

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong opposition to this legislation which would significantly exacerbate climate change by gutting the President's plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants.

My home state of California is currently experiencing the worst drought in its history, and scientists say it is made more severe because of the warming climate in California. High temperatures have caused record low levels of mountain snowpack and water evaporation in reservoirs, rivers, and soil. This means mandatory water cuts, fallowed fields, and higher risk of wildfires as we move into the heart of the dry season. With continued increases in global temperatures due to carbon emissions, droughts like California's will become even more common across the country.

These extreme drought and wildfire conditions are not unique to California. States across the west including Oklahoma, Nevada, Utah, and Oregon are experiencing "extreme" or "exceptional" drought conditions, according to the USDA. This is a crisis across the West and scientists tell us that it will be more common as man-made carbon emissions continue to warm the planet.

The costs of failing to address climate change grow with every year that we fail to take action. In 2012 alone, climate-related disasters including drought, wildfires, and severe weather including Hurricane Sandy, cost the economy over \$100 billion. That works out to a \$300 tax on every American, and it will continue to increase as severe weather becomes more common and sea levels continue to rise. On top of those disasters, the White House Council on Economic Advisers calculated that failing to meet our climate goals will cost the U.S. \$150 billion per year in reduced economic output, and each decade of ignoring climate change increases the costs of mitigation by 40 percent.

In the absence of Congressional action to address climate change, the Administration is taking strong action which I support. But the bill before us today would allow the Clean Power Plan to be blocked indefinitely and would set a dangerous precedent of allowing states to opt out of national air quality standards. The Supreme Court has upheld the authority of the EPA to regulate carbon emis-

sions on three separate occasions since 2007, yet this bill would allow lawsuits to permanently delay the Clean Power Plan. The bill also removes the federal backstop that has made the Clean Air Act one of the most successful environmental laws in our nation's history, cutting harmful air pollution by 90 percent since its passage in 1970.

Under the premise of protecting ratepayers, who will actually see their bills go down under the Clean Power Plan, this legislation is a major step backward for our country's efforts to fight climate change.

I urge the rejection of this legislation.

HONORING MR. EDWARD LEYDEN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Edward Leyden for his 33 years of outstanding service to Bishop Lynch High School and his community.

Mr. Leyden was hired in 1982 as the school's first lay president during a time of transition and uncertainty with a struggling school enrollment. Mr. Leyden immediately began working to make the school a better place, and he hasn't stopped since.

Thanks to Mr. Leyden's years of hard work and dedication, the school's student population has more than doubled in size and the campus has undergone numerous expansion and improvement projects. Shortly after Mr. Leyden's arrival, the school received the first of two National Blue Ribbon Awards—an honor given by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize schools of exemplary academic achievement. While he points to the prestigious award for the school's success, many believe the credit goes to Mr. Leyden's leadership and open door policy.

Under Mr. Leyden's leadership, the school—once primarily attended by East Dallas pupils—now has students from all parts of the city—from Frisco to Plano and Oak Cliff to Northwest Dallas. A performing arts center was built, science wing, arts and athletics complex, and other renovation projects all have come to completion thanks to Mr. Leyden's vision and dedication to making Bishop Lynch an exemplary place for students to learn.

Mr. Leyden has achieved much in his life. A graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas and Barry University in Miami, Florida, he was ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Dallas in 2006; was the Catholic Foundation Award honoree in 2015; received the Bishop Lynch JFK award for service; is a member of St. Edward's University Board of Trustees and the advisory committee for Ferguson Road Initiative. He has been in Catholic education for more than 50 years and has presided over 33 graduation ceremonies, but if you ask Mr. Leyden what he considers his greatest accom-

plishment, he will say that he is leaving the school a better place than he found it.

This month, Mr. Leyden will retire from his career in education. While his time as an educator has come to an end, the results of his hard work will no doubt continue to be seen for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Mr. Edward Leyden for his devotion to education and for helping to shape a brighter future for our community and our country.

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this attempt to weaken our first real shot at reducing the harmful carbon pollution that is contributing to global climate change and endangering our communities.

Last month was the hottest May on record. Last year was the hottest year. We've already seen extreme weather events across the globe—from unprecedented flooding in Texas to deadly drought in India. This is not a coincidence. It is not a fluke. It is a real trend identified by ninety-seven percent of climate scientists worldwide. And it requires our urgent action to protect our constituents and our environment.

It is past time. And when skeptics in this Congress refused to acknowledge reality and refused to take any steps to prevent disaster, the President used his authority under the Clean Air Act to reduce carbon emissions, which are a leading contributor to climate change. His proposed Clean Power Plan is a flexible framework for states to cut carbon pollution from power plants for the first time. It's a plan that sets goals, provides options, and lets states figure out what works best for them.

But today we are considering a bill that would undermine the very structure of the Clean Air Act. Currently, when states refuse or fail to fulfill their obligations to reduce pollution under the Clean Air Act, the federal government has the obligation to step in to put forward a plan that would meet the law's requirements. This federal backstop is a critical part of our nation's environmental laws. Today's legislation would allow states to "opt out" of a federal plan, giving them the authority to ignore their responsibility to comply with the rule

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and leaving their residents without protection from carbon pollution.

Moreover, we are considering this bill before the Clean Power Plan is even finalized. The EPA is in the process of considering input from many states to refine the proposal before putting forward a final rule. This bill would simply delay efforts to reduce air pollution.

Mr. Speaker, just last week the Pope called on all of us to live up to our moral responsibility to act on climate change to protect our communities, our environment, and the most vulnerable among us. We should heed that call, reject this bad bill, and work together to prevent the most damaging impacts of climate change.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF GREATER NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey.

For a whole century, this organization has provided assistance and opportunity to a wide host of thankful recipients in the New York and northern New Jersey area.

Founded on February 13, 1915 in a Brooklyn suburb by two clergymen, the first Goodwill in New York began the task of providing assistance to persons with disabilities and disadvantages so they could achieve a level of self-sufficiency. From this humble start, people requesting assistance earned a living through the collection and sale of donated clothing and other goods. It wasn't long before the success of the Brooklyn Goodwill spread to other communities.

Years later, in 1922, St. Paul's Community House founded its own Goodwill in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 1962 the Goodwill in Brooklyn merged with its Jersey City cousin to form Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey Inc.

The success from that early Brooklyn store is how the organization gained its current name. Goodwill Industries International is composed of 165 agencies in the United States, Canada, and fourteen affiliates abroad. Goodwill's mission is to "empower individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to gain independence through the power of work," and they certainly have acted on that directive. In 2014 alone, the organization served 95,000 persons in need and connected approximately 8,500 with jobs. Aside from providing job services to persons with disabilities, immigrants, and war veterans, Goodwill also provides free afterschool programs in a bid to assist in the proper education and direction of our nation's young people.

Goodwill has also dedicated their efforts towards assisting those afflicted by two major disasters in recent memory. After the events of 9/11, Goodwill organized an emergency employment initiative to assist those whose families had been effected by the terrible events of that day, offering over 70 programs aimed at retail training and rehabilitation

through 42 Goodwill stores across New York and New Jersey.

In the wake of the destruction of Hurricane Sandy, Goodwill gave back to the community by organizing the distribution of crucially needed donated goods, as well as supporting communities in the afflicted areas by partnering with local businesses. Even today, Goodwill continues to work with state officials in providing donated goods for those still struggling to recover from the storm.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in thanking Goodwill Industries and congratulating them on their 100th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a special Iowa church congregation from Imogene, Iowa. St. Patrick Catholic Church will be celebrating the centennial of their building on July 11, 2015.

Founded first in 1880, the third St. Patrick Catholic Church building was established August 1915. Since that time, and long before, congregations of Iowans have been worshipping at St. Patrick's. Still to this day it remains one of the bedrock institutions of this small Iowa town.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the members of St. Patrick's for their many years of faithful attendance and service to God. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues will join me in congratulating St. Patrick's and wishing them, their pastor, Reverend Tom Kunnel, Bishop Richard Pates, and the community of Imogene nothing but joy in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 376 I was absent due to travel for personal reasons and in connection with my official duties.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

TRIBUTE TO RON DICKERSON

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Dickerson on his retirement from Nucor Steel Indiana after 27 years with the company.

As a student at Wabash College, I can remember the steel mill being built and the excitement it brought to the community as they

moved closer to production. Like Wabash College, Nucor Steel Indiana calls the Fourth District's Crawfordsville home. Ron has been with Nucor Steel Indiana from the beginning when he was hired as a frontline worker in the hot rolling mill. He worked his way up to the top job, serving as Vice President and General Manager of the mill for the past 13 years.

As a native of Crawfordsville, Ron understands as well as anyone the positive impact the mill has had on the city of 16,000. Nucor Steel Indiana is a major employer, providing high-paying jobs and supporting the work of nonprofit organizations in the community. Nucor's culture emphasizes the importance of its teammates and Ron embodies that culture.

Nucor Steel Indiana has enjoyed great success under Ron's leadership, but he would be the first to tell you that success is the result of the hard work of Nucor's 742 teammates in Crawfordsville. For Ron, nothing is more important than the men and women who work at the mill.

I have known Ron for a number of years, and have always been impressed with his work ethic and desire to succeed. We have a shared love for classic cars, and his 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 embodies that American desire and work ethic. I have always valued Ron's counsel and appreciate his friendship and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Ron Dickerson for his outstanding career in the steel industry and his commitment to the community of Crawfordsville. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING DR. LINDA HENRIE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Linda Henrie, Superintendent of Mesquite Independent School District, who is retiring after 43 years of service. Dr. Henrie has been an invaluable asset to the students, teachers, and community of Mesquite, and will be sorely missed.

Dr. Henrie leaves behind a legacy of leadership that started in the 1980s when she began shattering glass ceilings. She began her career with Mesquite ISD as a business teacher at Mesquite High School and became president of the Mesquite Education Association. In the fall of 1986, Dr. Henrie became one of the first women to be appointed to a secondary administration position in the district.

Dr. Henrie has served MISD in a variety of positions throughout her long and successful career. She spent 15 years in administrative positions and four years as deputy superintendent prior to assuming the role of superintendent in 2005. In addition to her official job description, she has also been a cheerleader for many athletic events, a patron of countless school plays and shows and an overall supporter to everyone in MISD.

Thanks to her fiscal savvy and wise stewardship of limited resources, the school district was able to succeed and even reach new accomplishments in recent years. She found a way to avoid job cuts and often reminded her hard-working staff—in both word and by example—that they were charged with giving the

taxpayers a good return on investment at MISD.

While overseeing the 46-campus MISD, Dr. Henrie has somehow found time to be involved in other professional groups and organizations. The Texas Association of School Administrators, Mesquite Education Association, Texas Staff Development Council, Texas ASCD, UIL Legislative Council, and the National Federation of State High School Associations and Equity Center have all benefited from Dr. Henrie's wisdom and leadership.

During her tenure, MISD was a recognized district in 2010 and 2011, received the Texas Award for Performance Excellence from Quality Texas, gained membership in the Comptroller's Gold Leadership Circle, and was a large-district finalist in the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards for three consecutive years. MISD is also one of only 11 public school districts to earn the highest rating of five stars on the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) for three consecutive years.

Dr. Henrie received personal recognition as the recipient of Mesquite Social Services' Women in Service and Enterprise Award, Texas ASCD's Brownlee Leadership Award, the ATPE's 2011 Administrator Educator of the Year honor, and City of Mesquite Pillar of the Community Award.

This year Dr. Henrie will retire. Though her time as an educator has come to an end, the results of her hard work will no doubt continue to be seen for generations to come. While she may be giving up the title of superintendent, I have no doubt her role as one of MISD's biggest fans will continue.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Dr. Linda Henrie for her devotion to education and for helping to shape a brighter future for our community and our country.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and continue a national conversation about this debilitating disease, which is the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

Worldwide, there are 47 million people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and without a change, these numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by 2030. Not only will this affect individuals and families with an unmeasurable toll of physical and emotional pain, it will also cost our entire economy and health care system billions. Just this year alone, the disease is estimated to cost us \$226 billion.

Even more concerning, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that Alzheimer's disease is not treatable and its progression cannot be slowed down. However, I am encouraged by the important work that researchers are doing at the National Institute of Health regarding this deadly disease. Furthermore, I am glad that my colleagues and I in the House came together in a responsible and bi-partisan manner to not only increase funding to \$31.2 billion for the NIH (\$1.1 billion above fiscal year 2015 and

\$100 million above the President's request); but within that allocation provided \$886 million for the Alzheimer's disease research initiative, a \$300 million increase. I am hopeful that these research dollars will go a long way to treating, and ultimately curing this disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONEY POT VOLUNTEER ACTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department in Honey Pot, Pennsylvania, which continually works to ensure public safety within my congressional district. Out of seven fire departments in the City of Nanticoke, it is the only independent station supported solely from fundraisers and the State fire grant.

After a devastating fire consumed three houses, a group of Honey Pot residents chartered the department in April of 1965. Under the leadership of the department's first chief, Theodore Zdiarski, the organization raised sufficient funds to purchase a \$32,000 1965 FWD pumper through the sale of rags, metals, and other miscellaneous items; an impressive feat in and of itself.

Throughout the years, the department has responded to calls in neighboring municipalities such as Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Shickshinny, and Dupont; service that has greatly enhanced public safety across Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1992, the company created a junior firefighter program. In doing so, the company not only successfully increased their membership, but also engaged with local youths.

In addition to their stellar record of public service, the company has repeatedly used fundraising efforts as a way to positively influence the community. For example, when the department needed to replace its aged pumper truck in 2000, the members organized a "cabbage roll," a fundraiser where participants compete in rolling heads of cabbage down a hill. The cabbage roll made local headlines across Northeastern Pennsylvania, and such an event is testament to the integral role the company plays in the local community outside of the fire station.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish to thank the department and its members for their tireless service and unwavering commitment to increasing public safety.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. DUANE M. FORD

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career of Dr. Duane M. Ford, President

of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. He served as the fifth president of the College for the past four years.

