family does at home. We are rapidly approaching a $20 trillion debt, and we have a moral responsibility to use every tax dollar wisely.

I am grateful that my colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations were able to negotiate this amendment to
increase funding for vital infrastructure projects like the Port of Charlestown and pay for it by forcing bureaucratic agencies to operate more efficiently, I urge the passage of the amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting Chair. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting Chair. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 5 by Mr. ROTHFUS of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 10 by Mrs. BLACKBURN of Tennessee.

An amendment by Mr. MCLINTOCK of California.

An amendment by Mr. LAMALFA of California.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. ROTHFUS

The Acting Chair. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHSUF) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting Chair. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 232, noes 172, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 208]
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aye 159, noes 248, not voting 24, as follows:

AYES—159

NOES—248
Mr. TROT'\textsuperscript{T} changed his vote from "no" to "aye." So the amendment was agreed to.

Stated against:
Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Chair, I was unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 211 because I was answering a question on the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chair, on rollcall votes 208–211, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on each of those votes.

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The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. MCLINTOCK) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

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The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 228, noes 183, not voting 29, as follows:

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The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

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The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 239, noes 174, not voting 18, as follows:

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The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The vote of the result was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

MRS. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Chair, on roll-call No. 212, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA

The Acting CHAIR. The unanimous consent is in order.

Mr. CAPUANO of Massachusetts, for himself and others, offered the following amendment:

RECORDED VOTE

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were pages 228, noes 183, not voting 20, as follows:

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Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I have a mo-
tion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The
Mr. BERA. I am opposed in its cur-
rent form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The
Chair will report the motion to re-
mit.

The Clerk read as follows:
Mr. Bera moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2028 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

(1) “WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES”—Page 13, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by $15,000,000)”.
(2) “POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION”—Page 15, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by $30,000,000)”.
(3) “ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY RELIABILITY”—Page 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by $15,000,000)”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The
gentleman from California is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill. It will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage as amended.

Mr. Speaker, we are in the midst of the worst drought we have ever experienced in California, in my home State, and across the Western United States. This is the fourth year of unprecedented drought conditions. Two-thirds of California is in extreme or exceptional drought. Almost twice the area of Nevada is experiencing exceptional drought. This is critical.

When I go back to my district and talk to farmers, small-business owners, individuals, they are worried; they are worried about what the summer is going to bring. We are about to enter the driest part of the year.

I have got a picture here. This is the Sierra Nevadas, one of the most beautiful regions in our country. When my wife and I first moved to northern California, we would swim and save so we could go on vacation and go skiing up here—beautiful snow. In fact, the 1960 Winter Olympics were held up here.

But it is not a recreational area. What the Sierra Nevadas mean to California, this is our biggest reservoir of water. The snow falls in the winter, and in the springtime you get this melt-off. It fills our reservoirs; it nourishes our farms; it allows the fishermen to go fish the salmon in the Sacramento River. This is what a normal snowfall would look like.

But let’s fast-forward to where we are today. There is no snow. The snowpack just last month was 5 percent of normal—the worst conditions that we have ever seen.

This is dramatic. What that means is our reservoirs are going to be empty. That means the farmers in central California are going to struggle to feed their crops. California’s farms are the breadbasket not just of our Nation, but of the world; some of the most productive farms, incredibly important to our economy. But the water is not there. Now, what are we asking for? Not a lot. We face critical times here. These aren’t Republican or Democratic issues, because a farmer or consumer doesn’t look at drinking water or the water to nourish their crops as Democrats or Republicans. They are looking at their business, their livelihoods, their very existence. We are just asking for a small amount of emergency drought relief.

Now, in my own district, a large part of my population depends on drinking water from Folsom Lake. Do you want to see what Folsom Lake looked like 1 year ago? Dry. Dry to the bone. This should all be under water. We are not going to fill this reservoir because it depends on the snowmelt.

Now, these families are going to struggle. We are doing what we can to save water. We are doing what we can as consumers to better conserve. I know the farmers are stepping up to do what they can.

Are we not asking for a lot, though, here. My colleagues will talk about increasing surge capacity. Great. Let’s do that. But that is not going to relieve the impact of this summer. It is going to be devastating.

And it is not just my State. It is affecting Nevada. It is affecting Oregon. It is affecting Washington State. The funding that we are asking for is not just for California. All 50 States could ask for emergency drought relief to help their families, to help our economy. But the water is not there.

We have got to address this. The climate is changing. We have noticed now for 4 years we haven’t had that snow. More of it is coming down as rain, so more of it is coming down as rain. We have got to capture that rain. We certainly have to store it, and we have got to move that water to where we grow our foods.

But for this summer, in these emergency conditions, our families need relief. I am not asking for us to change the law; I am asking for a bit of relief for families that are struggling. In fact, this will help them. It will help them get through it. It will help any of the 50 States plan for emergency conditions like this.

In addition, we are asking for a brief bit of funding to help us beef up our cybersecurity for our electrical grid. We are vulnerable here. Can you imagine what would happen if those that want to harm us attacked our electrical grid?

We are not asking for a lot. We are not asking for anything that is unreasonable here. We are Americans. Let’s help each other. Let’s do what is right.
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Let’s amend the bill. Let’s pass it, and let’s provide relief for these families.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Idaho is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the remarks that the gentleman just made. It would have been helpful, if he was so concerned about the drought—which I am sure you are. I don’t mean to imply that you are not. But it would have been helpful if you would have actually voted for some of the amendments that might have addressed the problem, like the McClintock amendment that just passed that said you can’t take water and buy it and flush fish down the river when people need it.

The reality is this motion to recommit will not help with the drought conditions in California at all. There are only two things that will help relieve the drought: One of them is to control over. It comes from a higher power. It is called rain and snow. We can’t legislate that.

The second thing is that maybe we could start listening to some of the people who have been advocating to address this problem for several years.

Congressman NOES, Congressman CALVERT, Congressman VALADAO, Congressman MCCARTHY, Congressman MCCLINTOCK, Congressman LAMALFA. They have made real proposals that would require the operation of the complex California water system so that it considered the lives and jobs and families of people before it did fish.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment doesn’t do anything. It won’t help the drought conditions in California. We have already agreed to move the bill to the grid issue to control over. It try to make sure that we secure the grid so that it is not subject to attacks.

The other thing I would say is that this has been a balanced bill. We have got over 60 amendments we have considered from Members on both sides of the aisle. We have adopted many of them, and some of them have been rejected. It has been an open process. It has been the way Speaker BOEHNER has wanted the appropriations process to work so that all Members could work their will on their appropriations bills. I don’t need to go through the bill. What I would tell you is to reject this NFR and support the underlying bill. Be happy, smile, and enjoy next week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit. The yeas have 180, nays 235, not voting 16, as follows:

AYES—180

NOES—235

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.

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the traditional STEM fields. This is what my resolution accomplishes.

Art and design are key parts of the innovative process, and I urge all of my colleagues to keep this in mind as we consider education legislation. In classrooms and laboratories across the country, the innovative nature of art and design play an essential role in improving STEM education and advancing STEM research. In my home State, the Rhode Island School of Design continues to be a leader in this field, and I commend their efforts to unlock our full creative potential.

STEAM is a strategy for investing in job creation and ensuring that we have the best educated and creative college graduates on the planet. It is wonderful to see a growing interest in STEAM, and I hope we can turn this energy into policy changes this Congress.

HONORING THE HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE OIL PATCH OF TEXAS

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the hard-working men and women of the oil patches of west Texas. I have lived most of my life around those oil fields. I grew up in Odessa, Texas, where my dad was a roughneck. I have seen up close the hard work these good men and women do and the risks they face every day.

These individuals, from wildcatters to roustabouts and roughnecks and company men and women, have led the charge in the American energy revolution. Each has played an integral part in rewriting America's energy story and changing our Nation's course toward energy independence.

We have witnessed the impact of their labor and creative spirit on the innovative technological advances that have grown our economy, created jobs, and bolstered our national security. We depend on their exhaustive and dangerous work to power our homes, pave our roads, fill our cars, farm our lands, and everything in between that keeps this Nation running.

It is imperative that Congress support energy policies that are as adaptive and innovative as these hard-working men and women. Our policies must cut through bureaucratic red tape to encourage exploration here at home, reduce job-killing regulations, and repeal the antiquated crude oil export ban of a bygone era.

To that end, I am introducing H. Res. 243 that will pledge the House's support to these criteria. I hope my colleagues will join me in this show of support for a hard-working industry.

HONORING JANE PHIPPS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, in April 1985, Jane Phipps began her first job as a receptionist for the office of John Murtha at the age of 19.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Phipps for her 30 years of service to the United States House of Representatives. Jane Phipps has seen many historical and great Members move through the House of Congress here and has done a great job serving many Members honorably, but most of the time was spent working for Mr. Murtha for 23 years until he passed. After that, Jane continued her service with Congressman Mark Critz, and then she joined my office in 2013, which was my freshman year.

Jane is known in the office and around the House as someone who is very caring, very committed and passionate about her work, and she loves Maryland and knows so much about the history of the hometown where she is from. She has a great sense of humor and love of her family, including her father, who served honorably in World War II in the Marines.

I would like to take this moment to thank Jane Phipps for 30 years of service to the House and to personally thank her for all of her hard work for so many Members, including myself.

Our office has benefited greatly from her presence.

TOMORROW'S SOUTH DADE

(Mr. CURBELO of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CURBELO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the work being done to rejuvenate the South Dade neighborhoods in Florida's 26th Congressional District. Prepared and under the direction of residents and businesses, the plan entitled "Tomorrow's South Dade" is a community-driven effort to provide a vision for the future of the region over the next several decades.

South Dade has a rich history based in agriculture and military and is home to one of our country's great natural treasures, Everglades National Park. The leaders of Tomorrow's South Dade program have established nine committees to focus on different areas in which to strengthen the economy, including infrastructure, agriculture, and education.

I commend the bold leadership of Homestead Mayor Jeff Porter and Florida City Mayor Otis Wallace, and with the help of Bill Durquette of Homestead Hospital and Bob Epling of Community Bank of Florida, I am confident local government and businesses can work in unison for the betterment of our community.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to promote Tomorrow's South Dade and ensure future generations have a community they are proud to call home.

REMEMBERING ROCHELLE TATRAI RAY

(Mr. JOLLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest condolences and those of Florida's 13th Congressional District to the family and friends of Rochelle Tatrai Ray. No words can truly convey the loss that has been felt since Rochelle's most tragic passing.

Rochelle was the president and CEO of Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services and the agency for 12 years. She was responsible for managing the organization's 600 employees, working with 60 different programs, covering 32 counties of the State of Florida.

She worked tirelessly to help those with serious physical disabilities and impacted many families around the country as an advocate for children's mental health policies. She frequently spoke around the country to share her passion for the welfare of children.

Rochelle's life was tragically cut short in an abhorrent case of domestic violence last December. Rochelle was just 46 years old. I wish to honor the life of Rochelle, who is survived by her two daughters, Marisa and Selena; her parents, Louis and Gai Linn Tatrai; and her sisters, Dana and Gai Linn. Rochelle will be greatly missed, but her memory will live on through those she has touched and influenced throughout her life.

May God bless Rochelle Tatrai Ray; may God bless her family, and may God bless the family of Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNAIAl OF WILCOX, ARIZONA

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Willcox, Arizona, in my district, on their city's upcoming 100 years of incorporation on May 3.

Willcox is rich in history of the Southwest. Incorporated in 1915, the city was founded over 30 years earlier as a construction camp of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The railroad contributed greatly to Willcox's development as one of America's busiest ranching towns. In 1936, Willcox shipped more cattle directly from the range than any other shipping point in the U.S., and ranching is still an important part of that community today.

The city is the birthplace of Rex Allen, known as the Arizona Cowboy, and is home to the Headquarters Saloon, where the youngest of the fabled Earp brothers, Warren, was killed.

Today, the city lies at the heart of the region's blossoming wine industry, where three-quarters of all wine grapes produced in Arizona are grown.
Mr. Speaker, on this historic centennial, I congratulate the people of Wilcox on preserving this gem of the Old West and wish them many years of future success.

WE NEED TO DO MORE TO BUILD THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE WEST

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week, we made some important strides on water in the West, especially in the time of drought we have in California. We need to do much more to build the kind of supply that is necessary to get out of the drought. Unfortunately, the bureaucracy doesn't warrant that with slow permit process or even some of the things we had to battle this week. We need to be proactive, not just take the initiative to graduate School of Education to receive her master's degree in human development and psychology.

In honor of Maurissa's courage and Dr. Grudberg's inspiration, I invite my colleagues to join the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth and cosponsor the bipartisan resolution in recognition of National Foster Care Month.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUILLERMO OCHOA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENHAM) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader. Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved leader in the Ceres community, former Ceres City Councilmember Guillermo Ochoa. The beloved father, son, son-in-law, brother, and uncle died at the age of 54 on Monday, March 2.

Guillermo was born on August 29, 1960. He immigrated to Ceres, California, from Mexico when he was 9 and became an American citizen. He attended school in Ceres at Caswell Elementary School, Mae Hensley Junior High School, and Ceres High School.

After graduating from Ceres High in 1979, Guillermo attended Modesto Junior College and transferred to St. Mary's College of California. He earned a BS in business administration and economics from St. Mary's in 1984. Over the course of 17 years, Guillermo was employed in an administrative capacity for several employers, including Campbell's Soup, Diamond of California, Yellow Roadway, and ConAgra Foods.

Guillermo became a dedicated public servant in 2005, when he was appointed to the Ceres City Council. He ran for a seat on the city council 2 years later and won, making him the first Latino immigrant to be elected city councilmember in Ceres.

“Working and succeeding together” was a slogan Guillermo lived by. He demonstrated his dedication to community service through the many committees, boards, and organizations he was a member of.

The list includes the Ceres Chamber of Commerce, the Society for Human Resources Management, the StanCOC Policy Board, the Tuolumne River Regional Park committee, the Mello-Roos Community school, the City-School Committees, the Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children Committee, the Howard Stevenson Memorial Committee, the Daniel Whitmore House Preservation Committee, and the Latino Community Roundtable. He also served as president and vice president of the Hispanic Leadership Council during various periods of his life.

He was a true servant to the public and a strong community leader. He motivated Ceres students to actively learn, working diligently with a Modesto group of students in an HLC organization called Hispanic Youth Leadership Council. The council has had a lasting impact on the educational success of students in both communities.

Although he was not reelected again in 2011, a few years later, he achieved his true dream of opening his own business, Garcia's Market, a new grocery store in Empire, California. To this day, Garcia's Market remains a vibrant testament to the economic vitality of the American free enterprise system.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Guillermo Ochoa, who display consistent dedication to public service. He remained active in the community even after he was unseated from the city council.

Guillermo was once asked what sets him apart. His response was: “My business and professional experience, as well as being a product of two diverse cultures, which helps me understand the issues that face our community as a whole.”

