

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING VERN MOSS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vern Moss upon his being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Moss was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Vern Moss was born on September 2, 1939 in Yuba City, California. He spent much of his childhood on his uncle's dairy farm in Madera, California. After school, on the weekends and during the summers, Mr. Moss worked in the fields picking cotton, cutting grapes and bucking bales. He attended Pershing School, was a member of the first graduating class at Jefferson Junior High School and attended Madera High School. At age seventeen he left home to live with his aunt and uncle in San Jose; he graduated from San Jose High School in 1958. Upon graduation he moved to Visalia, attended College of the Sequoias, and worked at the Visalia Times-Delta.

In 1963 Mr. Moss received word that he would be drafted, so he immediately joined the U.S. Air Force. He went to Lackland Air Force Base for basic training, followed by technical school at Greenville Air Force Base, Mississippi. His next assignment was Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. While in Idaho, he attended college courses in the evening. After meeting the necessary requirements, Mr. Moss attended Park College and earned his Bachelor's of Arts degree. Upon returning to Mountain Home, he applied for Officer Training School and was accepted. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on February 6, 1967 and directed to report to the 666 Radar Squadron, Mid Valley, California. He served as Administrative Officer, with numerous duties including Chief and Battle Staff Security Control. He was soon sent to Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado for further training.

In October 1968, Mr. Moss was sworn into the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, California; he and his family were quickly transferred to Germany. Upon arriving at HQ TASCOM in Germany, he was made Deputy Commander, 5th Replacement Detachment and Deputy Chief, Personnel Management Branch. Soon after arriving, he was promoted to Unit Commander and Chief PMB. In January 1970, he moved his family back to the states before leaving for Vietnam. He first arrived in Cam Ranh Bay then was told to report to Saigon where he was assigned as the MACV J-6, Executive Officer. During this tour, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with three stars, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Signal Corp devise (a foreign award).

Upon returning to the United States Mr. Moss attended six months of school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He served as the Division Postal Officer and then was promoted

to Chief, Personnel Management Division in the Division's Adjunct Generals Office at the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. An opportunity arose for him to take command of a unit, and he took it; the 4th Infantry Division's Headquarters Company Administrative Command, a unit with over nine hundred service members assigned to it. It was a short lived assignment; he was then reassigned to Germany.

Shortly after arriving, he took command of one of the worst units in Germany. With the Inspector General due to arrive within one week, he assisted the unit as much as he could, but they failed all but two areas during the inspection. After the inspection he was determined to clean up his unit. He sent soldiers to Leavenworth Military Disciplinary Barrack and gave sixty-three expeditious discharges. Six months after taking control of the unit, a Commanding General and the Command Sergeant Major visited the unit; they passed the inspection with all areas satisfactory and with four commendable areas. From there, Mr. Moss became a Major and was selected to Command and General Staff College. He was given the opportunity to start a new unit at Wiesbaden to support the deploying Brigade 75.

In 1976, Mr. Moss attended the ten month program at Command and General Staff College; he graduated in June 1977. His next position was to advise the New York National Guard and United States Army Reserve throughout New York State. After three years, he was nominated and selected to serve in the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. His final position in the Army was at Fort Irwin where he was assigned to the Army's National Training Center and served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Community Activities and finally as the Installation Adjunct General.

Mr. Moss retired from the military on October 1, 1983. Afterward, he and his family moved to Idaho; he obtained a position as a Bank Manager in Los Gatos, California. He moved up through different banks and finally ended in Chowchilla, California in 1985. He has been part of the Chowchilla community since; including serving on the City Council, County Supervisor, President of the Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce, President of Chowchilla Rotary and President of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Commission. Mr. Moss is also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896, member of the American Legion and Trinity Pregnancy Resource Center Board (President).

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Vern Moss upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Moss many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT TED WADE, AN AMERICAN HERO

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the valor and determination of Army Sergeant Ted Wade and his wife Sarah.

An American hero, Ted served his country in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne in 2002, and later deployed to Iraq with his unit in July of 2003. On February 14, 2004, the Humvee Ted was riding in hit an improvised explosive device (IED), throwing Ted from the vehicle, severing his right arm, and causing significant traumatic brain injury.

Ted, unconscious and in a coma, was evacuated to the Landstuhl Regional Army Medical Center in Germany and later transferred to a civilian hospital in Germany that specialized in the care he needed. On March 2, 2004, Ted and Sarah came back to the states for recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

I first met Ted and Sarah while visiting with our wounded soldiers recovering at Walter Reed. Years later I sat with them at the 2007 Capitol Memorial Day Concert, where I learned of Ted's ongoing recovery and Sarah's fight to ensure that he receives the best possible treatment and care.

You see, military and VA doctors said that because of Ted's injuries, he would have little chance of ever walking and talking again. He was shuffled back and forth between doctors at VA facilities in North Carolina and doctors at Walter Reed. Sarah fought through the bureaucratic red tape and forced the VA to allow Ted to see one of the nation's premier traumatic brain injury specialists.

Sarah never gave up on Ted's recovery, and Ted was determined to prove his doctors wrong. Ted has achieved incredible results through his ongoing rehabilitation. He's beaten the odds for recovery, and he's proven that through persistence and perseverance individuals can overcome insurmountable odds in confronting their injuries.

Today, Ted and Sarah continue to press lawmakers and military leaders for better health care for our wounded warriors and for additional funds for the research and treatment of traumatic brain injury (TBI). Through their work, Congress has appropriated over \$1.2 billion in just the past two years for TBI programs. Sarah also works closely with the Defense Center of Excellence for Psychological Health-Traumatic Brain Injury to ensure that other wounded service members with Ted's injuries have access to the utmost care.

Madam Speaker, Ted and Sarah Wade are an inspiration to us all. Their courage, commitment, and extraordinary story have shown us the spirit that exemplifies our military families.

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RECOGNIZING 188TH ANNIVERSARY
OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

SPEECH OF

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 273 and to honor the people of Greece on the 188th anniversary of their independence. This occasion is truly a celebration of the shared traditions and values of American and Greek democracy.

Over a million Americans, including the family of my husband Paul, claim Greek heritage. This vibrant community contributes to the fabric of our nation and further reinforces the bond between the United States and Greece.

I had the opportunity to visit Greece just last year as part of a Congressional Delegation to the region and saw firsthand the progress Greece has made in bringing prosperity to its people.

Greece has also stepped forward on the international stage to assist others in the pursuit of freedom and democracy. Through their active engagement in international peacekeeping efforts, the Greek people have shown their leadership on the world stage as well as their commitment to the democratic ideals we share.

Our common values have built an unbreakable bond between our two nations. This bond stretches back to the founding of our country and the establishment of the modern Greek state.

It is only fitting that the House of Representatives celebrate the 188th anniversary of Greek independence; express support for the principles of democratic governance to which the people of Greece are committed; and honor the contributions of Greece to the global community throughout its 188 years as an independent nation.

As an original cosponsor of this important resolution, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 273 to honor the 188th anniversary of Greek independence and to recognize the essential role that Greek culture has played in the development of democracy around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MILWAUKEE
AREA LABOR COUNCIL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Milwaukee Area Labor Council. The Milwaukee Area Labor Council is the largest central labor council in Wisconsin. On April 1, 2009, the Milwaukee Area Labor Council will celebrate its 50th anniversary as it continues to work for the betterment of the workers in their three county jurisdiction.

The MALC is not only comprised of AFL-CIO member unions but includes dues paying unions in federations such as Change to Win. Further, MALC has strived to include other unions outside these federations as active supporters, encouraging the membership of

federal unions. The MALC works closely with community, retiree, and religious groups in collaboration with such AFL-CIO initiatives as Working America.

The primary mission of the MALC is to support and energize their AFL-CIO affiliated unions in their efforts to organize. Organizing is one of the most important duties they perform and is the engine through which they build strength through membership. However, organizing is not the only function of the MALC. They are politically active in federal, state, city and county initiatives to promote both strong communities and social justice. They research, monitor, meet and support candidates that support working families. The MALC informs and mobilizes their members and strives to support candidates and elected officials who truly help working families. Finally, the MALC publishes the Milwaukee Labor Press, providing important news and motivating labor perspectives to working families.

MALC participates in issues that are important to our community such as working cooperatively with the United Way. The MALC is deeply involved in the annual campaign contributing both strategies and legwork to elevate workplace giving and volunteerism. Union councils and their locals also provide direct help through treasury gifts, volunteer efforts and special charitable support.

MALC also initiates charitable campaigns like the Spring Health and Hygiene Drive. The drive has been so successful in providing health and hygiene products for Milwaukee's homeless shelters that the shelters could reallocate funds for this purpose to other clients needs.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to say the Milwaukee Area Labor Council provides a critical service to the people in the 4th Congressional District. The MALC takes a leading role in charities, legislative work, and social action. The breadth of their membership recognizes the importance of solidarity for all workers and is reflected by the diversity and reach of MALC.

CONGRATULATING THE MID-OHIO
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) on its 40th anniversary. MORPC has been vital in assisting local governments of Central Ohio to address challenges and opportunities associated with growth and development in the region.

