

for Children and Families. In 1997, he was selected as the "Social Worker of the Year" for the Department of HRS. Les then began his role as the Air Force Junior ROTC Aerospace Science Instructor at Fort Walton Beach High School in December of that year. Known simply as "Chief" to his students, Les retired on October 31, 2009. He will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Les Chambers for his service to Northwest Florida and the United States of America. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Les and his family, including his wife, Ingeborg, and children, Angela, Michael, and Marcus, as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is imperative that the USA PATRIOT Act be reauthorized fully and not weakened, as I believe H.R. 3845 will do. In the years following 9/11, there have been a number of major terrorist attacks around the world that have caused mass casualties on civilians. I think it is important to remember some of these events:

12 Oct 2002. Car bombing outside nightclub in Kuta, Indonesia. 202 dead.

26 Oct 2002. Hostage taking and attempted rescue in theater in Moscow, Russia. 170 dead.

16 May 2003. Suicide bombers attacked Western tourist areas in Casablanca, Morocco. 45 dead.

11 Mar 2004. Bombings of four trains in Madrid, Spain. 191 dead.

1–3 Sep 2004. Hostage taking at school in Beslan, Russia. 372 dead.

7 July 2005. Bombings of three subway trains and one bus in London, UK. 54 dead.

11 Jul 2006. Multiple bombings on commuter trains in Mumbai, India. 200 dead.

26–29 Nov 2008. Multiple shooting and grenade attacks in Mumbai, India. 174 dead.

Madam Speaker, thankfully, none of these horrific attacks occurred in the United States. I believe that part of the reason we have not suffered another terrorist attack is that our brave men and women in law enforcement have done a tremendous job of preventing further attacks. I do not believe Al Qaeda simply decided not to bother us anymore. We must not forget that many analysts warned after 9/11 that we needed to "learn to live" with terrorism. Well, thankfully, that reality never happened.

I believe that our law enforcement, armed with tools such as the PATRIOT Act, have prevented attacks and saved us from this type of suffering within the United States. We as Congress need to do all we can to give our men and women in law enforcement the tools they need to do their job, not weaken these tools.

A TRIBUTE TO JACK L. RAY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack L. Ray, who for over 28 years has served as a minister and elder of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY.

Mr. Ray leaves a long legacy as an evangelist in the churches of Christ. Many generations have heard the teachings and sermons of Mr. Ray, and have read many of the lessons he has contributed to the publications of the churches of Christ.

In his more than 50 years of service, he has worked unselfishly to not only help other congregations grow in size and in faith, but has helped new congregations establish in Kentucky.

He is a blessing to many, including the youth in the church community, who he has helped lead, educate and nurture their faith. He is greatly loved and respected by the members of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, because of his dedication, strong faith and loving guidance.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jack L. Ray for his more than 50 years of commitment and devotion. I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors as he continues to be a blessing to others.

A TRIBUTE TO LESTER C. BROWN

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, and a friend to Philadelphia, Lester C. Brown. After 18 years of service on the Philadelphia City Counsel, Mr. Brown is retiring as the Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell. Throughout his career, Mr. Brown has shown exceptional leadership in community service and tireless dedication to his constituents in need. For instance, he currently serves as the democratic leader of the 24th ward.

Mr. Brown was born in the 1920s in Savannah, Georgia, at a time when equality was just a distant dream for many Americans. Despite the hardships that the Jim Crow laws placed on African Americans, Lester developed the personal strength to overcome the adversities he faced. He began his career in journalism at the age of 16, when he became the first African American youth to host a radio show that aired on WTOG, a CBS affiliate. After moving to New York City, Mr. Brown became a reporter for Ban Black Audio News. His hard work and determination in a divided society eventually led him to become the first African American junior executive on Madison Avenue as an Assistant Advertising Production Manager for progressive Architecture Magazine.

