

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING VICTIMS OF THE 1984 ANTI-SIKH POGROMS AND MASSACRE, AND HONORED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDIA TODAY INCLUDING MR. SURAT SINGH KHALSA

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to honor those killed during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre. November 2014 marked the 30 year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984. I ask that this Congress remember those who were killed that tragic week.

I also ask that this Congress honor the struggle of many political prisoners in India today, including Mr. Surat Singh Khalsa, who is currently under house arrest, on a hunger strike and in very poor health. Today, we should reflect on his advocacy for the rights of political prisoners, support his right to free speech and ask for his release.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THOMAS A. KELLEY

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas A. Kelley, an extraordinary constituent of California's 18th Congressional District who has been chosen to receive the STAR Award by AchieveKids on June 20, 2015, in Palo Alto, California.

Tom Kelley is a 1962 graduate of Rice University where he earned both B.A. and B.S. degrees, and a 1967 graduate of the Stanford Business School. He founded Thomas A. Kelley & Associates, an executive search firm in 1969, on Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park, California. The company's mission was to bring together management teams for high technology start-ups. While performing executive searches, Thomas A. Kelley & Associates invested in pre-public client companies and achieved financial success. While managing the ever-growing business, Tom continued to personally conduct searches through the life of the company. In 2002, the company became Thomas A. Kelley Investments, which manages the Kelley Family Trust and performs pro bono consulting for tech entrepreneurs.

In addition to his extraordinary success in business, Tom Kelley gives generously of his time, resources and considerable talents to many non-profit organizations. He was honored as a "Stanford Associate" for his volunteer work at the Stanford Business School; served on the Board of the Portola Valley

School District; served on the Board of AchieveKids; and co-founded the Portola Valley Theatre Conservancy. Tom is also a member of the Board of Trustees, Inner Circle and a Producer at TheatreWorks of Palo Alto. He has served on the Board of Valley Presbyterian Church, the Board of the Chambers Landing Homeowners Association, and currently serves on the Advisory Board of Glimmerglass Networks. He served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Thomas A. Kelley as he receives the STAR Award. Tom and the entire Kelley family are respected, admired and loved in our community for their civic contributions and leadership. It's a privilege to honor him and a blessing to have his friendship and that of his extraordinary family.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MARY LOIS NEVINS

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mary Lois Minton Nevins, of Pasadena, California, a well-known and respected community leader who passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015.

Mary Lois Minton was born on December 6, 1924 in Long Island, New York. Her father, Henry Miller Minton, was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed at the Santa Ana Army Airbase in California; consequently, the Minton family moved to Newport Beach, California. Ms. Minton was a graduate of Westover School and Vassar, where she studied chemistry. In 1946, Mary Lois married Richard Nevins and moved to Pasadena, where they raised their children, Richard, William, and Henry.

As a young mother and wife, Mary Lois, along with her husband, became extremely active in Democratic Party politics, volunteering for the California Young Democrats, the Altadena-Pasadena Young Democrats, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club and the California Democratic Council, and working on countless local, state and national campaigns.

Ms. Nevins was also incredibly passionate about issues surrounding early childhood education and disadvantaged youth. In 1964, she pursued a teaching credential from Los Angeles State College, and after student teaching in 1965 at Markham Junior High School and Jordan High School in Los Angeles, she joined the Episcopal Home for Children (now known as HillSides) where she taught at-risk children for nearly two decades. During her career at HillSides, she founded the Tutor-Friend Volunteer program that brought together HillSides students with local college and high school students. In 1990, Mary Lois joined the board of Pacific Oaks College, an

institution known for its excellent early childhood education programs, where she served as chair, leader and mediator until 1997. A pioneer in promoting the two-generation learning concept, Ms. Nevins was a key leader and generous supporter of the Mothers' Club Family Learning Center in Pasadena, a non-profit that provides high-quality education to the area's needy parents and children. She served as President of the Board from 1988 to 1992.

Preceded in death by her husband, Richard Nevins, a former member of the California State Board of Equalization, Mary Lois is survived by her sons, Richard, William and Henry; her grandchildren, Richard, Sarah, Katharine, Casey, Austin, and Wynn; her siblings, Hatheway Hasler, Helen Farley, and Dwight Minton; and many other family members.

Remembered in her community as a generous, compassionate and strong woman, Mary Lois will be greatly missed. I ask all members to join me in remembering one of Pasadena's most beloved citizens, Mary Lois Nevins.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. KENNETH AND BETTY KATING

### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Betty Kating on their 60th wedding anniversary which they will be celebrating on June 11, 2015.

Marriage is a sacred institution that represents true love, commitment, and dedication to family. This is a special time for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kating to celebrate and showcase the depth of their love and devotion to one another.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kating on this momentous occasion.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 2, 2015*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2578) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak to the provisions in the bill related to programs of the National Oceanic and

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Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that address the monitoring and mapping of our Nation's coastlines. This function is an important function for the safety of navigation, environmental protection, and homeland security of the United States. There is little dispute that important commercial, military, and recreational activities are supported by this effort.

While important across the entire country, I want to address the specific needs of my State of Alaska. I understand that there is a concerted effort by NOAA to improve sea subsurface surveys. I fully support their efforts and applaud them for continuing this important work. The safety of navigation for our waterways is extremely important.

However, there is another dimension of survey that needs some attention also. Most of the shoreline in the Arctic along Alaska's northern and western coasts has not been mapped since 1960, if ever, and confidence in the shoreline depicted on the region's nautical charts is extremely low. Less than 10% of Alaska has contemporary shoreline data and less than 1% is mapped annually. There is also a disturbing lack of consistent elevation data.

The current state of shoreline mapping leaves those who ply Alaskan waters and depend on accurate shoreline mapping for their livelihood unnecessarily vulnerable. Due to Alaska's vast size and sparse population, the cost of acquiring traditional high-resolution topographic data and mapping thousands of miles of coastline is a daunting endeavor. Alaska has more than 44,000 miles of shoreline, which more than doubles the shoreline of the entire lower 48 states. Further, the emerging importance of the Arctic is adding to the need for updated shoreline charts. Increased economic development and shipping transits require that the most accurate data be collected and up to date charts be produced.

As a result, citizens and the State's economy are at risk. In addition to understanding sea-level rise impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, sea-level rise investigations are also important given that three quarters of Alaska's citizens live in coastal regions, which support 80% of the state's economic activity. Economic activity in Alaska's coastal zones includes world-renowned fish and shellfish industries as well as a burgeoning recreation and tourism industry.

