

In 1978, Méndez made history as the first Puerto Rican woman elected to a state legislative office in the United States. Her victory in representing Puerto Ricans and a district the state neglected should have landed the wide respect of her colleagues. Instead, Méndez, one of only a few women then in the state senate, found herself wrestling with the boys' club politics of New York.

Méndez was brash, bold and aggressive because she had to be. She cut her teeth in the Senate and became a battle-ready politician. And she balanced what few politicians were able to do well—an on-the-ground constituency services with the ability to achieve critical legislative negotiations. This, in a Senate that was controlled by Republicans during the entire 26 years she served.

Despite all of the disadvantages, Méndez successfully fought for an increase in the state's minimum wage, ushered in legislation that provided basic rights to migrant farm workers, and secured funding for senior citizen centers. She also fought for resources for early childhood development and gained bipartisan support for affordable housing and economic development initiatives in her district.

Méndez provoked many criticisms, some valid. She opposed abortion rights and was accused of making homophobic statements about a political opponent. Controversies like her party switch contributed to her eventual political demise.

In 2002, she registered as a Republican in a bid to bring resources to her district, a maneuver that today seems to be acceptable depending on who is making the move. Méndez complained that Democrats were taking Latinos for granted and saw herself as handling the business of her district.

For her faults, the legendary senator, who was widowed early and had no children, sacrificed a family life for the political commitment she made. She used her rich background in education, her political experience, and above all, her passion for her community to help many people.

Méndez never minced her words. Anyone who came into contact with her was left with a lasting impression. But it would be a mistake to remember Méndez as simply a colorful personality instead of who she truly was—a fierce politician who did not back away from a bare-knuckled fight.

HONORING THE DEATH OF MATTHEW GLOMB, A RESIDENT OF GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong commitment to public service of Matthew Glomb, a devoted father and husband, a loyal friend to his colleagues, and an admired member of greater Prince William, VA.

Mr. Glomb pursued a career in the U.S. Coast Guard's Corps of the Judge Advocate General, serving at one point as a Military Judge. Following his tenure with the Coast Guard, Mr. Glomb continued his service to our Nation in the Aviation-Admiralty Office of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he specialized in maritime law.

Tragically, Mr. Glomb was fatally struck by lightning on Monday, July 27, 2009, at the age of 49. He was jogging along the beach of Southern Shores, NC, in the Outer Banks

while vacationing with his son at their family beach house. He died instantly, leaving behind his wife and two children.

Mr. Glomb is remembered by those closest to him as a man of deep faith who immediately cared about everyone he met, and he will forever be revered as having an unparalleled sense of humor, and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this dedicated public servant and in expressing our condolences to the entire Glomb family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on July 27, 2009. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted yea on each of the following:

Roll 647, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 593, Recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State

Roll 648, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1376, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009

Roll 649, July 27, 2009: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1121, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the February 2008 New Republican Earmark Standards Guidance, I submit the following in regards to H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act:

Department of Education (DOE)—Arkansas City Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for Arkansas City Public Schools, Arkansas City, KS, for technology upgrades, professional development, and development training/technical assistance in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arkansas City Schools, Unified School District 470, at 2545 Greenway, Arkansas City, KS 67005.

This funding will allow for the purchase of additional technology to be used by both students and teachers, provide for professional development and teacher training in the use of this technology, and technical assistance.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Augusta Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 402, Augusta, KS Public Schools for technology upgrades in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 402, Augusta Public Schools, 2345 Greyhound Drive, Augusta, KS 67010.

This funding will allow for the purchase of additional technology to be used in classrooms across the district.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Independence Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for Independence Public Schools, Independence, KS, for technology upgrades and teacher training in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Independence Unified School District 446, at P.O. Drawer 487, 517 N 101h, Independence, KS 67301.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in math and science curriculum across the district, and provide for teacher training in the use of the technology.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Newton Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 373, Newton, KS, Public Schools for technology upgrades in the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 373, Newton, Kansas Public Schools, at 308 East 1st Street, Newton, KS 67114.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in the district's Distance Learning Lab, and high school library.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Wellington Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 353, Wellington, KS Public Schools for technology upgrades and teacher training in the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 353 Wellington, at 221 S. Washington, Wellington, KS 67152.

This funding will allow for the purchase of in-classroom technology and teacher training and technical assistance in the use of that technology.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Butler County Public Schools

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$250,000 for USD 490, Butler County, KS, for technology upgrades and teacher training at the El Dorado, KS school system in the Improvement of Education (FIE) Account. The entity to receive funding for this project is USD 490, Butler County, KS, at 124 West Central, El Dorado, KS 67042.

This funding will allow for the purchase of technology to be used in conjunction with the establishment of a student technology program at the district middle school, and related teacher training.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Butler Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Butler Community College, El Dorado, KS, for the purchase of equipment in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Community College, 901 South Haverhill Road, El Dorado, KS 67042.

