

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF BELLE

#### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Belle, WV as it celebrates its 50th year of incorporation.

Located in Kanawha County along the Kanawha River, Belle was incorporated on December 13th of 1958 by the Kanawha County Circuit Court.

For half a century now, Belle has been the home to many hardworking men and women with great values and a strong sense of community. Past and present mayors, councilpersons, employees, and community leaders have all played an integral role in shaping the town. Their hard work has provided jobs and opportunities to many people.

Even before incorporation, Belle was home to DuPont. Breaking ground in 1925, it has maintained a strong presence in the area for over 80 years. DuPont Belle has special significance in the history of the chemical industry. The plant's central location provides overnight delivery to two-thirds of the U.S. population and one-third of the Canadian population. It is the nation's first commercial ammonia synthesis site. At Belle, DuPont developed the technology to manufacture nylon. The town of Belle and state of West Virginia have experienced labor with industry-specific skills which allows them to offer an unmatched advantage in the chemical business.

It is an honor to pay tribute to Belle, a town that represents the best of America's small towns. I wish congratulations to Belle as it celebrates half a century of incorporation in the Mountain State.

### CONGRATULATING THE STOCKDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the student athletes and coaches of the Stockdale High School Mustangs varsity baseball team. The Mustangs won the 2008 Central Section Division I Baseball Championship, also known as the Valley Baseball Championship, on May 22, 2008. In addition, the Stockdale Mustangs baseball team was ranked 2nd in the entire state of California (Division I) and 20th in the nation. Its achievements make the Mustangs the highest ranking team in Kern County history.

On May 22, 2008, the Stockdale Mustangs defeated Clovis High School 7–6 in its final game of the season to win, for the first time in Mustang history, the Valley Baseball Cham-

ionship. This was a truly outstanding achievement to cap a remarkable season, a season where the Mustangs finished with a record of 31–1. The game was an amazing come-from-behind victory, where the Mustangs scored three runs to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth, and pulled ahead two innings later with a game-winning single to right field. With the Mustangs' optimism, athleticism, skill and hard work, the Stockdale High School fans, students and community members were treated to an exciting and memorable championship game.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Stockdale High School Mustangs student athletes for their impressive championship win and strong 2008 season. The 2008 roster included Ryan Lay, Jeff Dolinar, Jonathan Broida, Kyle Desimone, Ryan Drown, Greg Osteen, J.D. Reed, Philip Valos, Dominic Chavez, Justin Williamson, Brock Allen, Jared Schweitzer, Travis Boos, Ren Floyd, Ryan Atherly, Travis Maytubby, Imaad Nuriddin, Scott Denesha, Eric Matthews, K.C. Hobson, Tyler Boren, Aaron Hartman, Steven Eyherabide, Ryan Espinoza, and team manager Jack Robson.

I also want to congratulate the coaching staff who helped lead the team to its championship season. The Mustangs head coach is Dan Lemon and his coaching staff includes assistant coaches Greg Showers, Travis Debondt, Butch Hobson, and Lance Stevens.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a wonderful component of a high school education because it provides opportunities for leadership, teamwork and competition. These essential characteristics for a well-rounded education are especially distinct in the Stockdale High School's exemplary athletic programs. The months of physical and mental training and the dedication to teamwork that was required to win this Valley Championship, as well as all their unprecedented achievements, will benefit these young men in their years to come.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I once again commend the Stockdale High School Mustangs on winning the 2008 Central Section Division I Baseball Championship, and I know the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans of our community will remember this season for many years to come.

### CONGRATULATING GRAYHAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Grayhawk Elementary School for being named by Project Tomorrow as a Speak Up Top 200 school. This honor is in recognition of the school's incorporation of the views of students, parents, and

educators in their educational decision making, with an emphasis on the implementation of new technologies.

Grayhawk Elementary School has done an exemplary job of putting communication channels in place in order for the needs of the students to be recognized and for the concerns of the parents to be taken into account. With this information available, teachers are better able to engage and inspire their students.

As a former teacher and a member of the Science and Technology Committee, I am especially proud of the achievements of this school. It takes a great deal of time and effort from both parents and educators to spark students' creativity; a feat I believe can only be achieved through open communication. Also with the great strides that have been made recently in the technology industry, it is paramount that our students, teachers, and parents are up to date with our constantly changing technological landscape.

Grayhawk Elementary was chosen by as a Top 200 school out of a pool of over 10,000 schools nationwide. The school signifies the progressive approach necessary in order for our children to receive the best education possible. It is for these reasons and many more that I congratulate Grayhawk Elementary School for its achievement and urge its educators, parents, and students to continue to strive for excellence in the future.

### HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN A. BRADLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute a man who has touched the lives of so many Tennesseans, as well as many the world, through his long and distinguished military career, culminating as Chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander for the Air Force Reserve Command.

General John A. Bradley was commissioned in 1967 after completing the Air Force ROTC program as a distinguished graduate at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

As a fighter pilot, General Bradley flew 337 combat missions in Vietnam. He commanded a fighter training squadron, fighter group and wing and Reserve numbered air force. General Bradley also served as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters. He has over 7,000 flying hours in the T–38, A–37, A–10, F–4 and F–16.

General Bradley's noteworthy service has been recognized for his service with numerous devices on medals for the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Combat Readiness Medal, Vietnam Service

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Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait.

General Bradley's superior leadership propelled the Air Force Reserve Command to meet or exceed every mission requirement while effectively managing limited resources in an ever-changing, post-September-11 environment. His "One Air Force, Same Fight . . . an Unrivaled Wingman" Vision provided a roadmap for the Air Force Reserve Command to execute over 39 Total Force Integration and Base Realignment and Closure changes affecting 75 percent of its units.

He supported the Combatant Commands with over 27,000 volunteer and mobilized reservists. He proactively led the Command's steadfast support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom as well as the rapid response to the 2005 hurricane strikes. As the Air Force lead for the Air Force Smart Operations 21 Caring for People process, he made recommendations to improve programs essential to the health and welfare of Airmen.

General Bradley has retired home to Nashville, TN. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank General Bradley, his wife Jan and their daughter Leigh Ann for their commitment and sacrifices made throughout this distinguished military career. Congratulations on completing an outstanding and successful career.

COMMEMORATING BHUTAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

SPEECH OF

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H. Res. 1307, a resolution commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation.

The Kingdom of Bhutan has a very special relationship with the University of Texas at El Paso, UTEP, community and the people of El Paso, TX. This year's Smithsonian Folklife Festival presented a truly rare opportunity for UTEP and the El Paso community to join with the Kingdom of Bhutan to showcase our two cultures in the Nation's Capital. People had the opportunity to listen to El Paso mariachis and watch traditional Bhutanese dances at the National Mall. The show was one-of-a-kind.

Bhutan is currently transitioning to parliamentary democracy, and the resolution under consideration today commends the Bhutanese people, and in particular King Jigme Singye Wangchuck, for advancing democratic institutions in the Himalayan nation.

During this critical time in Bhutan's history, it is fitting that the Kingdom was included in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. The Folklife Festival is the largest annual cultural event in the U.S. Capital, featuring a different nation, region, State, and theme each year. This year's festival showcased the Kingdom of

Bhutan, the State of Texas, and commemorated the 50th anniversary of NASA.

The festival also celebrated UTEP's ties to the Kingdom of Bhutan, and featured El Paso mariachi band Los Arrieros and musicians and dancers from Bhutan. UTEP President Diana Natalico and City Representative Susie Byrd welcomed the standing-room-only crowd to the performance.

As an added bonus, Bhutanese carpenters and skilled artisans constructed a traditional Bhutanese structure on the National Mall as gift of friendship for the people of the United States. The structure, one of the largest traditional buildings ever constructed on the National Mall, will be housed at UTEP for permanent display. UTEP students traveled to Washington, DC, to film a documentary about the 30-foot structure and the Folklife Festival.

Following the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, several Bhutanese performers traveled to El Paso to perform at the 2008 Bhutan Festival at UTEP. The event gave El Pasoans the opportunity to learn about Bhutanese culture and traditions.

These cooperative efforts between our two nations enrich both the United States and the Kingdom of Bhutan, and I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the people of Bhutan as they shift to a more representative form of government.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 8, 2008*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous sadness that I rise to mourn the passing of our dear colleague, the Honorable STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES of Ohio. STEPHANIE's death is an unbelievable tragedy for her family and all of us who loved her. It is a tremendous loss for her Cleveland constituents and our Nation. Her passing reminds us how precious life is and how we must treasure the time we spend with our loved ones.

STEPHANIE's absence is profoundly personal for me because she was a very special person and a friend. Many, many memories and personal stories come to mind when I think of her. She was a caring person who showed her kindness and friendship freely. Her deep, strong, loving voice is memorable. STEPHANIE's energy and strength—almost fearlessness—to fight for what she believed in, and at the same time, be open to opposing points of view was admirable.

I can't count the number of times I watched STEPHANIE on the floor of this House boldly speaking out on behalf of Americans and her Ohio constituents. She was passionate and never shied away from fighting for justice, equality, and the belief that this great country can do so much better for so many of the citizens who have been left behind. A powerful voice for justice in Congress and an extraordinary public servant is the best way I can describe STEPHANIE and her legacy.

As the chair of the House Ethics Committee, Congresswoman TUBBS JONES had one of the most difficult duties in Congress. Her experience as a judge and a prosecutor made her perfectly suited for the responsibility of maintaining the integrity of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Today is STEPHANIE's 59th birthday. It is heartbreaking that she is not here with us, but I am proud to celebrate her life of service and her commitment to both her family and the families she represented. Congresswoman TUBBS JONES was the epitome of a citizen servant and demonstrated to all who knew her a spirit of joy, hope and compassion. I feel honored to have known her and privileged to have served with her in this House. STEPHANIE will be missed by me and many others, but she will not be forgotten.

IN MEMEORIAL OF OFFICER  
ISABEL NAZARIO

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, on Friday September 5, 2008, Officer Isabel Nazario, an 18-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department and a constituent of the 13th Congressional District was killed in a crash while assisting fellow officers in the pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The crash also injured her partner, 12-year veteran Terry Tull.

Officer Nazario, 40, left behind a 15-year-old daughter, Jazmin, and a fiancée, Carlos Buitrago. She was remembered by her friends and colleagues as a "beautiful mother" and "a great officer."

Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey called her, "a very, very good officer in a very high-profile unit with highly motivated officers."

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said she "was a dedicated public servant who spent her life protecting others."

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 5 President John McNesby said, "She had a great work ethic and a great reputation on the street. She was always willing to do what needed to be done."

Officer Nazario joined the Department because she was called to make her community a better place. A graduate of Olney High School in Northeast Philadelphia, Nazario was promoted to the Narcotics Strike Force division 12 years ago. She was part of a police family, her sister Maritza Mohamad and her fiancée were also Philadelphia Police Officers.

