

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of 384, the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) Reform and Accountability Act of 2009.

Although I ended up supporting the bill establishing TARP last October, I was under no illusions about whether a bailout of the financial services industry would actually work to prevent an economic collapse.

Even though we had included a number of critical improvements in the bill to ensure accountability and transparency and protect the economic security of all individuals, not just corporations on Wall Street, the intent of Congress was ultimately ignored by the Bush administration.

As a result the TARP program as administered by President Bush has failed to stem the tide of foreclosures and has failed to track or explain how \$350 billion of taxpayer money has been spent to date.

That is why we are here today.

The bill that Chairman FRANK has developed would completely revamp the TARP program to ensure that funds are spent responsibly and transparently to help stabilize our economy and get credit flowing again. Most importantly, it would take significant steps to help Americans stay in their homes and ensure the continued availability of affordable housing.

By passing this significant overhaul of the TARP program combined and with the commitment of President Obama to properly administer the program according to the standards articulated in this bill, we can help millions of individuals keep their homes while providing liquidity to credit markets and accountability to taxpayers.

I want to thank Chairman FRANK for his work on this bill, and for agreeing to accept an amendment that Congresswoman WATERS, Congressman MEEKS, and I offered to ensure that minorities and women-owned business are included in the contracting activity and use of TARP funds. I also want to thank and acknowledge the work of both my colleagues in crafting this important amendment.

Among several objectives, the amendment that we offered would require:

(1) The Secretary of the Treasury to establish an Office of Minority and Women Inclusion;

(2) Each institution that receives TARP funds to develop and implement standards and procedures to ensure the inclusion and

utilization of minorities and women-owned businesses in all business and activities, at all levels, including procurement, insurance, and all types of contracts; and

(3) A detailed report to Congress by the Treasury Department describing the actions taken by the Office and each assisted institution to ensure the participation of minority and women owned business in all contracts related to the use of TARP funds, including a statement of the total amounts paid to third party contractors and the percentage of such amounts paid to minority and women-owned businesses.

In making sure that minority businesses and woman-owned business are included as part of TARP activity, we are providing a level playing field for these businesses to compete and take part in the business activities of the Federal government.

So I want to again thank Chairman FRANK for accepting the amendment.

In conclusion, although I believe that the Bush administration mishandled the TARP program, I believe we must act to provide President Obama and his economic team with the opportunity to utilize the remaining money to ensure that we keep homeowners in their homes.

That is why I will vote in favor of this legislation.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Catholic Schools Week and express my support for the vital contributions of America's thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools. In my eyes, Catholic schools have had a powerful impact on our nation's history.

Teaching and instilling the values of service to others, faith, and the pursuit of justice, Catholic schools have shaped the lives of people for generations. Indeed, I myself have been guided by my Catholic faith and the idea of serving others.

Be it a student growing up in New York City or a Mexican immigrant growing up on a bordertown, Catholic schools have been actively educating our youth since our country's founding. In recent history, Catholic schools have been instrumental in the lives of many young Latino students whose families seek an education enriched with moral values, supported by faith, and combined with the highest of academic standards.

The 16th District of El Paso, Texas is fortunate to have fourteen Catholic primary and secondary schools teaching these values to our students including Cathedral High School, Loretto Academy, Blessed Sacrament, Father

Yermo, Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Joseph's, St. Mathew's, St. Patrick's, Saint Pius the X, and St. Raphael's.

Today, I want to thank all of the priests, nuns, brothers, sisters, and lay people, who take on the commendable task of teaching our children. I also want to thank our Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Texas for his leadership and guidance during these tumultuous times.

Again Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor Catholic schools across the country and thank the men and women who take part in this great work.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA GARCIA DUARTE ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD'S CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Garcia Duarte, who was recently appointed to serve on the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advocacy Council. Patricia was one of only 10 new members selected to the board out of 167 nominees. This select group of advisors directs the Board on the implementation of its responsibilities under the consumer credit protection laws, as well as on many other consumer-related issues.

Ms. Garcia Duarte is currently the President and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services, one of the leading nonprofit affordable housing organizations in Arizona. As President, she oversees her company's programs in financial literacy education, individual credit counseling, mortgage lending, affordable housing finance, and real estate developments. In addition, Patricia is the Chair of the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, which organizes outreach and educational efforts to reduce the negative impact of foreclosures. In this position, she has promoted these initiatives, and has played an instrumental role in bring stakeholder groups together, during these difficult economic times.

I commend the Federal Reserve Board for selecting such a deserving candidate for their Consumer Advisory Council. I am sure that Patricia will provide valuable service and leadership during her time there.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Patricia Garcia Duarte's contributions to our country and community.

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DISAPPROVAL OF OBLIGATIONS
UNDER THE EMERGENCY ECO-
NOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF
2008

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, although I have deep misgivings about the Bush Administration's handling of the first \$350 billion tranche of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, I rise in opposition to the resolution of disapproval.

When Congress passed the rescue package, it was with the understanding that doing so would prevent the stock market from collapsing, inject enough cash into the market to facilitate the flow of credit, and give the Department of Treasury the authority to require mortgage holders to renegotiate troubled mortgages. While stock indexes have lost value, the rescue package restored enough investor confidence to stabilize markets, avoiding the economic calamity predicted by many.

However, the Bush Administration did too little to ensure that the funds were used to achieve the other two goals. For example, many small business owners in my district can no longer access loans with reasonable terms. Even some with good credit must rely on credit cards with interest rates that can range from 20 to 35%. Banks receiving federal assistance should be compelled to continue to lend.

With regard to homeownership, I also have not seen adequate progress. Treasury claims it is helping more than 200,000 homeowners avoid foreclosure each month, but I have yet to hear from a constituent who has received assistance. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) gave Treasury the authority to require lenders to renegotiate troubled mortgages, a process that can benefit all parties, but President Bush did not use that authority.

Independent TARP overseers have found numerous problems in every report. From changing the central strategy of the program to providing inadequate justification for decisions, the Bush Administration did not meet its responsibilities. However, we cannot use the Bush Administration's failures as an excuse to deny these funds which continue to be needed. That is why yesterday, the House passed legislation, H.R. 384, to set stringent conditions on the remaining \$350 billion.

Fortunately, President Obama has made assurances that he will implement tough reforms including directing at least \$50 billion toward foreclosure mitigation, using his full arsenal of tools to get credit flowing to American families and small businesses, increasing transparency in the financial system, and creating stronger reporting requirements for firms receiving funds. These conditions were included in H.R. 384.

I oppose the resolution because the reforms included in the House bill and proposed by President Obama, along with a recovery package, an end to abusive credit card practices, and regulatory reform, will help aid American families, save small businesses, and revitalize our economy.

IN HONOR OF THE GABILAN
CHAPTER OF KINSHIP CENTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gabilan Chapter of Kinship Center for their fifty-three years of service dedicated to children in need of foster and adoptive families. On behalf of the whole House, I am honored to extend to the Gabilan Chapter of Kinship Center the gratitude of the Congress and the American people for their past and future service.

San Benito County, in Central California, is a region of rich farm and ranch land that has generously served the families of the area for generations. But perhaps the most valuable resource of that community is the people themselves, as represented by the women of the Gabilan Chapter of Kinship Center. For fifty-three years, this group of philanthropically-minded women has raised critically needed funds to help the most needy and at-risk children in the county—the neglected, abused and abandoned children who need a safe, permanent home through foster care and adoption.