Dr. Ford grew up on a family farm outside of Tonica, Illinois. He spent much of his childhood doing chores and helping out with the farm work. He eventually went on to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy with Highest and University Honors in 1977. After farming with his father and brother for two years, he studied at Iowa State University, where he received an M.S. and a Ph.D. He then served as a Post-Doctorate Fellow in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 1986, he began his career in teaching and academic leadership at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, where he first discovered his passion for teaching. While at Truman State, he served as Convener of the Agricultural Science Discipline, as Associate Division Head for the Division of Science, received a fellowship in the W.K. Kellogg National Leadership Program (1991–1994), and studied for a sabbatical year at the Center for Biotechnology Policy and Ethics at Texas A&M University (1993–1994). In 1996, Dr. Ford became the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. From 1999–2011 he was Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he also served as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor before becoming President of Southwest Tech in 2011.

Under President Ford's leadership, Southwest Tech has become a premiere place for high-quality, affordable education and training. Dr. Ford has a strong relationship with businesses in the area, and he has adapted the curriculum to reflect the needs of the nearly 12,000 students per year attending Southwest Tech. Throughout his career, he has stayed true to his Midwest roots. He was a creative thinker and tireless advocate for education. I personally have enjoyed working with Duane, first at UW-Platteville, then as President of Southwest Tech, where his pursuit of quality educational opportunities for his students was inspirational. He will be missed.

Duane and his wife Sheri currently live in Platteville, Wisconsin. They have two adult children, Hollie and Simon, a grandson, Matt, and a cat named Dusty. In his retirement, Duane looks forward to pursuing his hobbies of running, bicycling, baking and disc golf. Dr. Ford will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Southwest Health Center.

IN HONOR OF HUGO TOTTINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the agricultural and public service career of a great American. Mr. Hugo Tottino is being honored this month by the Grower Shipper Association of Central California with the E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture. Known to many as the "Artichoke King" and to his friends and family at Ocean Mist Farms as

simply Hugo, he is one of the pioneers of modern agriculture on the Central Coast. So while you may have never heard of him, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown by Hugo and his family.

Hugo's lifelong love and passion for farming undoubtedly began while working closely with his father on the family farm while growing up. Upon graduation from Salinas High in 1944, Hugo gave up a Saint Mary's College football scholarship to enlist in the Navy. After returning home to Castroville in 1946, Hugo joined California Artichoke and Vegetable Growers Corporation now known as Ocean Mist Farms. Once at work, Hugo turned his boundless energy toward helping to grow this family owned business into the dynamic industry leader that it is today. His signature work ethic is well known. He still drives to the office six days a week. And his leadership has extended beyond Ocean Mist Farms to the broader agricultural community. Hugo has been instrumental in championing the development of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, helping to slow the rate of sea water intrusion into fresh water aquifers. He helped rally support to utilize alternative sources of water to save thousands of crop acres, and has been actively involved in the efforts of soil conservation and water reclamation.

Hugo also turned his passion towards family and community. In 1951, Hugo married the love of his life, Doris Bei from Santa Cruz. Together they raised five children: Michele, Les, Karen, Cathy, David and are the loving grandparents of Amy, Brian, Katie, Jeff, Kevin, Sarah, Lisa, Glen, and Mary. He and Doris have also been active leaders or contributors to numerous community endeavors, including Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, the Monterey County Food Bank, Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, the Ausonio Library, and North Monterey County High School, to name just a few.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak on behalf of the entire House in thanking Mr. Tottino for his decades of service to this nation and its agriculture industry. I wish him nothing but success wherever this next chapter of life takes him, and we are proud that he calls Castroville and California's Central Coast his home.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR.
RICHARD A. MARSICO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Richard A. Marsico who passed away on June 6th, 2015. Richard was born to his loving parents Anthony and Mary Marsico on October 5th, 1934. Mr. Marsico was raised on the south side of Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1953 and was inducted into the Woodrow Wilson Hall of Fame for his successful high school football career. Richard later graduated from the Ohio State University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Richard was later commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1958 and obtained the rank of captain during his

service. He was honorably discharged in 1969. Mr. Marsico continued to work in the field of engineering with Engelhardt & Associates until 1968 when he formed his own firm, Richard A. Marsico & Associates. His firm helped expand prominent businesses, like General Motors and Packard Electric Plants which made our community more economically prosperous. Richard used his talents to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Youngstown by serving as the director of public works, the city engineer, as well as the chief building official and plan examiner. In 1997, he was elected to the office of Mahoning County Engineer and served for four terms. He also served as the president of the County Engineers Association of Ohio, and won the Mahoning County Township Association's "Excellence in Service" Award.

Richard was very hardworking and dedicated; he achieved many successes and was well-respected among his colleagues and throughout the community. On June 19, 1954 Richard married his high school sweetheart Shirlee Eckerle. After Shirlee's passing, Richard married Patricia DePizzo-Como on July 27, 2007. Richard is preceded in death by parents Anthony and Mary Marsico; wife, Shirlee; and his son Richard Phillip Marsico. He leaves behind his wife Patricia; sons, Martin and David; daughter-in-law, Nita; stepchildren, Michelle and Bryan; his wonderful grandchildren; and great-granddaughter, Mia. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Robert Marsico and numerous nieces and nephews. Richard will be remembered for being a noble man of valor as well as for his professional accomplishments. I extend my condolences to his entire family. Our community is a better place to call home due to his great contributions and he will be dearly missed.

THE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL
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QUICKEN LOANS ON 30 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues Reps. JOHN CONYERS, CANDICE MILLER, JOHN MOOLENAAR, BRENDA LAWRENCE, MIKE BISHOP, DAN BENISHEK, TIM WALBERG, DAVID TROTT, DEBBIE DINGELL, FRED UPTON, DAN KILDEE, and SANDER LEVIN, to congratulate Quicken Loans Inc. on its 30th year in business and recognize its pivotal role in revitalizing Detroit as well as its impact on Michigan's economy. Quicken Loans has helped more than 2 million American families achieve their dream of home ownership.

Originally founded as Rock Financial in 1985 by Detroit native Dan Gilbert, Quicken Loans Inc. has grown to become America's largest online lender and the 2nd largest lender in the United States. From 2013–2014 alone, Quicken closed \$140 billion of mortgage volume across all 50 states.

As the largest FHA lender, Quicken has helped lower income Americans borrow money for the purchase of a home that they would likely otherwise not have been able to afford. Quicken Loans' commitment to its cus-

tomers is commendable, as Quicken has maintained the best loan quality score and lowest default rate among the largest 30 FHA lenders.

Because of its commitment to its customers, Quicken Loans Inc. has been awarded the J.D. Power awards for Highest in Customer Satisfaction for Primary Mortgage Origination for five straight years, their award for Highest in Customer Satisfaction among home loan servicers in 2014, and their award for Customer Service Champion—making Quicken Loans Inc. one of only 40 companies in the United States to receive this prestigious award.

Over the past 30 years, Quicken has taken civic engagement to a new level by establishing itself as a leader and innovator in community engagement by developing a culture that encourages its 12,000 team members to volunteer in communities surrounding Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; North Scottsdale, Arizona; San Diego, California, and Charlotte, North Carolina, where the team members work and live.

Last year alone, Quicken Loans Inc. donated more than \$16 million to local charities and its team members volunteered over 75,000 hours to charity work including: assisting local veterans, community development, and helping in the downtown revitalization process in Detroit. It's for reasons like these that Quicken has ranked in the Top 30 of FORTUNE Magazine's Best Places to Work in America for 12 years.

The leadership of Quicken Loans Inc. in restoring Detroit cannot be understated.

On December 3, 2013, the City of Detroit was declared bankrupt. Since that time, Quicken Loans Inc. founder and Chairman Dan Gilbert was named co-chair of the Blight Removal Task Force which continues to focus on the revitalization of Detroit through the removal of all blighted structures and lots within the city. Additionally, Mr. Gilbert serves as Vice Chairman of the M-1 RAIL initiative which began construction in July 2014. The 6.6 mile light rail system is designed to spur economic development and improve downtown and midtown Detroit's transportation infrastructure.

As of midnight on December 11, 2014, Detroit successfully left Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy. This transition would not have been possible without key players, one of which was Quicken Loans Inc., and their commitment to Michigan and the city of Detroit.

Congratulations to Quicken Loans Inc. on your 30th anniversary and thank you for leading by example in communities here in Michigan and across the nation.

HONORING LOCAL VETERAN
EDWARD HENDERSON

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Vietnam War veteran from Rochester Hills, Michigan, Mr. Edward Henderson.

Mr. Henderson spent several years in Thailand and Vietnam during the late 1960's and early 1970's. He served with the U.S. Army

Security Agency, and until just recently, his mission remained confidential.

As his new Congressman, Mr. Henderson recently contacted my office to request his military records. During the process, the U.S. Army notified us that he was entitled to six awards earned during his time overseas nearly 50 years ago.

It's shocking to think veterans, like Edward Henderson, can go so long without recognition for their service. We must right this wrong.

Selfless veterans like Edward Henderson don't "win" medals. They earn them. They put their lives on the line to protect us and our freedom. And our Vietnam veterans went through hell and back to defend America and our allies.

That's why when they return, it's our responsibility to honor and fight for them here at home.

Leaving the battlefield does not mean their battles are done. So as a nation, we must do more to support and reach out to our veterans.

We have a duty to do whatever we can to serve and honor our American heroes. Not just today, but every day.

So thank you—to Ed, his wife Martha, and his family and friends. We owe him more than just medals, but a lifetime of gratitude.

CONGRATULATING ILLINOIS AUDITOR GENERAL WILLIAM G. HOLLAND ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William G. Holland on his retirement from serving as Illinois Auditor General. Mr. Holland's almost 25 years of service have illustrated his persistent dedication to the State of Illinois.

The Illinois General Assembly has appointed Mr. Holland as Auditor General for an unprecedented three 10-year terms. Throughout his tenure, he has consistently maintained stability during some of our state's most turbulent times. His career embodies true public service, and he has been a role model for many other public servants, including myself.

I have known Mr. Holland for more than 30 years and had the privilege to serve as an intern when he was the Chief of Staff to the Illinois Senate President. I have seen first-hand that regardless of who or what party is in power, he has always upheld the important values of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and thank Mr. Holland for his longstanding commitment to good government in the State of Illinois, and I congratulate him again on his well-earned retirement.

TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, our country's federal toxic chemicals regulation has been

broken for decades. Since Congress first passed the Toxic Substances Control Act in 1976, the EPA has placed restrictions on only five of the estimated 60,000 chemicals in commerce, and since the EPA's ban on asbestos was overturned in 1991, zero chemicals have been regulated. This law is in dire need of reform.

While toxic chemicals regulations have flourished for decades at the federal level, California and several other states have passed important laws to protect communities and notify consumers. These state laws, including California's landmark Proposition 65, have motivated many companies to reduce or eliminate toxic chemicals from their products.

It was with these state laws in mind that I offered an amendment at the Energy & Commerce Committee markup of this legislation to clarify its impact on state laws. My amendment was based on the recommendations of 12 State Attorneys General who wrote to the Committee: California, New York, Massachusetts, Washington, Iowa, Oregon, Maryland, Vermont, Hawaii, Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire.

I'm pleased that the final version of the bill before us today, as well as the Committee Report on the bill and the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, addresses several of the issues I raised along with the 12 Attorneys General who wrote to the Committee with their concerns.

First, the final text of the bill includes my amendment's clarification to ensure states can continue to enforce existing laws unless specifically preempted. Without this change, the bill could have been interpreted to only grandfather ongoing enforcement actions, rather than all existing state laws and regulations.

Second, the sponsor of the bill, my good friend Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois, clarified in a colloquy with me that no existing state laws or requirements will be preempted by this bill unless they actually conflict with federal requirements. Mr. SHIMKUS also confirmed on the Record that the bill is not intended to interfere with the operation of Proposition 65 or the ability of the State of California or private citizens to enforce that landmark law.

Third, the multi-state Attorney General letter called for further clarification that the bill is not intended to preempt state monitoring, information reporting, and disclosure laws. These important laws help keep regulators and communities informed about the presence of toxic chemicals. I'm pleased that the Committee Report states that "the Committee expects that these type of requirements would generally fall outside the scope of preemption."

With these important changes and clarifications, the preemption and savings provisions in the TSCA Modernization Act are substantially improved and I appreciate the willingness of Chairmen UPTON and SHIMKUS to make these improvements to the bill.

The TSCA law is long overdue for reform and with the above changes included in the TSCA Modernization Act, I support it and urge my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING DAVID L. DIEDRICH FOR 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David L. Diedrich, a resident of Altoona, for his heroic efforts and selfless service to his country and community over the past 40 years.

Mr. Diedrich served in the United States Army for 20 years after attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in the top ten percent of the class of 1976. For his subsequent exemplary military service in Hawaii, Detroit, and Germany, Mr. Diedrich was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal three times and the Army Commendation Medal twice.

After attaining a Master's degree in Civil Engineering and returning to West Point as a career counselor and instructor, Mr. Diedrich became the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works for the City of Altoona, where he oversaw the public works of the entire city. In addition to this role, Mr. Diedrich has served the local community as a member of the Improved Dwellings of Altoona Board of Directors, through his church, and as a mentor to area students interested in the United States Military Academy.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Diedrich, one of our nation's many heroes, and congratulate him for his decades of dedicated service to our country and his local community.

CARE ACT OF 2015

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, we observed International Day Against Child Labor. This is the day set aside to remind us of the plight of hundreds of millions of children throughout the world who are engaged in dangerous work that often deprives them of obtaining adequate education, health and decent living conditions.

Unconscionably, hundreds of thousands of these children live right here in the United States. These children work long hours and under dangerous conditions in our nation's agricultural industry.

This industry has a fatality rate nearly 8 times the national average, yet our labor laws do not protect children in agriculture in the same way they protect children in every other industry.

The impact of our permissive child labor laws is most evident in our tobacco fields. Human Rights Watch recently issued a study that found children as young as twelve suffering from nausea, vomiting, headaches and dizziness, all symptoms of acute nicotine poisoning, likely contracted by absorbing nicotine through their skin while harvesting tobacco plants.

Many of these children say they work long hours without overtime pay, often in extreme

heat, without sufficient breaks, or adequate protective gear.

These hazards have led countries like Russia and Kazakhstan to restrict tobacco harvesting to adults, but no such protections exist for children in the United States.

The time has come for the United States of America to bring child labor laws in line with our American values and give all of our children the fundamental protections they need and rightfully deserve.

That is why I am once again re-introducing the Children's Act for Responsible Employment, better known as the CARE Act.

While retaining current exemptions for family farms and agricultural education programs like 4-H and Future Farmers of America, the CARE Act raises labor standards and protections for farm worker children to the same level set for children in all other occupations.