Jazmin Nazario said the thing that she admired most about her mother was her strength—the type of strength that enabled a single mother to walk the beat through city streets and put away criminals.

Madam Speaker, in the 4 years I have represented the people of the 13th Congressional District, 4 police officers from my district have been killed in the line of duty. The loss to families, communities and the force is acute. It is our duty to recognize the sacrifice of our law enforcement officers who put themselves in harm's way to protect the people of our great city.

I ask that the House of Representatives extend its condolences to Jazmin Nazario, her family, and the Philadelphia Police Department for their significant loss.

CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST  
COMPANY**HON. JOHN R. "RANDY" KUHL, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. KUHL of New York. Madam Speaker, in the fall of 1833, the Chemung Canal Trust Company opened its doors to the public and has continued to serve the Chemung community through banking, loans, and investment opportunities.

Over the last 175 years Chemung Canal Trust Company has continued to grow and now includes three of the counties that I represent in 29th district of New York including Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.

From providing the funds for a family to purchase their dream home to allocating loans so a student can pursue a higher education degree, Chemung Canal Trust has made a difference in New York for 175 years. And through the last 175 years, they have not lost their commitment and dedication to this community.

I want to congratulate all of the employers, patrons, and everyone associated with Chemung Canal Trust Company for this amazing accomplishment. I know that this company will flourish for another 175 years and will continue to be a strong contributor to the people of my district and to businesses in New York.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RICHARD  
GONZALES**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the city 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. Corona Police Chief Richard Gonzales is one of these individuals. On September 12, 2008, Richard Gonzales will retire as the Corona Chief of Police.

A native Californian, born in Los Angeles, Richard makes his home in Corona with his wife Terry. Richard was sworn in as Corona's Police Chief on February 17, 1998. Previously, he spent 26 years the Los Angeles Police Department, beginning in 1972 as a patrol officer and retiring in 1998 as Captain III overseeing a staff of 170 at Hollenbeck Division. Prior to this he was the commanding officer of the 77th Street area.

Chief Gonzales holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, both from Cal State Long Beach. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and in 2001 he attended the FBINA LEEDS Training. He has attained an "Executive" POST Certificate. He previously taught a POST supervisory course at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside for the Sheriff's Department and a POST supervisory LDSP course at Golden West College.

During his tenure as Chief of Police for the city of Corona, Gonzales oversaw the growth of the department from 114 officers to 189 officers. In addition, he advocated for the acquisition of a mobile command post, computers for patrol cars and an indoor shooting range that is 25 lanes wide. Chief Gonzales has been an excellent public servant who has consistently provided for the safety and well-being of the community of Corona.

Chief Gonzales is also actively involved in community youth activities as a board member of UNITY. His hobbies include golf and jogging and he is a member of his department's Baker-to-Vegas running team. Chief Gonzales has actively instituted partnerships with the local school district, ministerial groups and other service organizations to keep our community safe and raise the quality of life we share here in Corona. In 1999, Chief Gonzales was honored by the Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards as "Public Safety Person of the Year" and in 2001 received the Ira Calvert Distinguished Citizen of the Year award. In July, 2003, he received the "Law Administrator of the Year" award from the California School Resource Officers' Association.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION  
RECOVERY MONTH**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, whereas, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder in the past year, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and

Whereas, treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and

Whereas, treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly \$11,487 for each person treated; and

Whereas, we must recognize the financial savings associated with treatment services, and ensure that such services are readily available to those who need assistance; and

Whereas, cost and insurance barriers present obstacles to those who need access to treatment facilities and want to re-establish their place in the community; and

Whereas, it is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save both lives and dollars; and

Whereas, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and The South Jersey Coalition invite all residents of 1st Congressional District of New Jersey to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month); and now, therefore,

I, Congressman ROB ANDREWS, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the 1st Congressional District and call upon the people of the 1st Congressional District to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars."

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE  
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4081, the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking, PACT, Act of 2008, and commend Mr. WEINER and Mr. SMITH for their hard work on this important bill. By some accounts, my own State of Illinois has lost \$214 million last year alone due to smuggling, counterfeit products, and Internet sales.

The illegal trafficking of cigarettes not only results in the loss of Federal, State and local taxes on those products, but it is also of very serious consequence because much of these profits is going to fund criminal and terrorist activities.

Currently, there is technology available that can dramatically improve the States' tobacco tax security systems. One such system, currently in use by the State of California with great success, about to be implemented by New Jersey and under consideration by other States as well, is manufactured in my district. My hope is we can move forward on this issue to ensure these new technologies can be part of a bigger solution.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the future to pursue ways in which the Congress can assist States in understanding and implementing such systems to combat smuggling of tobacco products.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO  
AWARD DR. JOSEPH B. KIRSNER  
THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD  
MEDAL**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill to award Dr. Joseph B. Kirsner the Congressional Gold Medal for his outstanding work in the medical field of gastroenterology.

The son of Russian immigrants, Kirsner overcame adversity as a young man and graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine

at the top of his class. He went on to earn his medical degree at the University of Chicago. While training in Chicago, he became an expert in gastroenterology and helped to make the University of Chicago the premier center for research and therapy of inflammatory bowel disease. His leadership and research led to unprecedented medical advances in the field of gastroenterology, enhancing the lives of people across the world.

Despite his devotion to his research, Kirsner was compelled to join the Armed Forces in World War II, earning a third battle star in the battle of the Philippines before serving under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan. Following the war, Kirsner became a full professor of medicine at the University of Chicago. During his time as a professor, he published over 700 papers and 15 books, and gave over 25 named lectureships. He has served as a leader on a number of boards and foundations, such as the National Institutes of Health, the American Gastroenterological Association and the Chicago Medical Society. Despite all of his world-renowned successes, he continues to provide personal care to patients from across the country.

Dr. Kirsner, a World War II veteran and devoted civil servant to the field of medicine, has lived his life in service to others, deserving of national recognition for his honorable contribution to our country.

#### A TRIBUTE TO SUSAN PRATHER

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, to commemorate and celebrate the life and accomplishments of life-long Contra Costa County resident and untiring social service advocate, Ms. Susan Prather. For over 30 years, Susan Prather successfully battled the establishment at all levels of government on behalf of our most vulnerable citizens—our homeless. Sadly, on July 29th, she lost her own battle with cancer, and we all lost a true treasure in our community.

Susan's commitment to the needs of the homeless began in 1976, when she was working at a senior meals program and was confronted with the struggles of the homeless and poor of Contra Costa County. Using her own financial resources, she began by single-handedly providing what help she could. She held down multiple jobs to support herself during the day; after hours she traveled the streets of Richmond, Concord, and Berkeley helping the homeless one client at a time. Her commitment to her clients of all ages often took her to their encampments with city and county officials and even Members of Congress in tow. She is well known for the tremendous pressure she put on public officials to make the concerns of the poor and homeless a top priority and increase both funding and services nationwide. She wanted to make sure that those in positions of power could put a face to the problem of homelessness.

In 1999, the City of Walnut Creek hired Susan to initiate the outreach program now known as Fresh Start. Under Susan's direction

the program proved highly successful. When the funding ran out a short 2 years later, Susan transitioned Fresh Start into a private non-profit organization and it flourished under her leadership. In her role as Founder and Executive Director of Fresh Start, Susan provided her clients with clothing, meals, showers, counseling and other critical social services. She has helped countless residents find jobs and establish homes for themselves and their families.

Over her years of service, Susan Prather has been recognized by a long list of government agencies and private organizations for her outstanding community work. In 1994, the California State Assembly recognized her efforts in a formal resolution. In 2002 she received the "Women Working for Justice" award from the Contra Costa County Commission for Women. In 2004, she was Honorably Mentioned at the Contra Costa County Humanitarian of the Year Awards Ceremony. Also in 2004, the Walnut Creek Journal named Ms. Prather one of the "Six People Who Made Our Lives Better in 2003". Susan certainly made life better for the countless poor and homeless residents of Contra Costa County and in doing so, she raised the quality of life for us all.

To Susan's family and friends, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Your loss is shared not only by those who knew Susan personally, but also by all who have been touched by the work she has done. We will be forever grateful for the courage, compassion, integrity, and tenacity with which she sought to make our community a better place for everyone. Susan Prather will be deeply missed and in her memory, we must vow to continue the work she started.

#### HONORING STATE SENATOR LEWIS H. ENTZ

### HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Coloradan and a great American former State Senator Lewis H. Entz.

Senator Entz is a native of Colorado's San Luis Valley and has been a tireless champion for rural veterans in Colorado. A potato farmer from Hooper, he served our Nation as a United States Marine during the Korean war.

He served as a State representative from 1983 to 1998, and then was appointed in 2001 to serve as State senator. In 2006, Senator Entz returned to private life.

During his tenure at the State level, Senator Entz routinely showed his commitment to Colorado's rural veterans. He carried the legislation which created the Homelake Veterans Nursing Home in Homelake, Colorado. He consistently fought for State capital dollars to ensure Homelake's ongoing service to Colorado's elderly veterans.

Today, he serves on the Colorado Board of Commissioners of State and Veterans Nursing Homes. He is also an active member of the Homelake Foundation Board where he continues to work tirelessly to preserve and rehabilitate one of Colorado's most prized and historic veteran's care facilities.

Most recently, Senator Entz completed a 6-year process of acquiring and installing an

A7-D Corsair to be displayed at Homelake in honor of our Air Force's contributions to tactical, close air ground support for our troops during the Vietnam war.

A life long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, Senator Entz remains one of the strongest advocates for rural veterans in Colorado.

Senator Entz is also a brave survivor of colon and prostate cancer.

A twin and 1 of 11 children, Senator Entz his wife, Lorie, have four children: Cindy, Mike, Sandy, and Cathy.

His efforts to improve the quality of life of elderly veterans at Homelake makes him one of my heroes.

CONGRATULATING DR. RENU KHATOR AS THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new President and Chancellor of the University of Houston System.

Dr. Renu Khator has been a long-time advocate of higher education. She dedicated 22 years of her career to the University of South Florida and, at the helm of it, was awarded the position of provost and senior vice president. Her tenure at South Florida is highlighted by leading the expansion of its sponsored research and overseeing an annual \$1.6 billion budget for the university.

Her accomplishments lend experience that will positively shape the future of the University of Houston System. She has already shown exceptional enthusiasm and dedication toward students enrolled in the System. Within the first 100 days of her appointment, she gained feedback from over 12,000 students on issues that most concern them. Based on this feedback, it has become one of her top priorities to build a reputation for the University of Houston as a nationally recognized research institution. I have complete confidence that Dr. Khator, the UH faculty, staff and students will achieve this goal and as an institution and community continue to serve as an example of excellence to public universities throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Dr. Renu Khator as the new president and chancellor of my alma mater, the University of Houston.