In 1989, the Gabilan Chapter partnered with the Monterey County based Kinship Center which shared their mission to create permanent homes for the area's most vulnerable children. Through this twenty-year partnership, the Gabilan Chapter women have continued to dedicate themselves to their mission as the Gabilan Chapter of Kinship Center. Each year, funds raised by the Gabilan Chapter support vital services to children in transition and new families struggling to meet the needs of children in their care. Kinship Center celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year—success due in no small way to the steadfast support of the Gabilan Chapter.

Each year the dedicated Gabilan Chapter volunteers organize one of the oldest wine tasting festivals in California, as well as a historic home tour. They sell cookbooks, aprons and hand crocheted quilts. They award an annual post-secondary scholarship to a local student from a foster, adoptive or group home. Their efforts are a year-round operation run with professional effectiveness by women who also have full-time careers managing businesses, ranches, farms, vineyards and households.

The women of Gabilan are more than a group of hardworking volunteers. They represent the best of our Nation. They are an icon of the American spirit of caring and hard work forged by the pioneers who settled this land. After three generations, they have created a tradition of active philanthropy that is an institution in their community.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I want to hold up the Gabilan Chapter of Kinship Center as a model of public service, an expression of what makes our Nation a worldwide leader in strong and compassionate philanthropy. May their continued success inspire many more generations to become involved in their communities here at home and throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING SMITHA RAMA-
KRISHNA FOR HER ACHIEVE-
MENTS IN THE 2009 INTEL
SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Smitha Ramakrishna, who has been selected as a Semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2009 competition. The Intel STS is one of the Nation's most prestigious science competitions for high school seniors, and has been held annually for the past 68 years. Smitha is one of 300 Semifinalists selected out of 1,600 students who entered the competition.

All of the Semifinalists for this competition are now eligible to become one of the 40 Finalists who then move on to compete in Washington, DC, for top awards, including a grand prize of \$100,000. As you can see from Smitha's project title "Analysis of the Chemical and Biological Degradation of Sucralose in Synthetic Wastewater", she is a serious student with a bright future in the sciences.

As a former high school teacher, I am always especially glad to know when students are awarded for their academic successes. Smitha should be very proud of this achievement.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Smitha Ramakrishna for her fine academic accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE PREECE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity today to salute a distinguished servant of the U.S. Congress in the field of foreign affairs. At the beginning of February 2009, Charlotte Preece will retire from the Congressional Research Service after 32 productive years of service to the legislative branch. Ms. Preece has spent her entire professional career at CRS serving the U.S. Congress in multiple capacities. She joined CRS in July 1976 as an analyst in European Affairs. In that capacity, she authored dozens of reports for the Congress on issues in U.S. European relations. She was promoted to specialist in European Affairs in 1982, and later headed the Defense Manpower, Budget, and Policy Analysis section for 3 years before becoming assistant chief of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division.

She served the last 17 years of her CRS career as the Chief of the Foreign Affairs Division, a position to which she was named in 1991. After a reorganization of CRS in 2000, the Foreign Affairs Division was expanded to incorporate international trade and finance specialists and was renamed the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division. Ms. Preece became the Congressional Research Service's assistant director for Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade. In that capacity, she has supervised a staff that has grown to about 90 policy analysts and is responsible for directing the

research agenda to support the work of the U.S. Congress in foreign affairs, defense, and trade.

In honoring Charlotte Preece for her service at this time of great challenge for our country, both economically and in foreign affairs, it is worth pausing for a moment to consider the strengths and contributions consistently made to the U.S. Congress by the Congressional Research Service, where Ms. Preece has spent her professional career. We are so well served by this institution, and Ms. Preece epitomizes one of the greatest strengths that CRS offers to the congressional clients it serves: its long-serving analysts are a reservoir of "institutional memory" that continually builds on past knowledge and informs future decisions.

The importance of CRS' "institutional memory" is evident when considering even a brief list of the critical issues that have come before Congress during Ms. Preece's tenure at CRS: the signing of the Camp David Accord by Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin in 1978; the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1979; the normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China in 1979; the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Tiananmen Square Crackdown in China in 1989; the end of the Cold War and demise of the Soviet Union beginning in 1989; the Gulf War in 1991; the end of South African apartheid by 1993; the devastating terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001; and the toppling of Saddam Hussein at the beginning of the Iraq War in 2003. All of these critical events and more unfolded on Ms. Preece's watch at CRS, giving her unique insight and invaluable expertise to a Congress that saw much turnover during the same period. Of the 535 Members who served in the 94th Congress in 1976, when Ms. Preece began her CRS service, only 21 are still serving in 2008: 14 in the House, and 7 in the Senate. Newly elected Members are well served by having access to CRS experts that have not just read about but have worked closely on the policy issues of recent decades.

I also want to reflect for a few minutes on the attributes and talents of Ms. Preece herself. Before coming to CRS in 1976, she earned her bachelor's of arts degree in international relations and Soviet area studies at the Pennsylvania State University, where she graduated *summa cum laude*. She went on to earn a master's degree in international security studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. At CRS, she had the distinction of being the youngest person the Service has ever named to attend the U.S. National War College, graduating with the class of 1983. As head of the CRS Terrorism Task Force, Charlotte Preece personally directed the massive and extraordinarily helpful CRS effort to provide Congress with timely and crucial policy analysis and information in the tragic days and weeks after 9/11.

In her distinguished career with CRS, Charlotte Preece has always understood and respected the power and special needs of Congress, including its legislative and oversight responsibilities as well as its obligation to represent the interests of constituents. She has always found time to serve as a mentor, counselor, and friend to others, whether it be to those she supervised, new congressional staff, or newly elected Members of Congress. Her exceptional skills at framing policy issues, her abilities in research management, and her in-

stinctive grasp of the needs and aspirations of those she has supervised have earned her the respect and loyalty of her team. Charlotte Preece will be greatly missed, as will the loss of her exceptional leadership of the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of CRS. We offer her our deepest gratitude for her many years of contributions to the work of the Congress, and we wish her well.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DAVID
CHARLES CHEEK

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend David Charles Cheek, an outstanding community leader in Kentucky's Fourth District. On January 8, 2009, the May's Lick Baptist Church held a celebration in honor of Reverend Cheek's 20 years of service to the Baptist Conference.

In 1989, Reverend Cheek was called to serve as pastor of May's Lick Baptist Church. He is the church's forty-third pastor.

Reverend Cheek has helped May's Lick Baptist Church expand its services to the community. Not only has the Church built a modern nursery and a Family Life Center during Reverend Cheek's tenure, they have also expanded the Sanctuary, purchased additional property and a new bus, developed an Educational Facility and settled all the Church debts.

Over the last 20 years, Reverend Cheek has ordained seven Deacons and has worked with four youth ministers. He has also mentored four individuals who eventually became ministers, three of whom were ordained at May's Lick Baptist Church. Reverend Cheek has served as Vacation Bible School Director for Bracken Association of Baptists for 20 years. He has also served on the Executive Board of the Bracken Association of Baptists and is a member of the Bracken Association Council.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Reverend Cheek for 20 years of extraordinary work. We are all blessed to have such a dedicated servant in May's Lick, Kentucky.