Many approaches are available. Some techniques can be a painstaking undertaking due to cost and logistical challenges because of the vast area and distances involved. As a result the data collected within Alaska can be fairly limited in coverage. Another promising technology is the use of satellite remote sensing that can help assist current NOAA efforts. The complementary use of optical and radar satellites can add a new dimension to remote sensing applications. Within the State of Alaska there is an emerging capability using this approach that is cost effective and not dependent on weather conditions. This capability includes the ability to download data and provide the refined products needed to create the needed mapping quickly and cost effectively. I understand that NOAA regularly uses both government and commercial satellite imagery to support nautical charting in Alaska.

Regardless of the approach, I want to encourage NOAA to make a concerted effort to use funding received to reduce the backlog of outdated and uncharted shorelines in Alaska

as quickly and cost effectively as possible in addition to continuing the important work of conducting the sea subsurface surveying. The economic and strategic importance of the Pacific Northwest region and the emerging Arctic require that this be done.

#### GIRLS COUNT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 1, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as the Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus and a senior member of the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees, I rise in strong support of S. 802, the "Girls Count Act of 2015."

I support this legislation which authorizes the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development to: (1) support programs that will contribute improved civil registration and vital statistics systems with a focus on birth registration; and (2) promote programs that build the capacity of developing countries' national and local legal and policy framework to prevent discrimination against girls, and help increase property rights, social security, land tenure, and inheritance rights for women.

In addition, this bill authorizes the Secretary and the U.S. AID Administrator to cooperate with multilateral organizations to promote such programs.

As co-chair of the Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Algeria Caucuses, I have long advocated for the rights for women around the world. In the current Congress, I introduced H.R. 69 and H.R. 57, two bills that promote women's rights.

H.R. 69 is a bill awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to Malala Yousafzai, the Nobel Laureate for Peace, in recognition of her devoted service to education, justice, and equality.

Malala Yousafzai is an inspiration to young people in the United States and children who must struggle to receive an education.

In a speech before the United Nations, she called for a global struggle against literacy, poverty and terrorism.

She closed her remarks by saying "One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world."

The Taliban remains unrepentant while she remains defiant and said that the day she was shot "weakness, fear and hopelessness died."

While her road to recovery proved to be amazing and complete, she has not been deterred in pursuing her goal of education rights for young girls in her native land and for this, her life continues to be threatened by the Taliban.

H.R. 57 requires that activities carried out by the United States in South Sudan relating to governance, post-conflict reconstruction and development, police and military training, and refugee relief and assistance support the human rights of women and their full political, social, and economic participation.

According to the United States Census Bureau's 2013 international figures, 1 person in 12, or close to 900 million people, is a girl or woman age 10 through 24.

The Census Bureau's data also illustrates that young people are the fastest growing segment of the population in developing countries.

Even though most countries have birth registration laws, four out of ten babies born in 2012 were not registered worldwide.

Moreover, an estimated 36 percent of children under the age of five worldwide (about 230,000,000 children) do not possess a birth certificate.

A nationally recognized proof of birth system is important to determining a child's citizenship, nationality, place of birth, parentage, and age.

Without such a system, a passport, driver's license or other identification card is difficult to obtain.

The lack of such documentation can prevent girls and women from officially participating in and contributing to the formal economic, legal, and political sectors in their country.

The lack of birth registration among girls worldwide is particularly concerning as it can exacerbate the disproportionate vulnerability of women to trafficking, child marriage, and lack of access to health and education services.

A lack of birth registration among women and girls can also aggravate what, in many places, amounts to an already reduced ability to seek employment, participate in civil society, or purchase or inherit land and other assets.

Girls undertake much of the domestic labor needed for poor families to survive: carrying water, harvesting crops, tending livestock, caring for younger children, and doing chores.

Mr. Speaker, to help ensure that women and girls are considered in United States foreign assistance policies and programs, that their needs are addressed in the design, implementation, and evaluation of foreign assistance programs, and that women and girls have the opportunity to succeed, it is important that girls be counted and have access to birth certificates and other official documentation.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in strong support for S. 802.

REMEMBERING DR. PHIL  
LINEBERGER

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay my respects to Dr. Phil Lineberger. He was a noble, God-fearing man who left us too soon.

Pastor Phil served as pastor of Sugar Land Baptist Church since November 1995 and was the senior pastor until the time of his death. Pastor Phil mentored many people during his forty-five years as a pastor and was even coined "the real Dr. Phil" by members of his congregation for how readily he nurtured others through good and bad times. Pastor Phil touched many people throughout his life and always gave of himself unconditionally in service of others.

I extend my deepest condolences to Phil's wife, Brenda, his three daughters, and ten beautiful grandchildren. Our prayers are with each of you during this unimaginable grief. Your husband, father, and grandfather was

loved by many. I know that your family at Sugar Land Baptist Church is lifting you up in prayers and surrounding you with love. Again, the folks from the Twenty Second Congressional District are very sorry for your loss. We lost Phil too soon, and he will be missed.

PRESS CONFERENCE: BERTIE'S RESPECT FOR NATIONAL CEMETERIES ACT

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, our national military cemeteries are hallowed ground.

And I ask my colleagues to agree . . . and support my bill, H.R. 2490, "Bertie's Respect for National Cemeteries Act."

On October 15, 1969, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a man named George Emery Siple shot and killed Bertha Smith, known to everyone as "Bertie."

Siple was convicted of the murder . . . and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Thirty years later, he died in prison.

Because he was a military veteran, he was buried in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in 1999.

He was buried there despite a federal law passed in 1997.

That law said that veterans convicted of federal or state capital crimes . . . are not permitted to be buried in Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries or Arlington National Cemetery.

For Bertie Smith's family, this is a heart-wrenching situation that has gone on for three decades.

Jackie Katz—Bertie's daughter—has called it "hell" and a "horror" to live with the fact that George Siple was memorialized and buried with full military honors.

When I first began to look into this issue, it was clear to me that it was as frustrating as it was heartbreaking.

Back in 1997—led by our Pennsylvania Senators—Congress passed a law that said that veterans found guilty of capital crimes could not be buried in our national veterans cemeteries.

At that time, you may remember, the country was still reeling from the Oklahoma City bombing.

And veterans everywhere were justifiably appalled that Timothy McVeigh, a military veteran, could be buried with full military honors.

Now, McVeigh did not receive that burial.

But a major problem we discovered was that the law was not actively enforced for others until 2006.

Since then, the VA has relied on an "honor system," which requires family members to willingly report their relative's criminal record.