Guillermo has set a loving standard of humanity for us all to remember him by. Guillermo leaves behind his wife, Martha Ochoa; a daughter, Kimberly Ochoa; and a son, Christian Ochoa—each of them from Ceres, California.

Also from Ceres, he leaves behind his father, Guillermo Ochoa, Sr.; mother, Maria Ochoa; sister, Luz Ochoa; nephew, Alexis Ochoa; sister, Diana Ochoa; brother-in-law, Rosendo Ruiz; nieces, Kassandra Ruiz and Clarissa Ruiz; and nephew, Angel Ruiz.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing such very, very good friends for his unwavering leadership and many accomplishments and contributions to our community.

He had a genuine love for the people and community he worked so hard to help. We will have a long memory of him.

I now yield to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY).

SYRIAN ATROCITIES

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my concern for the people of Syria, many of whom have been silenced by a cruel and oppressive dictator.

This very moment, 5,500 miles from this Chamber, in the country of Syria, innocent people are living under a regime bent on crushing freedom.

I met recently with a group of Syrian Americans in Charleston, West Virginia, my congressional district. Many of them have family members and loved ones in Syria. The stories I heard were alarming.

Syrian dictator Bashir al-Assad is waging an all-out war against his own
people, with one goal in mind, to mus-
ple any voice that speaks out in opposi-
tion to his regime.

People are suffering. Four out of five
Syrians live in poverty. More than
200,000 people have been killed; 1 mil-
ion have been wounded, and more than
3 million Syrians have fled the coun-
try.

Assad has shown that he will use any
means necessary to maintain his dicta-
torship. He has rained down chemical
weapons from the sky onto neighbor-
hoods. He has dropped cluster bombs and
barrel bombs into residential build-
ings occupied by women and chil-
dren.

He has placed entire communities under
siege, starving peaceful residents into
submission. He has even bombed hospitals full of people recovering from
his attacks.

I would now like to share a few sto-
ries that I have heard from my con-
stituents, with whom I met just this
previous Monday.

First, Dana Ashbani has family that
lives in Syria. Several of her cousins
were brutally killed by the Assad re-
gime.

One summer night, in 2013, gunfire
rang out in the streets of the neigh-
borhood in which Dana’s cousin lived.
Fearing for her life, she grabbed her
husband and her three young children
and rushed toward a nearby basement
for safety; but they were met by
Assad’s thugs and mercilessly gunned
down, their bodies mutilated beyond
recognition.

Dr. Rhgada Sahloul is an endocrinolo-
ist in Charleston. Her sis-
ter Dalia lives in Syria with her hus-
band and their two children, Shahed
and Omar, aged 7 and 11. Their town
fell under siege by the Assad military in
2013.

The residents are running low on
food and are surviving on a diet of dry
noodles and, if they are lucky, vegeta-
bles that they grow on their rooftops
and balconies. Without electricity,
they have stripped their streets bare of
trees to keep themselves warm on cold
nights. No one even wants to think
about next winter.

Recently, a foreign humanitarian or-
ganization dropped relief materials for
the town, and Dalia’s husband set up a
marketplace in his home to facilitate
the bartering of goods, but it didn’t
last long. The Assad regime bombed
their home, destroying their little mar-
et and killing three people.

Dr. Khaled was an orthopedic sur-
gen in Aleppo before the conflict in
Syria began, but he was forced to flee
to Idlib, as he was targeted by the gov-
ernment. In Idlib, he worked in several
field hospitals and witnessed numerous
aerial attacks.

One of these attacks occurred on a
new orthopedic center on the day of its
opening in March 2013. The missile
struck the hospital, killing one pa-
tient, wounding several people, and forc-
ing the facility to shut down.

In June 2012, government forces en-
tered Douma, a suburb of Damascus,
and ordered everyone out of their
apartments. Citizens were lined up and
told to face the wall.

Matteesem, an 11-month-old baby at
the time, was held by his mother, with
her father and 10-year-old sister Fatima
by her side. Fatima asked the soldiers
to spare the life of her brother, of-
ferring $2, all the money she had in her
ocket. The soldiers shot anyway.

As Fatima’s father was shot, he fell
onto Fatima, protecting her from the
bullets. One bullet went through her
brother’s arm. In a family of 25, only four
survived.

These are just a few of the stories
that I have heard, but they should be a
call to action.

The Commander in Chief of our pow-
erful military, President Obama, ap-
propriately recognized the severity of
the situation in Syria, drawing a red
line at chemical weapons; but Assad
crossed that red line repeatedly, with
impunity, and the President has failed
to rise to the challenge. Accord-
ing to press reports, Assad’s regime
launched another chemical weapon on
the Syrian people just this past week.

We need leadership from the Presi-
dent in the face of grave human rights
violations in Syria with no red lines and
empty threats. President Obama is
not providing that leadership, and peo-
ple in Syria are suffering because of it.

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I yield
back the balance of my time.

SUPREME COURT NEWS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under
the Speaker’s announced policy of Jan-
uary 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the
gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOMMERY)
for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOMMERT. Mr. Speaker, this
has been an interesting week, with all
the activity here on the Hill. The
Prime Minister of Japan came and spoke.
There has been a lot of activity across
the street at the Supreme Court. It was
rather interesting.

If you look at the history of the
Supreme Court, until 1810 or thereabouts,
the Supreme Court did not have a
courtroom here in the Capital—or any-
where, really—and they often had to
borrow a room from the House and
Senate in order to have oral argu-
ments.

They were thrilill on the Supreme
Court in 1810 when the Senate Cham-
ber on the second floor was open, what is
now referred to as the Old Senate Cham-
ber. The Senate moved up to that
Chamber just straight down the hall
out here, and the Old Senate Chamber
downstairs was converted into a Su-
preme Court courtroom.

The Justices were thrilled. They were
thrilled that they finally had their own
nicer courtroom. Now, it is not much
more than a museum room. People can
touch that room. There were some im-
portant decisions that were considered
down there, some very poor decisions
that were made in that room and some
very good decisions that were made in
that room.

One of them involved the Spanish
ship the Amistad. It was a great movie.
A guy who grew up in Longview, Texas,
in our district, Matthew McConaughey,
played the trial lawyer in the case.

Anthony Hopkins did a great job
playing John Quincy Adams, and I
commend that movie to anyone that
cares to see it. I don’t think as many
people saw it as have seen McConaughey’s other movies. He didn’t
take off his shirt in this one.

The basic story can be found in the
likes of history books.—unfortunately,
not many that you can find in any
school in America these days. But it
was a very important case in estab-
lishing propriety in America.

There was a group of Africans who
were captured by other Africans, taken
to the coast of Africa, sold into slav-
ery, put in chains, sailed across the sea
to the Atlantic, to the Caribbean.
There, this particular group of Africans
was put on a Spanish ship called the
Amistad.

After they sailed, the Africans were
able to get free, take over control of
the ship. They didn’t know anything
about sailing a ship like that and ended
up landing in the United States, on the
United States coast.

Immediately, the Spaniards began
proclaiming that the Africans were
their property. They were slaves. They
were their property, as was the ship,
and they wanted to take their ship.
What they said were slaves, or were ac-
tually Africans, should have been free,
but they wanted to go and leave with
them. So there was a lawsuit.

It took a while to find someone who
could speak the Africans’ native
tongue. Their version was a little dif-
ficult. They were free Africans, and
that is what they wanted to be. They
are not anybody’s property. But fellow
Africans had sold them into slavery,
and they just wanted to be free like
they started.

So the lawsuit went on. There were
a couple of trials, some apparent im-
proprieties in the process, but it made its
way to the Supreme Court in the 1830s.

By that time, John Quincy Adams
had become the first son of a former
President to be President. Someone
told me it has happened since then,
but he was the first son of a
former President to be elected Presi-
dent. He had argued cases before the
Supreme Court before, including just 2
or 3 months before he got elected Presi-
dent. In 1828, he was defeated, so he
never got a second term.

Two years after that, he did, for a
President, what was fairly unthink-
able. He ran for the House of Rep-
resentatives. No President has ever run
for the House before. I met him and
John Quincy Adams. But he had an abiding
sense that he had a calling, like William Wil-
berforce in England, with whom he had
corresponded, that like Wilberforce was doing in England, trying to fight to bring an end to slavery there and all the injustice that came with it, he had a calling to do that in America.

So he ran for the House of Represent-ative's seat, and he was elected nine times between 1830 and 1848. The little plaque where his desk was, just down the hall in the old House Chamber, says, 1831–1848. He had a massive stroke in 1848. But, over the course of his time in the House, he repeatedly filed bills to end slavery, to free specific slaves, and, at times, he made the Rules Committee furious because of the number of bills he filed.

When he was recognized, in essence, he would give a hellfire brimstone sermon about the evils of slavery and how could we expect God to bless America when we were treating brothers and sisters the way slaves were treated.

Well, he never got a win on any of his votes to end slavery, but in the 1830s, after a case made its way to the Supreme Court, he was eventually convinced to take over the case, to argue it before the Supreme Court. He had originally been reluctant, but decided that was something he should do, and in early twenties—where is he? He had passed away.

And he went on naming the names of Justices who had been on the Supreme Court and died, and then came around and he said: Even the Justice that started this case, where is he? He is not with us in this day. Then he went on naming all those that had passed away. Then he called every one of their names.

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He said: "The solicitor general that last argued a case against me before this Court—this was back in the early twenties—where is he? He had passed away."

That was an argument before the Supreme Court. Like I said, that is not verbatim, but the question that he asked was so critical about their lives was that he went on and on, not as long as he could, but over 1 day and another, and of course they broke for lunch in the evenings. But before the oral arguments ended, one of the Justices died, so that meant that the Supreme Court was dead. But the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Now, he didn't go the extra step and insult the Justices by saying: Are you going to hear it if you die tonight? But the implication was very clear. And fortunately, not just for the Africans, but for people of conscience back in the day, the Supreme Court made a good decision, unlike what they did in the Dred Scott case, making an abysmal decision. But that was also heard and decided while the Supreme Court met in that same room that tourists—it is not as easy to go on the tour as it used to be throughout the Capitol, but you can see that courtroom where that occurred.

The Supreme Court did the right thing. They decided the free Africans—Africans—a good decision—that they were not anyone's property, that they did not have to leave in shackles. They were free Africans. They were free people. This actually goes right back to the Declaration of Independence, and the Founders believed that the government should not interfere with religion and religious beliefs, but he thought it would be perfectly fine for religion to interfere in government, and had no problem. He even brought the Marine Band just down the hall to play hymns on many occasions on Sundays. For many years, it was the largest Christian church in Washington, D.C. Right down the hall, in the U.S. Capitol, in the House of Representatives, is where they met.

James Madison, who gets so much credit in accumulating the provisions of the Constitution, he should know that the Constitution meant in the First Amendment that was to come. He saw no problem with coming to church in the U.S. Capitol each Sunday while he was President.

Congressional Research Service, when I inquired, they indicated that usually when Jefferson came to church here in the Capitol each Sunday, he would normally ride his horse. Madison, when he came to church each Sunday here in the Capitol, he would normally come up here in a horse-drawn carriage.

But that is part of our history. There was no way that any of those Founders were ever going to try to interfere with the religious beliefs of, especially, Christians in America. That would have been unfathomable to them.
So in 1860, the Supreme Court moved up from the floor below to the beautiful old Senate Chamber, as it is called now, but it was actually the Supreme Court chamber from 1860 to 1935. I think it was in 1931 the current Supreme Court building was built because before that, the Supreme Court got hand-me-downs for most everything. And, of course, after a decision like Dred Scott, they probably deserved nothing but hand-me-downs.

But one of the flaws in our Supreme Court justice system that only exists for the Supreme Court of the United States—no other court in the land has this problem—they have no one to whom anybody in America using the court system can appeal on ethical issues. Congress can impeach after the fact, if it so chooses, but that is done immediately. But, for example, if someone made a motion to recuse me as a judge, then I could hear it. But then that could be appealed to another judge, and there were methods of appeal.

But if you believe that a judge, or a Justice, in the Supreme Court’s case, making their views very clear that they have very strong feelings for same-sex marriage, why do they believe it is perfectly appropriate before the case comes before them, and yet they decide, I am not doing anything unethical, should stay on the Court—because they have come so far from those days when they didn’t even have a courtroom for about 21 years to where they now have a lovely palace—there is no one else that they allow an appeal to. They could set up a panel to make decisions about ethical issues.

But when you, as a Court, began replacing God with your own decisions, when you began to replace the laws of human nature with what you think the laws should be, then naturally, you are not going to set up a panel that second-guesses your decision on ethics because you are the be-all and end-all for such decisions.

So it grieves me very much for our Court system to have Justices who have made their positions very clear, sit on a case as if they hadn’t decide a similar case before, and say, this is justice in America.

We have badly regressed. The days of humility for some Justices are gone. There was a time when Justices had such a sense of humility that they thought this was a palace they should not be in. Those days are gone. There was a time when Justices could be embarrassed about such a horrendous decision, like Dred Scott. I fear those days are gone as well.

But they will make a decision, and they will decide either—I hope they decide that this is a decision for each State, that since the Constitution does not speak to the issue of marriage and the 10th Amendment makes very clear any power not specifically enumerated is reserved to the States and the people, that they will ensure that they are not the arbiters of morality in America any longer, at least not on this issue; that they will decide that they are not going to go so far as to condemn people who believe firmly in the teachings of the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, people who believe in the Commandments, that the man depicted as the Lord—above these doors, the man who was considered the greatest lawyer of all time when this was decorated in this way, Moses—that is the same Moses that, if you go into the Supreme Court and you are looking at the Supreme Court, and you are seeing them struggling to become God in their decisions about religion, if you look up at the marble wall above you, to the right, you will see Moses depicted, holding the Ten Commandments and looking down.

They will decide whether they are going to inject themselves and tell people what the Pilgrims heard in Europe, what Christians heard around the world who came to America so they would not be persecuted as Christians. They will tell America very clearly: We don’t care what your religious views are. This Supreme Court is going to decide that we are going to prohibit the free exercise of religion because we are more important, and our views are more important than the clear language of the First Amendment when it says that the government will not prohibit the free exercise of religion.

I hope we will fight the battle and pray that the Supreme Court has a time of humility, their hearts are touched to the point that they will not decide that the Pope is an idiot, that they, as the popes of America, know what is best for the people, more than any religious leader in the country, that they will substitute their judgment for those of the Bible.

It is kind of hard to get around Romans I, if you really believe the New Testament. Nonetheless, that decision is coming.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly hopeful that Americans will realize the seriousness of this decision and the ultimate breakdown that it will be. And I hope we don’t degenerate in this country into more violence.

But we see what happens around this country when we get God—we don’t even want God mentioned anywhere, even though, for this country’s history, the Bible has been the most quoted book ever in our government’s history. So when I am talking like this on the floor, we usually get calls from people that are going berserk, how dare him mention God.

