

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STATEMENT ON EFFIE LEE MORRIS

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a longtime literary advocate and community leader, Effie Lee Morris, who died in San Francisco last November 10. On June 14, family, friends and San Francisco dignitaries will gather at the San Francisco Public Library to celebrate her lifetime of work as a librarian and advocate for underserved children and the visually impaired. They will pay tribute to her life as a visionary who recognized the power of literacy and education in overcoming racism, inequality and poverty.

Morris began her life's work as a literary activist as a public librarian in Cleveland, Ohio more than 60 years ago. Recognizing that education is the most important investment we can make in our future, she focused primarily on children's literacy in African American communities and low-income urban areas, and helped to establish the first Negro History Week. In 1955, she moved to New York City where she worked for the New York Public Library. There she continued to work with children and began advocating for the rights of the visually impaired, eventually becoming a children's specialist at the New York Public Library's Library for the Blind from 1958 to 1963.

In 1963, San Francisco was blessed when Morris arrived in our city and became the first Coordinator of Children's Services at our Public Library, where she established the Children's Historical and Research Collection. It stands in tribute to her today. The children's literature section that she created is named in her honor.

In 1968, Morris helped found the San Francisco Chapter of the Women's National Book Association and served as the first African American president of the Public Library Association.

Upon retirement, Morris continued to serve the San Francisco Bay Area community, and taught courses on children's literature at Mills College and the University of San Francisco. Morris served as the first female chairperson of the Library of Congress as well as the President of the National Braille Association for two terms. She also served on the California State Library Board, and was a lifetime member of the San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society.

We grieve Effie Lee Morris' passing, but celebrate her legacy, which will live on in the many lives she touched.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL STEVEN SMITH'S SERVICE TO FORT HAMILTON

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Steven V. Smith, Installation Commander, at Fort Hamilton, located in my district of Brooklyn, New York. Fort Hamilton is the only active military base in New York City. Colonel Smith is leaving his post as Installation Commander to return to his alma mater, Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont to prepare the next generation of graduates and officers for the United States Military.

In 1984, Colonel Stephen V. Smith graduated from Norwich University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Upon graduating, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He went on to pursue a Master of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a Master's of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Smith started his career at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he was a Rifle Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Mortar Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

During his distinguished career, Colonel Smith was deployed to Bosnia as the 10th Mountain G4 Plans Officer. He also served as Executive Officer of the 10th Division Support Command, and the G4 (Logistics Officer) for the 10th Mountain Division where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001.

In June of 2008, Colonel Smith became, Installation Commander at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York. During his time at his final Military assignment, he was instrumental in providing a location for a second National Guard Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) which gave New York City's first responders a vital resource to utilize in the event of a terrorist attack.

Colonel Smith's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service and Overseas Ribbons, NATO Medal, Air Assault and Airborne badges and the Ranger Tab.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Smith for his service to New York City and the Fort Hamilton Community. Besides being an active base in America's largest city, Fort Hamilton is also a community treasure for the neighborhoods and people of South Brooklyn. Under Colonel Smith's leadership many community

organizations have been able to utilize the wonderful resources of this historic base and he has fostered a strong spirit of patriotism in support of our men and women in uniform throughout the broader community.

He has worked to upgrade housing on the base for active duty Members as well as rehabilitate the historic officers clubhouse which is a resource for not only the base but for many community organizations.

Colonel Smith truly represents the best and the brightest of the United States Army and he will continue to serve this Country with honors. I wish Colonel Smith, his wife Donna, daughters Elizabeth and Colleen and son Matthew the best of luck in his next pursuit. The students and faculty of Norwich University are incredibly lucky to gain the talent, dedication and leadership of my friend Colonel Stephen Smith.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act, which will strengthen the rules and financial stability of the Federal Housing Administration's programs. H.R. 5072 will help tighten FHA underwriting standards, rebuild its capital reserves and assist in the recovery of the housing market. This measure has bipartisan support and has received numerous endorsements from housing and real estate organizations.

H.R. 5072 would empower FHA to improve its financial position by allowing the agency to adjust their premium structure for new borrowers, while still providing affordable mortgage insurance to the individuals FHA is intended to serve. This measure also provides FHA with enhanced authority to terminate FHA lenders if evidence of fraud or noncompliance is discovered. It will also improve FHA's internal reporting systems to better manage risk and provide transparent data to the public and to Congress.

Over the years, FHA has played a key role in supporting housing finance opportunities to underserved families and assisting first time homebuyers. Most recently, FHA has helped stabilize our housing market, and reform is needed to strengthen its solvency. FHA has already implemented an unprecedented number of credit policy and risk management changes to ensure its effectiveness and soundness and to protect the American taxpayer. The FHA Reform Act builds upon these necessary changes.

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In my home State of Rhode Island, we were hit early and hard by the housing and economic crises. We currently have the fourth highest unemployment rate and one of the highest foreclosure rates in the country. Congress has an important role to play in helping Rhode Island families regain financial ground, and this bill is an important ingredient in stabilizing our housing market. The FHA Reform Act will ensure that responsible families have the opportunity to purchase a home, but also put into place the appropriate measures to prevent future crises. I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT RAY HICKS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Ray Hicks, who passed away on April 24, 2010.

Son of Jimmy and Aurelia Hicks of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ray was a Multi-channel Transmission Systems Operator-Maintainer who trained at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Gordon, Georgia before being assigned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

He joined the Army in June 2006 in my district in southern Arizona and is remembered fondly by his officers, NCOs and fellow soldiers.

According to his Battalion Commander, Sergeant Hicks was a devoted friend and soldier who would always lend a helping hand and who was greatly respected and admired by many.

We remember Sergeant Ray Hicks and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Ray made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Ray and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant Ray Hicks leaves behind his beloved wife Tressia, his daughter Anana, his parents Jimmy and Aurelia and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 28, 2010, I missed a series of votes on account of traveling back to Ohio to attend my daughter's high school graduation. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on Rollcall No. 324, "no" on Rollcall No. 325, "aye" on Rollcall No. 326, "aye" on Rollcall

No. 327, "aye" on Rollcall No. 328, "aye" on Rollcall No. 329, "aye" on Rollcall No. 330, "aye" on Rollcall No. 331, "no" on Rollcall No. 332, "aye" on Rollcall No. 333, "no" on Rollcall No. 334, "aye" on Rollcall No. 335, and "no" on Rollcall No. 336.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CAROLYN GARVER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carolyn Garver for her hard work and dedication to advocating on behalf of children with autism.

Dr. Garver's lifelong passion of working with children with autism began in 1979 when she joined the Autism Treatment Center, where she currently serves as Program Director. In addition to her years of experience, she is a licensed Child Care Administrator and holds a Ph.D. in Health Studies. Dr. Garver is a recognized expert in autism and has presented at numerous national and international forums, most notably at the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum in New Delhi, India in September 2006. She also presented at the 2008 Texas State Conference on Autism and the Texas State Head Start Association on Autism Spectrum Disorder. She also serves on the Advisory Task Force at Texas Tech University's Burkhardt Center's Autism Program and is a Board Member of the Dallas Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

Dr. Garver has devoted her life to this worthy cause, working closely with families, individuals, and agencies. She is a tireless advocate and a remarkable woman that possesses great compassion, patience, knowledge, and hope—hope for a brighter future for individuals with autism.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Carolyn Garver for her dedicated efforts to empowering individuals with autism and helping them reach their full potential.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 OF PHOENIXVILLE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 58 of Phoenixville, Chester County as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

Chartered by the Knights of Columbus #1374, Troop 58 is the oldest Scouting organization serving the youth of Phoenixville.

The Troop has enriched the lives of several generations of boys and young men through activities geared toward building character, developing leadership skills and instilling a commitment to serving others.

In 1955, the Troop established a Dive and Rescue Unit with the help of Friendship Fire Company in the Borough and Scouts have received training from members of the Philadelphia Police Harbor Patrol.

The success of the Troop can be attributed to the dedicated volunteers and Troop alumni who graciously commit countless hours to area youth and the organization. The outstanding effort has resulted in 37 scouts earning their Eagle Scout Badges.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Boy Scout Troop 58 on reaching this very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and nation.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT MINTURN LOCKWOOD III OF DENTON, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Robert Minturn Lockwood III, a respected, active, and beloved member of the North Texas community.

Known as "Doc Lock" to friends, employees, and patients, Dr. Lockwood provided exceptional radiological health care in Denton, Texas for 52 years, and his legacy will persevere for years to come.

Dr. Lockwood was born on August 28, 1922 in Philadelphia, PA. A lifelong learner, he attended Harvard, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and twice earned the Physician's Recognition Award in Continuing Education.

In 1956, Dr. Lockwood arrived in Denton, Texas, and co-founded the Family Radiology Clinic. Dr. Lockwood was active in the Denton County Medical Society, and served as the President of the society for a number of years starting in 1966. Dr. Lockwood also belonged to multiple medical societies, including the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and the Texas Radiological Society. After his first wife's death, Dr. Lockwood established Ann's Haven Hospice, which provides nonprofit home health care regardless of a patient's complex condition or ability to pay.

While Dr. Lockwood was a devoted medical professional, he also had many hobbies and interests. Described as a jolly man with an excellent sense of humor, Dr. Lockwood was an avid reader, fossil collector, gardener, bird-watcher, poet and playwright. He loved music, language and the arts, and was beloved by all who knew him.

Dr. Lockwood is survived by his wife, Sandy; his children, Ben Lockwood, Millie Lockwood, Rachel Cross and her husband John; and his granddaughter, Anna Morshedi and her husband Grant.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to remember Dr. Robert Minturn Lockwood III, for his remarkable legacy and service to the community of North Texas. I am proud to represent such an outstanding citizen from the 26th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, over the past week and a half, in response to the regrettable loss of lives off the coast of Gaza, there has been much controversy and speculation over Israel's right to self defense. Yet we are reminded again of the situation Israeli families face every single day.

Imagine two young parents living each day going through their mental check list of how to protect their children. Is the path to the shelter clear? Do they know each other's schedules so they can find them if there is a missile strike? Do the schools have their emergency numbers? Have they taught the kids enough to react quickly in the event of a strike, but not too much to scare them?

While the kids are at school they worry about hearing sirens of an imminent attack from a neighboring territory and are always worried that it will come when they can't physically protect their children.

When this happened in America in the early 1960s these were my parents' fears. But with all of these fears they knew that the United States would do what was necessary to protect our families and our country. It would prevent the weapons from falling into the hands of people who wanted to destroy our way of life.

Like the United States during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Israelis have blockaded the source of the threat to their homeland.

America was able to protect itself, and we must ensure that Israel has the ability to do the same.

IN HONOR OF FEDERICO'S DRIVE
IN SHOE SERVICE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Federico's Drive In Shoe Service, a local icon in my Central Coast Congressional District, on its 70th anniversary. Since 1940, Federico's has served the Monterey Bay area with exemplary craftsmanship, the highest quality materials, and quick and efficient service.

Charles Federico began his career at the age of fourteen. The young apprentice was assigned to the shoe shine stand for his first two years, and then graduated to replacing heels. Within ten years he had purchased his first store, handling shoe repair in one corner and selling fishing gear in another.

His business, then called Franklin Shoe Repair, expanded quickly; in 1957 he added the extra convenience of a drive-up window to his Monterey store which greatly increased the volume of business, and he also opened a second shop on the former Fort Ord Army Base. He paid particular attention to shop appearance, workmanship, merchandising and shop management. In 1958 he won the Na-

tional Leather and Shoe Finders Association National Silver Cup Contest, as being the best shoe repair store in America. Over the years he and his son, Henry, have won 27 local and regional industry awards.

Members of my family have patronized Federico's shop for decades, and many of their customers cite their outstanding product knowledge and customer service as reasons for their loyalty. Charles is now ninety-three and his son, Henry, runs the shop. They have branched out into engraving trophies and sewing logo merchandise. Their employees carry on the traditions that won them the Silver Cup so many years ago.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in wishing Federico's a very happy 70th Anniversary, and many more to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
LEON HINOTE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart, that I rise to recognize the life and deeds of one of Santa Rosa County's most respected residents, Mr. Leon Hinote. Throughout his 89 years, Mr. Hinote spent his days as a true patriot and committed public servant. In his passing, Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor his lifetime as a compassionate and inspirational leader.

Born the fourth of seven children, Mr. Hinote's strong character began to take root in the soils of Santa Rosa County; fully blooming into the virtues of patriotism, diligence, kindness and faithfulness which have impacted so many. To many, he was more than just a neighbor. He was a friend to the faint hearted, a sturdy back to the heavy burdened, and a kind voice to a weary companion.

Mr. Leon Hinote is a remarkably special man that belongs to a remarkably special group—America's Greatest Generation. In 1942, Mr. Hinote enlisted into the U.S. Army. Not wanting to wade in the spotlight or expecting to be honored, he was always willing to put others before himself. It was not until recently, that Mr. Hinote was awarded with many of the honors he earned while bravely defending our great nation and her ideals.

While his distinguished military record is more than enough to warrant praise and admiration, Mr. Hinote did not stop serving the others around him. After leaving the military, Mr. Hinote not only served on the Milton City Council for two terms, but he was also elected Santa Rosa County sheriff. Admired by many, Mr. Hinote is a role model for the entire community of Northwest Florida and a rare example of someone who truly understands what it means to lead by example.

While we shall greatly miss Mr. Hinote, his legacy and his memory shall remain. His life that spanned eight decades will serve as a mirror for us all to gaze upon and find the full measure of a man. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful community, it is the highest privilege and with great pride that I honor the life of Mr. Leon Hinote. My wife Vicki and I extend our deepest sympathies to his loved ones and children: Clifton, Janet, and Theresa.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. BACA. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act.

The failed economic policies of the Bush administration and Republican-controlled Congresses, led this country into a deep recession where we experienced serious drops in housing value and unemployment.

The economic conditions caused the FHA to dip below acceptable capital reserves numbers.

But thanks to the leadership of HUD Secretary Donovan and FHA Commissioner Stevens, FHA has continued to operate in a safe and stable manner, continuing to provide mortgage insurance to credit-worthy homeowners.

