

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### IN APPRECIATION OF DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY

#### HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable Tennessean.

Mr. Robert Bryson Brindley, Sr. is remembered by everyone who knew him as a man of great integrity and principle.

In 1960, Mr. Brindley, along with his father, founded Brindley Construction in Pulaski, Tennessee. Due to the tireless work and steadfast commitment of his devoted employees, Mr. Brindley, together with his father and sons, grew Brindley Construction into one of the leading general contracting companies in middle Tennessee.

Mr. Brindley, equipped with his legendary moral character, earned himself the highest distinction among his peers and colleagues. He was recently posthumously awarded the prestigious Eagle Lifetime Achievement Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors of North Alabama. This annual award honors the contributions of the recipient for a lifetime of work in the field of construction.

While I, along with his family, employees, church, community and peers within the construction industry continue to mourn his passing, we will continue to remember and commend the life he led.

### HONORING MR. DONALD JOHNSTON

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Donald Johnston. Mr. Johnston served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Ripley Town Justice.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Johnston served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Johnston is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

### CONGRATULATING MICHAEL YOUNG

#### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Young, named one of Arizona's top youth volunteers for 2010 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This award recognizes Michael's outstanding volunteerism and his contributions to the animal-assisted therapy program at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

At only 12 years of age, Michael founded the Swing Fore Kids Golf Classic, an annual charity golf tournament. In the four years since its inception, the Classic has raised approximately \$200,000, ensuring that the hospital's patients will have the opportunity to receive animal-assisted therapy. This therapy has been proven to provide positive physical and emotional benefits by motivating patients to help themselves.

A community's quality of life is determined by many factors, such as the policies set by city government and the programs available to its citizens. However, I believe that a community rises and falls on the shoulders of its citizens, and the contributions they make to that community. Michael exemplifies this commitment and raises the bar for everyone around him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Michael Young's continuing work for the animal-assisted therapy program at Phoenix Children's Hospital in Arizona.

### A TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JACK HAMMONS

#### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and achievements of Mayor Jack Hammons who passed away on March 5, 2010. Until his death, Mayor Hammons was a dedicated public servant. His strong connection and unwavering support of his dearly loved town of Winnsboro are qualities for which he will always be remembered.

Before being elected as mayor three times, Mayor Hammons also served two terms on the city council. In addition to his long history of public service, he had a 40 year background as a businessman.

Among his impressive list of endeavors and recognitions, he served for 12 years on the Franklin Medical Center Board of Commissioners, serving six as chairman. He was a member and past president of the Winnsboro-Franklin Parish Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the Chamber of Commerce's

"Spirit Award" for his remarkable volunteer work. He also served as president of the Winnsboro Merchants Association for eight years, president of the Winnsboro Economic Development Foundation for seven years, a Franklin Parish Head Start advisory member for six years.

But his commitment to others did not end there. Mayor Hammons was also a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie, and their three daughters, Paula, Sandy and Rhonda.

Mayor Hammons was truly an inspiration to all who knew him. I wish to express my deepest condolences to his family, and may God continue to bless the memory of a man who will be missed by his family, his friends and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me to pay tribute to Mayor Jack Hammons. He will always be remembered by all as a loving husband and father, a faithful public servant and an integral part of the Winnsboro community.

### RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF KOREAN AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 1036, recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States. As a cosponsor of this resolution, I join with 50 of my colleagues in urging the House to pass this resolution today.

For six decades now the United States and the Republic of Korea have maintained a strong alliance that rests on a shared commitment to peace, democracy, and freedom not only on the Korean peninsula but throughout Asia and the rest of the world. And this alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea remains resilient and firm based on the shared values, mutual trust, and common interests of our peoples.

The Korean War was a major battlefield in the Cold War as American forces and our allies fought so heroically to resist North Korean aggression and prevent communist forces from imposing their rule on the Republic of Korea. Nearly seven million Americans served during the Korean War period and the United States suffered 54,246 casualties and over 8,000 POW/MIAs during this "Forgotten War." The nearly 30,000 American soldiers who remain stationed in the Republic of Korea are a testament to this relationship.

One of the fastest growing immigrant communities with over a million people in the United States, Korean Americans have made great contributions to all facets of American society.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to pass this resolution today.

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HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND  
HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CON-  
TROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, keeping our oceans productive and healthy is of vital interest to coastal and inland communities across the world. As a Member who represents one of the biologically richest coastal Congressional Districts in the county, I rise today in support of H.R. 3650, the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act, which will take necessary steps toward maintaining the oceans' ecological health.

Harmful algal bloom (HAB) produces toxins harmful to shellfish, fish, and biomass, which affect other organisms along the food chain and pose real dangers to the vitality of all coastal areas. HAB can also decrease the sunlight entering the water and use up available oxygen, creating hypoxia or oxygen depletion. In extremely low oxygen environments, sedentary species perish, mobile species migrate, and spawning areas are jeopardized. If these conditions continue, the hypoxia may become permanent as coastal areas become lined with dead zones in which little marine life can exist.

Although algal blooms occur naturally, they are exacerbated by human activities, including the runoff from lawns and livestock feedlots, point-source discharge from sewage plants, and emissions from vehicles. All of these activities lead to elevated levels of nutrients and an increase of algal growth. HAB and hypoxia are growing more severe and more prevalent in our oceans.

The Marin and Sonoma coastline in my District is one of the most biologically productive regions in the world. This coastline includes one of only four coastal upwelling zones on the planet, which make up only 1 percent of the ocean but produce 20 percent of its fish. Unfortunately, even this biological hot spot has been impacted by algal blooms. As recently as last October, northward currents carried a large HAB from Point Reyes up the coast to Bodega Bay, harming marine life and irritating swimmers and divers. Increasing our understanding of these events and undertaking new efforts to monitor, control, prevent, and mitigate them must be a priority.

H.R. 3650 would establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program to develop and coordinate a comprehensive strategy to address HABs and hypoxia.

Additionally this legislation will implement regional action plans to reduce HABs and hypoxia.

Madam Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 3650, I commend my colleagues on the Science and Technology Committee for their hard work on this issue, and I look forward to this legislation becoming law. The increasing type, frequency, location, duration, and severity of these dangerous events demonstrate how urgently we need to implement solutions to these problems.

RECOGNIZING THE 189TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, As a lead sponsor of this resolution, I am proud to stand with my colleagues to commemorate the 189th anniversary of Greek independence. We gather here today not only in recognition of Greece's proud history, and in appreciation of the warm friendship our two countries share, but also to thank the Greek people for standing by our side in good times and bad, in peace and in war.

The U.S. connection to Greece reaches back to the days before the United States was even a country. It is well known that the Founding Fathers were well versed in Greek political philosophy and drew on that knowledge in their efforts to lay the political foundation of this Nation. Thomas Jefferson once said of Greece that it was "the first of civilized nations, (and) presented examples of what man should be." Indeed, many of the political ideas attributed to the United States today, such as freedom of speech and the respect for democratic governance can trace their origins back to ancient Greece.

On this 189th anniversary of Greek independence, let us all reflect on what we as Americans owe to Greece for our historical ties, for the role ancient Greece played in the shaping of our democracy and for the enduring friendship between the peoples of the United States and Greece.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
CLARENCE FAULK

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Mr. Clarence E. Faulk, Jr., who passed away at his residence on March 5, 2010.

Mr. Faulk was born on January 9, 1909 in West Monroe, La., and recently celebrated the occasion of his 100th birthday.

In 2003, Mr. Faulk lost his beloved wife of 72 years, Louise Benson Page. The couple is survived by their two sons and daughter, as well as their 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Having been raised by a family with deep roots in publishing, Mr. Faulk was well suited for a career path loaded with journalism and broadcasting endeavors. Mr. Faulk was the publisher of the Ruston Daily Leader from 1931 to 1962, the owner of radio station KRUS, the first radio station in Ruston, La. from 1947 to 1968. In addition, he served many years as the president of the Louisiana Press Association and the Louisiana Broadcasters Association.

Outside of this field, Mr. Faulk owned numerous rent homes and commercial buildings in Ruston, and even received the Russ Award from the Ruston-Lincoln Parish Chamber of Commerce for his efforts in support of his treasured Ruston community.

Mr. Faulk was a friend to many, and deemed a gracious and hardworking person by all who knew him. It is my privilege to honor Mr. Faulk as a man emblematic of the true spirit of North Louisiana. He will surely be remembered by all as a loving husband and father, a successful businessman and an important part of the Ruston community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Clarence Faulk.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 RIMPACT  
DAY HELD BY THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF CHAIN DRUG  
STORES

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2010 RIMPACT Day held by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS).

Founded in 1933, NACDS has worked tirelessly to promote the positive community impact of the chain drug industry. Throughout its history, NACDS and its 150 chains and 39,000 individual pharmacy members have worked to adapt to the changing needs of consumers. RIMPACT Day allows community pharmacies to share the numerous benefits of their industry.

I am delighted to recognize the chain drug stores nationwide that have a significant presence in my district. Not only do they provide thousands of quality jobs, but these pharmacies also provide a vital service as part of the healthcare delivery system of my district.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing The 2010 RIMPACT Day, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and the work these tireless professionals are doing to provide high quality health services to the public.

