

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROSE KAUFMAN

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, and artist, Rose Kaufman.

The Pelosi family was blessed to be forever joined to the Kaufman family when our daughter Christine married Rose and Phil's son, Peter. Their wedding brought us all closer together and made us a single family and dear friends.

Rose was a beautiful person inside and out. I enjoyed listening to her warm, witty insights about people and her career in the arts. She was an actor and a screenwriter; a creative force and an active member of the San Francisco community. She was full of passion and spirit, brimming with ideas, committed to artistic excellence and the rich culture of our City and our nation.

Her remarkable story brought her together with Philip, her husband of 51 years. They shared a love of film and art in all forms. They collaborated on screenplays and build a warm, welcoming home for friends and family. Their partnership began as filmmakers, as professional peers; it transformed into a love story—one that stretched from their work on Phil's first film through her courageous battle with cancer in recent years.

The memories of Rose Kaufman will be ones of joy, happiness, optimism and creativity. Our whole family mourns Rose's passing, and will be reminded of her fun-loving spirit in the laughter of Octavio and Isabella. We will long remember her warmth, her vibrant personality, her commitment to those she loved, and her enduring contributions to those who loved her.

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 11, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of this amendment to H.R. 4173, which I sponsored along with Congressman MARSHALL, Judiciary Committee Chairman CONYERS, and many other of my distinguished colleagues.

This amendment would help millions of Americans across the Nation and correct a

glaring anomaly in our current law. If you are a family farmer, if you are a real estate speculator, or if you own 5 or 20 or 50 homes, for example, you are allowed to use bankruptcy to modify your mortgage. The only exception is the family home. Our amendment would change that and allow bankruptcy judges to modify mortgages for people facing imminent foreclosure.

Millions of Americans have lost their homes due to foreclosure and millions more are at risk of doing so. In fact, there were 937,840 foreclosure filings in the third quarter of 2009. This was up 23 percent from one year ago. It is time we helped these families, just as we have helped large banks and other financial institutions.

Now, in the past we have heard from lenders that this kind of change will increase borrowing costs for everyone else. Of course, this is the same industry that in 2005 told us that making bankruptcy more onerous would reduce people's interest costs by \$400 per year on their credit cards. Nothing of the sort happened.

And we tried an alternative—the voluntary modification route. Unfortunately, it has not helped the vast majority of distressed homeowners.

As of November 30, only 4 percent of struggling homeowners in the Treasury Department's Home Affordable Modification Program received permanent loan modifications—31,382 out of 728,000. This week, the Financial Services Committee heard testimony that this program is “destined to fail” because it does not address negative equity.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that one million households could benefit from this measure, with no additional cost to taxpayers.

So, it is time to take the next step. It is time to give homeowners the same rights as everyone else, and let them modify their mortgages in bankruptcy. It is time to help average citizens stay in their homes, just like we have helped big financial institutions.

I strongly urge all Members to support this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, as indicated in the Leave of Absence request granted by the House of Representatives, I was not in attendance for votes on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, so that I could support my constituents, the law enforcement community, and the residents of the Pacific northwest at a memorial service to mourn the tragic loss of four Lakewood Police officers.

Were I in attendance, I would have voted in favor of the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3288, rollcall Vote No. 931; H. Con. Res.

199, rollcall Vote No. 932; H. Con. Res. 206, rollcall Vote No. 933; H. Res. 940, rollcall Vote No. 934; H. Res. 845, rollcall Vote No. 935; H.R. 2278, rollcall Vote No. 936; H. Res. 915, rollcall Vote No. 937; and H. Res. 907, rollcall Vote No. 938.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, December 16, 2009 marks the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. On this day 65 years ago, German forces launched the Ardennes Offensive against American and Allied Forces in Belgium, Luxemburg, and Germany. The Battle of the Bulge, which lasted 40 days, represents one of the greatest displays of valor, honor, and perseverance in American military history. It also marked the beginning of the end of World War II.

One week into this historic battle, commanding officer General Anthony McAuliffe was approached by Colonel Harper with a note from Germany's command asking for an “honorable surrender” by American forces. When General McAuliffe was read the note, he laughed and exclaimed, “Us surrender? Aw, nuts!” He then realized that a reply was in order, and began to ask his staff what he should say. Lieutenant General Harry Kinnard spoke up, saying “That first remark of yours would be hard to beat.” “What do you mean?” asked McAuliffe. “Sir, you said ‘Nuts.’” replied the Lieutenant General. And that was the answer that McAuliffe gave back to the Germans; Nuts.

Surrender was never an option for our boys. Despite being outnumbered and outgunned at the onset of the battle, the Allied Forces refused to yield. Even when they were forced to retreat to Bastogne in the face of an overwhelming German force, the objective remained the same: stop Hitler's army, whatever it takes.

According to the Department of Defense, American forces suffered almost 90,000 casualties during the battle, including 19,000 killed, 47,500 wounded and 23,000 missing. It is our duty to honor those lost in battle, and to acknowledge the sacrifice they made—the ultimate sacrifice—in defense of our freedom and security. These men were not expecting combat. In fact, the area they were defending had been considered a “quiet sector”. As the German Forces advanced, neither they nor their officers were aware of the impending attack. Hitler's army confronted them with half a million troops, 1,800 tanks, and thousands of guns, yet our men prevailed.

In this way, the Battle of the Bulge serves as both a legacy and a precedent. Its legacy is that of the largest land battle in our Army's

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history and the turning point of World War II. Its precedent is the model it provides, even today, for our men and women in combat. During my 31 years of service in the Navy, I witnessed acts of extraordinary bravery and resolve among the men and women under my command. As a Vice Admiral, I was honored to serve with the finest sailors that our country has to offer and witness these men and women perform their duties with the same purpose and spirit that led the Allied Forces to victory 65 years ago.

