and his legacy will carry on in the hearts and lives of those who love him.

Let us remember that everyday our law enforcement officers are putting their lives on the line and that a routine day is never routine. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the Thacker family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a brave, public servant for the people of Pike County, Kentucky, the late James Thacker.

IN HONOR OF JOANNE B. ''JOEY'' LASNIK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne B. ''Joey'' Lasnik, who passed away January 4, 2012. Lasnik was a longtime community activist, volunteer, leader, daughter, grandmother, and friend.

Lasnik was an active member of the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women, the Monterey County Overall Economic Development Commission, the Monterey County Democratic Women's Club, a leader on the National and local level of the Girl Scouts, the Salinas branch of NAACP, and the American Association of University Women, she served on the committee for the Fort Ord Task Force, and the advisory Board of KHDC. In 1981 Joanne was the first woman ever to be named foreman of the Monterey County Grand Jury. Joey proudly served four terms on the Hartnell College Board of Trustees.

Joey always strived to enhance the status of women and seniors throughout her professional life as the Executive Director of the Volunteer Center for Salinas, Executive Director of the Alliance on Aging, a Board member of the Salinas Senior Center, and Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Salinas Valley. She was instrumental in developing the vision to build a one-step state of the art Senior Center in Salinas. Joey had a talent for grant writing, passion for education, and beliefs in fairness and equality. She helped to train others to continue and expand on her work. She is considered an important mentor to many women.

Joanne had many tremendous accomplishments from her Bachelors in Education for the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Masters in Science from Purdue University, to all of her volunteer work, helping to organize women's shelters and partaking in numerous community groups. In addition, she was an accomplished needle-pointer, seamstress, and creative cook, but most of all she was a proud parent to Leslie, Jay, Mark, her daughter in law and beloved grandchildren as well as her ''adopted'' sons from Japan she hosted for over 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in mourning the passing of this dedicated and loving woman. Her life was a gift to her community, a shining example to be emulated by those who she inspired to continue her work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 23, I missed rollcall votes Number 5 and 6. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on rollcall vote 5, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3115), the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2011, and ''yea'' on rollcall vote 6, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1141), the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act.

A TRIBUTE TO ONOREVOLE ALESSANDRO PAGANO

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alessandro Pagano. Mr. Pagano, a member of the Italian National Parliament, has worked extensively to strengthen Italian American relations.

As a member of the Italian Parliament, Mr. Pagano works tirelessly to improve the fields of health, education, and budget. He has served as Regional Minister of Health, Regional Minister for Budget and Finance, Regional Councilor for Cultural Heritage, and Regional Minister for Education.

As the Regional Minister of Health, Mr. Pagano has served under various committees in an effort to improve both Italian healthcare systems and improve quality of life for the Italian people.

With his extensive educational background in both economics and banking, Mr. Pagano has impressively increased revenues without raising taxes and recovered financial resources of over one billion Euros per year, earning a positive rating with the international rating agency Fitch.

Mr. Pagano also has as history of teaching. He holds two degrees earned with honors in both banking and economics from the University of Messina, and has dedicated well over a decade of his life to teaching in higher education. He continues to serve as a member of the Scientific Committee of the weekly tax legislation, titled ''The Taxes.''

Under his position of Regional Minister for Education, Mr. Pagano has begun multi-million Euro programs to help keep Sicilian schools safe.

In his continued efforts to preserve cultural heritage, Mr. Pagano was appointed as Regional Minister for Cultural Heritage, and has begun projects to renovate and restore priceless buildings and cultural artifacts.

Mr. Pagano's long and impressive career showcases his commitment to a better society, his profession, and his community. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you, and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking Alessandro Pagano for his work and his continued service to both Italy and the United States of America.

REVENUE ESTIMATE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2012, the Joint Committee on Taxation produced a revenue estimate for a bill that I introduced today. The Joint Committee estimates that my bill, which amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to a discharge of oil, would save hardworking American taxpayers an average of $1.3 billion per year.

I revise and extend my remarks today to include that revenue estimate for the RECORD.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION,
Washington, DC, Jan 30, 2012.

Hon. ALCEE L. HASTINGS,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. HASTINGS: This letter is in response to your request, dated January 26, 2012, for a revenue estimate of a proposal that would disallow the deductibility of amounts paid or incurred by a responsible party relating to the discharge of oil.

Your proposal would amend Internal Revenue Code (the ''Code'') section 162 by disallowing the ability to deduct expenses incurred as a consequence of the discharge of oil into navigable waters, other than an incident caused by an act of God or an act of war. For definitional purposes, any term used in the proposal that is also used in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 is to have the same meaning as in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Based on our discussion with Ian Wolf McCormick of your staff, we have assumed that the tax base includes direct and indirect clean up costs, compensatory and punitive damages, associated legal fees, and other amounts associated with the discharge and paid by responsible parties. In addition, any casualty losses associated with the responsible party's own property incurred as a result of the oil spill are not included in the tax base nor are any of the responsible party's voluntary mitigation payments.

Your proposal would be effective for returns of tax the extended due date of which is after the date of enactment (regardless of whether any extension had been requested). For purposes of the revenue estimate, we have assumed a date of enactment of April 1, 2012.

As incidents resulting in the discharge of oil of sizeable proportions do not occur with a frequency that creates a pattern that can be modeled, this estimate is primarily based on known discharges of oil that have occurred as of this date.