HONORING THE PLUMBERS AND  
PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 230

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, for more than 120 years the United Association—the union of plumbers, pipefitters, welders and HVAC technicians—has built the infrastructure of cities and towns across the United States.

In the 1930s the UA helped pull the country out of the Great Depression as members built dams, roads, libraries, schools, public buildings and housing projects as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

During World War II, thousands of UA members answered our nation's call and volunteered for the armed forces. Once completing their duty, members returned home and continued to build across the country.

In San Diego, UA Local 230 members have had a hand in building iconic structures such as Petco Park, Sharp Memorial Hospital, Palomar Medical Center and the new Hilton Bayfront.

In addition to being a part of building the San Diego of today, Local 230 has helped to

build a strong and unified labor community in San Diego and Imperial Counties by being a leader in the Labor Council's foundation of great volunteers.

The members of Local 230 can be found volunteering at nearly every Labor Council event, from precinct walks to the Cesar Chavez Day March to the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Led by their Business Manager, Kirk Crosswhite, the plumbers and pipefitters of Local 230 have stood in dedicated support of their union brothers and sisters.

For creating a solid infrastructure through volunteering and participation, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 230 are the Labor Council's 2009–2010 "Union of the Year."

PREVENT DECEPTIVE CENSUS  
LOOK ALIKE MAILINGS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4621, the "Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act," and commend Representative MALONEY for bringing this issue to the Floor. Like my colleague from New York, I am concerned about any mailing that could cause confusion and impact the response rate in the 2010 Census. Because of the importance of the Census, with its count determining many important calculations for federal funds and political representation, we must make every effort to ensure the integrity of the process.

I believe this legislation will mitigate some of the confusion and fraudulence that could cause underreporting, especially among targeted populations. The requirement for organizations that include "Census" on their mailings to provide a disclaimer that they are not writing on behalf of the federal government will help our constituents know that those materials are not part of the official 2010 United States Census.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

WHEN, HEARTS TOOK FLIGHT, IN HONOR OF THE MAGNIFICENT WOMEN OF THE AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS THE WASP AND THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTS DURING WWII AND THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY MARCH 10, 2010 AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL "SAVING THE WORLD"

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Magnificent Women of the WASP, Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II and the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medals to them on this day, March 10th 2010 in the United States Capitol. Our nation owes a great

debt of gratitude to these women of faith and courage, who helped set the stage so that this war could be won. Breaking and fighting stereotypes, they helped to forge the way for women in today's world. As their courage, character and dedication were key to Saving The World. As the son of a World War II Flying Tiger of the 14th Air force, Hugh DeV. Wilson, I appreciate firsthand the extraordinary pilots who protected the people of India and China defeating totalitarians worldwide. For as this darkness approached and mankind bled, they stood at the edge and helped To Save The World. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them and their families by Albert Caswell, a very thoughtful poet and patriot, of the United States Capitol Guide Service be placed in the RECORD.

WHEN, HEARTS TOOK FLIGHT

As a time ago . . .  
As when, it looked as though . . .  
The world stood, at its edge . . .  
As Woman and Mankind bled . . .  
With Satan on the rise . . .  
As his son's filled the darkened skies . . .  
With all his dark death and hate, as this evil begins!  
Would this be the end, of woman and mankind?  
As upon them, all our hopes hinged . . .  
When, Hearts took flight!  
To but bring their light!  
Lifting us all above, to such high heights!  
To all of those wrongs, to right!  
All in their strength, and might!  
To help Save The World . . .  
But, for their country they so loved . . .  
Upon, the wings of a dove!  
As a darkness approached!  
As upon them, were placed all our hopes . . .  
As out across the world, such an evil unfurled!  
When, came such women of faith To Save The World . . .  
To rise up, with such splendid courage in eyes!  
To fight a war, and all those stereotypes . . . those lies!  
To but bring their light!  
As this fearless force of women, so won the night!  
All out upon their most heroic course . . .  
With, but only their most courageous hearts to voice . . .  
To Fly!  
As was but a time When Hearts Took Flight!  
To win that day, that night!  
To Soar so bright, and reach for the skies . . .

Heroines, pioneers on the cutting edge!  
Upon, these machines of steel their fine lives were pledged!  
Magnificent test pilots, who died and bled!  
Carriers of freedom, who all in their actions so led!  
Who flew the planes to the theater, as the blood ran red!  
Over 25,000, would apply . . .  
But only 1,074 . . . the cream of the crop, would fly!  
As The WASP . . .  
The WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS, so filled the skies!  
All for God and Country, but ready to die!  
For no war could be won, without these ones!  
All in what they had done, now all so etched in history's sun!  
To "Help Save The World!"  
To teach all of our little boys and girls!  
What can be done, when courage is unfurled!  
And hearts take, flight!  
So on this day, we now bestow . . .  
Upon, all of these . . . and all of those!  
Most Magnificent Patriots of Peace we know . . .

The Congressional Gold Medal . . . So!  
Great American patriots, with such hearts of gold!  
And Ladies, your final flight . . .  
Will be, up to our Lord in Heaven's light!  
Because, you helped . . . "Save The World!"  
As history will find!  
It was but a time, when hearts took flight!  
Amen . . .

HONORING UFCW INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT JOSEPH T. HANSEN

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, Joseph T. Hansen is leading the transformation of the UFCW into a dynamic, growth-focused organization poised to unite the millions of North American workers who want and need a union. After four decades of union activism, Joe's mission is essentially the same as it was when he began his career: organizing workers for power and uniting them at the bargaining table to win middle class wages, benefits, and respect on the job.

Today, Hansen stands at the helm of the broad-based worker movement to win respect for work and those who do the work. Joe is an effective voice for working people, advocating for affordable, quality health care for all; for comprehensive and humane immigration reform; and for the millions of working people who want a voice on the job. He is helping revitalize the labor movement to meet the challenges of the global economy—by delivering union jobs that provide wages that pay the bills, retirement security, and affordable health care. His leadership is bringing new hope and opportunity for workers and their families to improve their living standards and live a middle class life.

Joe began his career as a meat cutter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since that time, Hansen has been activating and empowering members. He spent more than 11 years working at his trade while serving as a volunteer organizer for his local union—Local 73 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. His activism helped keep Milwaukee a union town, where new grocery stores were quickly met with organizing activity. His passion for organizing led Hansen to become one of the youngest members of his local union's executive board. Hansen was elected to serve as International Secretary-Treasurer in 1997 and International President in 2004.

Hansen has been active in the global union movement since 1994. His early experience with global unionism provided him with the foresight to realize that only global solidarity can confront global corporations. He took office as president of Union Network International (UNI), an international labor organization representing 15 million workers in 900 unions in more than 100 countries, in 2003. He was reelected president at its second World Congress in Chicago in 2005.

In the United States, lawmakers and opinion leaders seek his perspective and leadership on two of the most important challenges facing American workers in the 21st century—health care and immigration reform. In 2005, the U.S. Congress named Hansen to the 14-member

Citizens' Health Care Working Group. The panel did groundbreaking work to bring the American people together to confront the health care crisis and facilitated the direct communication of their views and concerns to lawmakers. His leadership on the panel established Hansen as a key leader and trusted advisor to Congress and the Obama administration on the primary health care issues facing working families and the elements of comprehensive health care reform.

Hansen is the Founding National Chair of the National Commission on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Misconduct and Violations of 4th Amendment Rights. The commission examined ICE misconduct during the Bush administration's workplace raids. It presented the findings to the American people in a report that documents the terrible costs and human suffering caused by ICE misconduct and outlined key elements of needed immigration policy reforms.

Hansen is a founding architect of the Change to Win Federation that has set a new course for the labor movement. Recognizing that industry-wide organizing is the best way to give workers the power to raise working and living standards, Hansen is leading the UFCW through a dramatic shift in priorities as more staff and resources than ever before are dedicated to uniting workers and bringing them under a union contract.

At the core of Hansen's leadership is the spirit and exuberance that he demonstrated as a young volunteer organizer and activist. He knows that activated members can organize, that they can build their union, and that they can confront corporate power and win. After all, Hansen did all of those things as a rank-and-file member—today he is activating and leading a new generation of workers and building a 21st century union.

50TH ANIVERSARY OF AEROSPACE CORPORATION

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Aerospace Corporation's 50th anniversary.

Fifty years ago the United States Congress had the foresight to create the Aerospace Corporation, a federally funded research and development center.

The Aerospace Corporation doesn't make the things that orbit in space. It makes the things that orbit in space work properly, and helps get them there safely.

The Aerospace Corporation has been involved in every Defense Department space program since 1960. From blueprint to launch and system architecture, the Aerospace Corporation is the Pentagon's technical conscience, its independent math checker.

The Aerospace Corporation has played a key role in developing and maintaining the space systems Americans and people around the world now take for granted, like GPS and weather satellites. And it makes sure the launches of those satellites are safe and successful.

Fifty years after its creation, we need The Aerospace Corporation more than ever.

The United States is at a crossroads in space. China launched a shot across our bow in 2007 when it destroyed a satellite in low-Earth orbit. That sent me a very clear message. While the United States may still enjoy superiority in space, we're no longer the only player.