In 2013, Congress once again sought to protect our VA National Cemeteries by passing a law to explicitly allow the VA to remove veterans from cemeteries, if they had been convicted of a federal or state capital crime. However, this law does not extend to veterans buried between 1997 and 2013, a time period that includes George Emery Siple.

That's why I've introduced "Bertie's Respect for National Cemeteries Act."

What this law will do is:

Require Veterans Affairs to take every reasonable action to ensure that a veteran is eligible to be buried, including searching public criminal records.

It will clarify Congress's original intent by providing Veterans Affairs the explicit authority . . . to remove veterans convicted of capital crimes that were wrongly buried after 1997.

And it will specifically provide for the removal of George Emery Siple from Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

This bill really only reaffirms what Congress intended in the first place.

And it enjoys the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

There are precedents for the removal of convicted murderers from veterans cemeteries—from Arlington National Cemetery, and VA cemeteries in Michigan, and Oregon . . . to name just a few.

Additionally, nothing in the bill would withdraw previous military honors, such as Purple Hearts or medals for valor, otherwise earned by the deceased veterans.

The discussion of military veterans who have been convicted of murder often raises the issue of mental health treatment and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

There is no question that PTSD is a real condition affecting many service men and women, and I have always stood for funding the evaluation and treatment of those who may be afflicted.

That said, those who have been convicted of capital murder by our judicial system have been declared guilty of the worst offense possible, and any mitigating factors would have been considered at trial and sentencing. And I don't think it's too much to say that murderers should not be buried next to true American heroes.

And the memories of victims like Bertie Smith should not be disregarded. I ask my colleagues for their support in saying that real, true honor really means something in our National Military Cemeteries.

HONORING GREATER GROVE STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community, Greater Grove Street Missionary Baptist Church. Greater Grove Street M. B. Church has served as a catalyst for the African American growth in Warren County and the State of Mississippi.

Greater Grove Street Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1908 in the former home of the late Cosby family on the lower West end of Grove Street. The church was known commonly as "Cato's Church," a name noting the leadership and zeal of its principal deacon at the time. Deacon F. Jackson and family donated the Cornerstone.

Rev. Willie Wood was elected as the first pastor of the church and he served until death. The next pastor, Rev. George S. Lewis, served aptly, with deacons: William Fair, E. Sparkmen and W. Wilson serving faithfully under him.

In 1948, Rev. W.C. Porter was elected pastor; and under his leadership, the following officers served: Sing Robin, Lieutenant Bradley, Charlie Hunt, Jessie Ware, Theadore Shaw, Rufus Britten, James Williams, Rufus Price and Tom Neal.

In 1962, the church came to a major crisis. The City of Vicksburg began widening Grove Street. Grove Street M.B. Church laid in the path of the city's improvements. As a result, the church was torn down. The concrete baptismal pool remains on the old lot, and is the solitary reminder that the church ever existed there. In our hour of need, the Pastor, Rev. E. E. Tutt, and the members of Ebenezer M.B. Church proved to be our friends indeed, as they shared their church building with Grove Street M. B. Church over three years as they struggled to rebuild the church.

West of the old site, a new property on Pierce Street, was selected. On April 27, 1965, at a cost of \$13,000.00, the congregation moved into its newly built tabernacle. First, the old pews from the old church were shed. At a cost of \$600.00, more comfortable pews were purchased from Fisher Funeral Home. In 1972, at a cost of \$2,400.00, the members added 534 square feet of floor space to the rear of the church, which consists of the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. On June 28, 1975, a chapter of their struggle and movement ended with the death of Rev. W.C. Porter, their pastor through their trials.

Rev. Albert Price succeeded Rev. Porter. Under his leadership, the march resumed for the church. They installed a public address system and added brick veneer to the building at a cost of \$10,000.00. This brief chapter ended in the death of Rev. Price after only serving eleven months as pastor.

In 1977, God blessed the congregation with the energetic leadership of Rev. John L. Brown. Under his leadership, the members were able to free themselves from the mortgage and all indebtedness. In 1979, a new central air unit was installed. However, there was still work to be done. For example, they purchased a Baldwin organ in 1979 to enhance the song service and installed a central cooling system for \$4,056.81; and in 1985, landscaping and drainage work was done which cost \$5,350.00.

In this description of the establishment, struggle, and movement of Grove Street M.B. Church, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit motivated them to have a place set aside for the many souls that were added to the church; and He motivated them to actively seek to grow spiritually and to inspire future generations with the spiritual mission. As Dr. John L. Brown continued to lead and direct the church, it was hoped that Grove Street M.B. Church would continue to grow.

Dr. John L. Brown was a native of Utica, MS. He is a graduate of Alcorn A&M College, in Lorman, MS, where he received his B.S. degree in Elementary Education. He did further study toward his M.S. degree in Elementary Education at Jackson State College, Jackson, Mississippi. He received his Ph.D. degree from McKinley Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS, in 1981. Dr. Brown was a teacher and principal in the Hinds County Public School System, Utica, MS, for twenty years.

As a community leader, he served as an adult leader of the 4-H Club, Mixon Junior High School, Utica, MS, for five years. He served as president of the N.A.A.C.P., Utica,

MS branch, for twelve years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for ten years, and the Community Services Association and the Hinds County Community Action Agency, Jackson, MS for eight years. Dr. Brown honorably served his community as a community voter registration coordinator, advisor, civil rights activists, social worker, and community organizer.

He was a pastor of three other churches: Orange Hill Baptist Church, Bolton, MS; Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS; and Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Lorman, MS. He was in the ministry for over 30 years. His loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Lucille Brown, supported Dr. Brown in all of his efforts. Their union was blessed with six children, four girls and two boys.

Under his leadership, the members altered the way services were conducted. Instead of posting the Order of Service on the wall, printed programs were disseminated to the congregation. The practice of roll call (where each member's name was called and one stated the amount of his tithes/offering) was eliminated and the practice of distributing envelopes was implemented. In 1987, land was purchased and donated to the church, which were forty-seven lots (North side of the church) to be used for additional parking. In 1993, two more additional corner lots were purchased. Also, the wooden steeple on the church was replaced with a fiberglass steeple. In 1996, the church van was purchased due to the increased attendance in Bible class. Ceiling fans were also purchased and installed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

In January 9, 1999, Pastor Casey D. Fisher was elected pastor of Greater Grove Street a M.B. Church. At the time he began this ministry, the church had a membership of approximately sixty-five souls. Soon after becoming pastor, Rev. Fisher adopted his motto, "Making this church the best church this side of Heaven," and his theme, "This is the Church where the gospel is preached, love is practiced and people are changed." Under his leadership, the church congregation has grown from the initial sixty-five members to over six hundred. Pastor Fisher began his ministry in September of 1998, which he was ordained under the pastorate of Reverend Willie L. Lewis of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greater Grove Street M. B. Church for its rich heritage and dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, 2015 I was absent for recorded votes #268 and #269 due to the passing of my mother.