RECOGNIZING THE FOUNTAIN
HILLS CHAPTER OF FCCLA FOR
THEIR GENEROUS EFFORTS TO
AID THE CHILDREN OF UGANDA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fountain Hills chapter of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for its service project "To Uganda, Love Fountain Hills." This town-wide drive to collect backpack and school supplies will culminate with members of the FCCLA traveling to Uganda to distribute the donations to local school children.

The fundraiser began in December of 2008 and is expected to last until the group travels

to Uganda in the summer. So far, it has collected more than \$11,000 from friends, parents, teachers, and generous community members. In addition to delivering the school supplies while in Uganda, the FCCLA plans to serve in construction and well digging crews, schools, food banks, and health clinics.

I am particularly proud, Madam Speaker, to recognize Claire McWilliams, a Fountain Hills High School teacher and FCCLA sponsor. Claire coordinated the entire project and continues to serve as an inspiration to her community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fountain Hills chapter of FCCLA and its sponsor, Claire McWilliams, for their selfless work to raise money and collect supplies for the children of Uganda.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
TRAMMELL CROW, SR.

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of my dear friend, Trammell Crow, Sr. He was a legendary real estate developer, a lover of the arts, and a generous philanthropist.

Born in East Dallas, Mr. Crow came from humble beginnings working various odd jobs in high school from cleaning bricks to delivering new cars. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School, Mr. Crow took a job with Mercantile National Bank while taking night classes. At age of 24, he became the youngest certified public accountant in Texas and joined Ernst & Ernst as an entry-level auditor. Wanting to serve his country, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reached the rank of Commander before returning to Dallas in 1942.

Upon his return, Mr. Crow partnered with John Stemmons and assisted with the development of the Trinity Industrial District. His work ethic and dedication propelled him to great success and led to the establishment of an internationally recognized company. Mr. Crow's mark on Dallas can be easily seen in the Dallas skyline. The Dallas Design District, the Hartford Insurance Company Building, Dallas Market Hall, Stemmons Towers, Bryan Tower, San Jacinto Tower, and the Dallas Infomart are only a few examples of his many development projects. In addition to his successful career, Mr. Crow deeply believed in giving back to his community. His generosity extended to numerous nonprofits and causes including Southern Methodist University, where the Crow building in the Cox School of Business educates the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Mr. Crow was one of America's greatest developers. His life story is one that demonstrates the American Dream is achievable with hard work and dedication. Throughout his professional career, he overcame the odds, conquered obstacles and achieved tremendous success. He cared deeply for his family, friends, and community and it evident to all who knew him. I am honored to have known him and called him my friend. He will be greatly missed. May the peace of God be with

those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

LEGISLATION TO INTERCHANGE THE ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS BETWEEN THE FOREST SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill to facilitate a land exchange between the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to allow for consolidation and more streamlined administration of the Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area in the northern California district I represent. The Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management but also encompasses a parcel of land under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

This legislation is a simple and straightforward land exchange that would allow the Bureau of Land Management to consolidate the management of the OHV area to achieve more efficient management and a better experience for the area's users. In addition to consolidating the OHV area this bill will also place an equal amount of scattered wilderness parcels and other Bureau of Land Management lands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, allowing for improved management of those lands as well. Passage of this non-controversial legislation will result in a win-win for the taxpayers and the Federal Government.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in order to move this legislation through Congress.

IN HONOR OF MARY GREEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great woman and model citizen. Mary Reese Green, of Monterey, California, lived her life to make the world a better place. She was many things: civil rights activist, mother, wife, political campaigner, and friend. On January 9, 2009, Mary passed away at the age of 81. Mary was a fearless fighter during the civil rights movement and an active advocate for art throughout her life. She held a passion for politics and played instrumental roles in numerous political campaigns over the years. She was a real spark plug whose personal motto was "Yes, we can!"

Mary was born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, where she developed a lifelong love of art. She went on to study at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia and to teach art at George School in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. There she met her husband, Ross Green, a fellow teacher. Her first brush with politics came when she and Ross moved

to Berkeley. Mary campaigned for the right of students to post political flyers on university bulletin boards. When she and her husband moved to Atlanta, she fought for civil rights alongside her friends, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, and Vernon Jordan. A notable story from Mary's life centers on a public meeting held in Atlanta to discuss voters' rights after the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Despite death threats and the hostile presence of the Ku Klux Klan at the meeting, Mary bravely spoke as scheduled, while many others backed out and retreated.

Mary continued to play an active role in politics throughout her life. She served as the central California chair for Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, the northern California co-chair for George McGovern in 1972, and worked on the presidential campaigns of Gary Hart in 1984 and 1988. Back in Monterey County, she promoted the arts. She helped raise funds to revitalize the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art's La Mirada wing and took the lead in founding the Pacific Street branch's sculpture garden. Mary also helped produce two award-winning documentary films: *Time Captured in Paintings: The Monterey Legacy* and *The Roots of California Photography: The Monterey Legacy*.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in extending our deepest sympathies and condolences to Mary Green's daughter, Alice Green, son Mitchell Green, her three grandchildren, and many friends.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SENIOR CORPORAL NORMAN SMITH, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, GANG UNIT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Senior Corporal Norman Smith of the Dallas Police Department. He was shot and killed on January 6, 2009 while trying to serve a felony warrant in South Dallas.

Senior Corporal Smith had over seventeen years of service with the Dallas Police Department; fourteen of those years with the elite Gang Unit, facing some of the toughest criminals in Dallas. Although he had many years of service, Norm approached the job with the fire and drive of a rookie, never giving less than one hundred and ten percent. He was deeply committed to fighting crime and his passion and dedication were evident to all who knew him. His fair treatment made him one of the most respected officers in the City of Dallas as well as among former gang members. Underneath his tough demeanor, he also offered hope to those seeking a new life outside of gangs. Different parts of the city affectionately referred to him as the General, Soprano, Big Swede, Normando, and the White Russian. Norm is considered irreplaceable by his fellow officers in the Gang Unit. He was by definition a true warrior.

Prior to his tenure with the Dallas Police Department, Norm proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and worked with Kaufman and Dallas Counties Sheriffs Departments. He is survived by his wife of eighteen and half

years, Lieutenant Regina Smith; a daughter, Clenique L. Williams; and a son, Karlis Smith. Norm loved Regina deeply and treated her like a queen. He was her best friend and did everything with her. It was evident to all that the love they shared was special.

The Dallas Police Department and the Dallas community have suffered the loss of a remarkable officer, dedicated crime fighter, and an outstanding American that committed his life to public service. May the peace of God be with those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

TWO ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA GEOLOGISTS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that in St. Petersburg, Florida, I represent one of the world's foremost centers of marine and geological research. We have created a thriving hub of academic, government and private sector facilities whose professional staffs work together on a daily basis to study and help to solve some of our state's, our nation's and our world's most challenging environmental, marine and geological problems.

The University of South Florida College of Marine Science on the University's St. Petersburg campus has been the linchpin of our efforts to bring together the best and brightest scientific minds. With the addition of the U.S. Geological Survey 10 years ago and the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and the Florida Institute of Oceanography, and in the private sector SRI International, we have at Bayboro Harbor a thriving research community.

Recently two of those researchers have been honored for their work in the field of geology. The first is Dr. Albert C. Hine, the Associate Dean of the USF College of Marine Science, who received the Francis P. Shepard Medal for Sedimentary Geology at the annual Society for Sedimentary Geology meeting in Denver, Colorado. The award is given to those who have a sustained record of outstanding research contributions in marine geology.

