

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
DOUGLAS M. PIERCE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Brigadier General Douglas M. Pierce, Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa Air National Guard, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his state and country.

After graduating from Westview High School in Lake City, Iowa, General Douglas Pierce earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Iowa State University in 1968, followed later by a master of science degree in personnel management and counseling from Troy State University in 1981.

In 1969, General Pierce's long and distinguished career in America's Armed Forces began when he was commissioned in the United States Air Force. He was an Honor Graduate and awarded the aeronautical rating of pilot during Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1970. He was a T-37 Instructor Pilot until April 1974 when he joined the Iowa Air National Guard, 132d Fighter Wing as a combat-ready pilot. General Pierce served as Flight Commander and Chief, Standardization and Evaluation until 1983 when he transferred to Headquarters Iowa National Guard as Executive Support Officer to the adjutant general. In 1985, General Pierce returned to the 132d Fighter Wing as the 124th Fighter Squadron Operations Officer until 1990 when he was selected as the Operations Group commander. He became the vice commander for the 132d Fighter Wing in 1999 until he transferred to Headquarters Iowa Air National Guard as the vice commander in 2002. In 2004, General Pierce assumed the duties as Assistant Adjutant General, Air.

For the past 39 years, General Pierce has served faithfully and honorably, earning a long list of military awards and decorations. He has accumulated over 5,800 flying hours and flown many different military aircrafts. General Pierce's long-standing commitment to the Iowa Air National Guard and his country has earned him the respect, honor and dignity of all who have served with him. For this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

I commend Brigadier General Douglas M. Pierce for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent General Pierce in the United States Congress, and I wish him a happy retirement from the Iowa Air National Guard and all the best in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING SYNGENTA OF
LOUISIANA FOR RECEIVING THE
PACE AWARD

HON. DONALD J. CAZAYOUX, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CAZAYOUX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a local Louisiana manufacturer. The manufacturer that I am recognizing has demonstrated innovation in manufacturing operations and a commitment to community involvement.

Syngenta, a global agribusiness with operations in my district in Louisiana, manufactures the active ingredients atrazine and benoxacor, and formulates Touchdown®, Karate®, and Halex™ GT brands, among other products, for the agricultural sector. The economic impact that Syngenta brings to St. Gabriel, Louisiana, is significant. The chemical facility employs more than 700 company and contract employees with an annual payroll of \$58 million. This local manufacturer has made noteworthy advances in productivity through the implementation of lean manufacturing methods and processes that transform and streamline operations through the company. Because of these accomplishments, Syngenta will be honored by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPOL), with the fourth annual Platinum Award for Continued Excellence (PACE) Award.

MEPOL, a non-profit business resource based at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, serves to provide business and technical assistance to emerging and established manufacturing firms throughout the State of Louisiana. Since 1997, MEPOL, based on a philosophy of education, encouragement, and empowerment, has worked with manufacturers such as Syngenta to increase their productivity and profitability.

Working with MEPOL, Syngenta developed a steering committee to assist in developing the ideal state with benchmarks to identify quantifiable impact. In less than 6 months, more than 150 ideas were generated, and within 1 year, \$1.7 million cost savings were validated. The problem solving process included visible metrics and methods to assure continuous improvement projects are a daily focus during each shift.

Syngenta also participates in numerous community outreach programs and charities. Each year, the company educates more than 5,000 public and private school students and contributes over 1,200 to promote the field of science. Syngenta has also made substantial financial contributions to the local United Way campaign. I congratulate Syngenta on being a respected leader in manufacturing whose commitment to advancement and continued success has led to this outstanding achievement.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR WILLIAM
C. JENKINS

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor William C. "Bill" Jenkins, an exemplary public servant and my good friend. Early on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, Bill lost a hard-fought battle with cancer, and Scottsdale lost one of its finest citizens. Bill was 79 years old.

After earning two degrees from Arizona State University, Bill gave back to Arizona's public education system by teaching American government and economics in the Scottsdale Unified School District for 29 years. From 1966 to 1974, he took his lessons from the classroom and applied them to the city as a member of the Scottsdale City Council. Then, in 1974, the good people of Scottsdale elected Bill as their mayor. Every afternoon he rode his bike from Scottsdale High School across the street to City Hall to assume his job as mayor.

Despite the demands of his position, his dedication to his students never wavered. He set a great example as he originated the monthly "Mayor's Breakfast," founded the Scottsdale Historical Society, established Youth-in-Government Day, and laid the groundwork for the city's Environmentally Sensitive Land Ordinance.

Under his leadership, Scottsdale underwent one of its greatest periods of economic growth. Among many other projects, Bill oversaw the construction and dedication of Scottsdale's first senior center, the completion of City Hall, and the construction of Scottsdale's Maricopa County court building.

As testimony to his impact on the city, Bill has been inducted into the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame, received Scottsdale Leadership's Wells Fargo Herbert R. Drinkwater Leadership Award, and recently won the title of Arizona Culturekeeper for his efforts to preserve the city's historic landmarks.

It would take much more time to list all of Bill Jenkins' accomplishments, but the ultimate record of his work lies in the positive and lasting impact he has made upon the hearts and minds of the people he served.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Bill's wife and children in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of Bill Jenkins.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES
SEBES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and honor of Charles

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Sebes, a beloved figure in Cleveland area politics and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. This past June we gathered to celebrate Chuck's retirement after 20 years of service as Parma Democratic City Ward Leader.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Charles Sebes, upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service as the Parma Democratic City Ward Leader. His unwavering dedication to the Party, to his community, and to the rights of working men and women is framed by honor and integrity.

Chuck has spent hundreds of hours volunteering on numerous political campaigns and causes throughout his life. During the past 30 years, Chuck has taken an active role in organizing the Northern Ohio Labor Day Parade. As Secretary of Parma Southwest Cope, Chuck has chaired the reverse raffle committee for the past 25 years. He has also been the Chairman of Parma's Democratic Steak Roast for 20 years. Chuck's devotion and enthusiasm consistently inspire those around him and has made all of these events successful.

During his 22 years of employment with the National Tool Company, Chuck served as President of the United Steel Workers of America, Local 4827. Governor Richard Celeste appointed Chuck to the Ohio Regional Board of Review for Worker's Compensation. In 1991, Martin Vittardi, Clerk of Parma Municipal Court, appointed Chuck to be the Chief Deputy Clerk of Court. His friendship is coveted not only by myself and Marty, but by numerous individuals whose lives have been touched by his energetic spirit, kindness and loyalty.

As Chief Deputy and Supervisor, his colleagues and staff know him to be a man who is passionate about all aspects of his life. They respect Chuck for his fairness and for being a man of his word. He believes that patience is a virtue and was reassuring that a task would get done, never hesitating to become part of the solution. They appreciate Chuck for always looking out for their best interest, fighting for what they deserve and for being valued by him. His reputation for being a prankster and for his colorful way of telling a joke is legendary. Chuck is a wise and generous man and he is a true friend to the people in his life.

Evelyn, his wife of 52 years, and their wonderful family have sustained Chuck with a lifetime of support. Joe, Jim, Janet and Joyce, have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Chuck and Evelyn's children and grandchildren continue to be their pride and joy.

CARIBBEAN LEADERS READY TO NEGOTIATE AT CARICOM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD a July 1, 2008 New York Carib News article entitled: "Saint Vincent and the Grenadines PM wants LIAT, Caribbean Airlines Collaboration." The article attests to the combined Caribbean effort to forge business ties with partners in the U.S. financial community.

There is a new way of thinking about air service to the Caribbean. "We have to think

large and we have to think in a strategic sense with these matters," said Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves. He has suggested that the Antigua based airline LIAT become a subsidiary of Caribbean Airlines and essentially create a "nexus." In the future he believes that Air Jamaica and Bahamas Air will join the collaboration to create a regional airline service.

These plans were largely facilitated at the New York CARICOM Conference. The conference provided a medium through which Caribbean leaders could propose their vision for the economic reshaping of the Caribbean.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was delayed by traffic on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, and I missed two votes on the House floor.

However, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 3981—To authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes; and "yea" on H.R. 1423—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes.

ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3195, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. I am very pleased that the House is considering this important legislation, and I urge our friends in the Senate to swiftly take action on it as well.

As it stands now, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) leaves too many Americans at an unfair disadvantage. Many workers who suffer from debilitating diseases such as epilepsy or cancer are being discriminated against in the workplace but are denied redress by the courts. No one should be denied employment or be fired from his or her job because of a disability, but the Supreme Court has on multiple occasions interpreted the law in a way that opens the door to this possibility. In fact, plaintiffs lost 97 percent of ADA employment discrimination claims in 2004 alone, often due to the interpretation of the definition of "disability."

The starkest demonstration of this problem is found in *Toyota Motor Manufacturing v. Williams*, which the Supreme Court considered in 2002. The majority decision in this case held that the ADA's language regarding the extent of disability must be strictly interpreted so that legal protections from discrimination would apply only to those whose disabilities are long-term or permanent, and substantially limit their ability to perform routine tasks.

This was not the intent of the ADA. Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990 to clearly and comprehensively eliminate discrimination against all individuals with disabilities. Since that time, the ADA has transformed our Nation, helping millions of Americans with disabilities succeed in the workplace, and making transportation, housing, buildings, and services more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The bill we are considering today restores the original intent of Congress by rejecting the Supreme Court decisions that have reduced protections for people with disabilities. Additionally, the legislation clarifies the definition of "disability" to include what it means to be "substantially limited in a major life activity." The legislation also prohibits the consideration of mitigating measures such as medication, prosthetics, and assistive technology in determining whether an individual has a disability, and provides coverage to people who experience discrimination based on a perception of impairment regardless of whether the individual does in fact have a disability.

The most important factor for a court to weigh in on a discrimination case should be the allegation itself—not the extent or nature of a worker's disability. This is not what every day Americans stand for, and this is not what Congress meant when the law was originally enacted.

By more clearly defining the term "disabled," we will be able to free up the courts in the future to focus on alleged acts of discrimination and better protect the American workers for whom this law was enacted.