I would like to reflect how I would have voted if I were here: On Roll Call #268 I would have voted No, On Roll Call #269 I would have voted No.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA  
SIMMS

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cynthia Simms who is retiring as the Superintendent of the San Mateo-Foster City School District after a remarkable career in education that spans more than four decades. She has been an educator for 43 years and a superintendent for 27 years, 14 of them in California. Dr. Simms' outstanding leadership, vision and communication skills have benefited thousands of students, parents, teachers and the community as a whole.

Dr. Simms was the Superintendent of the San Mateo-Foster City School District for four years overseeing the largest elementary-middle school district in San Mateo County with 20 schools, 12,000 students and 1,200 employees. She hired 13 of 20 current school principals and three district administrators. Her priority has been to provide the best possible education for each child to prepare her or him for a successful life as a responsible, contributing citizen. She instills a wonderful sense of community by making every staff member feel appreciated through their significant role in accomplishing this mission.

During her tenure, four schools were honored as California Distinguished Schools and eight school programs received J. Russell Kent Awards. Dr. Simms focused the school district on equity for all students by supporting and growing magnet school program choices for parents including STEM, STEAM, spearheading the transition of Horroll Elementary School to LEAD Elementary School, and expanding the Montessori program. She also adopted the Common Core State Standards that are designed to turn students into critical thinkers, effective communicators, collaborators and innovators. Always looking to the child's future, the district formed important partnerships with the San Mateo Union High School District, St. Mary's College and California State University East Bay.

Dr. Simms understands that children cannot thrive academically if they don't feel safe or are unhealthy. This is why she implemented consistent safety protocols across the district that include security fencing, cameras, intrusion alarms and Columbine lock sets. The schools work closely with local police departments on gang resistance training.

All students take music classes and healthy food is served at breakfast and lunch. There even is a growing number of vegetable gardens at the schools. Under Dr. Simms' leadership, the San Mateo-Foster City School District cares for and about the wellbeing of its students on every level.

Dr. Simms is credited with developing extensive communication inside and outside of the schools. There is a weekly letter to all staff, a monthly newsletter to parents, collaboration with city councils and local legislators, and quarterly reports mailed to every resident and business in San Mateo and Foster City. Collaboration, partnership and inclusiveness are core values in Dr. Simms' philosophy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives rise with me to honor Dr. Cynthia Simms, an extraordinary educator who is

deeply committed to our community and to the future of our children. She tirelessly strived for excellence, harmony and the success of her students. Her expertise, energy and enthusiasm will be missed as she enters her well-deserved retirement.

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CONGRATULATING XANDER  
MCPHEETERS

### HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Xander McPheeters of Salem, Indiana.

I want to congratulate Xander on receiving the Hobie's Hero Award. Xander received this award as a result of heroic actions he took to save his father. James McPheeters was clearing brush from his farm near Salem, Indiana when he was suddenly struck by a falling tree. James was knocked off his tractor where he lay unconscious with multiple serious injuries. His son Xander, being the only person to see the accident occur, rushed to help his injured father. Xander proceeded to turn off the key to the runaway tractor and run to his nearest neighbor's home who called 911. The emergency response team arrived and saved James McPheeters life as a result of Xander's decisive actions.

The Hobie's Heroes Award is presented to young people, 18 years or younger, who perform heroic actions in the spirit of self-sacrifice, without consideration of personal gain, for the benefit of another in significant need. Being that Xander was five years old when he performed these lifesaving actions, I know that he is the epitome of what the Hobie's Heroes Award represents.

Xander will be the sixth Hobie's Hero Award recipient and he is the youngest recipient to date. Xander is an inspiration and role model for Hoosiers across Indiana. It is an honor to rise today and highlight Xander's fearlessness, and congratulate him on receiving the Hobie's Hero Award.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote yesterday because of the death of a close friend. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call #270—AYE  
Roll Call #271—NO  
Roll Call #272—AYE  
Roll Call #273—AYE

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that I was unable to vote

on Monday's legislation due to the weather, which forced my flight to be diverted to Norfolk Virginia.

If the weather had allowed, I would have voted as follows:

On consideration of the Dingell Amendment to H.R. 1335, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, I would have voted "yea."

On consideration of the Lowenthal Amendment to H.R. 1335, I would have voted "no."

On the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1335, I would have voted "yea."

On final passage of H.R. 1335, I would have voted "no."

LIEUTENANT PARKER MOSLEY—  
PARATROOPER

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at 91 years of age, E. Parker Mosley is a local legend. Lieutenant Mosley has served his country, traveled the world and even rubbed elbows with one of history's fiercest generals. Lt. Mosley is a loyal patriot and a man of integrity and action. The Houston community is blessed to have him.

Lt. Mosley was born in 1924 in Macon, Georgia. From ages 12–18, he went to Gordon military school, where his father was a teacher. After graduation, in 1942, he was drafted into the Army. Being an eager and young man, he volunteered to be a paratrooper in WWII. Mosley attended Jump School at Fort Benning in Georgia.

Paratroopers are military parachutists that are used as a surprise advantage to the military because they can be inserted quickly into the battlefield from the air.

This allows the military to be positioned in areas that are not accessible by land. The first U.S. Airborne unit began a test in July 1940 and the first U.S. Army Combat Jump was near Oran, Algeria, in North Africa on November 8, 1942, which was right before Lt. Mosley started Jump School. This aspect of the military was quite new and unfamiliar, but that did not stop tenacious Lt. Mosley from volunteering to be a paratrooper.

Lt. Mosley was then sent to Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Brisbane, Australia, to learn military and leadership skills. Even more impressive and something that many people do not know, Lt. Mosley was first in his class at OCS. This is a high honor and privilege that many do not receive.

Lt. Mosley even had an opportunity to meet and befriend General MacArthur's wife at a Red Cross church service. Coincidentally, he ran into her two years later in Japan and she remembered him.

After Brisbane, Lt. Mosley moved to the Philippines and then Japan where he was assigned master in the parachute school airbase at Yamato. At one point he even held the record number of consecutive jumps; he was always willing to jump. His favorite jumping memory was his last jump at the age of 22. It was over northern Japan and he was allowed to solo jump. There was no one giving him orders; he was all by himself. He said he will never forget the pilot circling as he jumped.

