

especially finding passion in the areas of children's health and adoption.

During her time in elected office, Representative Teahan served on the House Personnel and Administration, Joint Elder Affairs, and Joint Public Health Committees and served as the House chairman of the Caucus of Women Legislators. As a sign of her strong leadership and efforts to bring about positive change, Representative Teahan was nominated by her colleagues in 2001 to participate in the Flemming Fellows Institute at the Center for Policy Alternatives. She has also participated as a Massachusetts Team Leader for the Veterans Oral History Project at the Library of Congress since 2003.

A place where her dedication and work is most evident is on the issue of oral health care. Representative Teahan served as a member of the Special Committee on Oral Health, who presented its report to the Massachusetts Legislature on March 2, 2000. Five years later, Representative Teahan became part of history when she became cochair of the Massachusetts Caucus on Oral Health, which is the first caucus on oral health in the Nation.

Those who come in contact with Representative Teahan know all too well that she will fight for the health and well being of any child, whether they are in District 7 or in another country. In 2002, she accompanied a humanitarian delegation to bring medical supplies, books, Braille texts, toys, and toothbrushes to Cuba. Representative Teahan has been honored for her legislative efforts by the Congressional Coalition Adoption Institute, Health Care for All, and the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and the Special Olympics.

It has always been clear that Representative Teahan's most cherished asset is her family, and she values the time she will now have to spend with her four children Anne, Jean, Robert, John, and her granddaughter Jill. Even though Representative Teahan's tenure as a State Representative has ended, her passion for changing lives will not cease. She will continue to inspire the next generation to get involved in their local communities, continuing her role as educator by teaching American Government at Bridgewater State College.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with State Representative Kathy Teahan's family, friends, and fellow citizens of Massachusetts to thank her for a decade of service in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and her lifetime of service in educating all within her reach. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Representative Teahan's distinguished career, as we wish her good health and God's blessing in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING E. DAVID FOREMAN,
JR., IN RETIREMENT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor E. David Foreman, Jr., who is retiring after a life of dedicated service in both the private advocacy sector and to the Republican Party.

David has had a long history of service to both the Republican Party of Virginia and the Republican National Committee. This record is well documented and has come full circle from his initial role as chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Party from 1970 to 1976 through his most recent role as the party's senior consultant.

During his political career, David also served on numerous exploratory, steering, advisory and finance committees for countless Republican candidates for local, State, and national office. Most notably, David was chairman of Americans for Bush in 1990 as well as chairman of the Credentials Committee at the 1996 Republican National Convention.

It was easy for "those in the know" to recognize that Mr. Foreman was a true player in local and national politics. David has been featured in the Who's Who in American Politics, Who's Who in Washington, Who's Who in Virginia Politics, as well as Who's Who in Politics in the South and Southwest.

David's love for politics complimented his knack for policy. This was demonstrated through his extensive work as a congressional and administration lobbyist for numerous American corporations. Through his role as founder and president of Foreman & Associates, David was able to effectively represent his clients in their interactions with State, local, and Federal officials as well as all Federal agencies.

While compiling this impressive legacy of private and political service, David was a loving and dedicated husband to his wife Rosemary Foreman, and father to his two children, Sheryl Olecheck and E. David Foreman III.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding E. David Foreman, Jr., and congratulating him on his deserved retirement after a distinguished career of service.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY GENE
HICKS

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bobby Hicks, a resident of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who passed away January 7, 2006 after an extended illness.

Bobby Hicks lived his entire life in the beautiful hills of East Tennessee and spent his adult life in a career of entrepreneurship and public service for the area he called home. A graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, Bobby worked on the farm at an early age, learning to appreciate the value of hard work. He served in the Army Reserve and worked for the Tennessee Eastman Company until choosing to begin his own business, the Hicks Construction Company, in 1970.

His career in construction was distinguished, where he served on the Johnson City Area Home Builders Association. He was president of the association in 1983 and 1984. He also served as president of the Home Builders Association of Tennessee in 1990. On two separate occasions, he was named Builder of the Year, winning the prestigious honor in 1988 and 1994. In 2002, he was inducted into the

Building Industry of Tennessee Hall of Fame and continued to be actively involved in business into his final days.