In addition to being recognized for his prolific research and his 140 peer-reviewed publications in the field of coastline studies, carbonate platforms and coral reefs using an array of geophysical tools, Dr. Hine was also recognized for his commitment to teaching. He is a major advisor to 11 Ph.D. and 22 M.S. candidates.

He is a perfect example of the type of collaborative research that goes on every day at USF's Bayboro campus, where he has worked and taught since 1979. That includes his work with the U.S. Geological Survey where the second award recipient Dr. Eugene A. Shinn worked for more than 31 years. Dr. Shinn was recently awarded the Society for Sedimentary Geology's William H. Twenhofel Medal for his outstanding contributions in the areas of paleontology, sedimentology and stratigraphy.

Now retired from USGS, Dr. Hine is a Courtesy Professor at the USF College of Marine

Science where he continues his research and teaching.

Madam Speaker, following my remarks, I will include from the USGS publication *Sound Waves* two articles about both of these eminent researchers, which includes much more detail about their lifetimes of work in the field and about the special collaborative relationships among these outstanding St. Petersburg organizations.

Dr. Al Hine and Dr. Gene Shinn are two shining examples of the energy and enthusiasm we have captured in St. Petersburg that makes our city the center of international work in marine science and geology. Please join me in congratulating them on these great honors and in thanking them for their continuing efforts to impart their knowledge and enthusiasm to future generations of their students and colleagues.

USGS COLLABORATOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS SEPM SHEPARD MEDAL, SOUND WAVES, DECEMBER 2008

Barbara Lidz

Albert C. Hine, a close collaborator with scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) office in St. Petersburg, Florida, from its inception in 1988, will receive the Francis P. Shepard Medal for Marine Geology at the 2009 Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) annual meeting in Denver. Hine is currently Associate Dean in the College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida (USF) in St. Petersburg, where he began his career in 1979. He has worked extensively with USGS personnel for many years, including Gene Shinn (who will receive SEPM's Twenhofel Medal at the 2009 meeting; see article, this issue), Bob Halley, Barbara Lidz, David Twichell, Kevin Cunningham, Jack Kindinger, Lisa Robbins, Terry Edgar, and Kim Yates.

Hine received his B.S. degree from Dartmouth, his M.S. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. For his dissertation he investigated modern carbonate-bank-margin sediment on the Bahama Banks with high-resolution seismic profiling. He studies coastlines, continental shelves, carbonate platforms, and coral reefs, using an array of geophysical tools. Hine has been heavily involved in the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) and served on the program's Ocean History Panel, Site Survey Panel, and U.S. Science Advisory Committee; he was also selected to be a Joint Oceanographic Institutions/U.S. Science Advisory Committee Distinguished Lecturer for 2005-2006 (URL <http://www.oceanleadership.org/usssp/dls/hine>). Hine has had extensive seagoing experience on many research vessels, including as co-Chief Scientist on ODP Leg 182 to the Great Australian Bight and as a member of the scientific crew on Leg 194 to the Marion Plateau of northeastern Australia. He currently serves on the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) Fleet Improvement Committee.

Hine has written approximately 140 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. He is major advisor to 11 Ph.D. and 22 M.S. candidates, including 2 from the USGS. His former graduate students are spread far, wide, and deep. In recent years, he has focused on deep-water coral reefs and drowned barrier islands; with Bob Halley and others, he mapped the deepest coral reef in the United States, off the southwest coast of Florida (see related *Sound Waves* articles, "USGS Scientists Use the SeaBOSS to Explore What Could Be the Deepest Coral Reef in the Continental United States" and "Coral Reef Off Florida Determined to be Deepest Known on U.S. Continental Shelf").

The Shepard Medal is given to persons who have a sustained record of outstanding research contributions in marine geology. Francis Parker Shepard (1897-1985), known as "The Father of Marine Geology," is one of the field's true heroes. Shepard began his career studying structural geology but is best known for his work on, and understanding of, submarine canyons. A short story of his life is available as a PDF file (76.4 KB) at URL http://gsahist.org/gsat/gt01dec20_21.pdf.

GENE SHINN WINS PREEMINENT SEPM TWENHOFEL MEDAL, SOUND WAVES, DECEMBER 2008

Barbara Lidz

Eugene A. Shinn, carbonate geologist with Shell Oil in the 1960s and then with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for 31 years, will receive the 2009 William H. Twenhofel Medal from the Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM). The highest recognition given by the SEPM, the Twenhofel Medal is awarded annually to a person for his or her outstanding contributions in sedimentary geology. Albert C. Hine, Associate Dean of Research at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg, made the announcement in August. Shinn received an honorary Ph.D. from USF in 1998 and was a commencement speaker. Since retiring in 2006 from the USGS Florida Integrated Science Center office in St. Petersburg, Shinn has been seated as a Courtesy Professor at the USF College of Marine Science next door.

Nominees for the Twenhofel Medal are chosen for their outstanding contributions in paleontology, sedimentology, stratigraphy, and (or) allied scientific disciplines. The contributions normally entail extensive personal research but may involve some combination of research, teaching, administration, or other activities that have notably advanced scientific knowledge in the field of sedimentary geology. Shinn has devoted his career to each of these areas and more, and has excelled in all. As a researcher dedicated to working in the field, he is recognized as a pioneer in studies of carbonate sediment, tidal flats, diagenesis, coral-reef ecosystems, and, in recent years, the effects of transatlantic African dust on corals and human health. Shinn has an innate ability often to perceive truths before others do, and he encourages discussion and innovative thinking. He is not afraid to speak his mind or to get on the hot seat amidst controversy; he also knows when to avoid controversy. Shinn has led numerous modern-carbonate field trips to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas for SEPM, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the Geological Society of America (GSA), and many universities and local societies. He has published more than 150 scientific papers, produced training films, won several "best paper" awards, and received the USGS Meritorious Service Award, as well as the USGS Gene Shoemaker Award for Excellence in Communications. Shinn joins the ranks of other very distinguished geologists who have shaped major concepts in understanding Earth processes and history in the realm of carbonate geology. The honor is long overdue. Shinn will receive the award at the Society's annual meeting in Denver in June 2009. Congratulations, Gene, for a meritorious job well done!

William H. Twenhofel (1875-1957), Ph.D. Yale (1912), is regarded as the patriarch of sedimentary geology. Twenhofel, who was a member of the National Research Council, retired in 1945 from an illustrious academic career at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where the Department of Geology and Geophysics has offered one of the top Earth-science programs in the United States for

decades. Twenhofel cofounded the *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, now the *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, one of the premier journals in the field of sedimentary geology.

HONORING BARBARA E. HERRING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing from this life of Barbara E. Herring, who served as the first female law director for the city of Toledo. Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner appointed Mrs. Herring law director in August 1999, after 4 months as acting law director. She retired as law director in December 2005, as the administration of Mayor Jack Ford was drawing to a close. As Mayor Finkbeiner said to the *Blade*, "If you're going to be a first-rate city in this country, you have to have leaders that come from every sector of the community." Mr. Finkbeiner said at her appointment, "Barb is going to be a very strong law director and a strong component to the leadership of the city."