This funding will allow for the purchase of equipment to facilitate training necessary to model, render and interact with 3-D objects in the fields of architecture, bio-medicine, engineering, manufacturing, and unmanned aircraft systems.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Education (DOE)—Coffeyville Community College

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, KS, for their Native American Center, including the purchase of equipment, in the Higher Education account. The entity to receive funding for this project is Coffeyville Community College, 400 West 11th, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

This funding will provide for equipment and technology, travel and operating expenses necessary to plan, establish, train educators, recruit students, and fundraise for the Native American Center and scholarship program.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Education project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—University of Kansas Medical School—Wichita

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$500,000 for the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita (KUSM—Wichita) for development of the Clinical Skills Simulation Laboratory, including curriculum development and purchase of equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is KUSM—Wichita, 1010 North Kansas, Wichita, KS 67214.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic

H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act contains \$1,000,000 for the World Impact Good Samaritan Clinic in Wichita, KS, for facilities and equipment, in the Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services account. The entity to receive funding for this project is World Impact's Good Samaritan Clinic at 3701 E. 13th Street, Wichita, KS 67208.

The funding would be used to expand and renovate its facilities to address the dramatic growth in medical and dental needs of the impoverished.

No matching funds are required for this Department of Health and Human Services project.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293), making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3293, the Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill. This legislation provides a total of \$730.5 billion, including \$163.4 billion in discretionary funds, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. In the current economic crisis, this bill makes vital investments to improve job training, shore up our Nation's health and social safety nets, and provide the educational opportunities that are critical to the nation's longer-term prosperity.

With health care reform looming in Congress, H.R. 3293 is a step in the right direction to provide a health care safety net to nearly 50 million people with no insurance and another 16 million who are underinsured. This bill includes \$603.5 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including funding for Medicare and Medicaid. H.R. 3293 provides \$73.7 billion in discretionary funds, including \$2.2 billion for community health centers, \$2.3 billion for AIDS initiatives, \$6.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and \$31.3 billion for critical research at the National Institutes of Health.

During this economic downturn, H.R. 3293 makes important investments to help Americans get back to work. This bill provides almost \$16 billion for the Department of Labor, including \$100 million for low-income youth education and job training, \$1.4 billion for Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities, and \$265 million in veterans' job training. In addition, the bill provides \$135 million for the Career Pathways Innovation Fund to provide new competitive grants for community colleges and local adult education providers for initiatives that prepare workers for careers in high demand and emerging industries.

I am particularly pleased that this bill makes significant investments in the Department of Education. As the only former state schools chief serving in Congress, I understand the devastating impact education cuts have had on our Nation's school systems. This bill includes \$14.5 billion in Title I grants to local districts, \$1.4 billion in Innovation and Improvement, \$12.6 billion for special education, and \$19.7 billion for student financial assistance including Pell Grants.

As the representative of Fort Bragg, however, I am concerned that this bill again underfunds Federal Impact Aid, which helps support the education needs of federally-connected students. The bill provides \$1.3 billion, which is less than two-thirds of the full funding

needs for Impact Aid. As Fort Bragg expands through the BRAC process, military children represent a significant burden to communities in Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, and Sampson Counties, and current funding is insufficient. Impact Aid allows school districts to use funds for either operating expenses or capital expenditures, yet by the Department of Education's own admission these funds are barely enough to support current expenditures for educating federally connected students. I hope that this flaw in an otherwise excellent bill will be improved in conference.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 3293 is fiscally responsible and represents the priorities of the American people. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

IN APPRECIATION OF JOHN
CARVER'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, mention John Carver's name on the San Francisco Peninsula and, odds are, you will be met with a smile. The long-time resident, business executive and philanthropist has helped more people than even he is aware and has shaped his community through his generosity, his leadership and his time.

John was born in Oakland and moved to the Peninsula with his family as a boy. After graduating from Stanford University, he married the love of his life, Susan Haigh Carver. Together, they raised three children, Thomas, Amy and Jonathan and have since been blessed with seven grandchildren: Jessica, Matthew, Christian, Ian, Caleb, Danika and Liam. This year, John and Susan will celebrate fifty years of marriage.

To know John Carver is to be in awe of him. His sense of humor is legendary and, while I did not know him as a young man, seeing John at 75 makes me only wonder what energy and passion he must have exhibited in his twenties and thirties.

John worked in retail most of his professional career, serving stints at Macy's, JC Penney and Bullock's. But John's home and heart was with the Gap, helping build the locally-based retailer into the global powerhouse it is today. For more than 25 years, John served in a variety of positions and it is through his work at the Gap that so many came to know his generosity, good-nature and phenomenal leadership abilities.

Madam Speaker, I have come to know John well in recent years, being privileged to serve with him on the board of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, an organization that is responsible for pumping more than \$70 million into worthy causes and non-profits around the Bay Area. But John's community involvement hardly stops there. He has also given his time, resources and knowledge to organizations as diverse as the Thacher School, Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation, Family Service Agency of San Mateo County, Hillsborough Beautification Foundation, SF Jobs for Youth, Coyote Point Museum, American Cancer Society, and A Better Chance.

John's greatest impact, however, might very well be the thoughtful and patient mentoring