We must protect our space assets, and build a constellation of robust, redundant, low-cost communication, navigation and reconnaissance satellites that can withstand an attack or a catastrophic accident. If we don't start now we are going to be too late.

We not only need a new generation of spacecraft, we need a new generation of space engineers.

Our space workforce is aging. Some 60% of aerospace workers are over age 50, and almost 26% are eligible for retirement this year. Not enough young scientists and engineers are signing up to take their place.

While the United States graduates 70,000 engineers, a meager 15 percent of our college graduates every year, China graduates more than half a million.

China has decided the most important asset to a space program and its future as a super power is human capital—the scientists, engineers, and technicians that design and build satellites, rockets, and space vehicles.

And while we struggle to educate enough engineers to keep up internationally, we're losing many of them to the sexy new world of Internet technology.

It used to be that being a rocket scientist was synonymous with genius. Now it seems that mantle has slipped onto the shoulders of those who invented Facebook, eBay and Google.

If we want to continue to be the world's leader in space, we have to get our young people to dream again—dreaming out of this world, literally. We need to inspire our young people the same way President Kennedy did nearly 50 years ago when he committed the United States to winning the space race.

I've lived through a half century of U.S. space superiority. Only with sustained focus and leadership will my kids and grandchildren enjoy another half century of U.S. dominance. At this milestone, let us chart a path to that century.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTORING PROTECTION TO VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION ACT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Mr. MORAN of Virginia and Ms. WATSON of California, to end a part of our immigration system that has denied protection to those who need it the most. The Restoring Protection to Victims of Persecution Act ends the practice of barring asylum claims by those who have been in our country for more than a year.

Enacted as part of the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, the one-year bar to asylum has failed. Instead of preventing fraudulent asylum claims as intended, the one-year limitation has turned away individuals who would most benefit from

sanctuary. A disproportionate number of these immigrants are women who are the targets of gender-based persecution, including domestic violence, female genital cutting, and "honor" crimes.

Although the law includes exceptions to excuse those who are determined to have valid reasons for applying for asylum after one year, adjudicators routinely deny applicants who meet these exceptions. People who are attempting to care for their children, hide from their abusers, cope with past trauma, and deal with the challenges of surviving in a new country are repeatedly and arbitrarily denied asylum status because of missing the one-year deadline.

Once denied, an applicant has only two other possibilities for safety: to petition for withholding of removal or to seek protection under the Convention Against Torture. Both these forms of relief demand an applicant surmount a much higher standard of proof than asylum and never provide them permanency or allow reunification with family members.

I also thank my colleague, Mr. ORTIZ, for introducing a comprehensive immigration reform bill that includes language to end the one-year bar. I hope that by giving this issue its own legislation, Congress can move swiftly to help these victims who are being turned away every day. Since its enactment in 1996, more than 35,000 people have been denied asylum solely because of the one-year bar.

As a country, we pride ourselves in our advocacy for democracy and human rights around the world. Please join us in supporting this bill so that we can prove we are as good as our word.

HONORING AL SHUR: LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, in his more than four decades of union activism, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569 Business Manager Al Shur has earned a well-deserved reputation as labor's "greenest" leader.

Al, a member of IBEW since 1967, quickly distinguished himself through his political involvement as a rank-and-file member. His activism eventually led him to serve on Local 569's executive board until being elected business manager in 1995.

As business manager, Al has supported development and construction that focuses on improving job quality, the community and the environment.

Under Al's leadership, IBEW Local 569 has been an outspoken advocate for responsible, sustainable development, as well as serving as a model for using green technologies in the construction industry.

IBEW Local 569's offices and training center proudly display a vast network of solar panels which allow the union to operate almost completely free of a traditional power grid.

Al has also worked tirelessly to build relationships with San Diego's environmental leaders through his work with organizations such as the Apollo Alliance, the Environmental Health Coalition and San Diego Coastkeeper.

By working together, the partnership between the labor movement and the environmentalist has become a powerful force for change in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

For his dedication to building alliances between labor and the environmental community, the Executive Board of the Labor Council has named Al Shur our 2009–2010 “Labor Leader of the Year.”

HONORING RICHARD RECHTIEN

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard (Dick) Rechten and his business, Rechten International Trucks, which received the prestigious honor of the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009.

The Circle of Excellence Award is awarded by the international dealer organization of Navistar, Inc., and honors international truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest honor a dealer principal can receive from the company.

Rechten International Trucks was founded in 1981 and is headquartered in Miami. Under his leadership, it has grown into one of the preeminent truck dealerships in the Southeast and the entire nation, with 188 employees and four dealer locations, including Miami, Riviera Beach, Fort Pierce and Broward County. Dick has served as chairman of the International Dealer Council and of the Florida Trucking Association, and as co-chair of numerous dealer advisory groups for Navistar. With this most recent award, Rechten International will now receive the Circle of Excellence Award, under Dick’s leadership, a total of 23 times.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, he has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dick Rechten for his record of accomplishment and for his many contributions to our South Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 9, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 92–94. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 92 “yes”—Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act.

Rollcall No. 93 “yes”—Congratulating Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith for being awarded the Nobel Prize in physics.

Rollcall No. 94 “yes”—Honoring John E. Warnock, Charles M. Geschke, Forrest M. Bird, Esther Sans Takeuchi, and IBM Corporation for receiving the 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

HONORING ED GOTTHARDT

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late Ed Gotthardt, former Mayor of Seguin, Texas. Mayor Gotthardt served the community through his distinguished business career and great service as mayor for two terms in Seguin, Texas.

Mayor Gotthardt was born on January 1929 in Galle, Texas and passed away of natural causes February 2010 in New Braunfels, Texas. His accomplished lifetime as a businessman and mayor stemmed from his humble beginnings. His childhood was spent on a farm in Galle in a town between Seguin and San Marcos where he learned about produce. He received his education in the public schools of Guadalupe County, where he graduated from high school. At the age of twenty-one, the late Gotthardt was hired as a produce worker at a local grocery store. With a twelfth grade education, he rose through the ranks to store manager, unit director, to the corporate office as a buyer and then as Vice President of Produce Marketing. In the 1980s, he retired having lived during his career throughout the area in Seguin, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi. The late Gotthardt had a thirty-seven year career in the grocery business before serving two three-year terms as Mayor. After his retirement, he later served as President of the H-E-B grocery store retirees’ organization.

In 1990, Gotthardt announced that he planned to run for mayor of Seguin. He had not previously held any position in public office, but his involvement with the community and commitment to the people of Seguin aided to his election. His re-election was without opposition, serving as mayor until 1996. During his time in office, Mayor Gotthardt contributed to the city by ensuring that the Sebastopol State Historical Park in Seguin was renovated and dedicated much of his work for those who served their country in the military. He worked on the Veterans Memorial at the Guadalupe County Courthouse extensively. The late Mayor Gotthardt was recognized for his tireless efforts to ensure the community and people were provided the services needed.

Along with his business career and terms as Mayor of Seguin, the late Gotthardt was a member of Seguin Masonic Lodge AF&AM 109, Alzafar Shrine, Elks Lodge 1229, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 555, the Seguin Chamber of Commerce, the Seguin Rotary Club and the Comal County Seniors Center. His leisure time was spent with the Seguin Chamber of Commerce, senior center, and with his family.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the late Ed Gotthardt, former Mayor of Seguin, Texas on his contributions to the community.

HONORING MS. ERIN CONATON

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Erin Conaton, the Majority Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee, who leaves our staff today to become the new Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Madam Speaker, this is a bittersweet moment for me. I have come to depend upon Erin Conaton as a trusted advisor and friend since she joined the House Armed Services Committee staff in 2001. Seldom does one person have the combination of talent, good judgment, knowledge, devotion to duty, common sense, and, as we say in Missouri, “good get along,” but Erin is blessed with all of these qualities. And while I am not happy about losing her to the Pentagon and no longer working with her on a daily basis, I know that our country will not just be in good hands, but better hands, with Erin as Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Erin has an impressive academic and professional background. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and a master’s degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Before becoming a Congressional staffer, Erin was highly recommended to me as a result of her outstanding work as the Research Staff Director for the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century, also known as the Hart-Rudman Commission.

Erin joined the House Armed Services Committee staff in 2001, serving as a Professional Staff Member covering a range of defense policy issues. In 2005, she became the committee’s Minority Staff Director. And at the start of the 110th Congress in 2007, Erin assumed the post of Majority Staff Director, serving all of the members of our committee and overseeing the committee’s 70-person staff. She has run the House Armed Services Committee as well as anyone in my 33 years in Congress.

In the nine years that I have had the privilege to know and work closely with Erin, she has consistently demonstrated her leadership ability, mastery of national security issues, and dedication to our men and women in uniform. Erin’s work ethic is unparalleled, but more importantly, she has a rare gift for getting along with people. Despite the demands of working on Capitol Hill, Erin is unflappable and approaches every challenge with a level head, whether working with Members of Congress, Congressional staff, or Administration officials.

