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I salute these women as examples of the many others who have made, and continue to make our country great.

HONORING GENERAL MOTORS FOR  
WINNING RICHARD H. AUSTIN  
LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SAFETY  
AWARD

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, the Michigan Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission announced that the General Motors Corporation will receive the Richard H. Austin Long-Term Traffic Safety Award, "for being a corporate and auto industry leader in promoting traffic safety issues," in the State and nationally. The award was presented at the group's annual awards luncheon on March 13, 2008, in East Lansing, Michigan.

This prestigious award is named after a true leader in traffic safety, the late Richard H. Austin, who served as Michigan Secretary of State from 1971 to 1994. Secretary Austin, who was known as, "Mr. Traffic Safety," was a pioneer in promoting passage of State seat belt use laws and in promoting measures for child passenger safety, drunken driving prevention, and motorcycle safety.

The commission's announcement notes that GM, "has made significant contributions in addressing key traffic safety concerns including safety belt use, child passenger safety in and around vehicles and drunk driving through partnerships and collaboration, advocacy, financial support and voluntary time commitments to traffic safety organizations by company executives and employees."

The announcement states that when, "efforts were underway to upgrade Michigan's seat belt law from a secondary to a primary law, GM led the collaborative efforts," to support it. I am pleased to note that as a result of this upgraded law Michigan has one of the highest State belt use rates in the Nation at 94 percent.

Among the other specific activities for which GM is being recognized is its Safe Kids Buckle Up partnership with Safe Kids Worldwide. Under this program, child safety seats are checked by trained experts for proper installation; safety seats are provided to families in need; and education is provided to help assure that children are not left alone in vehicles and they are not allowed to play in trunks. Further, adults learn to walk around a parked vehicle to check for children before they start the engine and children are taught that it is never safe to play in driveways, parking lots or on sidewalks when vehicles are nearby.

There are 25 Safe Kids coalitions and chapters in Michigan, and, over the last 10 years under the GM-Safe Kids program, approximately 45,000 child safety seats in the State have been inspected and another 13,500 have been provided to families in need free of charge. In addition, several permanent child seat inspection stations have been set up, run by Safe Kids, and four mobile car seat check-up vans donated by GM are operating in the State.

Madam Speaker, I have had the opportunity to witness the work of Safe Kids Flint, which is part of the Hurley Medical Center. The dedicated men and women who work at these events volunteer a significant amount of their time and talent to assure that children are riding safely in vehicles, and they provide very valuable information to parents. Safe Kids Flint has reported that 19 lives have been saved after families who attended one of the organization's events were involved in crashes.

I am pleased to join in congratulating General Motors for this recognition of its exceptional corporate citizenship in working to protect the citizens of Michigan through the Safe Kids partnership and many other safety activities.

HONORING RAYMOND D.  
HENNAGIR FOR HIS BRAVERY  
AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Corporal Raymond D. Hennagir of Deptford, New Jersey. Corporal Hennagir was injured while on foot patrol in Zaidon, Iraq. He stepped on an improvised explosive device, losing both of his legs and four fingers on his left hand. The bravery of this man is truly inspiring. Out of respect and gratitude for the great service Corporal Hennagir has given his country, I submit this poem written in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

TEACH ME

Teach Me!

Teach me well!

You so beseech me. As you so gallantly look past all of your pain and heartache, all of your hell!

Reach Me!

As you Reach in and out to Me! With your heart which so swells!

As your most splendid heart to me, so all about life . . . so tells!

All about courage and faith!

All about not letting pain and heartache, get in your way . . . and not letting go, or your soul erase!

All about courage's, most courageous face!

Let me learn!

As from you, and all of your character I can so discern!

All about life . . . and all about what is possible, when within a great heart a soul so burns!

So I can grow!

So I can learn, so throughout my life I can so use and learn . . . of what a heart is capable of so!

As your blessings to me you now so bestow, ever in these moments of my life . . . I will know!

Which, can so show me . . . that path!

Which, can so show me the way . . . which can so teach me all about the things which last . . .

As I watch you and your most heroic glow! The questions to my heart you so answer, I ask?

For you have touched me, with your most heroic glow!

For you have so taught to me, all that it is . . . that I so need to know!

So I can touch the sky, so I can so soar so very high . . . a part of you, I will take with me I'll show!

For on this Earth . . .

Our Lord God so puts on such men and women of such fine worth . . .

To Teach Us All, to so hear his call . . . to make us all understand, of what it is which comes first!

Everybody loves Raymond, You Teach Me . . . Teach Me So!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 14, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for Rollcall No. 143-146.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 143—Yes—Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 144—Yes—Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 145—Yes—To amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 146—Yes—On Approving the Journal.