

others have been held for years without access to a lawyer, no right to hear the charges against them, and no way of appealing rudimentary reviews of their status. They are outside our laws but inside our prisons, at the mercy of a process that is bad for our national security, bad for human rights, and downright horrible for America's image in the world. When we detain individuals for years without ensuring that they have access to a fair and accountable system of justice, we undermine hundreds of years of democracy. This system of arbitrary justice risks replicating the very authoritarianism we fight against. It is far past time to change.

Madam Speaker, as I mentioned, we are a nation of laws, and Congress makes those laws. I am aware that many pundits, columnists, television talk show hosts, and others, have suggested that Congress cannot act intelligently or courageously on this matter. They argue that the members of this body are too bogged down in "Not In My Backyard" arguments, and too quick to accuse each other of being weak on national security. While the President has insisted on closing Guantanamo Bay, many Members of Congress have argued to keep it open. But the debate before us today is not about the place. It's about the policy. The fact of the matter is that this issue cannot be left to the Executive Branch to make it up as they go along. Congress has the responsibility to legislate on this issue in a manner that reflects reason, clarity, and an understanding that our detention policies reflect who we are as a nation.

The Detainment Reform Act presents a plan for dramatic change, contemplating policies and guidelines to address not only current detainees but those who we will need to detain in future conflicts. This legislation creates specific definitions for those who can be detained and provides for a process of judicial review upon their initial detention. This model ensures that we will hold only those persons who pose a danger to our security, and that those who mean us no harm will not have to fear languishing in prison. This bill further provides for judicial proceedings to determine whether an individual can be charged with an offense, transferred to either his country of origin or another country, or whether he can continue to be held should the government petition for his detention. But in this last instance, the government will have to demonstrate enough cause to hold someone as a threat.

Ultimately, Madam Speaker, this bill achieves what we are all seeking: a transparent and accountable process. Frederick Douglas once noted that "the life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous." If we follow his advice in this debate, we can better protect our national security, maintain the sanctity of human rights, and hold fast to the notion that America is a nation committed to justice for all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 748, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

#### REGARDING THE TSUNAMI IN AMERICAN SAMOA

### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as the Ranking Republican Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee of Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, which has jurisdiction over the U.S. territories, including American Samoa, I was saddened to hear of the severe devastation that occurred after a tsunami hit the island. My deepest sympathies go out to the island nation of 65,000 people.

News outlets are reporting that four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet high roared ashore on American Samoa. Many of the island towns are located near the sea and the devastation that followed the tsunami event appears to be immense, with pictures of the island showing buildings destroyed, cars and boats displaced and the local people trying to recover. The island is without power and water at this time as it is in the early stages of the recovery effort. Sadly, it has been reported that many people have lost their lives and the casualty numbers may increase as the recovery effort expands.

Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that the airport and sea port are open and emergency supplies and assistance are en route to the island. The Coast Guard will be inspecting the sea port and is bringing in much needed medical and other necessary supplies from Hawaii. In addition, the USS *Ingram* is headed to the island to assist with medical support, rescue efforts and water needs. Shelters are open on the island to assist displaced citizens and efforts are under way to clear roadways. It will most likely take months to recover from this event and we should do all we can to help assist and support American Samoa in their recovery from this tsunami.

I had the privilege of traveling to American Samoa where I received the utmost hospitality. My thoughts and prayers are with their people as they cope with the effects of this sudden natural disaster.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND FRED ROGERS UPON HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF MILTON FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Frederick E. Rogers upon his 40th anniversary as pastor of Milton First Assembly of God in Milton, Florida. He is a true spiritual and community leader, and I am humbled to honor such a dedicated servant of God.

Pastor Rogers is a lifelong Floridian who has always been dedicated to the church. He graduated from Milton High School and received his undergraduate degree from Southeastern Bible Institute in Lakeland, Florida. In 1957, he married Jacquelyn Shelton, and the couple recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Pastor Fred and Jackie pioneered

a church in Eustis, Florida, and then moved on to pastor churches in Greensboro and then Panama City. In August of 1969, they returned to Milton and began pasturing at Milton First Assembly of God.

