

University. She became the school's first female SID in 1997 and served as the main media contact for Albany State's eleven NCAA Division II sports programs. But anyone who worked with her knew she went above and beyond the typical duties of a Sports Information Director. A one-woman show, she often worked more than eighty hours a week. Despite her busy workload, Ms. Bradley always made time to help someone or to brighten their day with her infectious smile. She was beloved by students, faculty, and the community at large.

A Camilla, Georgia native, Ms. Bradley graduated from Mitchell-Baker High School in 1983. She attended Florida A&M University, where she worked with The Famuan student newspaper and was a member of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi and the Public Relations Student Society of America. She received her Bachelor's degree in Journalism/Public Relations in 1988. Prior to joining the ASU staff in 1993, Ms. Bradley worked at her hometown newspaper, the Camilla Enterprise.

Ms. Bradley loved her job and all things Albany State. She was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America, the Black College Sports Information Directors Association, and the Sports Information Directors Association. She also served as the SID chairman for Albany State's conference. In addition, Ms. Bradley was a member of St. Peter A.M.E. Church in Camilla.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are so blessed that Edythe Bradley passed this way and shared with us her bright smile and beaming personality. She touched the lives of so many and her warm, shining presence will certainly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Ms. Bradley's daughter, Morgan Chelsea Dunlap, and her family members, friends, and the Albany State University community during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD LANSKY

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Bernard Joseph Lansky, a famed Memphis clothier. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Samuel Lansky on March 10, 1927. Bernard Lansky, and his brother, Guy, shared a passion for clothing. As business partners, their expressive clothing can be seen in some of Elvis' most famous suits, including the suit he wore during his first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show and his sparkling gold-lamé jacket. Mr. Lansky also suited Elvis for his high school prom and for his funeral, saying that "I put him in his first suit, and I put him in his last suit." This gained him the reputation in Memphis as the "Clothier to the King."

Bernard Lansky was one of nine children, who were all raised by their father alone. Mr.

Lansky served the U.S. Army at Fort Knox during the Second World War. In 1946, Bernard Lansky's father gave him and his brother \$125 to buy a consignment shop on Beale Street. The shop went through a few changes, first being a dry goods store and an army surplus store.

Realizing that he was a natural salesman with a talent for retail, Lansky and his brother opened a shop on Beale Street called Lansky Bros., which has since moved into the Memphis Peabody Hotel and expanded into four similarly named shops. In addition to dressing Elvis, Bernard clothed music royalty such as B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. After admiring a new suit on a customer, Mr. Lansky often smiled at them saying, "Clean as Ajax. That's as clean as Ajax."

Bernard's passion and love for clothing extends to each generation of the Lansky family, as his son, Hal, and granddaughter, Julie, continue the unique designs so true to the original store. On November 15, 2012, Mr. Lansky passed away at 85 years of age. He was preceded in death by his brother and business partner, Guy, who died in 2005. Bernard is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce; two sisters, Mildred Krasner and Bernice Banes; two brothers, Frank and Alvin; a son, Hal; a daughter, Anise; and four granddaughters along with two great-grandsons. Mr. Lansky will be remembered as a life-long Memphian and pioneer in the clothing industry.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF BALDWIN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF SCOTT WARD

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Baldwin County, Alabama Deputy Sheriff Scott Jeffrey Ward, who gave his life in the line of duty on November 23, 2012. Deputy Ward was laid to rest on November 27, 2012, in Fairhope, Alabama.

Just as our nation's liberty isn't free, we also cannot take for granted the peace and security of our streets and neighborhoods. In America, sadly, a law enforcement officer is lost every 53 hours protecting our families and communities. Last week, for the first time in 25 years, the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department suffered the loss of one of its own. Deputy Scott Ward, age 47, succumbed to gunshot wounds while in the performance of his duties the day after Thanksgiving.

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi and resident of Silverhill, Alabama, Deputy Ward was a 15-year veteran of the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department, having served as an investigator, field training officer, defensive tactics instructor and a SWAT member.

His service to community was built on a solid foundation of service to country. A veteran of the United States Air Force and more recently the United States Coast Guard Reserve, Deputy Ward was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011. He was a decorated and respected member of the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department.

Sheriff Huey "Hoss" Mack observed that Deputy Ward "put himself in harm's way over

and over again," and he character was one of "wanting to serve and wanting to help the people."

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I offer my condolences to Deputy Ward's wife, Andrea Elizabeth Fisher Ward; his mother, Cheryl Ward; his brother, Howard Ward, and their many family members and friends. You are all in our thoughts and our prayers at this difficult time.

#### THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCARCERATION OF ALAN P. GROSS

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, Sunday marks the third anniversary of the incarceration of Alan P. Gross. Each day that he sits in a Cuban jail is further evidence that the Cuban government has total disregard for his human rights.

Three years ago Alan Gross was imprisoned for sharing communications equipment with Cuba's Jewish community. During and after his trial, the Cuban government ignored concerns that have been repeatedly raised about his health. Since his incarceration began, he has lost 110 pounds. The Cuban government has also refused to allow an independent physician to examine a growth that has developed on his shoulder. A campaign has begun in the United Nations to hold Cuba accountable for willfully disregarding his declining health.

I call on the Cuban government to recognize Alan Gross's human rights and provide him immediate access to an independent physician so that any questions about his health can be answered.

As the three year anniversary of the imprisonment of Alan Gross approaches, my sympathies and prayers are with his friends and family. I join them, my colleagues and the rest of the international community in calling for Alan's immediate release. We will not rest until justice is done and Alan Gross is free.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,323,083,449,604.98. We've added \$5,696,206,400,691.90 to our debt in nearly 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.