Specifically the CARE ACT ends our country's double standard that allows children in agriculture to work at younger ages and for longer hours than those working in all other industries.

It raises the minimum age for agricultural work to 14 and restricts children under 16 from work that interferes with their education or endangers their health and well-being.

The CARE Act also prohibits children under the age of 18 from working in agricultural jobs which the Department of Labor has declared as particularly hazardous. This is consistent with current law governing every industry outside of agriculture.

No child should be discriminated against based on the work they do. All of America's children deserve to be protected equally under our laws.

Mr. Speaker, it is our moral obligation to do everything in our power to protect the rights, safety and educational future of our most precious resource—America's children, and I urge my colleagues to support the CARE Act.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES C.
HODGES

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel James C. Hodges of the United States Air Force for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our nation as the Commander at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey. Colonel Hodges is leaving his position at the Joint Base and transitioning to a new role.

Today, the Joint Base stands as a model, state-of-the-art facility with Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard operations, including airlift and air refueling, soldier training and deployment and aircraft carrier research and development. The Joint Base's officers provide an invaluable service to the military. In particular, the 87th Air Base Wing provides installation management support for 3,933 facilities with an approximate value of \$9.3 billion in physical infrastructure.

Colonel Hodges has been serving as the 87th Air Base Wing Commander and Installation Commander, where he has provided installation support to more than 80 mission partners. Colonel Hodges has also been re-

sponsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen and Sailors to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations. As the Commander of the Nation's only Tri-Service Base, Colonel Hodges has had a very difficult job, which he has performed masterfully.

A career civil engineer, Colonel Hodges obtained his degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1991. Upon receiving such degree, Colonel Hodges has served a variety of staff positions at the base, major command, joint, multinational and Pentagon levels. He has also commanded at the squadron and group level. His contingency experience includes service as a commander of an expeditionary civil engineer squadron in Operation Iraqi Freedom and as a joint-multinational staff officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Along with his lengthy service, Colonel Hodges has devoted countless hours of his time to furthering his education. He holds a Master of Science in engineering and policy from Washington University, a Master of Arts in organizational management from George Washington University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

Colonel Hodges' great work has not gone unnoticed. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Achievement Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Colonel James C. Hodges as he transitions into a new role and continues to serve the United States of America. I wish him the best as he proceeds into the next chapter of his career.

HONORING MICHAEL KARLS OF
THE FESTUS TIGERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Michael Karls of the Festus Tigers for his first place win in the 3200 Meter Run at the 2015 Class 4 Track and Field State Championship.

Michael and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community. He was also chosen as his school's scholar-athlete of the 2014–2015 year by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Michael Karls of the Festus Tigers for a job well done.

HONORING WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ELSON
FLOYD

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today we remember the life of Washington State Univer-

sity President Elson Floyd. Dr. Floyd was one of the leading lights of education in our state. He not only ensured that he personally engaged with the lives of the students on his own campus, but he advocated for higher education across the state to any who would listen. He made educating his top priority and took extra measures to help his school succeed—such as cutting his own salary when he saw the effects of the economic downturn on WSU. I have had the pleasure of personally meeting Dr. Floyd and was moved by his passion and sincerity. We need more men and women like him throughout this country, helping our young people realize the advantages of pursuing a good education and pursue their dreams. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children as well as with his WSU family. As we say in the law enforcement world, he is gone but never forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 77th Anniversary of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

As you know, we can thank the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1938, for providing workers with an hourly minimum wage, overtime pay, and child labor protections. Since then, the FLSA has been amended numerous times in an attempt to reflect changes in the cost of living. The most recent increase was in 2007, bringing the hourly minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to its current rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Unfortunately, many key components of the FLSA are outdated and have failed to keep pace with the demands of daily life in 2015. This includes the value of the minimum wage, which has decreased sharply over the past few years—a mere \$7.25 per hour equates to \$14,500 per year for a full-time minimum wage employee. This makes it difficult for individuals to support themselves and their families, forcing many people to live below the poverty line. Other present day workers' concerns include the subminimum wage for tipped workers, which has remained at \$2.13 per hour for the past two decades. Domestic workers lack access to health care, paid sick days or paid time off—something I believe must be changed. Moreover, “comp time” in lieu of overtime pay, and break time for nursing mothers are workers' rights issues that need to be addressed in order to have a more productive workforce that can compete in a global marketplace, as well as to maintain a thriving society here at home.

We just celebrated the Fair Labor Standards Act's 75th Anniversary two years ago, and there was a lot of positive discussion around the issue at that time. We must keep up this momentum and continue to fight for workers' rights in our increasingly global economy. People deserve a livable wage for a hard days' work, and we urge you to bring up legislation that will lift so many Americans out of poverty.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF MONSIGNOR JOHN BEVINS

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Monsignor John Bevins of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, Connecticut.

This Sunday, Monsignor Bevins will celebrate the completion of 24 years of distinguished service to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the entire Waterbury community. Prior to his appointment as pastor of the basilica, Monsignor Bevins was a Navy Chaplain for 23 years, faithfully serving his fellow servicemembers wherever he was stationed including Vietnam. Monsignor Bevins has dedicated his life to his church, city, and country.

During his time as pastor, Monsignor Bevins has built a legacy of innovation and compassion for the basilica and its members. He was instrumental in having the parish named a minor basilica by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 and has been involved in the creation and restoration of numerous parish programs. From feeding the homeless every morning, to providing workshops for adult education, to leading a massive renovation project, Monsignor Bevins' spiritual guidance and good work has positively impacted countless lives.

Monsignor Bevins illustrates the power of altruistic generosity and determination to bringing people together and strengthening communities. I would like to thank him for his exceptional contributions to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Waterbury community. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy of service at Immaculate Conception will continue for years to come.

Congratulations to Monsignor Bevins on his retirement.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE VIETNAM WAR

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War.

The treatment so many of our veterans faced when they returned home from tours of duty was and is unacceptable. It is a dark chapter in our nation's history that we must never allow to be repeated. It is a testament to our veterans' unyielding call to duty that so many of them remain involved in veteran's service organizations and continue taking care of our troops as they return home from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Georgia has a rich military heritage and her involvement in the Vietnam War is no different. Out of the 228,000 sons and daughters of our state that served in the military during the war, 1,584 were killed, 8,534 were wounded, 21 were held as prisoners of war and 35 are missing in action. Today, it is our honor to be the home state of an estimated 254,000 Vietnam veterans.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the First District of Georgia, it is my honor to extend to our veterans this long overdue welcome home with the thanks of a grateful nation.

HONORING WAYNE BURGESS UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank and honor an advocate, employee, veteran, and community leader from my district, Mr. Wayne Burgess, upon his retirement. Wayne has been a fixture of the Groton community for nearly 50 years, as the longest serving Principal Officer of MDA-UAW Local 571, as the President of the Southeastern Connecticut Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and as a leader in countless other local service organizations.

His energy and commitment are boundless, as evidenced by his impressive accomplishments, beginning with his service in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Wayne served three deployments aboard the USS Taylor from 1967-1969 before returning home to work at Electric Boat, where he has remained involved ever since. At EB, he worked as a technical/test writer before being elected MDA-UAW Financial Secretary in 1988. In the years that followed, Wayne constantly saw new opportunities for EB and its employees. He began the EB School to Work program in the City of Groton that allows high school juniors the opportunity to work at EB during the summers.

Wayne also devotes his time to the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut, serving on the Food Advisory Board for the Gemma E. Moran United Way Center in New London and serves as the volunteer Chairman of the Charter Oak Credit Union Supervisory Committee. He is a devoted advocate for labor, for good jobs, for opportunity, and for the hardworking members of our community.

Please join me in thanking Wayne Burgess for the monumental impact he has made on the Groton community, and wishing him a peaceful and productive retirement.

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of Trade Adjustment Assistance. Although it is important that we sustain this program, this is not the best reauthorization bill the House could consider. However, the program expires on September 30 and this legislation allows workers in my district and across the country to access the support they need to compete in our global economy.

Unlike the bill that I introduced with Ranking Member LEVIN earlier this year, today's bill has several shortcomings, including one of critical concern. This legislation cuts funding for worker training from \$575 million to \$450 million at

a time when we are expanding markets and transforming our economy.

We are in the middle of simultaneously negotiating trade agreements with Asia and the Pacific, as well as the European Union. Those who are impacted from increased competition deserve support and a safety net to adjust and reenter the job market.

The Administration recognizes that the \$450 million funding level does not take into account increased competition from Asia and the Pacific. However, Secretary Perez has assured Congress that his funding level is adequate to cover not only training services, but also case management, reemployment services, and state administration of the program—all areas that had been previously funded separately, not with a combined funding stream, like that in this bill. I hope the Secretary is correct but should this not be the case, I hope the Administration is prepared to work with Congress to provide additional funding with the same vigor they've invested in passing TPA.

I am glad to see that we are no longer paying for this program by cutting funds from Medicare. However, I am disappointed that this bill does not qualify public sector workers for Trade Adjustment Assistance. They are an important part of our workforce and should be able to qualify for access to the same services.

Our nation's economy and success depend on our workers. Over the last decade, I have been a strong supporter of Trade Adjustment Assistance and have led the effort to protect, extend, and enhance the program. I believe in this program and will continue this fight for good jobs, to ensure American workers can provide for their families, and that our country remains competitive.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2015 I missed votes due to a previously scheduled doctor's appointment.

HONORING MACKENZIE RONEY OF
THE HERCULANEUM BLACKCATS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mackenzie Roney of the Herculanum Blackcats for her first place win in Pole Vaulting at the 2015 Class 3 Track and Field State Championship.

Mackenzie and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community. She was also chosen as her school's scholar-athlete of the 2014-2015 year by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mackenzie Roney of the Herculanum Blackcats for a job well done.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 110th Anniversary of the Mendham Fire Department located in the Borough of Mendham in Morris County, New Jersey.

The Mendham Fire Department was established on June 20, 1905. The first officers of the department were elected at the founding meeting. The President was Edward S.P. Bretherton, Secretary J. Smith Gunther, Treasurer Charles P. Bretherton, and Chief John M. Hoffman. The original firehouse was completed in December 1906 with \$885 raised by the residents. In 1913 the Mendham Independent Hook, Ladder, and Hose Company No. 1 was formed. One year later in 1904 the First Aid Squad came into existence with twelve men volunteers. In the past century, the department has grown and continued to provide the community with exemplary service.

On September 11, 2001 the fire department responded to terrorist attacks in New York. Their First Aid Squad was also sent to the World Trade Center to assist the victims at the site of the tragedy.

In 2014, the department responded to 250 calls with an average response time of seven minutes and twenty-two seconds. This is about two minutes less than the national average for all volunteer fire organizations. The department is not just responsible for responding to emergency calls. They are actively involved in just about every facet of the Mendham community and provide mutual aid to neighboring towns.

Each year the department continues to grow their junior membership. They provide opportunities for young men and women aged sixteen to eighteen, who participate in various firefighting and first aid activities. The makeup of the junior membership represents the best and brightest of Mendham. They carry on to college and beyond the confidence and skills that are instilled in them while working at the fire department.

The Mendham Fire Department has been able to maintain and grow a wonderful relationship of trust and respect with Mendham residents. For this 110th Anniversary the department is planning a number of events and activities to celebrate their achievements.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking and recognizing the Mendham Fire Department for their 110 years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING TEMPLE, TX POLICE
CHIEF GARY SMITH

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Temple, TX Police Chief Gary Smith. With his retirement approaching, he will soon close out

37 years of incredible service to his community and begin the next chapter of his life.

A native son of Temple, Smith joined the force right out of high school and quickly rose through the ranks, showcasing his leadership and expertise at every step along the way. Recognition of his excellence included his being named Rookie of the Year and twice receiving the prestigious Officer of the Year award. Community leaders took notice of his great work and Smith was honored by the Temple City Council on three separate occasions for his stellar leadership and commitment to duty.

Chief Smith led his department with dedication, honesty, and integrity. Over the decades, Smith has seen his beloved police department grow from a small town force into a skilled and mobile law enforcement agency capable of providing safety to this rapidly growing city. Due in large part to his leadership, Temple is now one of the safest cities in the country. Locals could always sleep well knowing their safety was Smith's first priority.

As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role police officers play in maintaining law and order and the risks they face every time they report for duty. These brave men and women awake each day uncertain of what dangers await. Yet they carry on, strengthened by their resolve to protect and serve. Police officers, be they big city beat cops or small town sheriffs, help preserve our way of life and are the shields that guard us from those lost souls who wish harm to others.

Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world; Chief Gary Smith doesn't have that problem. I salute his extraordinary career and join the grateful citizens of Temple, TX in wishing him only the best in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAINE'S FRIENDSHIP SLOOP

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of the Friendship Sloop, a style of sailing vessel that stands as an icon of Maine's maritime heritage.

Friendship Sloops were developed over a century ago in Maine's Muscongus Bay as fishing and lobstering boats. Their beautiful lines served an important purpose. The shape of the hull provided great stability and lobstermen could sail the boats by themselves while laying and checking their traps by hand. Many local craftsmen were known for building them, but none more than Wilbur Morse of Friendship, Maine. Morse's shop turned out so many of the boats that they eventually became known by the name of his hometown.

With the advent of modern-day engines in the 20th century, the Friendship Sloop fell out of favor as a fishing vessel. But it wasn't long before its beauty and functionality made it a popular design for recreational sailboats and yachts. Its distinctive shape lives on to this day with the help of many enthusiasts who carry on its legacy. Since 1961, the Friendship Sloop Society has hosted an annual regatta and connected a community of people who sail, rebuild, and appreciate these boats.

Much has changed since 1880, but life on the Maine coast retains many connections to those earlier days. Hard-working individuals still make their living on the water. Tight-knit communities still pull together for each other. And Friendship Sloops still gracefully ply the waters, their design largely unchanged in 135 years. Some things just cannot be improved upon.

My appreciation goes to all those who keep the tradition of the Friendship Sloop alive. It gives me great pleasure to celebrate its 135th anniversary.

OMAR RODAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, millions of American teenagers walked across the stage in their cap and gown and received their diploma after four years of hard work. Their high school careers will officially come to an end and the next chapter will soon take off. High School Graduation is an exciting time meant for celebration with friends and family. But one Texas student did not get to cross the stage in his green cap and gown to receive his high school diploma.

Omar Rodas from Houston, Texas was an 18 year old student at Klein Forest High School.