This past August, I was honored with the opportunity to welcome the 83rd Infantry Division of World War II to my District. Many of these men served in the Battle of the Bulge, and it was with tremendous gratitude and respect that I addressed them, shared my own experiences as a Veteran, and fielded questions. As the son of a Navy Captain who served in the War, I have an understanding of the sacrifices these men made to serve their country, including the years they spent away from home and family. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to these men and the deep appreciation for all they have done to defend the democratic principles of this nation.

It is with humility and a strong sense of obligation that I ask us to recognize the Allied Forces' victory at the Battle of the Bulge in late January, 1945 and the men who made that victory possible.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
PHIL URBAN

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I am extremely pleased to honor the work of Phil Urban, on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO from Grange Insurance.

Our nation has always been blessed by the many individuals, who through their innovation and drive led a successful business that impacted a community and its people. Motivated by an unceasing spirit, these entrepreneurs built this great country through their work and accomplishments. Today, the tremendous strength of America and individual communities like Central Ohio are still sustained through the passion and vitality of these dedicated people. Therefore, those who contribute to this heritage deserve to be honored for their service.

As president and chief executive officer, Phil Urban directed Grange Insurance to the heights of its industry, becoming a standout-provider in a crowded market. Phil's unparalleled focus on his craft and drive to succeed helped lead Grange to numerous industry awards and unprecedented profits. Yet, profits cannot solely capture Phil's legacy in our community. Since announcing his retirement earlier this year, Phil has been inundated with an outpouring of affection and praise by his peers and the entire Grange family, all of which can surely attest to the impact he made in his position. The respect he showed for his over 1,500 Central Ohio employees is well-known and is a part of why Grange has become a company emulated and respected by many. Additionally, the weight Phil placed on corporate responsibility led Grange to give mil-

lions of dollars back to greater Columbus, leaving a legacy for Phil that will stand for years to come.

Through such distinction and service to his company and to Columbus, Phil stands as a pillar of our community. I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for Central Ohio.

I offer my congratulations to Phil Urban for a career spent in service. I hope the spirit he daily brings forth in his life and work continues to inspire his friends and co-workers for years to come.

CELEBRATING THE 191ST ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE STATE OF IL-  
LINOIS

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a great day in American history. On December 3, 1818 Illinois joined the United States of America. This month marks the 191st anniversary of this event. I join over 12 million Illinoisans in celebrating our great state's inclusion in the Union.

For nearly two centuries, Illinois has occupied an important position within our country. From Illinois, great, transformative leaders have risen to national prominence. In 1830, our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, moved to Illinois where he practiced law in Springfield and served in our state legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives before winning the presidency in 1860. It was in Illinois where Lincoln and foe, Senator Stephen Douglas, debated the issue of slavery, the first of which was in Ottawa. Lincoln proclaimed that, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." It was Illinois that answered Lincoln's call by being the first state to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery. Today, we are proud to have another Illinoisan following Lincoln's legacy in the White House, our 44th President Barack Obama, with whom I served in Springfield and who served our great state in the U.S. Senate.

Illinois is home to a wide array of historic sites testifying to its important role in our nation's history. From Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, a physical remnant of the 1893 World's Fair, to the Cahokia Mounds, a pre-Columbian settlement in the southern part of the state, Illinois bears many of our nation's historical riches.

In addition, Illinois serves as one of the leaders in our nation's economy. Illinois is at the forefront of agriculture. It is the number two producer of corn, number one producer of soybeans in the United States, and a major producer of pork. Illinois is one of our nation's leading transportation hubs, which contribute greatly to our local economy. My district is home to the largest intermodal in the country, which provides thousands of local jobs. Many large corporations call Illinois home, such as State Farm Insurance of Bloomington, which is a major employer in Illinois' 11th Congressional District. Many motion pictures have been filmed in Illinois including the classic film *Blues Brothers*.

Within Illinois, communities from large urban cities to small rural villages come together to form the fabric of the fifth most populous state

in the nation. In my own 11th District, I am proud to serve communities ranging from Peotone, in the near Chicago, to smaller communities, such as Streator and Princeton. In my district and across the state, farmers and urban professionals, teachers and firefighters all compose the diverse body of Americans known as Illinoisans. I am proud to join them today in celebrating our great state.

LEE DERROUGH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and leadership of Lee Derrough, on the occasion of his retirement as CEO of Hunt Midwest Enterprises Inc.

Lee is a 1967 journalism graduate of the University of Kansas. Lee faithfully served forty-two years with the Hunt Organization. He began his career as a public relations assistant for the Kansas City Chiefs. Lee then became the Marketing Director for Worlds of Fun, before becoming General Manager of the park in 1974. It was also Lee's idea to develop Oceans of Fun, which, with Worlds of Fun, became the largest tourist attraction for Kansas City, providing hundreds of jobs and opportunities for young people throughout the metropolitan community. Many of the people who worked for Lee have gone on to be major contributors to our community in their roles as lawyers, judges, doctors, teachers and business associates.

Under Lee's leadership, he grew and developed more than 6,000 acres of surface commercial and residential real estate for Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc. He also served on the Boards of Directors for the Greater Kansas City Chamber Commerce, the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, the Civic Council of Kansas City, the Clay County EDC, the Missouri Transportation Alliance. Lee also served as the Chairman of the Board for the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Kansas City.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Lee Derrough for his dedicated service to the people of Kansas City, Missouri and the Hunt Midwest Organization. I know Lee's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, December 14, 2009, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on rollcall 969 and YEA on rollcall 970.

## WES BANNISTER RECOGNITION

**HON. DANA ROHRBACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the following press release, which tells the story of Wes Bannister, who succumbed to cancer earlier this month. As the first Vice President of the Orange County Water District, he advised me on water issues for many years, and gave me his personal direction. He was a leader in the community and the state, and he will be missed. I know firsthand that his contributions will be enjoyed by Orange Countians for generations to come.