#### IN HONOR OF STORK MEDICAL

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stork Medical, a company that fulfills a great need in the medical community.

Hope is a powerful emotion. It can turn despair into jubilation; futility into purpose, fear

into comfort; and isolation into community. Because Stork Medical and Community Blood Services are helping to provide hope to our military, it is my privilege to honor these patriotic companies with this resolution. Their forward thinking and generous program makes umbilical cord blood storage affordable to all who have ever served in our military, and are thus transforming this abstract word into a tangible commodity.

With the help of Stork Medical and Community Blood Services, the depressed soldier lying in bed, recovering from war injuries, will now have the hope that stored cord blood may one day repair his or her spinal cord injury, brain trauma, or even restore an amputated limb. Hope enables a smile to appear, a laugh to become audible, and allows healing to truly begin. To be sure, hope is potent medicine.

Families of our soldiers bravely live in a perpetual state of anxiety, constantly praying for the safe return of their beloved. These families, who reluctantly send their loved ones into battle, now have the hope that if a major injury occurs, it may one day be reversible through the use of this "liquid gold." With stem cells already being used to build new fingers, bladders, noses, heart valves, and cartilage, it is more than just a "wish."

Madam Speaker, it is indeed "hope." With their proven ability to treat many leukemias and cancers, these cells, which are harvested without any injury to the baby or mother, offer protection for soldiers exposed to chemical warfare and other toxic battlefield substances. Since these cells can be used for any close family member, they also offer added protection against many of the unspoken fears that young parents harbor.

This gift is a spectacular example of patriotism in its finest form. This program is offered by private enterprise without asking for a single tax dollar. It demonstrates that everyone can play a part in defending our freedom and liberty. As our military and their families sacrifice to defend all that we hold dear, Stork Medical and Community Blood Services have put hope into action.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD W. FOGELSON ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Gerald W. Fogelson a very happy 75th birthday today.

Mr. Fogelson is the founder and CEO of the Fogelson Group and has been involved in real estate since 1955. In 2003, he was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame for his leadership in the industry and in the community.

Mr. Fogelson's long career has been filled with many accomplishments, including being an early pioneer of planned unit development in the United States, as well as other mixed-use developments. Furthermore, Mr. Fogelson's portfolio encompasses large, diverse, and high quality ventures in several states.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fogelson worked with municipal governments for more than just real estate interests; he was committed to

working to improve his community. Mr. Fogelson is an active member of numerous charitable and philanthropic organizations, and was a cofounder of the renowned Chicago School of Real Estate at Roosevelt University.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Fogelson has been a leader in real estate and a great Chicagoan. I am proud to recognize Mr. Fogelson for his accomplishments and wish him a very happy 75th birthday with many more to come.

HONORING ADA BUDRICK CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center, a pre-school in Boonton, New Jersey, an exceptional organization I am proud to represent! On August 28, 2008 Ada Budrick celebrated 40 years of educating young children from low-income families.

Ada Budrick is a non-profit early childhood education center, accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children.

Ada Budrick provides an opportunity for children of low-income families to enter school on an equal footing with their peers. Its primary goals are to provide a secure, stimulating and loving atmosphere for self-discovery, and to develop feelings of self-worth and accomplishment by stressing cooperation and involvement through interactive learning.

Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center was founded in 1968 in the Town of Boonton by Ada Budrick, a local welfare leader. The program primarily serves low-income and single parent families of multi-cultural and multi-lingual backgrounds in Morris County, New Jersey. It has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of this community.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated and talented trustees and staff of Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center on the celebration of 40 years of providing critical educational services to the Boonton community.

CONGRATULATING DR. SUSAN COLE

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Susan Cole for her 10th year of service as president of Montclair State University. Throughout her distinguished career, as an educator, advisor, and director, Dr. Susan Cole has been a tireless advocate for all New Jersey's residents.

Dr. Cole has a long and accomplished record of service in the field of higher education, having served as the vice president for university administration and personnel at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey from 1980 to 1991. Later, Dr. Cole became president of Metropolitan State University in Min-

neapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota serving from 1993 until 1998. Dr. Cole has also served as a visiting senior fellow at the City University of New York and an associate university dean Antioch College. Governor McGreevey appointed Dr. Susan Cole his co-chair of higher education transition team and she also held this post within his cabinet. Never failing to answer the call of service, Dr. Cole has also served within the cabinets of Governor DiFrancesco and Governor Whitman. Today, as the eighth president in the history of Montclair State University, Dr. Susan Cole oversees New Jersey's fastest growing university with the utmost commitment to its continued expansion.

When Dr. Cole finds time in between her 17,000 students at Montclair State University, she continues to devote her time to serving New Jersey residents. Realizing that education doesn't end outside of the classroom, Dr. Cole serves on the board of directors for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, and the American Council on Education. While her already mentioned accomplishments speak for themselves, Dr. Cole has also served on the boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Mountainside Hospital, and the Property Tax Convention Task Force.

Not only serving New Jersey, Dr. Cole has also served the State of Minnesota. Notably, Dr. Cole has served on the boards of Twin Cities Public Television, the Saint Paul Foundation, Western Bank, and as chair of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation.

I would like to personally thank Dr. Susan Cole for her contributions to the State of New Jersey, and to the educational welfare for thousands of students. Again, I would like to congratulate her on her 10th year of exceptional service at Montclair State University.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 6834, TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 4 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, AS THE "CWO RICHARD R. LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING"

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues from Connecticut to introduce a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the "CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building."

Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Lee was born July 28, 1954, and grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut, attending local elementary schools in the Yalesville section of town. In his younger years, Rich loved to fish with his friends and his father, Earl. One of his favorite places was the Black Pond in Meriden. Rich attended Lyman Hall High School until 1971 when the growing town built a new high school. Sheehan High opened and his fondness for the water led him to join the swim team. Rich won the Regional Championship for Diving at Sheehan. He played soccer as

well and helped Sheehan High to many victories before graduating with the class of 1972.

Rich also had a love for fast cars and flying, which sent him in the direction of the military. In 1973, he enlisted in the Army, and he eventually achieved the rank "Chief Warrant Officer". Rich learned to fly a helicopter in the Army, became "Civilian Rated"-Instrument Rated and planned to continue flying when he retired.

Sadly, Rich's dream was not to be realized. He was deployed to the Middle East to fight in Operation Desert Storm and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country on February 7, 1991. His high school classmates, Robert J. Devaney and Debra Frost Markiewicz, first approached me about naming the Wallingford Post Office in Mr. Lee's honor. This tribute to our fallen hero is supported by many public servants in Wallingford including Mayor William Dickinson, Senator Len Fasano, Councilman Robert Parisi, Postmaster Michael Schrader, and Leigh Piscitelli of the Postal Service. The post office lies in Wallingford's parade ground directly across from the town hall and veterans' monuments. To date, there is no monument in Wallingford to remember Richard Lee's sacrifice. His parents, Earl and Helen Lee, who currently reside in North Carolina, would like nothing more than to see this tribute to their son. I hope you will join me and my colleagues from the State of Connecticut in enacting this tribute to Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Lee.

**PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE  
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008**

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007, referred to as the "PACT Act," introduced by my colleague from New York, Mr. WEINER.

As we approach the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the threat from radical Islamic terrorist groups remains very real. Supporters of Hamas, Hezbollah, and al Qaeda are constantly adapting and seeking new means to further and finance their cause.

As law enforcement officials make it more difficult to raise and move money through "traditional" terror financing avenues, criminal enterprise is increasingly the life-blood of terrorist groups. Smuggling illicit cigarettes is a perfect example. This illicit activity is more than just a matter of health concern and hundreds of millions of dollars in lost tax revenue—it is a matter of national security.

An April 2008 Committee on Homeland Security Republican staff report based on numerous interviews with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, estimated that millions of dollars in profits generated by tight-knit, Arab-based illicit cigarette smuggling operations are being remitted to the Middle East, where these funds directly or indirectly finance groups such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and al Qaeda. The report outlined how these criminal and terrorist organizations purchase tax free

cigarettes on Indian reservations or in lower tobacco tax States, transport them to New York City, affix counterfeit tax stamps, and sell them for full retail price. A well-organized network could generate up to \$50,000 on an average load of 1,500 cartons of contraband cigarettes.

The report further found that New York State's policy of forbearance, despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld States' rights to tax all cigarettes sold on Indian reservations to nonmembers of the tribe, has resulted in an environment where cigarette smuggling rings operate with virtual impunity.

The PACT Act aims to attack part of the problem in States such as New York. It strengthens current Federal contraband cigarette laws through increased transparency in recordkeeping, enhanced existing penalties, and increased compliance standards for Internet sellers. In addition, it provides law enforcement more resources to help close critical gaps in enforcement that will make it more difficult for criminal and terrorist organizations to exploit disparities in tobacco tax rates among States.

Another way to restrict terrorist organizations from obtaining revenue by exploiting low-cost cigarettes is for States like New York to abandon their policies of forbearance and take action to fully enforce their tax laws. By refusing to collect taxes on cigarettes sold to non-residents of Indian reservations, the State of New York is fueling a boom in illicit cigarette smuggling and inflating the profit margins of criminal and terrorist smuggling networks. Enforcing the tax laws will generate up to \$800 million in lost tax revenue while cutting off a revenue stream to those who wish to do harm to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, while H.R. 4081 is a good first step, I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process to help keep terrorists from exploiting this revenue source.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this bill.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like the record to show that on rollcall vote 575, H.R. 6630, I inadvertently voted "yea" when I intended to vote "nay."

**HONORING YVONNE LEANDER**

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today and honor Mrs. Yvonne Leander as she retires from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As a young graduate from the University of Georgia with a degree in economics in hand, Yvonne Leander began her career in public service after accepting a position as an economist in HUD's Atlanta office. After taking that

first position, Yvonne would quickly rise within the agency and take on wide ranging managerial positions that include Chief of the Management Branch in HUD's Atlanta Property Disposition Center, Community Builder in HUD's Nashville office and Field Office Director of HUD's Memphis Office.

A dedicated public servant, Yvonne has touched countless lives as she has helped many proud Americans experience the joys of becoming a homeowner for the first time. With a reputation for being an innovative leader in the community, Yvonne coordinated a national award-winning project that successfully relocated 186 very low-income families from Lane Garden Apartments in Nashville with the help of business and community partners. Throughout her time with HUD, Yvonne has consistently provided wisdom, encouragement, and counsel to many families that have found themselves experiencing difficult times.

Madam, Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in thanking Yvonne Leander for her 38 years of Government service and wishing her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

**BARRING ACCESS OF LONG-HAUL  
MEXICAN TRUCKERS**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation, which will put a definite end to this Mexican truck pilot program. Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, this program never should have begun in the first place.

