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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN HOLLEN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 19, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, we ask that You would equip the Members of this body and all who serve here with the wisdom, strength, and perseverance needed to overcome any obstacles we will face in serving this Nation and its citizens. Bless our Representatives with opportunities to advance democracy, justice, and economic parity. Bless their staff members as they labor to support the honorable men and women they serve. For military men and women deployed in harm's way and their families, we pray Your providential protection, comfort, and peace. O Lord, our precious savior and eternal king, equip leaders across this great land with the wisdom and endurance to meet the challenges ahead.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore HOYER on Friday, February 15, 2008:

H.R. 5270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. HOYER, on Friday, February 15:

H.R. 5270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 293, 110th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Thursday, February 21, 2008, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5417. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands [RM08-6-000] received January 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5418. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2008 Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specifications; Preliminary 2008 Quota Adjustments; 2008 Summer Flounder Quota for Delaware [Docket No. 071030625-7696-02] (RIN: 0648-XC84) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5419. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Vermillion Snapper Fishery Management Measures [Docket No. 070518142-7238-02] (RIN: 0648-AV45) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5420. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocation [Docket No. 060824226-6322-02] (RIN: 0648-XE38) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5421. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chiniak Gully Research Area for Vessels Using Trawl Gear [Docket

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No. 070213032-7032-01] (RIN: 0648-XE81) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5422. A letter from the Acting Director Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Modification of the Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit for the U.S./Canada Management Area [Docket No. 070227048-7091-02] (RIN: 0648-XE82) received February 5, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5423. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's feasibility report and environmental assessment of the Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5424. A letter from the Paralegal, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Transit Database: Amendment to Reporting Requirements and Non-Substantive Technical Changes [Docket No: FTA-2007-27319] (RIN: 2132-AA94) received January 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5425. A letter from the Paralegal, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — CHARTER SERVICE [Docket No. FTA-2005-22657] (RIN: 2132-AA85) received January 14, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5426. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel (Administration & Management), National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Patents and Other Intellectual Property Rights [NOTICE: (07-083)] (RIN: 2700-AD35) received December 20, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MITCHELL:

H.R. 5474. A bill to prevent payments of educational assistance for veterans and members of the Selected Reserve from being offset in the calculation of financial aid under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. MOORE of Kansas (for himself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GORDON, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mr. HILL, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KIND, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MATHEWSON, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. POE, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico):

H.R. 5475. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make a technical correction to ensure sex offenders who travel between States, regardless of when they traveled, must register with appropriate state and local authorities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. JONES of Ohio (for herself and Mr. TIBERI):

H. Res. 993. A resolution expressing support for the second annual America Saves Week 2008 from February 24, 2008 through March 2, 2008; to the Committee on Financial Services.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

235. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 11 urging the Congress of the United States to take action to honor the sovereignty of the individual states to regulate and command the National Guard of the states; to the Committee on Armed Services.

236. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Resolution No. 116 urging the Congress of the United States and the President of the

United States to reverse the decision to close Fort Monmouth; to the Committee on Armed Services.

237. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 21 opposing the designation of any area in the state as a world heritage site, biosphere reserve, or any other type of international designation without the consent of the Alaska State Legislature and affected local governments; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

238. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 urging the Congress of the United States to defeat H.R. 39 titled, "To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 219: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 241: Mr. CARTER and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 1707: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 1767: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 1897: Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 2421: Mr. GILCHREST.

H.R. 3650: Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Ms. GIFFORDS.

H.R. 3726: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 3800: Mr. HOBSON and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 5087: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland.

H.R. 5237: Mrs. EMERSON.

H. Con. Res. 239: Mr. GINGREY.

H. Res. 888: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. MICA, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HULSHOF, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina.

H. Res. 952: Mr. GERLACH, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

H. Res. 957: Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. BIGGERT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. POMEROY.



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Senate

(Legislative day of Thursday, February 14, 2008)

The Senate met at 11:01 and 35 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, D.C., February 19, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of Rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LIEBERMAN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M., FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2008

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Friday, February 22, 2008, at 10 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:02 and 10 seconds a.m., recessed until Friday, February 22, 2008, at 10 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MARY MARTIN, U.S. ARMY

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of all the citizens of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, it gives me great pleasure to thank and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Mary Martin, USA, for her dedicated service to the armed force of the United States of America.

