

does not need because the secondary market is a major source of new lending resources as well as a \$200 million dollar revenue stream to the Treasury.

Madam Chair, I didn't think it was possible to concoct a bill that was even more opaque and unintelligible than the majority's healthcare bill. Well, I was wrong. The majority has succeeded in grand fashion to foist yet another financial disaster in-the-making on the American public, one designed not to ensure stability in the markets, but to make financial markets subject to political intrusion and manipulation. We have seen what political pressure to expand access to credit to those whose incomes would not normally have qualified them for a mortgage did to the housing market. Let's not make this same mistake with veterans. In summary, the VA loan guaranty program has been well-managed and does not need the regulation and supervision under H.R. 4173 would allow.

I urge all of my colleagues to oppose H.R. 4173 and I yield back.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY RESIDENTS  
HONORED BY NORTH CAROLINA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR SES-  
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**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the citizens of Alleghany County for recently winning a number of awards from the North Carolina Historical Society for the promotion and production of the celebration of Alleghany's Sesquicentennial.

The Alleghany Historical Genealogical Society and a local business, Imaging Specialists, took home awards for a number of multimedia productions that were used to promote Alleghany's 150th anniversary.

Imaging Specialists also took home the coveted President's Award for the leading role the business took in designing and producing historical projects over the past year.

Local residents Ernest Joines, Janice Alexander, Avin Joines and Jane Furlow each received honors from the state historical society for work ranging from a compilation of local music to a quilt design depicting area scenery.

All told the state Historical Society handed out a dozen different awards to these groups and individuals for the excellence demonstrated in the promotion of Alleghany County's Sesquicentennial events earlier this year. These much-deserved awards were the product of long hours of hard work. I applaud each winner for their dedication to their community and for their vision to produce such a fine celebration of Alleghany County's history.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
CHARLES BURKE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Charlie

Burke upon the occasion of his retirement from Baldwin-Wallace College after nearly fifty years of dedicated teaching, service, and leadership.

Professor Burke taught his first course in American Government and Politics in 1961. Since coming to Baldwin-Wallace in 1970, he has continued to teach and develop the course. He also crafted over a dozen other courses that critically analyze domestic and international politics.

Through both his curricular and extra-curricular leadership positions, Professor Burke was instrumental in making Baldwin-Wallace College an internationally-recognized, liberal-arts institution of higher learning. Equally importantly, Professor Burke demonstrated commitment to students. He connected with and mentored students in order to facilitate learning and leadership in informal ways.

Professor Burke is one of only two students from his high school class to attend college. He also enlisted in the army at age 17 and served in the demilitarized zone in Korea. With help from the GI Bill, Professor Burke studied at Boston University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Charlie Burke, who has academically and personally helped better the lives of his students.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT RICK  
LAMPE

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Sergeant Rick Lampe on the occasion of his retirement from the Iowa State Patrol.

For the last 35 years, Sgt. Lampe has served Iowa faithfully and honorably. He first served four years with the sheriff's office in Waverly, Iowa before serving 31 years with the Iowa State Patrol. In 1979, he began his career with the Iowa State Patrol in Ogden, Iowa, where he plans to enjoy his retirement. Six and a half years ago, Sgt. Lampe was promoted to sergeant. Since 1993, he has provided security for Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY's biannual Ambassador's Tour across Iowa. Sgt. Lampe and his wife, Julie, have raised two sons, Nate and Nick and are blessed with three grandchildren.

Times have certainly changed during Sgt. Lampe's time in the Iowa State Patrol, even in the past ten years. In 1999, Sgt. Lampe's six county district had 47 officers working the area. Today there are only 26 officers working the same area. When he began, patrol officers did not spend significant time in training, but now nearly half of a patrol officer's time is training. There also have been many technological advances such as in-car computers that have helped simplify parts of the job throughout the years.

