

attend auctions and estate sales where he would purchase antiques. He refinished many of the treasures he discovered in his workshop, for his home or to resell. Ray was a high scoring bowler into his late 90's, bowling a 207 at the age of 95, and won the senior's league award. He is still an avid coin collector and has the latest set of the "State" quarters. Ray also loved to play pool, and often invited his friends and neighbors to play on his table in his basement.

Ray resides on Raymond Avenue in Glens Falls, New York, where his neighbors were blessed with his invariable kindness and generosity for over 50 years. He always included his neighbors' sidewalks when clearing snow with his snowblower. He was quick to assist any and all whenever he saw someone who needed aid in any fashion. It was after his 95th birthday that he told a friend that he regretfully could no longer push his snowblower or mow his lawn. Ray is a true gentleman with a great sense of humor, and a beguiling sparkle in his eyes.

Ray will be honored at an open house on Saturday July 28, 2007, at the Gansevoort Fire House, to celebrate his 100th birthday. Ray's daughter Bonnie and her husband Ralph Dow will host the party.

Madam Speaker, I would like to urge all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Ray Wood a most happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his innumerable acts of kindness to neighbors and strangers alike over his long life. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 716, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 717, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 718, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 719, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 720, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 721, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 722, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 723, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 724, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 725, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 726, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 727, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 728, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 729, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 730, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 731, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 732, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 733, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARLENE SPRINGER

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Marlene Springer, second president of the College of Staten Island, the City University of New York, on the occasion of her retirement.

Dr. Springer has served CSI as its president from 1994 through August of this year. In these 13 years of leadership, Dr. Springer advanced campus technology, established public-private partnerships, initiated an international distance education program, developed an international high school on campus, increased the College's enrollment to record levels, and strengthened academic standards.

In addition to a variety of other honors and accolades, she was selected as one of only four U.S. delegates to the Annual International Forum of Female Presidents in Higher Education in Beijing, and is also one of seven U.S. college presidents who founded The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics.

She has made CSI a recognized leader locally, nationally, and internationally; Staten Islanders are proud of her and of "their college."

I would like to publicly thank Dr. Springer for her outstanding leadership, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HERB D. KELLEHER'S RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an aviation legend who recently announced his plan to retire next May. Herb Kelleher is a founder of Southwest Airlines and currently serves as its Executive Chairman, a position that he has held since the spring of 1978. From the fall of 1981 to the summer of 2001, Kelleher also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Airlines.

Southwest started its operations in 1971 with just three airplanes. Today, it operates a fleet of 489 airplanes with orders for many more 737s. Home-based at Dallas Love Field, I am proud to represent many Southwest Airlines employees that live in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas. Southwest Airlines has been profitable for 34 consecutive years, a feat that is impressive for any business, but for an airline to be profitable for 34 consecutive years, given all of the challenges and tough competition in the aviation industry, is truly impressive. Southwest Airlines prides itself on never having furloughed an employee during its history.

Kelleher's vision for Southwest Airlines was not to produce a company that would just re-

turn profits to its shareholders—but for a company that has the respect and admiration of those who purchase the tickets and go to work everyday for the company. For the 10th year in a row, Fortune magazine honored Southwest Airlines in its annual survey of corporate reputations. Furthermore, among all industries in 2006, Fortune has also ranked Southwest Airlines as number three among America's Top Ten most admired corporations.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Herb for many years, and I wish him all the very best for a well-earned retirement next year. However, knowing Herb, he will continue to work very hard for Southwest Airlines until the day that he leaves the office for the last time. He may be leaving the airline that he helped to create, but his legacy will never leave the spirit that is Southwest Airlines.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on July 24, 2007, I inadvertently voted "aye" on rollcall No. 692, an amendment to the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, H.R. 3074. I intended to vote "no" on the amendment, which would impose an unacceptable cut to Amtrak. I am pleased that my colleagues did not support this amendment, and I congratulate the gentleman from Massachusetts, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Chairman JOHN OLVER who provided such important support for transportation and Amtrak.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Fayetteville, NC, I rise today to pay tribute to their upcoming celebration on September 6–8 in honor of Marquis de Lafayette. Fayetteville, the first City in the United States named for Lafayette, will rightly celebrate Lafayette's 250th birthday with great celebration and splendor. In honor of this special time, I am entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this special tribute which details the relationship between Fayetteville and Lafayette. Happy Birthday to Lafayette and congratulations to the City of Fayetteville, NC!

Marquis de Lafayette, born on September 6, 1757, is considered a national hero in both France and the United States for his participation in the American and French Revolutions, and is one of only six Honorary Citizens of the United States, and whose portrait, along with that of our first President George Washington, hangs in this very chamber.

Lafayette served heroically and with distinction during the American Revolution both as a general and as a diplomat, offering his services as an unpaid volunteer.

Lafayette's first battle in the American Revolution was at Brandywine, where he fought courageously and was wounded; he also served with distinction in various other engagements including the surrender of the British army at Yorktown.

In 1783 the two colonial villages of Cross Creek and Campbellton were merged by the and named Fayetteville, North Carolina—the first city in the United States named for Lafayette—and the only one named for him that he actually visited.