Solving important issues such as transportation, economic development, and energy conservation are vital to our country's success in the 21st century. Central Ohio is grateful to have a long lasting partnership with an organization that tackles these issues and works to solve problems.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission partners with over 40 local governments who represent all sectors of central Ohio. Each of these organizations in conjunction with MORPC seeks to improve the quality of life in central Ohio.

Just one of the many examples where MORPC has supported local governments is its work with the state's Clean Ohio Fund. MORPC is assisting the state in restoring and connecting Ohio's natural and urban places by preserving green space farmland, cleaning up brown fields, and improving recreational trails. We have already seen the effects of the Clean Ohio Fund with redevelopment and job creation in central Ohio.

I want to thank MORPC for working with the 44 local partners to ensure prosperity and growth for their communities. I would like to congratulate the leadership of MORPC including Executive Director Chester Jourdan, Chair Dean Ringle, Vice Chair Derrick Clay and Secretary Marilyn Brown.

I acknowledge this historic day with our friends at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and celebrate our continued support for their mission. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAIRY
AND SHEEP H-2A VISA ENHANCEMENT
ACT (H.R. 1660)

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, on March 23, 2009, the Gentleman from New York, Mr. ARCURI, the Gentleman from California, Mr. NUNES, the Gentleman from Utah, Mr. BISHOP, and I introduced legislation, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act (H.R. 1660). This measure would allow dairy farmers to access the H-2A visa program and codify longstanding regulatory practices used by sheepherders and thus provide certainty to these two industries, which collectively accounted for over \$141 billion in economic activity in 2007.

In New York's 23rd District, which I have the privilege of representing, dairy is an integral component of the economy, with approximately 2,000 dairy farms with some 190,000 milk cows dispersed across the 11 counties that comprise the region. Dairy farmers have long overcome natural disasters and wide farm price fluctuations, such as the current nearly 50 percent decline in the price of milk from just one year ago. However, these difficulties are exacerbated by current labor shortages, which cause farms to either remain static in size, shrink, or make a decision to end a way of life and go out of business. Whether in New York or California, with a herd large or small, dairies need sufficiently trained and skilled labor.

Dairy work is demanding and must be done around the clock, 365 days a year. During the past decade, dairy farms throughout the nation have increasingly experienced difficulty in hiring local workers to meet their needs and, as a result, are ever more reliant upon immigrant labor. The tremendous uncertainty regarding that labor supply has a profound impact on their ability to plan for the future and make sound business decisions.

Under the H-2A program, employers may hire foreign workers to perform full-time, temporary or seasonal agricultural work. However, the H-2A program does not work effectively for dairy because the program requires both

the worker and the job to be seasonal and temporary. Thus, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act would allow dairy farmers to legally hire foreign workers through the program for an initial period of three years with additional terms of three years thereafter without requiring intervening periods of absence.

The bill would also allow sheep ranchers to hire foreign workers through the program on the same terms and codify those existing regulatory practices benefitting American sheep ranchers that have proven to be extremely successful. For more than 60 years, the American sheep industry has been able to utilize the H-2A program to employ foreign sheepherders.

This legislation is currently supported by the following entities: Agri-Mark, Inc.; American AgCredit; American Sheep Industry Association; California Wool Growers Association; CoBank; Colorado Wool Growers Association; Dairy Farmers of America; DairyLea Cooperative Inc.; Farm Credit Services Southwest; Farm Credit of Western New York; Farm Credit West; Federal Land Bank Association of Kingsburg; First Pioneer Farm Credit; Idaho ACA; Idaho Wool Growers Association; Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers; Montana Wool Growers Association; National Milk Producers Federation; Nevada Wool Growers Association; New York Farm Bureau; Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperatives; Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship; Northwest Farm Credit Services; Oregon Sheep Growers Association; St. Albans Cooperative Creamery; South East Farmers Association; United Dairymen of Arizona; Upstate-Niagara Cooperative; Utah Wool Growers Association; Washington State Sheep Producers; Western Range Association; Western United Dairymen; Wyoming Wool Growers Association; Yankee Farm Credit; and Yosemite Farm Credit.

As I have previously stated, American dairy farmers and sheep ranchers deserve and need access to a stable source of legal workers. Accordingly, Congress should enact the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act without undue delay.

TRIBUTE TO RICK KAPLAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the Committee on the Judiciary, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Rick Kaplan, who just recently left the House to take a position with the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Kaplan served in the Office of the General Counsel for 14 months as an Assistant Counsel. We will miss him.

Mr. Kaplan provided invaluable legal advice and representation to our Committee, particularly in connection with a landmark lawsuit that resulted in a decision recognizing the judicial enforceability of congressional subpoenas to executive branch officials. I and my staff relied on his expertise and guidance both in connection with the many tactical and strategic decisions we were required to make in the course of this important case, and in drafting the legal briefs that were filed in court setting forth the Committee's positions.

Mr. Kaplan played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives. He served the House with great distinction, and we know he will serve the Federal Communications Commission with that same level of distinction. On behalf of the Committee on the Judiciary, we thank him for his service to the House and extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL H. DAVIS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Mr. Michael H. Davis, a man I was honored to work with for many years serving the people of Baltimore County. A brilliant strategist, respected advisor, trusted friend and esteemed attorney, Mike's intellect and passion made a strong impression on everyone he met.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mike always strived to better himself and the world around him. His mother, a homemaker, and father, a Baltimore police officer, instilled in him a great sense of civic duty and a conviction to never forget about the little guy.

Mike was someone who believed in the power of education and discipline. Until his graduation in 1978, he attended The Gilman School on Roland Avenue on scholarship. It was there he met Nick Schloeder, a tough coach and brilliant teacher, who spurred his passion and early interest in the political process. Mike went on to attend Harvard University, a true testament to his academic discipline, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science in 1982. From there, he returned to Baltimore to attend the University of Maryland Law School, while simultaneously working on Mayor William Donald Schaefer's reelection campaign.

Mike soon began his career as a lawyer with Smith, Sommerville & Case, and then with Venable LLP. His extraordinary work ethic and knack for problem solving soon earned him the position of Partner at Venable. Though he was leading a successful law career, Mike never strayed far from local politics. He worked on three of Senator Paul Sarbanes' successful campaigns in 1988, 1994 and 2000.

Shortly after my election to the office of Baltimore County Executive in 1994, Mike became my Executive Officer. Mike was instrumental in countless accomplishments for Baltimore County and was a gifted advisor. One award Baltimore County was especially proud to receive was Governing Magazine's selection of Baltimore County as one of the Top Four Best Managed Counties out of 3,000 counties nationally. He was also responsible for helping Baltimore County secure three Triple A Bond ratings during my term. A strong proponent of education, he was responsible for developing a volunteer program partnering county employees with elementary schools, and the School Resource Officers program. Mike's priorities and values were obvious in his work ethic and his accomplishments. After leaving my office, Mike went back to work for Venable, but remained active in politics, advising and sharing his wisdom.

Michael Davis achieved much in his short life but his greatest pride was his family. His wife, Ann, of 24 years was the love of his life and an incredible source of strength. His son, Robert, and daughters, Jessica and Blair, are a tribute to the values he cherished, and the type of father he was. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life of Michael H. Davis. His legacy as a brilliant political advisor will be matched only by the memory of his devotion to his friends and family. Even though Mike has passed from this life, the memory of his friendship will remain eternally in the minds and hearts of those he knew and the lives he touched.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105.

1. Project—Lynchburg Police Department Police Equipment Replacement and Modernization

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Lynchburg

Address of Requesting Entity: 155 South Main Street, Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

Description of Project: Funding will go toward the replacement of outdated police cruisers and will support the inclusion of necessary, modern equipment that will support law enforcement in this community.

2. Project—Employment Training for Reentering Offenders—Turning Point Applied Learning Center

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division B
Account: OJP-Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc., 110 Homestead Ave., Hillsboro, OH 45133

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward the workforce retraining of ex-offenders in rural Ohio who lack a GED and are seeking basic employment skills and documented work history.

3. Project—Holes Creek, West Carrollton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
Account: Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Conservancy District

Address of Requesting Entity: 38 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the construction of a levee and floodwall to protect 13 commercial and industrial properties north of the creek, and purchase three flood prone properties south of the creek and remove the structures, completing this flood protection project.

4. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, City of Hillsboro, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hillsboro, Ohio,
 Address of Requesting Entity: 130 N. High St., Hillsboro, Ohio 44133

Description of Project: The funds requested would be used by Hillsboro, Ohio, located in rural Highland County for the construction of needed improvements to their wastewater treatment plant and the installation of additional equalization basins. Funds will also be used to upgrade aging water infrastructure for the treatment of waste.

5. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, City of Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: CityWide Development Corporation
 Address of Requesting Entity: 8 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: These funds, authorized by the 2007 WRDA, will provide additional water, sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure to the Tech Town Campus in Dayton, OH. This property is a former brownfield being remediated for future use.