Since 1934, the FHA has played a vital role in the nation's economy helping over 37 million Americans achieve the dream of homeownership.

FHA's role can be seen clearly today as they play a vital stabilizing role in the market and support homeownership for first-time buyers and underserved markets.

As our economy continues along the path of recovery, it is likely that the FHA will continue to play a large role in our housing market.

H.R. 5072 will make essential reforms to the FHA program, strengthening their finances, improving risk management, and rooting out the bad actors that helped cause this crisis in the first place.

The bill before us calls for an increase in FHA's authority to raise annual premiums enabling FHA to decrease entry barriers and up-front premiums.

This bill also enables the FHA to go further in the action they have already taken in increasing the FHA fund at an approximate value of \$300 million per month.

Finally this bill will also strengthen FHA's ability to ensure responsible lending activity by withdrawing from lenders that repeatedly fail to follow responsible underwriting and financial standards.

I want to thank Ms. WATERS, Ms. CAPITO, and Mr. FRANK for their leadership and hard work in bringing this bill to the floor.

I encourage my colleagues to follow the leadership of Secretary Donovan and Commissioner Stevens and vote "yes" on H.R. 5072.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER
CONGRESSMAN FRANK EVANS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant from the State of Colorado.

Former Congressman Frank Evans passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Colorado and the city of Pueblo have lost a tremendously respected leader.

Congressman Evans led a remarkable life.

A Pueblo native, Congressman Evans served in the Navy, flying planes in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

He returned to Colorado to get his law degree from the University of Denver, before being elected to represent Pueblo in the State Assembly in 1960.

Named "Outstanding Freshman of the Year," his colleagues and constituents alike were inspired by his dedication to public service.

From 1964–1978, the Congressman represented Colorado's third district in the U.S. House of Representatives, the seat in which I currently serve.

The tremendous impact his leadership has had on our district can still be felt to this day.

Congressman Evans was responsible for bringing the Government Printing Office Distribution Center to Pueblo, and he was the mastermind behind the popular Payment in Lieu of Taxes program that has brought federal dollars for federal lands to states like ours.

When serving in Congress, Congressman Evans was a fervent advocate for the people and Western way of life in the 3rd district of Colorado.

Never losing sight of issues that were important to Coloradans, he was also a true gentleman.

In the often contentious atmosphere of today's politics, Congressman Evans was an example to those of us who strive to serve the public.

His close friend said of him "That was Frank. Always a gentleman. He wanted the facts. He wouldn't go after somebody just for partisan reasons."

Congressman Evans never forgot where he came from, and he lived to serve others so that they could have a brighter future.

I am proud to serve in his former seat, and grateful for his legacy.

My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time.

He will be missed but his memory will live on through all of the lives that he touched in western Colorado.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR USED FUEL PRIZE ACT OF 2010

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce legislation I first authored in the 110th Congress. As our country moves toward clean, reliable energy, a natural progression will be toward nuclear energy. Indeed, earlier this year, President Obama announced \$8 billion in new federal loan guarantees for two new nuclear power plants in Georgia.

However, as we inevitably move toward greater use of nuclear energy, we cannot hide our heads in the sand about the need for safe, reliable ways to store and dispose of the waste created by such energy production.

Nuclear power is praised for its zero carbon emissions, but it comes at a price—radioactive

fuel rods that will continue to emit dangerous radiation and be the source of radioactive debris for thousands of years. Congress designated Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as the nation's sole candidate site for a permanent high-level nuclear waste repository in 1987. The unused Yucca Mountain site has cost taxpayers an estimated \$9 billion. Over \$1.2 billion has been spent on the seventy-one claims filed against the Department of Energy for the failure to abide by the 1987 contract to dispose of spent nuclear fuel.

There remain deep concerns that Yucca Mountain does not present a long-term solution to nuclear waste because of uncertainty about the long-term geologic stability of the site. The amount of existing nuclear waste already exceeds the storage capacity at the site; moreover, the state of Nevada adamantly opposes the site, and other locations have not been offered. President Obama and the Secretary of Energy Steven Chu have both stated their objections to the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, and President Obama stripped further funding for Yucca Mountain in the FY2010 budget.

Delay in authorizing a nuclear waste site has wasted an enormous sum of taxpayer dollars and resources. One proposed alternative to Yucca Mountain has been to reprocess spent nuclear fuel in order to recover usable fuel and cut down on the volume of waste. The issue remains complicated; reprocessing carries the potential of creating weapons-grade nuclear material thus presenting a global proliferation risk as other nations employ the technology. As the United States continues to dissuade other nations, namely Iran and North Korea, from nuclear reprocessing, we take a dangerous political risk in engaging in the process ourselves.

The legislation I am reintroducing today would encourage the creation of an efficient and safe process to store nuclear waste. The Nuclear Used Fuel Prize Act of 2010 would set up a competition to design the best way to remove and store nuclear waste. I am a strong supporter of nuclear power and I look forward to working toward finding a solution to storing nuclear waste. I believe this legislation will provide the incentives to find permanent solutions to our energy needs.

WORLD OCEAN DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, World Ocean Day has been acknowledged annually around the world since 1992. Officially celebrated by the United Nations for the first time in 2009, World Ocean Day this year falls on June 8. This serves as an opportunity to recognize all that the oceans have given us, to acknowledge the crucial role the oceans play in our survival as a species and society, and to affirm our intent to ensure the oceans themselves survive.

A source for food, recreation, scientific and educational opportunities, the oceans are a fundamental building block of our society. Human beings have depended upon the waters for their livelihoods since the earliest

days. Our forefathers crossed and fished them in generally the same manner that we do today. It's a testament to the fortitude of the oceans that they can persist when our technology and cultures have changed so much. That resiliency, however, is far from infinite. Should the oceans become no longer able to sustain life, we would very quickly feel the consequences.

The oceans are also often the beginning and end of discussions on "the environment." Home to so many natural wonders and inherent beauty, the world's oceans are justifiably precious. And as such an integral element in global climate change, the oceans are a primary concern for environmentalists and nature-lovers alike. They deserve and need our absolute devotion.

Because of all we have taken from them and because we are the only ones with the capacity to do so, human beings are the de facto caretakers of the oceans. With that responsibility, we must protect them and ensure their viability. The oceans have been subjected to so much—acidification, global warming, pollution. We must make sure the oceans can contribute to our grandchildren's grandchildren as they've done for us and our ancestors.

We have been shown by recent events how fragile and delicate our oceans truly are and how quickly devastation can set in. We can see how much we still don't know about these bodies that make up the vast majority of our planet. Let us take World Ocean Day to enjoy the beauty of the innumerable mysteries hidden only in the deeps and make sure we do our part to look after them. By so doing, we act on behalf of the future of Earth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL DUDLEY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hastings College President Phil Dudley for his exemplary service to Nebraska students and his community as a whole.

President Dudley has announced his retirement after nearly 40 years of dedication to Hastings College, including 10 years as President. His service is precluded by his doctoral education in economics and many leadership positions within Hastings College and the surrounding community.

As Hastings College President, President Dudley is credited for the construction of the Osborne Family Sports Complex, Barrett Family Alumni Center, Bronco Village Apartments, and the Morrison-Reeves Science Center.

President Dudley's embrace and promotion of service learning on the campus has led Hastings College students and faculty to dedicate 100,000 hours of their time to civic engagement. In recognition, Hastings College has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

His dedication to students is further exemplified in the expansion of academic programs. This includes the addition of majors in biochemistry, biopsychology, wildlife biology, and a nursing dual degree with Creighton University and Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

President Dudley's passionate commitment to Hastings College and its students will be missed as he retires in July of 2011, but his support of the institution will continue after his retirement as President Dudley will work with the Hastings College Foundation to manage the college's fund-raising and alumni activities.

I congratulate Phil on his outstanding career in higher education and thank him for his contributions to Nebraska's educational reputation.

BULGARIA'S HISTORIC
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, twenty years ago today, I served as an election observer in Bulgaria on behalf of the International Republican Institute (IRI)

It was a life changing dream come true for me to experience firsthand the birth of liberty in a captive nation, which had been subjected for decades to Nazism and Communism. As a lifelong Cold Warrior I always promoted victory over Communism. A strong American military developed by President Ronald Reagan produced peace through strength and veterans today can see with pride more countries than ever as free market democracies.

On June 10, 1990, the people of Bulgaria participated in the first free elections since the 1930s. It was inspiring to visit polling places in the Plovdiv region and witness the young and old participating freely. The talented people of Bulgaria were unshackled. People did not want to be a slavish Soviet satellite. I have developed a lifelong affection for the people of Bulgaria.

Since then, Bulgaria has evolved from the antiquated "frozen in time" nation of the 1930s to being a vibrant free market democracy of today. It is now a valued member of NATO with troops having served in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is a dynamic member of the European Union. On the evening before the election in Plovdiv I met a musician who explained how he was inspired by Armed Forces Radio out of Greece with his favorite composer John Philip Sousa—as he stated, "Stars and Stripes Forever." I responded, "Bulgaria Forever."

Two years ago I visited the training base at Novo Selo where young Bulgarian and American troops participate in joint training exercises. The American base was the first invited of foreign troops in Bulgaria's 1225 year history. I particularly appreciate Ambassador Elena Poptodrova for her promotion of the Bulgaria-America partnership. I am grateful for my first Bulgarian hosts Stefan Stoyanor, his wife Elizabeth and daughter Jana. Their warm Bulgarian welcome will never be forgotten.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism. God Bless Bulgaria.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 337 (on passage of H.R. 1061, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 338 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 518, as amended).

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF PENSACOLA CITY POLICE
CHIEF JOHN W. MATHIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is the highest honor to recognize Chief of Police John W. Mathis, a dedicated public servant and community leader. His service to Pensacola and his commitment to law enforcement are truly remarkable. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Chief Mathis for his distinguished work over the last three decades as a law enforcement officer at the Pensacola Police Department.

Sworn in to protect and to serve, Chief Mathis first put on the badge in 1978. Since that day he has dedicated his entire adult life to selflessly putting the needs of others before his own while in the line of duty. As Chief of Police, Mr. John Mathis held his officers and himself to the highest standards of courtesy, integrity, and professionalism. These core values have guided his philosophy and world view, while reducing crime and improving the quality of life of everyone in the Pensacola community.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that during his time in law enforcement, Chief Mathis has never betrayed the badge, his integrity, his character, or the public trust. On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the visionary leadership and outstanding service of a real American hero. I congratulate and thank Chief John W. Mathis for his 32 years of service. My wife Vicki and I wish him a happy retirement.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CHARLES CRADDOCK, AN AMERICAN HERO

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Charles Craddock, a World War II Veteran and Prisoner of War. I offer most heartfelt thanks to Mr. Craddock for his selfless and heroic service to our nation and dedication to preserving

our freedoms. It is with great appreciation that I share his story in hopes of inspiring today's generation of young men and women to live with the same sense of duty and purpose.

In April of 1943, Mr. Craddock was drafted and sent to Ft. Sill, Okla., then to Fort Polk, La., for basic training. From there, he was transferred into the Air Force Cadet program and took basic training and classification at Sheppard Field, Texas. After completing basic training, he was sent to pre-flight training at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. He was then sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., for combat training in the infantry, then to Fort Meade, Md., and Fort Dix, N.J., for further training.

After D-Day, Mr. Craddock traveled to Omaha Beach and joined units of the 3rd Army near Nancy, France. Mr. Craddock was assigned to the 137th D Infantry Regiment of the 35th Division. The first two weeks his unit spent in a defensive position, and then began a drive to the German border.

After two months, his group made it to the border at Sarreguimens. They crossed the Bliss River at night to take some high ground. Five of the soldiers, including Mr. Craddock, in the company were picked to go on patrol to see what lay ahead. They were captured behind the German lines during this patrol.

It was hard getting to the POW camp near Stuttgart, as the Air Force was all around. Most of the distance was covered by walking at night. After spending about a month in Stuttgart, the American forces were driving into this area from southern France, so the prisoners were led into box cars for a miserable trip to the next POW camp at Luckenwald. This train trip lasted about four days and nights for the train would not move during the day for fear of the American Air Force.

During this trip, they never let the POWs out of the box cars and gave them very little food or water. After spending about two months in Luckenwald, the prisoners were broken up in small groups and marched for two days to a camp known as Altengrabow. Once again, in two months, they were told they had to move, and walked through the city of Berlin, which was in ruins from the American and British Air Force bombings.

The group was sent to a small camp west of Berlin, where every night they watched the bombings of the city. They were given no news, but sensed the war was coming to an end.

One morning, near the end of April 1945, they were told to move again. They marched about a day and then spent the night in a barn. During the night, the German guards left. A Russian patrol came by the next day, and escorted them to the American lines on the Elbe River. That was on May 8, 1945, almost six months after being captured.

For his truly brave and fearless service, Mr. Craddock received the following decorations: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, European Theater with two Battle Stars, and Good Conduct.

Our country and many more around the world are the beneficiaries of his courage and vigilance. On May 16, 2010, America lost a hero with the passing of Mr. Craddock. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Charles Craddock and extending thanks from a grateful nation.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, in the last few weeks, the right of Israel to defend itself against threats to ensure its security has come under attack.

Last month, Israel Defense Forces intercepted a flotilla of vessels in the Mediterranean Sea manned by protestors whose aim was to provoke a response from Israel and prompt international disapproval of Israel's blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

During this so-called "flotilla incident," Israeli forces boarded the ships to search for weapons. They were attacked and subsequently used force to protect themselves. The Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation, which organized the flotilla, has known ties to Hamas and other terrorist groups.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of this event, Israel has been unfairly and wrongly condemned for its actions. As criticism of Israel over this incident escalates, and investigations into the matter proceed, we must not forget who really is under attack—Israel.

Israel is persistently targeted for violence by Hamas and other military groups in the region. Hamas, which is officially designated by the United States as a terrorist group, is fervently avowed to the destruction of Israel.