LTC Martin's academic credentials are remarkable. She is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management from Chapman University, she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps through ROTC in 1987. Also a graduate of the Medical Service Corps Basic Course, the Medical Logistics Management Course (Honor Graduate), the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency Internship, Command and General Staff College, and the Navy Advanced Management Program.

LTC Martin has had a variety of key leadership and management positions throughout her career including: Platoon Leader and Division Medical Supply Officer, 7th Medical Battalion, 7th Infantry Division (L), Fort Ord, CA; Chief, Distribution Division, 6th Medical Supply, Optical, and Maintenance Battalion, Camp Carroll, Korea; Commander, Charlie Company and later S3, 325th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (L), Schofield Barracks, HI; Chief, Logistics Division, Dunham Army Health Clinic, Carlisle Barracks, PA; Logistics Readiness Officer, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, HI; Executive Officer, Pacific Regional Dental Command, Tripler Army Medical Center, HI; Program Manager, ECAT, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; Chief, Joint Readiness, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; and Chief, Customer Facing Division, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia.

Most importantly, LTC Martin has been a healer, warrior and ambassador of goodwill for our nation through difficult deployments to the Republic of Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy; to East Timor in support of Operation Stabilise; to Iraq in support of the Coalition Provisional Authority Ministry of Health; and to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom. She has also deployed to Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia in support of medical humanitarian outreach programs.

Her awards speak to an extraordinarily successful career and include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi

Campaign Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. LTC Martin was also inducted in the Order of Military Medical Merit.

LTC Martin's family, friends and neighbors of the 7th Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our entire nation extend their gratitude to her for a career of selfless dedication to our safety and security.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SAMUEL J.
DANIEL, M.D.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Samuel J. Daniel, M.D., for his contributions to medicine and his dedication to the improvement of our communities. As our Nation celebrates Black History Month and the many contributions African Americans have made to our Nation, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to Dr. Daniel.

Dr. Daniel, a native of Antigua, is the president and CEO of North General Hospital, the only not-for-profit, private teaching hospital located in central Harlem. Dr. Daniel has made important contributions in the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C, an area in which he was a principal investigator in several clinical trials studying this disease. In 2005, Dr. Daniel co-authored the book *Hepatitis C: The Black Person's Guide*.

Well respected among his peers, Dr. Daniel has been frequently cited for professional excellence. In a 2000 issue of *New York Magazine*, Dr. Daniel was recognized as one of "The Best Doctors in New York." One year later, *Network Journal* and *Black Enterprise Magazine* recognized him as one of the Nation's leading physicians.

However, Dr. Daniel is equally committed to the improvement of our communities as he is to the improvement of our health. In 2004, he received the Leon Bagues Award for commitment to social reform from the Black and Hispanic Legislative Caucus. In 2006, he received the Roy Wilkins Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Furthermore, Dr. Daniel holds many distinguished membership positions on the boards of nonprofit organizations, including the Primary Care Development Corporation, the Greater New York Hospital Association, and the League of Voluntary Hospitals and Homes, among others. Despite his many commitments and public service activities, Dr. Daniel also maintains an active and successful practice in gastroenterology in the Harlem community.

Madam Speaker, thanks to Dr. Daniel's hard work and dedication to the progress of medicine and his commitment to the improvement of our communities, underserved populations

have been able to receive the quality medical care they deserve. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Daniel.

HONORING H.O. TANNER
TEACHERS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on February 21 the Texas Delta Xi Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority for Women Legislators will honor some distinguished alumni of the H.O. Tanner School in Brazoria, TX, who attended H.O. Tanner when it was a segregated school. Among those honored will be Julia Mack, who taught at H.O. Tanner after segregation was ended. H.O. Tanner was constructed in 1900 in order to ensure that Texas' segregation laws did not prevent African-American children from obtaining a quality education.

Laws dictating what schools a child can and cannot attend, based solely on that child's race, are a shameful aspect of America's history. It is hard to think of a better way to celebrate Black History Month than by honoring those who did not allow the burden of the "Jim Crow" laws to stop them from obtaining an education, and returning to their community to devote their lives to teaching all students.