6. Project—Ohio Environmental Infrastructure, OH, Fairview Commons, Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Construction
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: CityWide Development Corporation
 Address of Requesting Entity: 8 N. Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Description of Project: These funds will provide water and sewer infrastructure to neighborhood revitalization efforts underway in low-income neighborhoods in Northwest Dayton.

7. Project—Miamisburg Mound, OU-1 (OH)

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division C
 Account: Defense Environmental Cleanup go.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Miamisburg, Ohio
 Address of Requesting Entity: 10 N. First Street, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward the final cleanup of a non-designated toxic waste landfill, the cleanup of which will allow for the full redevelopment of this former Department of Energy Nuclear Weapons Site.

8. Project—Dietary Intervention, Ohio

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Division A
 Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ohio State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Dr. William Ravlin 1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, OH

Description of Request: The funding would be used to continue ongoing clinical trials to evaluate new treatments for the prevention of colorectal cancer in conjunction with the cancer research centers within Ohio State University.

9. Project—Children's Medical Center of Dayton, Dayton, OH for facilities and equipment for the Pediatric Trauma Unit and Emergency Center

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Children's Medical Center of Dayton
 Address of Requesting Entity: One Children's Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45404

Description of Project: Funds for this project will go toward Children's Medical Center's renovation of their Pediatric Trauma and Emergency Center.

10. Project—Clinton Memorial Hospital Regional Health System for Facilities and Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clinton Memorial Hospital/dba CMH Regional Health System/Clinton Memorial Hospital
 Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 600, 610 W. Main Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177
 Description of Project: Funds will be used to stabilize an historic structure on hospital grounds, and to renovate this facility for viable hospital use.

11. Project—Premier Health Campus, Franklin, OH, For Facilities and Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Premier Health Campus—Middletown
 Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Medical Center Drive, Franklin, Ohio 45005

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the expansion of the health and health education facilities at Atrium Medical Center in Southwest Ohio.

12. Project—Montgomery County, Dayton, OH for training services for displaced automotive and manufacturing workers

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds for this program will provide for the training and development of displaced automotive and manufacturing workers to fill jobs in the advanced manufacturing, tooling and machine sectors.

13. Project—Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc., Dayton, OH for exhibit upgrades and purchase of equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Museums & Libraries
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Aviation Trail, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 633, Dayton, Ohio 45409

Description of Project: Funds will be used to complete interactive and visual exhibits at the museum, which is a regional asset celebrating the Wright Brothers and the history of aviation.

14. Project—Dayton Society of Natural History, Dayton, OH for Exhibits and Purchase of Equipment

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division F
 Account: Museums and Libraries

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Dayton Society of Natural History

Address of Requesting Entity: 2600 DeWeese Parkway, Dayton, Ohio 45414

Description of Project: Funds will provide new interactive space science exhibits, and for new museum equipment at the Boonshoft Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

15. Project—Greater Dayton RTA Bus Replacement, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Bus and Bus Facilities
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority
 Address of Requesting Entity: 4 South Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Project: Funds will go toward the replacement of 78 diesel buses between the years of 2008 and 2012.

16. Project—I-75 at South Dixie Drive/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Interstate Maintenance, Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Carrollton, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 E. Central Ave, West Carrollton, Ohio 45449

Description of Project: Funds will go toward constructing the four missing movements at exit 47 on I-75.

17. Project—Great Miami Boulevard Extension, Dayton, OH

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Surface Transportation Priorities
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, 10th Floor, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds will go toward rebuilding Great Miami Boulevard from Riverside Drive to Shaw Avenue and extending Great Miami Boulevard from Shaw Avenue to Forest Avenue.

18. Project—For Acquisition and Demolition of Blighted, Vacant Properties and Buildings in Order to Revitalize the Area

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Economic Development Initiatives
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County, Ohio

Address of Requesting Entity: 451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422

Description of Project: Funds for the Brown Warren Redevelopment Project will go toward acquisition and demolition of blighted, vacant properties and buildings in Dayton, OH in order to revitalize this neighborhood.

19. Project—For Build-out of Approximately 3 Historic Buildings to Make them Tenant Ready for Business Occupancy

Requesting Member: MICHAEL R. TURNER
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Division I
 Account: Economic Development Initiatives
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Wright Dunbar, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1105 W. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402

Description of Project: Funds will provide build out of approximately three historic buildings (25,000 square feet) in the Wright-Dunbar historic neighborhood in Dayton, OH, to make them tenant ready for business occupancy.

20. Project—Ohio Hub Cleveland—Columbus Rail Corridor, OH

H.R. 1105 incorrectly named me as a requestor of the "Ohio Hub Cleveland—Columbus Rail Corridor, OH" project in the Research and Development Account of the Federal Rail Administration. I did not request this project.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANICE
KAMINIS PLATT IN HONOR OF
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month, I rise today to honor Janice Kaminis Platt, a devoted advocate for our natural environment, high ethical standards, and education in the Tampa Bay area. Ms. Platt's life is an example of true integrity in public service.

Ms. Platt was born in St. Petersburg, Florida and is a 1958 graduate of Florida State University where she was the Vice-President of the student body, President of the Student Council and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and Hall of Fame. Later in life, from 2004–2006, Ms. Platt returned to her roots, serving as the Chair of the Tampa Bay Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association.

Ms. Platt's love of Tampa Bay's natural environment formed her strong advocacy for growth management and environmental protections. She was never afraid to say "no" to special interests who sought unwise or untimely permission to promote development or environmental harm.

Ms. Platt was elected to serve on the Tampa City Council from 1974–1978 and then elected to serve as a commissioner on the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners from 1978–1994 and from 1996–2004. She also served as chair of the commission several times during her tenure.

Ms. Platt was named as a member of the American Library Association's "Freedom to Read Honor Roll" and received the "Best Friend of the Year" award from the Friends of the Library of Hillsborough County, Inc. in 1999. In honor of her committed work with libraries and education, the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library was dedicated to her on December 11, 2000. Hillsborough Head Start is viewed as a model among other institutions nationwide because of Jan Platt's guiding hand over many years.

Her extensive list of awards and achievements is remarkable. She has received more than fifty, demonstrating how much time and energy she devotes to truly making a difference. Her awards include: the Florida State University Distinguished Alumna for the College of Social Sciences Award, The University of Tampa Ethics Award, the Mortar Board Distinguished Lifetime Member Award, and the Don Hansen Conservationist of the Year Award.

In her lifetime as a public servant Ms. Platt has been a member of more than 40 community Boards and has served as chair of more than 20 of these organizations. Ms. Platt was also a distinguished member of the Constitutional Revision Commission.

Madam Speaker, Jan Platt is an incredible woman who has dedicated her life to improv-

ing reading education in Tampa. I was proud to call her a colleague. She served as one of my most important role models of what a public servant should be. I join many others to applaud her lifelong contribution to the Tampa Bay community.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE NATION DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 10, 2009

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, the week of May 4 through May 10, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). PSRW is a week set aside to commemorate the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice made by our Nation's Federal, State and local government employees. As Chairman of the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee, I am proud to introduce this resolution honoring public service and public servants.

PSRW offers an opportunity for all Americans to both recognize and learn about the significant contributions public sector employees make on a daily basis to our local communities, states, and country. Whether fighting crime, educating future generations, or serving on the front line to protect our nation, public servants touch every aspect of our lives.

While Public Service Week lasts only seven days, I believe that the contributions and sacrifices of public servants ought to be recognized and appreciated throughout the entire year. By honoring public servants we show younger generations the importance of public service and inspire them to consider entering the field, whether on the federal, State, or local level of government.

We, as a nation, have a responsibility to honor the commitment of government employees and to recognize that our country runs on their diligence and hard work. The commemoration of Public Service Recognition Week stands as a reminder to every citizen that the sacrifices and contributions made by American public employees is what makes our country a more perfect union and our government one that is truly of the people, for the people and by the people.

CONGRATULATING THE MADISON COUNTY, OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Madison County Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. The Chamber of Commerce has

been extremely important in building and growing hundreds of businesses in Madison County. At this significant moment in time, with much volatility and uncertainty in our economy, it is important to recognize the role that local chambers of commerce play.

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to serve the businesses and entrepreneurs in the local community. The Chamber plays an integral role in bringing new ideas and jobs to the area while sustaining small businesses and working on their behalf. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They have continued to employ American workers through some of the toughest times in history. These businesses stay true to their employees and do everything they can to positively impact their local community.

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce is working hard to ensure jobs stay at home in Central Ohio. Just last week the Chamber of Commerce announced nearly 15,000 jobs are available in Madison County. These competitive jobs require high levels of training; with my support and the support of the Chamber of Commerce, we are committed to providing the proper resources to equip our workforce with the tools they need to prosper in the 21st Century work environment.

Madam Speaker, I wish that our work here in Washington did not cause me to miss tonight's gathering. As the Madison County Chamber of Commerce begins its anniversary celebration, I am reminded of the importance of Main St. in our national economy and dedicate my efforts to continuing a partnership that benefits central Ohio.