Before coming to Congress, I served for 8 years as the Michigan Secretary of State, with a principal responsibility as the chief motor vehicle administrator, and I was also the Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission. I was responsible for all the licensing in the State, including of commercial drivers and hazardous material endorsements. Given my background I had immediate concerns about how the Department of Transportation's pilot program might compromise the safety of our roads.

In Mexico, licensing requirements are very poor and fraud in their system runs rampant. In fact, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee heard in testimony from the Department of Transportation's Inspector General that 1 in 5 Mexican driving records contained an error of some kind. If we had a 20 percent error rate in the United States, we would consider it a crisis.

There are also concerns, about the insurance provisions of this program. American trucks must carry expensive insurance policies in the event they are in an accident. What happens if a Mexican truck has an accident somewhere in the U.S.? Good luck to the victims of that accident who will try to collect on damages from a company down in Mexico.

Mexican drivers are allowed to work far longer hours than American workers, resulting in widespread drug use in the profession. Presently, there is no system under which secure testing could take place so to ensure that the drivers coming into our country are drug free.

In response to these concerns, the Congress passed language in the Iraq War supplemental requiring the Department of Transportation to only conduct a pilot program under certain conditions. Subsequently, the House, by a vote of 411–3, the Safe American Roads Act, which placed additional restrictions on these Mexican trucks coming into the country.

Unfortunately, the Department of Transportation has not taken the hint and continues to promote this program without addressing the public's safety concerns about this program.

Hopefully, this legislation will make it clear that Congress does not want this program to continue and that it should be terminated.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR  
COPYRIGHT IN RESEARCH  
WORKS ACT OF 2008

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Fair Copyright in Research Works Act of 2008, legislation that would preserve the intellectual property rights of our Nation's researchers and scientists. Specifically, the bill would prevent the Federal Government from requiring the transfer of intellectual property rights from researchers expressly in cases where there are non-federal financial or other contributions made toward the advancement or dissemination of science. Representatives DARRELL ISSA, ROBERT WEXLER and TOM FEENEY join me in this important effort to preserve intellectual property rights while furthering the national goal of advancing science and innovation.

This legislation is necessary to respond to a dramatic policy change which was instituted in April of this year at the National Institutes of Health, without adequate Congressional consideration of the impacts of those changes on the intellectual property system, innovation, the peer review system, or our international obligations.

In fact, this change in policy—from voluntary to mandatory submission of copyrighted materials—could severely impact important negotiations with our international trading partners. Already we are hearing reports, in conversations at the World Health Organization and in other international forums, the new National Institutes of Health policy to limit the exercise of copyright by authors and owners is being taken as a sign that the United States is shifting its position away from being a strong proponent of intellectual property rights and enforcement. Interest groups are using this example not only to promote a relaxation of copyright protections, but also to advocate for international diminution in strong patent policy.

The legislation that we have introduced today would restore intellectual property protections for scientists, researchers, and publishers until a more thorough analysis of the access issues and a determination of an appropriate policy can be performed by the Register of Copyrights in consultation with economic experts.

Our intent is that no harm should be done to the peer review system—a system that has been in place for over a hundred years and is the gatekeeper winnowing out great science from careless science or even fraudulent “research” results. We intend to ensure that the intellectual property protections currently in place, which provide important incentives for the private sector to make significant investments in research, are carefully considered before any policy change is enforced or proliferates in this area.

This legislative effort is supported by scientific societies, large and small publishers, and for profit and non-profit entities. It is an important and necessary step in the fight to maintain our competitive edge in a global marketplace. Copyright protections provide the incentive to ensure that publishers invest in the peer review process, thus ensuring that science is adequately vetted prior to being distributed to the public.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
CONSERVATION CORPS' BACK-  
COUNTRY TRAILS PROGRAM

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the California Conservation Corps' Backcountry Trails Program on the occasion of their 30th anniversary.

The Backcountry Trails Program, created in 1979 by the CCC's current director, David Muraki, is a special program within the CCC and dedicated to preserving our remaining wilderness areas, making them safer and more accessible.

Each spring, the Backcountry Trails Program assembles six widely diverse crews of men and women, hired from all around California and across the United States, who leave behind the conveniences and luxuries of modern life and venture into the mountains to spend five exhausting months doing some of the most challenging and ultimately rewarding work of their lives. The 17 members who comprise each of these crews learn through experience the skills of trail maintenance, construction, and the process of building healthy productive communities. It is extremely hard work and one of our best examples of truly beneficial public service.

Over the past 30 years, the CCC has assembled 145 Backcountry Crews, whose combined efforts have repaired 8,560 miles of trail during 2 million hours of service. That's enough trail to stretch from Sacramento, California to the recent Beijing Olympics, or from Sacramento, California to Washington DC, returning to Sacramento, and then back to Washington DC.

After this year's corps-members complete the program, they will bring the total number of Backcountry Trails Program graduates to 1,954.

Many corps-members discover that a single season working trails in the Backcountry is not

enough. Close to 600 Backcountry graduates have been hired by various Federal and State land management agencies to use the skills they've acquired in the program to continue efforts to repair wilderness trails. The CCC's Backcountry Trails Program has become the premier trails apprenticeship program in the Nation. The graduates have been hired by every major national park in America.

In addition to clearing trails, the crews have built 121,440 square feet of walls and over 21.5 miles of raised causeway. They have installed nearly 10,000 water bars, 25,883 rock steps, and built over 4.3 miles of stone rip rap, carefully selecting and placing each rock into an exact fit in order to sustain the weight of mules and the ravages of time.

In recognition of the CCC Backcountry Program's significance, the California State Commission has deemed this program an integral part of California's Ameri-Corps portfolio since 1995.

Today, I am extremely proud to commend the California Conservation Corps' Backcountry Trails Program for their 30-year history of improving our wilderness and providing valuable training for so many of our young adults.

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CONGRATULATING MICHAEL M.  
CROW, RECIPIENT OF THE 2008  
JERRY J. WISOTSKY TORCH OF  
LIBERTY AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Crow, recipient of the 2008 Jerry J. Wisotsky Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League. As President of Arizona State University, Dr. Crow has actively shown his commitment to the social, cultural, and environmental welfare of our community. Dr. Crow recognizes the important role that these factors play in strengthening and enhancing our quality of life.

Throughout his time as President, Dr. Crow has led Arizona State University to set a new “Gold Standard” in education and research through the objectives of excellence, inclusion, and impact. Under the direction of Dr. Crow, ASU has helped address major concerns in Arizona, including environmental, health, social service, and immigration issues.

Dr. Crow has served as President of ASU since July 2002, during which time he has pioneered the development of numerous major research initiatives and more than a dozen new interdisciplinary schools at Arizona State University. Through its more than 1,030 community outreach programs, ASU under Michael Crow is considered a leader in philanthropic efforts.

I commend the Anti-Defamation League for selecting such a worthy recipient of this prestigious award to exemplify its mission of fighting social injustice. Based on his commitment to improving standards in higher education, Dr. Crow is more than deserving of this award from one of the nation's leading humanitarian organizations.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Michael Crow's continued service to Arizona State University and our community.

LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN R.  
GOODMAN, USMC

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lance Corporal Jonathan R. Goodman, USMC, of Trenton, Missouri. Lance Corporal Goodman has recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom 8.1, deployed to Camp Habbaniyah, Iraq with the 2d Battalion, 24th Marines. As a marine, he has served his Country honorably and well.

I, his friends, and family are extremely proud of his service to our Country and welcome him home at a special meet and greet celebration on September 13, 2008 at the local VFW Hall #919 in Trenton, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lance Corporal Jonathan R. Goodman, USMC, who is a true inspiration for all that know him. It is truly an honor to serve Lance Corporal Goodman in the United States Congress.

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING PAUL AND LINDA MADER ON RE- CEIVING THE HALL OF FARM AWARD.

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Paul and Linda Mader are appreciated for their dedication and contributions to the Harrison County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, the couple has had a positive impact on agriculture in Harrison County; and

Whereas, they have served their community as members and/or officers of the Harrison County Farm Bureau, Grange, Landmark, and their church, the United Methodist Church of the Cross; and

Whereas, Paul and Linda Mader have served the organization and the community selflessly and tirelessly; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Paul and Linda Mader on their contributions to Harrison County's agriculture industry. Congratulations to Paul and Linda Mader on receiving the Hall of Farm Award.

### HONORING JAMES DANIEL RICH- ARDSON'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO TENNESSEE

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Congressman James D. Richardson, upon the occasion of the raising of a Tennessee Historical Marker on the site of Richardson's family home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

During the Civil War, Richardson served Tennessee with honor and distinction, volun-

teering at the age of 18 as a private in the Tennessee Infantry and rising to the rank of major by war's end. After the war, Richardson studied the law and was admitted to the bar in 1866. He practiced in Murfreesboro for over 12 years and served as director of both the Stones River National Bank and the Safe Deposit, Trust, and Banking Company of Nashville. Known simply as "Major" to his friends and associates, Richardson also led the Rutherford County Fair Association, served as commissioner of the Evergreen Cemetery, was an active Freemason, and raised five children with his wife, Alabama.

He was elected to the Tennessee State Legislature in 1870, where his colleagues named him speaker of the House at the age of 28. Richardson quickly came to prominence within the Democratic Party, serving as a delegate to the National Convention of 1876 and earning a reputation as a captivating orator.

In 1884, Richardson was elected to the United States Congress. This was only the beginning of a 20-year career in which he led the Tennessee Congressional Delegation, served as interim Democratic Whip in 1894, and was called upon by his colleagues to compile *The Messages and Papers of the Presidents*, a vital history of American governance. He also oversaw the compilation of *The Messages and Papers of the Confederacy*, which documents the public and private communications of Confederate leaders.

James Daniel Richardson was a true son of Tennessee and an exemplary American leader. I congratulate the Tennessee Historical Society for its decision to raise this Historical Marker to the man known as the "Tall Cedar of Rutherford."

### HONORING TADEUSZ NITKIEWICZ OF TOLEDO, OHIO

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. Today, I stand to recognize an outstanding American, soldier and gentleman Tadeusz ("Ted") Nitkiewicz of Toledo, Ohio. In honoring Ted, though, please let us honor so many Polish soldiers and citizens who cherished the idea of freedom and valiantly fought for it during World War II. Polish citizens who eventually settled in America valued democratic principles, as when they assisted our nation in its Revolution and determinedly sought during their years of occupation to cast off the cloak of oppression.