It is therefore with the greatest pleasure that I join Texas Delta Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa in honoring Geneva Barrett, Cora Mack, Berniece Smith, Julia Mack (who taught kindergarten at the desegregated Henry O. Tanner); Mary Crecy, Geneva Barrett (both of whom are being honored posthumously) and Mary Dickson who taught at the original Henry O. Tanner School, and sisters Julia and Cora Mack who attended classes on the desegregated H.O. Tanner Campus.

THE RECOVERY REBATES AND
ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ACT

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5140, the Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act.

For 7 years the Bush administration has pursued economic policies that have been focused on making the wealthy in this Nation even wealthier, while ignoring the middle class—the backbone of our Nation.

Only now as the economy is dangerously close to recession, Congress is attempting to take the burden off the backs of those who need the most relief—hard-working American families.

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The tax rebates passed in H.R. 5140 will put money back into the pockets of American families, and in turn, back into the American economy.

I am extremely supportive of the Senate amendment, which extended the rebates to 20 million seniors and 250,000 disabled veterans. During this time of economic uncertainty, no one should be left out of this stimulus package.

While today's stimulus package is a good first step to revitalizing our economic well-being, checks in the mail alone are not going to get the job done. Recently, after Maytag and Carhartt, among others, moved their operations from Illinois, yet another plant in my district announced it was closing its doors, costing us another 700 jobs.

My constituents need more than just a check. They need fair trade policies that do not provide incentives for companies to outsource jobs to other countries. My constituents need an overhaul of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program and increased funding in order to establish the safety net they deserve. My constituents need unemployment benefits to help them survive long periods of joblessness exacerbated by an unstable economy. I am extremely disappointed that we missed another opportunity to extend unemployment benefits to millions of Americans who are left out of this stimulus package.

Today's legislation is a good step toward addressing the hardships felt by many Americans, and I am proud to support it. I strongly urge the President to quickly sign this measure into law.

TRIBUTE TO IRAN "THE BLADE"
BARKLEY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Iran Barkley, a towering local hero who defied the odds to reach the pinnacle of professional boxing excellence. Throughout his career, in times of triumph and heartbreak, Iran Barkley showed resilience and indomitable courage in pursuit of greatness. His gritty determination and willingness to stand toe-to-toe in the ring endeared him to fans worldwide, and often disproved critics who believed they were the last word on the outer limits of a fighter's ability.

Born in the South Bronx on May 9, 1960, Mr. Barkley, also known as "The Blade," was the youngest of eight siblings. Mr. Barkley's older sister, Yvonne, was an amateur boxer and lightweight contender in New York; she brought young Iran with her to local gyms as a way to keep him off the street. In the years that followed, under the tutelage of Connie Bryant, Bobby Miles, and with the friendship of another talented young fighter named Davey Moore, young Iran quickly demonstrated considerable in-ring ability. In 1981, Iran won the Empire State Games and was a finalist in the New York State Golden Gloves Competition. By 1982, he had joined the U.S. Amateur Boxing Team and traveled throughout Europe, medaling at the Copenhagen Boxing Club and the World Games in Munich, Germany. Shortly thereafter, Iran "The Blade" Barkley turned pro.

Mr. Barkley began his professional boxing career with an impressive 10–3 record. Through management changes and a controversial loss in his first World Title shot, Mr. Barkley later shocked the boxing world by defeating Tommy "Hitman" Hearns in a third round knockout to become Middle Weight Champion of the World. Mr. Barkley held this title until losing a controversial decision bout to Roberto Duran in what Ring magazine called "The Fight of the Year." Later, in part due to a string of injuries and managerial setbacks, Mr. Barkley's career would ebb and flow, with stunning victories sometimes paired with heartbreaking defeats. All told, however, this Bronx born boxing phenom would go on to be a five time World Champion, winning titles in three weight classes, and holding the distinction of being the only man ever to beat Tommy Hearns twice. In heavily contested and physical bouts, "The Blade's" mettle earned him the respect of his opponents.

His relentless and efficient punching power thrilled boxing enthusiasts around the globe, and his ring accomplishments have left little doubt in the minds of boxing historians as to his abilities and class.