## WATER INDUSTRY LOSES A GREAT LEADER

THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD AND STAFF MOURNS THE UNTIMELY LOSS OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR WES BANNISTER

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA (Dec. 11, 2009).—In the late hours of December 10, 2009, the water world and Orange County lost an important trailblazer and public servant, Wesley “Wes” Mastin Bannister lost his battle with cancer. Wes Bannister was elected to the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors in 1991 representing Division 6, which includes Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach and parts of Westminster. He was re-elected to four consecutive four-year terms in 1996, 2001, 2004 and 2008. He was elected in 2007 and 2008 by his fellow board members to serve as the District’s 1st Vice President.

“The Board and staff of the Orange County Water District have lost an incredible leader who lived and breathed water,” stated OCWD Board President Stephen R. Sheldon. “Those who had the privilege of working with Wes know that he had the tenacity to get to the core of critical issues and drive and inspire others to do what was right and economically sound. He stood true to his principles and convictions, like no other person. We are truly sorry for his family’s great loss.”

During his tenure as a Board Member, the District celebrated many important achievements including the building and operation of the Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) System, the largest water purification project of its kind in the world, and a state-of-the-art Advanced Water Quality Assurance Laboratory.

In addition to serving on the OCWD Board, in 1993 Director Bannister was appointed Director to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County. In 2004, Director Bannister was elected as Chair of the MWD Board of Directors, for which he served until October 31, 2006.

“Wes was a principled leader and committed advocate for Orange County and its water interests who also worked faithfully to address the water challenges facing the entire southern California region,” said Wayne Clark, President of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). “We were honored to have had Wes represent MWDOC as one of our appointed representatives to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and we are going to miss our good friend.”

Director Bannister devoted over 23 years to serving the communities of Orange County. He served on the Huntington Beach City Council from 1986 to 1990, including as Mayor in 1989. “I had the distinct honor of serving with Wes on the City Council”, stated Assemblyman Jim Silva (R-Huntington Beach).

“If it weren’t for his encouragement and support, I would not be serving in the Assembly today. Wes was invaluable to me and many of my colleagues when it came to solving state water issues. He was a mentor and a true friend who genuinely cared about the people in his community and gave of his time and energy to making a difference.”

Director Bannister was also the Republican nominee for California Insurance Commissioner in 1990 and was nominated to the Electoral College by President Bush in that same year. He also served on the West Orange County Board from 1986 to 1990 and on the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors, District 11, from 1988 to 1990.

In 1986, Director Bannister was appointed by the Governor to the California FAIR Plan Board of Governors and continued to serve on this Board until his untimely death. Since 1993, Director Bannister had represented OCWD on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWAPIA). While serving, the Board elected him to the Governing Committee and to serve two years as its Vice President. Following his two-year term, the Board elected him President in 2005 for a three-year term.

Active in local affairs, Director Bannister served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA, as Charter President of the Huntington Beach Sunrise Rotary Club and as an advisor to the Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Post 536.

Director Bannister was born in Houston, Texas in 1936. He and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Rogers Bannister were married at Fort Sill in Oklahoma in 1959 where he was stationed and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Director Bannister and his wife Betty have lived in Huntington Beach since 1969. Together, the Bannisters welcomed three children Catherine (Cathy) Ann, Alice (Lisa) Elizabeth and Douglas (Doug) Mastin.

In addition to devoting much of his time to serving the communities of Orange County, Director Bannister founded Bannister and Associates Insurance Agency in 1974, from which he retired in 2003. The family business continues to flourish under the leadership of his two surviving children Alice (Lisa) Elizabeth Bannister and Douglas (Doug) Mastin Bannister. Director Bannister is also survived by two grandchildren Kaitlyn Michelle and Brent Douglas.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING  
THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
BIBLICA

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Biblica for the contributions they have made to our country and join with them in the celebration of their 200th anniversary.

On December 4, 1809, a small group of concerned citizens met in lower Manhattan to discuss how to make the Bible available to the residents of the city and formed the New York Bible Society, beginning an organization that has been woven into the fabric of United States culture for 200 years.

The New York Bible Society provided Scripture for members of the United States Armed Forces in each conflict, foreign and domestic, since the War of 1812, and in partnership with

the United States military chaplaincy, distributed more than 1,000,000 Bibles to members of the Armed Forces looking for courage, guidance, and comfort.

When the gates of Ellis Island opened in 1890, the New York Bible Society greeted new immigrants with a copy of Scripture in their native language, and over the 60 years that followed, provided an average of 160,000 copies of Scripture each year to immigrants.

In 1962, John Glenn lifted off into space with a Bible he received from the New York Bible Society. In 1968, the New York Bible Society sponsored the Committee on Bible Translation, a group responsible for creating the New International Version, which is now the most widely distributed, contemporary English version in the world, with more than 300,000,000 copies in circulation.

The New York Bible Society moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1988 and became the International Bible Society.

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the International Bible Society distributed more than 800,000 copies of Scripture to those seeking hope and comfort during one of the darkest moments in United States history. The International Bible Society also provided Scripture to disaster survivors worldwide, including victims of Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

The International Bible Society merged with Living Bibles International and Send the Light and today operates as Biblica.

Biblica is one of the largest distributors of Bibles and biblical resources in the world, operates in 54 countries, and has translated the Bible into more than 100 languages. Biblica is the leading provider of Bible translations on the Internet, providing the Bible in 29 languages to more than 100,000,000 Internet users annually.

It is an honor to recognize Biblica as an integral part of our nation’s history and I commend them for the contributions they have made to the United States and around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY  
MADELEINE SEGAL HALL

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mary Madeleine Segal Hall, a remarkable woman and personal friend who passed away on October 6, 2009 at the age of 85.

Mary was born on July 18, 1924 in Jefferson, Texas to Margaret Manning and Maurice Segal. She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1940 and went on to attend the College of Marshall, now East Texas Baptist University, where she met her future husband of 48 years, the late Sam B. Hall, Jr., a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and my good friend.