Fiscal years, millions of dollars—						
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012–16	2012–22
2,224	1,385	1,679	1,139	303	6,729	6,792

Note: Details do not add to totals due to rounding.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

THOMAS A. BARTHOLD.

IN HONOR OF DR. RAMA KHALSA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Dr. Rama Khalsa, who retired as the Director of Health Services of Santa Cruz County in the state of California. Not only was she a leader in the field of health services, but also in mental health. During her thirty-five years of service in the health care field, Rama was an advocate for reducing the costs and improving the quality of health services for low-income and uninsured residents of the county.

Her career began in 1976 as a Juvenile Court Psychologist in the San Bernardino County Probation Department, and then segued into mental health which has been her career. She has won numerous awards, participated in many research projects, has been awarded honors and doctorate degree, but is most proud of her accomplishments in the field of community access to mental health services.

She was a founder and first Chair of the Health Safety Net Clinic Coalition of Santa Cruz County, promoted the potential of Health Information Technology in the last decade, and was a key leader in the development of the local children's health coverage program for Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Merced Counties.

During my tenure in the California State Legislature we worked together on the revision of the California Mental Health Master Plan Act to upgrade services and make mental health treatment more accessible in our state.

Rama has been an active member of the Board of Directors of Central Coast Alliance for Health, served on various committees, and has given her time for the Health Services Agency, Health Improvement Partnership Council, Safety Net Clinic Coalition, Health Information Technology, and Santa Cruz Health Information Exchange.

After thirty-five years of public service, Rama hopes to spend more time painting, traveling, volunteering, enjoying classical and Celtic music and spending more time with her two children, Siri and Dayal, in her retirement. She also plans to continue with health advocacy, grant writing and policy work.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House and the entire mental health community in California as I commend Rama Khalsa for all she has done and all she will undoubtedly continue to do. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much happiness in her retirement. We are all blessed by her public service.

CELEBRATING EDITH COLEMAN'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mrs. Mary Edith Brown Coleman on a momentous milestone, her 95th birthday, which will be on February 13, 2012. Edith will be celebrating this milestone with family and friends on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Throughout the past 72 years, Edith's presence in Northwest Indiana has allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of countless people.

Edith Brown was born on February 13, 1917 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was one of four children born to Luther Albert Brown and Dora Rozolia Draper Brown. Having gone on to live in Kansas City, Kansas and Chicago, Illinois, Edith finally relocated to Gary, Indiana in 1940. Quite the accomplished student, Edith completed her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in education at Indiana University in Bloomington. From there, she decided to go into the teaching profession. As a teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School in Gary for over 27 years, Edith was able to enrich the lives of so many young people in the Gary community. For her commitment to the youth of Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of the highest praise.

Equally as impressive, Edith has always been seen as the foundation of her family. She and her husband, the late William Henry Coleman, were blessed with the births of two wonderful children: Norma Louise Coleman and Merle Jean Coleman. Edith's family, as well as those whose lives she has touched, admire her for devoting unselfish love, time, dedication, guidance, and spirit to her family, her students, and her friends.

As well as being dearly loved and respected by her family, her students, and her community, Edith is also well known for her involvement with her church, the First Church of God in Gary, and several other organizations. For years, Edith has been a distinguished member of the American Association of University Women, the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Society, the Red Hat Society, and the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Since her arrival in Northwest Indiana, Edith has always been known as a goodhearted woman who is always willing to help the people in her community. For her selflessness, she is to be commended and admired.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Edith Brown Coleman has always given her time and efforts selflessly to the youth and the community in Northwest Indiana throughout her illustrious life. She has taught every member of her family and extended family the true meaning of service to others. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Edith a very happy 95th birthday.

HONORING ST. COLUMBKILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by St. Columbkille Elementary School, Dubuque, Iowa by being named a 2011 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School.

The program honors elementary, middle and high schools that are superior academically or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels.

St. Columbkille Elementary is one of only seven schools out of 1,633 in Iowa and one of 304 schools out of 132,656 nationwide to achieve Blue Ribbon status this year. Less than 1 percent of schools nationwide were chosen for the award. This is a true credit to the staff and teachers who continually challenge students to want more and be better.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of St. Columbkille Elementary School and its Principal, Barb Roling. Earning this award shows strength and persistence and I am proud to serve these fine students in Congress.

MR. PATRICK J. SOLANO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick J. Solano, the 2012 Community Leadership Award recipient at Leadership Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Solano has a long history of dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and his country.

Pat Solano was a member of the United States Air Force during World War II. While in the military, he was lauded many times for his exemplary service, which included more than 20 combat missions. His military awards include a Group Presidential Citation, the Air Force Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the European Combat Theatre Medal with two bronze stars.

After retiring from military service, Pat Solano dedicated himself to serving the great commonwealth in which he was born. He held many positions in state government, including serving as senior counselor to Governor Tom Ridge and Governor Mark Schweiker. Even today, at age 85, Pat Solano continues to serve as a counselor and advisor to many of Pennsylvania's legislators.

In addition to his work as a philanthropist and his role as a decorated war veteran, family has always come first for Mr. Solano. He and his wife Marie have six daughters and 11 grandchildren. He and his family have lived for years in Hughestown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that Leadership Wilkes-Barre honors a man who has donated so much of his time and effort to furthering the success of the Commonwealth. I am certain that his efforts will not end here. The work of Patrick J. Solano has ensured the continued success of Pennsylvania, and it is my pleasure to acknowledge all of his efforts here today.