I urge my colleagues to join the broad coalition of civil rights groups, disability advocates, and employer trade organizations who support this bill and vote with me to stop discrimination against individuals with disabilities by restoring the original intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

INTRODUCTION OF CLEAN CRUISE SHIP ACT OF 2008

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, many Americans enjoy taking cruises, in large part because they get to see some of the Nation's most beautiful marine ecosystems. Cruise ships have the potential to bring these beautiful locations to many people, but these people also have an expectation that the ship that transports them will not damage the environments that they are visiting. Because I want to see these beautiful marine ecosystems protected for future generations to enjoy, I am introducing the Clean Cruise Ship Act of 2008.

The Cruise Ship Industry has experienced much success over the past 18 years and has been growing at a rate of 5 percent per year. U.S. ports handled 8.6 million cruise embarkations which accounted for 75 percent of global passengers. Unfortunately, as it grows, its potential to negatively affect the marine environment grows as well.

Cruise ships are floating cities, with large cruise ships routinely carrying more than 3,000 passengers and crew. Right now a new 225,000 gross-ton cruise ship is being built

which will carry 5,400 passengers. This super-sized cruise ship is twice the size of a Nimitz class aircraft carrier.

During a typical 1-week voyage, a large cruise ship (with 3,000 passengers and crew) is estimated to generate 210,000 gallons of sewage; 1 million gallons of graywater (wastewater from sinks, showers, and laundries); more than 130 gallons of hazardous wastes; and 8 tons of solid waste. A large cruise ship will also generate more than 25,000 gallons of oily bilge water (oil and chemicals from engine maintenance that collect in the bottom of ships and are toxic to marine life).

We all know what happens when untreated sewage is dumped through accident or failure: It damages the environment. Beaches are closed. Swimmers and surfers get sick from a number of diseases. Americans have come to expect that the sewage they create is regulated and that cities will not dump untreated sewage into the water. When sewage spills occur, Americans expect that they will be quickly informed and protected.

Isn't it reasonable to think that these ships should be subject to the same wastewater regulations as those governing municipalities of comparable size? I think so. Is it our responsibility to enact the policies which will ensure that these floating cities do not cause damage to our marine environment? With 75 percent of the passengers going through U.S. ports, it is our duty.

While many cruise ship companies have environmental policies and agreements in place, many are voluntary with no monitoring or enforcement provisions. Unfortunately, I am all too familiar with the down-side to voluntary agreements. In my district a cruise ship—breaking its voluntary agreement—illegally discharged 36,000 gallons of sewage into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in 2002.

Simply put, voluntary agreements between cruise lines and States are not enough to ensure protection of our oceans. The public deserves more than industry's claims of environmental performance. We need a Federal law and we need it now. It's time we strengthen the environmental regulations and in so doing, bring these floating cities in line with current pollution treatment standards. The Clean Cruise Ship Act of 2008 is the answer.

The legislation that I am introducing today has bipartisan support and is endorsed by many local and national groups, plugs existing loopholes in Federal laws, bans the dumping of wastewater within 12 miles of shore, bans the dumping of hazardous waste, sewage sludge and incinerator ash in U.S. waters, requires ships to treat their wastewater wherever they operate, and authorizes broadened inspection and enforcement authority.

Several States including California, Alaska, and Maine, have enacted legislation to better regulate various cruise ship wastes—similar to the legislation I am introducing today. In fact, I am proud to report that California is leading the country in protecting its coastal waters from cruise ship pollution.

Now I would like to mention another way in which ships may damage our coasts: aquatic invasive species that slip into our lakes and coastal waters in discharged ballast water. Alien species that have escaped into U.S. waters are causing massive harm. We have to do everything in our power to prevent new invasive species from getting loose. With this

in mind, many of us have been closely watching court cases surrounding the Environmental Protection Agency's responsibility for regulating ballast water under the Clean Water Act. That litigation may have implications for cruise ship wastewater pollution.

I do not intend for this bill or these comments to interfere with or undermine the provisions of the Clean Water Act that deal with discharges of pollution into the Nation's waters. I have always supported and continue to support the Clean Water Act. It will continue to be an important tool that, in conjunction with the Clean Cruise Ship Act, can significantly reduce wastewater pollution from cruise ships.

Passing the Clean Cruise Ship Act of 2008 is one of the ways to provide all States with the kinds of ocean and coastal protections that the people of California, Alaska, and Maine benefit from. Enacting this bill will protect the tourism industry by making sure that the beaches and oceans, two of the attractions that make California the most visited State in our country, will be protected from cruise ship pollution. Simply put, this legislation ensures two things: (1) a sustainable future for our oceans, and (2) a sustainable future for the cruise and tourism industry.

This legislation promotes the public interest for all Americans. The public expects and deserves clean water—both in our inland waterways and in our oceans. The Clean Cruise Ship Act of 2008, through its discharge regulations, will give the public what it deserves.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this critically important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY DWYER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jerry Dwyer of Clear Lake, Iowa, for earning the Federal Aviation Administration Wright Brothers Master Pilot award and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic award.

Jerry began flying at age 13 and earned his student pilot rating at age 16, the same year he became an apprentice aircraft and engine mechanic. He has also obtained commercial pilot and aircraft transport pilot certificates. At the age of 77, Jerry remains a licensed pilot and mechanic and is the president of Dwyer Aircraft Sales Inc.

It is very uncommon for a pilot to receive both awards in a lifetime, especially at the same time. Jerry received the FAA awards at the FAA ceremonies in Ames, Iowa earlier this year. The Wright Brothers Award recognizes pilots who have practiced and promoted safe flight for 50 consecutive years. The Taylor award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Jerry Dwyer for his leadership and dedication to aviation safety. I consider it an honor to represent Jerry in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE ITALIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Italian Cultural Garden, within which the beautiful and ancient notes of Italian Opera, will be heard in the garden for the first time since 1943.

The Italian Cultural Garden was formally opened on October 12, 1930, in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the Italian poet, Virgil. Clevelander, business owner and Italian American Philip Garbo led the effort to create the garden. His expertise in the areas of Renaissance art, along with his commitment to keeping his Italian heritage vibrant in Cleveland, is reflected throughout the garden.

Visitors to the Italian Cultural Garden are awestruck by the magnificent sandstone towers that mark the entrance. Once inside, exquisite stone walkways and staircases wind through landscapes that meander throughout the two-level garden. On the lower level, a stone wall fountain adds elegance to a reflective courtyard of circular stone. The fountain is flanked on either side by the countenances that highlight Italian brilliance: Giotto, Michelangelo, Petrarca, Verdi, da Vinci and Marconi.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration and recognition of the Cleveland Italian Cultural Garden. On Friday, June 27, 2008, the ancient melodies of Italian opera will once again rise above the falling water, light, flora and stone in the Italian Cultural Garden. The ancient art of opera celebrates the history of Italian culture—a culture that covets and encourages artistic discovery; a culture that understands the significance of historical preservation; and a culture that continues to offer significant contributions to Cleveland, to our country and to the world.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE THURGOOD MARSHALL RESOLUTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the Thurgood Marshall Resolution that recognizes the 100th birthday of Thurgood Marshall, introduced by Congressman DONALD M. PAYNE.

Thurgood Marshall was one of the America's most important leaders of the civil rights revolution and architects of affirmative action. Being born as a grandson of a slave in Baltimore, MD, Marshall grew to become the Nation's first African-American Supreme Court justice and a recognized fighter for equal rights and integration. Marshall, who was rejected by the University of Maryland Law School because of his race when he applied, eventually earned his law degree from Howard University. And again, when he was refused the opportunity to practice law, he became the lead attorney for the Legal Defense Fund of the National Association for the Advancement

of Colored People. Marshall firmly believed that only through racial integration could equality of opportunity be achieved for blacks and whites in our society. Throughout his life Thurgood Marshall worked to abolish the legacy of slavery and eliminate the racist segregation system. His most famous successful legal case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, created historic precedent and stopped the separation of black and white children in public school. The victories of his Supreme Court cases led to enormous accomplishments for the American people in the areas of housing, education and voting.

In recognizing the 100th anniversary of Thurgood Marshall's birthday, we are not only honoring his life and superior accomplishments, but also continuing his noble mission. This great man's lifelong struggle to end racial bias and discrimination is highly meaningful and inspiring. Marshall fought for legal protection of children, women, elderly, homeless and prisoners. His role in ending legally sanctioned inequality and segregation which had created an American apartheid was of critical importance and deserves the Nation's recognition.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LOUDEN

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Loudon, a lifelong rancher, historian, and community servant.

Richard Loudon was born in Branson, Colorado, on September 2, 1920, to R.D. "Dick" and Zita Loudon. He graduated from Branson High School and shortly after earned an associate of arts degree from Trinidad Jr. College. He then earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Colorado and the University of Missouri.

When his country became involved in World War II, Loudon served in the U.S. Signal Corps and Air Force. After the war, he returned to the family ranch and married Grace Wakefield. The couple had one child, their son Mack.

Richard's interest in history and his love for the high mesas and extensive prairies of his native land led him to a continuing study of southeastern Colorado. His articles on ranching and agriculture were published in the *Arkansas Valley Journal*, the *Chronicle-News*, *Cattle Guard*, and *Colorado Magazine*. In the 1950s, Richard joined the Colorado Archaeological Society, and went on to become its president. He was fundamental to the establishment of the Loudon-Henritze Archaeology Museum, which bears his name. He also served as president of the Trinidad Historical Society, and as a founding member of the A.R. Mitchell Museum of Western Art.

Mr. Loudon was heavily involved in his son's school, and he served as president of the school board for 16 years. His knowledge and commitment to the community made him a respected figure on both the State and local level, resulting in his recognition with numerous honors by the organizations he served or impacted. These awards include the Colorado Board of Community Colleges Achievement and Service Award, the Chenoweth Award for

Community Service, the Honored Alumni Award at Trinidad St. Jr. College, Kiwanis Citizen of the Year, and the Colorado Community College and Occupational Educational Alumni Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the memory of Richard Loudon, who led a life of service to his family, his community, and to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on July 8, 2008, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: Roll No. 471—"aye," Roll No. 472—"aye," Roll No. 473—"aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, July 8, 2008, due to my plane being delayed by over an hour and a half due to mechanical issues, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 3981, H.R. 1423, and H.R. 4199.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 471, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3981, the *Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act*, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 472, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1423, the *Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act*, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 473, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4199, to amend the *Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992* to add sites to the *Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park*, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from voting on July 8, 2008. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 471, rollcall 472, and rollcall 473.