And not only was Lt. Mosley good at his job, he encouraged other troops. He once convinced two soldiers to stay in parachute school who were going to quit.

He asked them if they had told their girlfriends about parachute school yet, and if they had, now they'd have to write their girlfriends back and tell them they quit. The approach worked and they each thanked him the next day.

Lt. Mosley was discharged from the army in 1947. He then went on to Oklahoma University in Norman, Oklahoma, to study geology where he met his future wife, Lorraine.

Lt. Mosley described their first date like this: "I had an airplane at the time, but no car. I called her and asked her if she wanted to go flying, and I don't think she believed me that I had a plane but no car. We went out for six nights straight then got engaged, just like that."

Lorraine and Lt. Mosley were married for 63 years before she passed away a couple of years ago.

After college at Oklahoma University, Mosley was hired by Exxon where he worked for 35 years. His work with Exxon eventually brought him to Texas, where he lives today.

He remained in the Reserves after Active Duty and even reached the rank of captain.

Mosley is admired and respected by his peers for his patriotism and wit. One of his friends, Mr. Warnack, said that Mosley has "one of the quickest minds I've ever ran across."

Recently, Creekwood Middle School in Kingwood—which has a tradition of honoring our military—honored Lt. Mosley by dedicating a brick to him in their Veterans Honor Garden. The Honor Garden contains more than 200 bricks which all honor local veterans and serve as a place of remembrance for past and present loved ones. It is my hope that all the students learn Lt. Mosley's story. He is one of Texas' finest.

Lt. Mosley represents the best of the Greatest Generation. He's truly a remarkable patriot—always ready and willing to jump out of a plane for his country.

Thank you, Lt. Parker Mosley, for your devotion and service to our American nation.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Concord, New Hampshire in celebration of the city's 250th anniversary. With each passing year, Concord continues to grow and prosper as the capital city of the Granite State. Having grown up and attended school in Concord, I know this historic city has so much to share with us all.

Concord, New Hampshire has a proud and storied history. Prior to its incorporation, the land that today makes up the city's limits was presided over by the Pennacook, a tribe of Abenaki Native Americans. Situated in the Merrimack River valley, the fertile soil proved ideal for growing a wide variety of crops along the river's banks.

Following Concord's incorporation and naming in 1765, the city continued as a popular area to visit and also to establish roots and start a family. The beautiful Merrimack River that winds its way from the rural northern border and through to the southern limits of the city continues to provide an idyllic backdrop and playground for all generations.

Concord's location at the geographic center of the state has enabled the city to serve as a meeting place for lawmakers, dignitaries, and citizens. Our beloved State House is distinguished as the oldest capitol in the country in which both houses of the legislature continue to meet in their original chambers.

One cannot discuss Concord without also mentioning its proud history of craftsmanship, entrepreneurs, and leaders. The fourteenth President of the United States, Franklin Pierce, chose to raise his family in Concord during his time as an elected official, leaving the city with his beautiful historic homestead that continues to bring history to life today for school groups and visitors. The Capital City also became the namesake for the most famous of the prestigious Abbot-Downing Coaches, with the Concord Coach smoothly transporting passengers for decades before the advent of the automobile.

Concord has been called home by numerous notable figures over the years, including Crista McAuliffe, who has inspired generations of students both in the classroom as a teacher and through her legacy as a member of the *Challenger* Space Shuttle crew. Basketball player Matt Bonner honed his athletic skills at Concord High School before launching his professional career in the NBA. And we cannot forget Tara Mounsey, who helped lead the United States Women's Hockey Team to a gold medal in the 1998 Winter Olympics. The successes and achievements of Concord's citizens are a testament to the wonderful community that so many are lucky to call home.

Concord is now in the midst of a 21st century transformation made possible in part through the competitive TIGER grants, as its Main Street is revitalized to improve safety and increase greenspace along this vital economic corridor.

As a native of Concord and a lifelong resident of the Granite State, I am immensely proud of all that Concord, New Hampshire has accomplished over the past 250 years, and I am confident that the city will continue to thrive in the centuries ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CULVER-UNION TOWNSHIP CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Culver-Union Township Carnegie Public Library, located in Culver, Indiana as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary on June 6, 2015.

In the early 1900's, local communities around the country were awarded funds to build libraries using money from the businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. In 1915, the Carnegie Corporation granted

\$10,000 to the town of Culver to build a library on Main Street.

Still needing additional funds, local Culver businessmen helped to raise the money needed to purchase the land for the building site. On December 30, 1915 the library opened, consisting of 17 books that were donated by local members of the Culver community and Zolla Moss was hired as their first librarian.

The lower level of the library was used as a meeting and performance space until the 1950's. Many church congregations met in the lower level of the Carnegie library building at one time or another. During the 1960's, the library's book collection continued to increase in size, leading to the use of the lower level to hold books.

Today, the Culver-Union Township Public Library Carnegie building is still in use as a library, and has undergone an addition and renovation which were completed in 2001 and remains the only Carnegie Library still in existence in Marshall County, Indiana.

The library continues to play a vital role in the education and success of all communities and, with its historic Carnegie building, is a shining example of all that public libraries can accomplish for local communities.

For the past century, the Culver-Union Township Public Library has been an important piece of communal life in Culver. Families, friends, and students gather to conduct research, enjoy literary works, and socialize. There is no question the library holds an important public function in serving the community through literary means, and is enjoyed by many.

I commend the staff, visitors and members of the library for their dedication to serving the people of Culver. They serve the diverse needs of its communities through the sharing of library resources and services in a welcoming atmosphere for all and will continue to function as a public forum for learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Culver-Union Township Public Library as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

HONORING PLEASANT GREEN  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of the community, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church. Pleasant Green M. B. Church has served as a catalyst for the African American growth in Warren County.

Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1867 in a mess hall on Pearl Street. The first church was destroyed by a storm in 1869 and another church was built in 1869 under Rev. Jim Shaw. The church relocated to its present site in 1888 with the construction of a wood-framed structure for worship, which subsequently burned. A new brick structure was constructed under Rev. Dunham and Deacon Ragan, both professional brick masons.

In 1893, the church called Rev. Oscar Williams—a mighty man of God, soul-stirring preacher, revivalist, earnest and tireless work-

er—as its seventh pastor, who organized the church into working ministries with assistance from Deacons: Jack Lindsey, Johnny Young, George Ely, Saul Moore, Dan Scott, Ed Brackins, and Jim Shaw. The final church structure was completed under Rev. Williams leadership in 1898 and the membership increased to over 800 congregants.

In 1910, under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Alexander, a two-story hall was erected and the usher board was organized with the first ushers being Will Moore, Henry Tucker, and Fink Taylor.

