Rep. GEORGE MILLER (rollcall No. 1054)

providing for consideration of H.R. 3685, to pro-
hibit employment discrimination on the
basis of sexual orientation. (rollcall No. 1052)

Nay on Motion to Approve the Journal (rollcall
No. 1079)

“Aye” on Motion to Adjourn (rollcall No. 1080)

“Nay” on Passage of the Temporary Tax Relief
Act of 2007 (rollcall No. 1081)

IN MEMORIAL OF SHERIFF JOHN
HAYWOOD BAKER, JR.

HON. BOB ETHIDGE
OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. ETHIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Sheriff John Haywood
Baker, Jr., who died October 31, 2007. In his passing I lost a good friend, and North Caro-
lina lost one of its most outstanding citizens and a man who was instrumental in his com-

community, county, and State.

A native son of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sheriff Baker was known for his larger-than-
life, 6-foot-7 stature and a booming voice. John became the first black sheriff in North Carolina
since Reconstruction and held the office from 1978 until 2002. During his 24 years as Sheriff
he helped create the John H. Baker Jr. Charter
School. This school allows young jail-ed
offenders to get a second chance. John wasn’t the
only law enforcement officer in the family as
the son of the late Louise S. Baker and John H.
Baker, Sr. John, Sr., was the first African
American police officer in the city of Raleigh.

At an early age John was taught to have com-
passion, gentleness, sensitivity for others. These were life skills that he carried with him
throughout his life.

John grew up in the Oberlin community of
Raleigh and attended Ligon High School. He
graduated from North Carolina Central Univer-
sity in 1958. That same year, he was drafted
56th overall by the Los Angeles Rams. Over
the next 11 years, the defensive end/defensive
tackle went on to play for the Philadelphia Eagles,
Steelers, and Detroit Lions. While playing in the NFL, John displayed his leadership abilities. He was
captain of the Pittsburgh Steelers, MVP of the
team, and selected as a NFL All-Star. He was
inducted into the North Carolina Hall of Fame,
in 1972, for one of the most defining moments of
his career. While a Pittsburgh Steeler John
tackled football legend Y.A. Tittle, quarterback of the New York Giants, leaving him bloody
and battered in the end zone. The tackle is
the subject of a famous picture that became
part of sports history.

In the off season, John would work with the
Raleigh Police Department as a youth coun-

selor. When he retired from the NFL he be-
came the first black man appointed to the North Carolina State Parole Board, as the As-
sociate Director for Training and Standards
Council. He was also an Administrative Aide
to U.S. Senator Robert Morgan. John was a
member of several organizations; he was a life
member of the NAACP, a member of the
Board of Trustees of Shaw University, a mem-
ber of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, just to name
a few. John leaves to cherish his memory a
devoted wife of forty-eight years, Juanita H.
Baker, his two children Jonnita B. Williams,
John H. Baker, III, and his Goddaughter Ada
H. Roach.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff John H. Baker had
a commitment to excellence in everything he
did and he had a way of bringing out excel-
lence in everyone around him. He was a re-
spected and a successful dedicated public
servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fit-
ting that we honor him and his family today.

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall
No. 1056, the Motion to Reconsider with In-
structions on H.R. 3685, I was not present.
Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to honor Walter M. Duzzny, Walter, who
has served as the Director of Mahoning Coun-
ty Emergency Management and Communica-
tions for 25 years, is retiring at the end of this
month.

Walter Duzzny has dedicated over thirty-four
years to public service. He began his career in
Emergency Management and has made great
contributions to the field ever since. As the
First Director of the Disaster Services and Pre-
paredness Agency, Walter influenced the
Agency to adopt an “all-hazards” concept,
which resulted in the development of a County
HazMat team and Safety Service and Support
Centers. Thanks to Walter’s hard work and
dedication toward the Agency, Mahoning
County has the proper tools to implement pre-
paratory, response, and recovery strategies in
the event of an emergency.

Walter has contributed to Mahoning County in
more ways than one. He has remained an
active member of the community through his
participation in several organizations. As a re-
tired Army Reserve Colonel, Walter serves as
the President of the local chapter of the Na-
tional Reserve Officers Association. He also
serves on the Board of St. Peter and Paul
Ukrainian Orthodox Church and remains a
member of several other organizations.

Walter’s accomplishments have positively
impacted Emergency Management on local
and national levels. His innovative drive and
valuable contributions will be greatly missed.

I wish Walter all the best in his retirement.

HONORING CENTRAL VALLEY
SAFETY SOCIETY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to commend the Central Valley Safety
Society for their commitment to serving the Central Valley.

The Central Valley Safety Society, CVSS, was created as a non-profit organization in 1996 to provide safety and human resource professionals with a place to exchange ideas and information, for the professional enhancement of members to recognize those who excel in safety and health. CVSS is based in the Central Valley and is the only group of its kind from Los Angeles to Modesto. The long time organizational members include; Pelco, Rich Products, The Fresno bee, Fresno Metropolitan Police, EOC and Clovis Cemetery District.

CVSS holds nine monthly luncheon meetings in downtown Fresno. Typically, there are twenty to thirty members present to discuss topics that cover a range issues from Heat Illness Protection, Hazardous Materials and Health and Wellness Programs. The speakers are typically volunteers from the community.