EDITORIAL HAILS CARICOM CONFERENCE A SUCCESS BUT LEADERS NEED TO FOLLOW-UP

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD an editorial by Tony

Best published on June 23, 2008 in the *New York Carib News*, entitled: "Caribbean Community Conference in New York Had Its Successes but Effective Follow-up Needed by CARICOM States and Their Leaders."

By all accounts, the Conference was a success. With the Caribbean leaders leaving New York having made powerful connections with the financial community and the New York Stock Exchange, one of the biggest successes was New York City Comptroller Bill Thompson's announcement that New York City pension funds will soon be investing in the region. There is also news of an expanded educational exchange and cooperative agreements between Medgar Evers College and the University of the West Indies.

Despite the high hopes that are a result of the conference, there is some skepticism that Caribbean leaders will hold up their end of the bargain. "One thing is certain: any success would depend on an efficient and well coordinated follow-up, something the region itself has failed to do on many occasions," says Tony Best, the *New York Carib News* editorial writer. Now that the conference is over, the ball lies in CARICOM's court and it is up to them to make sure that the relationships established during the meetings lead to tangible results in the Caribbean. I remain ready to do whatever I am able to facilitate the full flowering of the promising relationships that were established at the conference.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTY DEMARIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great achievement by Christy DeMaris, a Girl Scout from Huxley, Iowa. Christy convinced customers to buy extra boxes of Girl Scout cookies so she could send the boxes to our troops in Iraq.

As Christy sold Girl Scout cookies to her customers, she politely asked them if they would be willing to purchase extra boxes to be sent to troops in Iraq. She amassed 172 boxes to be sent to American troops. Christy's mother, Mandi, came up with the idea after hearing of a Boy Scout who sent popcorn to soldiers overseas. Christy was very excited about the idea because her father, John, works as a civilian computer systems administrator in Iraq, keeping the e-mail system working for American soldiers. So Christy put the plan into action and made it a success.

Christy DeMaris is a shining example of the generosity present in today's youth and their promise as tomorrow's leaders. I am proud to represent Christy and her parents John and Mandi in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Christy for her efforts to make brighter days for our American soldiers and I wish her and her family the best in their future endeavors.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT
OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6331, the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. Due to a flight delay on June 24, 2008, I was unable to cast my vote in favor of this important piece of legislation.

The Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act is critical to my district as it stops the scheduled cut in physician payment rates under the Medicare program and provides for a 1.1 percent increase in 2009. If these cuts are not halted by Congressional action, under current law, physicians across the country are to receive a 10.6 percent cut in their Medicare payment rates. This will lead to a loss of health care access for Medicare beneficiaries in every Congressional district. Short of a permanent fix to the sustainable growth rate for doctors, it is imperative that Congress pass short-term extensions, such as this, to ensure that physicians around the country are reimbursed by Medicare for the care they are providing to our Nation's seniors. It is important to recognize that many of these doctors own small businesses and the services they provide to their communities are undeniable and necessary. We must ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have access to doctors, and passing this legislation will ensure access to care.

While I was disappointed that the bill included cutting Medicare Advantage payments in order to pay for the physician payment increase, I believe that the underlying issue of physician payments must take precedence in order to preserve access for Medicare beneficiaries with their local physicians.

As the President has given Congress until July 15 to act on this issue, I look forward to having an opportunity to pass legislation to fix this issue for our physicians and Medicare beneficiaries.

HONORING "KIDS IN MOTION"

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, in my 12 years in Congress, I have been privileged to work with numerous organizations throughout my congressional district; agencies that are making an impact in the future of their communities. It is in that vein that today I wish to recognize Kids In Motion for their service to Hannibal, Missouri.

Twelve years ago, local law enforcement officials and concerned citizens of Hannibal met to discuss reported gang activity in the town. As a result of the meeting, several leaders in the community took upon themselves the responsibility and initiative to create this program, Kids In Motion, as a program designed to combat these problems. While several local volunteers stepped up to make KIM a suc-

cess, I specifically remember meeting numerous times with Marilyn Cohn and Sherri Steinmann, two local business and community leaders who dedicated many of their weeks, months, and even years in the program's infancy to make sure this effort was a success.

KIM is designed as a pre-employment and life success training program for at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 15 years old. KIM's mission is a simple, yet important, one for the region. The program teaches teens and pre-teens to value work, value their community, and to value their future. Youth are provided transportation to and from their project sites, and they also receive breakfast and lunch. In Hannibal, KIM has partnered with the local Parks and Recreation Department, Tourism Bureau, Public School District, Housing Authority, and other civic groups and agencies in summer projects to benefit the community.

I've had the privilege of speaking at several KIM programs in the past, encouraging KIM members to apply themselves to their work and their communities as well. Being a former prosecutor, I've explained to the attendees the importance of choices they'll be making in their lives and how those choices can help shape their lives in years to come. Each year, I've marveled at the program's impact in the lives of pre-teens in Hannibal, shaping their lives and their futures for the impressionable and important years to come.

Each year we read about a striking decline in the number of volunteers, particularly younger citizens, who choose to take part in civic or community betterment efforts. Yet through this program, we see the rekindling of that flame, all the while providing a vehicle for these at-risk youth to spend their summers in a productive, rather than destructive, manner.

KIM encourages personal responsibility and self-reliance, preparing participants to successfully enter the workforce. Enrolled youth members are able to perform various community service projects in a supervised setting to benefit their community. While performing these services, they learn teamwork, good work habits, and a respect for authority. Through KIM's early intervention into the lives of these youth, the organization is able to redirect values and influence positive behavior and lifestyle choices. KIM also attempts to empower youth to improve their lives and eventually achieve their dreams.

Now under the watchful eye of Amy Vaughn and Douglass Community Services in Hannibal, the program is taking steps to not only serve Hannibal, but the surrounding areas as well. Amy dreamed for some time of taking the program to different communities in the region, helping to provide each of them with the opportunities afforded Hannibal over the last decade. Now, Amy's dream is becoming a reality. This month, the program is expanding to Louisiana and Bowling Green in Pike County, Missouri. Each of the three participating communities realizes the value of this organization and how it can affect the lives of youth both now and in the future.

KIM is very special because the effort was formed as a volunteer organization with no selfish motivation whatsoever. The program was pursued as a way not just to help address community concerns, but to provide a better and brighter future for Hannibal's leaders of tomorrow. Those efforts have now expanded beyond Hannibal's borders and beyond the wildest dreams of success held by the found-

ers of the organization. Local law enforcement agencies, community businesses, business leaders, and local school officials have joined forces to make this project a success. But the selfless nature of the program is what continues its appeal yet today.

As June is Kids In Motion's annual kickoff month for their summer program, they have named this month "Kids In Motion" month. On this occasion, I congratulate KIM on their tremendous record to date, and I wish them continued success for future years to come.

HONORING JAMES F. "JIM"
MCNULTY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James F. "Jim" McNulty upon his retirement as chief executive officer of Parsons Corporation, headquartered in Pasadena, California.

Born in Wheeling, West Virginia, Jim attended the United States Military Academy at West Point where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in engineering and was commissioned as an Army second lieutenant in the field artillery in 1964.

Jim's 24-year career in the Army included a variety of training, research and development, and project management assignments. He was trained and qualified as a paratrooper, as a ranger, and as a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, and he served two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his three years of service in Germany, he was a unit commander and an operations officer in a nuclear capable Pershing missile battalion. While in the Army, he earned masters degrees from Ohio State University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. Additional assignments included work as a research associate at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Deputy Director of the Office of Military Application in the U.S. Department of Energy, Systems Manager for the deployment of the Pershing II missile system, and program manager for the ground based laser system for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

In 1988, Mr. McNulty retired from the Army as a colonel and joined Parsons as a project manager in the Washington, DC, office. Two years later he was appointed vice president and manager of Parsons' Washington operations, and in 1992, he was promoted to senior vice president and relocated to Pasadena to assume the position of a division manager. In January 1996, Jim became a group president and in April of that same year, upon the untimely death of the then Parsons CEO, he was named as the successor chief executive officer. In 1998, he assumed the additional role of chairman of the Parsons Corporation board of directors. In May 2008, Jim relinquished his role as chief executive officer while retaining his position as the chairman of the Parsons board of directors.

Jim's volunteer participation includes serving as a trustee of the Linsly School, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and as a member of the boards of directors of the Greater Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the California Science Center and the Los Angeles Sports Council. He is

the past chairman of Town Hall Los Angeles and a previous member of the board of trustees of Pomona College. A long-time supporter of the Pasadena POPS Orchestra, Jim is also involved in the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, United Way, and numerous other Pasadena and Los Angeles civic and philanthropic organizations.

It is my great pleasure to recognize the extraordinary achievements of James F. "Jim" McNulty and I ask all Members to join me in thanking him for his service to our community and to our country.

TRIBUTE TO GOOGLE, INC., RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay tribute to Google, Inc., of Mountain View, CA, for being recognized with the prestigious National Design Award given by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum.

The National Design Awards were created in 2000 by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum to educate the public about design. They honor and celebrate the best in American design with recipients being selected from a pool of over 800 talented designers, educators, journalists, cultural figures and corporate leaders. The National Design Awards program presents awards in ten different categories and this year they recognized Google for their leadership and talents with an award in Corporate Design.

Today, Google is recognized as one of the world's most important innovators and they achieved this in a remarkably short 10-year period. Under the superb leadership of Dr. Eric Schmidt, chairman and chief executive officer, and the two founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Google has consistently demonstrated the finest in cutting-edge technology and has gained the confidence of their clients and investors alike. I'm proud to represent Google as a constituent company in the distinguished 14th Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join us in honoring Google, Inc., for being recognized with the prestigious National Design Award given by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, for the leadership they provide in Silicon Valley and around the world, and for always looking ahead to capture the imagination of the next generation with their commitment to innovation.

INTERNATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST TAKES INITIATIVE IN HAITI

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD the July 1, 2008, New York Carib News article entitled: "Wyclef Jean Travels to Haiti to Bring Mission of To-

gether for Haiti' Food Initiative Home." I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Wyclef Jean for the important work he is doing for the Haitian people.

Wyclef is a Grammy Award winning international recording artist and social activist. He started Yelè Haiti, a foundation that supports projects in education, health, environment and community development in his home country of Haiti. Wyclef is also a founding member of Together for Haiti, an alliance of three major humanitarian organizations including Yelè Haiti. Together for Haiti's mission is to address the food crisis by providing food, creating jobs, and restoring hope and pride within the nation's poorest citizens.

Wyclef's mission to help Haiti has shed a much needed light into the food crisis that is plaguing the nation. The crisis is not because of a shortage of food but rather the cost of it. Although there is food available, it has become too expensive for the majority of the population that lives on one dollar a day to afford.

Wyclef's Together for Haiti has four initiatives: Targeted Food Distribution, Immediate Employment Creation, Micro-Enterprise Grants, and Seed and Fertilizer Training. These four initiatives lay the groundwork for the continued effort to stimulate economic growth in the country and lift our Haitian neighbors out of devastating poverty.

IN TRIBUTE TO CAROL D. SAMPLE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carol Sample, a compassionate community leader who is retiring after many years of working in the Fourth Congressional District. Carol's involvement in the nonprofit and economic development arena on behalf of all people, but especially for the needs of Native people, is truly impressive.

Carol Sample is originally from a remote Ojibwe Indian Reservation called Turtle Mountain in northern North Dakota, near the Canadian border. She attended Indian boarding school in South Dakota, undergraduate studies at Howard, a historically black university in Washington, DC, and completed her graduate studies at Loretto Heights College in Denver, Colorado.

Carol has worked both within and outside the system to achieve change, including marching with the American Indian Movement, AIM. Carol's employment history demonstrates her ability to successfully navigate within the system as well. In the over two decades that Carol has resided in Milwaukee, she has accomplished much. She has developed several programs that have become national models to address the unique needs of urban Indians. She sits on numerous national committees for the U.S. Department of Labor and is often asked to testify before national and local committees on the problems confronting Indians not residing on reservations. In addition, Carol serves on local boards such as the Milwaukee Area Technical College and the Milwaukee Area Workforce Board.

On July 9, 2008, Carol Sample will retire from her dual role as executive director for the

corporate agency Spotted Eagle, Inc., and as principal for Spotted Eagle High School. Spotted Eagle was an early recipient of the best practices' School-to-Work Program of the Department of Labor. Her well-honed management ability, program development, and administration skills were utilized to ensure that a high school based on traditional Indian values was provided for Indian youth in Milwaukee. As a member of the First People, she opened the doors of Spotted Eagle to all youth in the community and we are all better for it.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Carol Sample's contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. She has helped transform the lives of many people in our community.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KINSETH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Kinseth for reaching an important milestone as a public servant to the people of Ottosen, Iowa.

For the past 40 years Richard has served as Ottosen's mayor. He has never run for the position but has always won with write-in votes. Richard has also served two years in the military and 40 years as a mail carrier serving Ottosen and Bradgate, Iowa.

Richard, at the age of 81, takes immense pride in his town of 44 people. The town park on the old school grounds is always kept clean and safe for children. Richard has made sure the town is kept presentable by tearing down old houses and buildings that have been abandoned. Ottosen has five functioning businesses which include a body shop, repair shop, sanitation business, recycling center and the Co-op.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Richard Kinseth for his years of leadership and service to Ottosen. I consider it an honor to represent him in Congress and I wish him the best in his future service to Ottosen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably absent during rollcall votes 471, 472 and 473. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 471 to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program; "yea" on rollcall 472 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; and "yea" on rollcall 473 to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992.

HONORING THE COLLINSVILLE,
ILLINOIS, LIONS CLUB

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the Collinsville, Illinois, Lions Club over the past 85 years. When the Collinsville Lions Club was founded in 1923, it was the only service organization in Collinsville. In the 1920s and 1930s, Collinsville was transitioning from a mining district to a mixed commercial-residential area. The Lions Club helped ensure a smooth transition then, and for the past 85 years has been an important part of the Collinsville community.

Throughout the years, this service organization has aided students in Southern Illinois interested in healthcare by providing yearly scholarships. Additionally, the Lions Club has been active in assisting the blind and visually impaired. In the past, they have provided glasses, cataract surgery, and sight-assistance dogs. Most notably, the Lions Club outfitted a reading room in the Collinsville Public Library with reading and hearing equipment, as well as hearing aids and reading glasses.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Collinsville, Illinois, Lions Club for 85 years of successful service and wish them the best of luck in the future.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT
OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 6331, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. The 14th Congressional District of New York, which I represent, is home to 18 hospitals—perhaps more than any other district in the nation. Of course, along with hospitals come physicians who regularly report to me about the crisis of healthcare in this country. I am grateful that H.R. 6331 helps America's doctors while also significantly helping Medicare beneficiaries and hope that the other body will act swiftly on this much needed legislation.

H.R. 6331 eliminates the pending 10.6 percent cuts in the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) to physicians for the remainder of 2008 and provides a 1.1 percent update in payments for 2009. I have thousands of doctors in my district who tell me that the uncertainty of Medicare payments makes it increasingly difficult to plan for expenses. Unfortunately, we are seeing that for many doctors, the response to the uncertainty is to stop taking new patients, or even more dire, end their participation with the Medicare program. This is catastrophic for patient access and care. This bill is a positive first step toward eliminating that uncertainty and allowing time for Congress to develop reforms to the current system.

I am proud that this bill strengthens Medicare for those beneficiaries who are in great

est need and ensures access to good quality care while remaining fiscally responsible. I thank Chairmen DINGELL and RANGEL for this important bill and urge my colleagues to support America's seniors by voting in favor of H.R. 6331.

CARIBBEAN LEADERS SHOW INITIATIVE IN PROPOSALS AT CARICOM CONFERENCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD a New York Carib News article entitled: "Caribbean Countries Stress Investment Opportunities." The article recognizes Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana for their precisely drawn out proposals presented by their heads of government during the New York CARICOM Conference to the leaders of the New York financial community.

The New York CARICOM Conference held from the 19th through the 21st of June 2008 will continue to produce results because of the hard work that Caribbean leaders did in preparation for the meetings. Their proposals are a declaration of their willingness to follow through in this initiative to more clearly define the role of the small economies of the Caribbean in the world economy. I believe that their efforts are only the beginning in the aim to build mutually beneficial relationships between the U.S. and the Caribbean and a clear message that the Caribbean is ready to do whatever it takes to increase their potential for economic growth.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL TIMOTHY E. HIGGENS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Timothy E. Higgs of North Attleboro, Massachusetts on his retirement from military service on July 7, 2008 and to recognize his exemplary 35 years of service to his country. Over his career, Col. Higgs has distinguished himself through his exceptional service and leadership skills while successfully completing a range of assignments.

Col. Higgs was educated at the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, where he received his B.S. in Engineering. He later went on to earn his M.A. in Counseling from Ball State University in Indiana. Throughout this military career, he has maintained his civilian occupation as a Quality Assurance Engineer.

Col. Higgs began his distinguished military career on June 1, 1973. He served for five years on active duty and then went on to serve the balance of his career in the Army Reserves. He has completed the United States Army Ranger School, the United States Army Airborne School and the United States Army Infantry School. Col. Higgs has held

numerous training, operations and command assignments, and his dedication and outstanding credentials culminated with his most recent assignment to an integral homeland security mission.

From July 2004 until July 2008, Col. Higgs served as the Chief Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for New England. In this position, he was the primary leader among a team of senior officers from the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard representing the six New England states. Over the last four years, Col. Higgs led the team's deployment in multiple exercises and real life events. The skillful leadership and the many contributions made by Col. Higgs have undoubtedly strengthened homeland defense.

Throughout his military career, Col. Higgs has been supported by his loving wife, Evelyn, and his two sons, Ryan and Eric. Now, as he begins his retirement from military service, he plans to spend more time enjoying his favorite hobby of mountain biking.

Madam Speaker, in this time of international conflict, we must take the time to recognize the courageous sacrifices and innumerable contributions of men and women like Col. Higgs who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. Their commitment reflects the best examples of love of country and we are infinitely grateful for all they do. I humbly ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Col. Timothy E. Higgs on his retirement from military service.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STEPHEN DARIUS AND STANLEY GIRENAS TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two aviation pioneers, Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas, on the 75th Anniversary of their historic trans-Atlantic flight that began at Municipal Airport—since renamed Midway Airport—which is located in Illinois' Third Congressional District on Chicago's Southwest Side.

Inspired by witnessing Charles A. Lindbergh's historic flight from New York to Paris, Stephen Darius returned home to Chicago after serving his country in World War I determined to fly non-stop across the Atlantic. In Chicago he met Stanley Girenas, a former Army airplane mechanic. Sharing a common Lithuanian heritage and military background, Darius proposed a first ever non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania. Girenas liked the idea and agreed to be Darius' copilot.

Securing adequate funding for their flight was especially difficult during the Great Depression. The two men pooled their savings and purchased a used six passenger airplane that required extensive repairs and modifications. Representatives of Chicago's Lithuanian community came to the aid of Darius and Girenas and formed a Flight Sponsors Committee in order to raise the necessary funds. The Committee raised approximately \$4,200

to support the flight, a monumental sum in 1932.

Darius and Girenas embarked on the first leg of their journey from Chicago to New York on May 7th, 1933, on their newly christened airplane, the LITUANICA. After various weather and organizational delays, the two men took off from New York bound for Lithuania on July 15th, carrying a large bag of letters destined for friends and family in Kaunas. Sadly, their plane was lost over the town of Soldin, Germany, 70 miles northeast of Berlin due to heavy storms, and they never reached Lithuania.