Israel inspects cargo bound for Gaza to stem the flow of arms and explosives to Hamas and other militant organizations there who want to attack it. There is a good reason for this policy: Since Israeli forces withdrew from Gaza, Hamas has fired more than 7,000 rockets and mortar shells into Israel.

The foremost responsibility of government is to protect the safety of its citizens. Many nations—including the United States—reserve the right to confront threats to their security, sometimes preemptively to eliminate imminent danger.

Blocking the movement of weapons by sea into Gaza prevents Hamas and other militant groups from having the means to use violence against Israel to achieve their desired aims, chief among them the annihilation of Israel.

Madam Speaker, it is imperative that members of this chamber give due attention to the circumstantial evidence and historical facts surrounding the flotilla incident.

The relationship between the United States and Israel rests firmly upon the foundation of more than half a century of history. It is grounded in mutual respect, supported by shared values, and guided by common interests.

For these reasons, we must remain resolutely committed to uphold Israel's right to self-defense.

I urge my fellow colleagues also to voice their support for Israel on this important issue.

RECOGNIZING DOUG STEINHARDT,
2010 RECIPIENT OF THE WARREN
COUNTY "GOOD SCOUT" AWARD

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating 100 years of Scouting at their Annual "Good Scout" Award dinner. The Good Scout Award is given to individuals who exemplify the true spirit of volunteerism and support the mission and purpose of the Scouting movement.

The 2010 recipient of the Warren County "Good Scout" Award is Doug Steinhart. A lifelong resident of Warren County, Doug has served the community in the tradition of the Boy Scouts of America and his work in the private and public sector is a testament to his dedication to the community. Some of the achievements and services Doug has provided to Warren County include being named to the governing body of the New Jersey State Bar, appointment to the Board of Directors of DARE, serving on the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the Board of Directors of the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce. An Eagle Scout, Doug was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America in July 2008. Doug sets the highest standard of how to lead by example to residents of Warren County every day.

This year, Boy Scout Troop 141 from Belvidere, NJ is also being honored tonight with the "Boy Scouts of America's Centennial Award", which recognizes the troop for being the longest continuously operated Boy Scout Troop in the Central New Jersey Council at 98 years old. They were chartered in March of 1912 by the Belvidere Scout Home Association who still charters the Troop today. Troop 141 Scouts camp at least once per month, attend summer camp on an annual basis and participate in community activities such as the annual Christmas tree presentation to the town of Belvidere.

Today, I join the Boy Scouts of America in acknowledging Doug Steinhart and Belvidere Troop 141. I am proud to represent such selfless and dedicated residents in the United States House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 339, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1424), I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 340, on the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 341, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 989, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States would adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification, to study the impacts of ocean acidification, and to address the effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and coastal economies, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 342, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 1178, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to compile the cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office which are included in reports filed by committees of the House on approved legislation and post such estimates on the official public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 343, on the Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, I would have voted "nay" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 344, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1330, Recognizing June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 345, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building," I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 346, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5133, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building," I would have voted "aye" on the question.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5072, the "FHA Reform Act of 2010." This bill will make essential reforms that are needed to strengthen the financial footing of the Federal Housing Administration, which helps provide mortgage insurance to expand homeownership opportunities for thousands of Americans each year.

Passage of H.R. 5072 will enhance the FHA's authority to crack down on fraudulent lenders and those who violate their loan requirements. Clearly, the time has come for the federal government to provide much needed oversight of unscrupulous participants in the mortgage lending industry.

FHA has helped 37 million Americans buy homes since 1934, and is filling a vital role in the nation's economy by providing crucial mortgage insurance at a time when the private sector has pulled back from the mortgage market. Because of the "FHA Reform Act of 2010," FHA will be able to put itself on strong financial footing so that it can continue providing American families with the necessary financial backing to become home owners—the foundation of the American dream.

H.R. 5072 also requires the FHA to improve its internal reporting systems to better manage risk and to provide transparent data to the public and Congress. This includes better monitoring of early defaults and claims, tracking mortgage information by loan servicer, and requiring a Government Accountability Office study on FHA. These kinds of reforms will make the FHA a more efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable program in the long run, and hopefully allow more families to become homeowners.

The bill is supported by a range of organizations including the National Urban League, the National Association of Realtors, the National Council of La Raza, the Mortgage Bankers Association, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and the National Association of Home Builders.

I encourage my colleagues to support the bill.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WEST MONROE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with tremendous pride and pleasure to pay tribute to the achievements of the West Monroe High School Choral program.

Through the years, they have held numerous concerts at Carnegie Hall, performed Mozart's Coronation Mass in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and sang the mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. The many recognitions they have received are the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by the students, faculty and their families.

The West Monroe High School Choir has once again been honored as they have been asked to represent Louisiana at the 2010 American Celebration of Music in France and Great Britain. This tour will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our young students to perform at various venues throughout Europe. The trip's highlights include performances at The Jesuit Church in Lucerne, Switzerland, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, The American Cemetery in Normandy Beach, France, and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England.

The European concert tour will take place from May 30, 2010 to June 10, 2010, and will include 82 singers and 40 chaperones. Under the leadership of Greg A. Oden, Director, and Vickie Freeman, Assistant Director, the students have passionately worked through the entire year to raise the necessary funds to achieve this aspiration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the wonderful achievements

of the West Monroe High School Choir. The many honors they have received are the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by the students, faculty and their families. They have truly made me and their community proud.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MURDER OF DR. TILLER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Dr. Tiller.

Dr. Tiller was a respected physician who dedicated his life to providing women with safe access to abortion care, and who was shot and killed while attending his church in Kansas.

Sadly, the experience of Dr. Tiller is not unique—since 1993, eight clinic workers have been murdered in the U.S.

A physician in my district recently shared with me her own account of a scared 13-year-old who came into the clinic with her mother. The girl had been sexually assaulted by a 19-year-old and needed an abortion.

The physician was able to help that young girl, but she confided her fear that someday she might not be able to aid young women who had no chance to prevent pregnancy.

In the end, she said it's her patients who reconfirm her "heartfelt desire to continue to provide."

As President Obama said, no one is pro-abortion, but when faced with such a gut-wrenching decision, a woman deserves to have a physician like Dr. Tiller to provide her with safe, quality care.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MURDER OF DR. GEORGE TILLER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Dr. George Tiller who was killed in his church in Wichita, Kansas on May 31, 2009. Dr. Tiller was a dedicated physician, and his murder was a deplorable act of violence that violated the sanctity of his place of worship. Dr. Tiller's shooting shattered the peace of his church, and added to an all too long list of past tragedies in places of worship. In the past ten years, there have been numerous instances of gun related violence in our places of worship which resulted in 32 deaths and 26 injuries. These sanctuaries are meant to be peaceful refuges for those who seek serenity in times of turmoil and safety in times of hostility. On this anniversary of Dr. Tiller's murder, we must remember and commit to our country's tradition of cooperation and understanding. We must reaffirm the American principle that tolerance must always be superior to intolerance, and that violence is never an appropriate response to a difference in beliefs.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act of 2010. This legislation will, among many provisions, allow FHA to adjust its premium structure for new borrowers, while continuing to provide services to the communities it was intended to serve. Unfortunately, the economic crisis—the national housing prices decline, unemployment, and loan losses—led to the FHA's capital reserves falling below the two percent level required by law. I believe, the changes my colleagues and I will make to this program will help ensure its success in the long term, while reducing federal spending and saving taxpayers \$2.5 billion dollars over the next five years.

The FHA Reform Act of 2010 will ensure FHA continues its role as a key stabilizing force in the market and support sustainable homeownership for first-time buyers and underserved markets. That said, I believe the FHA will help keep the recovery of our country on track by playing a central role in the housing finance system for some time before it scales back to its role as private capital returns.

H.R. 5072 will also grant FHA the authority to terminate lenders' approval to originate or underwrite loans backed by FHA insurance when FHA finds evidence of fraud or non-compliance. Unfortunately, in the second half of 2009, 2,357 default notices were issued to my constituents in the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana. For this reason, it's imperative that FHA is reformed, so my constituents seeking to become homeowners are afforded the opportunity to do so from a safe and trustworthy source.

This bill is important to my constituents and many other Americans struggling to keep their homes.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO MATT SCHILLER, 2010 RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an individual from my Congressional District who was recently named the 2010 Riverside Unified School District Teacher of the Year. Matt Schiller, a teacher at Poly High School, was one of three teachers honored last month at an event in Riverside, California.

Matt graduated from U.C. San Diego in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and received his teaching credentials and a Master of Science degree in biochemistry from U.C. Riverside in 2002. While

pursuing his master's degree, Matt became a teaching assistant and realized his passion for teaching science.

After graduating from U.C. Riverside, Matt completed his student teaching at A.B. Miller High School in Fontana, and taught physical science and biology at Westlake High School. He also taught chemistry through U.C. Riverside's Faststart summer program in 2008 and 2009. Matt has been teaching chemistry and earth science at Poly High School in Riverside since 2004.

Being recognized for his outstanding efforts is not new to Matt. In fact, he was awarded the Walton B. Sinclair Award in 2001 for being an outstanding student teacher at U.C. Riverside, and he also received the "Special Friend to Special Education" award from Conejo Valley Unified School District in 2003 for his work with the Information Technology Academy at Westlake High School. Additionally, he received special recognition for his collaboration with students in publishing a scientific article on protein structure.

True to his character of never settling for the status quo, Matt resurrected the Advanced Placement chemistry class which had not been available at Poly High School for several years. In his first year of teaching, more than 60 percent of his class passed the AP test. A 60 percent passing rate is still better than the national average, but that did not stop Matt from pushing himself to help even more of his students succeed. In 2009, that number grew to 92.3 percent, which is an incredible testament to Matt's dedication.

Matt has also taken the initiative to improve his contact with parents. He regularly emails the parents of his students with upcoming test information and packets of work, as well as routine grade checks so parents can stay in tune with their child's progress.

Matt has shown diversity in his non-science interests as well. In 2006 he started a photography club at Poly High School to share his interest in photography. The club has grown from a handful of students to nearly 100 students. And at the end of each year, the students display their work in a gallery in downtown Riverside.

Additionally, Matt coaches the Mock Trial club, and has led his team to the state competition two of the last six years.

Matt has said that the most important part of teaching is giving back to the community and his students; his actions have spoken much louder than his words. Matt has truly shown that he is an exemplary educator.

Matt Schiller's tireless passion for science and education has contributed immensely to the betterment of his students and the entire community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Matt a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many students, parents, and faculty members are grateful for his service and join me in congratulating Matt on receiving this prestigious award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, last week, due to a death in the family, I was

not present to vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 291: H. Con. Res. 278 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 292: H.R. 1017 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 293: H.R. 5330 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 294: H.R. 5145 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 295: H. Res. 1258 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 296: H. Res. 1382 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 297: H. Res. 584 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 298: H.R. 3885 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—"yes."

Rollcall 299: H.R. 2711 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments—"yes."

Rollcall 300: H. Res. 1189 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 301: H. Res. 1172 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 302: H. Res. 1347 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 303: H. Res. 1385 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 304: H. Res. 1316 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 305: H. Res. 1169 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 306: H. Con. Res. 282 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 307: H. Res. 1404 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 308: H. Res. 1161 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 309: H. Res. 1372 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 310: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 311: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 312: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 313: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 314: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 315: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 316: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 317: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 318: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 319: H.R. 5136 On Approving the Journal—"no."

Rollcall 320: H. Res. 1391 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 321: H. Res. 1403 On Ordering the Previous Question—"no."

Rollcall 322: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 323: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Resolution, as Amended—"no."

Rollcall 324: H.R. 4213 On Concurring in the Senate amdt with amdt (except portion comprising section 532—"no."

Rollcall 325: H.R. 4123 On concurring in Senate amdt with portion of amdt comprising section 523—"no."

Rollcall 326: H.R. 5116 First Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 327: H.R. 5116 Second Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 328: H.R. 5116 Sixth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 329: H.R. 5116 Seventh Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 330: H.R. 5116 Eighth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 331: H.R. 5116 Ninth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 332: H.R. 5116 On Passage—"no."

Rollcall 333: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the En Bloc Amendments, as Modified—"yes."

Rollcall 334: H.R. 5136 Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair—"no."

Rollcall 335: H.R. 5136 On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions—"yes."

Rollcall 336: H.R. 5136 On Passage—"no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLLIE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Ollie Grove Baptist Church in Choudrant, La.

The church, which will celebrate this landmark anniversary on June 20, 2010, began in 1885 when a small group of men and women joined forces. These pioneers initially held services in a brush arbor until the first box-like frame building was constructed a year later. While the church building has changed many times over the past century, the church has continued to provide spiritual guidance to the Jackson Parish community since its inception.

Today, Ollie Grove Baptist Church is led by a dynamic young Pastor named Derric Chatman where he performs missionary outreach and works to increase the number of young men and women believing in the Holy Father and living a life in accordance to his word.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ollie Grove Baptist Church for its dedication to providing a steadfast place of worship. Countless Sunday morning services, baptisms, weddings have been held there, and I am confident it will continue to be a source of Christian love and fellowship well over the next 100 years.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of one of the U.S.'s strongest and most steadfast allies, Israel. Since the tragic events of May 31, 2010, many have publicly questioned the right of Israel to defend herself

by blockading terrorist-controlled Gaza. I believe that this blockade is a necessary measure to stop the shipment of weapons and prevent the loss of innocent lives in the region. After careful examination of the facts, I am confident Israel's right to defend herself will be sustained in the eyes of the international community.

Israel plays an intricate role in United States foreign policy and provides the United States with a staunch ally in the region. As the only free market economy and viable democracy in the Middle East, it is essential that Israel and the United States continue this mutually beneficial partnership. We should continue to support this valuable ally in their fight against terrorism and extremism.

I encourage the international community to recognize this basic right of Israel and encourage my colleagues to join me in making clear that the United States cares deeply about our friend and ally and we will not allow their right to their own defense compromised because of the actions of Hamas extremists who seek to do them harm.