Madam Speaker, each February we honor the contributions of our African American brothers and sisters. We know that one month is hardly enough time to reflect upon the incalculable enrichments that African Americans have made to our nation. However, we also know that each time we pay special tribute to the legacies of African Americans, we move one step closer to fulfilling the promise of a free and equal society. The Bronx has always had, in my view, an embarrassment of riches in its African American community—so many heroes, so many fighters, so many champions of the people. But Iran "The Blade" Barkley is truly a legendary figure. His punching power has been matched only by his staying power in the world of professional sport. Unquestionably, he is an example, for all of us, of what can be accomplished through persistence, will and heart. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a giant in the world of professional boxing, and more, Iran "The Blade" Barkley.

HONORING MAJOR WILLIAM E.
DICKENS

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today, I wish to honor a great man and a true American hero.

MAJ William E. Dickens serves as a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve. In 2005 and 2007, Major Dickens volunteered and was deployed to support the ongoing military efforts of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has worked to establish a foundation of support for the troops in that region and continues to provide an invaluable service to military personnel and their families.

Major Dickens served as the senior Protestant chaplain at Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq, providing a comprehensive ministry to more than 3,100 troops during his deployment. In 2005, while serving at Ali Al Salem in Kuwait, Bill visited more than 5,600 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. During his service

there, he made two convoy trips into Iraq to minister to 800 airmen at Camp Bucca who were without a chaplain. As the chaplain for the 445th Airlift Wing, Major Dickens has spent long hours providing reintegration counseling to service men and their families.

For his great service, Major Dickens was chosen as the Reserve Officers Association 2007 Chaplain of the Year. The Reserve Officers Association is a 70,000-member professional association with representatives from all seven of the uniformed services of the United States. This honor recognizes Chaplain Dickens' extraordinary contributions to the welfare, morale, and effectiveness of the armed services.

On the 12th of February, Chaplain Dickens provided the opening prayer for the House of Representatives. I ask the House to join me in congratulating Major Dickens on receiving this great distinction and in offering him our sincerest thanks for his years of service to our Nation.

THE STUDENT VETERAN
FINANCIAL AID FAIRNESS ACT

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, earlier today I introduced the Student Veteran Financial Aid Fairness Act, a bill to exempt service-connected education benefits from being figured into a veteran's financial aid needs.

This Congress has made education one of its top priorities. Last session, I proudly supported the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which lowers student loan interest rates and increases Pell grants. This is an important step toward making a higher education affordable for all students. I was happy to see the President sign it into law.

Just last week, we continued our commitment to make a higher education more affordable by passing the College Opportunity and Affordability Act. Again, I proudly supported this legislation and was particularly pleased to support the important resources it provides for student veterans.

As a Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I have spoken to many veterans from my home State of Arizona and all around the country. These veterans have told me about the difficulties they face in readjusting to civilian life and they have consistently told me that the college environment is a good way to ease that transition.

Many student veterans are under different pressures than their non-veteran peers in college. Some have families of their own, some have full-time jobs, and most are a good deal older than the other students on campus. Additionally, many veterans, especially from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, are coping with injuries like post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

And making matters worse, the rising cost of higher education is making it more difficult for veterans to go to college.

We promised a higher education to our servicemembers when they joined and it is our responsibility to see that they get it when they become veterans.

This is not the case, right now. When a veteran applies for financial aid using the FAFSA,

their G.I. Bill benefits are considered resources, which are then counted against the amount of aid they can receive. My bill would fix that problem and ensure that the G.I. Bill is used as intended, a benefit for military service, as opposed to a means to reduce the amount of student aid our veterans can receive.

The current law prevents student veterans from taking full advantage of Stafford and Perkins Loans, Pell Grants, and Federal Work-study. I believe it is critical that we continue to fight for college affordability, especially when it comes to providing for our veterans.

I think it is wrong to judge the needs of our veterans with the same standard as other students without military service.

I know Mr. FILNER, the Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, has made it a priority to reform the G.I. Bill this session, but in the mean time, it is important that we work together as a Congress to fix this financial aid problem.

HONORING THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, since 1920, the League of Women Voters (LWV) has fought for good government and an engaged, enlightened citizenry.

Founded by Carrie Chapman Catt just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified and women were afforded the right to vote, this vital organization works tirelessly to protect the democratic process in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong.

The League began as a "mighty political experiment" to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters and encourage them to use their new power to shape public policy. As their mission statement demands, the League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization to encourage informed and active participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Over its history, the League's legislative priorities have reflected the greatest needs of our society. Our victories in the House and Senate in addressing the concerns of Americans owe much to the efforts of those dedicated patriots of the League of Women Voters.