Sgt. Lampe's bravery and dedication in the Iowa State Patrol goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country and has earned him the respect of his peers. I commend Sgt. Rick Lampe for his many years of loyalty and outstanding service in protecting Iowans and serving his commu-

nity. It has been an immense honor to represent Sgt. Lampe in Congress, and I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in wishing him all the best as he embarks on this new journey.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT  
ROGER COWART—SCOTTSDALE  
HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO  
MILITARY" HONOREE

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors servicemembers who perform diligent service to this country. For the month of December, they have recognized retired Master Sergeant Roger Cowart.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an outstanding servicemember for his bravery and service to our country.

Mr. Cowart served more than 25 years as a medic in the United States Air Force. He distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States in numerous duties, culminating as Flight Chief, Pediatrics, 48th Medical Operations Squadron, 48th Medical Group, 48th Fighter Wing, and Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

As an Independent Duty Medical Technician, he provided medical care and practitioner mentoring in the most austere conditions. He is now a member of Scottsdale Healthcare's prestigious Military Training Partnership Team. As the technician for the high-tech simulation lab, he expertly uses his military and medical experience to create realistic trauma training scenarios. This training gives military medical personnel an excellent idea of what to expect when deployed to a war zone and ensures that the men and women who accept the call to duty receive the best care possible.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this Airman's outstanding contributions and for serving our country and protecting the lives of his fellow service men and women.

SPECIAL AGENT SAMUEL HICKS  
FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2711, the FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act. This legislation would ensure the families of our FBI Fallen Heroes are properly cared for and that the final remains of the fallen heroes are treated with the honor and respect they are due. The government would fully fund the transportation and relocation expenses of the immediate family members of FBI employees who have given their lives in the line of duty. This will allow the family members to relocate from their

spouse's last FBI assignment location to their hometown. In addition, the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of the deceased to their final places of interment will be provided by the federal government.

For over a century the FBI's primary goal has been to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners.

To accomplish these goals, the FBI has 56 field offices, 400 satellite offices, 62 international offices, and 14 legal attaché offices. With investigative programs including counterterrorism, cybercrime, civil rights, and organized crime, the FBI must continually update their techniques, strategies, and programs. FBI Special Agents and Professional Staff are rotated through these many offices to continue their training and to fill the FBI's staffing needs and investigative priorities.

Proof of their success is clearly shown in the 2006 indictment, arrest, and conviction of Fadl Mohamad Maatouk, a resident of Orange Park, Florida who was convicted of conspiracy to provide material support to Hezbollah. The FBI has also been instrumental in the investigations of the Oklahoma City bombing, multiple World Trade Center attacks, the assault on the USS Cole, and the attacks of 9/11.

These successes come at a price beyond the dangers in the field. FBI families, like military families, are under a great deal of stress. When a person chooses to serve in the FBI, every family member is affected. Every person experiences not just the benefits but also the downsides—the relocations, the long periods of separation, the not knowing if your spouse, dad or mom is in danger. Spouses and children must make new friends, enter new schools, find new employment, and try to adjust to new environs almost every three years. They do this while always knowing that their loved one, who has chosen to help defend the country, could be in the line of fire—maybe not today, but maybe tomorrow. It is a burden the family shoulders. I believe this legislation will in some small way lighten that load.

FBI agents and other employees make a choice to engage in a career that is vital to our national security. They understand that there are dangers, but still they make the choice to do their part to defend our country. My colleagues and I in the House unanimously agreed to this legislation because I believe we must honor those who have served and paid the ultimate price.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, due to inclement weather that kept me from flying back from Wisconsin in time for votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3288 (Rollcall No. 931), H. Con. Res. 199 (Rollcall No. 932), H. Con. Res. 206 (Rollcall No. 933),

H. Res. 940 (Rollcall No. 934), H. Res. 845 (Rollcall No. 935), H.R. 2278 (Rollcall No. 936), H. Res. 915 (Rollcall No. 937), and H. Res. 907 (Rollcall No. 938).

#### A TRIBUTE TO SAN SAN LEE

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of violinist San San Lee.

San San Lee was born in Taipei, Taiwan and raised in Michigan and Wisconsin since the age of one. Ms. Lee received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin College Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio and a Masters of Music degree from the Juilliard School on scholarships.