He was a tenacious student. Constantly, he put in the extra effort to make his dream of graduation a reality. He stayed for after school hours and worked overtime to ensure that he would graduate. He spent his extra time bus-ing tables at a local restaurant, Babins.

At first he did not think that he would be able to graduate, but Omar pulled it off. He worked tirelessly for that cap and gown and to make sure he was part of the big day in June. His friends said that he was so excited that the hours of extra time and effort made his dream of graduating a reality.

Omar was on his way to his graduation ceremony early Saturday morning on June 6, 2015 with his good friend, who agreed to drive him that morning to ensure that he would make it to the ceremony on time. On the Houston highway, he was suddenly killed in a violent car accident involving two other cars. Omar was already wearing his cap and gown when rescue crews pulled him out of the wreck.

Initial reports have suggested that Omar was driving on the freeway around 7 a.m. when he veered out of his lane and hit the back of a dump truck and SUV then veered in front of the truck and was struck.

Omar was pronounced dead at the scene.

Friends and family at the graduation ceremony were surprised and confused when Omar's name was called and he did not cross the stage.

No one knew that a terrible highway accident took the life of the bright student.

A candle vigil was held for Omar on June 7th at Klein Forest High School and student, parents, and friends are helping the family by setting up a GoFund account in order to help them raise money for the funeral so that the family may grieve properly without the worry of money. Many who attended the vigil wore

Red, Omar's favorite color, and many of the Class of 2015 students wore their graduation caps in honor of him.

Omar is survived by his parents, an older sister who previously graduated from Klein Forest High School and a younger brother. He had plans to continue working and hopefully attend Lone Star College after graduation.

Even though Omar did not get to hear his name called and physically walk the stage to take his diploma, the community has not stopped cheering for him.

Omar's memory will live on through his family, friends and classmates in Houston. He will always be a great example of how no matter the circumstances, hard work will always pay off.

Our prayers are with the Rodas family and all of Omar's friends.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE AND PIONEER PARK

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent improvements made to the Historic Downtown Square and Pioneer Park of Carrollton, Texas. Downtown Carrollton has been an iconic part of northern Texas since the early 1800's.

These improvements will give people improved space and new scenery to visit and enjoy leisurely time with friends and family. It is important to keep our parks and recreational areas updated to continue and expand their vital role in the community. These renovations will reinvigorate the Historic Downtown Square as well as Pioneer Park and make them alluring destinations for years to come.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 27th to officially unveil the new changes. City officials and local leaders will be in attendance to speak about the hard work and effort put into the new developments. I encourage everyone to attend and show support for the time and dedication put into this project. I'm thankful for the people of the 24th district of Texas who strive to make our home a more habitable and enjoyable place.

At the unveiling will be a concert featuring local artists as well as an outdoor movie with the director's wife present to introduce the film. It is this strong sense of community that will serve the people of Carrollton and everyone who visits the historic downtown.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the ever improved Historic Downtown Square and Pioneer Park. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating such an accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANKLIN DOUGLASS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding commu-

nity leader, devoted public servant, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Mr. Franklin Douglass. A funeral service to celebrate Frank's life will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, where he had served as a deacon.

Franklin Douglass was born in Belle Mona, Alabama on July 20, 1936, the third oldest of ten brothers and four sisters. The family made a living by tenant farming in rural Limestone County, Alabama. He enrolled in Tuskegee Institute, joined ROTC, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, Health, and Recreation in 1956. Over the next 30 years, his pursuit of personal growth earned him graduate degrees in Personnel Management and Education Supervision and Administration. His passion for education was infectious, and as an educator Frank inspired thousands of students to seek knowledge and growth.

Frank served our nation honorably as an officer in the United States Army from 1959 until 1964, when he was honorably discharged. He then accepted his first teaching post at Marshall Junior High School. After only a year of teaching, Frank was appointed acting principal of Marshall Junior High before becoming a Media Specialist for the Muscogee County School District. His career as an educator in the Columbus area took Frank to several schools and classrooms before his appointment as principal of William H. Spencer High School at the age of 40 in 1976. After a dozen years of serving as principal, Frank became Director of Muscogee County Student Services in 1988, a post he held until his retirement in 1990.

Frank's passion for improving the conditions of those in the Columbus area extended beyond the classroom. As Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Columbus Housing Authority, Frank fought for three decades to keep living conditions affordable for everyone in his community. An active member of Kiwanis Club, Social-Civic 25 Club, 837 Club, Phi Delta Kappa, and Omega Psi Phi, Frank utilized his smile and amiable humor to advance the interests of Columbus natives. Additionally, as a member of the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders and the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Frank built ties with educational leaders around the state of Georgia and the southeastern United States.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Franklin Douglass is his steadfast commitment to his family, as well as his community. As father to Franklin Karl Douglass and grandfather to Temple Douglass, he was an inspiration to extended family and countless friends. Moreover, as a husband, there was no limit to his love of his wonderful wife of nearly 55 years, Merrian.

A dear friend to me for more than thirty years, Frank was soft spoken, quiet, and thoughtful. He was one of the cooler heads in dealing with community issues and problems. His demeanor and intuitiveness helped him get things done. We are so blessed that Frank passed this way and did so much for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in paying tribute to Franklin Douglass for his servant leadership and his deep commitment to his family, his community, and his country. We extend our deepest

sympathies to the Douglass family and friends during this very difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING DEVON DOWLER OF THE OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Devon Dowler of the Owensville Dutchmen for his first place win in the 3200 Meter Hurdles at the 2015 Class 3 Track and Field State Championship.

Devon and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Devon Dowler of the Owensville Dutchmen for a job well done.

H.R. 2898—WESTERN WATER AND FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 2015

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today, the California Republican Delegation again took action to address our state's water supply crisis, introducing balanced legislation improving water access for Californians around the state by using improved science to time water deliveries, preserve water rights and move forward on new surface storage facilities.

The bill protects the most fundamental water rights of all, area of origin rights, ensuring that Northern Californians who live where our state's water supply originates have access to it.

It uses modern science to improve the timing of water deliveries, allowing the storage of more water during winter storms which makes it available for dry periods like now.

It addresses invasive species that are negatively impacting salmon populations, and allows local water districts to undertake their own habitat improvement projects.

Finally, California's voters have spoken clearly in support of investment in new surface storage projects, and this measure fulfills that promise by advancing projects that would generate over one million acre-feet of water, enough for eight million Californians.

We'll continue to refine this proposal as it moves through the process, but I am proud to cosponsor a bill that addresses both short- and long-term needs of all Californians and support continued economic growth.

TRIBUTE TO PAIGE SEISER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Paige

Seiser from Waukee High School for winning the Class 2A Co-ed Golf Doubles title along with her partner, Parker Howe. I would like to also recognize Paige Seiser for taking home the Class 5A Girls Golf individual title.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them and their families in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Paige and Parker on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in their education and high school golf career.

HONORING THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY
OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today in honor of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on July 7.

Sadly, too often it seems as if lessons from history are overlooked or forgotten. But in Virginia, we are proud of our history, of our love of freedom, and of our dedication to independence. I commend the important efforts of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to keep in our hearts and minds American patriotism and the memory of our Revolutionary War heritage.

As a student of history myself, I could spend hours discussing not only the various events preceding and succeeding our nation's fight for independence, but also the crucial role by Virginians. Countless patriots, battles, and events from this pivotal period in our nation's history ought to be commemorated and remembered, battles including but not limited to the Battle of Point Pleasant, which is credited as being the first battle of the American Revolution by the Senate of the United States, to the Battle of Great Bridge, the Burning of Norfolk, etc.

May we forever remain vigilant and committed to preserving and protecting the self-evident truths and freedoms fought for and so carefully outlined in our nation's founding documents by our Founding Fathers.

I extend to all those involved with the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution my best wishes on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and look forward to this organization's continued success.

BIOGRAPHY OF MARY BROOM-
THOMAS

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit the biography of Mary Broom-Thomas, a wife, mother and woman of faith who lived to the ripe age of 101 years and who will be missed by many who loved her.

Mrs. Mary Broom-Thomas was born on January 22, 1914 in Lexington, Mississippi to Alberta Garnett-Broom and Cleveland Broom. She graduated from Saints Industrial High School in Lexington, Mississippi and taught there for 2 years.

Mary married Leroy Thomas, Sr. in 1937 and the couple moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where they built a home. They had four children, McKinley, Abraham, Earnestine, and Leroy, Jr.

After Leroy finished military duty in the South Pacific, Mary and Leroy moved the family to Compton, California in 1955. Mary practiced her vocation as a seamstress, making her own patterns and designing clothes, including garments for her children and some specialty sales for friends and family. After the children graduated from Centennial and Locke High Schools and were off to college and building careers, Mary took a job at Newberry's Department Store in downtown Los Angeles. She continued sewing clothing, but later added making handbags and light upholstery to her sewing skills portfolio.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of First A.M.E. Church where Reverend Dr. Cecil Murray was Pastor. They continued to visit at family gatherings after his retirement and by then she became less mobile.

Up until seven years ago, Mrs. Thomas always had an organic garden. She grew an array of vegetables and fruits. She and her family were healthier for it . . . she lived a great 101 years.

She raised her children to embrace the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She lived the example. She taught the core values of honesty, respect, humility, courage and the necessity of sometimes standing alone as long as you stand for the right thing.

She championed education. Some of her most favorite people: The Honorable Maxine Waters, Congresswoman; the Honorable Barack Obama—she was glad to see the first African-American become President of the United States; the late former Mayor Tom Bradley; Malcom X; Dr. Martin Luther King; Mrs. Rosa Parks; Reverend Dr. Cecil L. Chip Murray; Kobe Bryant; and Shaquille O'Neil as she was an avid Laker fan. She attended a personal reception with the team along with her grandson, Demetrius Wilson.

She has been honored with a published song entitled "Mary," composed, scored and written by her grandson, Endeale (Sky) Wilson; and she has been given a tribute by her grandson, Demetrius (Red) Wilson, via a personalized brick on the residential mall at Xavier University, his alma mater, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

One would often hear her quoting from an old spiritual, "needless pain we bear . . . all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

Just a little about a Queen, who never had to declare herself a queen . . . she just was.

CONGRATULATING PENNY
BUSINGA

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Penny Businga of Gering, Nebraska, on her retirement this month and to honor her 29 years of dedicated service at Educational Service Unit #13 in Scottsbluff.

Before becoming a trailblazer for professional development, Ms. Businga taught in

western Nebraska public schools. She then decided to take her classroom expertise to the next level to assist other educators across the Nebraska Panhandle and beyond.

Ms. Businga devoted her career to ensuring Nebraska teachers have the innovative training and support they need to instill a love of learning in their students. When I worked for her, I personally witnessed Ms. Businga's hard work and dedication to ensuring educational opportunity for young people.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's Third District, I thank Ms. Businga for her impact on Nebraska education and congratulate her on the start of this new chapter in her life.

RECOGNIZING THE DAMAGING IM-
PACT OF SHELBY COUNTY V.
HOLDER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the 2nd anniversary of the Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court ruling. By declaring Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act unconstitutional, the Supreme Court dismantled a key provision to this pivotal voting rights protection. The importance of the Voting Rights Act to our American democracy cannot be overstated. This damaging precedent, set by the nation's highest Court has weakened a piece of legislation that was fundamental to the advancement of the American democracy.

On June 25, 2013, when the Supreme Court decided that states with a history of discrimination against minority voters no longer needed clearance from the federal government to set new voting restrictions, it established a pathway for modern day discriminatory practices. Under this ruling, states across the Deep South, where vestiges of discrimination are still present, were able to enact stricter voting requirements for the first time since 1965.

Many of these states, including my home state of Texas, are governed by Republican-led state legislatures that insist on the necessity of voter ID laws to protect the integrity of elections. However, Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that these laws, which disproportionately affect African-Americans, Hispanics and poor people, are a political ploy to suppress voter turnout. This runs counter to the Constitutional right to vote, which is the cornerstone of our democracy.

Recently, as a result of the Shelby County v. Holder ruling, Texas implemented restrictive voter ID laws that prohibit voting autonomy for many underserved minorities across the state. During the 2014 election, instead of being granted the opportunity to cast their vote of choice, many voters were turned away on the basis of technicalities.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fathom how these actions would be permissible among any group of lawmakers. Today, I stand before you to call attention to this fact. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was implemented to ensure that all Americans have the ability to exercise their right to vote. This body should act in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that this right is fully restored.

HONORING BRIANNA HALLER OF
THE FATIMA COMETS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brianna Haller of the Fatima Comets for her first place win in 3200 Meter Run at the 2015 Class 3 Track and Field State Championship.

Brianna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Brianna Haller of the Fatima Comets for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was detained with business in my district and missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"No" on roll call no. 379, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 33, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2042) Ratepayer Protection Act; and,

"No" on roll call no. 380, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 333, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2042) Ratepayer Protection Act.

THANKING FATHER ALAN HUNTER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Father Alan Hunter for his years of service in the St. Mary's parish in my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois.

Having served 13 years in Taylorville and 22 years in Christian County, Father Hunter has captured the true essence of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Alan has not only been a great leader for all of the parishioners at St. Mary's, but he's also been a close personal friend of mine as well.

He married my wife, Shannon, and I twenty years ago and has helped educate all three of my children through grade school at St. Mary's.

I've been fortunate enough to work with Father Hunter as a volunteer athletic director and serve on his finance advisory committee.

He will be greatly missed at St. Mary's, but I know our loss is St. Jerome's gain and I wish

him the best in his new parish. I also welcome Father David Lantz as he makes Taylorville his new home.

Father Hunter, thank you for the many years of spiritual guidance and leadership you've provided, not just my family and the parishioners at St. Mary's, but to the entire Taylorville community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 378 I was absent due to travel for personal reasons and in connection with my official duties. Had I been present, I would have voted *Yea*.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2015 I mistakenly voted "yes" on rollcall 384, the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015. I strongly oppose the bill and intended to vote "no".

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AN OUTSTANDING NEW HAMPSHIRE GRADUATE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Meaghan Six, an outstanding recent graduate of Manchester Memorial High School, located in New Hampshire's First Congressional District and a future graduate of Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire.