BALANCING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
REMEDIES IN ENHANCED
CARTEL PROSECUTION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, just before Congress left for the Memorial Day recess, we passed and sent to the President H.R. 5330, the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 Extension Act, and the President has just signed it into law. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and sponsor of this legislation, I would like to emphasize a few points about its importance.

The antitrust laws have been described as the Magna Carta of free enterprise. They are a safeguard that protects the vitality of the free market by preventing its becoming concentrated in too few hands. Just as importantly, they protect consumers from unscrupulous businesses that would conspire among themselves or illegally leverage market power to charge artificially high prices and deny meaningful choice.

The worst kinds of antitrust offenses, conspiracies by competitors to organize into cartels to cheat the marketplace of fair competition, are rightly condemned and subject to high criminal fines and prison sentences.

Treble damages in private rights of action are also an essential element of vigorous antitrust enforcement. They not only compensate consumers for harm they suffer from illegal anticompetitive activity, they also create a powerful incentive for other market participants to refrain from engaging in anticompetitive activity in the future.

The Department of Justice Antitrust Division's corporate leniency program has worked well in exposing illegal price-fixing cartels and bringing them to justice. Starting in 1993, the corporate leniency program created incentives for participants in illegal price-fixing cartels—provided that they weren't the ringleader—to come forward and expose the cartel, in exchange for amnesty from criminal prosecution.

Although the program was achieving success, the Antitrust Division recognized that the treble damages, as well as the joint and several liability overall, to which amnesty applicants would be exposed in related private actions was limiting the effectiveness of the program. The party that was coming forward to expose the cartel could potentially even be left paying damages for the entire cartel.

The Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act was passed in 2004 to address these concerns, by limiting the civil liability of amnesty applicants to their share of the legal responsibility, while leaving the other cartel participants subject to joint and several liability. In this way, Congress sought to balance the need for strong incentives to uncover harmful, sometimes multi-billion-dollar price-fixing cartels, without lessening the total amount of damages that would be available to the victims in private civil actions.

By some measures, the 2004 changes have been effective. Since those changes were made, the Antitrust Division has prosecuted some of the biggest cartels ever detected, collecting more than \$5 billion in criminal fines.

However, concerns have arisen that some cartel members who have taken advantage of the leniency program may be abusing the civil liability relief by failing to cooperate fully and in a timely manner with the cartel's victims in their civil actions. In reauthorizing the Act for another 10 years, we are making some clarifying amendments to ensure that the benefits to the Department of Justice's criminal cartel enforcement program do not come at the expense of the victims.

One of the amendments revises the timely cooperation requirement. In the original Act, Section 213(c) signaled the importance of timely cooperation with civil claimants, but specifically required it only in a very narrow set of prosecutions. This legislation revises section 213(c) to make it clear that this timely cooperation requirement applies in all cases where amnesty is being sought under the leniency program.

The legislation also creates a new Section 213(d) that clarifies the necessary balance between public and private pursuit of price-fixing cartels. The Department of Justice will frequently ask the court to stay related civil claims in order to build its criminal case against the rest of the cartel. These stays can sometimes last a year, or even longer. As the Act makes clear, the judicious granting of these stays is, and remains, fully in keeping with the purposes of the Act. We have added a new section 213(d) to clarify that the obligation for timely cooperation with civil claimants does not take effect until after the stay is lifted, but that, once it is lifted, then the amnesty applicant must cooperate in a prompt and timely fashion.

Section 213(d) does not include a reference to the 213(b)(3) requirement to make available witnesses for deposition or testimony, in recognition of the fact that, even after the stay is lifted generally, there may be remaining sensitivities that, for a time, may make it problematic for certain witnesses to provide interviews, depositions, or trial testimony in connection with the private litigation without disrupting or harming the ongoing criminal investigation. The omission of this reference from section 213(d) is not intended to discount the importance of cooperation with civil claimants in this regard; rather, it reflects that these aspects of

cooperation with civil claimants may be more disruptive to the ongoing criminal investigation. Subject to the additional temporary delays that the Antitrust Division may request on a case-by-case basis, the timely cooperation requirement also applies to witness availability. We expect that the Antitrust Division and the courts will be appropriately sensitive to the needs and rights of private claimants in this regard as well.

We are also commissioning a study by the Government Accountability Office to consider other possible ways to improve the efficacy of the Act, including, but not limited to, adding qui tam and whistleblower protection provisions.

We believe these improvements further promote vigorous antitrust enforcement for the protection of American consumers and free-market competition.

CONGRATULATING THE LADY SEA
WARRIORS OF HAWAII PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE
NCAA DIVISION II SOFTBALL
WORLD SERIES

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lady Sea Warriors of Hawaii Pacific University for winning their first NCAA Division II Softball World Series title. On May 31, 2010, the Lady Sea Warriors scored four runs in the fifth inning and held off Valdosta State to win the title game by a score of 4–3.

I take great pride in extending my congratulations to players Chante Tesoro, Kozy Toriano, Erin Fujita, Melissa Awa, Malia Killam, Chelsea Luckey, Ashley Valine, Ciera Senas, Breanne Patton, Pomaikai Kalakau, Casey Sugihara, Maile Kim, Ashley Fernandez, Nicole Morrow, Sherise Musquiz, Laine Shikuma, Celina Garces, and Caira Pires, many of whom hail from Hawaii's second congressional district. The hard work, perseverance, and outstanding performance of these young women led to a 50–8 season, the most successful season in their program's history.

I would like to extend special congratulations to Ms. Musquiz, who pitched every inning of the NCAA Division II tournament and amassed a 4–0 record, earning her Most Outstanding Player honors.

I would also like to commend head coach Bryan Nakasone and assistant coaches Howard Okita, Roger Javillo, Jon Corrales, and Richard Nomura for their superb leadership throughout the Lady Sea Warriors' historic season.

This has been a great year for Hawaii softball, and the Lady Sea Warriors' victory on a national stage has generated much pride back home. I congratulate the Lady Sea Warriors on their outstanding season and wish the program continued success.

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 38, U.S.C., TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE IMMUNIZATION OF VETERANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the "Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2010" which I believe would help advance the goal we all share of promoting lifelong health for the men and women who fought for our freedom.

While the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, health care system is doing an admirable job of caring for those who bore the burden of combat, continual reform is needed to ensure the care veterans receive represents the most up-to-date practices and procedures.

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, CDC, each year approximately 70,000 adult Americans die from vaccine-preventable diseases. Influenza alone is responsible for over one million ambulatory care visits, 200,000 hospitalizations and 30,000 deaths.

Many of our veterans who are in the "high-risk" category of contracting vaccine-preventable diseases—including those with HIV, Hepatitis C, and substance use disorder—are enrolled in the VA health care system and could particularly benefit from receiving vaccinations.

Commendably, the VA has protocols in place that recommend vaccines as protection against deadly viruses. However, VA only has established performance measures for two vaccines making it unclear if protocols are being routinely enforced for all CDC recommended vaccines.

The tremendous value performance measures have regarding the increased utilization and effectiveness of vaccination distribution is evidenced by VA's own application of performance measures for the influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations. When these performance measures were initially applied, VA saw vaccination rates rise respectively from 27 percent and 26 percent to 77 percent and 80 percent. It also resulted in a 50 percent decline in pneumonia hospitalization rates.

The legislation I am introducing today would expand VA performance measures to cover all vaccinations recommended by the VA and CDC and ensure that veterans receive appropriate immunizations at the time suggested by the CDC. It would also require VA to report to Congress on their progress in supporting vaccinations in the veteran population.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me in cosponsoring the Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2010. This legislation would ensure that our veterans are receiving timely and suitable access to vaccines and prevent those under the care of the VA from being unnecessarily exposed to vaccine preventable diseases.

NORTH DAVIDSON WINS SOFTBALL TITLE WITH PERFECT SEASON

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to the North Davidson softball team for its perfect season culminated by winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 4-A state softball championship. North Davidson finished as the runner-up 3 out of the last 4 years, but this year they were able to win it all. The championship game concluded the Black Knight's 32-game perfect season.

As a result of the tremendous athleticism of the players, the outstanding direction of coach Mike Lambros, and the unyielding support of the community, the Black Knights had all the components necessary to clinch the State title. Furthermore, this was a particularly special season for coach Lambros who celebrated his first championship after having coached the Black Knights for 30 years.

The Black Knight's star pitcher Hannah Alexander won most valuable player honors for her tremendous contribution to her team's success. She only allowed two runs during the entire playoffs. This championship game required tremendous amounts of teamwork and determination.

The championship team members included: Amelia Griffin, Allie Nicholson, Paige Wall, Kathy Choplin, Tess Swing, Nichole Tuttle, Jessica Plemmons, Shaundee Woosley, Lauren Grooms, Jordan Clodfelter, Lindy Yount, Hannah Alexander, Morgan Koontz, Tori Hedrick, Courtney Walker, Maggie McDowell, Mackenzie Hauser, Robyn Stanek, Missy Hunt, Eliza Davis, Kayla Harrell, Lauren Beaver, Katie Vick, Samantha Honeycutt, Lauren Mc Nerney. Assisting head coach Mike Lambros on his championship run were Lamar Powell, Billy Gerald, Thomas Vick, Ronnie Plemmons, Jason Martin, Keith Stanek, Ben Lookabill, Blythe Craver, Kendra Israel, Jerry Smith, Jason Israel, Jeff Pace, Charlie Nicholson, and Tim Martin.

Again, on behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to congratulate the North Davidson softball team, the faculty, staff, students and fans for an outstanding season.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Chair, Last week, the House of Representatives considered an amendment offered by Congressman

PATRICK MURPHY to H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, to repeal the Armed Forces personnel policy of "don't ask, don't tell." Due to a death in the family, I was not present for the vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted against this amendment.

While I believe no American should be denied the ability to serve their country because of their sexual orientation, it is important to balance this commitment to serve with the practical implications of this dramatic policy change.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the Joint Chiefs of Staff repeatedly asked Congress to allow the Department of Defense the time to complete its comprehensive review of "don't ask, don't tell" before taking legislative action to change this policy. These requests were denied by the Majority, whose actions imply that Members of Congress are in a better position to determine personnel policies than military leaders themselves.

We have a responsibility to consider the views of those men and women in uniform, and a duty to allow the leaders of our Armed Forces to finish their review before taking premature legislative action. By refusing to take into consideration the ongoing review by the Department of Defense, the Majority risks undermining the relationship between our elected leaders and the men and women serving our Nation. I have serious concerns with the potential for this preemptive decision to negatively impact our military's ability to recruit, retain, and ready servicemembers now and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LATE TOM LARDNER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I recognize the life and passing of Tom Lardner. I have known this accomplished person for a long time. He was a visionary who was not afraid to take risks. We have lost a great businessman, an exceptional husband and terrific father.

Tom Lardner, born in Port Huron, Michigan earned his bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University. Mr. Lardner earned a master's degree in education from Michigan State. Before beginning his real estate career he was a coach at St. Gabriel High School football team in East Lansing, Michigan where he also served as a history teacher.

While running his real estate investment firm, Lehndorff USA, in Chicago he spotted the potential of the area just north of the central business district in Dallas, Texas. Eager to map out his plans he moved to Dallas. He then saw his dream transforming into reality after years of hard work with the construction of a luxury apartment building, which would be the earliest of many.

Lardner purchased a large amount of the land surrounded by McKinney Avenue, Pearl Street, Woodall Rodgers Freeway and North Central Expressway for development. He also worked alongside city officials to establish a tax increment financing district that would pay for street improvements as well as other infrastructure improvements.

Although Lardner was known for his keen eye in real estate with the development of the Uptown area of Dallas, he was also concerned about the environment. Lardner's support for Texas Business for Clean Air, allowed him to oppose the fast-tracking of the coal-fired plants. Concerned that the electric generating plants would hurt the North Texas air quality the group strongly opposed the environmental abuse.

Madam Speaker, Tom Lardner's loss will be deeply felt among many, but his work will not be forgotten. His caring nature and the creative vision he possessed will live forever.

RECOGNIZING AGNES DILL FOR
HER WORK ON BEHALF OF NA-
TIVE AMERICANS

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Agnes Dill for being awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico for her many years of outstanding service and dedication to Indian Country.

Agnes earned her bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1937 and then taught at BIA schools in Oklahoma for over a decade. Along with becoming an educator, Agnes devoted much of her time in the 1970's to serving as an advocate for Native American people, particularly Native American women. Agnes served as one of the founding members of the North American Indian Women's Association and served as its President in 1973.

All of her efforts led to Agnes being appointed by President Ford to the National Advisory Council on Women's Education in 1975.

Not being one to rest on her laurels, Agnes took all of her knowledge and traveled extensively through the country to set up job and talent banks that would encourage Native American women to seek careers that were thought of as "non-traditional" during the time. These efforts encouraged Native American women to seek jobs in the fields of medicine, law and business. All of her work was driven by one motivating factor that she described in her own words in a recent interview: "Anything a man was doing, I tried to get a woman to do."

Agnes continued to drive policy on these issues when she served on the board of directors of Indian Pueblo Marketing, Inc., which promotes and funds the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Agnes also served on the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging and has extended her focus to Native American youth serving as President of the New Mexico chapter of NAIWA and Director of New Mexico Indian Council on Aging.

With such an amazing history as an advocate, I am very proud of her numerous accomplishments and I'm proud to represent and honor her today in the Congress. From her beginnings as an educator, to her national advocacy roles, she has demonstrated how commitment to public service for Native American communities can inspire us all to improve our own lives and get involved with these important issues.

Even at the youthful age of 96 years old, her unwavering commitment to advocating for

improvements to Native American education and healthcare is a great example for all of us to look to and continue her work into the future.

REGARDING THE 90TH ANNIVER-
SARY CELEBRATION OF THE NA-
TIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUX-
ILIARY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the Vinita Post 40 unit of the American Legion Auxiliary in Oklahoma.

This year marks the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the National American Legion Auxiliary. Although not the first such organization of its kind, the National American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world. Its nearly one million members are dedicated to promoting allegiance to God and Country, supporting veterans and youth through various community programs since 1919-1920.