It is my great privilege to recognize Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas for their historic trans-Atlantic flight and their contributions to early aviation, to the American Lithuanian community, to Chicago—which has the largest Lithuanian community outside of Lithuania, and to the United States and Lithuania.

NEW YORK CARIB NEWS
RECOGNIZES BOROUGH PRESIDENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD a June 24, 2008 article about Adolfo Carrion in the New York Carib News. Mr. Carrion is the Borough President of the Bronx and has served in that capacity since 2001.

In his seven years as President, Mr. Carrion has aided in bringing down unemployment and speeding up housing development in the borough. Most notable is Mr. Carrion's fresh approach to the economic mindset of those in the notoriously depressed neighborhoods of the South Bronx; he wants to "shift people's thinking about how they're going to succeed in the New York economy . . . from social intervention to economic growth and opportunity." Mr. Carrion's vision for a new way of facilitating economic growth through changing the way that people think is indicative of the innovation and economic will that Caribbean Americans contribute to the continued growth of the New York economy.

Mr. Carrion's next goal is to become the City Comptroller. He believes that the position will further help him elevate the economic standards in the borough as an integral part of the economic revival of the city as a whole. His success is yet another testament to the tenacious spirit and strong will of the millions of Caribbean immigrants that are so much a part of New York City and America.

HONORING EMMA ABERNATHY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, this June, the Fort Campbell community honored the life and service of a trusted and treasured teacher, the late Emma Green Evans Abernathy.

A dedicated teacher for over 40 years, Emma touched countless lives, especially dur-

ing her time teaching at Marshall Elementary on Fort Campbell. She provided much wisdom, encouragement, and counsel to military children and their parents by drawing upon her own experience as a military spouse.

After earning a degree in Elementary Education from Morris College in South Carolina, Emma later studied at South Carolina State College and Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Emma actively served as a member of Soldier's Chapel on Fort Campbell, where she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, and served as the Sunday School Superintendent. In addition, Emma contributed her time to such civic groups as the Order of the Eastern Star, the NAACP, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Along with Emma's husband, James Abernathy, her children and grandchildren, the entire Fort Campbell and Clarksville community celebrates the life of this remarkable woman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the outstanding example of balancing family, business and community service that Emma set. Many Tennesseans are better for having known her.

TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS OF CON-
GRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD
MEDAL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, last month I was honored to participate in a ceremony honoring four local Kansas residents for their contributions to local communities and commitment to personal development. Honorees received the 2008 Congressional Award Gold Medal during a reception on Capitol Hill.

I was proud to help celebrate the achievements of these outstanding young men and women and honor them with this distinguished award. Their dedication to helping others and self-improvement is not only inspiring, but it reminds us that changing the world starts with each of us.

Sydney Ayers, one of today's recipients and a resident of Leawood, spoke during the June 19th ceremony, providing reflections on her achievement and the importance of community service.

Earning the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires a significant commitment, in both time and energy. Each participant must spend two years or more completing at least 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of both personal development and physical fitness activities and a 4-night Expedition or Exploration. The Congressional Award Gold Medal is the pinnacle of these achievements.

The 2008 Kansas 3rd District recipients are: Sydney Ayers, Leawood, worked with children and the elderly, volunteering at several locations across the United States and Mexico. She performed in plays, worked as the backstage manager for several productions and took ballroom dance lessons, in addition to playing high school tennis, USTA tennis and managing the boys' high school team. She also planned and completed a 5-day adventure in the Alaskan wilderness.

Benjamin Connell, Lenexa, volunteered at Lakeview Village Nursing Home and the Boys

and Girls Club, mentoring young children, facilitating anti-drug/alcohol lessons and tutoring. He also worked in the career development office at Kansas State University, learning how to teach and counsel students. Ben focused on exercising and participating in intramural sports and backpacked at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Christopher Connell, Lenexa, raised funds for charitable causes, mentored young children and helped the elderly with a variety of tasks in addition to working as a waiter at an assisted living facility. Cross Country running and lifting weights improved his 5K running time. Chris also spent six nights in the wilderness at Double H Ranch, which is associated with Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Nicholas Connell, Lenexa, shared his musical talent by preparing a repertoire of music, including Peter and the Wolf, on the oboe and holding public performances in several different venues. Nick's creative talents also include writing, for which he won a 1st place prize for a piece of short fiction. He pushed himself physically by running on a treadmill and consistently exercising on an elliptical machine, in addition to hiking over 60 miles at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

I am pleased to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD two articles from the Kansas City Star highlighting this award and the outstanding young Kansans who received it.

[From the Kansas City Star, June 28, 2008]

LENEXA BROTHERS WIN CONGRESSIONAL
AWARD GOLD MEDAL

(By Alexia Lang)

Hard work and dedication earned three Lenexa brothers the 2008 Congressional Award Gold Medal.

Benjamin, Christopher and Nicholas Connell traveled to Capitol Hill for the award ceremony recently; they were representing three out of four Kansas residents to receive the award. Sydney Ayers, 17, of Leawood, was the fourth recipient.

Congressman Dennis Moore participated in the ceremony, citing their achievements as inspiring.

"Their dedication to helping others and to self-improvement is not only inspiring, but it reminds us that changing the world starts with each of us," Moore said.

In order to qualify for the medal, applicants must spend two or more years completing at least 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness activities and a four-night expedition or exploration.

Nicholas Connell, 22, said his mother found out about the award and he decided to pursue it in 1999.

"It so happened that a lot of the requirements for the Congressional Award coincided with things I was already doing for Scouting, or with school activities, etc.," he said.

Nicholas prepared and performed music on the oboe for several public performances, including charity concerts at local schools and assisted living centers.

He also was able to gather and send school supplies to children in need in Mexico.

To satisfy his four-night expedition or exploration requirement, Nicholas hiked over 60 miles at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Benjamin Connell, 24, also began the program in 1999. He said he was attracted to the structure and direction for setting goals the program would bring to his life.

"It also provided accountability in attaining my goals because my advisors tracked my progress," he added.

Benjamin spent most of his community service time at Lakeview Village Retirement

Center in Lenexa and the Boy's and Girl's Club in Manhattan, Kan.

At Lakeview Village, he assisted the elderly in daily activities and ran bingo games in Lakeview's Health Center.

The Boy's and Girl's Club provided opportunities for Benjamin to tutor elementary-age students, facilitate anti-drug and anti-alcohol programs and provide structured after-school activities.

Benjamin said he would encourage others to work for this award because it challenges participants to get out into the community outside of their comfort zone.

"I think this award helps youth build a strong, goal driven foundation that is focused on service," he said.

The youngest brother to receive the award, Christopher Connell, 19, said he has enjoyed serving others since beginning the program in 2002.

His service hours include volunteering at Lakeview Village Retirement Community, fundraising for charity causes at Shawnee Mission West High School and planting and mulching trees at Shawnee Mission Park.

For his expedition, Christopher spent six nights in the wilderness at Double H Ranch, associated with Philmont Scout Ranch.

Christopher said this honor is awarded based on a person's willingness to improve.

"Anyone can earn this award because it isn't a competition except with yourself," he said.

Nicholas said he encourages others to pursue the award because many are already doing what is needed to receive it.

"You have to do the necessary paper work and enroll in the program to make sure you get the award," he said. "The Congressional Award won't seek you out—you have to let them know you are working on it and provide the proper documentation."

[From the Kansas City Star, June 28, 2008]
CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOES TO LEAWOOD
TEEN-AGER

(By Alexia Lang)

After three years of hard work and determination, Sydney Ayers got her reward: a trip to Capitol Hill to receive the Congressional Award Gold Medal from Congressman Dennis Moore.

Ayers, a 17-year-old from Leawood, was chosen from among the Kansas recipients to make a speech about the experience of being in the Congressional Award program. "My goal was to improve the lives of others, specifically children and the elderly," Ayers said.

During the ceremony June 19, Moore, who presented the awards to the four Kansas recipients, said he was proud to celebrate their achievements.

"Their dedication to helping others and self-improvement is not only inspiring, but it reminds us that changing the world starts with each of us," he said.

Ayers decided she wanted to work for the award in eighth grade after hearing that a senior at her school had received it.

She consulted with Susan Harper, one of her teachers at Barstow School, and they mapped out a plan that would allow her to accomplish her goal in three years. Harper became her mentor/sponsor.

To qualify for the medal, applicants must spend two or more years completing at least 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness activities, and a four-night expedition or exploration.

Sherry Dodds Ayers, Sydney's mother, said, "Since this was such a big project, she was very careful to pick things that were realistic. There are many kids who start this program and never finish."

Ayers completed her community service hours by volunteering at a memory care center, a retirement home, a children's home, an orphanage in Mexico and for Christmas in October.

She superseded the physical activity requirements, finishing with 638 hours. She is a member of the varsity tennis and cheerleading teams as well as USTA tennis and managed the boys high school tennis team.

To satisfy the 200 hours of personal development, Ayers participated in theatrical productions in roles ranging from actor to stagehand to backstage manager.

"The personal development was to gain a better appreciation of the arts," her mother said.

Ayers' final project was a trip to Alaska with her grandfather that she planned, organized and executed by herself. They spent five days and four nights in a cabin with limited electricity preparing all their food and hiking for water.

Ayers said her trip to a Mexican orphanage was one of the most rewarding experiences.

"It was far outside of my comfort zone and my cultural zone," she said.

She added that she learned and experienced something different everywhere she went.

Sherry Ayers said she is most proud that her daughter stuck with the program and completed her goal.

"It's a lot of hard work," she said.

Ayers said she would recommend the program to others because of the return on the hard work invested.

She said, "After how hard it is and how dedicated you have to be, it's nice to see the result after all of these years."

RECOGNIZING THE MINNESOTA
CHAPTER OF THE FORMOSAN
ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S
MEMBERSHIP INTO THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Minnesota chapter of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs, FAPA, which has done an exemplary job of keeping the voice of the Taiwanese people alive in my State of Minnesota. This organization has spoken for the people of Taiwan on many important issues including the all important matter of supporting Taiwan's membership into the World Health Organization, WHO.