Bobby also served our area with distinction, serving 12 years as a county commissioner for Washington County. He was a member of the Washington County/Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Board serving the same region.

From 1994 to 1998, Bobby was elected to serve the constituents of the Sixth House District of Tennessee as their State representative. He was a relentless advocate of promoting the interests of Upper East Tennessee during his time in the legislature, and I was privileged to be his successor to that seat.

Bobby's service to the community has been noted and appreciated. The library in Gray, TN, and the local Emergency Medical Service buildings have been named in his honor. In addition, one of the major State highways in our area, Highway 75, has been named as the Bobby Hicks Highway by the Tennessee General Assembly, as a result of his tireless efforts to gain the approval for necessary upgrades to this well-traveled road.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of Bobby Hicks. He was a good businessman, a fine public servant, and a decent and kind person. His service is greatly appreciated, and he will be deeply missed.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE
EQUITABLE COMPENSATION
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Ms. HERSETH. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007.

The act will help to right a historic wrong that occurred during the construction of the Oahe Dam and Reservoir which inundated over 100,000 acres of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's best lands. For many years, the tribe was not provided adequate compensation.

Recognizing this wrong, Congress moved to compensate the tribe in 2000 by establishing a trust fund. While these actions were commendable, they left one important group behind—tribal members that lost privately owned lands. This act would correct that omission and give the tribe the discretion to distribute funds to individuals who are currently prohibited from receiving them.

I introduced similar legislation in the 109th Congress and was pleased to see it considered by the then-House Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water and Power. Examination of the bill at a subcommittee hearing generated a number of constructive suggestions and, after additional consultation with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, committee staff, and administration officials, we were able to make a number of positive changes to the bill.

Though a revised version of the bill failed to pass the House last year, its companion passed the Senate in the last moments of the

109th Congress. Today, I rise to introduce a version of the Cheyenne River Sioux Equitable Compensation Amendments Act that reflects the positive collaboration from last year and has already enjoyed the approval of the Senate. It is my sincere hope that the House will recognize that work by approving this legislation as soon as possible.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act would finally provide just compensation for the taking of lands over 50 years ago. I urge its swift consideration and passage.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE
NEGOTIATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of the First Congressional District of New Jersey, I take this opportunity to enter into the RECORD my position on the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007, H.R. 4. First, I would like to congratulate Speaker PELOSI on her outstanding performance over these last few weeks in bringing the real priorities of the American people to the forefront of the 110th Congress's agenda. Reforming the House of Representatives ethics standards, increasing the minimum wage, authorizing Federal research of embryonic stem cells and providing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, HHS, the authority to negotiate drug prices with the pharmaceutical industry are all essential measures for the American people.

On January 12, 2007, I voted in favor of H.R. 4; however, I have some concerns for seniors in my home State of New Jersey. Although I believe Congress should authorize the Secretary of HHS to negotiate drug prices, I believe his authority should be limited so to not disrupt areas in which the Pharmacy Benefit Managers, PBM, are obtaining the best deal for seniors. If our goal is to ensure that all avenues of achieving price discounts are being used to benefit the seniors and individuals with disabilities in the Medicare program, then Congress should allow drug companies and PBMs, who are successfully negotiating affordable drug prices for seniors, to continue to do so without interference from HHS and focus the Secretary's attention on those areas where competition is stymied and prices are artificially inflated by drug companies.

Furthermore, I am concerned about how H.R. 4 will affect various States' prescription drug assistance programs. For example, New Jersey provides drug coverage to over 200,000 low-income seniors through two programs known as the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program or PAAD and Senior Gold. After passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug bill, the State of New Jersey made a decision to make beneficiaries whole by providing a "wrap around" benefit to Medicare Part D. Therefore, PAAD beneficiaries continue to pay only a \$5 co-pay per prescription with no deductible, regardless of the terms of their particular Part D plan. Secondly, because PAAD maintains an open formulary for its beneficiaries, medications not

covered under Part D, are covered by PAAD. It has been argued that if the language of H.R. 4 places a restriction on medications Part D will cover, the cost of the PAAD and the Senior Gold program will increase as the burden to provide even more medications not covered by Medicare falls onto the State. As we move toward conference of the two Chambers, I want to make sure H.R. 4 does not lead to restrictions on access to new medications and gives seniors the best possible price for their medications.