I want to thank all of the businesses that contribute so much to Madison County and Central Ohio. I want to specifically acknowledge the Chamber's current leadership: Executive Director Sean Hughes, President of the Board of Directors Tim Suter, 1st Vice President Brenda Adams, 2nd Vice President Joan Denes, 3rd Vice President Pamela Peterman and Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Hankins-Miller. May the next 50 years be prosperous and successful. I ask that my colleagues join me to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone with my friends at the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELLIE RICKER TO THE SCOTTSDALE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellie Ricker for the many significant contributions she has made to the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association. She has spent the last 30 years of her life working with Scottsdale's sister cities of Alamos, Mexico; Cairns, Australia; Kingston, Canada; and Interlaken, Switzerland.

Ellie, who is now retiring, was recently honored by Scottsdale Sister Cities for her three decades of loyal, dedicated work for the association and the people who benefit from their labor. She has served as secretary and representative to Cairns and chair of the Alamos and Kingston home-stay committees. Her passionate activism has ranged from organizing

trips to welcoming exchange students into her home.

Last fall, Ellie, along with volunteers from Scottsdale, helped mobilize relief efforts when Alamos, Mexico was struck by a devastating hurricane. She helped provide clothing, food, and relief funds to the residents of Alamos in their mission to rebuild their town.

Ellie and her husband John have had the privilege of traveling all over the world in support of Sister Cities' programs, forming long-standing relationships along their way. Her incredible commitment has raised the bar for all of our citizens and has already inspired many to follow in her path.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ellie Ricker's 30 years of work and dedication to Scottsdale Sister Cities and the peoples' lives she has touched.

IN HONOR OF WOODROW WILSON
HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATING ITS
80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodrow Wilson High School which will celebrate its eightieth anniversary on April 25, 2009.

Since its founding, Woodrow has always been a special part of Dallas. This historic high school was designed by famed Dallas architect Mark Lemmon. To honor its namesake, the school's cornerstone included a piece of wedding cake from Jesse Wilson Sayre, President Woodrow Wilson's daughter. Over the course of its history, Woodrow has educated thousands of bright individuals, nurturing their talent while providing them with a wonderful learning environment as well as many fond memories. In 2006 and 2008, Woodrow made it to Newsweek's list of America's Top Public High Schools.

It is also the only public high school in the United States proudly hailed as the alma maters of two Heisman Trophy winners: Davey O'Brien and Tim Brown. Other notable alumni include legendary real estate developer Trammell Crow, Congressman SAM JOHNSON, Congressman Jim Collins, Texas Attorney General Jim Maddox, Chief Justice Tom Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court, civic leader Ruth Sharp Altshuler, and seven Dallas area mayors. As Woodrow celebrates eighty years, I know it will continue to be a beacon of academic excellence in Dallas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our heartiest congratulations to the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Woodrow Wilson High School.

HONORING RON LAWSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Lawson upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr.

Lawson was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Lawson was born in Los Angeles and attended high school in Bell, California. At seventeen he enlisted in the United States Army. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, California and was on his way to Korea. Once in Korea, he joined the First Cavalry for thirteen months, serving with a heavy weapons infantry unit with duties along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). He was then transferred to Germany where he served for five years with the First ARB 46th Infantry and with the 24th Infantry Division. He had duty in Berlin along the wall at Checkpoint Charlie. Upon his return to the U.S. he was assigned as a weapons instructor at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

He was at Fort Polk for a short amount of time before returning to Korea for a second tour. He served in the 7th Cavalry with the 2nd Infantry Division. When he returned to the U.S., he was selected as an instructor at the Drill Sergeant Academy at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After completion of the academy, he served as a drill sergeant for new recruits, readying them for advanced training and deployment to Vietnam. In 1970, Mr. Lawson was deployed to Southeast Asia and joined the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He was assigned to Team 25 and Mobile Advisory Team 97; Team 25 worked with South Vietnamese Regional Forces in the Central Highlands of II Corps. He provided expert advice to the regional soldiers in tactics while accompanying them on operations against Viet Cong and NVA forces in heavy jungle canopy and rugged mountain terrain. His units also worked with and fought alongside native Montagnard tribesmen. Mr. Lawson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions while serving with Team 25 and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry for action with Mobile Team 97.

After completing twelve months in Vietnam, Mr. Lawson returned to Fort Ord and reassigned duties as a drill sergeant. He was reassigned to Germany and joined the 1st Armored Division as Operations Sergeant. He returned to Fort Ord to serve as a first sergeant for the 7th Light Infantry Division until he retired.

During Mr. Lawson's time in the Army he completed many training courses including German Language School, the 24th division NCO Academy, Instructor Preparation Course, Pre-commissioning Course at Fort Benning, Officer Leadership at Fort Ord, Infantry Armor NCO Advanced Course at Fort Benning, the NCO Republic of Vietnam Orientation Course and Drill Sergeant Academy. For his service he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with a Gold Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, the Army Occupation award, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Berlin and Korea), Korean Defense Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. Lawson received six letters of commendation and was honored as Fort Ord Drill Sergeant of the Year.

After Mr. Lawson retired he and his family moved to Chowchilla, California and he was employed as a maintenance supervisor. He is a member of the Young Men's Institute, Saint Columba Church and has served as a member of the City of Chowchilla Planning Com-

mission for twenty-one years. He is a life member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896 and member of the American Legion Post 148. He is also the Past Commander of Post 9896 and has held the position of Post Quartermaster for several years. Mr. Lawson currently resides in Chowchilla with his wife Mathilda, they have two children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ron Lawson upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Lawson many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, during rollcall 161 on the amendment offered by Representative GOODLATTE to H.R. 1404, the Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act, I recorded a "yes" vote. This was in error; I intended to vote "no."

This amendment would create a new contract authority for the Secretary of the Agriculture to enter into contracts with states regarding projects on National Forest System lands. I, and many of my colleagues, were concerned that these new contracts might not be subject to Davis-Bacon protections or other relevant federal laws that provide wage protections for workers.

I have been a strong and consistent supporter of Davis-Bacon and of ensuring that America's workers are paid a fair wage. Recently, I voted "no" on an amendment to H.R. 1262, the Water Quality Investment Act, that would have removed all Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions from the bill.

I regret the error and am pleased that the Goodlatte amendment did not pass.

TRIBUTE TO RON SILVER

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Ron Silver and mourn his untimely passing.

Ron Silver's talent and passion as an artist was evident on the screen, television and the stage. He received numerous awards and accolades from his peers for his memorable performances and his ability to entertain audiences. He cared about his craft and was beloved by the people who had the good fortune to work with him.

It's rare that an individual can successfully navigate through the personalities and politics of both Hollywood and Washington, but Ron Silver was able to master both and gain the respect of all he touched along the way. Ron's good nature and principled patriotism led him to be accepted and trusted by Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike. He was able to accomplish this because no matter

what side of the issues you were on, Ron did not question one's patriotism—he believed that all Americans were united by a common bond and love of country—even if they stood on opposite sides of an issue. That fact in and of itself says a lot about the man.

In Washington, Ron Silver understood the importance of taking the time to study the issues he championed and to Ron that included taking into account all points of view. As a fierce independent, he knew that criticism could come from all sides. Ron knew that it was important not only to understand the policy and politics but also to respect the process and nuances of Washington that too many overlook and, as a result, find themselves facing a more difficult and challenging path to achieve their goals.

Ron Silver's abilities were illustrated in his work as a founder of the Creative Coalition, a collection of artists and entertainers from across the political spectrum who work to educate people about issues ranging from arts funding to First Amendment Rights to fighting poverty. Ron earned immense respect for his tireless work with the Coalition. It wasn't Ron Silver's nature to simply write a column or cut a check—although he was able to do both—he simply had too much energy and too much of an interest in making the lives of others better to limit his advocacy. That was the Ron Silver way—always striving to make a difference and contribute to building a stronger and more secure America.

Ron Silver leaves behind a grateful nation and a loving family. Our nation would be enriched if more of us exercised the same sense of country, level of thoughtfulness and aptly placed priorities as Ron Silver. At the top of such order was his family, who graciously shared their devoted husband and father with the rest of us. Our condolences are with each of you. Please find solace in the memories of the time and special moments you shared and the knowledge that your loved one was the embodiment of all that Thomas Jefferson valued in his countrymen—a citizen who never shied from his responsibilities to make his country a better place. He will be sorely missed.

Thank you Ron Silver.
May God bless you and grant you peace.

THE WORLD'S WORST
PERSECUTORS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, the right to worship according to the dictates of your conscience is among the most precious freedoms.

Tragically this basic freedom has not been realized for millions around the globe. On January 16, the State Department designated the annual "Countries of Particular Concern." This notorious distinction is given to countries deemed particularly severe violators of religious freedom. This year the list included Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Uzbekistan.

Oftentimes the most powerful testimony of the repressive nature of these governments is found in the accounts of their own people.

Take the words of a 23-year-old Burmese monk: "We did not expect that the junta would

crush down a peaceful demonstration but when they raided the monasteries, shot and arrested the monks. I was so surprised and unbelievable that I could not express how my feelings were. All my beliefs were also destroyed."