The WHO is an important international organization that works to attain the highest possible level of health for all people. Unfortunately, the 23 million citizens of Taiwan are denied access to this organization and are unable to take part in international health forums, programs and benefits conducted by the WHO.

The large volume of international travel to Taiwan heightens the transmission of communicable diseases and makes Taiwan an ideal candidate for membership in the organization. For this reason alone, Taiwan and its people should be allowed to participate in the health services and medical protections offered by the World Health Organization.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Minnesota chapter of the FAPA for their continued

efforts to defend Taiwan. And, I urge you to join me in supporting Taiwan's inclusion in the World Health Organization.

CICELY TYSON RECOGNIZED AT
2008 CARIBBEAN HERITAGE SALUTE
TO HOLLYWOOD AND THE
ARTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to enter into the RECORD an article entitled: "Actress Cicely Tyson to be Honored at the 2008 Caribbean Heritage Salute to Hollywood and the Arts," which appeared in the June 24th edition of the New York Carib News, our local weekly newspaper which chronicles and recognizes the achievements of people of caribbean origin. Ms. Tyson is a legendary actress and has appeared in timeless works such as the miniseries "Roots," the daytime soap "The Guiding Light," and the popular TV show "The Women of Brewster Place."

Cicely Tyson is the daughter of immigrants who came to the United States after leaving the Caribbean island of Nevis. This legendary actress began her career in the '50s and has built up her reputation as a remarkable dramatic actress who continues to grace the screen of television and film today.

Tyson's success is another testament to the courageous spirit and deep determination of Caribbean Americans. Their contributions are innumerable and integral to American culture and were deservedly celebrated during last months Caribbean Heritage Month activities.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HELEN K.
JONES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Helen K. Jones, and in honor of her dedication and leadership in the field of behavioral health and substance abuse treatment in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Helen Jones was born in Cleveland, Ohio, where she earned her degree in Social Work from Cleveland State University and her master's degree in Social Service Administration from Case Western Reserve University. Her compassion and advocacy on behalf of others led her to pursue a career in the behavioral health field, where she would emerge as a leader and well-known figure in the Greater Cleveland Area. In her role as President and CEO of Recovery Resources, Inc, a non-profit organization which treats and helps people overcome mental illness and substance abuse addictions, she changed the local system of treating behavioral health problems. In 1988, she began working with Neighborhood Counseling Services until it merged with Recovery Resources, Inc, in 2000, when she was appointed Chief Operating Officer. Under her leadership and advocacy, the budget and staff of Recovery Resources, Inc. increased significantly, making it one of the largest and most

successful non-profit corporations in the Greater Cleveland Area and in the state of Ohio.

Helen worked alongside many in the Greater Cleveland Community in variety of leadership roles. She worked often with the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and was past chairwoman of the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition. She also served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Midtown Cleveland and on the Board of the Beck Center for Arts in Lakewood. Helen was also a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the United Way Council of Agency Executives. She was recognized on numerous occasions for her distinguished leadership in the field of behavioral health. This past May, Helen was one of Crain's Cleveland Business Women of Note honorees and in 2004, was awarded the Woodruff Foundation Prize in recognition of her work in the behavioral health field.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Helen Jones, and in celebration of a life dedicated to serving her community. Let her advocacy on behalf of the welfare of others serve as an inspiration for us all.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA RIVER HOSPICE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa River Hospice, serving the communities of Marshall, Tama, Hardin and Grundy counties in Iowa, on celebrating their 25th Anniversary. I also wish to express my appreciation for their commitment to providing a comforting service to Iowans.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation in to law that made hospice care Medicare certified and Iowa River Hospice became incorporated. Iowa River Hospice has cared for over 1,900 patients and their families over the past three decades. Hospice care is something that we all wish was not necessary, but is a life touching service which is needed to allow terminal patients to live the final moments of their lives to the fullest. Hospice also helps families cope with the loss of a loved one close to them. Iowa River Hospice is in the process of building a new hospice home and plan on opening their doors in early 2009.

Iowa River Hospice is dedicated to benefiting Iowans during an extremely difficult time. It is an honor to represent Executive Director Marilee Lawler, and all the members of the Iowa River Hospice team in the United States Congress and I wish them continued success in their future service to central Iowans.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY PARRISH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the

community of Riverside, California, are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Larry Parrish is one of these individuals. On July 24, 2008, a retirement dinner will be held in honor of Larry's 16 years of service as the county executive officer for Riverside County.

As the county executive officer, Larry manages county finances and operations, consistent with the policies established by the Board of Supervisors. In January 1995, supervisors centralized Mr. Parrish's managerial role by expanding his oversight of the many and diverse services provided to the county's 1.4 million residents. Under Larry's leadership, county departments have charted an aggressive course to meet the board's vision of targeting scarce resources to sustain high-priority services despite State reductions to local funding.

Mr. Parrish's 32-year career in county government includes key positions with both local and statewide focus. His experience as a county executive spans nearly 15 years, having served in this capacity in both Santa Barbara and Orange Counties. Prior to coming to Riverside County, he also spent 2 years as a Sacramento-based legislative advocate. Mr. Parrish entered county government in the probation field, rising to become chief probation officer for the counties of Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara.

For 8 years, Mr. Parrish served as a school board member of Santa Cruz City Schools. He was an instructor at Cabrillo Junior College in Santa Cruz County and a lecturer at the U.C. Irvine Graduate School of Management. He has also served as a Finance Corporation Board Member for the California State Association of Counties. Larry received a B.A. in sociology from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

In 1996, the University of California at Riverside named Mr. Parrish Public Management Leader of the Year. Mr. Parrish and his wife, Kathie, currently reside in Rancho Mirage, California. He has two grown children, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Larry's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Larry a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

THE DAILY 45: HONORING CHICAGO
POLICE OFFICER RICHARD
FRANCIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Sometimes, sadly, the victims of this carnage are the men and women who've pledged to serve and protect our society. Today, I reflect on the senseless loss of life of 60-year-old Chicago Police Officer Richard M. Francis. Officer Francis was a 27-year

veteran of the force and a first class officer. A heroic Vietnam War Veteran and a member of the Navy Special Forces, Officer Francis survived two bomb attacks in the Mekong Delta and was described by friends, family and co-workers as a man who loved life. But, on July 2nd, Francis could not survive a bullet discharged when a homeless woman grabbed his service revolver and shot him in the head.

Officer Francis leaves behind his wife of 10 years, Deborah, and his mentally challenged stepdaughter, Bianca. While charges are pending against his alleged perpetrator, the cruel irony is that this man who loved his job, loved his family and survived the Vietcong, lost his life in an instant when an allegedly disturbed woman got her hands on his weapon.

On behalf of my constituents and a grieving city, I extend my prayers and sincere condolences to Officer Francis' family and friends.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

ON THE OCCASION OF MIKE AND
BEV HOLLAND'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Holland, Sr., as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married in the Dutch Reformed Church of Kinderhook, New York, on July 13, 1968.

Mike and Beverly reside in the Town of Brandon in northern Franklin County, New York, which I have the privilege of representing. Mike and Bev have lived there since 1971 and have long operated a farm, on which they currently have about 50 beef cattle and calves.

Prior to their retirements in 2001, Mike and Bev taught in the Malone Central School System. Bev taught fourth grade at Flanders Elementary School while Mike taught fifth grade at St. Joseph's Elementary School, where he also spent many hours supervising intramural sports during lunch recesses. Mike, who is also known for good reason as "Coach Holland," coached Franklin Academy High School's junior varsity (1968-1985) and varsity baseball teams (1986-2001), the modified football team at the Malone Middle School, and various Malone Minor Hockey teams, including one New York State Class "C" championship team.

In addition to the work involved in raising their three children, Mike, Maya, and Jesse, Bev was very involved with the Franklin County 4-H Horse Club and the Franklin County Trailriders Association. Today, she remains busy as a volunteer for the Franklin County House of History and as a grandmother to Joseph and Maybelle Alvarez. Accordingly, I now extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mike and Bev Holland on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained, due to a personal family matter, and unable to be present for votes on June 23, 2008 and July 8, 2008.

Had I been present on June 23, I would have voted "yea" on each of rollcall Nos. 438, 439, and 440.

Had I been present on July 8, I would have voted "yea" on each of rollcall Nos. 471, 472, and 473.

IN TRIBUTE TO ROBERT LELAND KNIGHT

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a true Texas hero. Teague Fire Chief Robert Leland Knight was killed in the line of duty on July 5th. He was only 42-years-old.

Chief Knight was a member of the Teague Volunteer Fire Department for almost 20 years. He became chief in 1999.

But his involvement in the community didn't stop there. He was also a volunteer paramedic, a member of the Boggy Masonic Lodge No. 739, and active in the First United Methodist Church.

He was also a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. I am honored to call myself an Aggie, not just because it is a great institution, but because it produces great men like Chief Knight.

Friends and family will tell you his love of his community and his alma mater were only trumped by one thing—his love of family. Chief Knight was a brother, a husband and a father. He is survived by his wife Terri Jo and his children—son, Trent and daughters, Layla and Laura.

My prayers are with Chief Knight's family and the town of Teague as they struggle to overcome this great loss. I hope they are comforted by the good memories and the examples of service to others he left with them.

Thousands of volunteer first responders put their lives on the line everyday. They run into burning buildings, respond to medical emergencies, and confront criminals—not because it's their job, but because they want to make their community a better, safer place.

Chief Knight made Teague and the State of Texas a better, safer place. Even though he is now gone, I am hopeful the way he lived will inspire a new generation of community volunteers because that would be the best way to honor this heroic man.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL WARREN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual

whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Michael Warren is one of these individuals. On July 3, 2008, Michael retired after 14 years as the Chief of the Corona Fire Department and a celebration will be held this Saturday, July 12, 2008, in his honor.