Throughout her 85 years, Mary was a dedicated member of the community. Her civic commitment was evidenced by the many community organizations in which she was involved. She was a charter member of Marshall Symphony League, served on the Boards of Marshall Symphony Society and the Starr

Home, active in Belle Maison, Club 25 and on the advisory board of Historical Commission Advisory Council. During her husband's Congressional years, she was active in the Congressional Wives Club, Texas Breakfast Club, and Texas State Society. She loved her life in Washington where she would give tours of the White House on a regular basis. In 1977, she and her husband were named the first recipients of the J. Wesley Smith Award given annually by East Texas Baptist University for outstanding achievements.

Mary was a devoted Christian and served as a member of Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall. She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and W.F. Palmer, Amanda and Tom Wynn, and Sandra and Don Bodenhamer; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was a very loving, wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; she was someone you wanted to emulate. Mary was a wonderful wife to her husband and wherever he was, she loved being there.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the life, accomplishments, and memory of Mrs. Mary Madeleine Segal Hall. Her contributions will be greatly missed but her kindness and service will not be forgotten.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3288,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to let the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect a clerical error in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

In July of this year, shortly after the Committee on Appropriations made available the appropriations requests included in its Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, it came to my attention my name was incorrectly placed as a joint sponsor of a project request which provides \$10,312 for the Southeast Corridor Light Rail in Denver, Colorado. While I am supportive of this project and the broader FasTracks mass transit plan of Colorado's Regional Transportation District, RTD, I did not request funding for this project. Upon discovery, my staff informed the Committee on Appropriations of this error and asked that it be corrected.

On December 10, the House passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011. In that conference report, my name was again mistakenly attached to this project by committee staff during the filing process. Because both chambers have passed this conference report, there is no method short of a Presidential veto for me to correct this error. Therefore, I would like to let the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect this mistake and my lack of involvement in this project.

To be clear, no official from RTD or any other organization asked me or my staff to request funding for this project. Nor did I submit any material to the Appropriations Committee requesting funding for this project. As such, I did not post information on the process on my

official website. However, for the sake of transparency and public accountability, I have certified in writing that I have no financial interest in this project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES WAR BONDS ACT OF 2009

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce before the House of Representatives, the War Bonds Act of 2009. War bonds are a cost-effective way to reduce our dependence on foreign creditors and create an outlet for Americans to express their patriotism and support for our servicemembers as well as the security mission for which they are deployed.

To be sure, thousands of Americans have made tremendous sacrifices over the course of this war. Members of the military, their families, and their friends have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and we must never take their service for granted. Many of us have begun shopping for our friends and families this holiday season, while a relatively small group of families are preparing to send their loved ones off to battle.

We have an opportunity to bridge that disconnection. We have an opportunity to open our wallets and provide gifts, big or small, to our troops. These funds will go toward more than war machinery, but to clothing, feeding, securing, and providing medical services for our service men and women abroad. It will allow them the means to make quick work of their mission and to return home safely to their families. The War Bonds Act of 2009 will allow Americans to show their support for the troops even if they are wary about the war itself.

We also need to responsibly finance the increase in troop levels rather than continuing deficit spending for the mission. Each soldier, sailor, airman, and marine that we send abroad costs \$1 million per deployment. A 34,000 person troop increase could raise our Afghanistan tab by some \$40 billion per year, affecting our ability to invest domestically and to rebuild our military from the wear of the Iraq war. In past wars, Congress has raised taxes to fund most of our fighting, but since 9/11 the war bills have been piling up. Our engagements in the Middle East have been financed primarily by debt, money borrowed from foreign countries. In fact, nearly \$3.5 trillion—46 percent of U.S. debt—is held by foreign investors.

War bonds allow us to borrow from ourselves, rather than other countries. United States savings bonds are considered some of the safest investments in the world. They are available in predetermined denominations and mature over a period of time while accruing interest. After a number of years, the owner of the bond can collect the face value cost of the bond plus interest. All U.S. savings bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

The legislation I am introducing today will allow American citizens to do our part without being required to do so through taxation. The legislation will authorize the Treasury to issue and market war bonds to the American people

to help finance the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I believe that we need shared sacrifice and fiscal discipline in financing the war effort. Where we have sacrificed our future with billions of dollars of deficit spending on the war, we can begin bringing down that deficit with much smaller individual sacrifices now.

The U.S. War Bonds Act of 2009 finds a precedent in World War II savings bonds. From May 1, 1941, through December 1945, the War Finance Division and its predecessors were responsible for the sale of nearly \$186 billion worth of government securities. Of this, more than \$54 billion was in the form of war savings bonds.

I believe that the same patriotism is alive and well today, and that as a Nation and a people we have not lost the will to make collective sacrifices for the greater good. The men and women in the U.S. military are fighting year-round in faraway places, with their sacrifices and those of their families beyond comprehension. I believe that in that same spirit, Americans will be able to use war bonds to offer a token of respect, admiration, and support for those in uniform who show the same for us every day of their lives.

A BILL TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT TO CONGRESS A REPORT ON ANTI-AMERICAN INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, H.R. 2278 condemns the use by groups designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations in the Middle East of television programs to incite anti-American violence.

I do not condone the use of television programming to promote anti-American sentiment in the Middle East; I strongly object to it. Similarly, I strongly condemn ongoing policies that seek to punish civilian populations in an effort to undermine political leadership in their respective countries. However, if we want to stop anti-American incitement in the Middle East, we must end our military occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, we must put an end to the drone attacks in Pakistan and we must end the blockade of Gaza.

Our continued occupation fuels the insurgency in Iraq and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Just this week, over 100 people have been killed and almost 200 wounded in a series of bombings in Baghdad, resulting in one of the deadliest attacks in Iraq this year. President Obama accepted his Nobel Peace Prize as over 16,000 American troops were readying for deployment as part of our military escalation in Afghanistan.