In recognizing Ted Nitkiewicz, we also recall all those young men and women from nations like Poland and Ukraine whose lives were changed forever as they found themselves caught between the grips of the Nazi and Soviet regimes. Poland became one of the fiercest battlegrounds of the deadliest and most gruesome fighting in World War II. In fact, Poland became a pawn in war between two tyrannical regimes, joined in a war friendship by the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact. Poland, Ukraine, Belarus and other eastern European countries would be invaded with their destiny switching from the East, then the West, then the East again. Ted, like so many of his Polish compatriots, first served in the Polish Army resist-

ing the Soviet invasion. Eventually, the Soviets joined the Allied powers, at which point Ted then fought valiantly and earnestly, hopeful to secure a homeland for his Polish people that was not to come until a half century later. His life would be transformed forever by political conflicts beyond his control.

Tadeusz Nitkiewicz was born in Wizna Province, Warszawa, Poland on January 6, 1919, to parents Franciszek and Anna. He studied hard to become a pharmacist. He loved this occupation. However, the peaceful and free existence he enjoyed came to abrupt halt when Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the West on September 1, 1939. Two weeks later, Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union invaded Poland from the East. Ted was taken prisoner and sent to a forced labor camp in Russia. He was one of 1.7 million Polish citizens that were forcibly deported by cattle wagon. They worked at back-breaking jobs in quarries, on collective farms, and in tree-felling forests. They toiled during cold winters with little food. Their only shelter was what they built themselves in the forests by cutting down trees. They had minimal medical care and little food. Constantly, the Soviet guards taunted the Polish slave laborers that this was their life forever and reminded them that Poland ceased to exist as a state. Out of the deported 1.7 million, less than one third or 500,000 people were known to survive.

Ted recalls successfully escaping these inhumane conditions as a prisoner from the labor camps. The first time, the Russian civilians he encountered were afraid of retribution for taking in a prisoner of war (POW). At his second attempt, he and a fellow POW were taken in by a Cossack family, until they could no longer provide enough food for the escapees and their own family.

After Germany invaded the Soviet Union, Winston Churchill persuaded Stalin to release the Polish prisoners to organize and fight against the Nazis. In March and August of 1942, 115,000 soldiers and civilians were evacuated from the Soviet Union to the Middle East, crossing the Caspian Sea. Because they were already in poor health because of the inhumane conditions as POWs, many died in Persia. The remaining soldiers established the Polish Army, 2nd Corps with two infantry divisions: "Kresowa" and "Karpacka". One was an armored brigade. The other army artillery group was organized in Iraq and Palestine. Under General W. Anders' command, these 47,000 soldiers became the largest Polish army formation on foreign territory during the Second World War. Warmly received by the British and American armies, they fought for their country under British command.

Ted joined the Polish forces, in the USSR, on May 28, 1942. After crossing the Russo-Persian border with his unit, he came under the British command in the Middle East on August 15, 1942.

The Polish Army was motivated by the promise and hope of fighting with the Allies to take back their country. The 2nd Corps was attached to the British Army and for a short time provided security in Iraq to guard the oil fields from attack by the Germans. They eventually were sent to Italy in 1944 engaged in an Allied Offensive against German forces commanded by Marshall Kesselring. They fought with the famous British 8th Army and the USA 5th. Ted took part in the Italian campaign January 18, 1944 until May 2, 1945. While he was

in Italy, Ted married his wife Mary, who he met in the labor camps in Russia. She also served in the Army, in transportation, as a truck driver.

The mountainous country on the Allied road of advance was extremely difficult, perfect for the German defense. The Polish Army under the command of General W. Anders made the final assault in front of the strong German fortified line, called the Gustav Line with its key point—Monte Cassino. In the battle of Monte Cassino, the Allied forces suffered heavy casualties. They continued fighting in Italy along the Adriatic Coast liberating many cities until the end of the war in 1945. Ted was awarded the Bronze Cross of Merit with Swords, Army Medal, and Cross of Monte Cassino from Poland for his bravery, valor and service. Britain also recognized his courageous acts by awarding him the 1939–45 Star, Italy Star and Defense Medal. Ted served with the Polish Resettlement Corps in England until February 16, 1949.

For Ted Nitkiewicz and the other Polish soldiers, victory was bittersweet. First, during the sixteen month campaign in Italy, the 2nd Polish Corps lost 809 officers. Another 10,570 of other ranks were killed or wounded in action. Second, because the Allies gave control of most of Poland to Stalin's Soviet Union, officially confirmed at Yalta, Poland, the country they remembered, did not exist. In effect, these Polish survivors became homeless. As a result, they scattered across the world, mostly settling in the USA and Britain.

Early in 1950, Ted Nitkiewicz immigrated to the United States and moved in with an uncle in Toledo, Ohio. There was little work available at that time, but he eventually landed a job in Textile Leather factory. He made enough money to pay his rent, buy some food and still had a little left over. For all of these opportunities, he felt grateful. He became a U.S. Citizen in the 1950s.

When asked how he was able to survive the terrible ordeal, Ted responded, "someone was praying for me and God answered their prayer."

Originally, this story was recorded in part for the Library of Congress Veteran's History project. Because Ted was not a U.S. veteran, but a veteran of the Allies, his story cannot be accepted by the Library of Congress, as yet. However, Joseph Walter, the local Toledo archivist for the project and the University of Toledo, has graciously accepted his story as part of our local history. The valiant accomplishment of Ted Nitkiewicz and his compatriots should not be lost but should be recorded as freedom's legacy. Three million Polish Christians died in the death camps alone should never be forgotten. The Poles suffered greatly at the hands of the Nazi and Soviet oppressors. We commemorate their noble struggle. We honor those who made the final sacrifice, in hopes that those who followed could live in a peaceful, democratic world.

On September 1, 2008, we mark the 69th anniversary of the invasion by Nazi Germany of an independent Poland that commences the Second World War. Let us not forget our brave Allied soldiers and citizens who made our Western world safe from the tyranny of Fascism and Communism to inspire our nation to its highest ideals. May their eternal memory shine down onto our world and inspire us to

work toward an everlasting peace and freedom.

PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE  
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this Act. The Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act, or PACT Act, introduced by Congressman BOB WEINER of New York, strengthens our law enforcement capabilities against illegal smuggling of tobacco products. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Every year, tens of billions of cigarettes are illegally smuggled across State lines and across borders. This fraudulent activity not only harms the public health, but deprives State and local governments of sorely needed tax revenues.

In fact, tax evasion is a chief motivator for cigarette smuggling—buying the cigarettes in a State where the cigarette tax is low, and selling them in a State with a higher tax. Because of the tax evasion, the trafficker can sell the cigarettes at a discount and still turn an illicit profit.

States lose a billion dollars in uncollected taxes each year as a result of cigarette smuggling. The illicit profit also helps finance other criminal activity—a revenue stream for organized crime.

Because of the scope and interstate nature of this activity, States cannot adequately address it on their own. It has long been recognized as a Federal matter.

But the existing Federal statutes—the Jenkins Act, which requires reporting interstate cigarette sales to tax officials in the buyer's State, and the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act, which prohibits knowingly dealing in contraband cigarettes or smokeless tobacco—are simply not up to the task in the Internet Age.

The Internet, in particular, makes it possible for today's tobacco smugglers to be even more mobile and invisible, and to operate with near impunity.

Even when the smugglers can be identified and pursued, they can simply shut down operations and quickly reappear under a new name and website.

The PACT Act addresses the shortcomings in current law by targeting the delivery systems for illegal Internet tobacco sales—the postal system and commercial delivery services.

With limited exceptions, sending tobacco products through the U.S. mail will be criminally prohibited. And vendors using commercial delivery services for retail sales will be required to notify the tax authorities in the receiving State, conspicuously label all tobacco products, verify that the purchasers are of legal age, and keep careful records of all sales.

The bill raises cigarette trafficking from a misdemeanor to a felony. And it authorizes the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to inspect the premises and files of sellers of significant quantities of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.

H.R. 4081 enjoys support from a diverse spectrum of entities, including the National Association of Convenience Stores, Altria, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, the American Wholesale Marketers Association, and the National Association of Attorneys General, among others.

I commend my colleague, Mr. WEINER, for his leadership on this important legislation. I also commend Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Lamar Smith for his leadership in making this a bipartisan effort.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM STERLING  
JOHNSON

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Simi Valley Police Department Lieutenant William Sterling Johnson, who retired in July after 27 years of dedicated and exceptional service to the department and the city it serves.

Simi Valley, California, has been my home for more than 40 years. I served as City Councilman before being the city first elected Mayor. From my days as a city official to today, I have periodically accompanied officers on their rounds to keep myself familiarized with the challenges they face. It is a professional department, and Sterling Johnson epitomizes that professionalism.

As an officer, Sterling Johnson served as a field training officer and a member of the SWAT team, in addition to working three dogs as a K-9 handler. In addition, Sterling is a licensed paramedic and created the department's SWAT paramedic program.

Sterling and his first canine partner, Atlas, twice won the World Police & Fire Games, Police Service Dog Competition, in 1989 and 1991. In recognition of his professionalism and dedication, in 1994 his fellow officers selected him Officer of the Year.

As a sergeant, Sterling served as a patrol supervisor and SWAT team leader. Upon his promotion to lieutenant in 2003, Sterling worked as a patrol watch commander and was assigned to the Auxiliary Services Unit.

In addition to his law enforcement duties, Sterling has worked part time for American Medical Response, the city's 911 responder; taught advanced cardiac support and pediatric advanced life support at the UCLA Medical Center; and has been the CPR/First Aid instructor for the city and police department for more than 12 years. Sterling also served on the State of California Commission for Emergency Services from 1997–2006.

In short, Lieutenant William Sterling Johnson has left a positive mark on the police department he served for nearly three decades.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Sterling Johnson for his dedication and professionalism with the Simi Valley Police Department and in wishing him well in a long and fruitful retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE THIRD  
ANNUAL NATION'S TRIATHLON

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the third annual Nation's Triathlon, which will take place this Sunday in Washington, DC. As with any triathlon, this competition will be a rigorous personal test of endurance, dedication, strength, and skill in biking, running, and swimming. In this case however, the competitors demonstrate a devotion to a greater cause than personal accomplishment. By partnering with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, they are working to defeat blood cancer.

I am proud to say that three Louisvillians—Katie Anderson, Amanda Moore, and Chad Queen—and three more Kentuckians—Ruth Adams, Jennifer Watson, and James Pelfrey—will be competing in the triathlon this weekend, and three more—Shelley Gast, Anthony Miller, and Scott Clark—are training and coaching the athletes in this worthy event.

With more than a million and a half individuals annually diagnosed with cancer, and more than half a million Americans dying from the disease each year, virtually everyone of us has been touched by cancer in some way. The good news is, here in the United States, some of the world's most brilliant and innovative scientists are hard at work developing new treatments and uncovering the mysteries that will someday lead us to a cure. In fact, researchers at the University of Louisville, in my district, recently developed a vaccine that will prevent cervical cancer and potentially save the lives of thousands of women each year.