In 1922, under the pastor-ship of Rev. Frank Williams, the pipe organ was installed, concrete steps replaced wooden steps, electric lights replaced gas lights, and a water cooler was added. Also, the two story fellowship hall was replaced with the current structure, a heat furnace was added, and the communion table presently used was obtained.

In 1939, under the shepherding of Rev. L. R. Chandler, a new roof for the church and fellowship hall were completed, the exterior of the church and fellowship hall was restored, a baptismal pool and new hardwood floors were added, and the choir stand were extended.

In 1969, after 29 years of faithful service, Rev. Chandler resigned due to health issues, and Rev. F. L. Barnes was called as pastor and oversaw the installation of air conditioning and carpeted floors.

In March 1982, after the passing of Rev. Barnes, Rev. Alvin G. Walker was called to serve as pastor. Under his leadership, new land was purchased; new doors for the front of the church and basement were installed; usher, finance and communion rooms were constructed, and handrails were added.

In November 2013, after other faithful servants of the gospel ministry had served, Rev. Jefferey Stafford was called as pastor. It is his vision that Pleasant Green “Exalt Christ Crucified and Coming Again, Embrace Community with Care, and Engage the Culture with Christ-Centered Compassion.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church for its rich heritage.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTEN-  
NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
PORT OF PALM BEACH

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise today to recognize and commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Port of Palm Beach located in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Since its founding in 1915, the Port of Palm Beach has grown and flourished, maintaining a superior standard of work while enriching the surrounding county and community. The Port now stands as the fourth busiest container port in Florida and 18th in the nation. Some two million tons of cargo, valued at greater than \$5 billion dollars passes through the Port annually, which further serves to highlight the substantial contribution the Port makes to the state at large.

This heavy load and its many years of service have not dissuaded the Port from expand-

ing its enterprise, however, and just this year the Port celebrated the maiden voyage of a new cruise liner. Now with nearly 3,000 Floridians under its employ, the Port of Palm Beach is an industrial powerhouse, helping to fuel South Florida's development and contributing millions in revenue to Florida's economy. Most remarkable is the Port's record of self-sustenance, as it has been nearly 40 years since the Port last levied any sort of tax on the citizens of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Speaker, the Port of Palm Beach is a cornerstone of the greater Florida community and a model of excellence. I applaud the Port's many years of success and wish it many more years of prosperity and progress.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENT,  
WASHINGTON

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kent, Washington as it celebrates its 125th year anniversary. Kent has special significance for me, being the place where I grew up fishing in Mill Creek and playing at Kent Memorial Park. It was there I held my first job at 11 years old, working in the valley farms picking strawberries, raspberries, and beans. I attended Kent-Meridian High School and have fond memories of playing football at French Field, and I even bought my first car in Kent. Starting out with only 793 people in May of 1890, it has grown into a city of 124,000 and is home to an extremely diverse population. Kent is the fourth largest manufacturing and distribution center in the country, making it a hub with connections across the entire nation. Kent has also won national awards for its Airways Brewery, and word of this local treasure has spread far and wide. It also boasts the Seattle Thunderbirds who play at Kent's ShoWare Center and made it to the Western Hockey League playoffs last year.

Not only is it a successful city, hosting over 4,500 businesses and 78,000 jobs, but with its prime location nestled in the Green River Valley, it is also a beautiful location. As you look out you can see Mt. Rainier and both the Cascade and Olympic Mountain ranges—some of the most stunning landscape in the entire country. Kent has truly proven that they are here to stay and I am confident its next 125 years will prove as successful as its first.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF ST. JOHN THE EVAN-  
GELIST PARISH

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on June 14, 2015, Archbishop Charles Chaput will celebrate a Mass commemorating the close of the year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Parish. The parish has faithfully attended to the spiritual needs of the community for 50 years, providing a place of prayer, meditation and reflection. Furthermore, the parishioners in the

Lower Makefield, Bucks County church, built bonds of charity throughout the community with their devotion to those most in need. They dutifully collect and distribute food and clothing, school supplies, and visit the sick and homebound, year after year. St. John the Evangelist Parish has extended its mission, reaching out to the needy in nearby Trenton, New Jersey and Philadelphia, as well as supporting church missions worldwide. In so doing, the parishioners have demonstrated their faith through their good works. Congratulations on this anniversary year with all best wishes for the continuation of your community of the faithful far into the future.

TRIBUTE TO TAMELA LYNN  
LATHERY FLEMMINGS

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my Aunt, Tamela Lynn Lathery Flemmings, a woman of great faith and an active volunteer in the Connersville community.

Tamela was a loving and devoted wife to her husband of 12 years, Marcus. She was the proud mother of her daughter, Mamie Rae Young, and leaves behind a large family including her husband, mother, brothers, sisters, as well as many, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to spending time with her family, Tamela was known for her faith in the Lord, as a member of the Growing Branches for Christ Church. Her faith led to an active commitment in her community. Through her work to help others recover from their drug and alcohol addictions by way of the Solid Rock Ministries and the House of Ruth, Tamela was able to serve the lives of many. She also regularly volunteered with Walk a Mile in My Shoes and Gentle Christmas.

I know my Aunt Tamela was someone with a loving spirit, who could be counted on for her warm laugh and big smile. She was a straight-shooter, who was candid, loyal and smart. I will always be grateful for her love, friendship and support.

Tamela, you will be missed by those you helped to smile, succeed and empower. May God bless you, your family, and all the people of Connersville who you touched and saved through your work.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA  
SCHUMAN BANKS

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cynthia Schuman Banks, an accomplished artist and designer, a philanthropist and community leader, and one of the most youthful people I know. I am blessed to count Cynthia as one of my closest friends.

Cynthia has extraordinary talent and whatever she touches turns into a treasure. She has painted superb portraits including those of Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN, Reverend Jessie

Jackson, Dr. Linus Pauling and Vice President Walter Mondale. When former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev visited San Francisco in the early 1990s, Cynthia was selected to present him with one of her abstract paintings. She remains an avid painter to this day and recently had many of her works displayed at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Cynthia was born in Oakland, California. She attended Stanford University before she started her career as a fashion designer at Lilli Ann, a San Francisco-based clothing company that her father Adolph Schuman founded in 1934. It was named for Cynthia's mother Lillian and renowned for its good workmanship and high quality fabrics.

Adolph Schuman started the company in two rented rooms with \$800 he borrowed. Fifty years later, Lilli Ann reported retail sales of \$40 million. Mr. Schuman bought large quantities of French and Italian fabrics from small companies which helped revitalize those countries' war-ravaged textile industries. Cynthia significantly contributed to the legacy of Lilli Ann. She designed the most successful suit in the company's history.