As a dedicated student and an active individual, Meaghan Six quickly distinguished herself as an influential leader amongst her peers. Meaghan was the captain of her high school volleyball team, as well as being named as an alternate to the Women's Jr. National A1 Working team, placing her in the top 100 volleyball players nationwide for her age group. She was also a competitor on the spring track and field team and nominated for the female in spring sports award. She was awarded the single Crusader award for her graduating class. Meaghan's talents do not only set her apart athletically, but also in the classroom. Along with completing 28 consecutive quarters on both the Honor Roll and High Honors she was inducted into the National Honor Society; which recognizes students for their exemplary character, commitment to scholarship, and their dedication to service outreach in their community.

This coming fall Meaghan will continue her impressive career as a notable student-athlete at Daniel Webster College on their women's

volleyball team; she serves as an inspiration to all young people in New Hampshire and throughout the nation. She is proof that hard work and dedication can certainly pay off. I am proud to recognize her accomplishments and look forward to witnessing her future successes.

Congratulations to Meaghan Six for all of her achievements.

TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN VIOLA
PERCIVAL WILLIAMS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and myself, I rise to offer a tribute to the life and accomplishments of a great American, Maureen Viola Percival Williams, who has, and continues to act as a mentor, devout Christian and loving mother. On July 1, 2015, Maureen will celebrate her 71st birthday. We exalt Mrs. Maureen Viola Percival Williams first for the determination and perseverance that she has exhibited throughout her life. Maureen has been no stranger to hard work. At an early age the importance of hard work and dedication were introduced to Maureen on her father's agricultural farms in the mountains of Molyneux in St. Kitts West Indies. Arriving at the farm at 5:00 a.m., Maureen would weed the land and feed the livestock before school each day. These displays of commitment were not reserved solely for the weekdays. Mrs. Maureen Viola Percival Williams would spend Saturdays by her mother's side assisting in the selling of produce at the local market. Few would be able to handle the manual labor of Maureen's day-to-day activities, let alone balancing academics alongside of it. Mrs. Percival Williams' rigorous work schedule did not deter her from successfully completing Primary School and obtaining her certificate, which is equivalent to a high school diploma. Maureen Viola Percival was then enrolled in typing classes at the Catholic Church of Molyneux, where she completed a one year program. After marrying Ralph J. A. Williams in 1964, the family moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands where her life as a public servant and model citizen continued. She became the first member of her family to have children born as citizens of the United States after giving birth to her seven children: (Vallyn J. A. Williams, Artlyn K. J. Williams, Ralph J. A. Williams, Jr., M. Louisa Williams, Barbara N. Williams, Maura F. Williams and Jayar D. Williams). In spite of challenges faced balancing motherhood and her career, Maureen continued to dedicate her life to the church and bettering the lives of others.

Volunteering as a member of the AFM—Cottage Meeting Group, Maureen also spent time as a phone intercessor for the sick and disabled. This sort of selflessness is primarily the reason for which I deem this tribute necessary. Unfortunately, life often proves to not be as fair and just as Mrs. Maureen Percival Williams.

In 1987 her husband and two daughters were involved in an automobile accident which rendered them incapacitated. Yet, amidst Maureen Williams' personal struggles, she

persevered. Determined to become a citizen of the United States, on July 1, 1998 she fulfilled the requirements for naturalization and received her Certification of Naturalization.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to Mrs. Percival Williams because she represents a group of citizens that are more deserving of recognition than any other. Men and women like Mrs. Percival Williams are what silently hold this nation together. Those who struggle and persevere and those who give back are exactly what this country needs. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Percival Williams acts as a representative for all of these groups. Simply put, Mrs. Williams is a model citizen.

In 1999, Maureen once again displayed her caring nature when she rushed to the aid of her son in Orlando, Florida who had recently experienced an aneurism. These extenuating circumstances are what brought Mrs. Maureen Percival Williams to my district. Her love and care brought her to our country and the values of perseverance and determination instilled to her on her father's farm in the West Indies have aided her in face of recent struggles. Mrs. Percival Williams has endured the loss of family members, and overcome her own near death medical challenges and yet, she perseveres.

Though Maureen is celebrated for her persistence and determination, the title that suits her best is that of which she is most proud; caregiver. Mrs. Percival Williams holds her relationship with her children with the utmost regard, and prides herself on being a mother not only to her own but for the children of others. The lives of those directly and indirectly affected by the actions and care of Maureen Viola Percival Williams are undoubtedly better. Today we pay tribute to a woman of God. Today we recognize Mrs. Maureen Viola Percival Williams, a humanitarian, a woman, a wife, a mother, and a citizen of the United States of America. Simply put, Mr. Speaker, we are here to pay tribute to a hero.

SUPPORT OF THE "PRIVILEGED" RESOLUTION CALLED BY REP. BENNIE THOMPSON (MS) TO REMOVE ALL SYMBOLS BEARING THE CONFEDERATE FLAG FROM THE HALLS OF THE HOUSE WING OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my brothers and sisters of the Congressional Black Caucus, to stand in support of the "privileged" resolution called by Rep. BENNIE THOMPSON to remove the Confederate Flag where ever it may be represented within the House wing of the U.S. Capitol.

It is with great remorse that what took place on June 17, 2015 at the Emanuel AME bible study in Charleston, S.C. that claimed the lives of Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lance, Daniel Simmons, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Susie Jackson, and South

Carolina State Senator Rev. Clementa Pinckney had to be the catalyst to drive this motion after 150 years when this symbol was first surrendered.

For many Americans, this symbol has stood as a symbol of heritage under which their family has dug deep roots into our country.

But, this symbol was created in a time where our nation struggled to understand the very words written in our own Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Furthermore, troubled individuals and groups have taken to the symbol of the Confederate flag as an icon to portray their racist expression and actions against all groups whether in regards to their gender, sexuality, or race.

Much like the creation and defamation of the swastika in Europe, this symbol of hatred must not be a symbol in our present, but a symbol in our past.

I urge my colleagues in the House Administration to act in due diligence to bring this issue back to the House Floor for consideration so that we may do our duty as elected Representatives and respond to the voices of this great nation.

HONORING ALLISON HINSON OF THE ST. CLAIR BULLDOGS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Allison Hinson of the St. Clair Bulldogs for her first place win in Shot Put at the 2015 Class 4 Track and Field State Championship.

Allison and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Allison Hinson of the St. Clair Bulldogs for a job well done.

THE TIME TO REAUTHORIZE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND IS NOW

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last year, I spoke in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). There are now less than 100 days until the expiration of the program, and I rise today to urge timely reauthorization of this critical conservation program.

LWCF, which is paid for entirely by royalties collected from oil and gas companies, has fi-

nanced generations of projects, bringing parks and open spaces to the hearts of our urban areas and protecting our natural lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and working forests at the local, state and federal levels. Since its creation, the LWCF program has conserved more than 5 million acres of parks, recreation, forests, and other lands through the federal program and more than 2.6 million acres in communities throughout every state in the nation.

My home state of North Carolina has received more than \$200 million in LWCF funding over the past five decades, which has helped protect some of our state's most treasured places, such as the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. LWCF funds have also helped conserve land to preserve viewsheds along the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail. I was particularly pleased that one such project included the Rocky Fork tract in the Cherokee National Forest in my native state of Tennessee.

But LWCF does more than simply add to our public lands. Investing in LWCF is also an important way to grow our economy. In North Carolina alone, active outdoor recreation contributes more than \$7.5 billion annually to the state's economy, supports 95,000 jobs, generates \$430 million in annual state tax revenue and produces \$6.1 billion annually in retail sales and services. Overall, outdoor recreation contributes more than \$1.06 trillion annually to the U.S. economy. Every \$1 invested in LWCF has been found to yield \$4 in economic value. Without LWCF funding to stimulate matching investments from state, local and private entities, this crucial economic engine will be lost.

These numbers prove the program's success, but I would note that the program is also extremely popular. In recent polls, more than 80% of voters expressed support for continuing to deposit fees from offshore oil and gas drilling into LWCF—this broad support extends from every geographic region of the country and every political persuasion. Supporters include governors, mayors, sportsmen, industry leaders, conservationists, Civil War enthusiasts, historians, recreationists, small businesses, forest owners, and the many Americans who see firsthand the tangible benefits this program has had on their communities and families. I know many of my colleagues represent states and communities that have benefitted greatly from LWCF funds.

Although LWCF has a dedicated revenue stream from offshore drilling royalties and takes no taxpayer money from the general fund, large portions of this funding have been diverted over the years to non-conservation purposes. Even at last year's appropriated level of \$306 million, we were a far cry from the \$900 million that is annually authorized for conservation work.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of the bipartisan legislation, H.R. 1814, that would permanently reauthorize LWCF. I strongly believe Congress should uphold its decades long commitment to land and water conservation and reinvigorate LWCF, thereby expanding opportunities for all Americans to have access to parks and natural areas for outdoor recreation. With the expiration coming in September 2015, the time to reauthorize Land and Water Conservation Fund is now.

STAFF SERGEANT HEREFORD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant Keith Hereford, United States Army for his service to our country.

Staff Sergeant Hereford served in the United States Army and Army Air Corps from November 1943 to November 1945. During his service as B-17 aerial gunner, he served a year of duty with 1st Division, 8th Air Force, 305th Bomb Group, and 365th Bomb Squadron in Chelveston, England.

During Staff Sergeant Hereford's ninth mission his aircraft was shot down over Holland where he was captured after successfully parachuting to the ground. He was subsequently sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft 4, in Gross Tychow (Prussia). The camp was liberated by the British forces on May 2, 1945, and in November 1945, he separated from active duty.

Staff Sergeant Hereford's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. After his service, Staff Sergeant Hereford started his own plumbing company and successfully raised his four daughters as a single parent after his wife passed away in 1962.

Through his courageous service, Staff Sergeant Hereford charted the path for future generations to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Staff Sergeant Hereford for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING DEBBIE FRAZIER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debbie Frazier on winning the Michael Brown Memorial Faces of the Community Award. Ms. Frazier is an outstanding member of our community, and I am proud to represent her in Florida's 22nd District.

This distinguished award recognizes community members who have dedicated themselves to grassroots organizations that promote LGBT pride, diversity, and awareness. Debbie is a prolific advocate and leader, and her long list of credentials illustrates her passion for public service and promoting LGBT equality.

In 2010, Ms. Frazier founded the Straight and Gay Alliance in Wellington, Florida. Debbie also led a county-wide effort to 'Get Out the Vote,' which included a social media photo campaign. Currently, she serves as the President of the Alliance for Social Justice, a grassroots outreach program designed to empower young adults to become the leaders of tomorrow. When she is not doing community

outreach, she works as the executive regional director of the GLBT Democratic Caucus.

In honor of her award, I am proud to recognize Debbie Frazier and thank her for her tireless advocacy and work for our community.

REMEMBERING EMANUEL AME

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, nine extraordinary men and women were killed at the Wednesday night Bible study at historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in my birthplace of Charleston. I am grateful for their memories.

Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lee Lance, Reverend Daniel Simmons, Reverend Depayne Middleton-Doctor, along with Pastor Clementa Pinckney were all leaders of our community and in their church. One served the youth as a high school track coach, one a lifelong librarian, one a recent college graduate with a bright future ahead of him. Many served their church. Each had a clear love of God and love for their fellow man as followers of Jesus Christ.

The loss of Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney has been personal, as he was a fellow State legislator. I was honored to host the senator, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, Eliana and Malana, when they visited the Capitol a few years ago. He grew up in Ridgeland as a lifelong friend of my former chief of staff Eric Dell.

A hate-filled, drug-crazed murderer tried to divide our citizens, but he failed, and South Carolinians have unified in love, prayer, and respect.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 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 \$18,152,648,277,344.06. We've added \$7,525,771,228,430.98 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.

JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month. Cur-

rently, 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's and it is projected that the number will increase to a staggering 16 million by 2050. In my home state of Florida, an estimated 480,000 people are living with the debilitating disease.

Alzheimer's is devastating for patients and their families and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Early this year, I had the opportunity to speak with a representative from the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association about priorities related to research and care planning. I want to give a special thanks to the local chapter I am honored to represent in Miami Dade and Monroe Counties for providing patient services like a 24 hour dementia specific helpline.

Today, Alzheimer's cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed, but there are many things we can do as lawmakers to support patients and their families. I look forward to working with my colleagues to help move towards eradicating this terrible disease.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESSEX TROOP

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Essex Troop for their dedicated service as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary.

The Essex Troop was established at a meeting on June 3, 1890, with the goal of creating a cavalry troop. For one hundred and twenty-five years the troop has been working hard to serve the military needs of the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

At the founding meeting, officers were elected to lead the newly established troop. Colonel James E. Fleming, Second Lieutenant R. Wayne Parker, First Sergeant Charles Heath, Quartermaster Sergeant Frederick B Young, and First Lieutenant Frederick Frelinghuysen were elected. The troop was originally composed of forty members including the officers. Colonel Fleming immediately began training the troops to protect and defend the state and the nation.

Originally, the Essex Troop operated out of a privately owned armory. By 1903, however, the Troop outgrew this facility. It was then the Troop moved into its current location. The Armory, which was designed by a member of the Essex Troop, sits on 30 acres of land in West Orange and was furnished entirely by the Troopers themselves. It was here that they became renowned for their equestrian abilities, regularly hosting horse shows and polo matches that eventually gained national attention. The Troop also hosted a number of balls here over the years. This Armory is still in use today, and is where the members of the Essex Troop keep their traditions alive.

The Essex troop has responded to several riots and natural disasters that have occurred in New Jersey as well as other states throughout the nation. They have participated in many events and ceremonies, including parades, escort services, marches, and statue dedications.

On June 18, 1902 the troop reported for active duty in response to the textile strikes in

Paterson, New Jersey. The strikes had gotten out of hand and the troop patrolled for ten days, walking the streets during the evening to ensure law and order. During World War I, the troop was called into duty to serve our nation. They have also had the responsibility for guarding the Mexican border.

The troop served as the personal escort for President William McKinley's Vice President, Garret A. Hobart of Paterson, New Jersey. They were also charged with transferring President Ulysses Grant's tomb to New York City. The troop served as the honor guard and escort for Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson. At the inauguration ceremony for each Governor of New Jersey, the Essex Troop serves as part of the honor guard.

Mr. Speaker please join me in honoring the Essex Troop and its members for their one hundred and twenty-five years of service and dedication to the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed recorded votes on H.R. 1190 (Roll Call #376), H.R. 805 (Roll Call #377), and H.R. 2576 (Roll Call #378) on June 23, 2015 due to inclement weather.