But to achieve their objectives, researchers need resources and attention. And that's just what the Nation's Triathlon will do by using the incredible talents of the participating athletes to raise awareness and funds.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating these athletes who, this weekend, will strive to complete a grueling personal challenge and also defeat our common foe. Together, we will work to create a future that has no room for cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 350th anniversary of the founding of Charles County, Maryland, one of the five counties I have the privilege of representing in the United States Congress. I rise today to congratulate the county on this milestone and to pay tribute to its citizens—individuals who have made it such an inviting place to live, work, and visit.

One of Maryland's oldest counties, Charles County was chartered in 1658 and named in honor of Charles Calvert, the 3rd Lord of Baltimore and a royal proprietor of the Colony of Maryland. Since its establishment, the county

and its residents have played an important role in shaping the development of our State and the history of our Nation.

From its earliest days, Charles County served as a center of commerce for the region. Port Tobacco, one of the oldest English settlements in North America, was the home of Maryland's second largest port and seat of the Charles County government prior to its move to La Plata.

Charles County was the birthplace of several of our Nation's Founding Fathers. Thomas Stone, a member of the Continental Congress and one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence, was born in Charles County. His home, Habre de Venture, still stands and is a unit of the National Park Service. His uncle, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention. John Hanson, a long serving member of the Maryland assembly and the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled under a fully ratified Articles of Confederation, was born at Port Tobacco.

Residents of Charles County witnessed the landing of British troops in Benedict during the War of 1812. During the Civil War, Camp Stanton was established in Benedict for the purpose of recruiting and training African-American men for the Union Army. Following the war, John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Lincoln, traveled through Charles County stopping at the home of Dr. Samuel Mudd to have his broken leg set—on his escape from Washington, DC.

Charles County was also the birthplace of Josiah Henson who was born a slave, escaped to Canada and later wrote his autobiography which is believed to have inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Matthew Henson, who accompanied Admiral Robert Peary on several Arctic expeditions, including the discovery of the North Pole, was also a native of Charles County. Henson, who was likely the first man to reach the spot, planted the American flag at the North Pole.

Today, Charles County continues to make history. It is home to important Federal agencies, including the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division which was established in 1890 and is the international leader in energetic research and development. Recently, scientists and researchers at Indian Head developed, in short order, the thermobaric "cave busting" bomb to combat terrorists abroad.

Charles County offers its residents scenic rural areas, wildlife habitats, and waterfront views with convenient access to the Washington metropolitan area and the Federal Government which helps it live up to its motto of "Where Eagles Fly." With a vibrant and robust business climate, coupled with its hardworking and dedicated residents, Charles County has strong appeal and has become one of the most diverse communities in Maryland and one of the wealthiest for its size in the Nation.

I am proud to represent Charles County in the U.S. Congress and congratulate its current County Commissioners—Commissioner Wayne Cooper, President; Commissioner Edith Patterson, Vice President; Commissioner Rueben Collins, Commissioner Gary Hodge, and Commissioner Samuel Graves as they celebrate this great milestone. Congratulations Charles County on your 350th anniversary and may your citizens have continued prosperity for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE  
FACING A GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution recognizing the need to combat the global food crisis.

Rising fuel prices and the effects of globalization exacerbate the problems related to the growing cost of food, causing populations of developing countries to experience great hardships in purchasing their basic necessities. This emergency has already affected millions and will increase the poverty levels endured by the most vulnerable groups worldwide. Children are especially susceptible to the effects of malnourishment, which weakens their immune systems, causing millions of children to suffer from infectious diseases, impaired brain development, and stunted growth.

The dire situation of rising food prices has already led to unrest in some parts of the world. The U.N. has created a special task force and the World Food Program has called for \$755 million in increased funding to cover the high costs of food and fuel. The United States must take an active role in coordinating international action through a world forum designed to determine what must be done to alleviate this crisis worldwide and protect the children and other vulnerable populations affected.

SECURITIES ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6513, the Securities Act of 2008 by my colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman PAUL KANJORSKI and the Financial Services for their work in this important area.

Ensuring our markets are functioning properly at a time when we are approaching a recession should be a priority for us all. Many of the provisions in H.R. 6513, were recommended to the committee by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and that the act has the support of the SEC and State securities regulators.

The unanimous and bipartisan passage of H.R. 6513 in committee acknowledges that we must act now to protect our Nation's financial future.

BACKGROUND AND BREAKDOWN ON THE BILL

This act would amend numerous provisions within the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The changes potentially affect not only securities firms, but also public companies and anyone else subject to the Federal securities laws.

Penalties in cease and desist proceedings

Section 8A of the Securities Act would be amended by adding a new provision that

would provide the SEC with the authority to impose civil money penalties in cease and desist proceedings before an SEC administrative law judge, against anyone alleged to have violated the act.

It also sets out a method by which a respondent subject to the penalty provisions may offer evidence on his or her ability to pay such fines and the impact of such fines on his or her ability to continue in business. The proposed provision contains tiers for the penalties as follows:

First Tier: Establishes a maximum penalty of \$6,500 for each violative act or omission committed by any natural person, and a \$65,000 cap for each violative act or omission committed by any other person, that constitutes a violation of the Securities Act or any regulation.

Second Tier: increases the maximum penalties to \$65,000 for natural persons and \$325,000 for all other persons for each act or omission that involves fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of a regulatory requirement.

Third Tier: Sets a maximum penalty of \$130,000 for a natural person or \$650,000 for all other persons if the act or omission involves fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of a regulatory requirement and such act or omission directly or indirectly resulted in substantial losses or created a significant risk of substantial losses to other persons.

With the many issues that come under the Securities Act—amendments to the sections dealing with fraud and reckless disregard of other people's money is a serious but necessary step in the right direction. This act would authorize the SEC to impose civil penalties in cease and desist proceedings against any defendant before administrative law judges.

The expansion of the SEC's civil money penalty authority in administrative proceedings to include all potential defendants, not just securities industry firms and professionals, will likely be the most controversial aspect of the bill. Since the Federal Rules of Evidence do not apply in administrative proceedings, the SEC may use evidence that would not be admissible in Federal district court.

SEC authority over formerly associated persons

H.R. 6513 empowers the SEC to remove from office or censure any person who is, or at time of the alleged misconduct was, a member of the Municipal Securities Rule-making Board.

It would also provide the SEC and other regulatory agencies the authority to institute disciplinary proceedings against persons associated with or seeking to become associated, or who at the time of the alleged misconduct were associated or seeking to become associated with, registered or unregistered government securities brokers and dealers.

H.R. 6513 would also provide the SEC with the authority to conduct investigations into alleged violations committed by individuals who were formerly associated with members of national securities exchanges and national securities associations, as well as former participants of registered clearing agencies.

It would expand the disciplinary authority of the regulatory agencies of the self-regulatory organizations by providing the regulatory agencies with the authority to remove from of-

fice or censure persons who, at the time of the alleged misconduct, either are or were officers of self-regulatory organizations.

Scope of exemption from State securities registration

This section allows the NYSE, AMEX, or Nasdaq to establish tiers on which stocks can be listed and traded, even if those stocks would not otherwise qualify as covered securities exempt from state registration requirements.

Collateral bars

The act would amend provisions of the Exchange Act and Advisers Act to prevent associated persons who violate the Federal securities laws in one capacity (e.g., as an associated person of a broker or dealer) from being associated with other securities businesses in a different capacity (e.g., as an associated person of an investment adviser).

Currently, the law does not permit the SEC to bar someone whose misconduct occurred while associated with a broker-dealer from associating with an investment adviser (or vice-versa), although the SEC often seeks such a collateral bar in settlements.

Exempt offerings

This amendment would clarify that States can require that notice filings for exempt securities contain all of the information required by Form D including the appendix to Form D.

Unlawful margin lending

This section of the act would add clarification to the current problematic reading of the section.

SIPA

This section amends certain provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("SIPA") to add securities futures and options on securities futures to the list of covered claims a customer can make against a broker-dealer that the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") will cover. These amendments are a positive step toward removing regulatory road blocks to effective portfolio margining that can fully realize the benefits of hedging securities positions with futures positions.

Application of Advisers Act to State-registered advisers

This amendment will clarify that certain hedge fund and private equity advisers, who may be subject to State (but not SEC) registration, may charge performance fees that would not be permitted for most SEC registrants.

Sharing privileged information with other authorities

The act would add a new subsection to Section 24 of the Exchange Act. The new subsection would provide that the SEC shall not be deemed to have waived any privilege by sharing information with another agency of the U.S. Government, any foreign securities authority, any foreign law enforcement authority, or any State securities or law enforcement authority.

Nationwide service of subpoenas

Under the act, when the SEC institutes a proceeding in U.S. district court in any district, subpoenas issued by the court to compel attendance of witnesses or production of documents may be served in any other district. Such subpoenas could be served and en-

forced without application to the court or a showing of cause, notwithstanding applicable provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

CONCLUSION

We are facing rising food, gas, and energy costs. Our housing markets are still reeling and we are at high levels of unemployment. We must ensure that the Securities markets are secure and able to withstand our current economic climate. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING JACK HUNTER O'DELL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and contributions to the United States of Jack Hunter O'Dell, and to acknowledge his 85th birthday, August 11, 2008. Jack Hunter O'Dell was born August 11, 1923 in Detroit, MI. Like other Americans who worked hard during the Great Depression, Jack devoted much time and energy to selling newspapers as a youngster and playing a strong role in his extended family. At an early age Jack developed an intense curiosity toward the world and a love of reading.

At the onset of World War II Jack joined the Merchant Marine, one of the most risky and important forces in the U.S. war effort. The Merchant Marine hauled supplies for U.S. troops in unarmed ships, often being attacked by Nazi submarines. Jack joined the National Maritime Union and advocated for the rights of workers on the ships and docks. During this time Jack developed an understanding of the struggles of peoples of other nations, an understanding that helped form his consciousness and dedication to creating peace and strengthening democracy.

After the war, Jack organized tenants in the Southern States and later in New York City. He worked with Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. as an organizer in New York and throughout the South as the Director of Voter Education for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He wrote and became an editor for the dynamic and unifying magazine, *Freedom Ways*. He taught at Antioch College and has lectured and taught throughout the United States. He is truly the common person's intellectual, holding forth the proposition that intellectual activity, creativity and wisdom stem from all the people.

Jack has consulted on two U.S. presidential campaigns. He has served Operation PUSH and the National Rainbow Coalition as the Director of International Affairs. In that capacity he assisted in developing ties of understanding, friendship and solidarity with many peoples around the world. His international work helped free political prisoners, it helped bring unification to warring factions in various nations and helped leaders from all walks of life in the United States understand the world and America's role in providing, by example, a true commitment to fair play and magnanimity.