More unmanned drone attacks in Pakistan have been authorized by President Obama during his first three months in office than President Bush ordered during his entire presidency. Predator drones have killed hundreds of innocent civilians and have spurred significant anti-American sentiment. The recent revelations that the C.I.A. is running the predator drone program show that we are deploying an extraordinary use of lethal force in a country we are not at war with.

On the eve of the one-year anniversary of Operation Cast Lead, the people of Gaza continue to suffer immeasurably under the U.S. imposed blockade, living in tents next to the remains of their homes. Not one house has been rebuilt and not one pane of glass has been allowed in. Ninety-five percent of the drinking water is unfit for human consumption as the man-made humanitarian crisis continues. The United States and our closest ally, Israel, have a responsibility to uphold international humanitarian and international human rights law, both of which are violated by this blockade.

A resolution condemning television programming by designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations does not make our condemnation of terrorist acts more clear. Furthermore, this resolution does nothing to bring the United States and our friends in the Middle East closer to peace and stability. Anti-American sentiment in the Middle East can only be solved through diplomatic means and through the consistent application of peaceful solutions that ensure the security and basic human rights of all people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES  
ROBERT PAXTON

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Robert Paxton, a veteran, civic servant, and personal friend who passed away August 2, 2009 at the age of 86.

"Jim Bob," as he was known to his friends and family, was born September 15, 1923. The youngest child of Eugene Stratton Paxton and Ella Clark Paxton, "Jim Bob" grew up in Elkhart, Texas before attending Baylor University. Deciding to put his education on hold, "Jim Bob" enlisted in the United States Navy as an officer where he taught airplane recognition in World War II. His service in the U.S. Navy took him many places, including his arrival on the Japanese island of Nagasaki to help liberate American and Allied prisoners the day after the atom bomb was dropped.

After World War II, "Jim Bob" returned to Baylor University to complete his undergraduate degree before attending law school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Paxton then served two terms in the Texas Legislature, where he met and fell in love with his wife, Doris, whom he married in 1954. The couple moved to Palestine where they lived and raised their family, and where Mr. Paxton practiced law for more than fifty years. Among his many outstanding achievements, "Jim Bob" was appointed by Governor Dolph Brisco to serve on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

As evident through his military and civic service, Mr. Paxton was not only a leader in his home as a loving husband and father, but a leader in his community and country. He was known as a man of faith, who lived his life in devotion to God, and he will be missed by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris Lee Hall Paxton, their five daughters, and nu-

merous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Madam Speaker, I ask those here today to join me in remembrance of this great American, James Robert Paxton.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPS  
VETERAN JOHN D. DAY

**HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to laud the lifelong achievements, patriotism and honorable militia service to our country by U.S. Marine Corps veteran John D. Day of Hornell, New York. It is a distinct honor to submit his name before the United States House of Representatives for his numerous contributions to the 29th Congressional District and a grateful Nation.

A graduate of Hornell High School, John went on to study Criminal Justice at Finger Lakes Community College and Corning Community College where he balanced his academic studies with his participation on the collegiate baseball teams. After completing his studies, John heeded the call of duty and enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps where he served until his honorable discharge in 2000, after 4 years of service.

John then embarked on a career path of public service as a member of various, local police departments where he achieved the rank of Sergeant while simultaneously working towards the completion of his associates degree.

As a training officer, John was credited with designing and implementing numerous programs to better train officers and to improve job performance. Tragically, while en route to work at the Bath VA Police Department on October 27, 2008, John was killed when his vehicle was hit by a drunk driver.

Since the accident, John was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant and was honored in April as the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Police Officer of the Year at the Annual Law Enforcement Banquet. John was also cited by the VA National Central Office for his perfect record maintaining and completing all training records. In addition, the last two classes at the Federal Police Officer Academy at Little Rock, Arkansas, dedicated their graduation and hard work to the way John performed his duties at work and the professionalism he demonstrated.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, it is my honor to recognize Officer John D. Day's contributions to his country and community.

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
KAREN WILKINSON

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, the Judiciary Committee's Crime, Terrorism, and Home-

land Security Subcommittee Chairman ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Wilkinson for her work with the Committee for the past 2 years.

Karen came to us as a detailee from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. At the end of December, Karen will return to Phoenix, Arizona to continue her work as an Assistant Federal Public Defender representing indigent clients in federal criminal cases, where she worked for eight years before coming to the Committee. Prior to that, she clerked for the U.S. District Court for Arizona and then joined the law firm of Brown & Bain. Karen graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University Law School, received a Masters in Business Administration from NOVA University and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan.

Karen's accomplishments during her tenure with the Committee include a number of bills that are very important to improving our country's criminal justice system. During the 111th Congress, she was responsible for guiding several legislative measures to approval on the floor of the House of Representatives, including: H.R. 448, the Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2009; H.R. 632, the National Silver Alert Act of 2009; H.R. 748, CAMPUS Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 908, the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1333, which amends chapter 40 of title 18 of the United States Code to exempt the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials for delivery to a federally recognized Indian tribes; H.R. 1727, the Managing Arson Through Criminal History, MATCH, Act; H.R. 1933, a Child is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; S. 1289, the Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act of 2009, and H.R. 2661, the Court Security Enhancement Act of 2009.

In addition, she is shepherding several very important bills pending before the Judiciary Committee, such as: H.R. 503, the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2009; H.R. 3327, the Ramos-Compean Justice Act of 2009; H.R. 2289, the Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2095, the Restitution for the Exonerated Act; H.R. 1149, the Child Protection Reauthorization Act of 2009 and H.R. 1422, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Reauthorization Act of 2009. Karen is also developing the Literacy Education and Rehabilitation Act, LERA, and the Department of Justice Reauthorization Act, legislation that would require a criminal defense representative to be appointed to the United States Sentencing Commission, as well as bills that would correct the firearm recidivist sentencing guidelines and the computation of good time credit in federal prison system.