Michael Warren was the Fire Chief for the City of Corona since May 1994 and also served as the Emergency Services Director for the City of Corona. In addition, Chief Warren serves as the Operational Area Mutual Aid Coordinator for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Corona Fire Department currently employs a staff of 146 members and operates the suppression activities for the city from seven fire stations. In addition to being the Fire Chief, Chief Warren has served as the Acting Police Chief and Acting Utilities Director for the City of Corona. In his capacity as Fire Chief along with the "Acting" assignments he has worked closely with all of the other municipal departments creating collaborative solutions to city wide problems.

Chief Warren previously was the Deputy Chief for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/San Bernardino County Fire Department and Mutual Aid Operational Area Coordinator, and served with the U.S. Forest Service. He has over 36 years of experience in the fire service, serving on major emergency incidents throughout the United States. Chief Warren was a member of the National Emergency Incident Management Team. He has presented discussions on large scale emergency incident management to other state emergency organizations including the State of New York and at the International Association of Fire Chiefs conference.

Chief Warren was the President of the California Fire Chiefs Association from 2004–06, and held the Legislative Director position for the California Fire Chiefs Association. In addition, he serves on the Governor's Homeland Security Public Safety Advisory Council. Chief Warren was a member on the Public Safety Policy Committee for the League of California Cities, Vice Chair of the Inland Empire Affiliate of Burn Institute, is an active member of the board on Alternatives to Domestic Violence, and the Rotary Club. He was appointed to the California Emergency Council in 2006 by Governor Schwarzenegger. At the request of the Governor, Chief Warren has been Chairing the Blue Ribbon Commission Task Force since 2004.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Chief Warren was asked to serve as one of ten national experts on a nationwide program to assist other states in developing their own mutual aid programs and systems. He has worked with Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Tennessee and is currently working with Utah, Nevada, Hawaii and Alaska. In the State of California, Chief Warren participates in discussions relative to amendments and changes to California's Mutual Aid program. In that capacity he also works directly with Federal Co-operators. Having served his entire career in the California Fire Service, he has participated in the development of ICS in the early 1970s up to and including the most recent discussions on revisions to the State's plan.

Chief Warren attended Chaffey College and Northern Arizona University, attaining degrees

and certificates in professional forestry, fire science and police science.

Chief Warren's expertise and tireless passion for the well-being and safety of the community has contributed immensely to the betterment of the City of Corona and the State of California. I am proud to call Michael a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

HONORING MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morristown National Historic Park, county of Morris, New Jersey, as we commemorate its 75th anniversary.

During two critical winters of the Revolutionary War, 1777 and 1779–80, the countryside in and around Morristown, New Jersey, sheltered the main encampments of the American Continental Army and served as the headquarters of its Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington. The winter of 1779–1780 is largely agreed upon by weather historians to be the worst winter of the 18th century, even worse than the winter of 1777–1778 at Valley Forge. But, due to better construction standards, proper sanitation, and better training, the winter of 1779–1780 turned out to be much more successful than prior winter at Valley Forge.

General Washington twice chose Morristown due to its strategic location, including proximity to New York City, defensible terrain, important communication routes, access to critical resources, and a supportive community. Morristown's location put it at the crossroads between supply lines connecting Philadelphia, and New England. And the town was close enough to New York to keep a watchful eye over the British encampment on Manhattan Island. This central location allowed Washington to move his army quickly to either New York or Philadelphia if need be. The park encompasses ground occupied by the army during the 1779–80 encampment, and the site of the fortification from the 1777 encampment.

The National Park consists of four non-contiguous units: Washington's Headquarters with the Ford mansion and headquarters museum, the Fort Nonsense Unit, the Jockey Hollow Unit, and the New Jersey Brigade Area. The Ford mansion, where Washington made his headquarters, is an important feature of the Park and recalls civilian contributions to the winning of our independence.

The Ford mansion has a very interesting history. It was built between 1772 and 1774 and was initially the home of COL Jacob Ford, Jr. Ford was a landowner, iron manufacturer, dedicated patriot, and colonel of the Eastern Battalion of New Jersey's militia. Through his command, Ford had participated in the first battle of Springfield. But, tragedy befell Ford shortly after the battle, when he was stricken with pneumonia. He died on January 10, 1777. After Jacob Ford's death, his widow Theodosia offered the mansion to General Washington to use as his winter quarters.

General Washington and his aide-de-camp Alexander Hamilton, would use the mansion to formulate strategy for many of the revolution's greatest campaigns. Washington also used the house to write some of the most important letters of the revolution. The Ford mansion housed some of the most important figures of the revolution including the Marquis de Lafayette, General Schuyler, General Nathaniel Greene, General Henry Knox, and the infamous general, turned traitor, Benedict Arnold. It has been said that the Ford mansion has housed more prominent figures known to the military history of our revolution than any other residence in America. It is because of this rich history, that Morristown has been cited as the military capital of the revolution.

On March 2, 1933, President Herbert Hoover signed Morristown National Historic Park into existence. It is the first National Historic Park in the United States. The park's mission is to interpret the extraordinary fortitude of the officers and enlisted men under Washington's leadership and the important subsequent commemoration of these crucial events of the American Revolution. The National Park Service and the Washington Association of New Jersey, a not-for-profit organization formed over 130 years ago to preserve Morristown's Revolutionary War landmarks, especially the Ford mansion, work to protect the landscape and historic resources of the Continental Army's winter encampments and other nearby Revolutionary War military and civilian sites for the benefit and inspiration of all. The Washington Association is the original keeper of the Ford mansion, also known as Washington's Headquarters, and continues to raise private funds for its renovations, and that of the museum, and its educational programs and remarkable archives.

The Washington Association of New Jersey was founded in Morristown in June 1873. On March 20, 1874, the New Jersey State Legislature chartered the Washington Association as a stock-granting corporation in New Jersey. The association would be responsible for preserving the mansion until 1933 when it was donated to the Federal Government, and designated the first National Historic Park.

The park's mission is to interpret the extraordinary fortitude of the officers and enlisted men under Washington's leadership and the important subsequent commemoration of these crucial events of the American Revolution.

Madam Speaker, for the past 75 years, the Morristown National Historic Park has been an educational and heartfelt piece of history in this district. I ask you, Madam Speaker, and my colleagues to honor the Morristown National Historic Park, its dedicated employees and its many volunteer supporters as our Nation's first historic park celebrates a very special 75th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO GENERAL DAN K.
MCNEILL

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to GEN Dan K. McNeill on his retirement as commanding officer of the

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan. General McNeill assumed command of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on February 4, 2007, following a tour of duty as Commanding General, of the U.S. Army Forces Command, and the U.S. Army's force generation command.

General McNeill is a native son of Warsaw, North Carolina. He attended North Carolina State University (NCSU) where he began his military career. He graduated in 1968 with a bachelor of science degree in forestry and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry through the ROTC Program. In 1989, General McNeill graduated from the U.S. Army War College where he became a career infantry officer. He also attended United States Army Command and General Staff College.

General McNeill has held several positions throughout his military career, some of his past assignments include Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, United States Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where his duties include Combined Joint Task Force 180, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He was Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. And Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, XVIII Airborne Corps, including tours in Uphold Democracy, Operation Just Cause, Panama and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

GEN Dan K. McNeill's innovative leadership and unique vision have earned him widespread recognition. His numerous decorations and badges include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Legion of Merit (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), all of which acknowledge General McNeill's unfailing commitment to improving the lives of his fellow Americans.

Madam Speaker, General McNeill is an exemplary figure of patriotism, leadership, dedication, and commitment. As a former soldier, I am proud to honor the career of GEN Dan K. McNeill today. I ask all of my colleagues to join my wife, Faye, and me in celebrating his 40 years of military service to the United States Army and to the State of North Carolina.

SOMETHING BIG IS HAPPENING

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I have, for the past 35 years, expressed my grave concern for the future of America. The course we have taken over the past century has threatened our liberties, security and prosperity. In spite of these long-held concerns, I have days—growing more frequent all the time—when I'm convinced the time is now upon us that some Big Events are about to occur. These fast-approaching events will not go unnoticed. They will affect all of us. They will not be limited to just some areas of our country. The world economy and political system will share in the chaos about to be unleashed.

Though the world has long suffered from the senselessness of wars that should have been

avoided, my greatest fear is that the course on which we find ourselves will bring even greater conflict and economic suffering to the innocent people of the world—unless we quickly change our ways.

America, with her traditions of free markets and property rights, led the way toward great wealth and progress throughout the world as well as at home. Since we have lost our confidence in the principles of liberty, self reliance, hard work and frugality, and instead took on empire building, financed through inflation and debt, all this has changed. This is indeed frightening and an historic event.

The problem we face is not new in history. Authoritarianism has been around a long time. For centuries, inflation and debt have been used by tyrants to hold power, promote aggression, and provide "bread and circuses" for the people. The notion that a country can afford "guns and butter" with no significant penalty existed even before the 1960s when it became a popular slogan. It was then, though, we were told the Vietnam War and a massive expansion of the welfare state were not problems. The seventies proved that assumption wrong.

Today things are different from even ancient times or the 1970s. There is something to the argument that we are now a global economy. The world has more people and is more integrated due to modern technology, communications, and travel. If modern technology had been used to promote the ideas of liberty, free markets, sound money and trade, it would have ushered in a new golden age—a globalism we could accept.

Instead, the wealth and freedom we now enjoy are shrinking and rest upon a fragile philosophic infrastructure. It is not unlike the levies and bridges in our own country that our system of war and welfare has caused us to ignore.

I'm fearful that my concerns have been legitimate and may even be worse than I first thought. They are now at our doorstep. Time is short for making a course correction before this grand experiment in liberty goes into deep hibernation.

There are reasons to believe this coming crisis is different and bigger than the world has ever experienced. Instead of using globalism in a positive fashion, it's been used to globalize all of the mistakes of the politicians, bureaucrats and central bankers.

Being an unchallenged sole superpower was never accepted by us with a sense of humility and respect. Our arrogance and aggressiveness have been used to promote a world empire backed by the most powerful army of history. This type of globalist intervention creates problems for all citizens of the world and fails to contribute to the well-being of the world's populations. Just think how our personal liberties have been trashed here at home in the last decade.