Mr. O'Dell has been a bold yet humble servant to the interests of the American people. He recognized the necessity for working people to have access to reliable and first-rate media. He became Board Chair of one of the most popular, independent radio networks and news services. His commitment to peace and

a more safe and secure world expressed itself in years of service to peace efforts, including serving on the board of SANE FREEZE.

Jack has traveled around the globe representing the best in what it means to be an American citizen. He has represented the United States as a worker, as a representative of organizations advocating equality and justice, and as a brother to all in struggle. His experiences, intense study, love of country and his warmth and humor have provided tens of thousands with a deeper sense of joy and optimism for the future of humanity. Jack understands a better world is possible. His life, his writings and his example provide a bright light to all of us attempting to bring a better world into being.

Thank you, Jack Hunter O'Dell, for your selfless service to our Nation. It is an honor to know you and to have benefited by your talents and dedication. Best of luck to you as you continue your noble work helping to inspire all Americans to take the high road toward peace, community, and a stronger democracy.

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SALUTING BORINQUEN PLAZA  
SENIOR CENTER AS IT CELEBRATES  
31 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this moment to offer my congratulations to the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center on its 31st anniversary. New York's 12th Congressional District is enriched by this institution serving our seniors during their golden years.

Located within the Borinquen Plaza Public Houses in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, this senior center was founded on July 22, 1977, by Los Pioneros Puertorriqueños, an organization focused on social and economic justice. Since its inception, the center has served as a safe haven from everyday struggles for countless senior citizens. Thanks to the leadership of its sponsor, board members, executive director, and staff, senior residents of Borinquen Plaza Public Houses and the surrounding community benefit from a facility dedicated to meeting their needs. The center works to promote nutritional, emotional, and physical wellness. On a daily basis, more than 230 congregate meals are provided, as well as approximately 200 meals-on-wheels to homebound seniors. Further enhancing residents' lives, daily recreational activities are planned, special events and holiday festivities. It is through these programs and the unwavering commitment of the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center that our elderly neighbors have experienced meaningful benefits.

In closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borinquen Plaza Senior Center for its dedication to the seniors of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The residents of our community and I look forward to many years of continued service.

HONORING LOUISE BRADY

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor the legacy of an outstanding educator, Mrs. Louise Brady. I am proud to join the entire Virgin Islands community in extending best wishes to Mrs. Brady, as she retires after 56 years of exemplary service to Virgin Islands children and families, as a teacher and principal at the All Saints Cathedral School. In that capacity, she demonstrated the highest degree of integrity and humanity. Mrs. Brady has inspired and instilled in our young people fairness, honesty, respect, tenacity, and a firm commitment to achieving one's aspirations.

Mrs. Brady migrated to St. Thomas in 1952 and started work as a teacher at All Saints Cathedral School. In 1975, the Cathedral Church of All Saints, through its rector, The Very Rev. Thomas W. Gibbs III and vestry member Mrs. Reubina Gomez, invited her to accept the post of principal of the school.

As principal, Mrs. Brady worked feverishly to shape the school into the Virgin Island's premier institution of education for students from pre-school through grade 12. Over the years, the school has produced persons who have gone on to serve the Virgin Islands, the United States, and other parts of the world in various capacities. Mrs. Brady is not just an icon of All Saints, but of the community of the Virgin Islands as a whole.

During her years at the Cathedral School, she married, and with her husband, raised four children; all of whom are accomplished in their sphere of work. Her children, Alonzo, Stephen, Beverly, and Deborah, were educated at All Saints Cathedral School.

Mrs. Brady has also been a faithful Anglican/Episcopalian, who has a strong belief in prayer which she also instilled in the students. Every activity at All Saints, to this day, begins with prayer.

With her love and eagerness to see all students achieve their full potential, Mrs. Brady ensured that the students participate in both academic and extra curricula activities. The numerous trophies, plaques, and commendations that are prominently displayed on the office walls are a testimony to the numerous successful competitions in which the school participated. Activities such as the Christmas concert, Black history fair, music and art festival, science and social studies exhibition, maypole are some of the initiatives that the school has introduced to enrich the lives of the students and make them well-rounded individuals.

Mrs. Brady has always embraced, encouraged, and welcomed children of all nationalities, creeds, and races; therefore, making all Saints a true rainbow of an integrated society.

Mrs. Louise Brady has directly or indirectly impacted the lives of just about every family in the British and U.S. Virgin Islands, mine included as my brother Adam and sister Rebecca were among those who benefited from her tutelage.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to this phenomenal woman. The Virgin Islands are truly blessed to count her among our most treasured jewels.

REMEMBERING 1ST LT. CARWILE

**HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I stand now to remember 1st LT. Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile. First Lieutenant Carwile served as a platoon leader in the United States Army and was actively serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Throughout Carwile's service to his country he received many awards including: The Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and other Service Ribbons. First Lieutenant Carwile was Airborne and Air Assault qualified, and was also awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

First Lieutenant Carwile fell in battle on August 15, 2008 during an ambush that involved enemy combatants, and an improvised explosive device. Carwile was a servant of the people. When he wasn't protecting our freedoms abroad, he was protecting them in Mississippi, where he served both the Batesville and Oxford Police Departments. First Lieutenant Carwile is survived by his wife, Jennifer Gail Carwile, and two daughters, Elizabeth Reese Carwile and Avery Claire Carwile all of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Please join me today in saluting one of America's heroes for his life of service and sacrifice.

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JOEY HAGERTY

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, for Joey Hagerty, one of my constituents from the City of Rio Rancho, this year has been the best of times, and it has been the worst of times.

In March, Joey's dad was in a terrible car accident.

Like any other son in a similar situation, Joey found himself traveling back and forth between his work and his family's home, where his father was slowly recuperating. Unlike most of America's sons, however, Joey's work was at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. While his father was healing, Joey was training to be an Olympian.

Joey kept up his training even as he helped comfort his father. In June, Mike Hagerty got to watch his son qualify for the Beijing Olympics. Last month, he saw something he never thought he would see. Mike watched his son help propel the U.S. Olympic gymnastics team to a bronze medal.

Joey showed a commitment—to family and to excellence—that should inspire all of us. He represents the true spirit of the Olympics.

I rise today to honor Joey Hagerty, the first Olympian from Rio Rancho, a talented athlete and a devoted son.

IN HONOR OF GORDON WEEKS

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Simi Valley Police Department Lieutenant Gordon Weeks, who retires today after 31½ years of dedicated and exceptional service to the department and the city it serves.

Simi Valley, California, has been my home for more than 40 years. When I was first elected to the City Council, Simi Valley's public safety was entrusted to the Simi Valley Community Safety Agency. Officers rode in white cars and wore light blue uniform shirts. It was an intentionally low-key and, some might say, casual approach to law enforcement.

Not long after my election to the council, I became the city's first elected mayor. A young officer approached me with his concerns about the image and functions of the Community Safety Agency and his ideas for professionalizing it. Our discussions, some of which occurred as I rode the streets of the city with officer Weeks in his patrol car, led to action. Soon the Simi Valley Community Safety Agency became the Simi Valley Police Department. White patrol cars were transformed into traditional black and whites. Community safety officers became trained and professional police officers and dressed the part.

Gordon Weeks was a pivotal force in bringing about those changes. He acted on his sense of professionalism and thereby helped to modernize Simi Valley's police force.

Gordon's influence over the maturity of the department did not end there. He remained at the forefront of building a professional police department. He was a founding member of the department's SWAT team and, after he was promoted to lieutenant in 1997, Gordon served 4 years as the SWAT commander.

Gordon also trained new recruits as a field training officer and later oversaw that program and the firearms training program for 3½ years.

As a Driving Under the Influence Team member for less than 2 years, Gordon arrested approximately 400 drunken drivers. For 2½ years he solved property and violent crimes as a detective. He was a patrol sergeant for 8 years. He worked as a background investigator. He served as a patrol watch commander and patrol administrative lieutenant.

Always, Gordon Weeks served as a professional. And the Police Department Lieutenant Weeks leaves behind today has his mark on it, for the better. Our collaboration and my respect for his dedication and professionalism has led to a long and lasting friendship.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Lieutenant Gordon Weeks for more than three decades of dedication and professionalism to the Simi Valley Police Department and in wishing him well in a long and fruitful retirement. Godspeed, Gordy.

EMPLOYEES' LETTER ON R&amp;D TAX CREDIT

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Research and Development tax credit, a credit which has been championed here in the House by my friend and colleague, Representative SANDER LEVIN. He has authored legislation to extend this important credit and I have joined him in this effort.

Today, I want to highlight a letter sent to all Members of Congress signed by 3,400 American workers, representing 43 States and well over 100 U.S. companies, ranging from small to large. In this letter, these workers in the research industry urge us to extend and strengthen the R&D tax credit, which expired on December 31, 2007.

Already, the House has passed legislation to extend the R&D tax credit. But our Senate colleagues have been unable to do the same. As many of my colleagues already realize, this tax credit is like no other. Without this credit, much of this innovative research would likely migrate to other countries, many which offer their own incentives.

Congress needs to enact a seamless and retroactive extension of this credit to ensure that these highpaying technology jobs stay in America.

As the 3,400 workers in the R&D industry aptly stated in their letter to Congress:

We write to you—from companies across the country both large and small—to address an issue that we believe will affect the likelihood that high-skilled jobs such as ours are located in our communities and in our country.

Simply put, we are dismayed that Congress has allowed the R&D tax credit to expire. We know that most of you have lauded the benefits of the credit, and we appreciate this support. We urge you to act now to enact into law an extension of a strengthened credit because research-dependent jobs are at stake.

I ask that this letter be included in the RECORD immediately following my comments.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to contact their counterparts in the Senate to demand immediate action on tax extenders. American workers are waiting and these jobs are simply too good to lose.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008.

Hon. Harry Reid,  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER REID: Our country has always been a hospitable place for invention. It is a reflection of our values and ingenuity. Government policies such as the R&D tax credit are expressions of our desire to innovate and create.

We write to you—from companies across the country both large and small—to address an issue that we believe will affect the likelihood that high-skilled jobs such as ours are located in our communities and in our country.

Simply put, we are dismayed that Congress has allowed the R&D tax credit to expire. We know that most of you have lauded the benefits of the credit, and we appreciate this support. We urge you to act now to enact into law an extension of a strengthened credit because research-dependent jobs are at stake.

The signatures you see on this letter represent just some of the tens of thousands of real people who have benefited positively from the effects of the credit over the past 26 years. You can read studies and surveys, but we are living proof that the vast majority of R&D credit dollars go directly to pay the wages of highly skilled American workers.

Between high gas prices and falling home values, it is a difficult time for all Americans. As you work to boost U.S. economic activity, please act quickly to reinstate and strengthen a program with a track record of more than two decades of success. We thank you for your commitment to our country and to U.S. workers.

