

level—he knows his subject matter and his audience inside-out.

Whole generations in Southeast Missouri have grown up with the informed voice of Mr. Shain in their ears. He has not only conveyed to us the news of the day, but he has also placed that news in context for his viewership. He has told us what is important as well as why. He has always had something important to say, which is a tough thing to do when most of your sentences end in a question mark. Still, Mr. Shain has been so successful and is so respected because his intellect is only surpassed by his understanding of the news media and its responsibilities to the public.

In service to the public, Mr. Shain has shaped minds and informed opinions among an electorate in Southern Missouri which is serious about its civic duty, patriotic obligations and the wellbeing of its neighbors. His name is synonymous with the news—with what is current and worth understanding. As much as the station that broadcasts him, Mike Shain is an institution.

Even though regular viewers of our evening news will no longer see Mr. Shain every day, his presence will continue to be seen and heard in the generations of newsmen and newswomen who have learned their craft from him. Mr. Shain's voice will be missed across the Heartland, but his legacy will endure. I'm proud to have known and worked with Mr. Shain, and I am glad to thank him on behalf of the entire Eighth Congressional District of the State of Missouri.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROSE FOWLER

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rose Fowler of the McSweeney Regional Senior Center who will be retiring after a decade of service to the seniors of eastern Connecticut.

Rose is a dedicated public servant who works tirelessly in the town of Coventry, Connecticut. She has been a familiar face in local politics, serving as chair of the town council and as the moderator on Election Day. Rose actively volunteers her time with a host of community organizations, including the town's historical society. She and her husband Joseph also own and operate the Country Store that is located on Main Street.

Rose is best known to the people of eastern Connecticut for her work at the McSweeney Regional Senior Center. For nearly thirty years, the center has provided services to the residents of ten area communities. They offer extensive preventive care programs, including a number of health screenings and support groups. There are also a variety of social programs which have helped to foster a family atmosphere among the participants. From exercise classes to arts and crafts and a variety of trips, the seniors at McSweeney Regional Senior Center have truly found a second home. These activities have fostered a true sense of companionship and enjoyment for all who participate and are indicative of the warmth and friendship that Rose brings to work each and every day.

Even though I want to congratulate Rose on her well deserved retirement, I admit that I am

saddened by this event. While the McSweeney Senior Center will continue its tradition of quality service and support for the region's seniors, it will be difficult to match the legacy that Rose has left behind. I know that I will miss our discussions and interactions when I visit with the seniors and that I will not be alone in this regard. I wish Rose the best as she begins the next journey in her life and remain confident that whatever she does, she will continue her legacy of service to the seniors and people of eastern Connecticut.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR: TET, YEAR OF THE BUFFALO

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2009, Year of the Buffalo. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers at St. Helena Catholic Church to celebrate, I join them in celebration of their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2009 also marks thirty-four years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2009: Year of the Buffalo. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

#### THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

### HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the recent 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

Citing the constitutional right to privacy, the decision recognized women's equal standing with men to make decisions about their own bodies, and constituted a landmark step forward in the ongoing fight for gender equality.

Roe has advanced both the health care and human rights of women throughout America. It stands for the simple premise that government should not, and cannot, tell a person what to do with his or her own body.

As a proud cosponsor of the Prevention First Act, I certainly recognize that the term "pro-choice" is not synonymous with "pro-abortion."

Instead, to me, the right to choose is the right of a woman to make her own decisions about her health and future, free of coercion, based on medically-accurate information, and with access to all reproductive health options.

Roe has provided us a legal foundation upon which to build a framework of reproductive health options for women. Our responsibility, as we celebrate the decision's anniversary, is to make sure we honor the tradition of that decision by assuring that women and families throughout this great country have access to family planning and reproductive health options so that never again do women have to retreat to alleyways and dark corners to receive proper medical care.

Madam Speaker, January 22, 1973 marks a landmark day in our nation's constitutional history—for women, for health, and for individual liberty.

#### DISAPPROVAL OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 22, 2009*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, Our nation's economy continues to be challenged by tight credit markets and the long-term unwinding of the housing bubble. In light of the serious economic situation, I am voting against H.J. Res. 3 which involves the second half of the funds for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) for three reasons:

The first reason is that the economy is in truly terrible shape. During 2008, the economy lost 2.6 million jobs, with more than 1 million jobs lost in the last two months alone. Economists now project that the unemployment rate might rise to over ten percent in the coming year. Congress needs to do what it can to respond to the situation. When Congress initially authorized the TARP funds in late September the crisis in the financial markets had not hit main street business across the country. Today as we consider releasing the second half of the TARP funds, the circumstances that compelled that response last fall are even more dire.

The second reason for my opposition to the resolution of disapproval is based upon a belief that the second half of TARP funds will be used more strategically and effectively. Simply put, appointees of the Bush administration that oversaw the flawed administration of the program are no longer in charge of its operation. We have a new President and economic team that will need all of the presently available tools and more to address our cratering economy. The Obama administration has committed to get credit flowing to families and businesses while launching a sweeping effort

to address the foreclosure crisis and establishing a full and accurate accounting of the uses of TARP funds.