Just in the last week or two, I have quoted from Abraham Lincoln, who wrote an official United States Government proclamation, begging, imploring the people to have a time of prayer, humility, and fasting. And in the proclamation, he makes clear that the problem at that point, as slavery was a huge problem, the Civil War was ongoing at the time of this proclamation. But he knew those were symptoms of what happens when you turn from the religious morality of the Bible. And he said, We have forgotten God.

I hope the Supreme Court will not, once again, inject themselves as gods but that they will observe the true meaning of the First Amendment.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

THE COURAGEOUS LADY FROM BALTIMORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH) for 30 minutes.
Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, within the last hour or so, there was a decision by the Baltimore City State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby in the investigation of the death of Freddie Gray, a Black man who died under questionable circumstances; circumstances that kind of makes you wonder where the truth lies; circumstances that cause young people and others to take to the streets across this Nation; circumstances that brought into a sharp, bright light the question of justice in America, the question of mayhem in America, the question of poverty in America, and the question of bias in America.

Freddie Gray’s murder, Freddie Gray’s death, and the questionable circumstances around his death brought into sharp relief all of these issues of race and living in an urban center—brought into sharp relief, Mr. Speaker, 50 years or more of abject, determined, and callous disinvestment in our urban areas, 50 years or more of joblessness, bad schools, bad housing, bad health care, and 50 years of hopelessness.

In the last few minutes, Mr. Speaker, this brilliant, young, African American woman, Marilyn Mosby, Attorney Mosby, made a decision; and she decided that, yes, notwithstanding all the differences of opinion, the changed stories, the moving target, notwithstanding all of these things that happened, she decided that Freddie Gray was murdered—Freddie Gray was murdered—and that she would indict the police officers who were responsible.

By indicting the Baltimore City police officers who were responsible for Mr. Gray’s murder, she made a giant, enormous step for justice for young people, young African American men and women, young people who live in our urban areas.

By this decision today, just a few moments ago, she has done this Nation an invaluable service, especially for young people, especially for the African American and other minority youth. These young people have, for decades now, sought and yearned for justice as it relates to police misconduct, police brutality, and, yes, police murder.

This new standard for justice is a standard that now transcends Baltimore and transcends even the entire State of Maryland. It transcends and it reaches to other points all across this Nation—Ferguson, New York City, Chicago, Cleveland, and other places all throughout this country.

Mr. Speaker, as an African American man who represents the South Side of the city of Chicago, I know firsthand about police misconduct, police mayhem, and police murder.

I must say, Mr. Speaker, that, in my 68 years living mostly in the city of Chicago, I have never seen the wheels of justice move so profoundly, so speedily, and so purposefully as I have witnessed with Baltimore City State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby’s actions.

She has raised all kinds of standards. She has captured the imagination of all of us who fight for justice, who want to see justice delivered in the true American way, and who want to see an end to all the machinations, excuses, turning away, and closing our eyes to police misconduct in our urban areas.

This wonderful, courageous, young city State’s attorney has raised the standard for prosecutors all across our great Nation. She has raised the standards for mayors, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officials. She has raised the standard for even those who are in this body. Open your minds, open your eyes, and see the truth.

Let me just say right now, Mr. Speaker, that the police officers of this Nation, the overwhelming majority of them, are good, hard-working defenders of the community. They are not lawbreakers. They are there to serve and protect.

We honor them, and we lift them up; but there are a few who think that they can get away with all kinds of illegal actions just because they can get away with it because the system has a tendency and a habit of rising to protect even those who violate not only the laws of this Nation, but the spirit of the laws of this Nation, these laws that keep this Nation together, these laws that make us have an identity as one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

These police officers, this minority of those on the urban police forces across this Nation, these are the ones that abrogate the Constitution, short-circuit our Constitution, short-circuit our quest for justice, our appeal for justice, our right for justice, and short-circuit those just for their thrill of the moment.

Can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, being handcuffed and leg-cuffed, laying down facedown in the back of a paddy wagon dondeath driving recklessly, determined by those police officers who were driving, who had him in custody, to maim, harm, and brutalize him, different speeds driven by the driver of that van, tossed about because of sudden stops?

You are in the back of a paddy wagon, handcuffed and leg-cuffed, and these police officers are getting a thrill out of tossing you around in a steel-encased paddy wagon, not caring about the broken parts of your body that might occur, not caring about whether you really live or die, not even caring about their oath that they were sworn to when they were hired and when they took that oath to serve and protect.

All those things became secondary to their thrill of seeing how much havoc and harm they could cause to this Black man in Baltimore. Yeah, they thought they would get away with it, that no one would even think to question their decisions, their thrill-seeking, their misconduct.

Thank God there is a woman in Baltimore who said to them, to all the police officers who are like minded such as them, said to this Nation: No more. No more, not this time. You are going to be indicted, and you are going to be charged, and that is the way it is.

Grieving mothers, Mr. Gray’s mother, his father, his relatives, his loved ones, his friends, and his neighbors can all now say that there will be justice for Freddie Gray. I said, in Chicago, there will be justice for Freddie Gray. From this Nation’s borders, young people are rejoicing now. The day is soon to be justice for Freddie Gray.

Ms. Mosby’s actions, her courage, her dedication, her commitment, and her decisiveness have spoken to the idea that is creating this movement for justice all across this Nation.

She has very clearly and profoundly and without hesitation spoken to all of us, to this Nation. Her actions have shouted out that Black lives do matter, that Black lives do matter, that all lives in America matter, and that Black lives matter also.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lewis (at the request of Ms. Pelosi) for today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o’clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

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

1348. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.


1351. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2014...
Medical Device User Fee Financial Report required by the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1351. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Communications Reliability Standards (Docket No. FERC No. 2014-146; Order No. 718) received April 30, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1353. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter and Access to Australia, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, Pub. L. 94-329, as amended, Transmittal No.: 15-26; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1354. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Acceptance to Australia, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, Pub. L. 94-329, as amended, Transmittal No.: 15-27; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.


1356. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report certifying that the export of the listed items to two different end users in the People’s Republic of China is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, pursuant to Sec. 1512 of the Harmmond National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261), as amended by Sec. 146 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), and the President’s September 29, 2009, delegation of authority (74 Fed. Reg. 50,913 (Oct. 2, 2009)); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1357. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report stating the addition of certain persons to the Entity List [Docket No.: 10513286-5266-01 (RIN: 0960-AG58) received April 30, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.


1360. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to Congress within sixty days in accordance with the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1361. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 14-129; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1362. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 14-148; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1363. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report required by Sec. 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and Sec. 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13114 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1364. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report pursuant to Sec. 804 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13531 of July 31, 2009, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1365. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission’s FY 2014 annual report, pursuant to Sec. 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-197; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1366. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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1369. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting three reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1370. A letter from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1371. A letter from the Counsel to the Clerk, Court of Appeals, transmitting an official report of the Clerk of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, United States v. White, No. 14-7031, 2015 WL 1516385 (10th Cir. Apr. 6, 2015); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1372. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2075; (H. Doc. No. 114—32); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

1373. A letter from the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2072; (H. Doc. No. 114—33); to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

1374. A letter from the Chief Impact Analyst, Regulation Policy Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitts interim final rule — Driving Distance Eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program (RIN: 2900-AF24) received April 27, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

1375. A letter from the Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, transmitting the proceedings of the 115th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 20-23, 2014; (H. Doc. No. 114—41); to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and ordered to be printed.


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:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 1890. A bill to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-100, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 2195. A bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-101). 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 Committees on Rules and the Budget discharged from further consideration, H.R. 1890 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 2536. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to eliminate exceptions to the limitations
imposed on the authority of the Secretary of the Army to take certain actions in connection with the transfer of AH-64 Apache helicopters from the Army National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. GOUDY):

H.R. 2196. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increased length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CARDEÑAS, and Mr. GOWDY):

H.R. 2197. A bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead healthy, safe, and law-abiding lives; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. JONES, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 2198. A bill to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCaul, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. CARTER of Texas):

H.R. 2199. A bill to require the Department of Homeland Security to improve discipline, accountability, and transparency in acquisition program management; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. MCCaul, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MEGHAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 2200. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Domestic Security Grant Program, to require the Department of Homeland Security to establish a National Domestic Security Grant Program, to require recipients of grants to comply with specified requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. DELANEY:

H.R. 2201. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to establish a committee of the National Security Council on hostage recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, and in the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Select), 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.

By Mr. DELANEY (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Mr. POLITI):

H.R. 2202. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. ADAMS):

H.R. 2203. A bill to remove the Kosovo Liberation Army from treatment as a terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. McGOVERN:

H.R. 2204. A bill to clarify the authority of States and other entities to regulate liquefied petroleum gas rail tank cars and railroad tank facilities that are owned or operated by or on behalf of a railroad carrier; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NEUGEBAUER (for himself and Mr. CANNERY):

H.R. 2205. A bill to protect financial information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, and 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.

By Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. McCaul, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 2206. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California (for herself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. CARTER of Texas):

H.R. 2207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the dollar limitation on contributions to flexible spending accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 2208. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MESSER (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SVANES, Mr. HOLTGEN, Mrs. CAROLYN MALONEY of New York, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. NEUGEBAUER):

H.R. 2209. A bill to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2a liquid asset, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. DELANEY:

H.R. 2210. A bill to amend the Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LALCE:

H.R. 2211. A bill to amend the Interstate Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 with respect to high priority corridors on the National Highway System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2212. A bill to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PEARCE (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN):

H.R. 2213. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in rural areas; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BRUSTEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

H.R. 2214. A bill to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STEWART (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. LUCCHINS, and Mr. AMODEI):

H.R. 2215. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to broaden an exemption to the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of that Act for certain seafood harvesters in coastal waters and forests; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Pennsylvania, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FARR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HIMES, Ms. KIRK of Illinois, Mr. LARKIN of New York, Mr. LUCINI of Nevada, Mr. LUMMIS, and Mr. AMODEI):

H.R. 2216. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in rural areas; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BROWN of Pennsylvania, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FARR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HIMES, Ms. KIRK of Illinois, Mr. LARKIN of New York, Mr. LUCINI of Nevada, Mr. LUMMIS, and Mr. AMODEI):

H.R. 2218. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in coastal waters and forests; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Mr. ROCKABILLY, and Mr. ROSEN):

H.R. 2219. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to add an additional condition to the safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in rural areas; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mrs. WALORSKI:

H.R. 2220. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to add an additional condition to the safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in coastal waters and forests; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Mr. ROCKABILLY, and Mr. ROSEN):

H.R. 2221. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to add an additional condition to the safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in coastal waters and forests; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 2222. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to add an additional condition to the safe harbor from the enforcement of integrated disclosure requirements for mortgage loan transactions under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 and the Truth in Lending Act for small business borrowers in rural areas; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROCKABILLY (for himself and Mrs. MILLER):

H.R. 2223. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 to clarify the coordination of cross-border bank supervision for financial institutions to improve the efficiency of regulatory oversight and to protect the interests of depositors, creditors, and other stakeholders; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROCKABILLY (for himself and Mr. BERA):

H.R. 2224. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 to clarify the coordination of cross-border bank supervision for financial institutions to improve the efficiency of regulatory oversight and to protect the interests of depositors, creditors, and other stakeholders; to the Committee on Financial Services.
Hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, employment compensation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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H. Res. 245. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the White House should strive to showcase domestic efforts to improve health care and promote access to affordable health care for all Americans.

H. Res. 249. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Education and the Workforce should support efforts to improve the quality of education and reduce the cost of higher education.

H. Res. 250. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Energy and Commerce should support efforts to promote clean energy and reduce the cost of energy for consumers.

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H. Res. 292. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure should support efforts to improve transportation infrastructure and create jobs.

H. Res. 293. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Water, Natural Resources, and Energy should support efforts to promote clean energy and reduce the cost of energy for consumers.

H. Res. 294. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Ways and Means should support efforts to reduce the cost of government and increase economic growth.

H. Res. 295. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Foreign Affairs should support efforts to improve international relations and promote peace.

H. Res. 296. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Armed Services should support efforts to improve the military and protect national security.

H. Res. 297. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Natural Resources should support efforts to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

H. Res. 298. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology should support efforts to promote scientific research and development.

H. Res. 299. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on the Judiciary should support efforts to improve the justice system and promote fairness.

H. Res. 300. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform should support efforts to improve government efficiency and reduce waste.

H. Res. 301. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Education and the Workforce should support efforts to improve the quality of education and reduce the cost of higher education.

H. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Energy and Commerce should support efforts to promote clean energy and reduce the cost of energy for consumers.

H. Res. 303. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Financial Services should support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs.

H. Res. 304. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Small Business should support efforts to promote small business and create jobs.

H. Res. 305. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure should support efforts to improve transportation infrastructure and create jobs.
other special consideration to elected or appointed Federal officials or any other Federal employee; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the committees on House Administration, and the Judiciary, 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.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

36. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Mexico, relative to Senate Memorial No. 3, requesting that Congress repeal the marriage penalty for people with disabilities and others who rely on supplemental security income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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 Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. ROTHFUS:

H.R. 2195.

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

Article I, Section 8—The Congress shall have the power to provide for the common defense.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 2196.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 2197.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 2198.

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

Article I, Section 8—The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 2199.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18—To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

H.R. 2200.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 1; and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. DELANEY:

H.R. 2201.

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

Article I, Section 8—The Congress shall have the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 2203.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution that the Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 2204.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. NEUENBAUER:

H.R. 2205.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

The Congress shall have Power *** To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. PAYNE:

H.R. 2206.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California:

H.R. 2207.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution: The Congress shall have power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 2208.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 2209.

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

Article I, section 8, clause 18, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 2210.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, which allows Congress to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers enumerated under Article I.

By Mr. LA MALFA:

H.R. 2211.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, as this legislation regulates commerce with foreign nations, between the states, and with Indian Tribes.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 2212.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, which allows Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states. Article I, Section 7, Clause 2 provides Congress and the President with the power to codify bills into law. Therefore, Congress has the implicit right to modify or repeal any codified law with new legislation.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

H.R. 2213.

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

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the enumerated powers listed in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. STEWART:

H.R. 2215.

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

The Commerce Clause under Article I, Section 8.

By Mrs. CAPPS:

H.R. 2216.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 2217.

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

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. COLLINS of New York:

H.R. 2218.

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

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2219.

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

The congressional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress as stated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 2220.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

H.R. 2221.

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

Article IV, Section 3—Congress may also make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States, to dispose thereof, and in case it shall appear expedient to lay claim to any Territory beyond the boundaries thereof, to employ for that purpose a Commissioners or other Agents.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 2222.

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

Article I, Section 8 Clause 1 The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common defense.
Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 24: Mr. Barletta, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Williams, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Barton, Mr. Bartton, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Duppy, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Smith of Missouri, Mr. Flores, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Miller of Iowa, Mr. Rice of South Carolina, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Fincher, Mr. Franken of Arizona, Mr. Perry, Mr. Tom Price of Georgia, Mr. Rokita, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia, and Mr. Palmer.