From there, Mr. Brown moved to Philadelphia, where he became a successful newspaperman for WHAT radio. It is in the great city of Philadelphia that Mr. Brown began his influential career in community service as a youth organizer for the parents union in the

Philadelphia public schools. In the 1980s he became the Executive Director of Mantua Community Planners where he was able to better the lives of multiple families, including the donation of nine homes to the members of the Mantua community through the Remove Urban Blight program.

Currently serving as the Democratic Leader of the 24th ward, and faithfully worked under Lucien B. Blackwell and Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell, we are here to honor my friend, Lester C. Brown on the occasion of his retirement. Although he will be missed dearly, after 18 years of loyal service on the Council no one deserves this honor more than Mr. Brown.

Lester Brown's impressive career in the city of Philadelphia illustrates his commitment and drive to improve the lives of the city's residents. I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts, and I wish him well in the future.

IN MEMORY OF SVEND AUKEN

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today I honor the memory of Svend Auken, a dear friend of mine, a great statesman, and an international leader on environment and energy issues. He passed away this past August after a magnificently robust life of leadership. He served in the Danish Parliament from 1971 until his death, and was Minister for the Environment from 1993 to 1994, and Minister of Environment and Energy from 1994 to 2001. Earlier in his life, he spent time in my home State of Washington, studying for a year at Washington State University in 1961.

Whatever his position, he was always a determined advocate for clean energy and the environment. His leadership has been an inspiration for the world. Svend did not believe in the idea that preserving the environment required sacrificing economic growth. He believed that his Nation could prosper by protecting the environment, or as he put it, "doing well by doing good."

Due to his inspired leadership over more than three decades, Denmark introduced new policies and embarked on a national effort to produce more domestic energy and do it cleanly by focusing on energy efficiency, wind power and combined heat and power systems. Since then, Denmark has kept its energy use flat, while its economy has grown nearly 75 percent. Denmark was once entirely dependent on foreign energy, but is now a net exporter of energy. Denmark has aggressive energy efficiency standards for new buildings, and currently produces over 20 percent of its power from wind, and over half of its electricity and around 60 percent of its heat from combined heat and power. Denmark is now a world leader in both of these technologies. As our Nation embarks on its own quest to produce clean, domestic energy, grow our economy, and preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren, we would do well to follow Svend's lead and learn from his life. When we in America adopt a vision of clean energy, it will be in part because we have been inspired by Svend's leadership.

This Friday, the Danish community in Seattle will honor Svend's life at a memorial

service. As I remember my friend, I will remember his vitality, his sense of humor, his devotion to service, and most of all, his leadership and inspiration. We should all remember Svend Auken as a great citizen of the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "SAFE ROUTES TO HIGH SCHOOLS ACT OF 2009"

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, obesity rates for children between the ages of 12 and 19 have more than tripled in the past fifteen years, with 17.6 percent of high school age children now classified as obese. This has a profound impact on the long-term health of our nation, as 80 percent of obese children become obese adults, putting them at a higher risk for diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and other chronic health conditions, and placing an increased long-term burden on our healthcare system. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that children be active for at least 60 minutes five times a week, but statistics show that activity levels drop rapidly as students head into their high school years. Increasing opportunities for adolescents to be physically active will help combat the rise in teenage obesity.

We should provide students with safe, active ways to get to and from school and encourage healthy, active lifestyles and daily exercise at a time when they are seeking independence and cementing lifelong habits that will make them safer and healthier.

This is why I am introducing the Safe Routes to High Schools Act, a bill to expand the popular Safe Routes to Schools program to include high schools. The Safe Routes to Schools program has been extraordinarily successful, with over 4,500 programs across the country, but it currently does not cover high schools. High school students represent a population most likely to suffer from high rates of obesity and also most in need of flexible, independent, and low-cost transportation choices, especially in times of economic crisis. This simple policy change will allow an already successful program to serve the students who need it the most.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to ensure that children of all ages have safe ways to get to school burning calories instead of carbon.

RECOGNIZING SITRIN HEALTH CARE'S WHEELCHAIR CURLING TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sitrin Health Care's wheelchair curling team, which will represent the United States as Team USA at the 2010 Paralympic Games. Today marks the 100-day countdown to the games set to begin March 12, 2010 in Vancouver, B.C.