We would like to thank the Administrative Office of Courts and the Federal Public Defender's Office of Phoenix for their generosity in allowing such a dedicated, responsible, and committed person to become such an integral part of our team. We are deeply grateful to Karen for her service, professionalism, and friendship during the past 2 years. She possesses that rare balance of humility, warmth, wit, and passion without a trace of ego, and she will be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck and give her our thanks.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
JACK GAINES THAXTON

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Jack Gaines Thaxton who passed away August 7, 2009 at the age of 90. A lifelong Texan, Mr. Thaxton was born April 23, 1919 in Kaufman, Texas to Estelle Gaines Thaxton and John W. Thaxton. He spent his childhood and adolescent years in Rockwall, Texas, graduating from high school in 1937. Even in his early years, he demonstrated character qualities which would be associated with his name throughout his life. He dedicated himself to many activities in school including football, which he excelled in, baseball, and tennis, also taking pride in his perfect attendance record.

Upon graduating, Mr. Thaxton worked for three years as assistant manager for the Boyer Drug Company in Rockwall before volunteering for service in the Texas National Guard, later serving with the 112th Cavalry. During World War II, he campaigned in the Pacific Theater and in the liberation of the Southern Philippines and Luzon. After contracting malaria and hepatitis, Mr. Thaxton spent several months recovering in an Army hospital before being released in 1945. Mr. Thaxton received several decorations, including five bronze stars for meritorious service.

After he returned to Texas, Mr. Thaxton enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, where he earned a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration in 1949. Shortly after graduating, he married Marguerite Ruth Davis and the couple moved to Corpus Christi where he worked for H.E.B Grocery Company for thirty years. Marguerite passed away after twenty-two years of marriage, and Mr. Thaxton later remarried to Marjorie N. Thaxton.

Mr. Thaxton decided to combine his passion for sports and education when he established a golf scholarship at his alma mater, Rockwall High School, the proceeds of which help students further their academic goals.

He was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church, a Mason, and later a member of the Al Amin Shrine Temple. He is survived by his son, James Eric Thaxton and his wife Carol Arnold Thaxton, along with three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in honoring the life of this American veteran and dedicated American citizen, Mr. Jack Gaines Thaxton.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM POPE  
"BILLY" LANGDALE, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of William Pope "Billy" Langdale, Sr., a man I was proud to call my friend and constituent. An accomplished public servant who was devoted to his community, state, country, his family, and

friends, Billy passed away on December 12, 2009, at the age of 88.

Billy lived his entire life in Valdosta in Lowndes County, Georgia. He graduated from Valdosta High School in 1938 where he was a proud member of the Valdosta Wildcat football team. He went on to attend the University of Georgia, where he played football for the Bulldogs before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1942. He served in the Marines for 10 years and was awarded a Bronze Star before retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

His public career began in 1960, when he was elected as chairman to the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, where he served for 16 years. He then served as Chairman of the Georgia Department of Transportation board for 2 years before becoming the Second Congressional District representative on the DOT board, a post he held for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in numerous local transportation projects, from highway improvements to the six-laning of Interstate 75.

Billy fittingly received many accolades for his public service, including being named as one of Georgia Trend magazine's "100 Most Influential Georgians" as well as South Georgia Business magazine's list of the "Most Influential South Georgians." A highway in my district is named the "Billy Langdale Highway" in his honor. Upon his retirement in 2008, both the Georgia State Senate and the Georgia House of Representatives passed resolutions thanking Billy for his many years of service to the state.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, and our Nation have been truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous leadership of Billy Langdale. He will be remembered for the compassion he spread continuously throughout his life, his great humor, his never ending modesty, his intense desire to help others, and his unwavering love for his family.

A TRIBUTE TO BOB HEFT

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and remember the life of an outstanding individual, Mr. Robert G. Heft of Saginaw, MI, who I am sad to report passed away this week.

Mr. Heft, who liked to be called simply "Bob," was a man whose innovation and patriotism created a legacy that reaches even into outer space.

Bob was the man behind a true representation of patriotism, the symbol of our Nation that flies proudly today above this very building, across the country, around the world, and yes, is even on the moon.

Using his mother's sewing machine and a hot iron, Bob created the first fifty-star flag as an assignment for school. His teacher originally gave him a B minus, so they made a deal: if Bob's design was accepted by Congress, he would change the grade to an A.

So Bob sent his prototype to his Governor and Congressman.

Then, one morning in 1958, Bob received a very special phone call. On the other end of

the line was President Dwight D. Eisenhower, personally calling the high schooler to tell him that Bob's version of the American Flag was picked by the President to replace the 48-star flag as the official design for our recently-expanded Nation. Bob's flag was chosen from more than 190,000 entries submitted.

Bob was there with the President on July 4, 1960, when the flag was flown for the first time. What began as a history project later became the longest-serving flag in American History, an American icon, and the true face of freedom. Bob's work is an inspiration to our students that each morning recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

And yes, it was his flag that just a few years later was launched and planted on the Moon, a perpetual reminder that our citizens' innovative talents know no bounds.

Bob's service to our Nation did not end there though. He was a longtime Professor at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio. After his retirement, Bob served as mayor of Napoleon, Ohio for 14 years, becoming the longest serving mayor in the town's history. During this time, Bob also became a popular motivational speaker, going to schools and veterans' groups all over the country to tell his unique stories. The many that met him said that Bob emanated a true warmth and love for his country.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Bob Heft, a true patriot throughout his life. I also wish to extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Though most citizens may have never met him, all have been touched by the symbol of American freedom that he created, and has become part of the integral fabric of this country.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3288,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010. This bill provides the necessary funding to sustain our agencies covered by six regular appropriations bills and incorporates many key projects that directly benefit our communities nationwide.

I am very supportive of providing resources to ensure that quality programs and projects continue to receive assistance to improve infrastructure, expand education programs, retain jobs, and provide adequate equipment and service to our military personnel and veterans. I would like to thank my colleagues for their leadership on this bill and their support of projects in South Texas.