H.R. 91: Mr. Currie of Florida, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Reichert, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Royce, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Franks of Arizona, and Mr. Yoho.

H.R. 114: Mr. Wensup.

H.R. 131: Mr. Steefenbery.

H.R. 169: Mrs. Torres.

H.R. 167: Mr. Nolan, Mr. Heck of Washington, Mr. Luebke and Mr. Ryan of Ohio.

H.R. 169: Mr. Buchsun.

H.R. 184: Mr. Walker.

H.R. 197: Mr. King.

H.R. 235: Mr. Rush, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Kind, Mr. Walz, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Barr, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Holding, Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Rigell, and Mr. Cook.

H.R. 250: Mr. Nolan.

H.R. 266: Mr. Boozman.

H.R. 292: Mr. Smith of New Jersey.

H.R. 379: Mr. Smith of New Jersey and Ms. Bonamici.

H.R. 381: Mr. Gejdalva, Mr. Honda, Ms. Lek, Mr. Yoho, and Mrs. Napolitano.

H.R. 382: Ms. DeGette.

H.R. 427: Mr. Dold.

H.R. 465: Mr. McCollum.

H.R. 597: Mr. Peterson.

H.R. 616: Mr. Kel of Illinois and Mr. Cohen.

H.R. 686: Ms. Loforen.

H.R. 702: Mr. Ashburg, Mr. Peterson, and Ms. Greene of Tennessee.

H.R. 711: Ms. Clark of Massachusetts and Mr. Lowenthal.

H.R. 721: Mr. Connolly.

H.R. 742: Mr. Foster.

H.R. 793: Mr. Nolan.

H.R. 799: Mr. Cramer.

H.R. 837: Mr. Olson.

H.R. 825: Mr. Barletta, Mr. Reichert, Mrs. Lummis, and Mr. Stutzman.

H.R. 855: Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York and Ms. Kuster.

H.R. 880: Mr. Emitter of Minnesota, Mr. MacArthur, and Mr. Knight.

H.R. 889: Mr. Abraham, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Eshoo, Mr. Varrichio, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Graves of Georgia, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Franks of Arizona, Mr. Yoho, Mr. Ribble, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Grottman, Mrs. Rooney, Mr. Cole, Mr. Schakowsky of Illinois, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mrs. Brooks of Indiana, Mr. Babin, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Hultskamp, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Kil, Mr. Berman, Mr. Espy, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Kapust, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Haertzel, Mr. Brat, Mr. Swalwell of California, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Koskin, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Reichert, Mr. Bishop of Utah, Mr. Tom Price of Georgia, Mr. Jody B. Hice of Georgia, Mr. Royce, Mr. Bilirakis, and Mr. Ruppersberger.

H.R. 918: Mr. Schweikert.

H.R. 921: Mr. Bilirakis and Mr. Marchant.

H.R. 926: Mr. Jordan and Mr. Wecker of Texas.

H.R. 973: Ms. Davis of California and Mr. Tonko.

H.R. 985: Mr. Aderholt and Mr. Byrne.

H.R. 986: Mr. Guinta, Mr. Bishop of Utah, Mr. Bost, Mr. Fleischmann, and Mrs. Black.

H.R. 997: Mr. Pascrell.

H.R. 1000: Mr. Biggs.

H.R. 1002: Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Mr. Cleave, Mr. Ribble, Mr. Pellers, and Mr. DePasco.

H.R. 1019: Ms. Duckworth, Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Kilmer, and Ms. Loforen.

H.R. 1020: Mr. Olson and Mr. Luetkemeyer.

H.R. 1101: Mr. Wensup.

H.R. 1142: Mr. Gibson, Ms. Kuster, and Mr. Lewis.

H.R. 1159: Mr. Yoder.

H.R. 1170: Mr. Nolan.

H.R. 1190: Mr. Lucas, Mrs. Hartler, Mr. Cole, Mr. Shuster, Mr. Waldman, Mr. Reichert, and Mr. Bridenstine.

H.R. 1197: Mr. Murphy of Florida and Mr. Smith of New Jersey.

H.R. 1206: Mr. Pocan, Mr. Ben Ray Burian of New Mexico, Ms. Sinema, and Ms. Clarke of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1210: Mr. Stewart.

H.R. 1233: Mr. David Scott of Georgia, Mr. Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. Brooks of Alabama, Ms. Jenkins of Kansas, Mr. Marchant, Mr. LaTta, Ms. Herrera Bruler, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Barletta.

H.R. 1238: Ms. McCaul.

H.R. 1270: Mr. Long.

H.R. 1284: Mr. Polis, Mr. Israeli, Mr. McDermott, and Ms. Loforen.

H.R. 1298: Mr. Rouzer and Mr. Pittenger.

H.R. 1329: Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Price of North Carolina, and Mr. Nolan.

H.R. 1330: Mr. Thompson of California and Mr. Ryan of Ohio.

H.R. 1390: Mr. Clevenger, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Wagner, Ms. Wilson of Florida, and Mr. Bell.

H.R. 1322: Mr. Kilmer.

H.R. 1357: Mr. Tonko.

H.R. 1369: Mr. Ross, Mr. Currie of Florida, and Mr. Webster of Florida.

H.R. 1426: Mr. Pittenger.

H.R. 1548: Mr. Moen, Mr. Johnson of Texas.

H.R. 1519: Mr. Reichert.

H.R. 1549: Mr. Stewart.

H.R. 1576: Mr. Pompeo.

H.R. 1578: Ms. Smith of Texas.

H.R. 1608: Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, and Mr. Rod Davis of Illinois.

H.R. 1610: Mr. Huffman and Mr. Byrne.

H.R. 1618: Mr. Kilmer.

H.R. 1622: Mr. Sheraro.

H.R. 1624: Ms. Kuster, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Meehan, and Mr. Salmon.

H.R. 1655: Ms. DeLauro and Mr. Courtney.

H.R. 1680: Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Adams, and Mr. Dold.

H.R. 1701: Mr. Schweikert.

H.R. 1717: Mrs. Capps, Mr. Costello of Pennsylvania, Mr. Payne, Mr. Shires, Mr. Boustany, Mr. Takai, Mr. Whitfield, and Mr. Higgins.

H.R. 1721: Mr. Gejdalva, Ms. DeLauro, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Naderle, Ms. Clarke of Michigan, Mr. Hain, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Conyers, Ms. Norton, Mr. Van Holten, Mr. Collins of New York, Ms. Lie, and Mr. Higgins.

H.R. 1733: Mr. Cohen, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Mr. Schiff and Mr. Grayson.

H.R. 1734: Mr. Duncan of Tennessee and Mr. Rodgers of Kentucky.

H.R. 1758: Ms. Eshoo.

H.R. 1784: Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Hastings.

H.R. 1800: Mr. Schweikert.

H.R. 1844: Mr. McHenry and Mr. Walker.

H.R. 1845: Mr. Tonko, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Slaughter and Ms. Lee.


H.R. 1866: Mr. Amodei, Mr. Katko, and Mr. Shimkus.

H.R. 1893: Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Farenthold, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. LaMalfa, Mr. Mulvaney, and Mr. Hensarling.

H.R. 1894: Mr. Harris.

H.R. 1975: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Polis, Mr. Veasey, Ms. Bordallo, and Mr. Hastings.

H.R. 1961: Mr. Gohmert and Mr. Austin Scott of Georgia.

H.R. 1910: Mr. Engel and Ms. Clarke of New York.
DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

H. Res. 240: Ms. Lofgren.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII.

8. The Speaker presented a petition of Warren City Council, Ohio, relative to Resolution No. 4585/15, urging the Congress, and in particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to vote against Fast Track Legislation; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Rules.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 1, April 30, 2015, by Mr. Heck of Washington on the bill H.R. 1031, was signed by the following Members: Mr. Heck of Washington, Ms. Maxine Waters of California, Mr. Hoyer of Maryland, Mr. Tonko of New York, Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts, Ms. Blumenauer of Oregon, Mr. Perlmutter of Colorado, Mr. Polis of Colorado, Ms. Pelosi of California, Mr. Pallone of New Jersey, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Rush of Illinois, Mr. Clay of Missouri, Ms. Ears Bernice Johnson of Texas, Ms. Esty of Connecticut, Mr. Michael Doyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Mr. Gallego of Arizona, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Taaki of California, Mr. Moynihan of New York, Mr. Michael E. Kelley of North Carolina, Mr. Edward G. Harner of New York, Ms. Carol N. Maloney of New York, Ms. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Mr. Vargas of Texas, Mr. Lifin of Nebraska, Mr. Ruppersberger of Maryland, Mr. Honda of California, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Courtney of Connecticut, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi.
HONORING THE CAREER OF JAN ALDERTON

HON. JOHN K. DELANEY
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Mr. Jan Alderton, Managing Editor at the Cumberland Times-News, for his incredible career and his retirement after nearly 48 years of journalism.

Jan started at the Cumberland News in 1967 as a proofreader. Eventually, he worked his way through almost every newsroom position. From his coverage of the Maryland General Assembly in the 1970’s, to his work as a sports reporter, Jan showed true commitment to his craft, and worked hard to publish the best stories each day.

In 1987, Jan was named Managing Editor of the Times-News for the first time. There, Jan strove to make sure readers of the Times-News had access to breaking stories and the best reporting. His service to the people of Allegany County will be dearly missed.

Local journalism, like that at the Cumberland Times-News, provides a critical service for communities nationwide, highlighting events that aren’t covered elsewhere. When it comes to reading hometown news, there’s only one place to find it, and that’s your hometown paper.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Mr. Jan Alderton, for his dedication to honest reporting and his commitment to the people of Cumberland. Let’s wish Jan a happy and healthy retirement.

RECOGNIZING HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida as the town celebrates its 90th anniversary. Howey-in-the-Hills is a small town with deep roots in the Florida citrus industry. Howey-in-the-Hills’ rich history began in 1916 with the purchase of 60,000 acres of land in Lake County by William John Howey. With a vision to build a citrus empire, Mr. Howey planted citrus on the majority of his land in Lake County by William John Howey, and doted with many smaller bodies of water, the town has developed itself into a resort town with the acclaimed Mission Inn Resort and Club.

Howey-in-the-Hills is truly a gem worth discovering in Central Florida. I congratulate Mayor Chris Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem John Ernest, Councilors Joseph Mabry, Ed Conroy, and David Nebel, and most of all, the people that live and work in Howey-in-the-Hills. It is truly an honor to serve the residents of Howey-in-the-Hills, and I thank them for their tremendous contributions to the Central Florida community.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOLIAD, TEXAS AND CINCO DE MAYO

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming 153rd anniversary of Cinco de Mayo. In May I will join my constituents in Goliad, Texas, to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The holiday has come to represent a day of celebration of Mexican culture around the world.

Goliad, Texas is the birthplace of the young Mexican general, and the hero of Cinco de Mayo—Ignacio Seguin Zaragoza. He initially studied for priesthood, yet took up arms in defense of his country when Mexico slid into the War of the Reform. As the conflict came to a close in the late 1850s, General Zaragoza joined federalist troops with the legendary Benito Juarez and fought in numerous battles, including the Battle of Calpulalpan, which ended the War of the Reform. His strategic acumen in those four years led to his rapid promotion to general.

After the war, Mexico’s European debt undercut the economy, forcing then Mexican President Benito Juarez to declare a moratorium on debt payments. In retaliation, Spain, England, and France sent their fleets and forced the surrender of Veracruz. Mexico’s President Juarez sent one of his generals to Veracruz in response. When that general observed the forces of the great European powers displayed in front of Veracruz, he resigned. President Juarez turned to General Zaragoza to lead the fight.

The Spanish and English withdrew their forces after negotiations with President Juarez, but the French army, arguably the best during that time, marched on to Mexico City. The intent was to conquer Mexico, join forces with the Confederate Army, and attack the Union. However, General Zaragoza stopped this invasion, in Puebla, Mexico.

The Battle of Puebla lasted most of May 5, 1862. Despite a severe imbalance in forces, the Mexican army held. General Zaragoza was lauded on his return. Later, while visiting his own sick troops, he contracted typhoid fever and died on September 8, 1862, at the young age of 33. He was honored with a state funeral, and three days later, President Benito Juarez declared May 5, or Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday.

Citizens of Goliad maintain a rich cultural heritage, and are fiercely proud of their legacy. Today, festivities center around Ignacio Seguin Zaragoza Plaza, which is located adjacent to the birthplace of Ignacio Seguin Zaragoza. The Texas Legislature has designated this beautiful plaza as the official celebration site for Cinco de Mayo so that future generations may understand its historical significance.

IN HONOR OF WARREN WEINSTEIN

HON. SAM FARR
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the tragic death of Warren Weinstein, a U.S. development worker who was held captive by Al Qaeda from 2011 until 2015.

Last week, we learned that Mr. Weinstein was an accidental victim of a U.S. drone strike that took place in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region in January of this year. This tragedy has deprived a family of their loving husband, father, and grandfather, and it has deprived our country of a tireless champion of human rights and economic development among some of the world’s poorest populations.

Warren Weinstein dedicated over 40 years of his life to international development work. Throughout his career, he worked with vulnerable populations throughout Africa and South Asia. He served as Peace Corps country director in Togo and the Ivory Coast. Most recently, he spent 10 years working on economic development projects as an adviser to J.E. Austin Associates, a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractor, in Pakistan.

Mr. Weinstein’s life and approach to development work showcased the ideals of the institutions that he served: USAID, the Peace Corps, and others. He left the comforts of home and dedicated his career to improving the lives of others in countries that were not his own. He spoke seven languages and immersed himself in the local culture of the countries in which he worked. By all accounts, he had a warm, outgoing personality and a deep commitment to solving some of the world’s most difficult problems.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak for the whole House in offering our deepest condolences to Mr. Weinstein’s family and friends, especially his wife Elaine, their daughters Alisa and Jennifer, and their families. His legacy will live on in Pakistan, Togo, the Ivory Coast, and the entire range of countries in which he worked, and his service to our country and the world will never be forgotten.
TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW CHOW, MINKU LEE, AND HELEN WU
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Matthew Chow, Minku Lee and Helen Wu on being selected to represent the United States in New York City and seven cities in China this summer as part of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America.

Each year, Carnegie Hall selects the most talented young musicians from across our country to assemble an orchestra which shares music with the world. In 2015, the National Youth Orchestra will consist of 114 members and three of them are from the 18th Congressional District of California which I’m privileged to represent.

Matthew Chow, a violist from Los Altos, Minku Lee, a cellist from Palo Alto, and Helen Wu, a violist from Saratoga, are three of the nation’s finest young musicians selected to play for the National Youth Orchestra. That each of them is selected is a testament to their superb skills. That a Congressional District would produce more than one orchestra member is extraordinary. After training and performing in New York City, Matthew, Minku and Helen will represent the United States this summer, performing in seven cities in China. Each musician is a source of great pride to their families, their schools, their teachers, our entire community and their Congresswoman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Matthew Chow, Minku Lee and Helen Wu on their extraordinary accomplishments. I congratulate and wish each of them every success as they perform with the National Youth Orchestra in New York City and China, proudly representing the best of the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER AND IN HONOR OF FOUNDER’S AWARD RECIPIENT MOLLY LYNCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Lorton Community Action Center and join the Center in honoring this year’s Founder’s Award recipient, Molly Lynch.