The Vinita Post 40 unit was chartered on March 4, 1929 and has proudly served its Oklahoma community, sponsoring events that include the widely renowned Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo since its inception in 1935. I would like to congratulate the Vinita Post 40 unit and the American Legion Auxiliary for their outstanding patriotism and commitment to community, and today, I celebrate their achievement.

HONORING FLOYD CARSON
FRISBEE FOR HIS SERVICE IN
THE KOREAN WAR

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Floyd Carson Frisbee of Iron Duff, North Carolina for his valiant service in the United States Army. From March 1951 to March 1953, Mr. Frisbee fought bravely on the Korean peninsula in order to protect the sovereignty of South Korea, and the freedom of its people.

Mr. Frisbee received numerous medals for his service in Korea, including the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, CIB, Combat, Medal, Occupation Medal, and the 50th Anniversary Medal. These medals represent the courage and commitment that Mr. Frisbee exhibited during his service in the 1st Cavalry Division.

After his service in the military, Floyd Frisbee continued to display his strong personal character as well as a commitment to provide for his family through 19 years of hard work at the Dayton Rubber plant. Since his retirement Mr. Frisbee has maintained a strong attachment to the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and has preached at various churches in the community.

Madam Speaker, Floyd Carson Frisbee provided an exemplary service for the people of

our great country through his service in the Korean War. His dedication and commitment to the United States is truly a source of pride to Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Floyd Carson Frisbee for his valiant service in the military and the sacrifices he has made for our Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO
BLACKHAWKS ON WINNING THE
STANLEY CUP

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2010 Stanley Cup. After an incredible season, no team is more deserving.

The Blackhawks lightning-fast pace and tremendous skill level delivered the team the second-best league record in the regular season. Coach Joel Quenneville guided his team masterfully through the playoffs, where the Blackhawks defeated the Nashville Predators, Vancouver Canucks, and San Jose Sharks to win the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions.

Led by captain and Conn Smythe winner Jonathan Toews, who equaled the Blackhawks single-season playoff scoring record with 29 points, the team met the Philadelphia Flyers in the Stanley Cup finals. Each player on the team made significant contributions as they battled the Flyers until the overtime period of game six, where Patrick Kane notched the series-winning goal, earning Chicago its first Stanley Cup since 1961.

As a lifelong fan of the Chicago Blackhawks, I take great pride in congratulating the team on an incredibly thrilling season. I thank them for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the Madhouse on Madison.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, Israel has the right and the duty to defend itself and its citizens. Part of its defense includes seeking to inspect ships run by Islamist extremist groups. These extremists were seeking to enter Hamas-controlled Gaza despite repeated requests from the Israeli government not to do so.

I am very concerned by these recent events that have occurred in the Mediterranean Sea. As we now know, on Monday, May 31, the Israel Defense Forces intercepted six ships, known as the "Free Gaza" flotilla. We have learned that this flotilla attempted to break Israel's blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. Although many have said that its primary aim was to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, it seems apparent that its main objective was to provoke Israel and disrupt the blockade. More than a million tons of humanitarian aid and medical supplies have entered

Gaza through the Port of Ashod and other already established routes. The blockade was set in place to prevent weapons from being smuggled into Gaza. Although I am deeply saddened by the loss of human life that occurred during the interception of the flotilla, I do feel that the Israeli soldiers had every right to defend their lives against a hostile group who attacked them with clubs and knives.

The United States must stand by Israel and its right to self defense.

JOB CREATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss a very important matter—job creation.

As I have previously mentioned, we have seen a lot of progress this year. Our economy has created over 500,000 new jobs in 2010 alone. The newest jobs numbers indicate that over 419,000 jobs were created last month. As a country we are getting stronger and stronger.

While these are great statistics, we still have a long way to go. Only 41,000 of these jobs were created in the private sector. Many of the remaining jobs are temporary census positions. While temporary work is better than no work, our economy and my constituents need and demand permanent job creation.

Some of this can certainly be government jobs, but our economy thrives on job creation and development from the private sector. From the mom and pop shop in Brooklyn to the company that hires by the thousands—each contribute to the economy, to communities, and to families.

Congress needs to continue to work together to enact policies that create and encourage job creation. I urge my colleagues both in the House and the Senate to come together on this important goal—jobs.

IN CELEBRATION OF NEW BETHEL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S
85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 85th Anniversary. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize and congratulate Reverend Keyon Payton and the congregation for reaching this most impressive milestone.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was founded on June 21, 1925 as an institution rooted in spiritual fellowship and service to the Pontiac community. From its inception, with 27 founding families and under the leadership of Reverend J.W. Conyers, New Bethel found its first home at 175 Branch Street, and became a beacon on a hill shining down upon the Pontiac community as a symbol of faith and fellowship. The passion of New Bethel's lead-

ers has forever been a core strength of the Church. According to New Bethel history, Reverend William Bell sold his own car and took the bus to deliver his sermons every week, so that the Church could repair and expand their aging facilities. This selfless act is one example of the deep devotion of New Bethel's congregation and leadership to the Church's mission. New Bethel's community-minded focus, first fully realized under the leadership of Reverend Amos Johnson, drove the Church to become a "Family Center," a pillar of charity and service in the Pontiac community.

Under New Bethel's current leader, Pastor Keyon Payton, the Church has continued to prosper and expand upon its goals to join the Pontiac community in spiritual fellowship and community service. Through execution of Pastor Payton's bold vision, New Bethel reached out to several of its neighboring congregations in collaboration to create Camp Hosanna, a day camp for youth that provides them with a safe and secure environment to explore all realms of education. Pastor Payton has also been the driving force behind many new community-based programs which New Bethel hopes to implement including an emergency shelter for women and children in need, a community development corporation to promote an economically vibrant and financially literate Pontiac community, and a youth development center to guide and nurture Pontiac's future leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church's 85th Anniversary of spiritual guidance and service to the Pontiac community. New Bethel's congregation and leadership have left a profound impact on the Pontiac community and have enriched the lives of many. I wish Pastor Payton, the New Bethel leadership and the entire congregation, many more years of vibrant spiritual fellowship and growth.

RETIREMENT FOR N. GARY
ROOKE, FORMER CEO, GREATER
SPRINGFIELD CREDIT UNION,
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Gary Rooke from the Greater Springfield Credit Union. After 19 years of committed, dutiful and effective employment, I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution made to the lives of the credit union members and employees and would like to place this tribute into the official record.

Mr. N. Gary Rooke joined the Greater Springfield Credit Union on November 13, 1990, as manager/CEO and has significantly increased the health of the credit union since his arrival. Since his start in 1990, many services have been added to the Credit Union such as debit cards, Roth IRAs, prime checking, online banking, bill pay, youth accounts, overdraft protection, vacation/holiday/computer/energy loans, audio response, member wire transfers, credit cards and development of the East Longmeadow branch.

Mr. Rooke is also extremely involved in his community, serving 20 years at the Mountain

View Baptist Church, in which he has participated in many different ways. Gary served as the commander of Awana Youth Program as well as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer, church building committee, trustee and deacon. He has also been an active volunteer at the Westfield Boys and Girls club. Mr. Rooke also serves on many different committees which benefit the community.

On Thursday, July 17, Gary's colleagues, friends and family will honor his legacy and thank him for his successful work on behalf of others and join him in celebrating his retirement from the Greater Springfield Credit Union.

Gary Rooke has been a tremendous CEO to the Greater Springfield Credit Union in Springfield. I am proud to congratulate him on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, June 8, 2010 was primary Election Day in my state of California, which necessitated my remaining in my congressional district on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, through Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Consequently, I was unable to return in time for rollcall votes 337 through 346.

I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 337, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act).

2. On rollcall No. 338, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation).

3. On rollcall No. 339, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1424)).

4. On rollcall No. 340, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for the consideration of the bill H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act).

5. On rollcall No. 341, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (H. Res. 989—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification, to study the impacts of ocean acidification, and to address the effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and coastal economies).

6. On rollcall No. 342, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H. Res. 1178—Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to compile the cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office which are included in reports filed by committees of the House on approved legislation and post such estimates on the official public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk).

7. On rollcall No. 343, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (On the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 which instructs the House Conferees to end the culture of bailouts embedded in the bill).

8. On rollcall No. 344, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H. Res. 1330—Recognizing June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day).

9. On rollcall No. 345, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H.R. 5278—To designate the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building" in Dixon, Illinois).

10. On rollcall No. 346, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H.R. 5133—To designate the "Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building" in Carlstadt, New Jersey).

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I want to thank Chairman FRANK and Chairwoman WATERS for their efforts in bringing this important and necessary piece of legislation to the floor today.

As a result of the economic crisis, the Federal Housing Administration had to step in to fill the void that emerged when large numbers of homeowners experienced difficulty finding private companies willing to insure their mortgages. While increasing the number of loans it insured helped the FHA put more borrowers into new homes, it also severely depleted its capital reserves—causing them to fall below congressionally mandated levels.

One of the FHA's responsibilities is to provide mortgage insurance for low-income homeowners who otherwise would have difficulty accessing insurance. By providing insurance on loans made by approved lenders, the FHA has been able to guarantee the availability of inexpensive mortgages and help approximately 37 million borrowers. To insure that FHA has the resources necessary to continue performing this important function, Congress requires the FHA to maintain capital reserves of at least 2 percent. Under the economic strain of the past couple of years, these reserves have fallen well below that level. Even though the Department of Housing and Urban Development has taken significant administrative and regulatory steps to address the shortfall, as an added measure, the FHA has requested that Congress grant it the legislative authority to adjust its premium structure.

The bill we are voting on today provides the FHA with new authority to raise the annual premiums it receives from new borrowers with mortgages at or below 95 percent of the home's value. If this bill passes, FHA will be permitted to raise the premiums it receives on mortgage insurance to up to 1.55 percent of the loan balance. This move should enable the FHA to raise the funds it needs to restore its capital reserves to financial healthy levels—so that it can continue providing mortgage insurance to new home owners for many years to come.

Congress is committed to doing whatever it takes to get this economy going again, to get Americans back to work, to enable them to buy cars and homes and to start businesses. Our legislative efforts have taken many forms from small business tax cuts, to financial serv-

ices industry reform to the measure we are considering here today.

This is important legislation that will help the economy by helping many borrowers seeking mortgage insurance. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

STATEMENT ON BUSINESS LEADERS LETTER TO CONGRESS

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I was recently contacted by over 50 U.S. Business leaders who all support an appropriate Foreign Affairs budget which will help the U.S. stay competitive globally and ultimately produce more jobs domestically. I am pleased to see that the business community has joined a number of non-profits who have come out in support of providing assistance abroad to help us reach our goals at home. Please see their letter below:

BUSINESS LEADERS LETTER TO CONGRESS

JUNE 8, 2010.

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: We are writing to urge your support for the International Affairs Budget and its important investments that help spur U.S. economic growth. The importance of the International Affairs Budget's development and diplomacy programs to U.S. national security and our moral leadership is well recognized. However, the vital role these programs play in creating American jobs and trade is not fully appreciated.

Now more than ever, America's economy is linked with global trade and economic growth. Over the past 40 years, trade has tripled as a share of our national economy. Today, 1 out of 5 American jobs are tied to international trade. America's fastest growing markets—representing roughly half of U.S. exports—are developing countries. Export promotion programs funded by the International Affairs Budget are essential to expanding U.S. trade in these emerging markets and are indispensable to reaching President Obama's goal of doubling exports within five years.

U.S. businesses and entrepreneurs benefit significantly from programs in the International Affairs Budget that provide technical assistance, identify business opportunities, and build stronger legal and economic policy regimes that help developing countries become more reliable trading partners. The International Affairs Budget is critical to promoting U.S. exports, protecting intellectual property rights, and advocating for American businesses abroad.

The International Affairs Budget is a fundamental tool for advancing U.S. economic and strategic interests around the world. That is why we urge you to support the President's FY 2011 request for the International Affairs Budget. Representing less than 1.5% of the total federal budget, it is a smart economic investment in a stronger and more prosperous future for American workers and businesses.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association (AIA); Amway Corporation; Amgen; ARD; Biotechnology Industry Organization; Boeing; Business Council for International Understanding; Business Roundtable; Campbell Soup Company; Cargill; Caterpillar; Chevron; Cisco Systems; Inc.; Citigroup; Coalition for

Employment through Exports; Computer and Communications Industry Association; Corporate Council on Africa; Creative Associates International; DAI; DHL; DuPont; Eli Lilly and Company; FMC Corporation; General Electric Corporation; GlaxoSmithKline; Google; John Deere; Johnson & Johnson; Kraft Foods; Land O'Lakes; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Mars; Microsoft; Motorola; National Foreign Trade Council; National Retail Federation; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Pioneer Hi-Bred International; Pfizer; Procter & Gamble; PhRMA; Raytheon; RTI; Seaboard Corporation; Thales USA; Inc.; United Technologies Corporation; UPS; U.S. Chamber of Commerce; U.S.-Russia Business Council; Wal-Mart; Xerox.

WHITE HOUSE HEALTH CARE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following opinion piece by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Nancy Desmond, CEO at the Center for Health Transformation. Their piece focuses on the Obama administration's latest attempt to sell the recently enacted health care reform law to senior citizens. The administration has embarked on its public relations tour after numerous reports detailing that the new health care law will reduce quality, raise costs, and limit choices for America's seniors.

In the run-up to passing their government takeover of health care, Congressional Democrats and the Obama administration blatantly ignored the voices of the American people and rammed through a hyper-partisan piece of legislation that will have a disastrous effect on our nation's health care system. That they are now choosing to mount a propaganda campaign at taxpayer expense to convince Americans that they should embrace these new, unwelcome disruptions and government intrusions, the Democrats show how out-of-touch they continue to be with the majority of Americans.

I encourage my colleagues to read the following fact check on the administration's claims. Our senior citizens deserve to know the truth about the effects of ObamaCare.