Most of her tenure was in the succeeding administration, and "I was honored to serve with her," Mayor Ford said to the *Blade*. "She was the best director I had. [She] helped draft the ethics statement we all lived under during the 4 years I was mayor. She helped set the tone."

One issue in which she played a big part was the city's smoking ban, which preceded the statewide ban by several years. On other issues as well, "in those days, Toledo was setting the tone for the State as far as home-rule rights," Mayor Ford said. "She wrestled through a big case in the [Ohio] Court of Appeals with respect to [off-campus] student housing. I had full confidence in her. She was ethically driven. Early on, we had an understanding that we would do things by the book and do it right and not try to be politically cute."

While she was honored to be chosen as the first woman to serve as law director, her husband, David, said, "she was more concerned about being considered the best law director. She built that department up and was so aggressively fighting for them and trying to do things to get new talent in there," he said to the *Blade*. She had a calming effect, even in demanding circumstances, said Kelly Bejaige, who was her secretary. "She was very dignified and caring, and that carried her through," Ms. Bejaige said. "She had great respect from many people. She saw the best in everybody, and she tried to bring that out in people. She was no nonsense. She expected a lot, but nothing less than she was willing to give herself."

Mrs. Herring was a partner in the law firm of Cooper, Straub, Walinski & Cramer in 1991 when then-law director for the city of Toledo Keith Wilkowski hired her as a staff attorney. She later became the city's general counsel. She joined the law firm after graduating cum laude in 1984 from the University of Toledo law school.

Mrs. Herring taught English and psychology about 8 years at Springfield High School near Toledo, Ohio. Before that, she taught about 6 years at Springfield Junior High. "She was

really the consummate teacher, and education lost what a real teacher should do," her husband said. "She cared not just for the mental and scholastic side of the students, but she cared about their personal welfare."

Born in Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Herring was a teenager when she moved with her family to Sylvania Township, near Toledo, Ohio. She was a 1963 graduate of Sylvania High School and received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University. She was a trustee of the Toledo Legal Aid Society and was a former president of Ohio Municipal Attorneys. In retirement, she was on the board of St. Paul's Community Center. She took part in the Lucas County Juvenile Court's Court Appointed Special Advocate program. She was a lector at Blessed Sacrament Church. Surviving are her husband, David, whom she married May 21, 1966; sons, David and Nathan; brother, John White; sister, Carole Gildemeister, and five grandchildren.

It is with the deepest admiration that I pay tribute to the exemplary life of a pioneering woman. She dedicated her life in service to her family, friends, her students and the city of Toledo. May her family be comforted by the memories they hold and may Barbara Herring be blessed with a loving peace.

TARP REFORM AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, and for other purposes.

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my support for the TARP Reform and Accountability Act (H.R. 384). I thank Chairman FRANK and the House Leadership for their hard work on this legislation, which brings focus, accountability, and transparency to the implementation of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP, to make it an effective tool to stabilize and revive our economy.

Our country faces the bleakest economic forecast since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Today, millions of Americans are struggling to find jobs, keep their homes, and pay their bills. Last fall, to prevent the collapse of our financial markets, the 110th Congress swiftly passed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA). With this measure, Congress entrusted the Bush administration's Treasury Department with \$350 billion from the Troubled Asset Relief Program to purchase bad debt—including mortgages—from financial institutions in order to thaw credit markets and increase confidence in the financial system. Unfortunately, in implementing the TARP, the Bush Administration failed to address housing foreclosures, resume the flow of credit, or perform oversight of financial institutions receiving assistance under the TARP.

As the 111th Congress considers releasing an additional \$350 billion in TARP funds to the Treasury Department under the Obama ad-

ministration, we must be assured the additional money will be spent responsibly and transparently.

The TARP Reform and Accountability Act addresses fundamental flaws in the implementation of "TARP I" by closing loopholes and enforcing strict accountability and transparency. The act ensures that TARP funds aid American families at risk of losing their homes as originally intended by Congress by mandating foreclosure relief and making improvements to the Hope for Homeowners program. In addition, stringent executive compensation limits for all past and future TARP assistance will prevent taxpayer dollars paying for corporate bonuses.

Once again, I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important, timely legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE ALBANY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE AND ITS
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD-
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HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 34 men and women and one whole family from Albany, MN who have put their heart and soul into making that community such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

This weekend, the Albany Chamber of Commerce honored these people for putting their "hand and heart into everything they do" to serve their colleagues and their fellow citizens. From keeping us safe to teaching our children to caring for our elderly, these men and women are the rock on which we stand. The chamber, which itself is such an integral part of this community, has taken this opportunity to draw attention to the selfless and kind acts of these individuals and their nominating organizations:

Richard "Hunk" Wolf, Albany Fire Department; Richard Schiller, Albany Senior Dining; Bertha Schiller, Albany Senior Dining; Rosie Finken, Albany Senior Dining; Bob Pauly, Albany Senior Dining; Bob Thielman, Albany Senior Dining; Ralph Vos, Albany Senior Dining; Norbert Vos, Albany Senior Dining; Rosie Krebs, Albany Senior Dining; Howard Krebs, Albany Senior Dining; Robert St. Marie, Albany Senior Dining; Richard Carlson, Albany Senior Dining; Grace Carlson, Albany Senior Dining; LuAnn Jopp, Albany Home Bakery; Pam Kraker, Albany Lions; Sarah Kittelson, Albany Police Department; Tammy Jurek, Albany Police Department; Darren Trousil, Albany Police Department.

Paul Nelson, Wells Concrete Products; Steve Stromme, Albany Area Schools; Ron Paulsen, Albany Area Schools; Herb Binsfeld, Albany Food Shelf; Mary Binsfeld, Albany Food Shelf; Kathy Pung, AAH & Medical Center; Judy Zenzen, AAH & Medical Center; Janet Christen, Holy Family School; Ryan Scherping, Holy Family School; Patty Leyk, Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Val Oehrlein, Mother of Mercy Auxiliary; The Sand Family, Albany Chamber; Al Amdahl, Albany Jaycees; Brennan Shay, Albany Pioneer Club; Bev Lieser, Albany Women of Today; Nathan

Meer, Albany Boy Scouts; Justin Overman, Albany Boy Scouts.

I share in the chamber's recognition of their great public service.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION MANAGEMENT GROUP

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in this troubled economy with fluctuating markets and fiscal uncertainty, it is the small business owner that keeps our economy functioning and keeps the American dream alive.

I am honored to represent thousands of small business owners whose associations, the National Franchise Association (NFA) and the National Association Management Group (NAMG), are headquartered in my district in Kennesaw, Georgia.

These associations would like to recognize three distinct leaders; NFA Chairman Joseph Anghelone, NAMG Chairman William Patterson and NFA Government Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Jarratt.

Mr. Joseph Anghelone began his tenure as the NFA Chairman in February of 2006, and since then he has established a record of dedication to the National Franchise Association and its membership. During his years of selfless service, Mr. Anghelone has been committed to advancing the Burger King Brand through vigorous advocacy on all levels.

In addition to his role as NFA Chairman, Mr. Anghelone has served as the Franchise Relations Committee Chairman and Diversity Affairs Committee Chairman during his term. While his duties have been heavy, Mr. Anghelone has put the association and its membership ahead of himself, to the betterment of the franchisee community.

Mr. William Patterson has served as the Chairman of the National Association Management Group since April of 2006. Previously Mr. Patterson held the post of NAMG Board Director, a position he began in February of 2005.