I am happy to note that within this agreement I was able to secure funding for several projects benefiting my district. Through these appropriations, new jobs and innovative developments will continue to advance our community as well as contribute to the future of our country. Some of these projects include: \$500,000 for facilities and equipment at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, \$250,000 for the Texas

A&M Corpus Christi Adjudicated Youth Program, \$150,000 for Global Marketing and Logistics Certification Program at the University of Texas at Brownsville, \$300,000 for street improvements at the Robstown Inland Port, \$500,000 for the Corpus Christi and Robstown Regional Intermodal Transit Facility, \$700,000 for Shrimp Industry Fishing Effort Research Continuation in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the country, \$19,764,000 for Corpus Christi Naval Air Station Operational Facilities to support T-6 planes, \$4,470,000 for the Solar Panel Array at Kingsville Naval Air Station, \$10,200,000 for the Robstown Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, and \$200,000 for the Brownsville and Corpus Christi Independent School Districts' joint South Texas Library Literacy Project.

I want to make clear that my vote for this bill reflects solely my support for the aforementioned priorities. I have consistently voted against using federal funds to support abortion services and am pleased that this bill upholds those limitations so that my constituents' tax dollars are not used in a way inconsistent with their moral beliefs.

My vote in favor of H.R. 3288 reflects my commitment to fund this nation's economic priorities and help our South Texas communities, educational facilities, and small businesses in the midst of a deep recession.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 3326, Department of Defense and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 contains the following funding:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Research, Development, Test And Evaluation, Army—Medical Technology

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga

Address: 975 East Third Street Chattanooga, TN 37403

Description of Request: The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga requested funding for its work with artificial bone implants and grafts for American soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines who have lost limbs in combat. This research will greatly enhance the lives of injured service members giving them more independence and allow them to live more productive and fulfilling lives. The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga receives \$1,000,000 for this project.

Distribution of funding:

Yearly Staffing—37%

Consultative Services—9%

Scientific Material—54%

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Account: Other Procurement, Army—Training Devices, Nonsystem

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee Army National Guard

Address: Houston Barracks, 3041 Sidco Drive Nashville, TN 37204

Description of Request: The Tennessee Army National Guard requested funding to purchase and maintain Combined Arms Virtual Trainers to better prepare service members for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. This equipment replicates virtual battlefields and allows Army National Guard soldiers to train as they will fight. Allowing Combined Arms Training within a virtual environment will save lives on the real battlefield. The Tennessee Army National Guard receives \$5,000,000 for this equipment.

Distribution of funding: Equipment, Software, & Maintenance—100%

### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD ALLEN POPE

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Edward Allen Pope of Amarillo and life-long resident of Dallas, who died at the age of 85 on October 29, 2009.

Ed was born October 31, 1923 to Gertrude Milam and Edward G. Pope. After graduating from Crozier Tech High School in 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and earned the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He served during World War II and the Korean Conflict as a naval aviator. He received The China Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Naval Reserve Medal. After Naval retirement, he became an electrician for Ling, Oliver and O'Dwyer, working there until his retirement in 1989.

In December 1947, he married Virginia Shelly, and they would have celebrated 62 years together this year as man and wife. He was a great "in-law", loving Virginia's family as his own. Ed was a family man—a great father of strong faith and conviction. He was a faithful member of Christ Church in Dallas, serving on their Vestry as Junior Warden for 35 years. He loved unconditionally and he loved a good time. His rule in life was "the more the merrier" and he was the leader and planner for hunting, skiing and boating excursions and many family outings. He was an inquisitive, generous, tender-hearted, gentle man loved by all who knew him.

Ed is survived by his wife, Virginia; a brother, Norman Pope of Austin; a daughter, Janace Pope Ponder of Amarillo and her husband, David; his daughter in-law Debby Pope; his grandchildren, Paige Garmon, Abby Mitchell, Carmen Juckett and Courtney Pope; and great grandchildren, Michael Clouse, Peyton Garmon, Madison Garmon, Shelby Garmon, Kaylee Mitchell and Jacob Juckett; as well as nieces, nephews and many close friends and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Joseph Pope. Madam Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in honoring the life of this great American, Edward Allen Pope.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a Resolution of Inquiry directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House all information relating to the decision to dismiss an important voter intimidation case, United States v. New Black Panther Party. The case sought to enforce Voting Rights Act statutes against members of the New Black Panther Party that threatened Philadelphia voters—both verbally and physically—last year.

This case was inexplicably dismissed earlier this year—over the ardent objections of the career attorneys overseeing the case as well as the department's own appeal office.

I regret that Congress must resort to oversight resolutions as a means to receive information about the dismissal of this case, but the Congress and the American people have a right to know why this case was not prosecuted.

As ranking Republican member of the House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the Justice Department, I take oversight of the department very seriously.

I also strongly support voting rights protections. In 1981, I was the only member—Republican or Democrat—of the Virginia delegation in the House to vote for the Voting Rights Act and was harshly criticized by the editorial page of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and when I supported its reauthorization in 2006, I was criticized again by editorial pages.

Time and again over the last year, the department has stonewalled any effort to learn about the decision to dismiss this case.

I have written Attorney General Holder on six occasions asking for an explanation for the dismissal of this case. To date, I have received no response from him.

I wrote the DOJ Inspector General to request a review of this decision. He deferred to the Office of Professional Responsibility—which reports directly to the Attorney General.

I have written the Office of Professional Responsibility seeking information on its investigation. The Office has refused to share any information.

In fact, the only response I have received—from a legislative affairs staffer—was woefully incomplete and—in places—inaccurate.

Two months ago, I met with House Judiciary Chairman CONYERS to ask for his assistance in obtaining this information, but he has yet to take any action. This is a shameful failure to provide necessary congressional oversight.

It is not only Congress that is being stonewalled by the Attorney General. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has repeatedly sought this same information, in fulfillment of its statutory responsibility to ensure the enforcement of civil rights law.