[From the Investors Business Daily, June 8, 2010]

SENIORS MUST SCRUTINIZE MEDICARE MAILER (By Newt Gingrich and Nancy Desmond)

As weeks turned to months during the Great Debate over what to do about health care this past year, President Obama made one solemn pledge to the nation and its seniors:

He said health care would not add one dime to the deficit. And if all of us liked our doctor, we would get to keep our doctor.

Fast-forward almost 90 days after the passage of ObamaCare and the attitude of most Americans to that pledge is: "Prove it."

In the past two weeks, the Obama administration has been trying to stem the tide of skepticism toward its health care law with a new mailer sent directly to the nation's seniors, titled "Medicare and the New Health Care Law—What it Means for You."

Problem is, for anyone who has paid attention during the past 12 months, the message about the biggest government expansion into health care in our lifetime just doesn't add up.

Let's contrast fact from fiction and the language used in the new flier:

"The Affordable Care Act passed by Congress and signed by President Obama this year will provide you and your family greater savings and increased quality of care."

Fact: Most Americans will pay higher insurance premiums, according to the Congressional Budget Office. And more than 10 million seniors will see reduced benefits under their private Medicare Advantage plans. Overall quality will decline as fewer doctors take on Medicare patients.

"Your guaranteed Medicare benefits won't change—whether you get them through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan."

Fact: Medicare Advantage, a private option in Medicare, will be cut by \$136 billion. On April 22, the chief actuary for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reported that half of all seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage would lose their coverage under the new health care bill by 2017. The guarantee that benefits won't change isn't a guarantee at all for millions of seniors who prefer using private insurance companies that provide their Medicare coverage.

"Your choice of doctors will be preserved."

Fact: Cuts to Medicare will total nearly \$500 billion, hitting hospitals, home health providers, physicians and more. Doctors throughout the country have seen their Medicare payments reduced in recent years and expect more cuts in the future because of ObamaCare.

A February survey by three national neurosurgeon groups, for example, showed that 50% of neurosurgeons were reducing the number of Medicare patients they were accepting into their practice. The Mayo Clinic in Arizona has also started turning away Medicare patients. Other physicians are following suit. How is this preserving a senior's choice of doctors?

"If you're hospitalized, the new law also helps you return home successfully and avoid going back—by helping to coordinate your care and connecting you to services and supports in your community."

Fact: This is traditionally known as "home health care"—a program that helps treat patients at home for a short period. But in the ObamaCare plan, home health care will be cut by \$40 billion. Another contradiction in terms.

Last fall, the federal government launched an investigation into Humana for sending letters to seniors who were customers of the Medicare Advantage program during the health care debate.

It urged them to contact their congressman or senator because of the then-proposed cuts to the program. Under threat of shutting down the insurance company's contract with Medicare, Humana was told to stop sending such information out to its customers.

Yet today, we have the federal government offering its spin and fabrication on ObamaCare with no one holding it accountable. It is trying to convince seniors that despite almost half a trillion dollars in cuts, the new law "preserves and strengthens Medicare." Precious tax dollars are being spent on a public relations campaign to try to convince seniors that ObamaCare will keep "Medicare strong and solvent."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Record numbers of baby boomers will start retiring this year and draw Social Security benefits and sign up for Medicare. They are smart enough to understand that ObamaCare

is not a good deal for their golden years. A four-page brochure will not change their minds either. It will take more for this administration to "prove it" than a glossy, four-page pamphlet.

Gingrich, former speaker of the House, is founder of the Center for Health Transformation. Desmond is the center's CEO.

WORLD CANNOT TURN A BLIND EYE TO IRAN'S REPRESSION OF ITS OWN PEOPLE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, a recent Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) article featured comments from Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi who spent 100 days in Iran's notorious Evin prison between February and May 2009 on espionage charges.

Saberi indicated that the day of her release was bittersweet, saying, "As they drove me away, I remember turning my head to the side and seeing the prison disappear behind me. And finally, I cried . . . I realized, however, that my tears were not just tears of joy, but they were also tears of sorrow for the many innocent prisoners I was leaving behind. Why was I freed while all these others are still there?"

Among those she was leaving behind were the two female Baha'i leaders who have been in jail for more than two years on baseless charges—Fariba Kamalabadi and Mahvash Sabat.

There are news reports that these two, in addition to the five male Baha'i leaders, are scheduled to have their fourth court session on Saturday, June 12—the same day as the anniversary of Iran's deeply flawed presidential election.

The RFE/RL article continues, "Saberi believes the media attention and international support she received during her ordeal led to her release."

Saberi's comments are consistent with the reflections of dissidents dating back to the Cold War. Time and again those who are unjustly languishing in prison have reported that their lives improved in captivity when President Reagan and others raised their cases by name. And in some instances, their freedom followed soon thereafter.

The U.S. and the rest of the free world must continue to speak with one voice about the deplorable human rights situation in Iran. We must continue to advocate for due process and a fair trial for these seven Baha'i leaders and for basic rights for the community as a whole which according to the recently released report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, "has long been subject to particularly severe religious violations in Iran."

The world cannot turn a blind eye to this regime's brutal repression of its own people.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 3 OF THE SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the State of Wyoming for enacting a resolution in support of the 10th Amendment to the Constitution. Enrolled Joint Resolution 3 of the Sixtieth Legislature of the State of Wyoming demands that Congress cease and desist from enacting mandates that are beyond the enumerated powers granted to the Congress by the United States Constitution.

This resolution joins a groundswell of support across America for a return to the federalist principles in our Constitution. I am proud to insert this resolution into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on behalf of the people of Wyoming.

Citizens, businesses and States across the country are bracing for the impact of the heavy handed government mandates in President Obama's healthcare plan. Momentum persists among some in Congress for additional federal mandates, taxes, and regulations that will burden State budgets and put entrepreneurs in Main Street America out of business.

There is another way. Our nation's founders left us a recipe for freedom and opportunity in our Constitution, under which the people of the United States consented to a government with limited powers. As stated in the 10th Amendment, all powers not given to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved for the States and the people. I have co-founded in the House of Representatives a 10th Amendment Task Force to advance the principles of federalism and disperse power back to States, local governments and individuals.

Before coming to Washington, I spent my entire adult life dealing with State issues—as a rancher, as a State legislator, and as State Treasurer. I am now astounded by the kinds of issues Members of Congress feel are appropriate for federal intervention.

States know their people better. They know their issues better. Let's return to States what States do best and maintain a strong limited government in Washington to do what it does best—securing the freedom, strength and integrity of this country.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,046,148,615,770.79.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,407,722,869,476.99 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO CHIEF STEVEN
FOSTER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS
20 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Fire Chief Steven Foster for his 20 years of service to the Cosumnes Community Services District as he now retires.

The Cosumnes CSD serves an estimated 169,000 south Sacramento County residents in a 157-square mile area. Its award-winning parks and recreation services—including the operation of 83 CSD parks—operate exclusively within the Elk Grove community. It provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the cities of Elk Grove and Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County.

Foster, in addition to his duties as Cosumnes Fire Chief, has been an officer in the California Fire Chiefs Association and has been serving as chair of its legislative committee this year.

Over the years, Chief Foster became the Fire Marshal and ushered in new fire codes. Rising to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief, he was responsible for the Department budget and guided the purchase of numerous properties for future fire stations, managed the construction of Fire Station 72 in Franklin Reserve, and renovated and expanded Station 74 in Laguna.

Foster is a past President of the Sacramento County Fire Marshals and Fire Chiefs Associations. He also has been active in the Elk Grove Rotary Club.

Steven Foster is on the executive board for the Sacramento Area Fire Chaplaincy. He is a member of the Elk Grove Rotary Club, and is a past president for both the Sacramento County Fire Chiefs Association and Sacramento County Fire Marshals Association.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Steven Foster on his retirement for his dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BUILDON'S
COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING
YOUTH TO BECOME LOCAL AND
GLOBAL LEADERS IN SERVICE
TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker I rise today to recognize the Detroit Area Region chapter of buildOn, on the occasion of its 2010 recognition banquet. buildOn is a national organization dedicated to empowering youth to serve communities locally and globally. As a Member of Congress, it is both my honor and privilege to recognize the Detroit Area Region chapter of buildOn for its laudable contributions to my district, our state, and communities around the world.

The Detroit Area buildOn program, formerly known as "Building with Books," began in 1992 with the establishment of its first chapter

at Jackson Lumen Christi High School. This school was chosen for buildOn's first program because it is the alma mater of Jim Ziolkowski, the founder and now President & CEO of buildOn. The region has grown over the years to host 14 programs in high schools across the Detroit metro area, including three chapters in my congressional district, transforming the lives of over two hundred students a year. The students of buildOn make a positive difference in our community and in the lives of people around the world.

This year, buildOn's students in the Detroit Area have committed to over twenty thousand hours of community service and raised over \$42,000 to build schools in developing nations. In fact, since the inception of the program in the Detroit Area, buildOn students have volunteered over one hundred and sixteen thousand hours and raised over \$147,000 for charitable causes. buildOn students volunteer across the metro area for organizations including the Detroit Veterans Center, the Detroit Zoo, Gleaners Food Bank, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Baldwin Center, and a host of other deserving charities. In addition to local volunteerism, the members of buildOn embark on global trips to places such as Nicaragua, Mali, India, Haiti, Malawi and Senegal to participate in cultural exchanges and live with host families, while they work with the local community to build new schools. Since 2001, over one thousand students have traveled to developing countries to help build over sixty schools. This global perspective and volunteerism exemplifies the values of the buildOn program and its mission of, "Enhancing education and empowering youth in the U.S. to make a positive difference in their communities while helping people of developing countries increase their self-reliance through education."

Madam Speaker, in these challenging times, it is the work of dedicated volunteers like the students and staff of buildOn that brings hope to my local community and communities around the world. I look forward to the continued success of the Detroit Area buildOn chapter in all of its future endeavors, as well as many more years of inspiring support for our community and communities around the world.

HONORING PHYLLIS WEBER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Phyllis Weber upon her retirement as the Principal of El Portal School and Yosemite Park High School. After thirty-two years in education, Ms. Weber will be honored at a retirement party in El Portal, California on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

Ms. Weber received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Dayton in Ohio and her Master of Arts degree in environmental and outdoor education from San Francisco State University. After three years as an environmental investigator for the Environmental Protection Agency, she became an instructor for the Yosemite Institute starting in January 1976. The Yosemite Institute is one of the nation's leading environmental education organizations dedicated to bringing

school age children to Yosemite where they have an opportunity to experience and learn about the majestic place. Ms. Weber became known as a dynamic naturalist and teacher who had an amazing ability to connect with her students, a trait that carried forward throughout her career. At the Yosemite Institute she also met Mr. Art Baggett, a fellow instructor, and now her husband of more than thirty years.

In 1978, Ms. Weber began teaching first, second and third grades at El Portal Elementary School. She has also taught courses for a wilderness program for the Saratoga/Los Gatos High School District, winter ecology for Antioch College, mountain ecology for the University of California at Santa Cruz, Yosemite Natural History for the College of Marin and various college courses for the Yosemite Institute.

As the principal of Yosemite National Park's El Portal School and Yosemite Park High School since 2000, Ms. Weber has gracefully inspired teachers, staff and students to perform at high levels, as confirmed annually by the high test scores at the El Portal School. She has an uncanny ability to see the potential in her students and to draw them out in a way that helps them fulfill their potential. She has also developed a very positive reputation for her community through her school's ability to communicate with, and educate, Spanish-speaking students while making them feel welcome and part of the community.

Ms. Weber's hallmark has been her enthusiasm to encourage new and innovative programs proposed by her teachers, students and parents and to actively seek creative ways to fund these programs. She has become a master at working within school district budgets and has diligently travelled with the district office to Mariposa, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to support her budget, as well as working closely with parents and the local community on fundraising and support.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Ms. Weber has been very involved in public service and her family has been an integral part of the Yosemite community for several generations. As part of her public service, Ms. Weber was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Yosemite Natural History Association in November 1979 and she began her service on January 26, 1980. For the past thirty years she has served on the Board for the Yosemite Natural History Association, the Yosemite Association and now the Yosemite Conservancy, where she is currently the chair of the education and programs committee. In this role, Ms. Weber and her family share their deep passion for Yosemite and Mariposa County.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Principal Phyllis Weber upon her retirement from El Portal School and Yosemite Park High School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Weber many years of continued success.

HONORING STURGIS, MICHIGAN

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the city of Sturgis,

Michigan and its trademark patriotic summer festival that is currently under way. While the name of the festival has changed throughout the years, this year's inaugural "Sturgis Dam Days" will surely foster lasting memories for the multitude of generations that look forward to the annual festival.

The 6-day festival brings the entire community together to celebrate the city's rich history and pay special tribute to the Sturgis Dam, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2011.

The hydroelectric dam transmits electricity 18 miles to the Sturgis Municipal Power Plant, giving Sturgis the moniker of the "Electric City." While the dam generates power for the town, ask most folks about it and they will highlight the postcard-perfect views of the dam: the flowing St. Joseph River and the surrounding scenes at the adjacent Covered Bridge Park.

This year's Sturgis Dam Days festival includes a variety of events throughout the week for all to enjoy. The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce kicked off the festival by welcoming the community for dinner and the St. Joseph Sheriff's Department transformed into the Pony Express in period clothing to give the official proclamation to commence the celebration. Events throughout the week include an art fair; the American Legion Hog Roast; "Experience Sturgis," a history walk through the city; a family picnic in Franks Park; a vintage Sturgis Biscuits baseball game; the Relay for Life at Sturgis High School; a parade down US-12; and the culminating event, the Sturgis Dam Rodeo.

The festival has been a beacon of economic activity and growth through the years, and continues to draw countless families to the region each year.

I congratulate the city of Sturgis and all of its residents for sharing such a wonderful community event. Through the years the annual festival has become woven into the fabric of the lives of so many folks throughout southwest Michigan. Sturgis has such a rich heritage and offers so much to the region's families. I look forward to the festival's continued success with many more Sturgis Dam Day celebrations for years to come.