The financial crisis, still in its early stages, is apparent to everyone: gasoline prices over \$4 a gallon; skyrocketing education and medical-care costs; the collapse of the housing bubble; the bursting of the NASDAQ bubble; stock markets plunging; unemployment rising; massive underemployment; excessive government debt; and unmanageable personal debt. Little doubt exists as to whether we'll get stagflation. The question that will soon be asked is: When will the stagflation become an inflationary depression?

There are various reasons that the world economy has been globalized and the problems we face are worldwide. We cannot understand what we're facing without understanding fiat money and the long-developing dollar bubble.

There were several stages. From the inception of the Federal Reserve System in 1913 to 1933, the Central Bank established itself as the official dollar manager. By 1933, Americans could no longer own gold, thus removing restraint on the Federal Reserve to inflate for war and welfare.

By 1945, further restraints were removed by creating the Bretton-Woods Monetary System making the dollar the reserve currency of the world. This system lasted up until 1971. During the period between 1945 and 1971, some restraints on the Fed remained in place. Foreigners, but not Americans, could convert dollars to gold at \$35 an ounce. Due to the excessive dollars being created, that system came to an end in 1971.

It's the post Bretton-Woods system that was responsible for globalizing inflation and markets and for generating a gigantic worldwide dollar bubble. That bubble is now bursting, and we're seeing what it's like to suffer the consequences of the many previous economic errors.

Ironically in these past 35 years, we have benefited from this very flawed system. Because the world accepted dollars as if they were gold, we only had to counterfeit more dollars, spend them overseas (indirectly encouraging our jobs to go overseas as well) and enjoy unearned prosperity. Those who took our dollars and gave us goods and services were only too anxious to loan those dollars back to us. This allowed us to export our inflation and delay the consequences we now are starting to see.

But it was never destined to last, and now we have to pay the piper. Our huge foreign debt must be paid or liquidated. Our entitlements are coming due just as the world has become more reluctant to hold dollars. The consequence of that decision is price inflation in this country—and that's what we are witnessing today. Already price inflation overseas is even higher than here at home as a consequence of foreign central banks' willingness to monetize our debt.

Printing dollars over long periods of time may not immediately push prices up—yet in time it always does. Now we're seeing catch-up for past inflating of the monetary supply. As bad as it is today with \$4 a gallon gasoline, this is just the beginning. It's a gross distraction to hound away at "drill, drill, drill" as a solution to the dollar crisis and high gasoline prices. It's okay to let the market increase supplies and drill, but that issue is a gross distraction from the sins of deficits and Federal Reserve monetary shenanigans.

This bubble is different and bigger for another reason. The central banks of the world secretly collude to centrally plan the world economy. I'm convinced that agreements among central banks to "monetize" U.S. debt these past 15 years have existed, although secretly and out of the reach of any oversight of anyone—especially the U.S. Congress that doesn't care, or just flat doesn't understand. As this "gift" to us comes to an end, our problems worsen. The central banks and the various governments are very powerful, but eventually the markets overwhelm when the people

who get stuck holding the bag (of bad dollars) catch on and spend the dollars into the economy with emotional zeal, thus igniting inflationary fever.

This time—since there are so many dollars and so many countries involved—the Fed has been able to "paper" over every approaching crisis for the past 15 years, especially with Alan Greenspan as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, which has allowed the bubble to become history's greatest.

The mistakes made with excessive credit at artificially low rates are huge, and the market is demanding a correction. This involves excessive debt, misdirected investments, over-investments, and all the other problems caused by the government when spending the money they should never have had. Foreign militarism, welfare handouts and \$80 trillion entitlement promises are all coming to an end. We don't have the money or the wealth-creating capacity to catch up and care for all the needs that now exist because we rejected the market economy, sound money, self reliance and the principles of liberty.

Since the correction of all this misallocation of resources is necessary and must come, one can look for some good that may come as this "Big Even" unfolds.

There are two choices that people can make. The one choice that is unavailable to us is to limp along with the status quo and prop up the system with more debt, inflation and lies. That won't happen.

One of the two choices, and the one chosen so often by government in the past is that of rejecting the principles of liberty and resorting to even bigger and more authoritarian government. Some argue that giving dictatorial powers to the President, just as we have allowed him to run the American empire, is what we should do. That's the great danger, and in this post-911 atmosphere, too many Americans are seeking safety over freedom. We have already lost too many of our personal liberties already. Real fear of economic collapse could prompt central planners to act to such a degree that the New Deal of the 30's might look like Jefferson's Declaration of Independence.

The more the government is allowed to do in taking over and running the economy, the deeper the depression gets and the longer it lasts. That was the story of the 30s and the early 40s, and the same mistakes are likely to be made again if we do not wake up.

But the good news is that it need not be so bad if we do the right thing. I saw "Something Big" happening in the past 18 months on the campaign trail. I was encouraged that we are capable of waking up and doing the right thing. I have literally met thousands of high school and college kids who are quite willing to accept the challenge and responsibility of a free society and reject the cradle-to-grave welfare that is promised them by so many do-good politicians.

If more hear the message of liberty, more will join in this effort. The failure of our foreign policy, welfare system, and monetary policies and virtually all government solutions are so readily apparent, it doesn't take that much convincing. But the positive message of how freedom works and why it's possible is what is urgently needed.

One of the best parts of accepting self reliance in a free society is that true personal satisfaction with one's own life can be achieved. This doesn't happen when the government as-

sumes the role of guardian, parent or provider, because it eliminates a sense of pride. But the real problem is the government can't provide the safety and economic security that it claims. The so called good that government claims it can deliver is always achieved at the expense of someone else's freedom. It's a failed system and the young people know it.

Restoring a free society doesn't eliminate the need to get our house in order and to pay for the extravagant spending. But the pain would not be long-lasting if we did the right things, and best of all the empire would have to end for financial reasons. Our wars would stop, the attack on civil liberties would cease, and prosperity would return. The choices are clear: it shouldn't be difficult, but the big event now unfolding gives us a great opportunity to reverse the tide and resume the truly great American Revolution started in 1776. Opportunity knocks in spite of the urgency and the dangers we face.

Let's make "Something Big Is Happening" be the discovery that freedom works and is popular and the big economic and political event we're witnessing is a blessing in disguise.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN J. RAINEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and educational contributions to the community of Riverside, California, are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Dr. Susan Rainey is one of these individuals. On July 31, 2008, Dr. Rainey will end a decade of service to the students and families of the Riverside Unified School District, and her retirement will also mark the end of a 40-year career in education. On July 23, 2008, a dinner will be held in Dr. Rainey's honor.

Dr. Rainey has been with the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) since July 1998 and led the District through many challenges and achievements. Under her leadership, RUSD schools have consistently achieved academic gains. RUSD has built nine new schools and modernized many others. Two of the schools have been named No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon Schools and 23 schools have earned the California Distinguished School Award. Individually, many students have excelled in sports, academics, and the arts. Under Dr. Rainey's leadership, each student has been afforded every opportunity for success through such programs as the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program.

Prior to joining RUSD, Dr. Rainey worked for the Yucaipa, Palo Alto, Redlands, Monrovia, Brea-Olinda, Hemet and Charter Oak school districts. She also has been involved in numerous professional and community organizations including: the Rotary Club of Riverside; American Heart Association; Association of California School Administrators; California City School Superintendents; Riverside Association of School Managers; California Association of large Suburban School Districts; and

the United Way. Dr. Rainey also serves as a docent at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

The success of the Riverside Unified School District can be attributed to the strong and inspiring leadership of retiring District Superintendent Dr. Susan Rainey. RUSD has produced National History Day and California State Science Fair, Envirothon, and Mock Trial winners, innumerable California Interscholastic Federation champions and world class artists and musicians. RUSD is home to several Riverside County principals and teachers of the year who have set a standard of excellence for others to follow.

Dr. Rainey's tireless passion for education has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Dr. Rainey a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members, teachers, administrators and students are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is July 9, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,952 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first

handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Mr. Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Mr. Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Mr. Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that

foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,952 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is July 9, 2008, 12,952 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
JULY 15

- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security
Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine summer air
travel, focusing on addressing congestion
and delay. SR-253
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-
annual monetary policy report to Con-
gress. SR-325
- Finance
To hold hearings to examine inter-
national enforcement of intellectual
property rights and American competi-
tiveness. SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the Ameri-
cans with Disabilities Act (Public Law

- 101-336), focusing on ways to determine
the proper scope of coverage. SD-430
- Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
tion of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachu-
setts, to be General Counsel, Depart-
ment of Homeland Security. SD-342
- 10:15 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the crisis in
Zimbabwe and prospects for its resolu-
tion. SD-419
- 10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Competition Policy and Con-
sumer Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Google-
Yahoo agreement, focusing on the fu-
ture of internet advertising. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Commission on Security and Cooperation
in Europe
To hold hearings to examine the Su-
preme Courts recent decision in
Boumediene v. Bush, focusing on for-
eign terrorism suspects held at Guan-
tanamo Bay detention facility.
2200, Rayburn Building
- JULY 16
- 10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs
To hold hearings to examine global nu-
clear detection architecture, focusing
on ways to build domestic defenses to
combat a possible future attack. SD-342
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the Admin-
istration's detainee policies and the
fight against terrorism, focusing on
sound legal foundations. SD-226
- Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine administra-
tive and management operations of the
United States Capitol Police. SR-301

- 10:30 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine smart ways
Americans can save for their retire-
ment. SD-562
- 2 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs
Oversight of Government Management, the
Federal Workforce, and the District of
Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the human
capital crisis at the Department of
State, focusing on its global implica-
tions. SD-342
- 2:30 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine childhood
obesity, focusing on declining health of
America's next generation (Part I). SD-430

JULY 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine financial in-
stitutions located in offshore tax hav-
ens, focusing on ways to strengthen
United States domestic and inter-
national tax enforcement efforts. SD-106
- 2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
fairs
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine major dis-
aster recovery assessing the perform-
ance of the Federal Emergency Man-
agement Agency (FEMA) since October
2007. SD-342

JULY 23

- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine
the Department of Veterans Affairs, fo-
cusing on responding to the needs of re-
turning United States Guard and Re-
serve members. SR-418