The third reason is safeguards for taxpayer funds that were contained in the detailed conditions the House approved for the TARP funds when it overwhelmingly passed H.R. 384. It is very unfortunate that TARP was mishandled. This bill, TARP Reform and Accountability Act, turns around the discredited “no strings attached” way the prior administration invested the funds. In addition to the explicit protections to taxpayers that had been reasonably expected in the program’s administration to date, the bill requires Treasury to reach agreement with recipients of future TARP fund on exactly how the funds will be used and places limits on executive compensation and bonuses. The bill’s provisions expand the oversight of the program and direct specific dollars to address housing foreclosures. The written pledges of the Obama administration to operate TARP with firm conditions, greater oversight and transparent accountability abide with the conditions passed by the House.

For the above reasons and because we do not know yet where this downturn in the economy will reach bottom, I voted against the resolution to disavow the release of the second part of the TARP funds to be administered by a new Treasury Secretary committed to protecting the interest of American taxpayers while providing needed assistance to the financial markets.

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#### SYSTEMS HEALTHCARE APPROACH

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### HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in hope of raising the awareness of the House as to the significant health disparities facing medically underserved areas, particularly rural areas and those with large minority populations. Many parts of the country face shortages in health care providers and services. In the rural areas of my district in Eastern Oklahoma, we have a deep understanding of the significant health disparities facing populations in medically underserved areas.

As Congress moves forward with this initiative to stimulate our nation’s prosperity, I urge your consideration of the great need in underserved areas for coherent health care delivery systems, systems that integrate primary care, preventive care, specialty care, and acute care, and that are connected through a health care technology infrastructure. I would like to work with you, Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member, as this legislation proceeds to focus funding toward projects that take a comprehensive systemic approach in underserved communities.

#### RECOGNITION OF WEST VIRGINIA’S ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PAR- TICIPATION IN THE PRESI- DENTIAL INAUGURATION

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### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Virginia’s Army National Guard for their assistance at the Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama on Tuesday, the 20th of January 2009.

West Virginia provided nearly 500 men and women with the National Guard to usher in President Barack Obama. From crowd control to communication, West Virginia National Guard troops assisted local law enforcement in providing security and other services. In addition, the West Virginia National Guard sent helicopters, airplanes, mobile satellite-communications trailers, medical gear, and a mobile kitchen. Our brave men and women witnessed history and gave their all to help at this historic occasion.

Our heroic men and women in uniform are never far from my thoughts. They are our Nation’s consistent example of valor and courage. In West Virginia, they earned a Special Category “First Place” award in the Army Communities of Excellence, ACOE, competition in May 2008 for their strong strategic planning process, communication, and customer-driven focus. Their excellence reflects the hard work and dedication of the men and women not only of the West Virginia Army National Guard, but also of every family member and friend who stands behind them. It is important to remember that our brave soldiers have given so much and have expected so little in return. I am proud to take this moment to recognize the excellence of the West Virginia Army National Guard for all they do to keep us safe from harm.

Our Armed Forces have paid the debt for the freedom we enjoy today, and I will continue, as I have in the past, to do everything I can to honor their sacrifices and service. Our soldiers and their families remain foremost in the thoughts and minds of southern West Virginians, and I will continue to devote my all to those who wear or have worn America’s uniform.

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#### HONORING SPECIALIST TIMOTHY R. LONG

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### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Specialist Timothy R. Long for his service in Iraq. In 1996, when Tim was eleven years old, I sat with him in his middle school classroom and prepared Valentine’s Day cards for U.S. troops serving in Bosnia. Thirteen years later, as this Valentine’s Day approaches, Tim is stationed in Iraq serving in the National Guard. On behalf of New Jersey’s First Congressional District and the entire Nation, I would like to thank Tim for his service and dedication.

#### HONORING REAR ADMIRAL DOUGLAS TEESON

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### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson who is retiring from his position as the president and chief executive officer of the Mystic Seaport. Admiral Teeson has dedicated his life to public service and I am honored to stand here today to offer these remarks.

Admiral Teeson is certainly no stranger to the people of southeastern Connecticut, where he has lived with his wife Phyllis for many years. He graduated with honors from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1965 and began his long and distinguished career as a Coast Guard officer. While in the Coast Guard he served in a variety of commands, including a term as head of the major training center located in Yorktown, Virginia. His career came full circle when he returned to the Coast Guard Academy to serve as the 36th superintendent, where he remained until his retirement in 2001.

In 2001, Admiral Teeson assumed his role as President and CEO of the Mystic Seaport, America’s premier maritime history museum. Under Teeson’s leadership, the Seaport flourished, adding new collections and undertaking historic renovations. During his tenure at the Mystic Seaport, Admiral Teeson oversaw the opening of the Carlton Marine Science Center and the completion of the new 500 ton ship lift facility among other important improvements that revitalized this unique American treasure.

Admiral Teeson has also been an integral part of the fabric of southeastern Connecticut. Admiral Teeson has served on the Board of Directors for The New London Day newspaper and as a commissioner for the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. Admiral Teeson is also a recipient of the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce’s William Crawford Distinguished Service Award, given annually to an individual who has exemplified the spirit of community service and contributed to improving the quality of life for all of southeastern Connecticut. Never has there been a more deserving recipient of this prestigious honor.

Admiral Teeson’s retirement marks the end of an era at the Mystic Seaport. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Admiral Teeson on his exceptional career and to wish him well in his retirement.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 2009*

Mr. Luetkemeyer. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes that I missed on Monday, January 26, 2009, as a result of an ice storm delaying my flight from Missouri to Washington, DC.

On Monday, January 26, 2009, I missed rollcall votes 30 and 31. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on both rollcall votes 30 and rollcall vote 31.