I am delighted that the Obama Administration recognized that Erin Conaton would be an excellent nominee for the next Under Secretary of the Air Force. I can’t brag on her enough, and I am pleased that the other body confirmed her nomination last week. I know Erin will make us proud as she continues her career in public service with the Department of the Air Force, and I wish her all the best as she takes on this new challenge.

HONORING DOUGLAS MALONEY

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Marin County counsel Douglas Maloney who passed away on February 17, 2010 at his home in San Rafael, California. Serving on the legal frontlines of county government for more than three decades, Marin has greatly benefited from his unwavering dedication and skilled advocacy of the public's best interest.

Born in San Francisco in 1933, Mr. Maloney, a 50-year member of the California Bar Association, received his bachelor's degree from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California, and his law degree from the University of San Francisco. A world traveler, voracious reader, exceptional public speaker, and a prolific writer, Doug Maloney loved life!

It was Doug Maloney who led the county's legal defense of the "Marin-only" provision in Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck's multi-million-dollar bequest. Maloney took on the San Francisco Foundation's challenge to spend the millions on needs beyond the county borders. With an outstanding legal team, he presented strong arguments upholding the Buck bequest and proving that, despite Marin's affluence, there were plenty of needs right in the county that could use financial assistance. The 1986 court-approved settlement transferred the Buck Trust to newly formed Marin Community Foundation to focus funds on research into aging, advocacy against alcohol abuse and research into educational issues. Had that battle been lost, Marin would be a far different place.

The legal engineer of land-use restrictions that saved West Marin from suburban sprawl, Maloney successfully defended the county's 1972 zoning restrictions designed to preserve and protect West Marin farmland and the ranching lifestyle. Challenged in 1989, Maloney won a federal court decision upholding the zoning restrictions and turning back a lawsuit by a Chicago landowner wanting to carve up his 561-acre Nicasio ranch. While we may take our open space and ranch lands for granted, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision, political courage and legal skill of Douglas Maloney.

A man of great personal integrity and not one to back away from a rousing legal argument, Doug was good humored and a passionate follower of film and stage. He enjoyed rewriting fashionable Broadway shows and stage musicals, putting on a Marin spin and political satire to benefit local causes, complete with titles like, "As the Candidate Turns," "Damn Yuppies" and "Caucus Line." A popular op-ed columnist for the Alarin Independent Journal, readers enjoyed his musings and appreciated his skill at weaving literature, history, politics, opinion and the proverbial Marin angle into his biweekly essays.

Doug Maloney was a devoted husband and father. In addition to his sister, Marion Berger of Redding, California, Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Ellen Caulfield of San Rafael, Marin County, six children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Douglas Maloney will be missed by so many who shared in his work

and vision. A man of letters and the law, he practiced what he preached. It is fitting to recognize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of Marin County and its residents. I join the many people who will miss Doug Maloney's inspiration, friendship, bright spirit, and clever quotes delivered with perfect timing and meaning.

HONORING SOL PRICE: A TRUE  
FRIEND OF LABOR

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, few in the business world have had as great of an impact on building the middle class as San Diego's own Sol Price.

When Price passed away in December, San Diego's middle class lost possibly its greatest advocate in the business world. Price's Fed-Mart stores, and later Price Club, were known for skimping on the luxuries of modern chain retailers. The bulk stores occupied warehouses in out-of-the-way locations, avoided unnecessary displays, and limited advertising to essentially word-of-mouth only. Besides low prices, the one thing his stores did invest in was its employees. The Price business model realized that the happiness of customers, employees, and stockholders are not mutually exclusive. At Sol Price companies, all three could be, and were, successful.

"We think the stockholder comes last," Price told Wall Street analysts in 1985. "But if you do the other three jobs well, (the stockholder) will be taken care of." This method of business resulted in all Price Club employees, union and non-union, receiving "close to the highest prevailing wages in the community."

Sol Price's legacy lives on today, as the average wage of Costco employees is \$19 per hour, with 90 percent receiving health care. A far cry from the disturbing trend of retail stores becoming low-wage outposts.

In San Diego County, workers at several Costco stores are proud members of Teamsters Local 542.

For these reasons, Sol Price will always be remembered as a friend of labor.

CONGRATULATING THE VOLK  
FIELD COMBAT READINESS  
TRAINING CENTER FOR RECEIVING  
A 2009 AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE AWARD

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center for receiving a 2009 United States Air Force Organizational Excellence Award. The National Air Force award recognizes the Western Wisconsin based Airmen to be among the top Air Force units in the nation.

The Volk Field Unit Airmen have consistently demonstrated a high level of excellence and efficiency in their service to the Wisconsin Air National Guard. Volk Field is one of four

Combat Readiness Training Centers in the nation and the only selected for this top Air Force Award in 2009.

The citizen-Airmen at Volk Field provide an invaluable service to our nation in supporting the National Guard, the Reserve, and inter-agency training and operational needs. This award sets the Volk Field unit apart from similar units and congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

I commend the strong leadership of Volk Field's Combat Readiness Training Center Commander Colonel Gary Ebben and the great work of both the civilian staff and the men and women in his unit. I am proud to represent such dedicated and hardworking Wisconsin citizens committed to public service.

The Volk Field unit exemplifies the great work ethic that characterizes the citizens of Western Wisconsin. I anticipate continued achievements from the Wisconsin Air National Guard units.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARA  
WHITE'S 60 YEARS OF VOL-  
UNTEERISM AND SERVICE TO  
THE GREATER PONTIAC COMMU-  
NITY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Clara White, a native of Michigan and Pontiac resident, for her lifelong dedication to volunteerism and community service. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mrs. White for her many accomplishments and to thank her for her dedication to strengthening our shared communities.

At 86 years old, Mrs. White has spent over six decades giving back to the people and institutions of Pontiac through her countless hours of volunteer work. Her volunteer efforts are even more impressive considering that for 20 years of this time she also worked as a social worker for Oakland County Children's Village and raised a family with her husband, William, to whom she was married for 52 years.

A major facet of Mrs. White's 60 years of volunteer service centers around her work with the National Urban League's local organization in Pontiac. The Urban League is a national civil rights organizations dedicated to improving the lives of urban area residents. Her involvement with the Pontiac Urban League even included two terms as Chairman of its Board of Directors. In 1996, for her outstanding dedication and service, she was awarded the honor of "Living Legend" from the National Urban League. After 50 years of volunteerism with the National Urban League Mrs. White was awarded with the Diamond Urban League Pin, an honor very few Urban League members ever receive.

In addition to her work with the Urban League, Mrs. White shared her vitality of spirit and passion for community service with many other community organizations which have had a profound positive impact on the Pontiac community. Mrs. White's served on the Executive Board of Pontiac Youth Assistance, aiding the organization in its efforts to support Pontiac youth and prevent truancy. Mrs. White's

work as a Vice President of the Pontiac Area PTA Council and President of PTAs for several Pontiac schools furthered her work with local schools to strengthen and empower all sectors of the Pontiac community. Additionally, Mrs. White's volunteer efforts with the United Way and March of Dimes supported causes serving those in need in our area and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mrs. Clara White's dedication to the Pontiac community through public service and volunteerism. Mrs. White's recognition from organizations in Pontiac, Oakland County, and Michigan make evident that her positive impact has been felt far and wide. I wish her many many more years of health, happiness, and productive service to our shared communities.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF LARRY WARGOWSKY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Larry Wargowsky, who has retired from his position as Refuge Manager for the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge after thirty three years of service with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fourteen which were spent managing the Necedah Refuge.

He was born and raised across from the Refuge in Juneau County, and enjoyed a career that took him many places, but was fortunate to retire at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. Larry Wargowsky started his career of public service after college where he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Horicon, Black River Falls and Mead Wildlife Area. He then joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working at various National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. His work has benefited not merely one refuge, or even just one state, but Larry Wargowsky has been a public servant whose career has benefited an entire nation.

Throughout his tenure at the refuge, Larry has seen the resurgence of many wildlife critters from the first bald eagle reproduction in 25 years in 1996 to an increase in populations of the timber wolf and was instrumental in the reintroduction of the Whooping crane to this area. For this he received the Recovery Champion Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2002. The Whooping crane project at the Necedah Refuge has been a boon to Necedah and Juneau County and has made the area a major ecotourism destination. The Whooping cranes brought international attention to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. To accommodate visitors, Larry led an effort to build a new visitor center. Additionally, the Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge was created under his leadership and this today represents a robust and active group. He is as much a friend to our country as he is to our environment.

I am proud to stand before this chamber and applaud the dedication of Larry Wargowsky to a life of public service and conservation. As an avid sportsman, I am personally grateful to Larry for all of his hard work in preserving our wildlife refuges, but this rec-

ognition goes beyond the gratitude of one individual. We as Americans should be grateful to a man who has dedicated his life to public service, and we as inhabitants of this planet should be grateful to that same man who has dedicated his life to defending our wildlife refuges.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
HENRIETTA SPROAT AND THE  
WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PI-  
LOTS OF WORLD WAR II

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of Henrietta Sproat from Oroville, California. During World War II, Mrs. Sproat flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized these women's service, and I rise today to recognize Henrietta Sproat and congratulate her on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE  
CORPS WEEK AND THE 48TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE PEACE  
CORPS

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, in the 49 years since the Peace Corps was established, nearly 200,000 volunteers have contributed their time, energy, and skills to create opportunity, empower people, and encourage progress in the developing world.