Mr. Patterson has displayed diligent service to NAMG and its Board of Directors. This service has been marked by a dedication to the growth and continued development of the organization while providing steadfast leadership and direction.

Mr. Benjamin Jarratt was selected to serve as the NFA Secretary in February 2006, and since then he has assumed the role of NFA Government Relations Committee Chairman. In that position, Mr. Jarratt has played a significant role in the development of the NFA's Government Relations advocacy efforts.

In addition, Mr. Jarratt served as the Chairman of the NFA's Government Relations Summit in 2007 and again in 2008. Mr. Jarratt has developed a reputation as a staunch advocate for the interests of franchisees and their businesses.

The National Franchise Association and National Association Management Group continue to grow and prosper in the face of numerous challenges, which is a testament to the efforts of these three outstanding individuals. The NFA and NAMG will be eternally grateful for the leadership they have provided.

HONORING WILLIAM J. SYRING

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William J. Syring of Toledo, Ohio who practiced law in Toledo for a half-century, eventually running for City Council and the Ohio Court of Appeals. Mr. Syring had a general law practice, handling small business, probate, real estate, and personal injury cases. His son, Paul, first practiced law with his father, and state it left "an indelible mark on my career. It was a wonderful experience. He was calm, a constant student of the law", as he reported to the Toledo Blade. William retired about 10 years ago from his practice, which he began in 1948 after serving two years as counsel for the Federal Power Commission in Washington. "He was always a great one for wanting to help others, especially those who couldn't afford it or didn't know the right channels to go through," his wife Pat observed.

Mr. Syring believed that to build a case, a lawyer must get out and talk to people and investigate, much as a detective would do. "He taught me you don't practice law sitting behind your desk and answering the phone," said his son, a senior attorney with the City of Toledo Law Department, where he has been since 1999. "I learned more from him probably than I did in law school. "He was a representative of the golden age of the practice of law in Toledo. He showed me it's priceless to prepare, and he was always prepared."

Mr. Syring ran in 1982 for the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals, and he campaigned at diners and fairs through the eight counties of the district. "He was a great communicator, a great trial lawyer, [and] thrived in the courtroom," his son said. Mr. Syring was defeated by Judge Peter Handwork, who remains on the bench.

Early in his career, he ran unsuccessfully for City Council twice, in 1953 and 1956. He was long active in civic causes. Mr. Syring was a member of the Board of Community Relations in the 1950s and he was a trustee of the Model Cities Agency in the 1960s. He was a member of the Interfaith Conference on Religion and Race and of the NAACP.

He was a past president of the Toledo Trial Lawyers Association and was a member of the Toledo Legal Aid Society. He formerly was on the executive committee of the Lucas County Democratic Party. Mr. Syring was on the Ohio Board of Bar Examiners for two terms. He was also a member of Gesu Church.

Mr. Syring was a graduate of St. John's High School when it was in North Toledo. He received bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He later received a master of laws degree from Catholic University of America in Washington and attended University of Toledo and Ohio State University law schools. An Army veteran of World War II, he was an agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps in Europe.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Syring, whom he married Oct. 6, 1956; daughters, Julia Syring and Mary Drumm; sons, Patrick, Joseph, John, and Paul Syring, and seven grandchildren.

It is with the deepest appreciation that I pay tribute, on behalf of our entire community, to the long life of a good, patient, kind and dedicated barrister, William J. Syring who passed from this life on July 4, 2008. He lived his years in service to his family, friends, Toledo community and the cause of justice. I valued him for decades as a friend and advisor. May God welcome William home and bring peace to his dear wife and family.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE ORGANIZATION OF CHINESE-AMERICANS**HON. JASON ALTMIRE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a happy and healthy New Year for the year 4707, the year of the ox.

I hope this New Year brings the Chinese-American community of Pittsburgh much joy and thanksgiving. I am thankful for the positive impact this organization has had on the lives of Chinese-Americans and Pittsburgh as a whole. Chinese-Americans have greatly contributed to the progress of Pittsburgh as well as the entire nation. I am very honored for this opportunity to wish them a very happy 4707.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in wishing the members of the Organization of Chinese-Americans a very happy and prosperous New Year.

IN HONOR OF APOSTLE JOYCE COFIELD**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Apostle Joyce Cofield. On January 31, 2009, Apostle Cofield will be honored at a banquet celebrating her 14th pastoral anniversary at Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship.

Apostle Cofield is the founder of Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship in Wilmington, Delaware. Apostle Cofield entered full-time ministry in 2000 and has over 30 years of experience in ministerial leadership. During her time as senior pastor of Anointed Word, Apostle Cofield has emerged as an accomplished leader: in 2008 she was profiled in the National Registry of Who's Who, and she recently published a prophetic book of poetry entitled, *From the Father's Heart to My Heart to Your Heart*.

Apostle Cofield is a graduate of a local bible college and has continued her education at various secular institutions in the Wilmington area. As part of her vision to bring restoration to families and individuals, she regularly reaches out to the homeless in Delaware—not only to meet practical needs for food, clothing and shelter, but by motivating, instructing and enriching their lives. Apostle Cofield lives by several creeds including, "the most important

thing is to know God and for God to know you", as well as "attitudes are contagious, is yours worth catching?" The members of Anointed Word admire and respect Apostle Cofield for her selfless acts, strong leadership and passion for community outreach.

I thank Apostle Joyce Cofield for her many years of service to the members of her congregation at Anointed Word Evangelistic Fellowship, the greater community, and the State of Delaware. I am confident that as she celebrates this significant milestone in her ministry, she will remain committed to many more years of demonstrating her faith in both word and deed.

RECOGNIZING THE HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HCCC) WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Herkimer County Community College (HCCC) Women's Track and Field Team in my congressional district in Upstate New York. In 2008, the team won its fourth regional championship and its first ever national championship. Altogether, HCCC's athletic programs have won 72 regional championships and 31 national championships.

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Region III Women's Track and Field Championships were held at the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Technology at Alfred from May 2-3. The Lady Generals came in first with an impressive 163.5 points. Chantal Salamone, from Little Falls, placed first in the triple jump and 100 meter hurdles, and was named the Women's Field Athlete of the Meet. Amanda Davey, of Amsterdam, won in the 400 meter hurdles. Betheny Jennings, of Sylvan Beach, was first in the shot put, while Sarah Lazarus of South New Berlin was first in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

The NJCAA Division III National Women's Track and Field Championships were hosted by SUNY Delhi from May 8-10. HCCC won the meet with 135 points. Chantal and Amanda again won the 100 and 400 meter hurdles, respectively. As a result of their wins, Chantal and Amanda were named First Team All-Americans. They were also named Second Team All-Americans for their second place finishes in the triple jump (Chantal), heptathlon (Amanda), and 3200 meter relay (both).

Joining Chantal and Amanda as Second Team All-Americans were Sarah and Theresa Lazarus from South New Berlin and Krysta Estey from Little Falls. Sarah was second in the high jump and was also a part of the 3200 meter relay team, while Theresa was second in the 400 meter hurdles. Krysta was a member of the relay team.

Amanda Link from North Patchogue, and Grace Hall from Herkimer also helped HCCC to achieve victory in the regional and national championships.