I would like to congratulate and honor the League of Women Voters on its 78th anniversary.

In the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am fortunate to represent constituents from Delaware, Montgomery and Chester counties. In our district, the League of Women Voters is superbly represented by Ms. Lora Lavin and Ms. Norma Tower of Swarthmore Pennsylvania, Ms. Rosemary Kessling of Drexel Hill Pennsylvania, Gayla McCluskey of Radnor Pennsylvania, Susan Fields of Kemblesville, Pennsylvania, May Bell Ball of Flourtown, Pennsylvania, Suzanne F. Andrews of Norristown, Pennsylvania and Carol Snow of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

For their energy, dedication to the highest ideals of democracy and service to their neighbors, I request that we recognize this extraordinary organization and its members for their invaluable contributions to our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO DEAN MEMINGER
MAYO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an important figure in the city of New York, a man whose voice reaches thousands of people, and who has consistently proven himself to be principled and fair in his judgment, Mr. Dean Meminger Mayo. In his professional capacity as a news reporter and anchor for the NY1 network, Mr. Meminger is charged with chronicling major events and other matters of importance to residents of New York. He approaches this work with a poise and professionalism beyond his years, and many have come to view his reporting as an unvarnished source of information upon which they can better comprehend the issues of the day. In his personal history as a native New Yorker, someone who has chosen to make our beloved city his home, we trust that the lens through which he views New York can be at once constructively critical and yet understanding.

Born in Harlem Hospital but raised in the Bronx, Mr. Meminger attended St. Augustine's Elementary School and later Cardinal Spellman High School. A bright and athletically gifted student, Dean was awarded a track and field scholarship to Pace University in Westchester, New York. While at Pace, Dean discovered both his love and talent for media and communications. He joined the college radio station as a disk jockey only to rise quickly to the position of news director. During his senior year of college, Dean interned with the Sports

Department of WABC-Eyewitness News, giving him exposure to professional news coverage and cementing his desire to make his mark in this field.

Mr. Meminger got his break in 1995, when he was hired by BronxNet TV as a reporter and substitute news anchor. Then in 1997, Mr. Meminger joined the team at NY1 News, one of the city's most watched cable news channels. Over the past decade while at NY1, he has covered some of the city's biggest stories, bringing to his coverage everything from sharp analysis to compassion, but always with the goal of bringing unbiased and clear reporting to his viewers. Recently, Mr. Meminger played an important role in reporting the events of a tragic house fire in the Bronx that claimed the lives of 9 children in two families of African immigrants. The painful events surrounding this story, coupled with a simultaneous national debate about U.S. immigration policy and enforcement, caused this family's personal loss to become a national story. For days, the whole of New York grieved with this family. And as the grieving process unfolded, Mr. Meminger was on hand to report the developments as they arose, helping us to understand exactly what had occurred and what was yet to come for these families and for their community. Sensitive coverage of wrenching events like the Highbridge fire have become Mr. Meminger's hallmark, but his history as a sought after resource during difficult events dates back to September 11th, 2001 and to the shootings of Amadou Diallo and Sean Bell.

Madam Speaker, Dean Meminger helps us to better understand and reflect upon the fluid state of affairs that we as New Yorkers all must learn to navigate. He is a proud man who possesses a keen intellect and an ever-growing capacity for insight. As an African-American, he inspires us, as people of color, when we see his face on television tackling issues that often cross color lines. The need still exists in America for greater acceptance in our society; for more, not less, tolerance and understanding. By being a positive and thoughtful voice in our city, Dean gains entry into our homes and earns our trust on a daily basis, and this, I am sure, is only a good thing. His profession requires that he not be an advocate for any one issue above another, but by virtue of his person, Dean advocates every day for multiculturalism and pluralism in this city. So on this February day during Black History Month, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to a man who is not only reporting, but also influencing history, Mr. Dean Meminger Mayo.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate met at 11:01:35 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 11:02:10 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., on Friday, February 22, 2008.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 5474–5475, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 993, were introduced. **Page H1002**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1001**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain. **Page H1001**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 293, the House stands adjourned until noon on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2008

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Noon, Thursday, February 21, 2008

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will meet in pro forma session.

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