By facilitating an international dialogue between the people of the United States and others across the globe, Peace Corps volunteers have helped to increase cultural awareness, tolerance, and respect at home and abroad. The compassion and commitment of these volunteers have left significant and enduring impacts on individuals and communities throughout the world.

I am honored to represent many Peace Corps alumni, and I would like to recognize ten current volunteers: Claire Albrecht in Zambia; Maridee Bonadea in Mali; Mitra Heffron in Paraguay; Hololapakaen Hoopai in Kyrgyzstan; Kacie Miura in China; Steven Miyakawa in Togo; Nicole Nakama in Botswana; Kathrynne Ogini in Ukraine; Mai Shintani in China; and Theodore Varns in Guatemala. The selfless service and dedication of these individuals make them exemplary ambassadors of the Aloha spirit.

Mahalo (thank you) to all Peace Corps volunteers, past and present, for your work in promoting peace and friendship throughout our world.

RECOGNIZING THE SADLOWSKI  
FAMILY

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize George and Tina Sadlowski, who have two sons as well as a daughter-in-law who currently serve in the United States Army. Mr. and Mrs. Sadlowski have founded Operation Treasures for Troops, which provides food and other essential items to military personnel who are stationed overseas.

The Sadlowskis began Operation Treasures for Troops during their oldest son's first deployment in order to provide their son with food and other items that are not available during their deployments. Currently, the Sadlowskis collect items for the troops through their church, the North Lake Family Church, in Tarpon Springs, Florida, and are in the process of recruiting stores to donate items, which would offset the costs of their organization.

The Sadlowski's oldest son, Eric Sadlowski, is currently serving in Afghanistan after having previously served twice in Iraq. Andrew Sadlowski, their middle son, recently joined the military and is awaiting his first deployment. Andrew's wife, Nicole, is currently preparing to be deployed to Afghanistan. Because both are currently serving in the military, Andrew and Nicole have lived apart since they were married. Additionally, the Sadlowski's youngest son, Patrick, also desires to serve in the military.

The Sadlowskis currently mail about 100 boxes to the troops per year, financing the postal and shipping costs themselves. H.R. 707, the Home Front to Heroes Postal Benefits Act, which I have cosponsored, would provide monthly vouchers so those at home could mail packages and correspondence to deployed soldiers without charge. This would allow more funding to be spent on items for the troops instead of on postal costs.

Madam Speaker, I strongly commend the Sadlowski family for their extraordinary military service and for the selfless work that Mr. and Mrs. Sadlowski do to serve the troops overseas. I sincerely thank Eric, Andrew, and Nicole for their service for our country and the many sacrifices they make as they serve overseas. My most heartfelt thanks go to George and Tina as they voluntarily organize and send boxes to our troops overseas. The Sadlowski family has shown how much they care about our nation as each of them willingly serves our country, both by their military service and their service for our troops.

HONORING THE WORK OF MS.  
MAXINE FLOURNOY

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and dedication of a true patriot, Maxine Flournoy who today receives the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor for her service as an airforce service pilot during World War II.

She is among 300 surviving women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. During the war, 1,102 women pilots served.

Ms. Flournoy completed a pilot training program in early 1941 at a junior college in Joplin, Missouri, and while working as a grinder at a defense plant, she learned about the military needing women to serve as pilots.

Shortly after that, Ms. Flournoy was en route to Kansas City on a bus to volunteer. She trained for about one year. The Women Airforce Service Pilots logged 60 million miles in missions across the United States; however, during their time in the military, they did not have the benefits offered equally to other service members.

In 1977, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were granted status as veterans of this country. I am moved to learn these women served our country during a time of hardship, and thank them for their service to our nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the work, service and dedication of Ms. Flournoy, who is among 300 surviving women who served this country during World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
MARGARET DEBOLT AND THE  
WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PI-  
LOTS OF WORLD WAR II

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of the late Margaret Louise Debolt from my home state of California. During World War II, Margaret flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

It was during her service with the WASPs that Margaret met her future husband, First Lieutenant Charles D. Christian of the United States Army Air Corps. They were married in November, 1945 and went on to be the proud parents of James and Kay Christian, who now reside in El Dorado Hills, California. Margaret continued flying well into her seventies, exemplifying the adventurous spirit for which she was so well known. Margaret passed away at the age of 83 in Covina, California on August 6, 2004.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized the service of the WASPs and awarded them the Congressional Gold Medal. I regret that Margaret could not be with us when her medal was awarded, but I am glad that her family joined us in Washington to remember and honor her service.

A TRIBUTE TO SHELIA EVANS-  
TRANUMN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Shelia Evans-Tranumn, who, as an Associate Commissioner for the New York State Education Department, managed the Office of School Improvement and Community Services in New York City and in Albany, New York. Associate Commissioner Evans-Tranumn has had the major responsibility for directing and coordinating State Education Department Services and technical assistance to New York City schools and to the New York City public school system. Her work as associate commissioner will always be valued by the New York education community, especially as a model for leadership, management and supervision of the service needs of schools and school districts. As an advisor to the Commissioner and the Board of Regents, she is a role model in her steadfast efforts to serve and represent our children effectively.

Prior to joining the New York State Education Department, Ms. Evans-Tranumn served as an English teacher, center administrator, assistant principal and the Director of the New York City Board of Education's Auxiliary Services for High Schools, the largest alternative high school program in the United States. Ms. Evans-Tranumn supervised interdisciplinary teams that work with the New York City educational community to implement school reform initiatives. The impact of her work in New York State can be found in documents published by the United States Education Department, policy documents of National Board of Education, and implementation plans for local school districts. Based upon the work of her office, Education Week has named New York State No.1 for its work in the area of accountability.

Ms. Evans-Tranumn is a product of New York City public schools. A graduate of North Carolina Central University, she received a Master's degree from Long Island University. Additionally, she completed class requirements for a doctorate at New York University. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Reliance Award for Excellence in Education, the Administrative Women in Education Trailblazer Award, the Albany NAACP Freedom Award and the New York State NAACP "Measure of a Woman" Award in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ms. Evans-Tranumn also received an Honorary Doctorate from Medgar Evers College.

Building the capacity of institutions, communities and individuals to better serve children is the core of her professional and personal life. As the highly respected advocate and voice of reason in Brooklyn for educational ideals to benefit inner-city children, Ms. Evans-Tranumn stands with those who understand that equal and quality education is a fundamental civil, constitutional right.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shelia Evans-Tranumn.

THE IRAN SANCTIONS  
ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Iran Sanctions Enhancement Act, a bipartisan measure to enforce U.S. law regarding Iran.

As the New York Times reported last Sunday, for far too long, international businesses have ignored the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

The Iranian regime continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons and remains the world's leading sponsor of terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. While the original ISA was intended to deter investment in Iran's energy sector that serves as the main source of financial support for the regime, no entity has ever been held accountable under the Act.

The executive branch has disregarded the enforcement of existing U.S. sanctions on Iran for far too long—and this Administration has been no exception to the rule. In October of last year, fifty members of Congress wrote to the Administration, requesting an investigation of potential ISA violators identified by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS). Despite a pledge by the Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Feltman to conduct such an investigation within 45 days, the Administration still has not provided Congress with the full results of its investigation.

Therefore, this bill would require the President to investigate and determine ISA violators within 45 days and to notify Congress. To aid the Administration's efforts, this bill mandates the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to publish monthly a list of those entities suspected of violating the ISA.

The time to act is now. To stop Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and curb its sponsorship of global terrorism, I urge my colleagues to join in cosponsoring this important bipartisan legislation.

HONORING JUDGE THOMAS WARD

**HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Judge Thomas Ward for his remarkable work with the Hibernian Society and outstanding service to the citizens of Baltimore, especially within our Irish community.

Ward, a native Baltimorean, began his career in civic duty as a Member of the Baltimore City Council in 1963, during which time he sponsored legislation to create The Parking Lot Act, the Architectural and Historical Commission, and a tree planting program that resulted in the implantation of over 25,000 trees.

A graduate from Georgetown University, the University of Maryland School of Law, and The Johns Hopkins University Graduate School, Judge Ward spent an illustrious 29 years practicing law as an attorney and another 15 years presiding as a judge, where he was known as one of the hardest working judges on the Baltimore Circuit Court.

When the people of Ireland immigrated to Baltimore, many of them found employment with the B & O Railroad. Judge Ward was so inspired by the gritty hard work of these immigrants that he wanted to find an appropriate way to honor them. In the late 90s, he helped begin the Railroad Historical District Corporation after he was approached to help repair 5 alley homes along Lemmon Street, commonly referred to as the "Lemmon Street Five." Ward rallied historic preservationists, raised money, recruited volunteers, and faced the difficult task of restoring dilapidated 160-year-old buildings. With his steadfast determination and desire to better his community, Judge Ward saw the completion of the "Lemmon Street Five" in 2002. Of the five Lemmon Street houses, two developed into the Irish Shrine and Railroad Workers Museum, which pays tribute to the Irish immigrants who started new lives in Baltimore during the Great Famine of 1845–50.