In 1965, she changed her professional focus from fashion design to interior design and founded Benatar and Cole Interiors. She has transformed many prestigious homes in the Bay Area with her unique and exquisite touch.

In 1991, Cynthia met Dan Banks and they married the next year. For the last 23 years, Cynthia and Dan have made family their priority. They are the proud parents of Darrell Benatar, Denise Benatar, Pamela Banks Joyce and Tom Banks and grandparents Trevor, Parker, always-remembered Emily, Isabel, Maya, Colin, Sandra, Michael and Taylor. To say that Cynthia is a people person would be the understatement of the century—she loves people and loves bringing them together. Dinner parties at the Schuman Banks are must-attends for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives rise with me to honor a remarkable woman who lives life with joie de vivre and my most favorite friend Cynthia Schuman Banks on the occasion of her birthday. She continues to enrich our lives every day.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,841,401,259.20. We've added \$7,525,964,352,346.12 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING MARY FORTUNE  
WILLIAMS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a self-motivated leader and innovator of the community. Ms. Mary Fortune Williams, MBA, works as an Accountant for the State of Mississippi. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Jackson State University and her Master of Business Administration degree from Mississippi College. She also earned a Certificate of Accounting from Mississippi College.

Ms. Williams is a single parent of one daughter. After becoming divorced when her daughter was a toddler, she was determined that her child would not become another negative statistic attributed to single parent households. She strives to instill in her daughter one of the greatest fundamentals of life: Never let negative circumstances define who you are or what you can become.

Ms. Williams is actively involved in her daughter's educational and character development. She works diligently in her church and her community. She is part of the Youth Leadership Team at Greater Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, serves as an Assistant Leader of Girl Scout Troop 5576, serves on the PTSA Board of Murrah High School, and serves on the planning committee for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Fortune Williams for giving back to the community in which she was born and reared.

RECOGNIZING OSCAR HOPKINS, SR.

**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Oscar Hopkins, Sr.:

Whereas, Oscar Hopkins, Sr., a native of Sumter, South Carolina, was born in 1929. He worked as a farmhand before he left home to seek a better life for his family and establish his business as a barber in Springfield Gardens, New York; and

Whereas, after moving to New York in 1951, Oscar Hopkins was drafted into the military, serving in the 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regiment, Company C as an ammunition bearer for 50-caliber machine guns during the Korean War. After completing his tour of duty and returning to the United States three years later, Oscar was united in holy matrimony to Novell Henry. Having made a lifetime commitment to each other, two boys and one girl were added to this union; and

Whereas, deciding to go into business, Oscar took advantage of his veterans benefits by signing up for barbering courses working as an apprentice before obtaining his Master Barbering License and opening his own shop in 1966. The past several years Mr. Hopkins has been an exemplary member of the South-eastern Queens community; and

Whereas, for four generations Hopkins Barber Shop has served over 500,000 people since opening its doors, serving as a forum for community residents to have healthy open dialogues regarding current affairs, politics, faith and sports. In addition to serving its community well, the barber shop has trained several dozen of men of color to become barbers. Having achieved the status of Mayor of Springfield Gardens, today we gather to salute this exceptional person; Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That I, GREGORY W. MEEKS, Member of the 114th Congress, representing the Fifth Congressional District of New York, congratulate you, for your service to your country, and your dedication to the Southeast Queens Community. On behalf of the 723,000 residents of the Fifth Congressional District, I thank you, Oscar Hopkins, Sr., for your outstanding and ongoing contribution to our community's well-being. I hereby proclaim today, May 15, 2015, "Oscar Hopkins, Sr. Day".

ANGELICA GARCIA WOMEN'S  
BUSINESS STAR AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angelica Garcia who was recently awarded the Women's Business Enterprise National Council's Women's Business Star at its Salute to Women's Business Enterprise Gala.

Angelica is an entrepreneur and a mother from the Katy-area. She was awarded by the Women's Business Enterprise Alliance for her entrepreneurial leadership and perseverance. Angelica established AIM Global Logistics, LLC using only \$50,000 in savings and a \$500 credit card. Today her business brings in over 20 million dollars a year by offering superior services in the transportation industry. She is an exceptional leader in the Houston business community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Angelica Garcia for receiving the Women's Business Enterprise National Council's Women's Business Star Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Numbers 264 through 267, I was not present due to airplane equipment problems. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 264, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 265, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 266, and "aye" on Roll Call Vote No. 267.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015  
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES  
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2015 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments:

McKinlee Marie Boss, Smithson Valley High School, United States Military Academy; William Ellis Cooper, Jack C. Hays High School, United States Air Force Academy; Shelby Lee Feldman, Comfort High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nicky Sophia Manitzas, Liberal Arts and Science Academy of Austin, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Elisa Elena Nelson, Winston Churchill High School, United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, United States Air Force Academy; Rollins Law Olmsted, Our Lady of the Hills Catholic High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Scott Allen Pofahl, Bandera High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Travis S. Pospisil, Boerne-Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Naval Academy; Nicholas Cole Smisek, Winston Churchill High School, United States Air Force Academy; Aaron Raoul Solorzano, Alamo Heights High School, United States Military Academy; and Eric James Yandura, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Air Force Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

HONORING COACH DAVEY "THE  
WIZ" WHITNEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a man who touched the lives of many throughout the states of Texas, Kentucky, and Mississippi. He recently passed away on May 10, 2015 in his home.

Davey Whitney was born in the small town of Midway, Kentucky on January 8, 1930. He later moved to Lexington, Kentucky where he discovered his passion for basketball and joined his high school team as the point guard. There he led his team into tournaments for two consecutive years. He went on to graduate from Kentucky State University in 1952.

A seasoned basketball player, Whitney became the head coach of Texas Southern University. Subsequently he served as the head coach of Alcorn State University, which is located in Lorman, Mississippi, from 1969 to

1989 and later from 1996 to 2003. Under his leadership, they made national history in 1980 for being the first historically black college or university to win a game in the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship. Rising in the midst of such a groundbreaking achievement, Whitney became nationally known as "The Wiz".

A teacher, mentor, and sometimes revered as a father to the Alcorn Braves, Whitney was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. He was also inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010. Alcorn State University dedicated the Davey Whitney Complex basketball gym in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Coach Davey Whitney. His uncompromising commitment to diligence has paved the way for the entire Black community. Although he is no longer with us, Davey Whitney, "The Wiz" will forever be etched in the hearts of Mississippians.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL FINLEY  
LANGE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Michael Finley Lange, a prominent actor, teacher, filmmaker, and playwright. Mr. Lange earned a reputation throughout the years as a progressive force in the theater arts. With his passing on May 20, 2015, we look to recognize his extraordinary life's work and all those he inspired as an actor and teacher of theatre arts.