Or the reflections of a Chinese house church leader: "First, when they arrest you, they try to convince you to give up your faith. And when you surrender to them they will offer you an office in a position such as community member or a position in the Three Self church. If you do not deny your faith and surrender to them, then they will attack you. First they put you into a small place, isolate you, and they let you starve to convince you."

Or these insights from North Korea: "North Korea is a prison without bars. The reason why the North Korean system still exists is because of the strict surveillance system. When we provide the information like 'this family believes in a religion from their grandfather's generation,' the National Security Agency will arrest each family member. That is why entire families are scared of one another. Everyone is supposed to be watching one another like this . . ."

With the 1998 passage of the International Religious Freedom Act, legislation which I authored, the promotion of religious freedom became official U.S. foreign policy. Sadly, 10 years later, the fight for this "first freedom" has never been more necessary. We must commit ourselves anew to standing with persecuted people of faith around the world who against all odds, in the face of fear, intimidation, imprisonment, torture and worse gather secretly to worship as their conscience demands.

CONGRATULATING DR. JIM
JACOBS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend, Dr. Jim Jacobs, as he is inaugurated as the Fifth President of Macomb Community College. Jim has the creative intelligence, passion, in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing Michigan, and collaborative energy to lead this fine institution through these next vital years of economic transformation for our State's businesses, workers and communities.

Jim Jacobs has more than 40 years of experience at Macomb Community College. He began teaching economics in 1967 and continued teaching both economics and political science for sixteen years before leading efforts to establish both the Tech Prep and Machinist Training institutes.

Jim Jacobs has a vast array of expertise in the areas of occupational change and technology, suburban economic development, occupational education, retraining of displaced workers and needs assessment of occupational programs. He has played a significant role in these areas at the national, state and local level, both conducting and publishing research and developing programs.

Jim Jacobs is the past president of the National Council for Workforce Education, a national post-secondary organization of occupa-

tional education and workforce development specialists. He served on the team that assisted the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth in the development of Reshaping Michigan's Workforce: An Action Plan of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. He was also part of the research staff and a report writer for Lt. Governor John Cherry's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth.

At the local level, Jim Jacobs is viewed by many as the authoritative voice on the economic climate in Macomb County. Each January for the past 23 years, Jim Jacobs has presented his economic forecast for Macomb County to an often sell-out crowd of business, government and civic leaders. He has also served on a number of community boards, including Peoples State Bank, Macomb Inter-Faith Action Center, United Way and St. John Hospital, and is a member of the board of directors of the Community College Research Center, New York.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jim Jacobs on numerous projects over the years. Including, school-to-work efforts, the redevelopment of the Tank Plant property (the local committee was co-chaired by Jim), worker retraining, and the impact of trade and monetary policies. On a whole range of issues, Jim is always available with wise and thoughtful insights and the economic statistics to make his case.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Jim Jacobs as he assumes this important position. With his immense skills and masterful understanding of the local area he and the community college will play a key role in continuing efforts to revolutionize the work force in Macomb County to prosper in this new economy.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENTS AT
ANOKA HIGH SCHOOL, MN

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students at Anoka High School. These students are taking their talents to the next level and joining with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help fellow students that are afflicted by this lifelong disease.

Using the Tony Award-winning musical, Aida, as well as their reputation as one of Minnesota's best high school musical theater programs, students at Anoka High School are learning more than choreography and stage cues. They'll be raising money and awareness for juvenile diabetes. Through the "Kids Showing They Care" program, teens are able to be involved in a larger cause that affects their community and have the opportunity to use their talents and skills to help others. They can also see the growing impact of their seemingly small efforts and understand the importance of a collective effort in a successful production.

I rise today to honor the students at Anoka High School who have taken on an ambitious endeavor today, producing a school musical, that will have a lifelong impact on themselves and others. I commend them for their desire to help others in need and their very mature sense of community.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the Congressional Record regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

(1.) Denton Regional Public Safety Training Facility, Denton, TX—\$500,000—Byrne Discretionary/COPS Technology—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The purpose of this project is to provide the new Denton Public Safety Training Facility with equipment and technology. The requested funding will help equip the facility, including fire simulation equipment, computerized firearm targeting systems, classroom-based virtual reality simulation equipment and administrative/classroom multimedia equipment. The total project cost is \$19,260,000—\$4,452,000 federal and \$14,808,000 City of Denton. The City of Denton has paid \$2.03 million for the 88-acre site of the facility, \$205,000 on the master plan for the facility and the City Council has approved \$12,600,000 to construct the facility.

City of Denton is located at 215 East McKinney, Denton, TX 76201

(2.) Central City, Trinity River Water District—\$6 million—MRT Construction—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently sponsoring a flood control project in the Central City area of Fort Worth, TX. The aging levee system in the Central City area is no longer adequate to provide protection to an 800 acre area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth. The infrastructure required for the flood control project is a 1.5 mile bypass channel (used to divert waters during a flood event) and related roads and bridges to span the channel. By providing flood control via a bypass channel, the aging industrial area adjacent to downtown can be revitalized into a vibrant waterfront community. The USACE recommended course of action, as set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, combines solutions to flood control, transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment in an integrated, comprehensive plan with multiple partners (state, local and federal) collaborating on implementation and funding.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(3.) Upper Trinity River Basin, (USACE)—\$382,000—Investigations—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The FY 2009 request would be used to complete the Big Fossil Creek Watershed Interim Feasibility Study and Regional Resource Inventory and initiate two new interim feasibility studies on the Irving Northwest Levee and Elm Fork of the Trinity River by developing existing conditions for ecologic, engineering, real estate, cultural, and hydrologic and hydraulic modeling.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(4.) Grapevine Lake, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$2.692 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

Grapevine Lake is located in Denton and Tarrant Counties, at river mile 11.7 on Denton Creek, Trinity River Basin, near the city of Grapevine. The funds in this project request would be used for scheduled operations and maintenance, including Murrell Park and Rockledge modernization, habitat restoration, repair erosion in downstream outlet channel and removal of vegetation.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(5.) Lewisville Dam, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$3.81 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This project request and Congressional add is for infrastructure repairs. Non-routine maintenance includes repair and expand seepage collector system and repair gates, frames and liners. This project would also fund scheduled operations and maintenance activities.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(6.) Ray Roberts Lake, USACE, Fort Worth District—\$1.35 million—O&M—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

Ray Roberts is located in Denton, Cook and Grayson Counties, near the city of Denton, Texas. The project consists of an earth fill dam, a 100 foot uncontrolled spillway, and a 13 foot diameter gated conduit through the dam with two sluice gates. The proposed use of this funding would be for schedule operations and maintenance activities including repair service on gate, frames, and liners, repair and expand seepage collector system and maintenance of shoreline erosion control.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(7.) Center for Advanced Science and Computer Assisted Modeling (CASCAM), University of North Texas—\$700,304—Science—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

CASCAM uses computing and modeling to conduct and predict advanced scientific laboratory outcomes at reduced cost (chemicals, time) and increased safety (reduces need to expose workers to toxic chemicals, radioactive materials). Scientific computing allows determination of the probability of whether or not two chemicals will explode, become a viable pharmaceutical, the next new nanomaterial, or tomorrow's new alternate fuel source.

University of North Texas, located at 1500 Chestnut Street, Denton, TX 76203

(8.) Lewisville Lake, Frisco, Texas, USACE, Fort Worth District—Section 1135—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

FY 2009 funds would be used to execute the Project Cooperation Agreement and fully fund project design and implementation. The recommended plan consists of the reforestation of approximately 57 acres providing linkage among existing riparian and bottomland hardwood habitat and the construction of a series of wetland cells comprising a total of approximately 39 acres. The total project cost would be shared between the Federal Government and the city of Frisco.

Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, located at 819 Taylor Street Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(9.) Alliance Airport Runway Extension—\$1.75 million—Airport Improvement Program—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Runway Extension Project at Alliance Airport in Denton County will lengthen the runway to 11,000 feet and will allow for greater utilization of the airfield and provide greater capacity as a reliever for DFW International Airport. It will also allow for the cargo carriers to safely maximize their loads and not have to compromise fuel, cargo or both. The increased growth of the airfield will provide many jobs and economic activity. The runway extension project has local, regional and national significance and impacts the infrastructure around the airport. In addition to the runway extension the project will open up the west side of the airport for more airside development and improve access to the Alliance Intermodal facility, which has already proven economic growth benefits to the entire North Texas area. With the advantages of a longer runway at Alliance the nation benefits from this premier intermodal industrial facility that can serve the world. Total Estimated Project Cost (2007 dollars) \$216,161,603. Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, primarily from FAA, AIP discretionary grants. City of Fort Worth matching funds have come from land credits valued at over \$15 million. Other funding has been obtained for FM 156, specifically, a \$6.5 million priority project in the 2005 Transportation Authorization (TEA-LU) bill and \$5.1 in the 2006 Tarrant County Bond Fund. Alliance Airport, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76177-4300

(10.) City of Denton, Denton Municipal Airport Improvements—\$570,000—Airport Improvement Program—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Denton Municipal Airport plays an important role in the regional economy, serving as a general aviation hub for North Texas. The City of Denton and the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation, have made substantial capital improvements in the Denton Airport in the past five years and as a result considerable private development is being realized at this field. The City is requesting discretionary funding for security enhancements at the Denton Airport. These improvements include security fencing and controlled access points to increase airport security and wildlife control. This project is recognized in the current Airport Master Plan. FAA personnel have identified the lack of security fencing as a weakness that needs to be addressed. The installation of the security fencing will further facilitate the current growth trend on the facility as more and more corporate aircraft operators will only utilize secured facilities. The total project cost is \$1.1 million; the City of Denton will provide a local match of \$110,000.