HONORING CHARLOTTE "CHUCKIE"
HOLSTEIN

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, I stand today to congratulate Charlotte "Chuckie" Holstein on being honored as the First Annual F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse Wisdom Keeper Award recipient. She has been an active member of the Central New York community, and for that I am very thankful.

Chuckie is the founder of many organizations serving the people of Central New York, including F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, Leadership Greater Syracuse, Youth Leadership Greater Syracuse, the Syracuse/Onondaga County Citizens Academy, the Syracuse Commission for Women, Meals on Wheels, and the City/County Office of the Aging.

She has served the Central New York area as the Chair of Loretto, a Member of the Central New York District Board for Key Bank, a trustee of Cazenovia College and the Manlius Pebble Hill School, Chair of Advisory boards for the School of Social Work and College For Human Development of Syracuse University and a Member of the College at Brockport Foundation.

Chuckie has also served her state, her nation, her faith and the world in a number of initiatives dealing with social justice, world peace and women's issues.

In closing, I'd like to express my appreciation for all of the hard work she has done. Please join me in congratulating Charlotte "Chuckie" Holstein on being honored with the First Annual F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse Wisdom Keeper Award.

INDIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL
CENTER BHARATIYA TEMPLE
GRAND OPENING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the Indian American Cultural Center of Northwest Indiana as they celebrate the grand opening of the Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana. They will be commemorating the event with the religious and historic tradition of Maha Kumbhabhishekam. This event will take place over three days, from Friday, June 18, 2010 to Sunday, June 20, 2010, at the Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana in Merrillville.

The Indian American Cultural Center of Northwest Indiana opened on March 9, 2002, and operates as "a place to preserve, nourish, and advance the Indian culture, heritage, religious values, and social values." In order to continue to advance the teachings and culture of the Indian American people and the Hindu religion, the members of the Indian American Cultural Center decided to expand the existing building and to give the community a legacy in the form of the truly glorious Bharatiya Temple of worship. The Indian American community will be celebrating Maha Kumbhabhishekam, which is a Hindu tradition performed when a new Temple is built and installed with new deities (Gods or Goddesses). Many religious rituals of the Hindu religion will be performed during the celebration which will sanctify the beloved Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana. It is a Hindu belief that taking part and witnessing a Maha Kumbhabhishekam is a lifetime blessing.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Indian American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana and its congregation as they celebrate the opening of the Bharatiya Temple of Northwest Indiana and observe the religious and historic tradition of Maha Kumbhabhishekam. Through their words and teachings, this honorable organization shares with us the rich culture and tradition of the Indian American people as well as the traditions of the Hindu religion.

IN RECOGNITION ANNIE & AVERY
GRANT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Annie and Avery Grant, both exemplary and active members of their community. A simple glance at their dedication to civil service in Monmouth County, New Jersey uncovers a long history of local works and an extraordinary drive to improve the state in all aspects of public life. On the day of their golden anniversary, Annie and Avery Grant are indisputably worthy of this body's recognition.

Annie Grant was born Annie Williams in New York City on October 27, 1935, and has been recognized as a New Jersey State Notary Public for her many years of tireless service in professional and public life. In 1991, Mrs. Grant was appointed Commissioner on the Monmouth County Board of Taxation, a position she held for 17 years until she retired in 2008. She was the first African-American to hold this position in Monmouth County. Mrs. Grant's accomplishments extend far beyond this office, however, as she has also led a long life of involvement in local politics. In addition to being the 1989 Democratic candidate for Monmouth County Clerk, Mrs. Grant has been the Long Branch Democratic Club's treasurer for 30 years, and was named Woman of the Year in Politics in 1992. Her intelligence and breadth of knowledge is what led me to invite her to speak about Social Security reform at the Democratic Congressional Roundtable in 2005.

Avery Grant was born on July 9, 1933 in Memphis, Tennessee, and has led a prolific life of public works. A Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Grant is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, as well as a Professional Engineer, formerly with East Orange and the New York Transit Authority. Additionally, he is tirelessly active in the community of Long Branch, from serving on the Board of Education for over 12 years running to co-founding and editing the Community Newspaper, a bi-weekly, Monmouth County African-American newspaper. He has also been involved in over eight Monmouth County organizations, including but not limited to the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the NAACP, and EXODUS, a halfway house focusing on substance abuse. His avid dedication to the city of Long Branch and Monmouth County landed him a spot on The City News' list of "100 Most Influential in New Jersey."

These remarkable individuals married on June 12, 1960. They have two children, Adrienne and Avery Jr., and seven grandchildren. Their ability to maintain a beautiful, loving family in concert with their incredible efforts in their community is an inspiration to us all. They are valued members of their communities and a credit to the state of New Jersey.

ANNIVERSARY OF IRAN'S
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, June 12th will mark the one-year anniversary of the fraudulent presidential elections in Iran. In the wake of street protests that followed, human rights in Iran have gravely deteriorated.

On this day, we must remember the dozens of courageous individuals murdered by this brutal regime and the hundreds of others detained without legal recourse. We must remember Neda Agha Soltan, the innocent young woman slain by the Basij militia.

The post-election crackdown fully exposed the Iranian regime's continuing oppression of political dissidents as well as religious and ethnic minorities.

In the spring of 2008, seven leaders of the Baha'i community were arrested and detained in Tehran's notorious Evin prison on charges of "spreading corruption on earth," among other outrageous falsehoods. They have been incarcerated for 20 months before a show trial can even commence. Moreover, according to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, as many as 45 members of the Baha'i community are currently imprisoned in Iran solely on the basis of their religious identity.

The fourth court appearance of the Baha'i leaders is scheduled for June 12 to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the stolen election.

The cynicism of the Iranian regime knows no bounds.

It is time that the United States and the international community hold Iran accountable for denying the fundamental freedoms to its people.

Yesterday, in commenting on the passed UN Security Council resolution on the Iranian nuclear program, the President stated that "whether it is threatening the nuclear non-proliferation regime, or the human rights of its own citizens, or the stability of its own neighbors by supporting terrorism, the Iranian government continues to demonstrate that its own unjust actions are a threat to justice everywhere."

I agree with the President. His words should now be followed with action. We must raise the stakes for the Iranian leadership to cease its human rights abuses and abide by the rules of the international community.

This Administration needs to prioritize human rights as a focal point of its Iran policy. American diplomats should continually raise the issue of human rights in Iran. We must urge our international allies to use their bilateral relationships and diplomatic missions in Tehran to call for the release of Iranian dissidents, religious minorities, and other prisoners of conscience.

Most importantly, the President should speak publicly and directly to the Iranian people that the United States will never abandon them in their struggle for freedom and fundamental human rights.

INTRODUCING THE CHESAPEAKE
BAY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZA-
TION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague Rep. HOLDEN in introducing the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act.

The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S., is an incredibly complex ecosystem that includes important habitats and is a cherished part of our American heritage. The Bay Watershed includes all types of land uses, from intensely urban areas, spread out suburban development and diverse agricultural practices. But unquestionably the Bay is in need and worthy of our attention and concern and I believe everyone has a role to play in restoring it.

I have long worked with my colleagues here in Congress to find ways to protect and restore the Bay. In fact, Mr. HOLDEN and I worked very hard with the other members of the Agriculture Committee to establish a mechanism and a funding source in the 2008 farm bill for addressing issues related to protecting the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The farm bill provided unprecedented incentive-based funding to help farmers and ranchers improve management practices, which would directly result in improving water quality in the Bay. We must now continue in our efforts to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay by reauthorizing the Chesapeake Bay Program.

There are other proposals to reauthorize the Bay Program. The goal of all involved is the same, the continued health and vitality of the Bay, but the map to that health and vitality is being strongly debated. Unfortunately, proposals like the Presidential Executive Order, and legislation that would codify this order, would force more mandates and overzealous regulations on all of those who live, work, and farm in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. This strategy will limit economic growth and unfairly overregulate our local economies. My colleagues and I recognized that we must form a proposal that does not pit the health of the bay against the strength and vitality of our local communities and that is why we rise today to introduce the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act.

Instead of overregulation and intrusion into the lives and livelihoods of those who choose to make the Bay Watershed their home, our legislation allows States and communities more flexibility in meeting water quality goals so that we can help restore and protect our natural resources. Our bill sets up new programs to give farmers, homebuilders, and localities new ways to meet their water quality goals. This includes preserving current intrastate nutrient trading programs that many Bay states already have in place, while also creating a voluntary interstate nutrient trading program. Additionally, this bill creates a voluntary assurance program for farmers. The program will deem farmers to be fully in compliance with their water quality requirements as long as they have undertaken appropriate conservation activities to comply with State and federal water quality standards.

Also, our bill makes sure that the agencies are using common sense when regulating

water quality goals for localities. Our legislation requires the regulators to take into account the availability, cost, effectiveness, and appropriateness of practices, techniques, or methods in meeting water quality goals. This will ensure that localities are not being mandated to achieve a reduction in nutrient levels by a prescribed date, when no technology exists to achieve that reduction within that timeline.

While our bill does a lot to improve water quality, we also call for more oversight over the Chesapeake Bay Program. For over 3 decades Congress has been working to preserve and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Despite the efforts of the federal, State, and local governments, the health of the Bay is still in peril. The participants in restoring the Bay include 10 federal agencies, six states and the District of Columbia, over one thousand localities and multiple nongovernmental organizations. This legislation would fully implement two cutting-edge management techniques, crosscut budgeting and adaptive management, to enhance coordination, flexibility and efficiency of restoration efforts. Neither technique is currently required or fully utilized in the Bay restoration efforts, where results have lagged far behind the billions of dollars spent. Further, this bill calls for a review of the EPA's Bay model. We often hear complaints from those who make good faith efforts to restore the Bay that their efforts are not being recognized by EPA's Bay model. EPA's model does not account for any voluntary measures being undertaken on farms to control nitrogen and phosphorous nor does it even account for some of the nitrogen and phosphorous reductions that are being achieved through government programs like USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Effectively, EPA is ignoring nutrient reductions that have already been achieved. Our legislation requires that an independent evaluator assess and make recommendations to alter EPA's Bay model, so that we can develop a model that will capture all of the nutrient reductions that are happening in the Bay.

Madam Speaker, the people who call the Bay Watershed home are the ones who are the most concerned about protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay. Unfortunately, too often these hardworking individuals are cast as villains and placed in a position where restoring the Bay is pitted against the economic livelihoods of their communities. We can restore the Bay while also maintaining the economic livelihood of these communities. The Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act is the way we can do both. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Congress, so that we can pass this important legislation and work to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTY-THIRD
NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY
PARADE**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fifty-Third National Puerto Rican Day

Parade, which will be held on June 13, 2010, in New York City. A radiant and star-studded event, this parade proudly recognizes the heritage of Puerto Rican people here in the United States, and year upon year has proven to be one of our nation's largest outdoor festivities.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is the successor to the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade, which held its inaugural celebration on Sunday, April 12th, 1958, in "El Barrio," Manhattan. The impact of the first Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York was immediate and resounding. Thousands of New York Puerto Ricans flooded the streets in a very public, very proud demonstration of their emergence in the city as an important and growing ethnic group. For the next 38 years, the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade became a staple of New York's cultural life. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size and transform it into the national and international affair that it is today.

On June 13 delegates representing over thirty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, will join the roughly 3 million parade goers every year who turn New York's Fifth Avenue into a sea of traditional red, white, and blue flags. It's a picture unlike anything you will see anywhere else in the country. Not only because New York is the most international city in the world, but also because of the relationship that exists between New York and the Puerto Rican community. It's an historic relationship essentially born of mutual benefit and respect. Puerto Ricans have helped transform New York into a dynamic, bilingual city that continues to welcome newcomers from all over the globe, and the city of New York, believed by many to be a place of opportunity, has enabled Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, culturally and politically.

The success that the parade enjoys each year is brought about in large measure by the continued efforts of a choice few individuals—women and men of able leadership who believe, as I do, in the unbound potential of people of Puerto Rican descent. The Parade's march up Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration, is hardly the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. Each year more than 10,000 people attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events that strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the city of New York.

Madam Speaker, the National Puerto Rican Day Parade is an experience unlike any other. It signals to all who witness it that the Puerto Rican community, both in New York and nationally, represents an exquisite tapestry of individuals. Its power can be seen on the faces and heard in the streets, as millions come together to joyously proclaim their heritage. And so, Madam Speaker, as a Puerto Rican and a New Yorker, and as someone who participates in this parade annually, I stand before you and my colleagues in Congress with a full and proud heart to pay tribute to the sights and sounds and wonder that is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

TRIBUTE TO HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE
ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Hampshire College for opening its doors and welcoming its first students 40 years ago tomorrow.

The Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts is home to the Five College Consortium, which includes three private liberal arts colleges, Amherst, Mount Holyoke and Smith; the state's flagship public university campus, the University of Massachusetts Amherst; and a progressive institution of higher education, Hampshire College. For 40 years now, the Consortium has served as a vehicle for collaboration and resource sharing across all five campuses, including broadening access to higher education and unsurpassed academic excellence. This structure encourages the use of a vast curriculum, faculty and resources, and presents each student with a richer and fuller educational experience.

Hampshire College was founded within this consortial setting to offer an original education in which students design their own course of study in close consultation with faculty mentors. Hampshire's educational approach emphasizes individual choice and development, and its pedagogical cornerstone is an inquiry-based mode of teaching and learning. Just as it attracts talented and intellectually ambitious students, Hampshire appeals to faculty who are excited to experiment with new methods of teaching, and are keen to co-teach with their colleagues.

Rather than being characterized by traditional, discipline-based departments, Hampshire College has five academic schools: the School of Cognitive Science; Interdisciplinary Arts; Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies; Natural Science; and the School of Critical Social Inquiry. Each school develops an innovative curriculum, which is project-based and immediately challenges students with current problems in the research literature. Research and teaching at Hampshire tend to work across discipline-based boundaries, as faculty and students collaborate to grapple with problems from a range of perspectives, with an eye toward community impact, social justice, and the well-being of others. Team teaching and interdisciplinary research serve as the basis for collaboration and reflect a remarkable degree of creativity. A low student-faculty ratio (12:1) allows for an emphasis on individualized and small group training, where faculty research and artistic expression is fully integrated into coursework, inviting each class into the process of intellectual and artistic discovery.