Pastor Rogers has led a life of service. He has served in a variety of roles for the church, and is currently the Executive Presbyter in the West District of Florida. He has been a member of the Milton Kiwanis Club since 1970, and served as its president from 1977-1978. In 1977, he was named Santa Rosa county Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year for his continued dedication.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Fred Rogers on his 40 years with Milton First Assembly of God. Pastor Rogers is a Northwest Florida leader and part of the fabric of our community. My wife Vicki and I wish the best for continued growth and service to Reverend Fred Rogers, his wife Jackie, his children Andy, Robin, and Cheri, his grandchildren, and the entire Milton First Assembly of God church family.

#### HONORING HENRY BIENEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Bienen on his retirement as president of Northwestern University, one of the world's top universities and my alma mater. Mr. Bienen's retirement on August 31, 2009 leaves a legacy of nearly 15 years of academic excellence and relentless institutional improvement at Northwestern.

Mr. Bienen's tenure as president yielded truly amazing results. Under his leadership, Northwestern enhanced its academic excellence, doubling its number of undergraduate applicants, raising the average SAT score for incoming freshmen by 150 points, and vastly increasing the number of National Merit Scholars. Larger investments in undergraduate research and expanded programs continue to present students with engaging and innovative learning experiences. Mr. Bienen surpassed all expectations when he led "Campaign Northwestern," raising \$1.55 billion in a five-year period. Mr. Bienen also helped solidify Northwestern's financial stability by quintupling the endowment and raising research funding from outside sources by 140 percent.

Of particular interest to me, Mr. Bienen recognized the need for an even greater commitment to scientific research. He put his efforts behind Northwestern's Institute for Nanotechnology and constructed new research facilities that have made Northwestern a world leader in nanotechnology. Mr. Bienen's commitment to nanotechnology and scientific research at large went far beyond the construction of new buildings, as he was personally invested in the recruitment and hiring of distinguished researchers and instructors. His accomplishments and commitment were recognized in 2005, when Mr. Bienen was one of the first three university presidents awarded the Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award for innovative leadership in higher education.

As a devoted fan of Northwestern athletics, Henry Bienen was proud of the accomplishments of the school's student-athletes. During his tenure, 17 athletic teams won Big Ten championships, including three in football and an unprecedented nine straight in women's tennis. In addition, Northwestern captured five straight NCAA national championships in women's lacrosse and Northwestern's football team went to five post-season bowl games.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to commend the dedication, service, and indelible legacy of Henry Bienen as he retires as president of Northwestern University. I am proud to have such an exemplary model of a devoted academic and leader as a friend. I wish Henry Bienen great success in his future endeavors.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING JIM MONIGOLD FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jim Monigold showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jim Monigold on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

**RECOGNIZING THE PEA ISLAND LIFE-SAVING STATION**

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to remind my colleagues about the rich history of Pea Island, North Carolina.

On January 24, 1880, Captain Richard Etheridge became the first African-American to command a United States Life-Saving Service station after being appointed as keeper of the Pea Island Life-Saving Station. At the time, Captain Etheridge was one of only eight African Americans in the entire Life-Saving Service. Because of his skill and expertise, he was promoted from the lowest rank at the neighboring Bodie Island station to take over the incompetently run station at Pea Island.

In order to avoid repeating the previous failures at the Pea Island station, Captain Etheridge developed and implemented rigorous lifesaving drills. Under his leadership and direction, the station earned a reputation as the best on the east coast. Captain Etheridge became renowned as one of the most able, prepared, innovative, courageous and resourceful lifesavers in the Service.