Over the past eight years, the organization has partnered with similar organizations in the Fresno area, such as: Ag Safe, Human Resource Association of Central California, Fresno County Employer Advisory Council and California State University SHRM Student Chapter. CVSS has partnered with these and other organizations to plan and participate in a half-day human resource and safety seminar and it is held annually in October.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Central Valley Safety Society for their commitment to serving the Central Valley. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the organization many years of continued success.

HONORING LAVERA ETHRIDGE-WILLIAMS, AS THE 2007 TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS HONOREE BY THE WEST FRESNO HEALTHCARE COALITION

HON. JIM COSTA OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LaVera Ethridge-Williams of Fresno, California, for being named a 2007 Honoree at the West Fresno Healthcare Coalition’s Tribute to Health Champions reception. As a principal advocate for childcare in Fresno County, LaVera is a woman of great vision, and is certainly most deserving of this honor. Born in Boley, Oklahoma, LaVera moved to Fresno, where she attended Fresno City College, and then California State University, Fresno. Recognizing the need for a child care facility in West Fresno she submitted a proposal to the California Department of Health and Welfare. After 4 long years, her dream became a reality when her first private child care center designed specifically for infants was inaugurated.

LaVera opened a chain of daycare centers geared to the education of young children, providing not only a service to the community, but also employment opportunities for West Fresno residents. Mrs. Ethridge-Williams’ emphasis has always been on the health, nutrition, and education of children. Her involvement in the health arena has also led her to become one of the founding members of the Sickle Cell Support Group in Fresno, California.

LaVera Ethridge Williams is a woman of great principle and integrity. She is a role model for all of us, especially those in the childcare profession. I have known LaVera and her family for years and know they care deeply and contribute daily to make our Valley a better place to live. It is with great pride that I congratulate her for all that she does on behalf of the West Fresno community and for receiving this distinguished award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN OF NEW JERSEY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, November 8, 2007, I was unable to be present in the Capitol due to the death of a family member and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 1060 through 1067. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 1060, on H.R. 3688, the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, I would have voted “nay.” I believe the Peru Free Trade Agreement, FTA, is another fundamentally flawed trade agreement. I oppose this FTA because it includes many of the same provisions from the original NAFTA that left workers terribly unprotected, led to the outsourcing of millions of U.S. jobs, and allowed companies to ignore environmental protections here and abroad that are vital to people’s health and safety. It’s going to hurt workers here and in Peru. I regret that I was unable to be here, due to the devastating loss of a beloved family member, to cast a vote against it.

On rollcall votes Nos. 1061, 1062, 1063, and 1064, the procedural votes on the Rule for Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 3222, the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, as well as the Conference Report itself, I would have voted “aye.” As a member of the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Defense and therefore, a Co-conference on this bill, I have voted for it in Conference and strongly support this critical bill that enhances America’s security by providing our service men and women with the tools they need to protect our Nation today and giving them the resources and weapons systems they need to fight the threats of tomorrow. This measure also invests in our military personnel by affording them comprehensive health care and ensuring that our wounded warriors are treated with the dignity that they deserve. Had I been present during the consideration of this bill, I would have voted “aye” on both of these measures with great pleasure and pride.

On rollcall votes Nos. 1065 and 1066, which were procedural votes on the Rule for H.R. 3355, the Homeowners’ Defense Act of 2007, I would have voted “aye.” This bill will improve New Jersey homeowners ability to secure homeowners’ insurance, as well as recover from flood or hurricane damage.

On rollcall vote No. 1067, the Motion to instruct Committees for the Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2008, I would have voted “aye.”


HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of 32 exceptional young people who will be honored tomorrow by the West Palm Beach National Urban League for their acceptance into the National Achievers Society. Their accomplishments are evidence that the will to succeed endures in spite of continued prejudice, discrimination, and a public education system that historically and presently places many young minorities at a disadvantage in the classroom and beyond.

The achievements of these young people and the establishment of the National Achievers Society Program are both worthy of Congressional recognition. It is with great pleasure that I recognize the following young men and women for their drive and for setting a hopeful and positive example for our country and their community:

Shauna-Kay Nation; Tatiana Virginia; Demetri Virginia; Reginald Walker; Valeana Andre; Rose D’Haiti; Lesha Brutton; Mecarra Eastley; Lucianne Gabriel; Chandra Fulwood; Miranda Renald; Regine Hill; Christina Taylor; Jasmine McGee; Brandon Coombs; Mariah Lewis; Thomas Coates III; Alkeyah Williams; Devondrea Edwards; Antonio Taylor; Marcus Sutton; Gabrielle Alexandre; Natasha Juglar; Seon Lewis; Devin Williamson; Khasara Lewis; Arrianne Morrison; Trevor Thomas; Briana Thomas; Charlene Vieira; Marissa Richards; and Regis Frazier.

The National Achievers Society was founded by community leaders who developed an aggressive national response to the educational and developmental crisis facing young people of color in our country. The authors of this program provided children in grades 3-12 with the opportunity to begin and continue their road to excellence by giving them the resources to achieve in the arts, humanities and sciences.

By supporting adults and young people in the development of the next generation of leaders, the National Young Achievers Society ensures that a child’s dream to succeed is able to materialize through hard work and dedication. I have always believed that we must invest in young people if we want to be a strong force on the domestic and international stage in the future. These 32 young men and women are evidence of the remarkable reward that ensues when quality programs and dedicated individuals nurture the minds and spirits of our Nation’s precious resource. Indeed, they are worthy of the recognition and congratulation of the U.S. House of Representatives.