In 1789, the General Assembly and Constitutional Convention met in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where delegates ratified the United States Constitution, chartered the University of North Carolina, and ceded the state's western lands to form the state of Tennessee.

During Lafayette's tour of the United States as "The Guest of the Nation," he was entertained in Fayetteville on the 4th and 5th of March, 1825, by the leading citizens of the state and community, including Governor Hutchins G. Burton.

Upon the death of Lafayette in 1834, the City of Fayetteville held a large memorial service and eloquent eulogium on his character and services.

Upon the bi-centennial of the naming of Fayetteville in 1983, the Lafayette Society and General Lafayette's great-great grandson, The Count Rene de Chambrun, unveiled a statue of General Lafayette in the Downtown Historic District.

The city of Fayetteville, North Carolina, will have three days of celebration, September 6-8, 2007, to the 250th birthday of its namesake Marquis de Lafayette.

The great City of Fayetteville is to be commended for honoring this great national hero and is "Where North Carolina Celebrates Lafayette's Birthday."

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3093, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Poe-Costa-Moore amendment to the CJS Appropriations Act. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund was created by Congress in 1984 to provide Federal support to Federal, State, tribal and local programs that assist victims of crime. And this fund is derived entirely from fines and penalties paid by offenders at the Federal level, not taxpayer revenues.

VOCA funds several important national programs, such as the Children's Justice Act, Victim Notification System, and the U.S. Attorney's office. It also funds Victim Compensation Grants that provide funds to states to reimburse victims for out-of-pocket expenses, primarily medical costs and lost wages. Finally, Victim Assistance Grants to states are also funded through VOCA. These grants go to States which support direct victim assistance services. It is estimated that 4,400 agencies depend on continued VOCA Victim Assistance Grant funding to serve 3.8 million victims a year.

Congress began setting a cap in the appropriations process on the amount dispersed to

States annually from the Fund in order to ensure stable funding for victim service providers in the field. Both the House and the Senate CJS subcommittees have included a \$625 million cap for FY 2008. This would be the fifth year in a row without an increase in the total VOCA cap.

Due to increasing claims, VOCA Compensation Grants rose \$22.3 million in FY07 and are expected to rise by at least \$5.6 million in FY08. The Poe-Costa Amendment will increase the VOCA cap by \$10 million in FY 2008 to help prevent cuts to VOCA Victim Assistance Grants.

Crime victims are our sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, parents and neighbors who are struggling to survive in the aftermath of crime. They deserve services, and our support to help them cope. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITIES OF GAHANNA AND WESTERVILLE, OHIO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the communities of Gahanna and Westerville, Ohio. Both have been ranked by Money magazine as two of the 100 best places to live in the Nation.

Praised for their economic opportunity, quality school systems, and safe and hospitable neighborhoods, Gahanna and Westerville are truly desirable places to live. As a life-long neighbor of both communities, I have been witness to the kindness of both communities every time I pass through.

The friendly atmosphere cultivated by the members of both communities is engaging and welcoming, making them a wonderful place to call home. The rankings by Money magazine are true testaments to the Buckeye spirit, which both areas adequately represent.

I offer my congratulations to Mayor Becky Stinhcomb of Gahanna, Mayor Diane Fosselman of Westerville and the members of both communities. All have created wonderful places for Central Ohioans to call home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on July 24, 2007, I inadvertently failed to vote on Flake Amendment to H.R. 3074 (Rollcall No. 694). Had I voted, I would have voted "no."

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of the FY08 Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act. This legislation includes valuable funding for the health care needs of the heroes and heroines of 9/11. I commend Chairman OBEY for his effort to include \$50 million for their treatment.

H.R. 3043 will make college more affordable by increasing the maximum Pell Grant by \$390 while providing \$2 billion more than last year for No Child Left Behind programs. It expands access to health care for the uninsured and provides and increases funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$750 million over last year.

However, I do oppose a policy provision contained in H.R. 3043 which concerns the National Institutes of Health public access policy. The act would change the current voluntary policy by mandating that final manuscripts reporting on NIH-funded research be submitted to the NIH National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central for worldwide distribution. This change would set a dangerous precedent for government action, by infringing on the rights of the copyright holders of these articles. I believe strongly that the policy is best left in its current voluntary form to provide flexibility and allow copyright holders to manage their investments in scientific research while maintaining the accuracy of this data.

Publishers in my district invest hundreds of millions of dollars to ensure that the results of scientific research are peer reviewed, published and disseminated as widely as possible. Although public dollars are used to fund the research, the peer review and publishing process is completely funded by private sector non-profit and commercial publishers. A unilateral requirement that these articles be posted for free on PubMed Central, ignores the critical role that publishers play in the scientific process. This requirement also ignores a long-standing principle that the government should not be involved in the taking of copyrighted works—and in this case, without providing any compensation. That is exactly what a mandated policy would do.

Moreover, once manuscripts are deposited in PubMed Central, these copyrighted works would be available for anyone to download the material, free of charge and without any geographic or time restrictions. Under the current policy publishers still retain control and voluntarily make their articles available for free public access while retaining their copyright.