Sitrin's team has earned worldwide attention over the last few years, winning the bronze medal at the 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championships in Switzerland and narrowly missing the bronze in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship held in Vancouver. In preparation for next year's competition, Team USA has been practicing at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York, and competing internationally in Norway and Scotland.

The team's impressive record of achievement owes to Sitrin's Success Through Adaptive Recreation and Sports (STARS) program, created in 2001 to provide individuals with physical disabilities opportunities to engage in a variety of sports on a recreational or competitive basis. In addition to curling, the STARS program includes adaptive golf, wheelchair basketball, adaptive paddling and wheelchair road racing. Sitrin, located in my district in New Hartford, New York, operates the wheelchair curling program in partnership with the Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro, New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sitrin's wheelchair curling team on its accomplishments to date, and in wishing the athletes luck in the upcoming Paralympic games. Sitrin's paralympians are an inspiration to athletes across our nation, and I look forward to following their success in Vancouver.

CALLING ON THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SRI LANKA'S TAMIL INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 711.

The Tamil people have been exposed to unspeakable tragedies by all sides in the most recent ethnic conflict.

Yet, the so-called end to the conflict in Sri Lanka has only brought more suffering and brutality to the Tamil people.

Housed in barrack-style IDP camps, without the option of release, these 300,000 refugees are repeatedly betrayed by Sri Lankan officials that claim to be protecting them from the LTTE, a terrorist organization who was uprooted this Spring.

Furthermore, stories of torture and injustice seep through the high barbed-wire walls surrounding these camps, despite limited access to outside NGOs and the media.

This is frightening and simply unacceptable. My message has always been clear: I will not stand for the atrocities being committed in Sri Lanka.

Through my work on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, I have worked with Chairman BERMAN to include a provision in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act to condemn the Sri Lankan government's inaction and to mandate a cultural exchange for the new generation of Sri Lankans to study tolerance in the United States.

For three long decades, Sri Lankans have been pitted against one another.

And, thousands of innocent lives have been lost.

It is time for a new direction in Sri Lanka.

It is time for a political solution and an integration of minorities in Sri Lanka.

Clearly, it is not enough to release a small number of refugees to host families or, for that matter, to farmland—as the government has reportedly been doing.

These people must immediately be allowed to return to their homes and to their daily lives.

A TRIBUTE TO JESSE W. GRIDER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, 1 week from today, our Nation will honor our veterans and remember all those who have fallen in order for us to be free.

I rise today to honor one veteran in particular, Jesse W. Grider, a true patriot whose dedication to our Commonwealth and Nation is to be commended.

Mr. Grider enrolled in the National Guard in 1950 at the age of 17. Upon his return from the Korean war, Mr. Grider continued his dedication to his country and district by serving in the Glasgow Police Department, attaining the rank of sergeant.

In 1958, he was appointed a U.S. Deputy Marshal in the Western District of Kentucky, where he served as an instructor and trainer. At one point in his career, Mr. Grider had trained two-thirds of the deputy marshals in the United States.

After his work at the U.S. Marshal's Service in Washington, D.C., Mr. Grider returned to Kentucky in 1973 where he served as Chief Deputy Marshal before being appointed in 1975 as the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky.

After his retirement as U.S. Marshal, Mr. Grider was appointed Clerk of the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Kentucky, where he served 17 years.

On Veteran's Day, friends, family and members of the Barren County and Glasgow communities will come together to recognize Mr. Grider's distinguished career. I join them in honoring Jesse W. Grider and thank him for his service and the great contributions he has made to our Nation and community.

CONGRATULATIONS, LT. COMMANDER JOHN R. LOGAN

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of a Navy Lieutenant from my district, John R. Logan, who will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander in a ceremony that will be held this morning here in the Capitol Building. Presently serving as the Command Chaplain at the Marine Barracks here in Washington, D.C., Lt. Logan has been decorated with the Navy and