As a member of the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, Judge Ward continues to provide charitable assistance and advice to immigrants from Ireland. Judge Thomas Ward greatly deserves the title of Hibernian of the Year for his exceptional work within their organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Judge Ward, an exemplary citizen of the State of Maryland and commendable member of the Hibernian Society.

#### MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that March is Red Cross Month. This is a time for us to officially recognize the essential role that the American Red Cross plays in our communities helping to ensure our communities are more ready and resilient in the face of future disasters. March has been celebrated as "Red Cross Month" since 1943 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called the wartime fundraising campaign the "greatest single crusade of mercy in all of history." As we celebrate this American Red Cross Month, I encourage all individuals to commit themselves to strengthen their own communities through service and volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross. Volunteers help make our country stronger, and no where is this more evident than in communities coming together to support each other in times of need.

From rebuilding former adversaries after World War II, to saving lives after the tragic earthquake in Haiti, the American people have an unmatched tradition of responding to challenges at home and abroad with compassion and generosity. In just over one month since the earthquake, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.3 million people and will continue to aid hundreds of thousands more in the months ahead. In Chile, the American Red Cross is prepared to mobilize support, including relief supplies and trained personnel. The American Red Cross is also assisting the Chilean Red Cross, through the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent appeal, to assist 75,000 people for six months in the areas of shelter, water

and sanitation, health and telecommunications.

At home and abroad, one in five Americans is touched by the Red Cross every single year. The American Red Cross in Greater New York responds to an average of 7 emergencies a day—fires, floods, building collapses—and provides immediate humanitarian aid to as many as 100,000 people affected by these emergencies each year. In my district alone in 2009, the Greater New York Chapter responded to 264 disasters and registered 1,337 people for Red Cross assistance.

Whether it is an earthquake or a single family home fire; a call for blood or a call for help, the American Red Cross is there. I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in applauding the hard work of the American Red Cross volunteers and celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

MEGAN HELT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Helt. Megan is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Megan's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Megan has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Megan can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Helt for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

#### CENSUS AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the beginning of March marks the one-month process of one of the most important collective actions that our country partakes in, the national Census. Thus I want to express my support to House Resolution 1096, deeming this month designated as Census Awareness Month. The Census provides an opportunity to not only count how many people live in our great nation, but to also collect valuable data that will help to provide services to millions of Americans. According to information collected from the Census, over \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to State and local governments. As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I want to ensure that all African Americans are counted as the Census has significant importance in the black community. The implementation and evaluation of

programs like the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act are based on Census data. In 2007 the Black community grew to 40.7 million from 33.5 million in the year 2000. Underrepresentation of minorities is the leading cause of underfunding programs that these communities utilize the most, such as education, health care, housing and transportation programs.

The myths that further discourage people from participating in the Census must be dispelled. The Census is not a long process; there are merely 10 questions to answer, making it the shortest Census form in history. By law the Census Bureau cannot share individual responses with anyone; that includes immigration authorities, IRS, FBI, CIA or any other government agency. The U.S. Census preferred method of participation is through forms sent through mail and returned through mail and Census workers will only visit households that do not return their forms. This snapshot of our nation also affects Congress itself; the distribution of U.S. House of Representative seats are based on the Census. In order to have proportional representation as well as programs and funding that directly serve the American people, everyone must participate in the 2010 United States Census. Underrepresentation of our population must be avoided; thus from March to April, I urge everyone to go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) to find out more on how you can be involved in the 2010 U.S. Census.

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES D. MACPHEE

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James D. MacPhee of Schoolcraft, Michigan, who will become Chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America, ICBA, on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Mr. MacPhee's long association and dedication to the ICBA has unquestionably qualified him for this position. He has served as chairman of the ICBA Membership/Marketing Committee and is this year's ICBPAC auction chairman. He has served as vice-chairman and an at-large member of the ICBA Executive Committee and represented the State of Michigan on the ICBA Board of Directors.

Southwest Michigan has greatly benefited from Mr. MacPhee's career in the community banking industry. He has been with Kalamazoo County State Bank for 35 years, serving as CEO for the past 17, and is a member of the board of directors of First State Bank in Decatur, Michigan. Mr. MacPhee has held the esteemed positions of both director and president in the Michigan Association of Community Bankers and currently serves as chairman and a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Community Bankers Service Company.

Throughout his impressive career, James MacPhee has continually given back to the community. He was a charter member and chairman of the Village of Schoolcraft Downtown Development Authority, and a charter member of the Schoolcraft Community Association, and has served on the board of directors of the Bronson Health Foundation. Mr.

MacPhee's dedication to Michiganders has been evident in both his career and his long history of community involvement.

I am confident that James MacPhee will serve the ICBA with the same dedication and fervor he has given to the Michigan banking community. We in Southwest Michigan are very proud and grateful for his leadership.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL OOSTBURG  
SANZ

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Paul Oostburg Sanz, who until recently served as the General Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee. As a result of his confirmation by the other body late last week, Paul will soon take a new position as the General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Paul Oostburg Sanz became General Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee in January 2007, just at the time I had the honor to begin serving as committee chairman. In the almost three years since, Paul has played a critical role in day-to-day operations of the committee and has also been a trusted advisor on the legal issues facing the Department of Defense.

It is no exaggeration to say that Paul's ability to grasp complex issues, his attention to detail, and his years of experience on Capitol Hill were instrumental in helping our committee and the Congress to achieve the enactment of the last three annual National Defense Authorization Acts.

Our committee and the Congress have particularly benefited from Paul's expertise on matters related to detainee policy and the Military Commissions Act, as well as issues related to counter-narcotics, matters related to Southern Command, and international legal issues.

A look at Paul's resume gives you a good idea about the breadth and diversity of his experience. He earned a law degree at Harvard University Law School and earned a Master in Public Affairs degree from Princeton University.

His international experience includes service as Peace Corps English teacher in Guinea-Bissau, and work in South Africa conducting political party training during the historic 1994 national elections. Paul also worked on conflict-resolution issues for the U.S. Embassy in Liberia, and on democracy and governance programs for the USAID Mission in Mozambique.

Before coming to Capitol Hill, Paul clerked for a U.S. district court judge in Puerto Rico. From May 2001 to December 2006, Paul served as the Deputy Chief Counsel for the House Committee on International Relations, providing strategic and procedural counsel to our distinguished colleague, the late Congressman Tom Lantos, who at that time was the committee's Ranking Member.

It is clear that Paul has the education, experience, and intellectual gifts to be an excellent General Counsel for the U.S. Navy. I also believe Paul has the temperament to serve our country exceptionally well in this position. In

the time I have worked with Paul, he has approached every problem and every challenge thrown his way with a calm demeanor and rational analysis. Then he gets to work, and his hard work pays off.

Because of Paul Oostburg Sanz's outstanding ability and work performance, I am not surprised the Obama Administration sought him out to serve at the Pentagon. The prospect of Paul's departure from the Hill gives me no joy, but I am happy that his talents have been recognized and that our country will continue to benefit from his service. Paul will be missed by all of us on the House Armed Services Committee, but I wish him every success in his new role as General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

KAITLYNN McLAUGHLIN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kaitlynn McLaughlin. Kaitlynn is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Kaitlynn's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Kaitlynn has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Kaitlynn can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kaitlynn McLaughlin for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

A TRIBUTE TO RHONDA  
SPAULDING'S FIRST WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rhonda Spaulding, Deliverance Evangelistic Church's First Lady, on her first Women's Conference. I congratulate Sister Spaulding on this achievement, as it will greatly benefit the women, and larger community, of Philadelphia.

As First Lady of the Deliverance Evangelistic Church, Sister Spaulding is a devoted teacher and community servant. Working with her church, she has been involved with various ministries dedicated to bettering the surrounding neighborhood. In an effort to continue and extend her community outreach and assistance, she has established the Deliverance Evangelistic Church's first Women's Conference, to be held on April 22 and 23, 2010.

This conference will address many of the most pressing issues facing women in Phila-

delphia. The unique needs and concerns of abused women, women in shelters, and young single mothers will be paid special attention. In focusing on the women of her community, especially the most disadvantaged, Sister Spaulding will be strengthening her community for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking First Lady Rhonda Spaulding and the Deliverance Evangelistic Church for their work in bettering their community, and congratulate Sister Spaulding on the occasion of her first Women's Conference.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL  
NIGEL K. OLSEN, USMC

**HON. JASON CHAFFETZ**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise for the second time in just one short week to honor a young Marine from my district who paid the ultimate price for our country, and reminded us with his sacrifice that freedom isn't free.

Marine LCpl Nigel K. Olsen died on March 4, 2010, while serving in the Helmand province in Afghanistan, just days after Lance Corporal Aragon, a fellow Utah Marine in his unit passed away.

Like so many serving with him, Lance Corporal Olsen rose to answer the call of duty with a maturity and patriotic honor far beyond his years. He had finished high school at Mountain View High in Orem just 3 years earlier, and enlisted right after graduation. He knew from a young age that he wanted to serve in the military, to serve the country he loved, even before he rode on an aircraft carrier from Hawaii to California in elementary school.