City of Denton is located at 215 East McKinney, Denton, TX 76201

(11.) Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)—\$475,000—Buses and Bus Facilities—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The DCTA is a county transportation authority, and their mission is to provide safe, customer-focused, and efficient mobility solutions for Denton County, which is a rapidly growing metropolitan area of North Texas. The funds will be used to purchase 16 low-emission replacement buses, as well as to purchase transit system security and resource protection technology and operations and maintenance facility equipment. All of these improvements are needed to enhance DCTA's bus transit service to meet current and future demands. This project is vitally important to meeting their

goals to improve mobility and air quality, reduce congestion and enhance the safety, security, reliability and cost-effectiveness of public transportation in Denton County. The finance plan is to match all federal dollars with DCTA local funds on an 80–20 basis and to complete all purchases in FY 2009.

Denton County Transportation Authority is located at 1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250, Lewisville, TX 75067

(12.) Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fleet Replacement and Expansions—\$1.425 million—Buses and Bus Facilities—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (“The T”) is seeking federal funding to purchase 20 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) coaches to replace the oldest vehicles in The T’s fleet. Approximately 20,000 passengers travel on The T’s bus system each weekday and they ride a fleet of vehicles that accumulate over 1 million revenue miles per year. Wear and tear on each bus is substantial which leads to the need for timely replacement to avoid service interruptions and increasing maintenance and repair costs. This bus replacement purchase is consistent with The T’s plan for fleet upgrades. The buses purchased will be wheel chair accessible and fueled with clean-burning CNG. The buses will also be installed with cameras for improved passenger and driver security.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is located at 1600 E Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76102

(13.) City of Fort Worth, Interstate 35 Improvement Act—\$1.8 million—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This funding will provide for the design and environmental work of the initial phase of the improvement of this section of I–35W to provide congestion and air quality relief. I–35 impacts the transportation needs, both personal and commercial, of the entire central United States. The improvement and expansion of I–35W from downtown Fort Worth to its intersection with I–35E in Denton will serve to significantly enhance private and commercial access to the important central city renewal work of the Trinity River Vision project.

The City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

(14.) Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, TX—\$142,000—Economic Development Initiatives—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This request is the second phase of the Rosedale Plan which calls for renovation and reconstruction of the historic Dillow House, long a part of Texas Wesleyan life through its history as classrooms, housing, offices, and an alumni center. The University will use this facility as the permanent house for its Business Incubation Center sponsored and supported by its School of Business, and also as a meeting place for alumni and community. Additional funding will be used for student housing to be built along Rosedale, which will provide much needed housing for students and their families. Funding will also be used to create green spaces that will provide parks for the community and the University. The University will create attractive fencing to help define the neighborhood borders and will provide security for this designated area through its on-campus security force.

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ROSEDALE AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE 2009–2010

PROJECT BUDGET

A. Historic Dillow House Renovation	
Asbestos abatement	\$75,000
Renovation and code compliance	800,000
Technology and access/parking	125,000
	1,000,000
B. Additional Student Housing—Family Housing (20 units)	
Architecture, fees, permits	150,000
Construction	2,400,000
Amenities and site work	350,000
	\$2,900,000
C. Park Creation, Fencing, Outdoor Meeting Spaces	
Construction	300,000
	4,200,000

Complete Project 4,200,000
Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105

(15.) Stop Six Community Go Center, Fort Worth ISD and Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce—\$95,000—Elementary and Secondary Education (FIE)—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The Stop Six Community Go Center provides a safe environment in which students can explore higher education and career options, financial aid resources, apply for scholarships and receive counseling services to assist in facilitating a seamless transition from high school to college. This funding will help the Go Center hire another academic advisor and a security guard.

Total project costs equate to \$134,600. That will be monetary or in-kind contributions.

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD)	5,000
University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC)	18,000
Department of Defense, (donated computers)	5,000
AB Christian Learning Center, Cash on hand	5,000
	38,000

AB Christian Learning Center, (Stop Six Community Go Center) is located at 5009 Brentwood Stair Rd., Suite #101, Fort Worth, TX 76112; mailing address: P.O. Box 54456, Hurst, TX 76054

(16.) City of Fort Worth, Early Childhood Development Program—\$285,000—Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

The City of Fort Worth, Texas seeks \$900,000 to support key projects that will significantly advance the Early Childhood Matters Initiative. Early Childhood Matters, a community initiative led by the City that impacts the entire region, will help coordinate resources and programs to benefit children up to 5 years of age. Training and materials from Early Childhood Resource Centers will be used by parents and child care providers. The funds will be used to continue two existing early childhood resource centers and start up two new locations in facilities in high-need neighborhoods.

Each neighborhood resource center provides training, support, educational materials and leadership development for parents, children, and child care staff. Together, the 4 resource centers will reach 500 parents, 280 child care staff, and 1,200 children under five years old. Each \$1 expended for early childhood training will result in savings of \$7 per child due to children not being retained a year at school, taking special education classes, or dropping out of school. A multi-goal Community Action Plan for Early Childhood was approved by City Council in October 2004 and has been endorsed by more than 30 community partners, including the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD). Initially, a Health and Human Services Early Learning Opportunities Act grant for \$687,000 along with the additional sum of \$125,000 in local matching funds and in-kind contributions enabled this program to establish base of operation. Upon receipt of the funding, 1,100 neighborhood families and 80 child care center employees would participate within the first 12 months.

The City of Fort Worth is located at 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, TX 76102

(17.) Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Initiative—\$247,000—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services—Congressman MICHAEL C. BURGESS

This project will support TWU’s new doctorate program of nurse anesthesia practice—the second doctoral program of its kind in the United States, and the only program to be offered 100 percent online—originating from the main campus of Texas Wesleyan University. The objective is to develop a distance learning program that will provide extended education to full-time employed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are located in rural or metropolitan areas of the United States. This project provides education via new technologies, including distance learning methodologies, and addresses the Health People 2010 goal set by HHS to eliminate health disparities. The total project cost is \$1.86 million; \$1.5 federal/\$360,000 private.

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HONORING NIS NISSEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nis Nissen upon being named as a “Distinguished Life Member” by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Nissen was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Nissen was born in Santa Monica, California in October 1948. He graduated from Mira Costa High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1968. He completed Navy boot camp in San Diego. After a brief training period, he was designated as an engineer and was sent to join thousands of American service members fighting the North Vietnamese. He was assigned to the USS *Tutuila*, a 442-foot length, Luzon Internal Combustion

Engine Repair Shop. The USS *Tutuila* functioned as a repair ship for the hundreds of small armed craft, or swift boats, used by the U.S. Navy and their South Vietnamese counterparts in patrolling the numerous inland and coastal waterways. Mr. Nissen and his fellow sailors worked around the clock to keep the swift boats functioning. They were often responsible for towing boats out of hostile areas and transporting wounded sailors to safety.

During his service on the USS *Tutuila*, Mr. Nissen became interested in the work of the medical staff and became a "striker" for a rating as a dental technician. He served fifteen months in Vietnam and upon his return to the U.S. he completed training for a dental technician. After dental school he was assigned to the medical facility at the Naval Air Station at Lemoore, California. He was later transferred to Naval Air Station at Kodiak Island, Alaska. He completed his active duty service in 1972.

Upon discharge, Mr. Nissen served as a civilian employee at the U.S. Air Force radar tracking station on Kodiak Island where they tracked Soviet aircraft and missiles. He received an honorable discharge as a Dental Technician third class. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three stars and the Vietnam Campaign with Device. Today, Mr. Nissen is the owner-broker of Old West Realty in Chowchilla. He has served as a charter member of the City of Chowchilla Historical Preservation Commission, is a life member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 9896 and is a member of the Masons.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Nis Nissen upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Nissen many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING SUNY CORTLAND
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland Men's Cross Country Team, which won its first ever national title on November 22, 2008. During the NCAA Division III Championships at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, the Cortland Red Dragons beat 31 competitors with a score of 80 points. The team solidly outpaced the second and third place finishers who scored 115 and 129 points, respectively, and improved on their previous finishes of fourth in 2006 and third in 2007 to win this year's title.

Four of the team's runners earned All-America honors by finishing in the top 35 competitors over the 8,000-meter course. Junior Seth DuBois of Altamont, New York finished seventh; senior Shamus Nally of Burnt Hills, New York, 11th; senior Josh Henry of Truxton, New York, 15th; and junior Justin Wager of Guilderland, New York, 28th.