Mr. Lange was born in Oakland on January 2, 1948. His father was a thespian who inspired him to pursue the dramatic Arts. Mr. Lange graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1967. He attended UC Berkeley where he obtained his undergraduate degree in Political Science and later completed his graduate studies in Public Health at California State University East Bay. He later taught for more than a decade at California State University San Jose to Hospitality, Recreation, and Health Science majors.

Mr. Lange had a passion for theatre. From 1974 to 2006, Mr. Lange managed the Alice Arts Center (now the Molonga Casquelord Centre for the Arts). He also managed the Henry J. Kaiser building in Downtown Oakland.

Mr. Lange directed stage productions in the Bay Area for more than 25 years. He produced *The Meeting*, a fictional meeting between the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Honorable Malcolm X. He was also an exceptional playwright. He wrote "Prophet Nat", a musical docudrama based on the life of slave-prophet Nat Turner. He also directed two award winning plays: *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men* and *The Old Settler*.

Since the early 1990's, Mr. Lange was known for his portrayals of Malcolm X. Mr. Lange was able to captivate and capture audiences with his performances, bringing the passion and presence of Malcolm X to life, while also presenting the crowd with pressing questions regarding racial discrimination still prevalent in today's society.

Throughout his prolific career, Mr. Lange received numerous accolades, which includes being honored by the San Francisco Black Film Festival.

I have known Michael since my college days at Mills College—he constantly encouraged me. His smile, words of wisdom, and his friendship will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual, Mr. Michael Finley Lange. Mr. Lange's contributions have truly impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Mr. Lange's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

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IN HONOR OF EMMA BASS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's been more than a century since the famous Blues singer Sam "Lightnin'" Hopkins was born in Centerville, but there has been one lady catching lightning on paper since 1980.

For more than three decades if news happened in the Leon county seat, we all could count on Emma Bass to keep us fully informed.

In her town of less than a thousand residents, Emma started The Centerville News with a local loan and a big dream.

Thanks to Emma's hard work, The Centerville News is a necessary part of Centerville life. Centerville natives who have moved away from home subscribe to keep up on local happenings. All thanks to Emma's hard work and perseverance.

My friendship with Emma started when I was lucky enough to be elected to represent Centerville in the Texas House of Representatives. That friendship continues today and I'm better for it.

Count me as part of Emma's fan club.

I greatly admire and respect her integrity, intelligence and humor.

Everyone knew that if you wanted to get the story out and get it right, you better be talking to Emma Bass.

In an era of newspaper cutbacks, it's that hometown feel that makes what she created so special. When you read a story in The Centerville News and close your eyes just for a moment, you are there.

While it may take time for the new team to fill Emma's shoes, The Centerville News she founded and nurtured is staying local and Emma's contributions to her community continue on through her work on the Centerville Chamber of Commerce board.

Emma Bass is a Centerville icon and her voice will be missed on the pages of The Centerville News. But my friend Emma's retirement from news is well deserved. May it be as long, happy and fulfilling as this wonderful lady deserves.

Thank you, Emma Bass, for sharing so much with all of us for all these years.

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF SHOEMAKERSVILLE

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2015*

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today and congratulate my constituents residing in the Borough of Shoemakersville on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of its founding.

Shoemakersville, located in Berks County, Pennsylvania, was founded by Henry and Carl Shoemaker in 1765. Henry and Carl were sons of German immigrant, Jacob Shoemaker.

When Henry and Carl arrived in the area that was to become Shoemakersville they found a dense forest land. It was Henry who built the first stone house at the site. This house stands to this day at the corner of Main & Miller Streets.

The area flourished, becoming an important hub on the Schuylkill Canal. The Canal allowed for the transportation of vital anthracite coal that fueled the industrial boom in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the middle of the Nineteenth Century.

With steady growth, the residents of the region decided to formally incorporate as the Borough of Shoemakersville on September 12, 1921.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the residents of Shoemakersville on this momentous anniversary celebration.

The story of Shoemakersville is the story of growth and prosperity fueled by hard work and the determination to overcome adversity that is the very essence of the American story.

On behalf of the House and my colleagues, I congratulate the people of the Borough of Shoemakersville on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of its founding. God bless them and may they continue to know freedom and prosperity.

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#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 04, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 15, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas production activities, S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, S. 1256, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1258, to require the Secretary

of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1259, to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, S. 1263, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services, S. 1274, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy, S. 1275, to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities, S. 1277, to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, S. 1293, to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating projects, S. 1306, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions, S. 1310, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, S. 1311, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify certain penalties to deter oil spills, S. 1312, to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, S. 1338, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of projects, S. 1340, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal leasing, S. 1346, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide up to 4 financial awards to eligible entities that develop and verifiably demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in a high-cost region, S. 1363, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy, S. 1398, to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, S. 1405, to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability, S. 1407, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, S. 1408, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, S. 1420, to amend the De-

partment of Energy Organization Act to provide for the collection of information on critical energy supplies, to establish a Working Group on Energy Markets, S. 1422, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy and manufacturing-related fields, S. 1428, to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, S. 1432, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber, S. 1434, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, S. 1449, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to add certain medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles to the advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program, and H.R. 35, to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Fiscal Year 2016 Department of Defense Appropriations."

SD-192

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on first-hand and government watchdog accounts of agency challenges.

SD-342

JUNE 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine passenger rail safety, focusing on accident prevention and on-going efforts to implement train control technology.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine health information exchange, focusing on a path towards improving the quality and value of health care for patients.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Federal regulatory system to improve accountability, transparency and integrity.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

SD-192

1:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the escalating threat of ISIL in Central Asia.

RHOB-2175

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine addressing the need for victim services in Indian Country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 319, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area, and S. 1483, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a unit of the National Park System.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management  
 To hold hearings to examine wasteful spending in the Federal government, focusing on an outside perspective.  
 SD-342

Special Committee on Aging  
 To hold hearings to examine the proliferation of unwanted calls.  
 SD-562

JUNE 11  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine accounts of current and former federal agency whistleblowers.  
 SD-342

JUNE 16  
 10 a.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assist-

ant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).  
 SD-366

JULY 9  
 10 a.m.  
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
 To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and related legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.  
 SD-366