

his ongoing affection and love for his city and the many good things that happen here.

Dick Donahue was a remarkable Lowellian. I know I'm not alone when I say thank you to him for his endless dedication to his country and his city; and to his wife and family for sharing him with us. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will be felt across this region for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 16, 2015, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote. I would have voted "YES" on roll call vote Number 443 (on agreeing to the Garamendi Amendment to H.R. 2898).

REMEMBERING PEGGY DeLOACH
NOBLES

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Peggy DeLoach Nobles who entered into eternal rest Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Born on September 24, 1936, Mrs. Nobles was the daughter of Henry William DeLoach and Navada Todd DeLoach. Mrs. Nobles was raised on a farm in Tattall County and graduated from Glennville High School in 1954. She was also a graduate of Draughton's Business College in Savannah, Georgia.

Mrs. Nobles was active in business, and for decades worked as the administrator of the Long County Sherriff's Office alongside her husband, Cecil Nobles, who was the sheriff of Long County from 1969 until 2012. Mrs. Nobles continued her work with the Sherriff's Office as her son, Craig, was elected sheriff in 2012. Mrs. Nobles was a very active member of her community and the Long County Chamber of Commerce. She was also a longtime member of the Jones Creek Baptist Church in Ludowici, Georgia.

Perhaps most important to Mrs. Nobles was her love for her family and extended family with whom she always enjoyed spending time. She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: James Cecil Jr. and Stephanie, Kenneth Elliot and Bonnie, and Craig William and Elizabeth; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Gaynell DeLoach Paulk of Alexandria, Louisiana, and Ava Jean DeLoach Rooker of Glennville; brothers, Charles P. DeLoach of Glennville and Larry L. DeLoach of Lakeland, Florida; brother-in-law, Raymond Gus Nobles of Ludowici; and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING RICHARD P. HOWE

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, the City of Lowell, Massachusetts has a long and storied tradition of public service, forged by countless dedicated men and women who utilized innovative and open-minded ideas to better the lives of others and further progress in their community. Lowell recently lost one of those titanic figures with the passing of Richard P. Howe.

For all of us who were privileged to know Dick Howe, Sr., this is a moment to celebrate the life and the legacy of a devoted Lowellian.

My family first came to know Dick and his family when my husband Paul Tsongas served alongside him as a member of the Lowell City Council. They also shared a law office until Paul was elected to Congress. Dick was an important mentor and role model to Paul, exemplifying unwavering integrity, courageous leadership, and an abiding belief in the City.

Dick held office during Lowell's extraordinary transformation and was one of the creative community leaders who helped turn a shared vision to revitalize Lowell into reality.

Two years ago, we celebrated the dedication of The Richard P. Howe Bridge, which is a fitting tribute to a man who helped bridge many divides to bring people together in the name of the city he loved. He will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH IN DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Educational Talent Search (ETS) in Durham, New Hampshire. I am pleased to join with the University of New Hampshire in recognizing this great milestone for ETS and its supporters.

This is a great achievement for both ETS and the University that supports it, and speaks highly to the outstanding services and guidance the program has offered to first-generation college students of the communities they serve. For the past 50 years, Educational Talent Search has been a leader in helping students with academic advising, postsecondary placement, academic preparation and career exploration.

Through the leadership of ETS, thirty-one middle schools and high schools throughout New Hampshire are being provided academic advising, career planning, and financial aid and financial literacy information, to better increase educational opportunities for those youth it supports. ETS has an impressive record of having 100% of the students it works with graduate from high school, and helping 86% of those students go on to attend college.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Educational Talent Search, and wish them all the best in their future years.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT VIOLATES ITS SECURITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS AGREEMENTS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I chaired a hearing of the Helsinki Commission that examined the Russian government's repeated violations of its international security, economic, and human rights commitments.

In accord with the three dimensions of security promoted by the OSCE and the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, the Commission looked at Russia's respect for the rule of law through the lens of three "case studies" current to U.S.-Russian relations—arms control agreements; the Yukos litigation; and instances of abduction, unjust imprisonment, and abuse of prisoners.

Forty years after the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, we face a set of challenges with Russia, a founding member of the organization, that mirror the concerns that gave rise to the Helsinki Final Act.

At stake is the hard-won trust between members—now eroded to the point that armed conflict rages in the OSCE region. The question is open whether the principles continue to bind the Russian government with other states in a common understanding of what the rule of law entails.

In respect of military security, under the 1994 Budapest Memorandum Russia reaffirmed its commitment to respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and existing borders. Russia also committed to refrain from the threat or use of force or economic coercion against Ukraine. There was a quid pro quo here: Russia did this in return for transferring Soviet-made nuclear weapons on Ukrainian soil to Russia.

Russia's annexation of Crimea and subsequent intervention in the Donbas region not only clearly violate this commitment, but also every guiding principle of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. It appears these are not isolated instances. In recent years, Russia appears to have violated, undermined, disregarded, or even disavowed fundamental and binding arms control commitments such as the Vienna Document and binding international agreements, including the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE), Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), and Open Skies treaties.

In respect of commercial issues, the ongoing claims regarding the Russian government's expropriation of the Yukos Oil Company are major tests facing the Russian government. In July 2014, GML Limited and other shareholders were part of a \$52 billion arbitration claim awarded by the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration and the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

In response, the Russian government is threatening to withdraw from the ECHR and seize U.S. assets should American courts freeze Russian holdings on behalf of European claimants, while filing technical challenges that will occupy the courts for years to come. All of this fundamentally calls into question Russia's OSCE commitment to develop