On October 11, 1896, Captain Etheridge and his alert Life-Saving Service crew at Pea Island station were put to the test when the E.S. Newman ran aground nearby during a hurricane. Despite the raging storm and enormous waves, the surfmen succeeded in swimming to the ship and heaving a line aboard. Starting with the ship captain's three-year-old son, all nine people aboard the schooner were rescued one by one.

On February 29, 1992, the Coast Guard Cutter Pea Island was commissioned at Norfolk, Virginia, in memory of the African American crews at Pea Island, including Captain Etheridge and his lifesavers. And in 1996, Coast Guard Rear Admiral Stephen W. Rochon successfully spearheaded the effort to award the Gold Lifesaving Medal in recognition of the daring 1896 rescue.

Captain Etheridge served at Pea Island for twenty years. In January 1900, he fell ill and died at the station. Pea Island continued to be manned by all-black crews through the Second World War. The station was decommissioned in 1947, and, in 1949, turned over to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service to be used in connection with the Pea Island Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Today, Pea Island provides nesting habitat for loggerhead sea turtles, piping plover and other shorebirds. Despite its small size, the refuge receives over 2.5 million visitors annually.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and applauding the brave efforts of the life-saving crews on Pea Island.

**HONORING WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY'S "PRIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS" MARCHING BAND FOR RECEIVING THE SUDLER TROPHY**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the outstanding success of "Pride of the Mountains," the Western Carolina University Marching Band. This outstanding marching band, led by director Robert Buckner, has been awarded the 2009 Sudler Trophy. This prestigious award, made possible by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, is a world-class mark of distinction for college marching bands.

The Sudler Trophy is awarded biannually to collegiate marching bands and their directors who raise the bar for college marching bands across America. This year, the Sousa Foundation has recognized Mr. Buckner and "Pride of the Mountains" for their exciting and artistically outstanding performances. I believe that this national recognition of their dedication to excellence will inspire other college musicians to follow in their path.

Marching bands motivate our sports teams and their fans on the field, and "Pride of the Mountains," has been energizing Western Carolina University's students and football team since 1938. "Pride of the Mountains" is indeed a source of pride not only for Western Carolina University, but for everyone in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Western Carolina University's "Pride of the Mountains."

**TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT GOULD**

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 2009*

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould, who will retire from the United States Army on 1 February 2010.

America has long been called the land of opportunity, and the United States Army has served as the launching pad for many young men and women to reach the highest of heights. Rob Gould enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1984 to commence a military career that would span nearly 26 years. As an enlisted man, Rob completed the requisite school and was awarded the military occupation skill of Chaparral Air Defense Missile Crewman. He served 42 months in the enlisted ranks and achieved the rank of Sergeant before being selected for the Army's officer commissioning program, Green to Gold.

Lieutenant Colonel Gould earned his commission as an Army officer through Army's ROTC program at the University of Arkansas. As a cadet, he was awarded the Chancellor's Trophy in recognition of his selection as Outstanding Cadet of the Year. Following commissioning, Lieutenant Colonel Gould entered flight school and finished second in his class.

As an aviator, Rob proudly served his country wherever duty called. He deployed in support of operations in Somalia, and during his company command, he moved his 122 man troop from Fort Bragg, NC to Fort Polk, LA and later deployed in support of Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould subsequently joined the Army's Acquisition Corps and earned an advanced degree at the Florida Institute of Technology. As a member of the Acquisition Corps, Lieutenant Colonel Gould completed assignments at the Army Logistics Management College and the Defense Contract Management Agency. He supported Operations Iraqi Freedom during two tours to Amman, Jordan and Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as the DCMA Officer in Charge for the International Zone.

Nearly twenty-six years of service to our country, ascension from the enlisted ranks to a field grade officer, and excellence in flying and buying for the Army demonstrate that this soldier has been, and always will be, Army Strong!

The lasting legacy Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould has blazed over the years will be the impact on the men and women he served with and that of his family. This successful journey could not have been completed without the support of his loving wife, Cheryl, and his children, Jessica, Janna and Wesley. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, and the citizens of a grateful Nation, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your service to our country.