The team was led by first year head coach Steve Patrick of Batavia, New York and assistant coaches Kathryn Wagner and Jacob Smith. Coach Patrick was named the 2008 Division III Men's Cross Country National Coach

of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Overall, the win marks SUNY Cortland's 22nd national team title, including 16 NCAA crowns in seven different sports.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such skilled and hard-working athletes in my district. Please join me in congratulating the team and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly pursuits.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month.

As March comes to a close, I would like to commemorate Women's History Month on the House Floor by highlighting the accomplishments of the many courageous women who, throughout history, have worked to improve the lives of all of the citizens of our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize those women whose hard work and dedication have directly impacted the state of Florida, and to commend them for their accomplishments. I would also like to recognize the Florida Women's Hall of Fame, whose mission it is to highlight and preserve the legacies of such women.

A native Floridian, Representative Carrie Meek paved the way for both women and African Americans in Florida by serving in the state House from 1979 to 1982. She was then elected as the first African-American woman in the State Senate, and in 1992 she went on to become the first black woman elected to Congress from Florida.

A champion of gender and racial equality throughout her career, Representative Meek sponsored legislation that created the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, which is tasked with identifying and studying issues that affect women. The Commission also maintains and facilitates the permanent Florida Women's Hall of Fame display, in the State Capitol.

Madam Speaker, another Florida-born trailblazer is former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Ms. Reno has achieved many firsts, and done much for women in her storied career.

She was named staff director of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives in 1971, and is credited with helping to reform the Florida court system during her time there. In 1978, she was appointed as the first female Dade County State Attorney, a position to which she was elected six consecutive times. During her tenure as State Attorney, she developed programs for drug courts and domestic violence.

Following her time serving the State of Florida and as a result of her leadership in the area of criminal justice, Janet Reno was appointed the first female Attorney General of the United States in 1993—a position she held until 2001.

Madam Speaker, another pioneering woman with Florida roots is Ms. Zora Neal Hurston.

In the 1930s anthropologist, folklorist, and writer Zora Neale Hurston collected informa-

tion on Florida folk life while working for the WPA's Federal Writers Project. As a result of her extensive anthropological research, her writings have become invaluable sources on African American life during the Harlem Renaissance. In all, Hurston wrote four novels and more than 50 published short stories, plays, and essays, and she is best known for her 1937 novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Madam Speaker, I would also like to recognize Dr. Gladys Pumariega Soler. Dr. Soler was born in Cuba in 1930 and earned a medical degree from Havana University in 1955. In 1961, Dr. Soler moved to the United States and devoted her career to caring for indigent children in Jacksonville, Florida. Because of her role as director of the Pediatric Clinic at the University Medical Center from 1964 to 1992, for over 25 years Dr. Soler was widely known as "the Pediatrician."

These women have dedicated their lives to improving the status of women, and have encouraged people of all genders, races, and ages to reach higher and dream bigger.

As a son, husband, and father, it is a great honor and privilege for me to stand before you and recognize just a few of the many great women throughout history that have contributed their lives to better the lives not only of their peers, but of future generations, as well.

It is important that we continue to honor such women, not just during Women's History Month, but throughout the year, because they have done so much to improve the lives of women and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS F.
McCORMICK

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, I wish to note the passing of Thomas F. McCormick, of Niskayuna, New York. Mr. McCormick died March 19, 2009, at age 80. From 1973 until 1977, he served as America's Public Printer, the head of the Government Printing Office (GPO).

Before his appointment as Public Printer by President Nixon, and following active and reserve duty in the Navy, Tom McCormick had a successful career at the General Electric Company. He joined GE's financial management program, and in 1967 he became president and general manager of The Maqua Company, a 420-person printing subsidiary of GE. Thereafter he headed strategic planning for GE's power generation business group in New York City. He took office as Public Printer in March 1973, at that time becoming the youngest person ever appointed to the post.

Tom McCormick served as Public Printer under Presidents Nixon and Ford and he held that position until succeeded by President Carter's appointee. During his term he automated GPO's business systems, expanded management training, and established program performance measures for GPO's operations. He continued GPO's program of replacing hot metal typesetting with electronic photocomposition technology and advocated standardizing print products to achieve savings. He promoted individualized service provision for customer agencies and giving them

more leeway to handle small job orders. He also called for relocating GPO to a new facility at a site in northeast Washington, D.C.

For the library and Government information communities, Tom McCormick supported the fledgling Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association, and oversaw automating the Monthly Catalog of Government Publications and related measures that helped the lay the groundwork for future electronic dissemination measures. He worked closely with the printing industry and its various organizations and associations nationwide. His service was recognized by numerous industry service awards and distinctions, including an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from Lehigh University in my own state of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, although Tom McCormick led the GPO long before I came to Congress, I am told that he was an energetic and articulate spokesman for the value of GPO and was an outspoken supporter of the men and women who work there. I commend Tom McCormick's record of service to the Nation and offer the condolences of the Joint Committee on Printing to Beverly, his wife of 55 years, and to their children and their families.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD S. UDOFF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Richard S. Udoff, the Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland 2009 Veteran of the Year. His years of service and dedication to our Nation and its Veterans are both admirable and inspiring to all.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1950, soon after the breakout of the Korean War. Upon completion of basic training, he spent 26 weeks training at the Aircraft and Engine School. After graduation he reported to Germany as a member of the 41st Troop Carrier Squadron of the 317th Troop Carrier Wing as a Flight Engineer on a C-119 Flying Box Car. As a result of his military service Richard received the following awards and decorations; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Air Crew Wings and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Richard and his twin sister were born in Medford, Massachusetts, along with another brother and sister. He followed his family to Baltimore in 1948, and graduated from Forest Park High School in 1950 where he played baseball, hockey, basketball and ran track. When the Korean War started Richard decided to enlist and serve his Country. Richard returned home in August 1954 receiving an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Staff Sergeant and soon started civilian life working in the insurance business until 1967.

Later in life, Richard began his service organization career with dual membership in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He entered VFW Post 521 in Owings Mills, Maryland where his leadership skills were recognized and he was elected as Post Commander. He excelled with an All State Post Commander his first year and re-

ceived numerous first and second place awards for VFW programs.

Richard then became District 7 Commander, a position he held for three years. Because of his leadership skills, he was the Captain of the District Commanders All State Commanders Team for two years. Among other accomplishments, Richard was instrumental in setting up a group of VFW members who met men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as they entered and departed from BWI Airport.

In his next role, Richard was the Chief of Staff for VFW State Commander Ron Dickens. He was responsible for heading a committee that provided catered lunches and dinners for the wounded veterans, their families and hospital staff at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Walter Reed Army Hospital and the Malone House. He was appointed a member of the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee and eventually became its Chairman. Richard was the VFW State Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected as the VFW State Commander 2007-08 and became an All-American State Commander. He was elected as the Vice Chairman of the JVC and ran a very successful Veteran of the Year Banquet for George Creighton. Richard was elected as the Chairman of the JVC for the 2007-08 term. He received "The Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion" presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains. This past October, he was recently honored and inducted into the "Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. of Baltimore County". He is a life member of the VFW, the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, AMVETS, DAV, and a member of the Military Order of the Cooties. Richard has been Captain of the National VFW Honor Guard for the past four years.

Richard and his wife of 52 years, Shirley, reside in Owings Mills, Maryland. They have two children and four grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to recognize Richard S. Udoff for his dedication and loyalty as a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, and as an advocate and a leader in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. DANIELS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to John W. Daniels, a graduate of Harvard Law School and a practicing attorney for over 35 years. Mr. Daniels is the Chairman of Quarles & Brady LLP, located in the 4th Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Mr. Daniels has extensive experience in serving national, regional, local and governmental owners and investors in real estate. He has significant involvement and experience in complex real estate redevelopment, including representing the largest property owner in connection with the redevelopment of both the Bradley Sports Center and the Midwest Airlines Center. He serves as national real estate counsel for Philip Morris Capital Corporation and has represented a number of major corporations on their real estate developments, including General Electric Capital Corporation, Xerox Corporation and Kraft Foods. Finally, he

has worked on major public/private ventures with higher education, including serving as a lead advisor to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in connection with a redevelopment of a several hundred thousand square foot project.

Mr. Daniels is very involved in the community and serves on the Board of Directors for the following corporations or agencies; Aurora Health Care, M&I Bank, Zilber Corporation, and the Greater Milwaukee Committee Foundation. The most recent honor to be conferred upon Daniels was his induction into the National Black Lawyers Student's Association Hall of Fame on March 21, 2009. In the following publications, Mr. Daniels was recognized one of the 100 Managing Partners You Need to Know by "Lawdragon" and one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America by the "National Law Journal." Additionally, in 2008, Mr. Daniels received the National Bar Association's Leadership Award and he and his wife, Irma, were honored with the St. Francis Children's Center's Humanitarian Award.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Mr. John W. Daniels on his well deserved recognition. I am pleased that he continues to lend his expertise and knowledge to the people of my district and the greater Milwaukee area. I salute him for his numerous achievements.