Within this mission—and wherever possible—Hampshire students ask questions that motivate their undergraduate years. Careful mentoring at Hampshire has shown to inspire and motivate students beyond the classroom, often resulting in students continuing their education at the graduate level, and indeed, culminating in rewarding careers.

I am honored to represent this fine institution of higher learning. Please join me in congratulating Hampshire College as it continues to define and communicate its extraordinary

mission for the next generations of students, their families and the general public.

HONORING DR. JOSEPH W. BASCUAS, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF BECKER COLLEGE, WORCESTER, MA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for his accomplishments as Becker College interim president and for his dedication to quality higher education.

Becker College, located in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts, serves more than 1,700 students from 18 states and 12 countries, and offers over 25 diverse, first-quality bachelor degree programs in unique, high-demand career niches. Born in Cuba, he shares my dedication to improving relations with Latin America. Dr. Bascuas utilized his great volume of experience and passion for quality higher education and strong relationships in his role as Becker College interim president.

The Becker College Board of Trustees named Dr. Bascuas as interim president on September 26, 2008. Dr. Bascuas gave his leadership and support to the Becker College community in various ways during his tenure. He brought more than 25 years of experience in higher education to Becker College.

Prior to serving as interim president at Becker College, Dr. Bascuas served as president of Medaille College, Buffalo, NY, a private institution that offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, from 2002 through 2006. Dr. Bascuas successfully took Medaille through an accreditation and strategic planning; completed a \$2.4 million capital campaign; nearly doubled revenue and undergraduate freshman to sophomore retention; and increased overall and undergraduate enrollment as well as the number of resident students. As founding president Argosy University Atlanta, GA campus, Bascuas spent 12 years with the Argosy Education Group. During his tenure, the Argosy corporate entity grew from three to thirteen campuses, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in business, education, and psychology, two law schools, and one technology-focused school. Dr. Bascuas also increased enrollment at all campuses, introduced new programs at five campuses, and hired presidents at two campuses. Previously, Bascuas held administrative and teaching positions at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Antioch University, Nova/Southeastern University and Salve Regina University. He has held a number of positions with professional boards and associations, most recently as site visit team chair for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and he has served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Presidents Council. Dr. Bascuas has written and co-authored numerous papers on psychological topics and has presented at symposia and conferences. He received a B.A. from LaSalle University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Temple University.

As interim president, Dr. Bascuas encouraged Becker to find ways to provide more aid

to students who need it most, thus increasing retention among current students and giving access to new students. Dr. Bascuas was successful in communicating across audiences, promoting unity among Becker College's two campuses, forging relationships with faculty, and energizing the board of trustees. On a personal note, I appreciate his strong interest in promoting the College's nursing education program and his personal invitation to me to participate in the "Pinning" graduation ceremony for its nursing students.

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for his remarkable work as interim president. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Bascuas for his work and wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN CELEBRATION OF DR. EDDIE GREEN'S RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE HORIZONS-UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM OF CRANBROOK SCHOOLS AFTER HIS TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eddie Green on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Horizons-Upward Bound, HUB, program at Cranbrook Schools, and to celebrate and honor his 10 years of service. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize and congratulate Dr. Green on this most auspicious occasion.

Dr. Green's dedication to educating and nurturing our youth long precedes his work with the Horizons-Upward Bound program. Prior to his current work with HUB, Dr. Green served for many years in the Detroit Public Schools. Dr. Green began his career as a teacher in the classroom and through unwavering commitment to his students, fellow educators and the community rose to become the Detroit Public Schools' General Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer. As the Schools' Chief Executive, Dr. Green carried out his vision of engaging all sectors of the Detroit community in the fight to increase student achievement by creating a confident, committed and supportive community.

Horizons-Upward Bound was founded in 1965 with the mission of preparing students of limited opportunity in the Detroit metropolitan region to enter into and excel in post-secondary education opportunities and beyond. When Dr. Green began his work with HUB in May 2000, he brought with him the same passion and zeal which made him such a strong and effective leader for educating our youth. As its Director, Dr. Green implemented several new programs which furthered the mission of HUB, including financial literacy education for high school seniors, a comprehensive mentoring program for all HUB participants, an annual east coast college tour for high school sophomores, and the Weekend Wilderness Experience for summer HUB participants. In each case, the programs that Dr. Green designed furthered the educational enrichment of Detroit area youth, while exposing them to new opportunities and experiences.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Dr. Eddie Green's retirement after 10 years of service as Director of the Horizons-Upward Bound program of Cranbrook Schools and for his lifetime of work in public education. The profound impact of Dr. Green's work is felt in the lives of so many of our youth in the Detroit metropolitan area and I wish him many healthy years in his retirement.

COMEMORATING D-DAY AND
HONORING THE VIRGINIA NA-
TIONAL GUARD

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I was honored on June 5 to join in a salute to the Virginia National Guard and the role of its Third Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division in the D-Day invasion.

The event was held at the National Guard Armory in Winchester and organized by the Honorable Jack Marsh, former Virginia congressman and counselor to President Ford, the longest serving secretary of the Army, and my long-time friend and mentor. Earlier this year Jack helped draft a resolution passed by the Virginia General Assembly which commemorated the Virginia National Guard's 29th Division for its part in storming Omaha Beach and invading Normandy on D-Day—June 6, 1944.

On Monday, May 31, Madam Speaker, we observed Memorial Day. We honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. I also took time last week to visit Gettysburg where President Lincoln so eloquently described that kind of sacrifice in his ringing words of the Gettysburg Address: They gave "the last full measure of devotion."

As we reflect this week on the 66th anniversary of D-Day, many people may not know that the only National Guard Division on the beach at Normandy was the 29th Division of Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia National Guard. And only one Regiment of the 29th—Virginia's 116th Infantry, which includes the 3rd Battalion that calls the Winchester Armory home—was selected to be in the first wave at Omaha Beach.

There were 17 Virginia communities in the Infantry units of the 116th—from Winchester, Berryville and other places stretching up and down the Shenandoah Valley. This historic unit is the sixth oldest regiment of the Army and its predecessors served under our forebears—George Washington and Stonewall Jackson—giving it the name: "Stonewall Brigade."

The soldiers of the Stonewall Brigade stormed the beach with 3,100 officers and men. They had to cross over 300 yards of sand beach under heavy crossfire to reach the shore and fight their way up bluffs that towered to 100 feet. By the end of what is known as "the longest day," the 116th took over one thousand casualties. Military historians call the Omaha battle the most violent of World War II. Only a handful of those who crossed the beach, who Tom Brokaw has called, "the Greatest Generation," remain.

Once on shore the mission of the 29th Division was the capture of the city of St. Lo, a

key transportation hub. It proved to be an arduous task. German defenses were formidable. Timetables were disrupted. Mid-July found the 3rd Battalion 116th Infantry at the edge of St. Lo. It had a new commander, Major Tom Howie of Staunton, Virginia, where he taught English, and coached football at Staunton Military Academy.

Howie was from South Carolina and a 1929 graduate of the Citadel where he was class president and an all-state half-back. Tom Howie became the role model for the character Captain Miller, played by Tom Hanks, in the film, "Saving Private Ryan."

The second battalion of the 116th became surrounded near St. Lo. Major Howie's 3rd Battalion in a night attack operation broke through German lines to relieve the 2nd Battalion. In the morning on July 17, Howie and his troops continued the attack on St. Lo. His last words were "see you in St Lo" before he was killed instantly by German mortar fire. Loved and respected by his men, his body was draped in an American flag and placed on the hood of a Jeep that led the victorious troops into the city. There on a pile of rubble of the Church of St. Croix it was placed to honor him.

A Life magazine photographer happened by, and took the famous picture. Because of censorship neither the soldier, nor unit could be identified. It was captioned only, "The Major of St. Lo," but it was seen round the world. The French have since built a monument to honor him. Today there is also a Howie Bell Tower near the Citadel Parade Ground at his alma mater.

When the 29th Division deployed to England in September 1942, Tom Howie bid his wife and small daughter Sally, not quite 4-years-old, goodbye. They would never see him again. His daughter, now Sally McDivitt, age 71, of Culpeper, Virginia, was an honored guest at the ceremony in Winchester and unveiled a portrait of her father, which will be displayed in a classroom at the armory bearing Major Howie's name.

Madam Speaker, Sally Howie McDivitt is a symbol of the sacrifice made by military families, then and now. The 116th made extraordinary contributions at Normandy and continues in that sacrifice of service today. The spirit of the heroes of D-Day lives on in the men and women of the 116th of today. They call the same places in Virginia home and show the same dedication and courage by fighting for freedom and democracy in places which are continents away.

This same unit has now served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and has lost two members, Staff Sgt. Craig Cherry, 39, of Winchester, and Sgt. Bobby Beasley, 36, of Inwood, West Virginia. The Winchester Armory now bears their names. I have visited troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, including soldiers from Virginia. They deserve our support and gratitude for accepting the same responsibilities and hardship of those in the uniform of their country who have gone before them.

We must always remember that when we send men and women into harm's way, their families are also sacrificing for their country. Military families, then and now, bear a heavy burden. They have been willing to sacrifice their goods, their comforts, their husbands, sons, daughters, fathers, and brothers. They are willing, as words of the Declaration of Independence state: to pledge their lives, their

fortunes and their sacred honor for their country.

In a speech given at Point du Hoc, France, commemorating D-Day in 1984, President Reagan said:

“The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge—and pray God we have not lost it—that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest.”

We call on our colleagues and every citizen of America—the land of the free and home of the brave—to continue to strengthen the character of our nation, which has been built through hardships, and the freedom of our nation, which has been ensured through the lives of so many before us, including those brave souls from Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley who fought their way onto the shores and up the bluffs of Omaha Beach.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOSEPH W. BASCUAS, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF BECKER COLLEGE, LEICESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for serving as Becker College's interim president and for his promotion of high academic standards.

The Becker College Board of Trustees named Dr. Bascuas as interim president on September 26, 2008. Dr. Bascuas gave his leadership and support to the Becker College community in various ways during his tenure. Specifically, he brought more than 25 years of experience in higher education to Becker College.

During his time at Becker College, Dr. Bascuas strengthened relations with the local community, encouraging the investment of college resources to the benefit of the local community. Specifically, he effectively emphasized new collaborations with the Town of Leicester Public Schools and championed the college's plans to transition part of the landmark Reverend Samuel May House into a visitor center for the town. On a personal note, I appreciate his interest in promoting civil rights and his personal invitation to address students on this important chapter of our nation's history and served as the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2010.

Becker College is a unique New England college. The institution, which traces its history to 1784, is comprised of two separate campuses only six miles apart, one in Leicester

and the other in Worcester, Massachusetts, each with its own dormitories, library, dining hall and academic facilities. The college serves more than 1,700 students from 18 states and 12 countries, and offers more than 25 diverse, quality bachelor degree programs in unique, high-demand career niches ranging from nursing and equine management to computer game design and a variety of adult learning options.

Prior to serving as interim president at Becker College, Dr. Bascuas served as president of Medaille College, Buffalo, NY, a private institution that offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, from 2002 through 2006. Dr. Bascuas successfully took Medaille through an accreditation and strategic planning; completed a \$2.4 million capital campaign; nearly doubled revenue and undergraduate freshman to sophomore retention; and increased overall and undergraduate enrollment as well as the number of resident students. As founding president of Argosy University Atlanta, GA campus, Bascuas spent 12 years with the Argosy Education Group. During his tenure, the Argosy corporate entity grew from 3 to 13 campuses, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in business, education, and psychology, two law schools, and one technology-focused school. Dr. Bascuas also increased enrollment and revenues at all campuses, introduced new programs at five campuses, and hired presidents at two campuses. Previously, Bascuas has held administrative and teaching positions at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Antioch University, Nova/Southeastern University and Salve Regina University. He has held a number of positions with professional boards and associations, most recently as site visit team chair for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and he has served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Presidents Council. Dr. Bascuas has written and co-authored numerous papers on psychological topics and has presented at symposia and conferences. He received a B.A. from LaSalle University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Temple University.

Mr. President, I again thank Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for his great contributions to Becker College and the Town of Leicester. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas all of the best in his future endeavors.

THIRD TIME IS A CHARM FOR
SOUTHWEST RANDOLPH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to

the Southwest Randolph High School softball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State 3–A softball championship for the third time in four years.

The Southwest Randolph Cougars defeated Crest High School 6–1 on June 5, 2010, at Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina, to win the title.

The win did not come easily with the Cougars trailing 1–0 after the third inning. After readjusting to the Chargers' pitching style and hitting fewer pop-ups, the Cougars managed to score a run in the fourth inning.

Cougars' pitcher Julia Calicutt was able to stop the Chargers from scoring additional runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Having played two seasons behind Southwest Randolph's four-year starter Anna Maness, Calicutt was finally given her chance to shine.

Calicutt's athleticism and hard work gave the Cougars the opportunity they needed to claim the state title. The Cougars ended the game tacking on three additional runs in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. “It's an awesome feeling,” Calicutt told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune. “There were doubts at the beginning of the season. We had to do this to prove ourselves,” added Calicutt.

The championship team members included: Cythnia Hayes, Hannah Hughes, Erin Billups, Olivia Hickman, Julia Calicutt, Kelsey Hoover, Victoria Hunt, Sydney Hyder, Sloane King, Ashia Nicholson, Kaylee King, Paige Parrish, Hayleigh Clapp, Brooke Hayes, Hagan Kiser, Felicia Brady, Braden Newlin, and Alexandria O'Connell. Assisting Head Coach Ricky Martinez were Brooke Smith, Robert Hayes and Wendell Seawell.

Again, we would like to congratulate Southwest Randolph High School's softball team, faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding championship season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 337, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 1961, the Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act, I would have voted “aye” on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 338, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation, I would have voted “aye” on the question.