If I had been present, I would have voted NAY on H.R. 1190, and YEA on H.R. 805 and H.R. 2576.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE U.N. CHARTER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter and the establishment of one of the world's greatest organizations for peace and the advancement of humanity.

As the representative from San Francisco, this anniversary holds a particular pride for the people of my city and for me—for it was San Francisco that played host to the grand conference of delegates that wrote the U.N. Charter; and it was in the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, on June 26, 1945, that the Charter was signed.

On that day, President Harry S Truman came to the Plenary to offer his congratulations and his hopes for the future of the new United Nations: "You have created a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world," President Truman said. "The world must now use it."

Seven decades later, 193 member states have ratified the Charter. The world's greatest leaders and thinkers have been among the United Nations representatives. In 1946, United Nations General Assembly Delegate and Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped draft the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights, which builds on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's commitment to "freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, and freedom from want" for all people.

The United Nations has worked to end disease, hunger and poverty. It has sought to advance human rights, human dignity, and the opportunities of women and girls. It has focused the world's attention on the urgency of the climate crisis and the plight of refugees. It has stood against violence, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It has been a great bulwark for global peace.

The U.N. continues to confront the challenges of the 21st century by striving to not only meet the Millennium Development Goals but to expand them with the Sustainable Development Goals to be finalized this fall. It is my firm hope that the United States will be a strong and active participant in the effort to realize the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve progress for all the peoples of the United Nations.

In striving to fulfill the ideals and promise of its charter, the United Nations, related agencies, programs and staff have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize eleven times.

In 1950, Ralph Bunche, an American, became the first person affiliated with the new organization to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he remarked, "I am but one of many cogs in the United Nations, the greatest peace organization ever dedicated to the salvation of mankind's future on earth."

This weekend, the city of San Francisco will once again welcome the U.N.'s highly respected Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, and other representatives of the United Nations. Our mayor Ed Lee and the people of San Francisco are thrilled and proud to once more play host to another milestone of U.N. history in our beautiful city.

Under the vital leadership of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations remains a strong, resolute, unwavering voice for peace in a world burdened by war. May it continue to stand as a beacon of peace for the next 70 years and beyond.

H.R. 160

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 160, not because I believe that the current tax on the device industry is perfect, but because I object to the Majority's fixation on passing permanent tax repeals without offsets.

As the representative from a part of our country that is known around the world for its research and innovation, I fully understand the importance of the device industry to the health and wellness of Americans, economic development, and our global competitiveness. Medical devices have the potential to save and improve the lives of Americans, and the companies that produce them are helping our economy recover by investing in new technology and providing high-paying, high-skilled jobs here in the United States.

Like other industries, device companies understand that the skyrocketing cost of health

care represents one of the greatest threats to families, small business owners, state and federal budgets, and the overall economy. In part, Congress enacted the Affordable Care Act to help reverse this trend, and AdvaMed, the trade association representing medical device manufacturers, has supported policies to expand access to their life-saving products.

The final law brought the original \$40 billion levy on device manufacturers down to a \$20 billion contribution through a 2.3%, rather than 4.6%, excise tax on medical devices. However, as the ten-year budget window has shifted, industry leaders report that they expect to pay more than originally predicted. We need to monitor this situation carefully and find a fair solution that accounts for the additional business the device industry may acquire as a result of the Affordable Care Act, while underscoring the need to keep the industry vibrant and innovative.

Unfortunately, that is not the discussion we are having today. House Republicans are bringing to the Floor a bill that would, yet again, provide for a permanent tax cut without an offset. When this bill is added to the other permanent tax cut bills brought to the Floor this year alone, they add up to more than \$610 billion in tax cuts without even a penny of an offset.

The point is not that tax reductions or expenditures without offsets are never justified. Rather, they need to be part of a coherent, comprehensive budget strategy.

This is not a debate about innovation and economic development as the Majority would like you to believe. This debate is about fiscal responsibility; it is about taking one tax provision and making it permanent without paying for it, without regard to implications for the rest of the budget.

At a time when the House is bringing its appropriations bills to the House Floor, it is clear that reckless tax cuts like these have decimated our nation's ability to make the key investments a great country must make. Earlier this month, the House considered the 2016 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill. As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee charged with drafting the bill, I can tell you that it, like the other appropriations bills this body will consider, woefully underinvests in our nation due to the Majority's wrong-headed refusal to adopt a comprehensive approach to balance our budget.

Should the House Republicans choose to debate and refine the Affordable Care Act's medical device excise tax, I stand ready to work with them. Until then, I will have to continue my record of voting against the unpaid-for tax cuts the Republican Majority is bringing to the Floor in the 114th Congress.

RED FOXES COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Red Foxes from Red Rocks Community College on placing first in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative

way for community college students to partner with community industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Foxes placed first in the challenge with their Mobile Medical Disaster Relief Unit. Made out of 3D printed parts, a motor, Radio Frequency ID (RFID) tracker and Raspberry Pi computer, this device enhances the ability for medical teams to distribute and track needed medicine when responding to disasters. With its implementation, emergency responders could respond to high-stress, time-sensitive medical situations more quickly, more safely, and more effectively. The Red Foxes identified this problem and began working as a team to develop an innovative solution leaning on the skills of each of their team members.

I congratulate the Red Fox Team of Nathan Tiedt, Scotty Hall, Kaia Chapman, Keya Lea Horiuchi, and their faculty advisory Helena Martellaro for their first place finish. I applaud the Red Foxes for their dedication to this groundbreaking project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

RETIREMENT OF JIM TUDOR

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Jim Tudor, who is retiring after 29 years of committed service to the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

Jim served in the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. After completing his military service, Jim went on to spend nine years working for 7-Eleven before joining the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

In his 29 years with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim has been repeatedly honored for his skilled and dedicated advocacy. He received the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000. Moreover, the Pigeon Committee, an organization of Georgia lobbyists, has recognized him on numerous occasions throughout his career, most notably, with the 2012 Golden Pigeon Award for his advocacy that succeeded in bringing about the passage of Sunday alcohol sales in Georgia. Jim was also recognized in James Magazine's list of top ten lobbyists or trade organizations every year from 2012 through 2014.

Jim's tireless dedication goes well beyond his work at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. He has been an active mentor and leader at the Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and a host of other youth groups. Jim is also very active in the Covington Rotary. A devout Christian, Jim has served in numerous roles in his church and has been a model of the highest morals and values.

In Jim's career and with his family, church, and community, he has been the embodiment of dedication and moral character. I wish him all the best as he spends his hard-earned retirement with his wife Sandra, their four children, and five grandchildren.

HONORING THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County as they celebrate their tenth anniversary of service to our community. I thank the Children's Health Initiative for their years of work connecting underserved families and children to quality healthcare services.

Founded in 2005, the Children's Health Initiative has worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate members of the Napa County community enroll in affordable health and dental insurance plans. Since their inception, the Children's Health Initiative has enrolled over 16,000 children and teens in subsidized health insurance programs, increasing the number of insured children in Napa County by 78.6 percent.

Additionally, the Children's Health Initiative works in 43 public schools across the county to educate students and parents about health insurance and coverage options. As the first non-profit organization in California to implement a team of bi-lingual, bi-cultural licensed insurance agents, the Children's Health Initiative has shown a true dedication to providing quality service to our community. Thanks to these outreach efforts, thousands of Napa County residents now have access to affordable health insurance and a platform to lead healthy lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County for their service to our community over the past ten years. The Children's Health Initiative's unyielding commitment to providing the residents of Napa County with affordable healthcare options has been essential to ensuring the overall well being of our community, and we wish them continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES R. MIDDLETON ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Chuck Middleton, President of Roosevelt University, on his retirement from Roosevelt after 13 years of outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success.

As Roosevelt University's fifth president, Dr. Middleton brought relentless energy and dedication to the institution, transforming the uni-

versity from a part-time, adult university to one primarily serving traditional-age, full-time students. During his tenure, Dr. Middleton expanded Roosevelt's faculty by 23%, created Roosevelt's College of Pharmacy, revitalized Roosevelt's intercollegiate athletic programs, and led construction of Roosevelt's Wabash Building, a multi-purpose 32-story, vertical campus that is the second tallest university building in the United States.

Dr. Middleton is a professor and scholar of modern British history. In addition to Roosevelt, he has held senior administrative positions at the University System of Maryland, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Middleton's career is defined by his commitment to inclusiveness and diversity in education, and he has dedicated significant energy to civic and community leadership, including establishment of the national LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, as an alumnus of Roosevelt University, I applaud Dr. Middleton for his invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students and institutions he has served. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Middleton on an accomplished career and wishing him a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THOMAS GLENDON STAFFORD

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor lifelong Missourian Thomas Glendon Stafford from Cape Girardeau on his 100th birthday.

Mr. Stafford was born on June 28, 1915 in Zadock, Missouri. After sixth grade, Mr. Stafford went to work for his father who was a farmer. He lived on the family farm until he met his wife Bernice at her church in Vanduser, Missouri. He asked for her hand in marriage at the age of 19. In 1942, the couple moved to Cape Girardeau where he has made a home for 68 years and began working for Commercial Transport as a truck driver.

On March 14, 1945, Mr. Stafford was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. After 19 weeks of training at Fort Hood, he was sent across the Pacific to the Philippines before eventually being transferred to Tokyo, Japan. He spent a year in Tokyo at the personnel office driving soldiers. Mr. Stafford was honorably discharged on May 18, 1946, and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal for his dedication and service.

After his daughters left home, he and his wife lived a quiet life until Bernice passed away at the age of 91 on November 6th, 2004. He has seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren and now lives at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

For his service to our nation, and all that he has accomplished over the last century, it is my pleasure to honor Mr. Stafford before the United States House of Representatives on his 100th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD
HOLZER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Harold Holzer who has had an extraordinary and distinguished career as a communications director and historian. He is retiring after 23 years of invaluable service to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest and most comprehensive art museum in the western hemisphere. Mr. Holzer helped broaden the media visibility of the Museum both here and abroad. In addition to his day job at the Museum, Mr. Holzer is widely considered one of the preeminent authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. Mr. Holzer's impact on New York's civic and cultural life has been profound and his contributions to our understanding of the Civil War era have been incalculable.

Mr. Holzer began his career as a reporter and later editor for The Manhattan Tribune, going on to become political press secretary first for Bella Abzug during her campaigns for Senate and Mayor, and then for Mario Cuomo's Gubernatorial campaign. He served as a government speechwriter for Mayor Abraham Beame, leaving to become the public affairs director for WNET. From 1984 to 1992, he served Governor Mario Cuomo as Special Counselor to the Director of Economic Development and Executive Vice President for Public Affairs at the New York State Urban Development Corporation (NYSUDC), which was then involved in overseeing the construction of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

In 1992, Mr. Holzer became Chief Communications Officer for the Metropolitan Museum. Four years later, he was promoted to Vice President and, in 2005, he was named the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs. In this capacity, Mr. Holzer has been responsible for supervising external affairs and overseeing publicity, marketing, audience research and tourism promotion for the Museum, and has served as chief spokesman on all local, national, and international issues. During his tenure, Mr. Holzer helped persuade government grantors to deliver unprecedented levels of funding to the Museum, which have, among other things, supported educational programs and critical improvements to the Museum's physical plant. He also created broadcast marketing partnerships with radio, television and the Internet, magnifying the Museum's outreach.

A prolific writer, Mr. Holzer has authored, coauthored, and edited over forty books on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Some of his works include: *Lincoln at Cooper Union*, *The Lincoln Image*, and the 2015 Lincoln Prize-winning *Lincoln and the Power of the Press*. In 2008, Mr. Holzer received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush, the highest recognition America awarded to individuals or institutions that have had a positive impact on the nation's understanding of the humanities.

Mr. Holzer authored *Lincoln: How Abraham Lincoln Ended Slavery in America*, the young-adult companion to Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning biopic, *Lincoln*. Mr. Holzer

also served as a script consultant on the adapted screenplay for the film.

President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Holzer as cochairman of the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which oversaw the planning of the national celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday. Mr. Holzer served in that capacity from 2000–2009. He now serves as Chairman of the successor organization, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation.

Mr. Holzer lives in Rye, New York with his wife, Edith. They have two daughters and a grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harold Holzer's talent, dedication and erudition. His contributions to our nation's civic and cultural life, as well as our understanding of President Lincoln and the extraordinary era when he was President will last long into the future.

TSCA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2576, the TSCA Modernization Act. While this bill is not perfect, it is a good step toward better protecting Americans and our environment from dangerous chemicals.

Current law, the Toxic Substance Control Act, passed in the 1970s and has been a failure. While its name implies that it gave the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to ensure the safety of many chemicals, in reality, its scope is severely limited and the standards for action are unreasonably high. It also restricted testing to thousands of chemicals that were already in use when it passed. Since it was enacted, EPA has partially regulated only five chemicals under the law.

Democrats have been calling for TSCA reform for many years, and today we are considering the first meaningful change. While it does not go as far as previous Democratic proposals, it represents significant progress over current law. It makes it easier for EPA to test chemicals using a risk-based approach, explicitly protects vulnerable populations, and provides more resources to get the job done. It also allows EPA to move more quickly to address the most toxic and harmful chemicals.

Our work is not done—the Senate is finalizing its proposal and we will have to reconcile our differences. I will continue to advocate for strong protections for American families and our environment. I am voting yes today to take an important step forward in that effort.

REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING A NUCLEAR ARMED IRAN

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today our nation faces challenges across the globe, but there is no threat more central to current world order than the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran.

Tuesday, June 30, is the self-imposed negotiating deadline for the P5+1 over Iran's illicit nuclear program. At this critical juncture I am thankful for the Administration's repeated promise that no deal is better than a bad deal.

I want to remind my colleagues why this issue is so vital.

Even a threshold nuclear Iran—where they have a short breakout capacity—would lead to massive nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. We have already seen troubling statements from regional partners like Saudi Arabia about developing or purchasing nuclear weapons of their own.

Mr. Speaker, I don't need to tell you the consequences of possible proliferation of the world's most dangerous weapon in the world's most dangerous region.

Just look at the destructive role Iran is already playing in this chaotic region without nuclear weapons.

Iran is the most active state sponsor of terrorism, sending weapons and support to Hamas and Hezbollah. It is actively assisting rebel advances in Yemen, it has long destabilized Iraq and Lebanon, and it is propping up the brutal Assad regime in Syria. Not to mention that this Iranian regime systematically violates its own citizen's basic human rights.