As a winner of the Oberlin Concerto competition, her performance of the entire Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the Oberlin Orchestra was broadcast on WOBC and classical station WCLV-Cleveland. Ms. Lee toured as a member of the Juilliard Orchestra in Japan, China and Hong Kong which included live radio and television broadcasts. Her primary teachers included Margery Aber, Dorothy Mauney, Stephen Clapp and Joseph Fuchs. She also studied at Moscow's Tchaikovsky Conservatory with Sergei Kravchenko and Eduard Grach during their International Summer Festival and with Serban Lupu at the International Summer Festival in Todi, Italy.

As a winner of the Artists International Auditions, Ms. Lee performed her debut recital at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall and was further invited to perform on their Alumni winners series. By invitation, she also performed a recital on the "Live from the Elvehem" series that was broadcast live on Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison, WI. Her numerous solo and chamber performances took place at Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium, Merkin Hall, The American Landmark Festival, Harvard Club, The United Nations Auditorium, U-Penn, Texas Christian University, Louisiana State University, amongst others. Her solo & chamber performances span throughout the United States, Europe, Russia, and Eastern Europe. Ms. Lee has been invited as violin clinician teaching at Suzuki violin, chamber workshops and institutes nationwide. She teaches privately and has recently joined the violin faculty at the Riverdale Country School. Ms. Lee has been a member of the violin faculties at the School for Strings since 1990 and at Juilliard's Music Advancement Program since 1991, serving as their first departmental strings chair.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing a renowned violinist, San San Lee.

#### IN HONOR OF THE BRIDGEVILLE FIRE COMPANY

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute

to the Bridgeville Fire Company for 100 years of outstanding service to the people of Delaware. The importance of emergency fire and medical services within our communities cannot be emphasized enough. I am proud to represent a state that is home to such selfless and dedicated firefighters, EMTs, and service volunteers as those of the Bridgeville Fire Company in Bridgeville, Delaware.

The Bridgeville Fire Company was born from a tradition of strong community involvement, and the Company has kept that tradition alive through the years. The fire department was organized on December 14, 1909 in the old Opera House. Ira Lewis, William E. Dimes, and Howard E. Hardesty were appointed to secure the necessary membership to incorporate what is known today as the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Over the next 12 months, plans were drawn and approved for the first building, at a cost of \$1,100. Since then, the Bridgeville Fire Company has steadily grown into a pillar of strength within the community.

A century later, I would like to recognize and honor all the current and former members of the Bridgeville Fire Department for their service to our community, including: President Allen Parsons; Vice President Steve McCarron; Secretary John Tomeski, Sr; Treasurer Pete Stephens and Fire Recorder Malhon Baker. Their efforts inspire others and I am honored to highlight the positive influence that they have had throughout Delaware and beyond.

On this anniversary I would also like to once again commend the Bridgeville Fire Company for 100 years of exceptional service. The bravery and hard work of its members past and present and of its dedicated ladies auxiliary make Delaware a safer place to live, and I wish them all the best on this momentous occasion.

#### HONORING BEECH HIGH SCHOOL BUCCANEERS ON WINNING THE 2009 TSSAA CLASS 5A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2009 Beech High School Buccaneers for winning the TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship.

I commend Beech High School Head Coach Anthony Crabtree and Assistant Coaches Jim Campbell, Darrell Keen, Patrick Duffer, Keith Powell, Kerry Jackson, Ryan Harris, Cody Brummett, and Principal Frank Cardwell.

These young men completed their season by defeating the Columbia Lions in a 47-33 win in the Blue Cross Bowl on Friday, December 4. The hard work and dedication this season brought the Buccaneers to the school's first state championship. Max Zinchini, Junior, was the defensive MVP with five tackles and two interceptions.

I congratulate each player of the 2009 5A State Champion Buccaneer Team: Dwayne Fleming, Daniel Richardson, Lincoln Kenitzer, Max Zinchini, Deshaun Tarkington, Taylor Peoples, Jarod Neal, Justin Cherry, Brock