Since 1975, Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) has served the residents of Fort Belvoir, Lorton, Newington, and other portions of southeast Fairfax County by providing access to basic needs and the opportunity to empower themselves through self-sufficiency programs.

LCAC began as an all-volunteer organization, working out of a local school and a church basement. The organization was founded in response to the needs of low-income families in southeast Fairfax, which was an under-served area. For LCAC’s first 15 years, the agency served as a resource for information and collected and distributed food for individuals and families. Today, LCAC has a professional staff of five full-time and five part-time employees, who serve a diverse population of ages and ethnic backgrounds.

LCAC aims to break the cycle of poverty and prevent homelessness through a variety of services and programs. LCAC’s food program distributes over eight and ten tons of food each month. Clients who need clothing can shop at Lorton’s Attic, LCAC’s thrift store. Small grants assist families with utilities, rent, mortgage, medical services, and other essential needs.

When LCAC cannot help directly, it works closely with other agencies and organizations in our area that may be able to provide assistance. Perhaps most important, LCAC helps people achieve self-sufficiency through case management, ESL classes, nutrition classes, pro bono legal services, and tutoring. All this would not have been possible without the dedication of time, talent, and resources by the thousands of community volunteers and supporters.

Molly Lynch served on LCAC’s Board from 1981–82 and again from 1991–2003. Mrs. Lynch was a part of the all-volunteer organization that operated out of a small building on Gunston Elementary School property in her early board service, providing a variety of much needed services to families in the Lorton community. When Molly rejoined the board in 1991, she helped LCAC pursue new funding opportunities through participation in the Combined Federal Campaign, United Way giving, and Fairfax County Community Funding Pool grants. In 2011, a generous gift from Molly and her husband, Bill, allowed LCAC to open a 2,000 square-foot pantry that doubled LCAC’s space and consolidated food operations from five locations to one.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the staff, volunteers, supporters, and partners of LCAC for 40 years of assistance to the community’s most vulnerable residents and in thanking Molly Lynch for her dedication to helping our neighbors in need.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF
HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole on the House of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the FY2016 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. This legislation will go a long way to help facilities, such as the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Regional Office where thousands of my constituents have their cases managed, in improving their care and treatment of our nation’s Veterans. While this is another small step to address the larger problems within the Department of Veterans Affairs, this legislation continues to show The House’s dedication to righting this ship. Some important provisions of this bill include:

“Strike force response teams” that would bring in experienced, high-performing managers to implement corrective actions at low-performing facilities and offices.

A fully funded request for digital scanning and centralized mail, which will improve speed and accuracy issues.

And, this fully funds the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) with a $163 million increase over FY15, which will allow for more staffing for processing of appeals of claims in Philadelphia and other regional offices.

I commend Chairman Dent and his subcommittee for prioritizing care of our Veterans. While South Jersey still has many challenges to be overcome in access to timely care, I am proud to support this bill which continues to fix the system-wide problems within the VA.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes and celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the Southeast Asian American community in the U.S.

Over the past 40 years, Southeast Asian Americans have become an integral part of the social and economic fabric of our country. They left war-torn nations, tyrannical regimes, and even genocide, to make better lives for themselves and their children.

Today, over 2.5 million Southeast Asian Americans trace their heritage to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. In these four decades, they have contributed to our armed forces, arts, business, and politics.

In fact, I have seen firsthand their enormous impact in my own district of Silicon Valley. This resolution honors their struggles in coming to America, and thanks them for all they’ve done—and continue to do—for our country.

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HON. EARL BLUMENAUER
OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 2028, the FY16 Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 2016 and H.R. 2029, the FY16 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, because they failed to provide funding for programs that help our veterans, protect the environment, and grow a
clean energy economy. We should be able to do better than this.

The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill is usually something that we can all find common ground on—the importance of stabilizing our veteran population. Our veterans transcend partisan battles. This year, however, the bill Republican leadership put on the floor not only shortchanged our veterans and servicemen and women, but the modest increase in spending over last year’s bill will require cuts to critical public spending on education, health care, and infrastructure in later appropriations bills. Even veterans service organizations like Veterans of Foreign Wars urged opposition. The bill also included a policy rider preventing the transfer of detainees from the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, a prison whose very existence undermines America’s security and international standing.

Further, part of the spending of this bill is through the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund, an unrelated war slush-fund that is exempt from all budget caps.

During consideration of this bill, I offered an amendment that would have allowed VA doctors to recommend medical marijuana to their patients in the states where it was legal if they so choose. Our veterans should have the same medicines available to them as everyone else, and we should not prohibit VA doctors from consulting with their patients in accordance with their medical training and state law. I am disappointed that my amendment narrowly failed, but I remain encouraged that we continue to build momentum in this issue, and gained significantly more bipartisan support than last year.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill, while it contains some infrastructure funds that are critical to ports, waterways and freight movement integral to Oregon’s economy, ultimately contained too many provisions bad for business. It prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing and implementing rules to ensure clean water in streams and wetlands that provide drinking water for one in three Americans. It dramatically underfunds renewable energy support programs, while propping up fossil fuels and nuclear weapons spending, and delivers deep cuts to programs that assist low income families with energy bills. It also contains non-sense amendments, such as a measure to prevent the Department of Energy from implementing a law requiring incandescent light bulbs to be more energy efficient, even though American manufacturers have already adopted the new standard.

In addition, both of these bills adhere to the Republican’s overall spending caps that account for sequestration. These caps reflect the lowest discretionary spending we’ve seen in ten years, and we simply cannot continue to cut government programs that are so critical to environmental protection, health, education, economic stability and defense.

**RECOGNIZING THE 2014 RESTON ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**
**OF VIRGINIA**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2014 Reston Association Service Awards. The Reston Association (RA) is the largest homeowners’ association in Virginia and one of the largest in the country with more than 21,000 homes under its jurisdiction. Among other roles, RA serves as the steward of Reston’s architectural aesthetics, recreational amenities, and environmental resources.

RA relies on hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff who serve on boards, committees, and projects to carry out its mission to keep Reston a model community where all can “Live, Work, Play, and Get Involved.” I am pleased to submit the names of the outstanding 2014 honorees.

2014 Reston Association Volunteer of the Year—Mark Elder

Mark Elder has volunteered his time as a tennis instructor for the last two years. He fills the gaps and works interchangeably with RA staff instructors. Mark gives his time willingly, energetically and consistently to the youth tennis community to ensure programs like this and many others are successful.

2014 Reston Association Community Partner of the Year—Clarke

For three consecutive years, Clarke has selected Reston for the Annual Clarke Day of Caring. Clarke employees monitor for mosquito larvae in Reston’s restored streams and help educate RA’s watershed staff on mosquito collection and identification. More than a dozen Clarke employees spend a full day removing invasive plants and removing trash from streams and other natural areas. This commitment to Reston and corporate volunteerism makes Clarke a standout partner.

2014 Employee of the Year—Rob Tucker

For 15 years, community members have been fortunate to see the smiling face of Rob Tucker on RA tennis courts. His passion for tennis is equal to his commitment to the community and the RA staff. He provides top-notch customer service, personalized instruction, and overall cheerleading for the RA tennis programs. RA and the entire community couldn’t find a better advocate for the tennis and recreation programs available to Reston members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2014 Reston Association Service Awards and in thanking them for dedicating their time, energy, and resources to the improvement of the quality of life and health of the Reston community.

**RECOGNIZING THE LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**
**OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lake County Chamber of Commerce which is celebrating its one hundred anniversary this year. Established in 1915 as the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce has undergone significant change and has prospered despite difficulties over the past one hundred years.

Today the Chamber assists businesses and citizens through weekly events catered to improving opportunities for networking and marketing. In short, Mr. Speaker, the Chamber successfully works to advance the overall welfare and prosperity of Lake County citizens and small businesses.

I offer my most sincere congratulations to The Lake County Chamber of Commerce for its success in helping to strengthen our community and wish them continued success in the future.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ANN WAGNER**
**OF MISSOURI**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1, 2015, I was proud to join my son, Raymond Wagner, III in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and participate in the ceremony marking his promotion to Captain in the United States Army.

Due to the extraordinary nature of this event, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. and vote on legislative business during this time.

On Adoption of the Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 11—FY2016 Budget Resolution (Roll Call Vote #183), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 2029—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Roll Call Vote #193), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.J. Res. 43—Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 (Roll Call Vote #194), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 2028—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Roll Call Vote #215), had I been present I would have voted yes.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016**

**SPEECH OF**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**
**OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union had under
consideration the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Chair, I rise to congratulate Chairman Mike Simpson and Ranking Member MARCY KAPTUR for their leadership in preparing the FY 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. Both of you deserve thanks for your hard work putting together a bill that supports programs critical to our nation’s security, safety, and economic competitiveness. Your bill prioritizes investments in our critical national security enterprise, and creates more opportunities to advance American competitiveness, and assumes the key role of the Army Corps of Engineers in resolving so many issues important to every state and Congressional District in the nation: navigation and flooding emergencies.

To my mind, the defense programs included in your bill are its single most critical responsibility. The bill funds Weapons Activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration to ensure that the Secretary of Energy has the investments he needs to certify to the President that our nuclear stockpile is reliable. It is essential that we provide the safety, security and reliability of the nation’s nuclear weapons stockpile. This is a vital part of our national defense posture and they are essential to meeting our commitments to our allies, even if they are never used. They are a deterrent.

The bill also funds Naval Reactors, which supports our U.S. Navy’s nuclear-powered Fleet including the Ohio class replacement submarine and our aircraft carriers and other submarines.

The Appropriations committee has always provided vigorous support for these national defense priorities and I thank Chairman Simpson for his work in this area.

Additionally, scientific research at the Department of Energy strengthens American competitiveness and enables true breakthroughs in the energy sector, and the bill preserves these programs, especially in fusion energy, nuclear and fossil energy, and areas that will bolster our nation’s electric grid. The bill also protects public safety and keeps America literally open for business by providing for the safe and economical disposal of nuclear waste.

Mr. Chair, former chairman of this subcommittee, I know the challenge that you and Ms. KAPTUR faced crafting this bill. I commend you on the fine bill that you put together. This is a fiscally conservative bill, which funds critical national security, jobs, and infrastructure priorities. This bill deserves our support.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH ANNUAL BEST OF RESTON AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 24th Annual Best of Reston Awards for Community Service. These awards are the result of collaboration between Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and are presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place. I am pleased to submit the names of the following recipients of the 2015 Best of Reston Awards:

Civic/Community Organization: His Hidden Treasures (Troy and Lois Hughes)—Working in partnership with organizations dedicated to ending homelessness, His Hidden Treasures transforms transitional rental housing into homes for families, personalized with lovingly restored furniture, donated store floor samples and new housewares.

Small Business Leader: Maid Bright (Maria Fedick, Yusef Uddin, and Hidde Mehmert). Maid Bright has made a difference by providing free house cleaning services to women with cancer, catering dinners for the hypothermia shelter, performing cleaning for Cornerstones’ transitional housing units, offering discounts to seniors, veterans, firefighters, and teachers, and helping to keep our community’s housing safe.

Corporate Business Leader: Leidos (Mike Coogan, Director, Corporate Responsibility)—Since establishing its headquarters in Reston two years ago, Leidos—a world leader in science and technology—immediately made broad and deep connections in the community. Leidos employees have provided more than 32,000 volunteer hours benefitting a wide range of organizations. The company also has contributed significant financial support to the community. Leidos has lent its support to meeting basic human needs, and supports training, education, and employment opportunities for returning veterans.

Corporate Business Leader: MAXIMUM (Susan Boren, Mark Andrekovich, Tom Boren)—MAXIMUM provides health and human service programs to a diverse array of communities. MAXIMUM and its employees have supported a wide range of organizations that work locally to strengthen the safety net for homeless and at-risk families, or those with special needs.

Individual Community Leader: Larry Butler—Mr. Butler has been instrumental in the success of His Hidden Treasures’ transitional housing units, offering discounts to seniors, veterans, firefighters, and teachers, and helping to keep our community’s housing safe.

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HONORING THE CITY OF CAPE MAY AS A UNITED STATES COAST GUARD COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK A. LOBIongodb
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. LOBIONDONO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the County of Cape May on its designation as a “Coast Guard Community” on October 1, 2014 by the United States Coast Guard and the United States Congress.

In 1924, the Coast Guard established operations to support U.S. Customs efforts in Sewell’s Point. By 1948, the Training Center, which is the only recruit training facility in the country, became the training facility for all of the East Coast and eventually the entire country. Today, the base has more than 860 military and civilian personnel, and graduates an average of more than 2,300 recruits yearly.

This new designation reflects the mutually beneficial relationship between the Coast Guard and Cape May County. Over the years, the recruits and military and civilian personnel have become part of our Cape May County family. And nothing says family more than Operation Fireside. Since the program’s inception
in 1981. Operation Fireside places more than 500 recruits with over 180 families each year to celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

On May 8, the people of Cape May County and the United States Coast Guard will celebrate this designation at the Training Center in Cape May. My thanks to all who helped make this designation a reality.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. PETER WELCH
OF VERMONT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the start of Building Safety Month, to recognize the importance of building safety and to recognize the leadership of the International Code Council (ICC) that develops and publishes the model building safety and energy efficiency model codes used in my home state of Vermont, and each of the other 49 states. Increasingly, these codes, developed in the United States, are being adopted in other nations where safety in construction is desired.

Over the past few years, we have had several sobering reminders about the importance of building codes. In other nations, much like the case in the U.S. before the codes were widely adopted, natural events and poor construction practices still cause catastrophic loss of life. Every year, deadly fires, tornadoes, windstorms, floods, earthquakes and other events remind us of the critical need for strong buildings. As Congress discusses the need for resilience and greater energy efficiency in our communities, Building Safety Month reminds us that key elements of resilience and energy efficiency are properly enforced building and energy codes.

The theme of this year’s Building Safety Month is “Resilient Communities start with building codes.” I want to congratulate the leaders of the ICC, which has sponsored Building Safety Month in May every year for over 30 years. The leaders of ICC, including President Guy Tomberlin, Branch Chief Residual/Light Commercial Inspections for Fairfax County, Virginia; Vice-President Alex Olaszowy III, Building Inspection Supervisor, Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky; Secretary/Treasurer M. Dwayne Garriss, State Fire Marshal, State of Georgia; Past President of the Board of Directors, Stephen Jones, Construction Official, Millburn Township/Short Hills, New Jersey will join ICC’s Chief Officer Dominic Sims in Washington the week of May 25th to discuss the critical need to support the adoption and enforcement of current building codes, to make sure Americans are safe at home, at work, at school and at play.