That is why there is broad bipartisan support for preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and on both sides of the aisle, we hope for a diplomatic solution to this crisis.

But we must be vigilant and ensure that if a deal is reached it truly is a good deal that verifiably prevents all Iranian pathways to a bomb.

Such a deal must include five key components: robust and intrusive inspections, phased sanctions relief that comes only as a result of Iranian compliance, dismantlement of key nuclear infrastructure, disclosure of possible military dimensions of the program, and a long timeline that gives the international community confidence that it can hold Iran accountable.

My colleagues and I will be watching closely and stand ready to scrutinize any final agreement to ensure the future security of our nation and that of our allies in the region.

HONORING DANIEL "DANNY"

DARIO VILLANUEVA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel "Danny" Dario Villanueva, a dear friend, successful athlete and businessman, and champion of the little guy. Danny passed away unexpectedly at the age of 77. His death is a deep loss for Myrna, his wife, his sons Danny Jr. and Jim, and his extended family. Losing Danny brings equal sadness to all who believe in the American Dream and seek role models willing to answer that call to duty.

In reflecting on Danny Villanueva's accomplishments, the list is long. The better question to ask is: what didn't Danny accomplish. From his humble beginnings in Tulumcarí, New Mexico—the ninth of twelve children of migrant missionary workers—and throughout the rest of his life, Danny pioneered a remarkable

path in professional sports, the broadcasting industry and the investment and philanthropic world.

As a kicker for the Los Angeles Rams, Danny was one of the first Latino players in the National Football League. His successful and record-breaking career there, and later with the Dallas Cowboys, helped open the door to a sportscaster job with the KMEX television station in Los Angeles, which at the time was a fledgling Spanish-language broadcaster. Today, KMEX serves as the West Coast flagship for the Univision network.

But Danny didn't just stand in front of the KMEX camera, he stood behind it as a journalist, a news director, a general manager and its President. He eventually became an owner of KMEX and the network which we know as Univision. In all those roles, he committed himself to serving the community of Los Angeles. Whether it was broadcasting that was happening in the city through a Latino lens or raising funds to help new immigrant families, or victims of natural disaster, Danny was their voice and their advocate. And, putting his money where his mouth is, he became one of LA's true philanthropists.

Even after he retired from broadcasting, his passion for philanthropic work continued through his founding of an investment firm focused on helping small and family businesses and the establishment of a scholarship fund at his alma mater New Mexico State University. He and Myrna remained actively involved in many charitable causes throughout his life.

Danny was a leader, an innovator, a loving husband and father and an incredible example to many of us of a man determined to do good as he did well. Without Danny, the Spanish-language news and broadcasting industry in the U.S. would not be what it is today. Without Danny, there would be no Univision, no Telemundo or many of the other broadcasting giants that exist today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today and share some of Danny Villanueva's successes because they are not just his, they belong to us all. For anyone who aspires to the American Dream, Danny's life and legacy show us that with hard work, compassion and a sense of humor, anything is possible. Danny will remain in our hearts not only as a friend, but as a champion to his family, his community and to all the little guys who believe in hard work and relentless effort.

To Myrna, Danny Jr. and Jim, we extend our warmest affection and gratitude for sharing with us this champion of America. Through our collective success we will do justice to the memory of Daniel Dario Villanueva.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House voted on H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act. Although I was not present for the vote, I wanted to make my position on this bill clear. While I strongly support repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB, and have long supported bipartisan legislation to do so, I would have voted against this bill due to the

attachment of a partisan and misguided amendment that undermines another important piece of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

I share the concern of many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that the IPAB relinquishes control of Medicare provider reimbursements to an unelected group, which is problematic to me for a number of reasons. Congress has helped shape a Medicare system that reflects the unique care needs of varying demographics, and differences between regions and states. Further, this system has been developed with transparency and accountability in congressional debates. And, reforms like better coordination of care and enhanced waste, fraud, and abuse abatement measures have already helped slow Medicare spending to historic lows.

Since the enactment of the ACA, the Congressional Budget Office has consistently found that other measures in the law have helped keep health care spending at record lows. While I remain committed to strengthening Medicare's finances for current and future generations, I do not believe that IPAB is the best strategy to achieve this goal. While annual spending bills passed by Congress over the last several years have denied funding to support IPAB thus rendering it inoperable, I agree that the best course of action would be to remove it entirely from the law. That is why I have consistently cosponsored bipartisan legislation to do just that.

I am disappointed, therefore, that the Republican-led House chose to take a highly bipartisan bill and turn it, once again, into a highly partisan vehicle to further undermine a key component of the ACA. The amendment that was added to the bill as it headed to the floor would tie repeal to gutting the Prevention and Public Health Fund section of the law. Funds from this section of the ACA go towards Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Education and Outreach, towards the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, and to the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention fund, among other programs in 2015 alone.

I strongly support the ACA and its implementation, but agree with many of my colleagues that it is by no means perfect. It is time for this chamber to work on a truly bipartisan basis to strengthen and improve the law. I stand ready to work across the aisle to repeal IPAB and to make other commonsense changes to the law—but hope that we can do so in a thoughtful and balanced way, which unfortunately this bill did not.

HONORING ALBERTA LENTE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alberta Lente, a respected elder and patriarch of a proud family from the Pueblo of Isleta.

Alberta had amazing role models in her parents, Esquipula and Juanita Jojola, who raised nine children while maintaining several jobs. Coming from a big family meant that Alberta had to make sacrifices. She started attending business school aspiring to one day work as

a professional secretary, but her father urged her to come home and help with the household finances.

The news was devastating for Alberta, but she forged forward, knowing that her family needed her support. She put her dreams on hold, came home, and took on the role of primary caregiver for the family. From 1945 to 1984, Alberta worked as a seamstress for the famous "Tiwa Weavers" and later went on to work for the Pueblo of Isleta Elder Center as a delivery driver and site manager all while caring for her children and younger siblings.

She never failed to carry out her commitment to her family. Every morning, Alberta would wake up and catch the 6:30 a.m. bus from Isleta Pueblo to work. On a typical day she would not return home until 7:00 p.m. and always made sure she had enough groceries to feed the family. Often her children would find her up in the middle of night fixing dolls or clothing, trying to earn extra money for the family.

At age 93, Alberta has no plans to slow down any time soon. Incredibly, she has won more than 80 medals in soccerkicks, shuffleboard and many more events in the New Mexico Senior Olympics. Today, Alberta prepares for her 5th National Senior Olympics and hopes to add a second Gold medal to her collection.

It is clear that Alberta's zest for life is endless and her dedication to her family is one of a kind. She reminds us to cherish our family, fight for those we love, and continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Alberta is truly a remarkable woman, and I join all her family and friends in celebrating her accomplishments.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAYTON NATTIER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor First Lieutenant Clayton Nattier, Army Air Corps, and United States Air Force for his service to our country.

First Lieutenant Nattier served in the United States Army Air Corps from January 1942 to December 1945. During his time as a pilot, he served in the United Kingdom with the 1st Bomb Division, 8th Air Force, 306th Bomb Group, and 369th Bomb Squadron.

During his 16th combat mission, in September 1944, his B-17 aircraft was badly damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire, and the crew was unable to control a fire in the cockpit. At that time, he and five other crew members parachuted out of the aircraft mid-flight. Lieutenant Nattier was captured by enemy forces and sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft I in Barth, Western Pomerania (Prussia) after spending three weeks in a German hospital. The Prisoner of War camp was liberated by the Russian Army on April 30, 1945, and in December 1945 he separated from active duty. Lieutenant Nattier continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves until 1952.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Prisoner of War

Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars and the World War II Victory Medal. After his service, Lieutenant Nattier has been involved in the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Mile High Chapter, as Chapter Commander, State Department Commander and National Convention Treasurer. He continues to be active in the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

Through his courageous service, Lieutenant Nattier charted the path for future generations to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Lieutenant Nattier for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my opposition to any and all attempts to remove the State flag of Mississippi from the Capitol grounds.

Simply put, the flag that flies over the State of Mississippi is an issue to be decided by the people of Mississippi.

This is not an issue for Congress. Congress cannot decide which flag flies over the Capitol of Mississippi. Congress cannot decide which state flags hang in the Capitol of the United States. Congress cannot simply decide for the people of Mississippi.

Our flag is not an issue for the media, not an issue for one party or the other, not an issue for outsiders who wish to force certain beliefs on others.

Our flag is an issue for the people of Mississippi and the people of Mississippi alone.

HONORING MR. JIM TUDOR

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Tudor for his many years of contributions to the convenience store industry.

Mr. Tudor has worked at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores since January of 1987, and currently serves as President. Before that, Mr. Tudor also spent nine years at 7-Eleven. Over the years, Mr. Tudor has received various Pigeon Awards from The Pigeon Committee. He was honored as the 2012 Annual Golden Pigeon. He also received the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000, and was recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyist or trade organizations for three straight years 2012–2014.

Mr. Tudor is very active in the Covington Rotary and previously the South DeKalb Rotary. He has been extremely active with Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and various other youth groups as a mentor and leader. Mr. Tudor has served numerous roles at his church and is a devout Christian man with impeccable morals and values.

Mr. Tudor graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1972, and spent two years in the U.S. Army. Mr. Tudor and his wife, Sandra, have four children—James, Kelly, Bobby, and Bill—and five grandchildren. Upon retirement, Jim and Sandra plan to roam the countryside in their retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Mr. Tudor's colleagues, family and friends in celebrating his many years of hard work and dedication to the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores and his community.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORRISTOWN CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Morristown Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary.

Due to the exclusion from men's organizations that were formed to express patriotism for our nation, a group of women took it upon themselves to create an organization that was exclusively for women and their love for this country. Thus, on October 11, 1890, the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution was born right in our nation's capital.

Shortly after the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded, New Jersey organized its own State Society of the DAR on April 29, 1891. The Morristown Chapter was created four years later in 1895, making it one of the 47 chapters located in the state of New Jersey. In 1999, the Short Hills Chapter of DAR merged with the Morristown Chapter.

The Morristown DAR Chapter house played an important role in our country's history. The Schulyer-Hamilton House, originally known as the Jabez Campfield House, was built in 1760 in Morristown. The Campfield House is where the surgeon general of the Continental Army, Dr. John Cochran, quartered and is where founding father Alexander Hamilton also courted his wife Betsy Schuyler in 1780. Schuyler was the niece of the surgeon general. In 1923, the Campfield house was bought by the Morristown Chapter of the DAR and the members decided to name their new Chapter House in honor of Betsy Schuyler and Alexander Hamilton.

The DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer organization. They focus on promoting patriotism, preserving American history and future, and supporting education for children. On a national level the DAR host various summer camps for youth. That educates them on topics such as, the textile industry. They also provide citizens of all ages with a lecture series called Tuesday Talks.

The Morristown Chapter has been devoted to keeping up with these objectives as well. Throughout the community the Morristown Chapter of the DAR has volunteered at the annual Morristown Fall Festival and local DAR schools. They provide numerous opportunities for the advancement of children including but

not limited to, The Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, scholarship for high school seniors in New Jersey, and the Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship.

Additionally, to carry on their commitment to honoring all veterans in the Morristown area, the Morristown chapter of the DAR will host a luncheon on Saturday, November 14, 2015 to celebrate their 120th Anniversary as well as the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morristown Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, New Jersey as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary.

JOHN DAVID CROW—AGGIE HEISMAN WINNER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, rough tough, real stuff, Texas A&M. The mantra of John David Crow. The man known by all three of his names, with a distinctive gaze and commanding presence is the first Aggie Heisman Winner who left the piney Louisiana Woods to play football at Texas A&M University—and the rest is history.

Crow has been tough since birth. Born into the Great Depression in Marion, Louisiana on July 8, 1935, a midwife struggled to remove the umbilical cord wrapped tightly around his neck, which resulted in nerve damage—preventing him from ever being able to shut his left eye.

After almost dying from pneumonia at the age of two, Crow grew into his larger-than-life stature. At 6'2, 215 pounds he was made to be a football player.

Crow arrived in College Station, Texas in 1954 to play under football legend Paul "Bear" Bryant, who he had never even heard of. The newly married freshman watched two buses take the football team to training camp in Junction and only one bus return—half empty. But he wasn't scared. Crow suited up to play anyways.

A new husband and father, Crow helped lead the Aggies to a conference championship and bowl game after coming off a 1–9 season.

In three seasons, he gained 1,455 yards rushing on 296 attempts, with 22 touchdowns. His stats may not have put him at the top of the leaderboard, but coach Bear Bryant came up with more appropriate and realistic statistics to showcase Crow, which he called "Players Run Over."

When Crow was told he was a Heisman candidate, he confessed that he had never heard of the award. Bryant rallied behind the football player saying, "If he doesn't win the Heisman, they ought to stop giving it," the saying stuck. In 1957, in almost a landslide vote, John David Crow won the Heisman Trophy. The first Aggie to win and the only Heisman Trophy winner to ever play for Bryant.

Crow went on to be a running back in the NFL for the Cardinals in Chicago and St. Louis as well as the San Francisco 49ers. After retiring in 1968, he joined Bryant on the field again as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama. He went back to the NFL

as an assistant coach with Cleveland and San Diego. In 1983, he returned back to his maroon alma mater as the assistant athletic director under Jackie Sherrill.

Crow was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. For as much success as Crow knew, he has also knew deep sorrow. His son, John David Jr, born while his father was playing at Texas A&M and also playing under Bear Bryant, was killed in 1994.

John David Crow passed away on June 18th, joining his son.

The statue of Crow outside the Bright Athletic Complex at Texas A&M University accurately portrays the man whose name is synonymous with Aggie Football. It depicts the strapping Louisiana paper mill teenager who showed up in Texas unintimidated, unafraid, and more than ready to bring pride to a small Texas town.

They just don't make them like John David Crow anymore—rough tough, real stuff, Texas A&M. "Gig—Em Aggies"

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JIM
TUDOR

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional business leader and outstanding citizen, Mr. Jim Tudor, on the occasion of his retirement as President of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

Mr. Tudor has spent the last 28 years of his life advancing the interests of small business owners and workers in Georgia. After spending nine years working for 7-Eleven, Mr. Tudor began working for the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores in 1987. As a representative of convenience stores across the state, Mr. Tudor worked tirelessly to promote a welcoming, inclusive, and world-class business atmosphere in hundreds of Georgia stores. His smile and humor were familiar to the hundreds of store workers he represented on a daily basis.