Again, I commend Speaker PELOSI for a job well done and for making affordable prescription drugs for seniors a top priority in the 110th Congress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM
HOLMAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I want to note for the record that a constituent of mine, Jim Holman of McLean, VA, was installed as an Eagle Scout at a ceremony on January 13, 2007. Jim is an outstanding young man who will graduate from Langley High School this June.

As many of my colleagues know, it is not easy making Eagle Scout. It takes a great deal of time, effort and determination, all of which Jim has in abundance. Jim's accomplishment is in a long tradition of scouting in the Holman family. Jim's two older brothers, Luke and Tim, were both Eagle Scouts, and his parents, John and Kay Holman, have played a significant role over the years in scouting.

Again, I want to extend my congratulations to Jim on his wonderful accomplishment.

IN MEMORIAM OF SENIOR AIRMAN
DANIEL MILLER, JR. OF GALESBURG, IL

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, last week western Illinois lost one of its sons in the war in Iraq. SrA Daniel B. Miller, Jr. was proudly serving in the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Division when a roadside bomb exploded south of Baghdad. Senior Airman Miller made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge his bravery, recognize his contributions to this Nation, and extend my condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.

Senior Airman Miller, 24 years old, was born to Daniel Miller, Sr. of Galesburg and Robin Mahnesmith of Wataga, IL. He was an active member in his church's youth activities, enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends, and excelled as a student-athlete. He graduated from ROWVA High School in Oneida, IL, in 2001 where he also played varsity football.

In 2004 Senior Airman Miller enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed basic

training in San Antonio. He was then stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah, working with the explosive ordnance division. Airman Miller's experience disarming explosives in the military made him interested in joining the bomb squad of a local police department once his military commitment was completed. Often the target of enemy fire as a member of the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman Miller served with bravery and courage as he scoured Iraq for explosives, ensuring the safety of our ground troops.

As the oldest of five siblings, Senior Airman Miller had an extremely strong bond with his family. According to ROWVA Principal Andy Richmond, Airman Miller often visited the school after he graduated to ask former teachers how his brothers and sisters were doing. From what I've heard from his family and friends, "Dan" was loved by everyone and never asked for praise or recognition. "Dan was everybody's friend. He cared about everybody and was just a fun-loving young man," his father said.

On behalf of the communities in western and central Illinois, I would like to extend my thoughts and sincere prayers to the Miller and Mahnesmith families at this difficult time. Senior Airman Miller's courage in serving his country will not soon be forgotten and a grateful Nation stands humbled.

My heart also goes out to the families and friends of TSgt Timothy Weiner of Florida, and SrA Elizabeth A-Loncki of Delaware, who were also fatally injured in the same roadside bomb attack.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
URGING BANGLADESHI GOVERNMENT
TO DROP JOURNALIST'S
SEDITION CHARGES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a resolution with Congresswoman NITA LOWEY (D-NY) calling on the Government of Bangladesh to drop sedition charges pending against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury. Mr. Choudhury faces these charges because of his belief in an interfaith dialogue between Jews and Muslims and articles he published critical of Islamic extremism. Under Bangladesh law, sedition is a crime punishable by death.

Mr. Choudhury is a journalist in Bangladesh known for his views on expanding dialogue between Muslims and Jews, developing ties with Israel, and criticizing the rise of Islamist parties in Bangladesh. Mr. Choudhury was detained in November 2003 at Zia International Airport in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on his way to board a flight bound for Tel Aviv, Israel, to participate in the annual Hebrew Writers Conference. Mr. Choudhury's passport was seized, along with considerable sums of money and several personal items. On that same day, police raided his home and newspaper, seizing files, computers, and other valuables.

Since Bangladeshi law prohibits travel to Israel, Mr. Choudhury was first cited for a minor passport violation. He subsequently was charged with sedition, accused of espionage