The Lady Generals were led by Head Coach Sharon Howell and Assistant Coach Julie DelMedico. Howell was named Coach of the Meet for both the regional and national championships.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Herkimer County Community College Women's Track and Field Team on their victories. I am proud to represent such talented athletes, and I wish them the best of luck with their future athletic and scholarly pursuits.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NON-NATIVE WILDLIFE INVASION PREVENTION ACT

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I have reintroduced a bill to protect the United States from harm caused by invasive species. In the 110th Congress, I introduced H.R. 6311, the Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act, in response to the increasing economic, environmental, and human health threats posed by invasive wildlife species. I am reintroducing this legislation as a proactive approach to combating invasive wildlife species by prohibiting their importation.

Nonnative plants and animals are known by scientists to have been introduced into ecosystems in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories. Invasive, nonnative species can harm the economy, environment, other animal species' health and human health. Such harm ranges, for example, from depreciating farmland property values and loss of irrigation water to increasing spread of disease. Additionally, collapse of buildings, competition with native animals, sport, game, and endangered species losses, habitat alteration, and other ecosystem disturbances, have all resulted from the introduction of certain invasive species.

Scientists and economists generally estimate the cost of damages caused by invasive species in the United States to amount to over \$123 billion annually. The risks associated with the introduction and establishment of invasive species, and the costs of mitigation, will continue to rise concomitantly with the expansion of trade and increased speed and frequency of travel around the world and within the United States. The volume of cargo shipped and exchanged worldwide continues to increase and many communities across the United States are experiencing growth in tourism. These factors are reason alone to develop protocols and a system for assessing the risk of all nonnative wildlife species that could be imported or introduced into the United States.

Preventing the introduction of invasive species is a significant challenge and priority for many communities across the country, including my district, Guam. Invasive species, for example, threaten the biodiversity and the ecology of the Florida Everglades, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and the Great Lakes, among other national environmental treasures. On Guam, the brown tree snake has caused the extirpation of many endemic forest birds and lizards. The coqui tree frog and the coconut rhinoceros beetle are the latest species to have entered Guam. Although these species were 1 accidentally introduced, intentional introduction of invasive species is something that can and should be controlled. The bill re-

introduced today would protect citizens, the economy, and the environment from imported wildlife species that have the known potential to and that would likely harm our interests in the United States.

Absent a comprehensive federal law addressing the importation of nonnative species, the only protection is provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981. This law authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to designate wildlife species considered "injurious" to humans and prohibits importation of such species into the country. The process, however, to designate a species as injurious can take up to four years, at which point harm has already been done.

The Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act authorizes the establishment by regulation of a risk assessment process to control the importation of wildlife species. The bill adopts a preventative approach by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop with public notice and public input a "green list" of species allowed to be imported and a "black list" preventing invasive species from entering the country. Prior to approving a species to be imported, the Secretary must evaluate its potential risk to human, other animal species, and environmental health. Any imports of species, which are not on the "green list," will be subject to penalties under the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981. The Secretary, however, may permit importation of an animal of such other prohibited species for educational, scientific research, or accredited zoological or aquarium display purposes. Finally, import fees will be collected to cover the costs of the risk assessment process.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this legislation and to strengthen the abilities of the federal government to more effectively manage and prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species.

THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU AND THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREE: REPEAL THE \$175 COW TAX: COSPONSOR H.R. 391

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, last year, the EPA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for a rule to give EPA's bureaucracy regulatory oversight of greenhouse gas, GHG, emissions under the Clean Air Act. This rule would affect both mobile and stationary sources.

If EPA is allowed to implement this rule, almost every small agricultural operation, including family farms, will meet the 100-tons-per year threshold. The cost of this rule will be a "tax" of \$175 per cow, \$88 per head of beef cattle, and \$20 per hog. In addition, any new farms or existing farm expansion will be burdened with the "New Source Review" permitting requirements. These permits, which are extremely costly and time intensive, must be acquired before any new changes take place.

While members of Congress may disagree on regulation of GHG emissions, the final decision should be made by Congress and not mandated by the EPA. H.R. 391 asserts Con-

gress' authority over this issue by pre-empting EPA from regulating GHGs under the Clean Air Act.

Please join me and support our farmers by cosponsoring H.R. 391. Congress must not allow EPA to establish regulations that place new costs on farmers and consumers.

Please contact me directly or have your staff contact Rodney Bacigalupo at 5-2811, rodney.bacigalupo@mail.house.gov, to add your name as a cosponsor of H.R. 391 or to request further information on this issue.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET BUSH WILSON

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American—a feminist, social activist, and accomplished attorney, Margaret Bush Wilson was born before women had the right to vote. A pioneer and champion of woman's rights, she was the first woman to be president of both the St. Louis chapter and Missouri chapter of the NAACP and the second woman admitted to practice law in the state of Missouri. I am privileged to recognize this outstanding member of the St. Louis community as her friends and family honor her on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Margaret Bush was born on January 30, 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri. Her father James Thomas Bush was a railway postal clerk and her mother Margaret Bernice Casey Bush was an outstanding educator. Both of her parents were very active in the local NAACP. As a young woman, she attended Talladega College where she was awarded a Julia Prescott Fellowship to study at Visva Bharati College in India.

After graduating from college with a B.S. degree in Economics, Mrs. Wilson benefitted from the Supreme Court ruling in the case of *Gains v. Canada*. That decision required the state of Missouri to admit African Americans to the University of Missouri School of Law, or to establish separate but equal law school facilities. Missouri chose to create Lincoln University law school, rather than to integrate. Margaret Bush Wilson graduated from that law school and passed the Missouri bar in 1943.

A dedicated public servant, Margaret Bush Wilson served as U.S. Attorney for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Electrification Administration and as the Assistant Attorney General for the state of Missouri. After her marriage to Robert Wilson in 1944, the couple established the St. Louis real estate law firm known as Wilson and Wilson.

Her expertise in real estate law proved instrumental when she served as counsel for the black Real Estate Brokers Association, an organization initiated by her father. The organization was active in *Shelley vs. Kramer*, a 1948 Supreme Court ruling in which racially based restrictive covenants were ruled unconstitutional and unenforceable. Mrs. Wilson also served as the head of Lawyers for Housing where she championed one thousand new housing units.

In her capacity as president of the St. Louis chapter of the NAACP, Mrs. Wilson was involved in landmark civil rights cases, including

the Jefferson Bank and Trust demonstrations and case. In 1975, she became the first chairwoman of the national NAACP board and served nine terms. During President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, Wilson served as deputy director of the Model Cities Program.

During the 1980's, she served as chairman of the board of the Mutual Insurance Company of New York, Real Estate Investment Trust. She continues to be a beacon in the African American community. She served as board chair of two Historically Black Colleges: St. Augustine's College and Talladega. She is also a member of numerous nonprofit organizations and trustee-emerita of both Washington University and Webster University.

Madam Speaker, this Ms. Wilson is the epitome of a great American. She is an inspiration to all who cherish justice and equality. I am honored to salute her for her countless contributions to the state of Missouri and to this nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the works of Margaret Bush Wilson; with tenacity, grace and courage she has blazed a trail for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA POLLARD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the work of Martha Pollard of Lafayette County, Missouri. Martha served as Lafayette County Public Administrator for 16 years. She is married to Ian Pollard and has two sons Jeff and Mark. She also has two granddaughters, Julie and Emily.