Mr. Tudor's service to convenience store owners and workers earned distinction for its vigor and persistence. Along with receiving the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000, Mr. Tudor is the recipient of various Pigeon Awards from the Pigeon Committee, a group of fellow lobbyists in Georgia. In 2012, his work to ensure the passage of Sunday alcohol sales in the state earned him the Golden Pigeon award, recognizing him as the state's most influential business advocate. Additionally, Mr. Tudor was named by James Magazine as one of the top ten lobbyist or trade organizations for three straight years from 2012–2014.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Tudor has dedicated his life to serving his community. His commitment to public service has persisted since his service in the U.S. Army as a young man. He has been extremely active in the Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and the Rotary Club of Covington. Always a mentor to those who worked and lived around him, Mr. Tudor possesses the rare quality of humble leadership.

Mr. Tudor's Christian faith has always instilled within him a desire to positively shape the community in which he lives. As a leader in his church, he incorporates his faith into his commitment to public service regularly.

After retirement, Mr. Tudor will enjoy spending time with his four children, James, Kelly, Bobby and Bill, and as "Poppy" to his five grandchildren. He plans to travel across the country with his wife, Sandra, in their retro-style 2015 Winnebago. Mr. Tudor has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would be possible without the love and support of the family he cherishes so dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Jim Tudor upon the occasion of his retirement from an outstanding career spanning nearly three decades with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

TRIBUTE TO PARKER HOWE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Parker Howe from Waukee High School for winning the Class 2A Co-ed Golf Doubles title along with his partner, Paige Seiser.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these students demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them and their families in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Paige and Parker on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in their education and high school golf career.

BIOGRAPHY OF JERRY DUNFEY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit the biography of Jerry Dunfey, who is celebrating his 80th birthday.

GLOBAL CITIZENS CIRCLE

Jerry Dunfey, co-founder with his brothers of Dunfey Hotels, which now is Omni Hotels International, also is the co-founder and president of Global Citizens Circle. Since 1974, hundreds of Circles globally featured prominent leaders engaging in dialogue with 20,000 citizens from all sectors. Circles have been held in Belfast, Soweto, Jerusalem, Havana, and in cities throughout the U.S.

Dunfey and his wife Nadine Hack have a deep history of involvement in the U.S. civil rights movement. Friends of the entire King family, they served on the board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Dunfey starting alongside of "Daddy" King. They maintained close relationships with many of the movement's leaders, including actively campaigning in Georgia during Andy Young's political career. They read a Psalm at Coretta Scott King's family funeral and were honorary pall bearers at her much larger public funeral.

They also have profound ties with the leaders of South Africa's liberation movement.

He's been in South Africa on countless occasions including as a member of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's 1985 fact-finding mission. With his wife, they were guests of state at President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's 1994 inauguration they led a 1998 delegation of 61 democracy activists from seven countries on an eight-day visit; he was honored with the 2008 National Order, Grand Companion of OR Tambo, which is that nation's equivalent of the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom; and in 2013 he attended Mandela's funeral in Qunu as a VIP family guest.

He is on the boards of the Joslin Diabetes Center, the South Africa Development Fund, and with his brothers is a founder of The American Ireland Fund. While it was in existence, he was on the board of the International Defense and Aid Fund for South Africa. He is the recipient of numerous awards from myriad organizations ranging from the 2003 Northern Ireland Cross-Community Honor to the 2008 Hoteliers of the Year, just among several of the countless times he's been honored.

He is the 11th of the 12 children of Leroy and Catherine Dunfey, who met in the textile mills of Lowell, MA, and he worked with his siblings from a very early age in his parents' luncheonette in that city. In the 1940s and 1950s he and his brothers operated a number of restaurants, later acquiring several small New England inns and by the 1960s founding Dunfey Hotels. The Parker House, the oldest continuously operating hotel in America, was among its flagship hotels. Shortly after acquiring that hotel in Boston is when the family launched their inaugural Circle.

During those same decades, he and his family were extremely active in Democratic politics. John F. Kennedy announced his presidential campaign from a Dunfey Hotel. Jerry's brother Bud served as the Northeast Coordinator of that campaign for which the entire Dunfey family campaigned actively. They were all invited to the President's 1963 Inauguration. A six-decade close relationship among the two families, including comparable activism with Bobby Kennedy, culminated in having the great honor to sit with his wife in the final hour of vigil over Ted Kennedy's casket at the JFK Library before the family brought the Senator to the church for his funeral service.

A 1956 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Dunfey has five children—one who died in 1978 with four surviving, all happily married—and six grandchildren. He and his wife Nadine were extremely proud that all three generations of their family actively campaigned for President Barack Obama. Their two oldest grandchildren, for whom this was the first time in their lives to vote, participated in the Maine caucuses. Dunfey continues as an activist with Friends of Barack Obama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 377, I was absent due to travel for personal reasons and in connection with my official duties.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE WYNN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and myself, I rise to offer a tribute to the life and accomplishments of a great American, Jeanette Wynn, who continues to act as a mentor and leader in the community at large. On June 21, 2015, Jeanette celebrated her 67th birthday.

We exalt Mrs. Jeanette Wynn first for the determination and perseverance that she has exhibited throughout her life. Jeanette's rise to her current title as the president of AFSCME deserves recognition. In September 1970, she began work at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee. Here, in the state's largest public mental institution, she treated the mentally ill and criminally insane. Her exceptional work was recognized and as a rehabilitative specialist, President Wynn was responsible not only for treatment of mentally ill individuals but also played a role in the judicial process. Mrs. Wynn was given the responsibility of evaluating whether they were competent to stand trial. President Wynn was one of the first state employees to join AFSCME in 1976. She was a member of Council 79's first executive board and was the first secretary/treasurer of Local 1963. In 1981, she was elected Local 1963's second president. In 1983, she earned her first AFSCME Florida statewide office as Council 79 secretary/treasurer.

As Council 79 secretary/treasurer, President Wynn served until 1996, the same year she won a spot as International Vice President Caribbean. In 1998, President Wynn ascended to Council 79's highest office and has distinguished herself in leading fights to help all working families. Drawing on her experiences in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, President Wynn played a crucial role in forging a coalition of African-American and Latino farm workers that led to the successful organizing drive in 1998 at Quincy Farms. The United Farm Workers later awarded President Wynn for her incredible effort. Though President Wynn is celebrated for her accomplishments, we must not forget her effect on the community at large. The lives of those directly and indirectly affected by the actions and oversight of Mrs. Jeanette Wynn are undoubtedly better. Today we pay tribute to a strong woman, a compassionate leader, and a tireless worker.

LEE KLEIN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE CHILDREN'S CANCER
CARING CENTER

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Lee Klein on her 50th anniversary at the Children's Cancer Caring Center, or CCCC. Lee has dedicated her life to caring for South Florida children and their families who are affected with cancer by providing them comfort and support as they fight

the deadly disease and return to a sense of normalcy.

Lee currently serves as CEO and Chairman of the CCCC Board. She began her career in 1956 as a charity worker for children's causes, and nine years later, founded a treatment clinic for cancer-stricken children which today we call CCCC. She also serves as Patient Program Director at the center, where she becomes personally involved with the patients and their families. Lee has been the recipient of numerous honors, including the 2004 Junior League of Miami "Women who make a difference" award and 2003 Big Brothers Big Sisters "Miracle Makers" award.

Mr. Speaker, these children and their families battling cancer deserve all the love and support they can get during the unfathomable difficulties that no young person should have to endure. I am proud to recognize that on June 27, Lee will have served the Center and our South Florida community for 50 years, touching the lives of thousands of our friends and neighbors. I wish her the best of luck in the future and offer my sincere gratitude for the work she has done.

CORPORAL JOHN PEDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Corporal John Pederson, United States Army, for his service to our country.

Corporal Pederson served in the United States Army from June 1944 to February 1947. During his service as a rifleman and infantryman, he was assigned to the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division, Company A, 232nd Infantry Regiment. After Corporal Pederson's arrival in France, he was transferred to the 7th Army, and participated as a member of "Task Force Linden" near Strasbourg, France.

On January 18, 1945, in the Battle of Sessenheim, he was captured by the German Army and sent to the German Prison camp, Stalag 5A, in Malschbach Ludwigsburg Wurttemberg 49-09. He was liberated by the British Army in April 1945, and eventually returned to the U.S. after being discharged in February 1947.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Prisoner of War Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Since retiring, he has been active in the American Ex-Prisoners of War—Mile High Chapter where he currently serves as Commander of the Department of Colorado and Commander of the Mile High Chapter.

Through his courageous service, Corporal Pederson charted the path for future generations to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Corporal Pederson for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF JIM TUDOR'S
RETIREMENT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of a dear friend and colleague, Mr. Jim Tudor. Over the last twenty years, Mr. Tudor has left an indelible impression on the State of Georgia through his entrepreneurial advances and philanthropic endeavors.

Whether it be in his church, his community, or business, Mr. Tudor strives to turn any challenge into an opportunity. In 1986, Mr. Tudor moved from a promising career as the Zone Manager for 7-Eleven to serve as a lobbyist for the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, marking the beginning of a career that would be recognized as among the most prolific in Georgia's capitol community.

Mr. Tudor's contributions have been recognized numerous times throughout his illustrious career. In 2000, Mr. Tudor received the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson. Later, Mr. Tudor was honored with various Pigeon Awards from The Pigeon Committee, a group of fellow lobbyists for the State of Georgia. For three straight years, Mr. Tudor was named by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyist for trade organizations.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Tudor has used his success to empower those around him. Well known by his friends and family for a seemingly inexhaustible amount of energy, Mr. Tudor is an extremely active member of the Covington Rotary Club. On many weeknights he can be found volunteering for the Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and various other groups as a mentor and leader, where he passes on the practical skills he has accumulated through years of shaping Georgia's business climate.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to not only honor the impressive achievements of this man, but also to commend his compassionate contributions to my Congressional district and to the great State of Georgia. I ask my colleagues to join me in venerating this distinguished individual.

HONORING DR. JAY L. SCHAUBEN,
PHARMD, DABAT, FAACT UPON
HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
POISON CONTROL CENTERS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Dr. Jay L. Schauben, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT, and his election as President of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC). As President, Dr. Schauben will oversee the national agency responsible for the accreditation of poison centers and the certification of its specialists. Throughout his career, he has completed four terms on the AAPCC Board of Directors. I am honored to

recognize Dr. Schauben as the first Floridian to be elected to this prestigious position.

In 1992, Dr. Schauben developed and implemented the Florida/U.S. Virgin Islands Poison Information Center in Jacksonville, Florida. Today, the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center—Jacksonville continues to work in improving the three-center Statewide Florida Poison Information Center Network. Dr. Schauben has been Director of Jacksonville center, located at UF—Health Jacksonville Medical Center, since 1996. His work is both widely known and greatly admired. He holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine within the College of Medicine and the Department of Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research in the College of Pharmacy, University of Florida Health Science Center. Since 1987, he has held board-certification in Clinical Toxicology by the American Board of Applied Toxicology and was awarded the status as a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology. Dr. Schauben also has served as President and At-Large Member to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Applied Toxicology. He is a member of the International Society for Disease Surveillance.

Dr. Schauben is a recognized expert witness in the field of clinical toxicology and often consults with federal and state agencies on issues relating to toxic exposures, poisonings and overdoses. Under the National Disaster Medical System, he held a Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security rank of Deputy Commander for the Florida-4 Disaster Medical Assistance Team. In addition, he has authored 54 journal articles and 21 chapters in major medical textbooks and is the Associate Editor for the Advanced HAZMAT Life Support Course.

Although larger states have more than one center, the nation has 55 poison control centers that cover every state, Puerto Rico, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

Callers are provided free, 24-hour professional advice on poisons and treatments. Our Jacksonville Center serves a population of approximately six million people and receives 160–200 calls per day from Floridians in 42 northern and eastern coastal counties and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Florida/USVI Poison Information Center—Jacksonville, under the leadership of Dr. Schauben, conducts a full spectrum of poison prevention educational programs for the general public and health care professionals. The Center serves as a teaching facility for clinical and medical toxicology fellowships; and facilitates academic rotations for nursing, medical and pharmacy students; pharmacy, emergency medicine and other health professional residents in training; pediatric critical care fellows and pediatric emergency medicine fellows.

One of the highlights of the year in Jacksonville is the children's poster contest for National Poison Prevention Week. Jay and his staff have also instituted a video contest, and kids can earn a Deputy badge by completing the Poison Patrol Checklist.

I salute the dedicated hard work of Dr. Schauben, and his well-deserved recognition by fellow colleagues in electing him President of the Board of Directors of the AAPCC.

SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of small businesses, American manufacturing and good jobs right here at home. I rise to support reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank.

The simple reality is that 95% of the globe's consumers live outside of America's borders. Therefore, our ability to export American products around the world has a direct impact on many small, medium and large companies' ability to create and sustain jobs. Unfortunately, many potential global customers are not able to secure the necessary financing to complete a purchase from an American company because of the instability of their region or other circumstances.

In order to connect these American exporters with their buyers around the globe, the Ex-Im Bank can provide vital loans to complete transactions with American companies that otherwise may not have occurred. The economic impacts here at home are significant. Last year, the Ex-Im Bank provided financing for \$27.5 billion in U.S. exports, supporting more than 160,000 jobs. Importantly, nearly 90% of Ex-Im transactions involved U.S. small businesses last year, supporting nearly \$11 billion in exports.

Some have called for ending the Ex-Im Bank on the grounds that it competes with the private market—that's just not the case. The Ex-Im Bank simply levels the playing field and fills the gaps that exist in the private credit market. Additionally, the Ex-Im Bank brings in a surplus of dollars to the U.S. Treasury each year, which isn't something we can say about a whole lot of Federal agencies. Last year, Ex-Im sent nearly \$700 million back to the Treasury as a surplus. And over the past two decades, this surplus has been nearly \$7 billion.

Ex-Im supports good paying jobs in Illinois, and not only at great companies like Caterpillar and John Deere, but also at small and medium sized businesses such as GSI Group in Assumption, IL and Litania Sports Group in Champaign, IL. With the June 30th deadline looming, we simply cannot afford to put these jobs at risk and we must reauthorize the Ex-Im bank. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting reauthorization of the job-creating Ex-Im bank.