We honor Lance Corporal Olsen's mother Kim and father Todd, and his sister Stacy and her daughter as well. They also loved their country—our country—enough to let the son and brother and uncle whom they loved serve in Afghanistan with his fellow Marines.

At this time of their loss, I would ask my colleagues to join with me in extending our Nation's heartfelt condolences and appreciation for the service and sacrifices of Lance Corporal Olsen and his family. We ask so much of these fine young men and women in the Armed Forces.

May we ever keep our servicemembers and their families in our thoughts and prayers, and may God bless them, and the United States of America.

DANIELLE MULLENS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Danielle Mullens. Danielle is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Danielle's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Danielle has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Danielle can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Danielle Mullens for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF P.K. BROOKS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a constituent and friend of mine, Mr. P.K. Brooks.

Mr. Brooks is 78 years old and has been in business in my community of Saks for 56 years. During that time he has been a pillar of the community and a role model for generations of young people whose lives he has touched. He remains one of the most respected leaders in the area.

He grew up in Wedowee, Alabama, and played basketball for Randolph County High School. He later joined the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Brooks is a man of integrity and full of compassion for the folks around him. He has been a member of Saks Baptist Church for 53 years. Over the years, he has belonged to numerous organizations including Civitan, VFW and Gideon's.

On March 28th, an appreciation function will be held in the afternoon at Saks Civitan Club.

All of us across Calhoun County are pleased to recognize such an outstanding individual. I hope we can all look to Mr. Brooks as an example of how to live and I am proud to call him my friend.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SGT  
BENJAMIN SHERMAN

**HON. BILL DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen soldier, son, husband, and now, a father. The life of Sergeant Benjamin Sherman was tragically cut short thousands of miles from home near on his second heroic tour of duty in Afghanistan. His daughter, Skylah May-Marie Sherman, was born just yesterday on Tuesday, March 9.

Ben was a hero long before he sacrificed his life for his country. Born to Bill and Denise Sherman of New Bedford, Massachusetts, he served as an exemplary role model for his two sisters, Meredith and Jessica, through their youth and adolescence at Plymouth South High School. It was during middle school in Plymouth that Ben first met Patricia—the girl who would one day become his wife. While

many young high school students struggle to balance their daily routines with the natural torment of their teen years, Ben held himself to a standard above his peers. Always the first to stand up for a cause, he was a student of integrity and a model of resilience.

Recognizing his own passion to aid his fellow Americans, Ben enlisted in the Army in August of 2006. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in the battalion mortars section of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He was deployed for the first time in January of 2007, where his unit was engaged in fierce fighting throughout the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Often in the thick of the action, Ben was instrumental in the battalion's efforts to clear the Taliban from the Helmand River Valley. His steadfast resolve served him well through the cutting edge of battle, and he was publicly lauded for his astute decision-making despite the pressures of battle and his courage in the face of determined enemy attacks.

It was during his return from that first deployment, on May 2, 2008, that he proposed to the girl who had waited for him with patience and grace through the long months of deployment. Patricia and Ben were married August 26 and hurriedly began what they prayed would be a long, healthy life together in Fayetteville, North Carolina. In July of 2009, one month before his final deployment, Ben and Patricia learned the happy news that their first child—a daughter—was on her way. With this newfound joy in his heart, Ben returned with his unit to Afghanistan in August.

Regularly exposed to the many dangers inherent in war, Ben continued his tradition of excellence during his second deployment in the Badghis Province in northwestern Afghanistan. No task was too difficult nor challenge too daunting for the expert mortar-man, Sergeant Sherman. On November 4, 2009, while conducting operations near the town of Bala Murghab, Ben fell into the Murghab River and drowned. He was 21 years old.

Ben's greatest gift to his country lies not in his heroism in battle, his legacy at Plymouth South High School, or the tragedy of his untimely death. Instead, his memory will forever endure in the starlit eyes, coy smile, and zealous ambition of Skylah May-Marie Sherman—a daughter who may never know the embrace of her father, yet will always carry in her heart the stories, photos, and memories of a man whose passion for life was fueled by his love for an unborn daughter and beloved wife.

BEAUMONT FIREFIGHTER AND 80  
OTHER TEXANS RESPOND TO  
THE HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, we grieve with those in Haiti over the loss of life during the devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake January 12. Many Americans rushed to help, including one particular Texan from Beaumont. Firefighter Joshua Fowler is one such hero. The city of Beaumont in the Second District of Texas is proud to honor Joshua Fowler for his service to the people of Haiti during his international rescue tour as a member of the Texas Task Force 1.

The Texas Task Force 1, an urban search and rescue group, is comprised of 210 personnel. These individuals respond to disasters including earthquakes, hurricanes, widespread tornadoes, and man-made technological and terrorist events in Texas and throughout the United States. Haiti was their very first international deployment. Joshua Fowler has been a firefighter/EMT-1 for the City of Beaumont Fire/Rescue Services since 2000 and was one of 80 Texans that assisted the people of Haiti.

We applaud Joshua for his selfless service as well as the many others that have also put themselves in harm's way to protect and rescue Haitians who were trapped and wounded during this earthquake. We thank them for their commitment to responding to disaster-stricken areas with a selfless love for others.

BROOKE JACKSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brooke Jackson. Brooke is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Brooke's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Brooke has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment in which Brooke can take pride for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brooke Jackson for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING FORMER NASSAU  
COUNTY COMPTROLLER HOWARD  
WEITZMAN

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Howard Weitzman, who served as the Comptroller of Nassau County, New York from 2001 through 2009.

When Howard first took office, Nassau County faced an unprecedented budget crisis. Together with the County Executive, Howard brought Nassau County back from the brink of bankruptcy, balanced the county's budget, and turned deficits into surpluses; a feat made more remarkable when considering he engineered Nassau County's fiscal turnaround without a tax increase for three consecutive years.

During his eight year tenure, Howard enhanced the reputation of the Comptroller's Office and helped to restore Nassau County residents' trust that their local government worked for their best interests. Under his stewardship, Nassau County recovered millions of dollars

for taxpayers by exposing waste, fraud, abuse and misspending by agencies and vendors that did business with the County. He pioneered the launch of the NassauRx Card, an innovative prescription drug discount program that, to this day, provides savings off retail prescription drug prices. To date, the NassauRx Card has saved Nassau residents more, than \$12 million.

Prior to becoming Comptroller, Howard served as the Mayor of Great Neck Estates, where he and his wife, Susan, have resided for 28 years. He is a Certified Public Account, a former national healthcare partner at KPMG, and the paragon of a true, dedicated public servant. Howard's years of selfless service to his community are exemplary and his many achievements on behalf of Nassau County residents are worthy of recognition. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Howard Weitzman and thanking him for his service.

REMEMBERING MANUS "JACK"  
FISH

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to share the sad news of the passing of Manus "Jack" Fish. An engineer by profession, Jack worked for almost four decades at the National Park Service here in Washington, serving from 1973 until his retirement in 1988 as the director of the National Capital Region. Jack, one of my constituents from Ashburn, Virginia, died on February 27 at the age of 81 following a stroke.

I had the pleasure of first working with Jack Fish in the early 1970's when I served in the Interior Department under Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton and he was at the Park Service. When I came to Congress in 1981, our working relationship continued, and Jack was instrumental in the approval of a safety improvement plan I had recommended at the merge of the Spout Run Parkway and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the first federal parkway and gateway to the nation's capital.

Jack was the epitome of a public servant. He loved his job and made it his life's work to maintain and beautify and preserve the grounds that encompass the vast national capital region—from the gardens to the memorials to the Mall to the parks—for every resident and visitor of this area to enjoy.

We express our condolences to his wife of 58 years, Rosemary Fish, their 12 children, 42 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and we remember Jack Fish with these biblical words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Madam Speaker, I submit an obituary for Jack Fish published in the Washington Post on March 4.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 4, 2010]

MANUS "JACK" FISH, 81, DIES; LED NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WORK

(By Patricia Sullivan)

Manus "Jack" Fish, 81, the National Park Service regional director who oversaw the heavily trafficked National Mall, expanded the Civil War battlefield at Manassas and su-

pervised the planting of 150,000 trees and millions of flowers in the parks and byways of greater Washington, died after a stroke Feb. 27 at Heritage Hall nursing and rehabilitation center in Leesburg.

Mr. Fish led the Park Service's complex and diverse National Capital Region, whose holdings include historic memorials, the 185 mile-long C&O Canal, an urban sports complex, Civil War battlefields, the White House and two major highways. His office granted 1,000 permits a year for demonstrations including a one-person crusade for "husband liberation" as well as the hundreds of thousands who gather for the Fourth of July celebrations between the Capitol and Washington Monument. He was the regional director from 1973 to 1988 after working three years as the deputy.

A diplomatic and unflappable engineer, Mr. Fish worked for the Park Service for 36 years, based the entire time in Washington. He helped design playground swings and the Roosevelt Bridge and became a regular presence on Capitol Hill, either appearing at hearings or reassuring his hundreds of Congressional bosses that, yes, he was dealing with the timing of lights on Spout Run at George Washington Parkway or trying to resolve who would pay for a leaking roof at the Kennedy Center.