Martha grew up on a farm in Pettis County and attended K-12 school in Green Ridge, MO. She graduated as Salutatorian. After graduating high school, Pollard went to the University of Central Missouri and received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master's of Education.

Her service as a teacher has spanned the nation, from the Knob Noster elementary school in Missouri to the Los Angeles City Schools and finally the Concordia School District for the past 30 years. She taught music, chemistry and science.

Additionally, she has held many positions in the Missouri Association of Public Administrators, ending with President from 2006-2008.

Martha is concluding her service as Public Administrator in Lafayette County. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in thanking her for her leadership and hard work in the Lafayette County community.

TRIBUTE TO SUNY COLLEGE AT
CORTLAND MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate the State University of New York, SUNY, College at Cortland Men's Cross Country Team on its 2008 NCAA Division III championship win.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that on November 22, 2008, the SUNY Cortland Men's Cross Country Team achieved its first-ever national title at the NCAA Division III finals against Hanover College. I am pleased to count SUNY Cortland amongst the many distinguished institutions of higher learning in my district, and this title win is yet another shining example of the high intellectual and physical caliber of the students attending this fine college.

The SUNY Cortland Men's Red Dragons had an outstanding season in 2008, winning the 32-team cross country championship with a final score of 80 points. This final tally pushed the Red Dragons a total of 25 impressive points beyond their nearest competitors and contributed to a top-four national ranking for the third straight year.

Four Red Dragons earned All-American honors by finishing in the top 35 of the 278-runner pool. Junior Seth DuBois of Altamont, NY, finished in 7th place; senior Shamus Nally of Burnt Hills, NY, finished 11th; senior Josh Henry of Truxton, NY, placed 15th; and junior Justin Wager of Guilderland, NY, finished 28th. Additionally, the remaining three runners on SUNY Cortland's Men's Cross Country Team all finished in the top 75. Junior Kyle O'Brien of Monroe, NY, placed 61st; sophomore Stephen Scrafford of Cooperstown, NY, placed 65th; and junior Jerry Greenlaw of Warwick, NY, finished 73rd.

Madam Speaker, I also wish to recognize first-year head coach Steve Patrick for his guidance, leadership, and commitment to the Red Dragons. Mr. Patrick was deservingly named the NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for his contributions to SUNY Cortland's sports program. I also wish to praise his assistant coaches, Kathryn Wagner and Jacob Smith, and thank them for their dedication.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the SUNY Cortland Red Dragons on their impressive achievements in 2008 and I wish them much luck and success in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF COLM F. CONNOLLY,
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR
THE STATE OF DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today and pay tribute to Colm F. Connolly, the United States Attorney for the State of Delaware. On September 4, 2001, after receiving a Presidential nomination and confirmation from the United States Senate, Colm assumed his position as the chief federal law enforcement officer in our state. It is not possible to quantify the many ways our communities have benefited from the work he did while in office, but I can say without doubt that Delaware is now a better, safer place because of his hard work and ceaseless dedication.

Though Colm is now departing the U.S. Attorney's office to join the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, he leaves behind an extraordinary legacy to which others can aspire. Dur-

ing his seven year tenure, Colm put systems in place to integrate federal and local law enforcement. Through fines and forfeitures, his office collected nearly \$600 million for the government. Furthermore, Colm successfully prosecuted numerous cases, including the trial and conviction of both Bruce Stewart and Thomas Capano. Remarkably enough, Colm was able to obtain a drug conviction of Stewart without police recovering drugs, and a murder conviction of Capano without police recovering a body.

Once again, I thank Colm F. Connolly for his selfless service to our community—his work has and will continue to touch the lives of many. Colm served the office to which he was appointed seven years ago with great distinction and honor, and the State of Delaware is greatly indebted to him. Due to his selfless efforts, Delawareans can rest assured that justice prevails and we are safer. Colm has set the bar high, and he will be missed by many. I wish him nothing but the best as he moves forward to pursue new opportunities and help others in need.

SPECIAL ORDER

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. My colleagues have provided a litany of great arguments against this decision, ranging from the legal (the court overstepped its bounds), to the scientific (fetal awareness and pain) to even their personal beliefs as guided by their religion. As such, let me bring a new perspective to this debate.

I have the unique distinction as being the only member on the Floor today to have lived their entire life within the dark shadow cast by the Court's decision on January 22, 1973. As such, I do not remember the fiery debates the demonstrations or the heartache which followed a day which saw a nine-person judicial body devoid of medical knowledge singularly arbitrate a question that has plagued men for ages, "when does life begin?"

What I do know is that this decision has artificially divided the country for far too long, creating a single issues litmus test for every politician, judge and doctor. And while it seems this country will remain divided on this issue, it is my sincere hope that we all agree that human life is a precious gift that cannot and should not be wasted.

Throughout my life, women have been able to obtain abortions only to realize after the fact the sadness that comes with any death.

I am left to wonder about potential achievements that America could have accomplished had so many of its precious and innocent of citizens been given a chance to reach their potential. The future doctors, scientists, actors, teachers, policemen, coaches and, yes, even politicians that America has missed because nine people decided the definition of human vitality. Creating an almost arbitrarily line—above which exists human life, below which equals a mass of tissue.

But perhaps more troubling than these lost opportunities is the thought process that abortion on demand has created. A 2004 study

found that women have cited “social reasons,” such as feeling unprepared for a child or considering themselves too immature to have a child, as the reason for an abortion in 93% of the cases. While I do not have personal experience, I know from talking to my sisters that they both felt woefully unprepared when they were pregnant. They both felt too young, worried if they would be a good parent and fretted about their children’s future. But they had a support structure provided by family, friends and their church standing beside them.

Now I certainly understand that unfortunately not everyone has access to the amazing support network that my sisters had, but that is not reason to allow abortion, that is rea-

son to provide more services to these women, services which can help provide these women the tools to make strong decisions, to see the light at the end of the tunnel and see that a child is a gift, not a burden.

I am reminded of this fact when I look into the face of my nieces and nephews, I cannot imagine thinking what my life would be like without my young nieces and nephews in it. The holidays we’ve experienced and the memories we shared are times I will forever cherish. I am indebted to the wisdom these children have shown me though their looks of happiness on their faces during birthday celebrations, Christmas mornings and family vacations. In fact, just recently, they have given me

another memory that I will always cherish. I was touched by their kindness and support when on the opening day of this Congress; they left me letters of congratulations and support on my desk.

It’s the little things they have done and the joys they have brought to my life have been unimaginable. I cannot imagine my life without the happiness they have brought. I shudder to think how different my life would be had my family chosen a natural feeling of worry and self-doubt over the gift of life.

I hope that my fellow Americans will choose life and remember the potential for every American. I yield back the balance of my time.

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 Tuesday, January 27, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's funding resolution, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, and rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, and the nominations of James Braidy Steinberg, of Texas, to

be Deputy Secretary, and Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans organizations' priorities for the 111th Congress.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine federal response to the housing and financial crisis.

SD-608

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine global climate change.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India terrorist attacks.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Eric H. Holder, Jr., to be Attorney General.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine impact of the economic crisis on the U.S. Postal Service.

SD-342

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's funding resolution, rules of procedure, and subcommittees for the 111th Congress.

SD-342

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the global economy, focusing on outlook, risks, and implications for policy.

SD-608

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine quality in health reform.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219