I also want to congratulate the leaders of the Building Safety Association of Vermont ICC, including President Glenn Moore and the other leaders of the Vermont ICC Chapter. I would also like to thank the thousands of men and women who work every day to make sure our buildings comply with building and fire codes, largely unseen and often unnoticed, is critical to keeping Americans safe. The model building codes, developed by ICC members from all 50 states, allow every community to share the advantage of adopting building codes that are adaptable to local conditions, but at the same time incorporate the very latest research, materials, and building practices. This is achieved in a private-public partnership, saving local jurisdictions the large expense of code revision, updating, and implementation. These model codes are produced through the cooperation of thousands of local U.S. code officials working with the building industry to produce codes that represent a consensus on what the minimum safety requirements are for various building types, all without a dime of Federal taxpayer money.

Congratulations to the hard working members and leadership of the International Code Council.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO
OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, 2015, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote number 193. On Passage of Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes. Should I have been present I would have voted No.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM C. PHELON FOR HIS SERVICE

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal William C. Phelon, Jr. and his distinguished contributions to the United States Air Force. Mr. Phelon enlisted in the United States Air Force immediately after his distinguished contributions to the United States Air Force. Mr. Phelon enlisted in the United States Air Force immediately after graduating from Mineola High School in June of 1943 and entered active service August 16, 1943, at the height of American involvement in World War II. Mr. Phelon served valiantly until he left the service in March of 1946. Corporal Phelon flew as part of the illustrious 96th Bombardment Group, serving as a Radio Operator Mechanic and Waist Gunner in a B–17 Flying Fortress. He was responsible for all radio equipment aboard the B–17 while in flight.

In his position as Airman, Corporal Phelon participated in Operation Chowhound, a humanitarian mission which delivered over 11,000 tons of food to Nazi-occupied Holland during the Dutch Famine. This mission was so appreciated by the Dutch people that commemorative ceremonies have been held every five years in Holland to remember the men who helped feed their starving people. The Third Air Division of the 8th Air Force was responsible for delivering 4,103 tons of food, of which the 96th Bombardment Group dropped 366 tons. Corporal Phelon was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross by Governor Thomas Dewey on behalf of the people of New York.

Sadly, Mr. Phelon passed away in December of 2014. I rise today in memory of a brave man who was an exemplary member of the Armed Forces and the community at large, and to posthumously thank him for his years of dedication and service. I hope we all remember the courage and dedication shown by Mr. Phelon in everything he did.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT’S 67TH ANNUAL BANQUET

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, which is hosting its 67th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, and in thanking its volunteers for filling an essential role in keeping the community safe.

The Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department was founded in January 1948, and for more than 6 decades it has provided lifesaving fire suppression/prevention and emergency medical/rescue services to the residents of Burke, Fairfax County, and the surrounding communities. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment; provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership; and maintains and fosters a strong viable organization.

I am honored to recognize several of the dedicated men and women of the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department who have volunteered for extra duty as officers or as members of the board of directors or who are receiving awards for their superlative service to the department and the community. It gives me great pleasure to submit the names of these individuals:

Board of Directors:
President Rich Guarasi, Vice President John Powers, Treasurer Patrick Owens, Secretary Greg Fedor, Board Members-at-Large Larry Barnett, Larry Bocknek, and Alisha Sunde

Line Officers:
Chief Thomas Warnock, Deputy Chief John Hudak, Deputy Chief Tina Godfrey, Administrative Member Manager Catherine Owens, Captain II Melissa Ashby, Captain II Larry Bocknek, Captain II Keith O’Connor, Lieutenant Kevin Grotto, Sergeant Jennifer Babic, Sergeant Emily Fincher, Team Leader Peter Hamilton, Team Leader James Reyes, Team Leader Paul Stracke, Team Leader Harry Chelpon, Staffing Coordinator Shaun Kury, Chaplain Harry Chelpon

Length of Service Awards:
5 Years: Richard Guarasi 10 Years: Harry Chelpon, Ed Gilhooly 15 Years: Tina Godfrey Life Member: Harry Chelpon

Department Awards:
Founders Award: John Hudak Rookie’s of the Year: Caitlin Curran, Megan Bush, Barry Brown

Firefighter of the Year: Peter Hamilton EMS Provider of the Year: James Reyes Officer of the Year: Tina Godfrey Admin. Member of the Year: Becky Dobbs Career Members of the Year: Tim Barb, David “Happy” Gilmore
Honoring the Coalition for Healthy Communities on Their 20th Anniversary

Hon. Robert J. Dold
Of Illinois
In the House of Representatives
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Coalition for Healthy Communities on their 20th Anniversary. The Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center assembled the Coalition of leaders in the Zion-Benton Township to effectively address the need to improve the health and wellness of our community.

The Coalition’s focus is to provide the community with education on ways to access primary health care, sexual education, immunizations for young children, parental education, and adolescent substance abuse. The leaders of the Coalition are working hard to provide healthcare that extends beyond the walls of hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, the Coalition of Healthy Communities is essential to ensuring that Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor’s residents receive the proper tools to lead a healthy, safe and fulfilling life. I offered my sincere thanks to the Coalition for their efforts over the last 20 years and wish them continued success in the future.

Honor John Brooks Supermarket and Nettie Alvarado

Hon. Michelle Lujan Grisham
Of New Mexico
In the House of Representatives
Friday, May 1, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Brooks Supermarket, and in particular, Nettie Alvarado for her exceptional customer service and dedicated commitment to our senior citizen community.

Since 1979, John Brooks Supermarket has prided itself as a locally owned and operated establishment. The John Brooks on Candelaria and 12th Street in Albuquerque, New Mexico, certainly takes on this persona; it’s a neighborhood corner spot that caters to each of its customers on an individual level and takes great lengths to serve our senior community.

That’s how I first heard about Nettie Alvarado, a radiant, compassionate woman who has spent thirty years of dedicated service to John Brooks’ customers. Every Monday and Thursday, store owner John Brooks and Nettie trade off delivering groceries to the senior community living at The Good Samaritan Society; Manzano Del Sol Village on 5201 Roma Avenue NE. These are crucial services for many of the seniors there who are unable to drive or take transportation to the grocery store.

Nettie takes this dedication one step further. Customers will inform her of a sick friend, disabled relative or struggling senior and it’s not long before numbers are exchanged, a grocery list is filed and Nettie is off making deliveries. Nettie has earned a reputation for her selfless actions and genuine, heartfelt appreciation for others. When asked, Nettie will tell you “I want them to be taken care of” and has no qualms about dipping into her free time to ensure her beloved Albuquerque residents receive the services they need.

Nettie’s sentiment towards others extends beyond age, gender, race, and socioeconomic status—it’s universal. I am inspired to see that we have individuals like Nettie in our community and stores like John Brooks that put people first and serve our ailing seniors. By valuing our community and continuing these practices of goodwill and shared responsibility we will achieve a better tomorrow and build a stronger America.

In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Head Start

Hon. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Of Georgia
In the House of Representatives
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the students, parents, staff, and supporters of the Head Start program as they celebrate 50 remarkable years of eliminating poverty through education, services, and partnerships. Enrichment Services Program, Inc. (ESP) will celebrate Head Start’s 50th anniversary on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at noon at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center in Columbus, Georgia.

After President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the War on Poverty in his 1964 State of the Union speech, Sargent Shriver, a key social and political figure, took the lead in assembling a panel of experts to develop a comprehensive child development program that would help communities meet the needs of disadvantaged preschool children. The brainchild of this panel was Head Start, a program designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with the tools and resources to meet their emotional, social, nutritional, and psychological needs.

In 1965, the Office of Economic Opportunity launched an eight-week program called Project Head Start. Fifty years later, Head Start has served more than 30 million children, becoming an integral component of America’s education system.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. is a community action agency that provides essential services to families at poverty levels, promote family stability, and gradually build self-sufficiency. It was established in 1964 and operated as the Community Action Development Center. The Agency was incorporated in 1965 as the “Lower Chatahoochee Community Action Agency, Inc.” In 1974, when President Gerald Ford signed the Head Start Economic Opportunity and Community Partnership Act, Head Start funding was allocated to local community action agencies such as ESP.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. administers the Early Head Start and Head Start programs within a nine-county area, including Chatahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, and Talbot counties, located in Georgia, and Russell County in Alabama. Each year, ESP serves approximately 1,000 children ages 0–5 from low-income families.

The Head Start program has been essential to the early childhood development and forward progression of many children and their families. Head Start evaluates and works to improve six domains of early childhood development: social/emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics. Through Head Start, ESP addresses the basic needs of each child and prepares them for entry into kindergarten. ESP also encourages parent involvement by offering services such as family literacy functions and parental input into the curriculum.

In the 2013–2014 program year, children in ESP’s Head Start program made remarkable accomplishments. In the Cognitive domain alone, an average of 96% of children exceeded growth range. There were 505 three- and four-year-olds who were ready to read by the end of the school year.

Enrichment Services Program, Inc. has done an outstanding job of administering the Head Start program in the area that it serves. Because of the dedication and commitment of the teachers and the staff, thousands of children have gone on to achieve greater heights in primary, secondary, and higher education than they otherwise would have done. I firmly believe that Head Start’s outreach will continue to help preschool children and their families overcome the cycle of poverty to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia’s Second Congressional District in expressing our profound gratitude to Enrichment Services Program, Inc. and to Head Start for working to improve educational outcomes for preschool children, which not only produces positive effects throughout their lives, but also creates a ripple effect of improvement in the communities in which they live.

Recognizing Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and the 2015 “Star Fish” Honorees

Hon. Gerald E. Connolly
Of Virginia
In the House of Representatives
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. and the 2015 “Star Fish” Honorees.

Since 1969, Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. has provided Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help for neighbors in need in Reston and Herndon. FISH meets immediate critical needs for rental assistance, food, medical care, and other emergencies. FISH also manages a thrift shop, operates an information and referral service, and offers financial workshops to
provide clients with the tools necessary to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

During fiscal year 2014, FISH assisted a total of 2,337 families (5,665 people), gave emergency financial assistance to 1,328 families, and helped 180 families by providing them with used furniture and/or other household needs. FISH collected, assembled, and distributed Thanksgiving food baskets for 965 people and holiday food and gift baskets in December for 967 people. More than 800 volunteer hours were spent working at United Christian Parish on these two projects in coordination with other human service providers in Fairfax County. Volunteer drivers provided 294 free rides for the elderly and other needy individuals to and from their medical appointments.

At its annual gala, FISH recognizes individuals and companies who have made extraordinary contributions over the past year. I am pleased to submit the names of the 2015 “Star Fish” awardees.

Jocelyn Colao has been a volunteer pricer at FISH’s thrift shop, The Bargain Loft, for over 20 years. Jocelyn specializes in identifying, cleaning, pricing, and displaying donated linens. Her careful handling of vintage lace and fragile fabrics greatly increases their value. In addition to her work with donated linens, Jocelyn’s lifetime of traveling makes her an indispensable part of the pricing team. The years she lived in Europe and Africa make her a great resource when identifying unusual and valuable donations.

Jane and Mike Drewes were long-time Reston residents who volunteered in the community in many capacities. In 2007 they moved to Shepherdstown, WV but continued to drive to Reston for volunteer activities. They started volunteering for FISH in 2006, the year of the first FISH Fling Gala and Fundraiser. Jane designed the decorations and they built the huge FISH sign that has been used behind the band at every Fling Gala. Mike created an auction check-out program that accelerates the check-out process and has been used at many charitable events.

Diane Mandel manages the huge tasks of establishing, maintaining the schedule of Assistance Workers who handle the client requests for financial assistance from FISH. These volunteers make FISH’s “Instant” help a reality. Diane makes certain the volunteers are trained and ready to take calls and she serves as a phone volunteer herself.

Chuck Veatch, owner of Charles A. Veatch & Associates, provided three storage units for FISH free of charge for many years and is well known throughout the community for his support of a wide variety of organizations and causes.

CDW is a leading provider of integrated information technology solutions in the U.S. and Canada and has been a FISH Fling sponsor since 2008. CDW has provided many fabulous electronic products for our games and for both our silent and live auctions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Herndon-Reston FISH for 46 years of service. I also extend my personal congratulations to this year’s honorees and express my gratitude to these individuals for contributing their time and energy to helping the most vulnerable in our community.

HONORING RICHARD ARROWOOD
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Arrowood for 50 years of exceptional winemaking, exclusively in Sonoma County. Mr. Arrowood has been, and continues to be, a tireless advocate and fierce supporter of grape growing and wine making in Sonoma County. I therefore recognize and thank Mr. Arrowood today for his unwavering support and relentless efforts to preserve and promote the Sonoma County wine industry.

Born and educated locally, Mr. Arrowood began his wine-making career in 1965. He got his start at Korbel Champagne Cellars and soon moved on to work with the legendary Rodney Strong. His education and experience helped his first vintage receive critical acclaim, and each subsequent vintage after that cemented his status as one of the most respected vintners in the area.

A pioneer in the field of viticulture, Mr. Arrowood worked with a wide array of unique varietals, a concept that was ahead of its time. His efforts changed the perception of wine from Sonoma County, and the total number of vineyard acres in the county has increased fivefold over the time he has been in business. He was one of the first to emphasize vineyard designations on his wines, a trend that has since spread across the world. This success and influence on the industry led to an offer from Robert Mondavi to buy Arrowood Winery, which Mr. Arrowood accepted so he could return to focusing on the art of fine winemaking.

Amapola Creek Vineyards is his latest project, which is quite simply Richard’s quest to make his greatest wines ever, and is a perfect example of the phrase “saving the best for last.” Its main focus is using the special fruit grown on Moon Mountain and its unique terrior. Devoting himself entirely to the new Sonoma vineyard, Richard bought the adjacent land and built a home for his family. The vineyard uses exclusively organic methods to produce just 3,000 hand-crafted cases annually in its state-of-the-art facilities. Here, he continues to showcase Sonoma County in the groundbreaking way he did many years ago when he started his journey.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Richard Arrowood for his role as an outspoken supporter of the production of high quality wines in Sonoma County. His impact on the growth of Sonoma wine cannot be overstated and for this it is only right that he be honored here today.

HONORING MANUEL PROL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel Prol, who will turn 100 on April 4, 2015. Manuel is a World War II veteran and cherished father of three, grandfather of three, and great-grandfather of five.

Manuel was born on Easter Sunday in Samieira, a tiny village or “aldea” in the north-west corner of Spain in 1915. He was the youngest of four children and only son of Agripina Rodino and Antonio Prol. In 1932, he bade farewell to his mother for the last time and emigrated to the United States. Manuel refused not only to see his land, but also to see his only child, Agripina, Peregrina, and Dolores, again until 1960.

He was reunited with his father in New York City, where he settled in a Spanish-speaking neighborhood around 14th Street. Manuel embraced his new home, learning English at Julia Richman High School in Gramercy Park while working at the Roosevelt Hotel.