"I've got to study issues in detail," he told a Washington Post reporter in 1978. "And I guess I like that. If I didn't, I'd have ulcers and high blood pressure."

His nighttime studying was done in a household of a dozen children, with television, radio, stereos and phone conversations swirling around him. His wife of 58 years, Rosemary Fish, was "kind of a short-order cook," he joked, adept at managing the comings and goings of the brood.

In addition to his wife of Ashburn, survivors include 12 children, M. John Fish of Herndon, Theresa Grooms of Leesburg, Mary Ann LaRock of Gambrells, Joan Rowe of Irmo, S.C., Peter Fish of Huntsville, Ala., Christine Behrmann of Troy, N.Y., Helen Kokolakis of Falls Church, and Kathleen Key, Rosemary Burke, Brigid Powell and Bernadette Ishmael, all of Ashburn; a brother; a sister; 42 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

After leaving the Park Service in 1988, Mr. Fish worked for 10 years as vice president at the West Group, a local real estate developer, and was chairman of the Parks & History Association, which operates 25 bookstores in the national parks. He also served on numerous boards and was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn.

A native of Trenton, N.J., Manus John Fish Jr. moved to Washington as a youth and graduated from St. John's College High School. He served in the Army in Korea between World War II and the Korean War, then returned to Washington and graduated from Catholic University with a degree in engineering. He began working for the Park Service in 1952, reporting to the stone engineer's office near the Washington Monument.

In pursuit of his duties, he rode in countless parades, mastering horseback riding in two days in order to accompany a member of Congress on a tour of one of the parks, and learned to iceskate overnight when a skating rink opened on the Mall. "I was able to stay on the horse, and I kind of skated on my ankles," he told a Post reporter in 1988.

He also managed 3,000 employees and oversaw an annual operating budget of \$100 million. During his tenure, Constitution Gardens and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened on the Mall; handicapped-accessible entrances were added to many memorials, and Wolf Trap's Filene Center was rebuilt. It was his decision to close Beach Drive in

Rock Creek Park to vehicles on weekends and holidays, to close and grass over two streets on the Mall and to eliminate nine holes from a 36-hole golf course in East Potomac Park to expand an adjacent softball field, a decision that did not stand under fierce protests from golfers.

He made maintenance and preservation a priority and struggled for additional appropriations for repairs, which forced him to reduce grass cutting and put off hiring Park Police officers. He received the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Medal for guiding the expansion of the parks, especially during the 1976 Bicentennial year.

"There remains much to be done," he said upon his retirement.

So long did he hold the politically sensitive "fish-bowl" job that he, too, is memorialized. If you're at the Tidal Basin next month when the cherry blossoms bloom, take a look at the Ohio Drive bridge. You'll find some gargoyles sculpted into the stone. The fish creature is a caricature of the Park Service's Mr. Fish.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th anniversary.

From humble beginnings, the National Urban League has become the famed organization that it is today. Founded by Dr. George E. Haynes and Ruth S. Baldwin in 1910, the National Urban League created its first department in the area of housing in 1913.

Today, the League has expanded its operations to include over 25 national programs in 36 states, as well as in the District of Columbia. The League does extraordinary work aiding African American communities on a range of critical issues affecting the nation. Through programs designed to empower African Americans in areas of education, civil rights, civic engagement and health, the League combats inequality while improving the lives of countless people.

I am immensely proud of my own affiliation with the Urban League, going back over 35 years. In 1974, I was one of the founding members of the National Urban League of Broward County, the 104th affiliate chapter in the United States. Our goal then was to help alleviate some of the racial tensions felt throughout the community during desegregation. I went on to serve on the original board of directors for the local chapter, where we worked to empower the community, increase educational opportunities for our children, and change lives through strong advocacy for essential public services. I am pleased to add that we enjoyed numerous successes.

Over the past century, the League has made great strides in education and youth leadership and played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement. Working closely with leaders such as A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King, Jr., the League assisted in planning the 1963 March on Washington, and carried on the hard work of advocating for equality and

opportunity in the tumultuous decades of that era. The magnitude of these accomplishments, and countless others, cannot be understated. The League's efforts have played an integral role in shaping local communities throughout the United States, advancing many of the rights that Americans today take for granted.

The National Urban League continues to improve American society through programs that positively impact education and youth, health and quality of life, entrepreneurship and business development, workforce development, and housing. Through workshops, summer programs, hands-on-learning opportunities, and other endeavors, the League enriches the quality of life of African Americans of all ages.

Although we can take great pride in the many outstanding accomplishments of the National Urban League, its work is far from over. As part of its effort to galvanize greater action, the League recently began an initiative called "I AM EMPOWERED," a social mobilization campaign of volunteers to increase awareness of the League's efforts to achieve further progress in education, jobs, housing, and health care. With 100 years of experience behind them, the hard working and dedicated men and women of the National Urban League are well poised to carry forth its important mission through the next century of progress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution congratulating the National Urban League for its 100 outstanding years of service to our great nation.

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EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO  
CHILE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker. I rise in support of H. Res. 1144, "Expressing condolences to the families of the victims of the February 27, 2010, earthquake in Chile, as well as solidarity with and support for the people of Chile as they plan for recovery and reconstruction" introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative HINOJOSA.

As you know, on Saturday, February 27, 2010, a massive, 8.8 magnitude earthquake, one of the largest ever recorded, struck off of the coast of Chile. An estimated 2,000,000 people, including upwards of 1,500,000 displaced persons, have been directly affected by the earthquake, the tsunami, and its aftermath. As the casualties continue to grow, there is a great deal of extensive damage to highways,

bridges, apartments, and infrastructure, have led the government of Chile declaration of a 'state of catastrophe.' Since the initial earthquake, there have been over 100 aftershocks, which include 8 aftershocks registering above a 6.0 magnitude. These aftershocks continue to affect the coast and the rest of the country.

According to the United States Geological Survey, Concepcion, Chile's second largest city, was 70 miles from the earthquake's epicenter and suffered some of the worst damage. Thousands of its residents initially remained cut-off from the remainder of the country without any basic necessities, such as running water and electricity. The coastal town of Dichato and its 4,000 residents were among the hardest hit and is 80 percent destroyed. 80 percent of Talcahuano's 180,000 residents living on the Chilean coast were left homeless by the earthquake. Initial estimates of damages range from \$15,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000, and basic necessities across the country, including electricity, clean water access, telephone access, and communication systems continue to be restored on a progressive basis in many zones.

Chile's stringent building codes, which one local architect called 'our proud building standards,' as well as the Government of Chile's ability to implement them greatly mitigated the impact of this catastrophic natural event both in terms of casualties and physical damage to the infrastructure of this country. The Government of Chile has taken significant measures to maintain order and public security in the streets in order to prevent more widespread panic and chaos as damage assessments are made and relief is delivered.

America is again responding, and will continue to respond with immediate humanitarian assistance to help the people of this struggling island nation rebuild their livelihoods. I send my condolences to the people and government of Chile as they grieve once again in the aftermath of a natural disaster. As Chile's neighbor, I believe it is the United States' responsibility to help Chile recover, and build the capacity to mitigate against future disasters.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have been highly involved in strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and countries abroad. I have worked to establish positive and productive partnerships with local development officials, non-profit organizations, and various leaders to establish a strong web of support for countries abroad. In collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus, I have been a continual advocate of providing assistance to various countries to strengthen their fragile democratic processes, continue to improve security, and promote economic development among other concerns such the protection of human rights, combating narcotics, arms, and human trafficking, addressing migration, and alleviating poverty.

Once again, I am devastated by the immeasurable tragedy that occurred in Chile.

Along with my colleagues, I hope to visit Chile in the near future to meet with their leaders and see what the United States can do to rebuild the shattered livelihoods.

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MEREDITH HUGHES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Meredith Hughes. Meredith is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Meredith's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Meredith has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Meredith can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Meredith Hughes for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

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SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
MARCH 16

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Stephen Ford, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic. SD-419

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act, (Title 9501 of Public Law 111-11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program which includes the WaterSMART Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program. SD-366

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on the new challenges and prospects they face domestically and internationally and implications for U.S. policy. SVC-201/200

2 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine assessing foster care and family services in the District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions. SD-342

2:30 p.m.  
Intelligence  
Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SH-219

MARCH 17

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. SD-366

Armed Services  
SeaPower Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-building programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

10 a.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's investigation of the Environmental Protection

Agency's (EPA) efforts to protect children's health. SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on the Obama Administration's ESEA reauthorization priorities. SH-216

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on intelligence reform and interagency integration. SD-342

Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine bankruptcy reform, focusing on small business jobs. SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archaeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities. SD-366

Armed Services  
Strategic Forces Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SR-232A

Aging  
To hold hearings to examine seniors, focusing on rising drug prices and the Part D program. SD-562

3 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, part 2. SR-253

## MARCH 18

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To resume hearings to examine the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. SH-216

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. SDG-50

2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal police recruitment, training, hiring, and retention. SD-628

2:30 p.m.  
Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters. SH-219

## MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216

Judiciary  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice. SD-226

## MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs plan for ending homelessness among veterans. SR-418