HONORING PHIL LYBARGER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Phil Lybarger upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Lybarger was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Lybarger was born in Merced and raised in Chowchilla, California; he graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1960. He worked in manufacturing in the San Jose area before enlisting in the United States Army. After completion of basic training at Fort Ord, he reported for training at the Medical Training Specialist School at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He was then sent for airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He made five jumps from a C-19 to earn the silver wings of a paratrooper. After airborne training, he received orders to join the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Mr. Lybarger reported to the Oakland Navy Terminal and boarded the USS *Billy Mitchell* and headed for Okinawa. Once the ship arrived in Okinawa he participated in numerous field exercises including off-island exercises to Formosa (now Taiwan) and training sessions with Nationalist Chinese troops. He attended jungle warfare/Assault training and participated in an exercise assaulting the East China Sea island of Irimote.

Upon completion of his tour to Southeast Asia, Mr. Lybarger was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At about the same time, the Dominican Republic was in the beginning of civil war. Former President Lyndon Johnson ordered the U.S. military to restore order, and Mr. Lybarger was deployed along with 42,000 Marines and soldiers to the Dominican Republic. He was deployed with the

first wave of troops and remained on the island for as a platoon medic for seven months.

Mr. Lybarger returned to the U.S. and was discharged as a Private First Class. During his service he was designated as an expert marksman with the M-1, M-14 and M-16 rifles. He was awarded Army parachutists wings and made twenty-two jumps including three night jumps. For his service, he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

After life in the military, Mr. Lybarger attended Fresno City College, De Anze College, San Joaquin Valley College and the University of Maryland (Extension) on the G.I. Bill and was employed in manufacturing management. He is a member of the First Church of Religious Science of the Mind and volunteers as an Ombudsman for the State of California Department of Aging. He is a Life Member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign War Post 9896, Past Junior Vice Commander of the 11th Veterans of Foreign War District and Past Commander of Post 9896. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne Association and the 173rd Airborne Society. Mr. Lybarger and his wife Virginia continue to live in Chowchilla; they have three children and nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Phil Lybarger upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Lybarger many years of continued success.

EXTENDING DED

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I want to applaud President Obama for extending DED until March 31, 2010, enabling many Liberian families to remain together in the United States for 12 months beyond the original March 31, 2009 expiration of DED. However, I urge the Administration to create a permanent path to citizenship for Liberians who have called the United States home for over a decade.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was established in 1991 to allow Liberians fleeing political turmoil to stay in the United States without fear of deportation. Since arriving in the United States in the early 1990s, Liberians under TPS have built lives in this country; they have established careers, paid taxes, and bought property. TPS ended in 2007 and President Bush deferred the enforced departure of Liberians who were originally granted TPS. TPS is meant to provide a temporary safe haven in times of political turmoil or natural disaster. It was not contemplated that the political turmoil in Liberia would persist for so many years, but it did.

Since coming to this country, many Liberians have married and had American-born children. Many have attained United States citizenship themselves. However, according to The New York Times, many of the approximately 3,600 Liberians residing lawfully under DED have applied for legal citizenship, including one of my constituents, Janvier Richards, but the process has been delayed for well

over ten years for her and many others. If DED expires before Ms. Richards and other Liberians under DED are granted citizenship, their only legal option is to return to Liberia, which many no longer consider home.

Tremendous strides have been made by Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and I commend her leadership. Unfortunately, Liberia still has many political and economic challenges to overcome. Liberia has an unemployment rate of about 85 percent and, if Liberians under DED are forced to return to Liberia before economic and political stability are fully established, they may be unable to support themselves and their families.

Again, I applaud President Obama for extending DED for Liberians until 2010, averting the separation of families and the splintering of communities that surely would have occurred had departure been enforced on March 31, 2009. I am hopeful that we will be able to reverse the policies of earlier Administrations and forge a permanent path to citizenship for Liberians under DED.

HILANDER WRESTLERS SET STATE TITLE WINNING STREAK

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw my colleagues' attention to a remarkable and historic athletic feat achieved by the Burns High School Hilanders wrestling teams of Harney County, Oregon.

On February 28, the Hilanders captured their eighth consecutive 3A state wrestling championship. The streak is unprecedented in the state and mark the first time in any sport, at any level, such an accomplishment has been achieved. These eight teams, their coaches, and their families are testament to the commitment to hard work that is pervasive throughout eastern Oregon.

The streak began way back in 2002. Since then, the Hilanders have captured 22 individual state titles, and some have won multiple championships, including Talon Hofman (2001 to 2004), Ben Cate (2003 to 2005), Abe Jacobs (2003 and 2004), and Joe Drinkwater (2008 and 2009).

In 2007, the Hilanders set a new team scoring record for all classifications when they scored 269.5 points at the state championship.

All athletic programs that enjoy longevity of success do so only with the guidance of good leaders. Bill Winn, Mark Hofman, Jeff Kloetzer, and Ray Cate have been tremendous coaches throughout the eight-year run.

Green Bay Packers coaching legend Vince Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

No doubt, the young men of the Hilanders wrestling program sacrificed more than others in exchange for their committed pursuit of such lofty goals. These wrestlers have spent untold hours running laps around the gymnasium, doing "up-downs" until they thought their lungs couldn't take anymore, challenging each other in thousands of take-down drills, and critiquing each other's "first move off the bottom."

They spent thousands of miles sitting on busses headed for the next contest. They watched their weight but made sure they were physically strong when the time came. They practiced, and practiced, and practiced again until the moves became automatic. Their many titles are proof of their devotion and sacrifice.

But titles aside, the lessons they learned about what it takes to be the very best are the keepsakes that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. The hardware they've earned for their success is, as they say, the icing on the cake.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hilanders wrestling program and the Harney County community for their remarkable achievement. Their unprecedented streak is a reminder to us all of the value of dedication, perseverance, and good old fashioned hard work.

HONORING A RETIRED SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a longstanding civil servant in the Social Security Administration (SSA). Mr. Gregory Alan Elkins was a Title XVI SSI Office Supervisor with the SSA. He worked for the SSA for over 35 years.

Mr. Elkins was hired as a Claims Representative in Lima, Ohio, in October of 1973 and continued to work there until February of 1979. Keeping the same title, he then moved to the Tampa District office. He stayed in the Tampa office until it moved its location to Plant City, where he stayed until September of 1991.

He moved within the agency to become a Field Representative at the Lakeland office and stayed there until June of 1999. He then earned a promotion to the position of Public Affairs Specialist, the first to take that title in the state of Florida. He stayed in that position until November of 2007 when he took his current position as a Title XVI SSI Office Supervisor. Mr. Elkins is due to retire from this position in March of this year.

On a personal note, Mr. Elkins has a long history of working with the staff in my district office. His knowledge of SSA rules and regulations has been an incomparable boon in helping constituents in my district with their claims. He has spoken at many Medicare Seminars that our office has held to advise our seniors with regards to Social Security, retirement, disability, survivors' benefits, and more. I wish to congratulate Mr. Elkins for a long, successful career and I wish him well in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION ACT

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the "Residential Carbon Monoxide

Poisoning Prevention Act” in the House of Representatives. Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. Nearly all carbon monoxide poisonings can be prevented by simply placing a carbon monoxide detector in one’s home. Carbon monoxide poisoning kills 500 people each year in the U.S. and hospitalizes an additional 20,000 people, according to the Cen-

ters for Disease Control. Poisonings occur from several sources, including leaky furnaces that aren’t properly serviced, water heaters, stoves, and portable generators that are used inside or in an area with poor ventilation. Carbon monoxide poisonings occur everywhere across the U.S., from cold weather states in which furnaces frequently run to hurricane-

prone areas in which residents lose electricity and use portable generators inside.

This is a commonsense bill that incentivizes states to encourage citizens to place carbon monoxide detectors in their homes by establishing grant programs for detectors for which states can apply. This commonsense legislation is supported by both consumer protection groups and national retailers.

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, March 31, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 1

Time to be announced

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan, with the possibility of a closed session following in SR-222.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

Foreign Relations

International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the 21st Century.

SD-419

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuel standard.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine assistance for civilian casualties of war.

SD-138

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Scott Gould, of the District

of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joe Leonard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights, Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary, James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System, S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, S. 507, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, S. 713, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactures housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and the nominations of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of Wounded Warrior policies and programs.

SD-106

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine enhanced partnership with Pakistan.

SD-419

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To receive a joint closed briefing to examine nuclear terrorism.

SVC-217

APRIL 2

9 a.m.

Armed Services

Business meeting to markup S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine recovery and reinvestment spending.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

SD-226

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) in addressing the housing crisis.

SD-138

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 313, to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, S. 633, to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, and H.R. 326, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona.

SD-628

APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for March 2009.

SD-106

APRIL 22

MAY 6

CANCELLATIONS

APRIL 2

10 a.m.
Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Sub-
committee
To hold hearings to examine the current
readiness of United States ground
forces.

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending
benefits related legislation.

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine cer-
tain intelligence matters.

SR-222

MAY 21

SH-219

2:30 p.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending
health related legislation.

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
Business meeting to markup pending leg-
islation.

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