In 1941, he married Vicenta Prol and soon after entered the U.S. Army Air Force at the outset of World War II. Manuel saw action on three continents over the course of the war, honorably serving his country in Europe, Africa, and Asia. When he returned home, Manuel and Vicenta settled in the Bronx and had three daughters: Pilar, Victoria, and Consuelo. Over the years, their family has grown and spread out across the country. Pilar, their oldest daughter, was a nurse for over forty years. She married Charles Sergis in 1964 and had three children: Alicia, Laura, and Charles. They also have five grandchildren: Cate, Noah, Matthew, Juliana, and Grace. Pilar and Charles live in Redondo Beach, California.

Victoria lives in Bronxville, New York. She worked in Westchester County as a high school language teacher for over thirty years. Consuelo is married to Richard Liebowitz and lives in New York City and Montclair, New Jersey. She retired from the business world after thirty-eight years in sales.

Manuel and Vicenta retired to Southern California in 1982, where they lived happily until Vicenta’s death in 1997. Manuel then moved to Montclair, New Jersey, where he currently lives with Consuelo and Richard. He spends winters in Redondo Beach, California with Pilar and Charles.

Next month, Manuel will turn 100 years old—yet shows no signs of slowing down. He still writes letters and reads the newspaper every day. Manuel attributes his longevity to the Mediterranean diet, a glass of red wine every day, and yes, an occasional Rusty Nail, his favorite drink.

I hope all my colleagues will join me in wishing Manuel Prol a happy 100th birthday, and continued health and happiness to him and to his family.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 ASIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER “JEWELS OF ASIA” AWARDS
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce and the recipients of the 2015 Asian-American Chamber Awards.

The Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is dedicated to improving economic development opportunities for Asian-Pacific American-owned businesses in the Washington, D.C., region. The 11th District of Virginia is blessed by its diversity. About 1 in 4
residents are foreign born and approximately 40% are minorities. Half of our foreign-born population emigrated from Asia, and more than 80,000 of our neighbors speak an Asian language at home.

Northern Virginia has a robust international business community and is home to the largest concentration of minority-owned technology firms in the nation. The AACC and its members contribute greatly to our economic strength and stability; Asian-American businesses generate more than 52% of total revenues generated by all minority owned businesses in this region.

In Fairfax County alone, more than 19,000 businesses are Asian-owned. These businesses generate approximately $5 billion in revenue and create more than 30,000 jobs.

Each year, the AACC recognizes businesses and non-profits in the Asian-American community for their outstanding contributions to the Metropolitan Washington community and economy. I congratulate the following honorees:

Small Business Award: The Tu’s Group
Champions of Diversity: Morgan Stanley
Asian Business Excellence Award: Zantech

Non-Profit of the Year: Asian-American LEAD

Corporate Partner of the year: Capital Bank

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the honorees of the 2015 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce Awards and in commending the Chamber for its work to support Asian and Pacific Islander owned businesses throughout our region.

HONORING SHANE FENLEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to recognize an act of great kindness by one of my constituents, Shane Fenley. Shane lives in Griffin, Georgia and has been a UPS employee since 1999. It was at his job that Shane met Wayne Goree, they’ve been coworkers and friends ever since. The Goree family lives in Senoia and they have a 14 year old son, Justin. Justin has been sick off and on for some time, and was in need of a kidney transplant. When Shane heard that his friend’s child was in need, he volunteered his own kidney.

Shane went through the process of getting tested to see if he was a match. The results showed that he was a 90% match and the doctors knew that wasn’t close enough. Next, Shane and Justin entered the Paired Donor Exchange program, where patients and donors are matched together. Because Shane wasn’t a match for Justin, he gave his kidney to another person, who in return gave their kidney to Justin. Shane gave his kidney to a complete stranger, so that Justin could receive the kidney he so desperately needed. To give a child the gift of life is one of the most admirable acts a man can do.

My nephew, Todd, has also worked at UPS with Shane for many years. When describing Shane, Todd explained that he has always been willing to give the shirt off his back to any one in need. Now he will be known as the man who will literally give you the kidney out of his back and ask for nothing in return. Shane said the reason behind his donation was that he had 41 years of good health under his belt, and Justin, at the age of 14, had not had any. The selflessness and kindness that Shane displayed is lacking in our world today and one could use more people like Shane Fenley.

Shane and Justin—it is an honor to represent you. I wish you both a speedy recovery and that you both live a long and happy life.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT A. BAILEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Scott A. Bailey, an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Moreno Valley, California are exceptional. Moreno Valley has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated people who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Scott Bailey is one of these individuals.

After graduating from Moreno Valley High School, Scott married his wife Beverly and started working as an electrician in 1981. The couple had three children, bought a home in Moreno Valley, and had humble, yet unselfishly universal dreams about putting their children through college and saving enough to retire easily. Living in the economy of the early nineties, Scott and Beverly brainstormed about the best options to keep her from returning to her job in real estate and decided to start their own electrical contracting business out of their own home. The Baileys had a remarkable vision to create a construction company based on an unwavering commitment to quality and not only did they achieve this goal, but by doing so, everything else seemed to fall into line. Stronghold Engineering built a solid reputation as the go to contractor for civil, design/build, and high voltage electrical projects both a national and international level. This allowed the company to become ranked and win several awards.

Scott is responsible for day-to-day operations as the Chief Operating Officer and supports all Stronghold Engineering field personnel, resources, and projects. Over the course of the company’s 23-year history, he has managed and directed over 450 projects, with the average project sizes ranging from $500,000 to well over $100,000,000.

Scott has always been a hands-on manager making visits to each project site ensuring only the best quality and safety standards are met whether he’s making trips to Europe, South Africa, Russia, Canada, or Mexico, he remains humble and true to his roots by giving back to the world community as well as his own. Scott has chaired the ABC Craft Championships Committee, has helped in the rebuilding efforts in devastated New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and in Mexico, helped to build an orphanage for at risk children. Stronghold recently donated to two local Riverside churches switch to solar energy.

In light of all Scott Bailey has done for the community of Moreno Valley, it is clear that he deserves the Distinguished Citizen Award. Scott’s tireless passion for the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of Moreno Valley, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community projects, and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all Moreno Valley community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING VFW POST 7327 AND THE 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327 and the recipients of its 2015 Annual Awards.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) traces its beginnings to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish American War formed local organizations to bring awareness to their service and to advocate for veterans retirement benefits and improved medical care. Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

With approximately 600 Comrades and 150 Ladies Auxiliary members, the Springfield VFW Post 7327 stands out for the depth of its commitment to our community. Often called “The Friendliest VFW Post in Virginia,” Post 7327 has one of the most aggressive ADOPT–A–UNIT programs in the entire VFW organization to support our service members stationed overseas. VFW Post 7327 visits the VA hospital at least quarterly, bringing along goodie bags for our Wounded Warriors. Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, VFW Post 7327 adopts military families in need through the USO and provides them with meal baskets for each holiday, gifts for children, commissary cards for the parents, and a Christmas party where the children can meet Santa and receive a gift-filled stocking. The Ladies Auxiliary members collect, sort, and distribute more than 2,000 pieces of clothing each month to various charitable organizations. VFW Post 7327 is a strong supporter of local youth organizations including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League Baseball that contribute greatly to the education and well-being of our children.

Each year, VFW Post 7327 bestows awards to local students who have submitted outstanding essays on a theme and to local teachers and public safety officers in recognition of their extraordinary actions and dedication. I am honored to submit the names of the following 2015 honorees:

PATRIOT’S PEN
First Place—Connor Michael Ringelski
Second Place—Margaret Odom
Third Place—Keene Mill Elementary School

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
First Place—Regine Marie Victoria
12th Grade, Mount Vernon High School
Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2015 Awardees and realize their full potential. He supports numerous JROTC units and high schools throughout the state of Georgia and beyond to help motivate America’s youth to become better citizens. An excellent role model and mentor, LTC Davis is a loyal and altruistic leader who took the time to assist young command members develop life skills and realize their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the Fort Valley State University community in honoring Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Joel Davis, Jr., for his contributions to the Fort Valley State University and our great nation.

HONORING RABBI LEONID FELDMAN OF TEMPLE BETH EL IN WEST PALM BEACH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leonid Feldman, who is the rabbi of Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, Florida. Rabbi Feldman has led a remarkable life. Growing up in the Soviet Republic of Moldavia, where the open practice of Judaism was forbidden, he was unaware that he was Jewish. At age 14, he had learned enough to become a passionate Zionist and applied for a visa to emigrate. For this, he was imprisoned by Soviet authorities as a "refusenik." Eventually, Rabbi Feldman was allowed to leave the Soviet Union and emigrated to Israel, where he became a citizen and served honorably in the Israeli army. Following his time in Israel, he became Director of Education for Soviet Emigres in Italy. Rabbi Feldman eventually came to the United States, where he decided to attend the Jewish Theological Seminary, becoming the first and still the only Soviet-born Conservative rabbi in America.

Rabbi Feldman has testified in front of the U.S. Congress and the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission). As a respected and much in demand lecturer, he has spoken to audiences in 37 states and 19 countries and authored featured articles in national newspapers. Rabbi Feldman has been a visiting professor at the Jewish University of Moscow and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, his alma mater.

Since 2004, he has been the spiritual leader of Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach where, in 2013, he was bar mitzvahed at age 60. Rabbi Leonid Feldman is widely known and much loved by the members of his congregation, his fellow clerics of all denominations and people throughout Palm Beach County. I am pleased to honor this remarkable man, who is truly deserving of being recognized in the annals of our nation.

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Manager at the Freddie Mac Foundation, the metropolitan area's largest corporate philanthropic funder. He oversaw the Foundation's support for housing programs throughout the United States and oversaw the Foundation's investments in the Gulf Coast area after Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Bailer came to the Foundation from Daughters for Women and Families in Arlington, where he was executive director and oversaw all operations for the organization including a Safehouse for Domestic Violence, Emergency Shelter for homeless families, a Thrift Store, and transitional housing for families. Mr. Klein also served for six years as executive director of Shelter House, overseeing this organization and serving homeless families in our community. He earned a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Advertising from Ohio State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dean Klein for receiving the Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award and in thanking Leadership Fairfax for continuing to develop such talented and passionate leaders for Northern Virginia.

IN RECOGNITION OF THETA BOULE´ OF SIGMA PI PHI FRATERNITY

HON. EUGENE V. LEVIN
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone in one of the pre-eminent organizations, not only in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, which I proudly represent, but throughout the region—Theta Boule´ of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. I am especially proud to be a member of Theta Boule´. The milestone I mentioned is the celebration of its Centennial observance that will be held June 4–6, 2015 in Kansas City.

Theta Boule´ was chartered on May 22, 1915 with fourteen founding Archons who had a strong foundation of fraternal fellowship in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Dr. William J. Thompkins met Grand Sire Archon, from 1921 to 1923. Archon for the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Dr. Thompkins was also instrumental in the establishment of General Hospital No. 2 in 1908. Theta Boule´ of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is led today by Randall C. Ferguson, Jr., who serves as Sire Archon; Ralph D. Reid is Sire Archon-elect; and Dr. Roger C. Williams, Jr. who serves as Grammateus. The remaining officers are: Thesauristes, Nikki Newton; Agogos, Stewart H. Myers; Rheumaticos, Kelvyn Simmons; and Epitropes, Lonnie Powell. The Membership Council is Chaired by Judge Jon R. Gray, (Ret.) and includes Herbert Hardwick and Robert Hughes, Jr. as Members.

One Hundred years in the life of any person, organization or institution is a significant milestone, and recognition of such an event is always appropriate. We are privileged to celebrate a significant milestone for one of our pre-eminent organizations in our country and of our region. Throughout its history, the organization has been a strong foundation of fraternal fellowship in the eastern part of the country and was au-

TRIBUTE TO A. ALFRED TAUBMAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to A. Alfred Taubman, who made immeasurable contributions to my home state of Michigan and to our nation. Mr. Taubman passed away on April 17, 2015. Mr. Taubman lived a life of service and commitment to support a good cause, I will have given once. If I then solicit monies, I gave twice. And if my contribution has inspired others to support a good cause, I will have given three times.” The University of Michigan and its missions were especially close to Al Taubman’s heart, as Dr. Schlissel and the entire U of M community would attest. While it is not possible to list each and every institution that benefited from Mr. Taubman’s philanthropy, some of which did in addition to the University of Michigan are Lawrence Technological University (where he also studied), Wayne State University, the College for Creative Studies, Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy’s University, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Jewish Federation, United Jewish Foundation of Metro Detroit and the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.

Simply listing the institutions that Mr. Taubman contributed to does not provide the full measure of the person he was. On his death I communicated these thoughts: “Al Taubman impacted the well-being of millions who never met him because of his unwavering support for the health and education needs of all Americans. He earned great wealth but never forgot his roots. He reached the top but maintained compassion for the underdog. He could be very blunt but even more sensitive about the feelings of the others. He was much beloved by all of us privileged to know him over many years.” His commitment and active participation in the issues he cared about was on full display in the successful effort in 2008 to amend Michigan’s Constitution to legalize expanded embryonic stem cell research in my state. Mr. Taubman was not only a vital financial contributor to the campaign, but as the Detroit Free Press noted, “... he crusaded in ways that couldn’t be measured by dollar signs, arguably providing stem cell advocates with their loudest voice during the 2008 campaign.” He opened his two-day Detroit fundraiser weekend to various candidates and hosted numbers of fund raising events, including state Sen. Barbara destined to run against Sen. Clinton, hosted meetings where people could learn more about the science involved, and weighed in with the press and with elected officials on the merits of embryonic stem cell research and the need for the constitutional amendment. The measure passed. There is no doubt that had Al Taubman not so fully invested his time, talents, and resources into the effort the present pioneering efforts now being undertaken at the University of Michigan would not be happening.

Mr. Speaker, the research at the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute on stems cells and beyond is a legacy of Al Taubman’s and is likely to benefit untold numbers of people in our lives facing chronic disease who will...
never have heard his name, but fame is not what he sought. His many endeavors have touched and will touch the lives of countless Americans. I encourage my colleagues to join in paying tribute to his many contributions to our country, and in offering condolences to his family, including his wife, Judith Taubman; his children William Taubman, Robert Taubman, and Gayle Taubman Kalisman; his step-children Tiffany Dubin and Christopher Rounik; and to his nine grandchildren and great-grandchild.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ISAAC J. CRUMBLY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a terrific educator and outstanding citizen, Dr. Isaac "Ike" Crumbly, who will be celebrating 50 remarkable years of teaching at the Fort Valley State University (FVSU) in Fort Valley, Georgia. He will be honored by the administration, faculty, students, and supporters at FVSU's 2015 Spring Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Before earning two degrees in horticulture and a Ph.D. in botany, Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly was picking cotton to help support his ten brothers and sisters. With an inherent knowledge of the art of cultivation and the science of plant life, Dr. Crumbly was destined to end up at Fort Valley State University, a state and land-grant university founded in 1895 that has made significant contributions to agriculture and related fields.