Sincerely,

Signed by 3,400 workers in the R&amp;D industry.

## AMERICAN HISTORY

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, when the first rays of daylight broke on the Lexington Green on April 19, 1775, "the shot heard round the world" was fired as British soldiers and American patriots clashed and sparked the war for American independence. A month later, on May 20, 1775, delegates of the citizens of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, adopted their declaration of independence that "Resolved, That we the citizens of Mecklenburg County, do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us to the Mother Country, and hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British Crown, and abjure all political connection, contract, or association, with that Nation, who have wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of American patriots at Lexington."

Delegates to the Second Continental Congress declared American independence on July 4, 1776, by stating that "these colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States" and in support of that declaration mutually pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. General George Washington led an army of American patriots through the American Revolution. This army lacked everything but courage, shouldered every burden and adversity, and persevered for 8 long years to secure blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity.

The liberty of our Nation was supported by the largesse of France's King Louis XVI and Spain's King Carlos III and secured by the daring of Europe's elite military officers, including La Fayette, Rochambeau, von Steuben, Pulaski, Galvez, and others.

The surrender of British forces under the command of General Lord John Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown on October 19, 1781, to the allied forces under the command of General George Washington and General Comte de Rochambeau set the stage for peace initiatives abroad. As such, Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay to represent the United States and David Hartley was appointed by Great Britain's King George III to negotiate terms for peace.

On September 3, 1783, the peace commissioners of the United States and Great Britain

signed a Treaty of Peace in Paris which recognized American independence and boundaries and declared the intention of both parties to “forget all past misunderstandings and differences” and “secure to both perpetual peace and harmony.” Great Britain also signed treaties of peace in Paris on September 3, 1783, with France and Spain and provisionally with the Netherlands to bring a cessation of hostilities between the nations.

Therefore, I call upon Congress and the American public to recognize the 225th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris that took place on September 3, 2008. We should remember and honor the men that served in the revolution; American, French, and Spanish. And we should recognize the enduring friendship between the United States and its first allies—France and Spain.

We should also recognize that it is the 225th anniversary of relations between the United States and Great Britain. While we fought many battles against each other in America's early years, we have fought side by side in far greater battles since those times. The Treaty of Paris 225th anniversary should therefore reaffirm the value of the deep friendship that has developed between America and Great Britain since that time.

History teaches us to hope. So let us recognize this date and hope that in the next 225 years America is stronger and more prosperous than it is now, and that its friendships with Spain, France, and Great Britain are as strong as they are today.

#### RURAL VETERANS ACCESS TO CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2008*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of our veterans and in support of H.R. 1527, the Rural Veterans Access to Care Act by my colleague from Kansas, Representative JERRY MORAN and the Members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we come upon the anniversary of that fateful day in September this Thursday, it is important to remember our men and women currently serving and our veterans who have returned home.

#### WAR COSTS

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States has initiated three military operations:

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) covering Afghanistan and other Global War on Terror (GWOT) operations ranging from the Philippines to Djibouti that began immediately after the 9/11 attacks and continues;

Operation Noble Eagle (ONE) providing enhanced security for U.S. military bases and other homeland security that was launched in response to the attacks and continues at a modest level; and

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) that began in the fall of 2002 with the buildup of troops for the March 2003 invasion of Iraq and continues with counter-insurgency and stability operations.

According to CRS estimates, with enactment of the FY2008 Supplemental and

FY2009 Bridge Fund on June 30, 2008, a total of about \$859 billion has been approved for military operations, base security, reconstruction, foreign aid, embassy costs, and veterans' health care for the three operations initiated since the 9/11 attacks.

This \$859 billion total covers all war-related appropriations from FY2001 through part of FY2009 in supplementals, regular appropriations, and continuing resolutions.

Of that total, CRS estimates that Iraq will receive about \$653 billion (76 percent), OEF about \$172 billion (20 percent), and enhanced base security about \$28 billion (3 percent), with about \$5 billion that CRS cannot allocate (1 percent) or readily determine where it was allocated.

As of April 2008, DOD's monthly obligations for contracts and pay averaged about \$12.1 billion, including \$9.8 billion for Iraq, and \$2.3 billion for Afghanistan.

The recently enacted FY2008 Supplemental (H.R. 2642/P.L. 110–252) includes a total of about \$160 billion for war costs for the Department of Defense (DOD), State/USAID and Veterans Administration medical programs for the rest of FY2008 and part of FY2009.

In February 2008, the Congressional Budget Office projected that additional war costs from FY2009 through FY2018 could range from \$440 billion, if troop levels fell to 30,000 by 2010, \$1.0 trillion, if troop levels fell to 75,000 by about 2013. Under these scenarios, CBO projects that funding for Iraq, Afghanistan and the GWOT could reach from about \$1.1 trillion to about \$1.7 trillion for FY2001–FY2018.

As of August 2008 in the Marine Corps alone we have lost over 1,060 young men and women give the ultimate sacrifice for our country, (OIF 1,001 and OEF 59). This does not even include our men and women in the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard.

With all that we are spending to send our armed forces overseas, we need to be keeping in mind what they will need when they return.

#### HEALTHCARE

It is our duty to take care of those who have risked life and limb to secure our freedom and the freedom of others around the world. The World Health Organization ranked the U.S. health care system 37th in the world for quality and 55th for fairness. We are the only industrialized country that does not have universal health care.

That is why I have supported Congressman JOHN CONYER's Universal Healthcare legislation (H.R. 676). We need all Americans—parents, children, veterans—to receive healthcare. H.R. 1527 ensures this kind of access to care for our Rural Veteran's and I can only hope that we continue to look at this type of legislation for everyone in this great Nation.

#### TEXAS VETERANS

In Texas, we have the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) that was created in 1927. We have 9 medical centers and two regional centers with one in my great city of Houston, TX and one in Waco, TX. The Waco Regional Office serves over 942,000 veterans, as well as their family members, in the 164-county area that comprises the northern two-thirds of Texas. Each year, they process more than \$1.9 billion in VA benefit payments are issued to Texas veterans.

This is why I fought to get \$1 million to Riverside Hospital in Houston to help our vet-

eran's with their health care and their mental health issues. At this historic African-American hospital they work with our veteran's and assist with care for Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Our Veteran's in our urban and rural areas deserve the best care we can give. We should not hesitate to care for the men and women who fought so courageously for us.

#### CONCLUSION

We are facing rising food, gas, and energy costs. Our housing markets are still reeling and we are at high levels of unemployment. We must ensure that the Securities markets are secure and able to withstand our current economic climate. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

#### COMMEMORATING HONOR FLIGHT BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

#### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter. Today, Honor Flight is making its latest trip to Washington to bring Kentucky's World War II veterans to visit the memorials that honor their courage and heroism and those that celebrate the heroic military personnel who served before them and those who followed in their footsteps.

Today, the United States of America has, without question, the most powerful military in the world. But in 1941, when an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor awakened a sleeping giant, America's military might was anything but certain. Though we did not have the larges or richest in the world, the United States' military was made up of warriors with unflagging courage and limitless dedication that followed in a tradition dating back to the Revolutionary War and continues to this day.

They are called the greatest generation and with good reason. By war's end, it was not only our military that went unquestioned. Following their efforts, the United States of America emerged from battle as a beacon of freedom and liberty.

Today, 63 years after their victory over Nazism, fascism, and imperialism, some of those heroes join us in the Nation's Capitol for the first time. As ever, we remain a Nation grateful for their sacrifice and indebted for their success.

Today's trip brings to Washington the following 38 Kentucky World War II veterans: Harold Ausmus, Ruben Avila, Fredrick Balke, John Beye, Hubert Wessel, Cynthia Phelps, Arthur Decker, Barbara Abbott, John Bruggensmith, Leslie Cohen, Clarence Crawford, James “Art” Cutoff, Wayne Tabor, Herman Sasse, Charles Dever, John Cook, Robert Kottcamp, Neal Puckett, Bernard Ohare, John Okeefe, Blond Puckett, Leslie “Dan” Stickler, Charles Tribble, Ernest Spencer, Harold Phillips, Joseph Riney, Kathryn Mattingly, Edward Peterson, Bill Brundage, Therese Comstock, Henry “Don” Donaldson, Matthew Flanagan, Robert Carrico, Robert Hall, Edward Jackey, Clyde Logsdon, Leonard O'Dell, and Edward Oechsli.

I urge my colleagues to join me in welcoming them to Washington, recognizing their

contribution to America's success, and thanking Honor Flight for their commitment to our World War II heroes.

Whereas, the dedicated members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol have served the residents of the state of Ohio with distinction and honor for 75 years; and

Whereas, the members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol serve their communities and the state of Ohio with honor and dignity, often putting themselves in harm's way to protect, defend, and serve the residents of this state and for this they should be commended; and

Whereas, when the Patrol was first instituted in 1933 there were 60 trained officers with six cars and 54 motorcycles. Today, the patrol has 1,500 sworn officers trained at the Patrol's Academy in Columbus and more than 1,000 professional and non-sworn staff; and

Whereas, they prepare to commemorate the milestone of 75 years with a celebration recognizing the Patrol's past accomplishments and years of dedicated service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Ohio State Highway Patrol for 75 years of unwavering commitment, and great dedication to the residents of the state of Ohio. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact the past and present officers have had in the community and the state.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE  
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

## 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, September 11, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 16

- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine recent regulatory actions regarding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.  
SD-538
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine reasons that broadband internet access matters.  
SR-253
- Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future.  
SD-366
- Environment and Public Works  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the children's health protection efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).  
SD-406

- Finance  
To hold hearings to examine aligning incentives, focusing on the case for delivery system reform.  
SD-215
- 10:15 a.m.  
Judiciary  
Constitution Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine restoring the rule of law.  
SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine recent analyses of the role of speculative investment in energy markets.  
SD-366
- Judiciary  
Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on mitigating the program risks to ensure the safety of all Americans.  
SH-216
- Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine the state of democracy and human rights in Belarus and how the Belarusian authorities are complying with their OSCE election commitments in advance of the September 28 parliamentary elections.  
B318, Rayburn Building

## SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
SR-418
- 10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine protected marine areas, focusing on federal and

state efforts to conserve, manage, and restore marine resources.  
SR-253

- Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine Russia's aggression against Georgia, focusing on the consequences and responses.  
SD-419
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine 401 (k) plan fee disclosure, focusing on helping workers save for retirement.  
SD-430
- 10:30 a.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine direct-to-consumer medical device advertising, focusing on marketing and medicine.  
SD-562

## SEPTEMBER 18

- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine bus safety.  
SR-253

## SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts.  
SR-418
- 10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade.  
SR-253
- Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.  
SD-106