Dr. Crumbly joined the faculty of Fort Valley State College, now Fort Valley State University, in 1965 as a Professor in the Biology Department. In the 50 intervening years, his role at the University has grown to include Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Director of the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP).

In 1983, Dr. Crumbly founded the one-of-a-kind Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP), a dual-degree STEM education program, in response to a call for proposals from the U.S. Department of Energy. The program's primary objective is to increase the number of minorities and women pursuing careers in the energy industry. With more than $4 million dollars to support their education, students in the program have logged over 250,000 hours of hands-on experience. CDEP has been honored by the University System of Georgia, the Georgia House of Representatives, and two U.S. Presidents, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama, for its success.

Always striving to help his students achieve greater heights, Dr. Crumbly has given of his time and talents to mentor thousands of FVSU students in his STEM classes. Through CDEP, he is responsible for the education, employment, and successful careers of over 126 CDEP graduates who are engineers, geoscientists, and health physicists.

Dr. Crumbly’s impact has stretched far beyond his immediate students, however. A skilled grantsman, Dr. Crumbly has helped bring in over $30 million for the University and its students through funded grants, internships, and scholarships. He also has helped established partnerships with over 70 corporate, private, and university entities. Dr. Crumbly has been recognized numerous times by various professional and scholarly organizations for his work in educating students in STEM.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join, my wife Vivian, and the Fort Valley State University community in honoring Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly for 50 outstanding years of contributing to the education and success of students at the Fort Valley State University.

CONGRATULATING MARION STILLSON FOR RECOGNITION AS THE RESTON CITIZEN ASSOCIATION’S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Marion Stillson of Reston on being recognized as the 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association.

The Reston Association was founded in 1967 to promote and protect Reston's founding principles by serving as a non-partisan forum for all residents and as an advocate for the community with County and State governments.

The RCA Citizen of the Year Award dates back to 1976 and honors an individual whose actions are consistent with the goals of Reston and the RCA. Recipients are recognized for contributing to the quality of life in Reston and for providing assistance to our neighbors in need. Marion and her husband Dick arrived in the Reston area in 1973. Marion's service to the community began in October 1980 when she was selected as one of the first members of the Reston Community Center's Board of Governors and provided valuable input on accessibility issues. Since then, she has been involved in a wide variety of issues important to Reston, the region, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation.

Marion was elected Vice-President of RCA in 2009 and President in 2010 and served our community in that role over two terms. During her tenure, RCA established the Reston Accessiblity Committee, which helps ensure that local businesses provide access to retail, office and public amenity locations for those with mobility impairments, created the Reston 2020 Committee to analyze and advocate on land use issues, and implemented the "Sustainable Reston" Initiative to raise awareness of the need to address the effects on the Reston community of peak oil, global climate change and economic disruption.

At the county level, Marion has been appointed to the Election Improvement Commission, the Wiehle Avenue Steering Committee, the Hunter Mill District Budget Committee and has served as an elections officer.

Marion’s passion for fairness and justice have been reflected in her distinguished professional career which has included serving as a lobbyist for the American Association of University Women; Staff Attorney National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws; Staff Attorney for the National Labor Relations Board; Director of the Criminal Justice Advocacy Project for the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney/Counselor/Mediator for the Architect of the Capitol Fair Employment Practices Office. In these roles, she directly influenced and in some instances created national policy in various areas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Marion Stillson for this award and thanking her for her committed and selfless service to our community.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

HON. KEVIN BRADY
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REpresentatives
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the 40th anniversary of The Rotary Club of The Woodlands, Texas. Across our nation and world, service organizations make communities stronger through educational, vocational and community health programs. Since its formation, the leaders and members of this Rotary Club, of which I'm a proud member, have achieved all that—and more.

During the Vietnam War was ending, 20 local business leaders stepped forward to find solutions and make a positive difference in a new master planned community known as The Woodlands, Texas. Within two months of their first meeting, Rotary International approved their charter on May 9, 1975.

Over the last four decades, much has changed both within our Rotary and world, but the Rotary Club of the Woodlands continues to grow and serve. Today 174 business and community leaders keep the Club moving forward by putting servant leadership first. The number of service projects and programs has increased, while educational scholarships for local students remain at the heart of it all.

Before this new century the Club's Scholarship fund reached $250,000, reasserting the creation of a foundation. Over $1.3 million has been raised for deserving students—and many new community leaders credit their Rotary scholarships for making their education dreams a reality.

Our Rotary Club sponsors five Interact clubs at local high schools where future Rotarians and community leaders connect with mentors, develop leadership skills and make connections through service projects and club meetings.

Our club works with Interfaith of The Woodlands on a program called "Serving Our Seniors." Twice annually, Rotarians, Interact students, Interfaith staff and volunteers come together to help seniors with a variety of home repair, improvement and landscaping chores.

Our Club annually supports an international exchange student who attends high school in the community. This cultural and educational exchange benefits the hosted student, their home country and the students who get to know more about other cultures.

The Club also provides layettes for the care of newborns in a South American medical clinic near the areas known for the Children of the Dump. This project ensures many lives begin in a sanitary environment and involves local Interact Clubs who put together the layettes from supplies purchased by the Club with matching funds from Rotary International.
Our club also holds mock interview sessions with local community college students. The “Show Me the Money” project pairs up Rotarians with students in a positive, affirming environment. Our sessions include making the right first impression and financial literacy.

There are truly too many service projects this Club has completed over the past forty years to share them all, but a conservative estimate is that Rotarians from The Woodlands Club have put in tens of thousands of service hours.

So, to my fellow Rotarians I thank you for 40 years of living the Rotary motto of “Service before Self” in thought, word, and most importantly, in deeds. May your exemplary servant leadership continue to bless our community.

I know my Rotarian pride shines through when I share what my home Rotary club does when I share what my home Rotary club does for our community. Today I want all of America to join with us in celebrating 40 great years. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for The Rotary Club of The Woodlands.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF
HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2028) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chair, I thank my colleague and friend, Mr. BEYER, for his leadership on this issue.

Our friends on the other side of the aisle are once again attempting to substitute Congress’ will outside its purview, this time by prohibiting the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA from finalizing their Waters of the U.S. rule.

This is nothing new.

Earlier this year they tried to get into the local permitting process by forcing states to accept the Keystone XL pipeline. As a former local government official you can imagine how shocked I was at that effort.

And let us not forget how often they seek to tell the District of Columbia, and its residents, how they should be governed.

Now, my friends wish to halt federal rule-making prescribed under the Clean Water Act, almost a decade in the making and after more than a million public comments and numerous public hearings and stakeholder meetings, just before a final rule is released.

Remember, it was Congress and the Supreme Court who asked for clarification for what should be defined as “navigable waters.”

Today, nearly 60 percent of our nation’s streams and millions of acres of wetlands currently lack clear protection from pollution under the Clean Water Act. Current loopholes put at risk 2 million miles of our streams, threatening the drinking water of 117 million Americans, and jeopardizing 20 million acres of wetlands.

The proposed rule would provide an estimated $388 million to $514 million annually of benefits to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater. The public benefits significantly outweigh the costs for mitigating impacts to streams and wetlands, and taking steps to reduce pollution to our waterways.

Why don’t we let the rulemaking process finish and then we can see if it needs to be fixed. The Beyer-Connolly amendment will do that. But let’s not jump to judgement.

Congress has a role to play. But it shouldn’t be as an intransigent obstacle.

HONORING GUILFORD NATIVE NICK FRADIANI, JR., AMERICAN IDOL SEASON XIV FINALIST

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the community of Guilford, Connecticut, as well as the Fradians family, friends, and fans of all ages in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Connecticut’s own Nick Fradiani, Jr. who this week became a finalist on Season XIV of the reality television series American Idol.

With his musician father, Nick Fradiani, Sr., bringing him to gigs as a child and blessed with a special talent all his own it is not hard to believe that Nick developed a passion for music. Though he has really only focused on music as a career over the last decade, it is that passion that makes Nick’s performances so special and why he has been able to build such a strong fan base in Connecticut.

A performer, singer, and songwriter, he has taken American Idol Season XIV by storm and, in the process, has sparked a unique enthusiasm across his home state of Connecticut. Bringing his own style to fan favorites like Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers’ “American Girl,” Billy Joel’s “Only the Good Die Young,” Maroon 5’s “Harder To Breathe,” Rod Stewart’s “Maggie May,” Matchbox Twenty’s “Bright Lights,” and Rascal Flatts “What Hurts the Most” he has impressed American Idol judges and, more importantly, won the hearts and minds of millions across the country who have voted to ensure his continued appearances.

Nick has created quite the fervor in Connecticut—reflected in the thousands of fans across the state who crowd into viewing parties or watch from each week to see him perform and vote for him to advance. I am honored to have this opportunity to join his parents Nick and Liz, along with his sister, Kristen, his extended family, friends and the Guilford community in wishing Nick Fradiani, Jr. the best of luck in the last weeks of the American Idol competition.

Nick—win or lose you have made us all proud and we are with you.

HONORING ESCALADE SPORTS

HON. LARRY BUCSHON
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Escalade Sports, a fantastic Hoosier business in my home district.

Escalade Sports is being awarded the President’s “E” Award, the highest recognition a U.S. Company can receive for significantly contributing to the expansion of U.S. exports. This award was created in 1961 to provide recognition of the work that America’s exporters undertake, and honors 45 companies every year for their contributions to the American economy.

Escalade Sports embodies the spirit of this award as it produces many high quality American sporting and gaming products that range from basketball hoops, to table tennis equipment, to archery supplies. These products are then exported and sold to athletes and sports enthusiasts across the globe to enjoy and use.

Escalade Sports is headquartered in Evansville, where it provides quality jobs to Hoosiers here in Southwest Indiana and many more across the United States in its various production and distribution facilities. The company’s exports not only help to show the world what amazing products are made here in America, but also keep Americans employed and help expand our economy.

Mr. Speaker, we should all be grateful for the fine work of Escalade Sports, and the other “E” Award recipients across the United States for their contributions to the American economy.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARK P. THOMAS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SCHUYLKILL CHORAL SOCIETY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Mark P. Thomas, who will be honored for his service to the Schuylkill Choral Society on May 9. Dr. Thomas has served as the music director and conductor of the Schuylkill Choral Society for three decades.

Under his leadership, the Schuylkill County Choral Society has gained worldwide recognition. Dr. Thomas has been recognized in the United States and Europe for his contribution to the performing arts. In addition to his duties with the Choral Society, Dr. Thomas is a founder of both the Anthracite Philharmonic and Schuylkill County’s first children’s chorus, Minors Notes Chorale.

Dr. Thomas has been a guest artist and conductor for many organizations including the Prague Radio Symphony, the New York Pops, and the Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra. He has made multiple tours throughout Europe and North America which have included multiple performances at Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center and the Riverside Cathedral in New York, Orchestra Hall in Chicago, the State Opera House and the Cathedral of St. Paul in Minnesota.
Mary and Paul in Prague, and the Cathedral of St. Stephen in Vienna. Thomas has served as a guest conductor with the Ocean Grove Choral Festival Choir, at Reading’s Music-fest, and for PMEA choral festivals throughout Pennsylvania. He has also toured and conducted in Russia, Finland, and Estonia with members of the State Orchestra of St. Petersburg and members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Choral Society. In 2016, he will be leading the Schuylkill Choral Society on a tour to Italy and France which will include performances in Rome, Florence, Paris, and Normandy. Dr. Thomas has appeared nationally on the NPR and PBS as well as local appearances on Comcast Tonight and Comcast Newsmakers. He has served as a music consultant for Maryland Educational Television and as an adjunct professor at Alvernia University, Penn State University, and Bucks County Community College. Thomas and his choirs are also featured performers of the National Anthem for the Philadelphia sports community, including regular performances for the Phillies, Sixers, and Flyers.

Dr. Thomas is deservedly listed in the Who’s Who in the World, Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in Education, and Who’s Who among American Teachers. He has received recognition from former President Bill Clinton on behalf of a music program he designed honoring World War II veterans. He has also received recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania House and Senate, the Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners, and the Austrian and German governments. Thomas was named by Philadelphia Magazine as “Best Choral Director” in the Philadelphia region. He has also been recognized by the St. David’s Society as a “Citizen of the Year,” was Pennsylvania finalist for “Teacher of the Year,” and was the first musician inducted into the Upper Perkiomen Valley Academic Hall of Fame.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Mark Thomas for his work in the musical arts. His passion for music is evident his impressive body of work, which has touched countless individuals over the years. I applaud him for his service to the greater artistic good, and I wish him continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 1, 2015

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed votes on Wednesday, April 29. Had I been present, I would have voted “No” on Roll Call 176, “Yes” on Roll Call 177, and “No” on Roll Call vote 178.
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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 2195–2232; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 44; and H. Res. 243–250 were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1890, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–100, Part 1); and

H.R. 1891, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–101).

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a voice vote.


Rejected the Bera motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 214.

Agreed to:

Duncan (SC) amendment that appropriates additional funds for “Corps of Engineers, Civil, Department of the Army, Investigations” by reducing funds for Department of Energy, Energy Programs, Departmental Administration” by $2,500,000;

Rothfus amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits use of funds to apply the report entitled “Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquified Natural Gas from the United States” in any public interest determination under the Natural Gas Act (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 208);

Gosar amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds for the Department of Energy’s Climate Model Development and Validation program (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 209);

McClintock amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the purchase of water to supplement or enhance instream water flow requirements in California (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 211);

LaMalfa amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the requirement in the Code of Federal Regulations, that activities identified in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act must be established or ongoing in order to receive an exemption under the Act (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 212); and
LaMalfa amendment that prohibits use of funds to deliver water to the Trinity River above the minimum requirements of the Trinity Record of Decision or to supplement flows in the Klamath River (by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 213).

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Rejected:
Blackburn amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that reduces funding in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 210).

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H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to on April 29th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2777, H2777–78, H2778–79, H2779, H2779–80, H2780–81, H2782, and H2783. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WHAT IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOING TO COMBAT THE OPIOID ABUSE EPIDEMIC?
Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “What is the Federal Government Doing to Combat the Opioid Abuse Epidemic?”. Testimony was heard from Michael Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Richard Frank, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Nora Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health; Douglas Throckmorton, M.D., Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; Debra Houry, M.D., Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Pamela Hyde, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Patrick Conway, M.D., Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality and CMS Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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LEGISLATIVE MEASURE
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.J. Res. 45, the “Victims’ Rights Amendment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT AGAINST FRAUD?
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Is the Railroad Retirement Board Doing Enough to Protect Against Fraud?”. Testimony was heard from Martin J. Dickman, Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board; Michael S. Schwartz, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

INNOVATIONS IN BATTERY STORAGE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Innovations in Battery Storage for Renewable Energy”. Testimony was heard from Imre Gyuk, Energy Storage Program Manager, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, May 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, National Labor Relations Board, with a vote on or in relation to the veto message to accompany the joint resolution expected at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in pro forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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