After being similarly rebuffed, the commission filed subpoenas with the department for this information as well as to interview the career attorneys that handled the case.

However, we understand that the Attorney General has instructed his department to ignore these subpoenas. The nation's chief law enforcement officer is forcing these career attorneys to choose between complying with the

law and complying with the Attorney General's obstruction.

At least one of the attorneys has been compelled to obtain private counsel.

I urge the House Judiciary Committee to report this resolution out favorably and to demand that the Attorney General answer the questions surrounding this case.

The career attorneys and Appellate Division within the department sought to demonstrate the Federal Government's commitment to protecting voting rights by vigorously prosecuting any individual or group that seeks to undermine this right.

This House must not turn a blind eye to the Attorney General's obstruction. He has an obligation to answer the legitimate questions of the House and the Civil Rights Commission.

It is imperative that we protect the right of all Americans to vote—the sacrosanct and inalienable right of any democracy.

I submit for the record a copy of the resolution that I am introducing.

#### RESOLUTION

Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the decision to dismiss *United States v. New Black Panther Party*.

*Resolved*, That the Attorney General is directed to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution, copies of any document, memo, or correspondence of the Department of Justice with regard to *United States v. New Black Panther Party*, or any portion of any such document, memo, or correspondence that refers or relates to—

(1) any department communications with regard to the case between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(2) any communication with the defendants or the defendants' attorneys between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009;

(3) any communication with third-party organizations or individuals between November 5, 2008 and November 15, 2009; or

(4) any evidence with regard to the dismissal of the case.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDDIE M. BROOKS

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Eddie Brooks, a loving husband and father, veteran of the Korean War, and an American hero, who passed away August 18, 2009 at the age of 90.

Hailing from Hope, Arkansas, Mr. Brooks committed twenty years of his life in service to the United States Army, serving with the Army Medical Service, Medical Detachment, and 555th Field Artillery Battalion in the Korean War. Mr. Brooks was sent into combat in Korea with no training, but rose to the occasion, demonstrating bravery in how he handled himself and defended his comrades.

Early on in his deployment, his unit was trapped in a river bed where they were exposed to extensive shooting and grenades. Mr. Brooks was injured when one grenade got under his feet, seriously wounding one leg. Corporal Eddie M. Brooks refused evacuation,

continuing to treat other wounded soldiers and assisting in their removal from the area. The United States Army Headquarters 25th Infantry Division stated, "When the unit began displacement because of increased hostile action, he drove a 2½ ton truck loaded with critical supplies to safety. Corporal Brooks' gallant and selfless devotion to duty reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the Army Medical Service." When asked about his received honors, Mr. Brooks always expressed his feeling that he was undeserving but appreciative, believing that others had sacrificed more than him.

For his military service, Mr. Brooks was awarded the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Germany Occupation Medal, United Nations Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

At home, Mr. Brooks was the devoted husband to his wife of 58 years, Joyce, and the father of four daughters, Brenda, who passed away in 2005 due to illness, Debra, Charlotte, and Angela. Held in high esteem by all who knew him, he left behind a legacy of honor, service, and love. Madam Speaker, I ask those here today to join me in paying tribute to this great American hero, Mr. Eddie M. Brooks.

#### HONORING FRANK "PONCHO" ROBERTS

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank "Poncho" Roberts, a dedicated husband, father, and community servant on the occasion of his graduation from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Mr. Roberts graduates with a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre.

Poncho Roberts was born to Frank and Daisy Roberts on February 19, 1932, in Madisonville, Texas. He spent part of his childhood in Huntsville, but later moved to Houston and graduated from Austin High School in 1949. After graduation, he worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He spent most of his career working for the company at NASA as a craftsman and supervisor. Poncho fondly recounts his days working as a contractor for the space agency having seen some of its earliest missions from Gemini to Apollo.

Upon retirement in 1986, Poncho and his wife, Sugar, moved back to Huntsville to be close to their children. With a heart for serving others and a joyful, outgoing personality, Poncho was called on to help with various community service projects. He was the driving force behind the effort to build the Huntsville Aquatic Center, which has given the youth of Huntsville a place to swim and has allowed for the development of the Huntsville Lakers Swim Team.

Poncho has volunteered many hours of his time to work with the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce working at the Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center. He is a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and leads the "I Like Me!" program that distributes books to children to promote literary and character building. Poncho is also a deacon at

University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Poncho is well known for the penchant he has for the fine arts, especially theatre, and he has been a part of many plays performed by the Huntsville Community Theatre.

Of all his accomplishments, Poncho is most proud of being a loving husband and father. Poncho and Sugar have been married for 58 years. They have raised two children, a son, Frank Jr., and a daughter, Debbie. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with another on the way.

Madam Speaker, Poncho Roberts has dedicated his life to being a family man and to serving his community. He is proof that education is a lifelong endeavor. It is such an honor to represent good people like Poncho in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge you to join me in congratulating him on his graduation. That's Togetherness, One More Time.

#### RECOGNIZING A. PHILIP RANDOLPH FOR HIS LIFELONG LEADERSHIP AND WORK TO END DISCRIMINATION

SPEECH OF

#### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I express my support for H. Res. 150, introduced by my colleague Chairman CHARLES RANGEL, which recognizes the accomplishments of the great civil rights leader, A. Philip Randolph.

Mr. Randolph not only made great strides in shaping the civil rights movement during the turn of the 20th century, but he also impacted the growth of the labor movement and the rise of union labor.

A. Philip Randolph had a significant effect on political discourse in the African-American community during the 1930s with the founding of *The Messenger*, a political and literary magazine which documented several of the greatest injustices of our history. Through this magazine, Randolph advocated civil disobedience and membership in labor unions.

Mr. Randolph championed the cause of African-American men in labor, from sleeping car porters to elevator operators. He organized and founded the Brotherhood for Sleeping Car Porters, which fought for overtime pay and pay increases for sleeping car porters, a majority of which were African-American, at a time when sharecropping in the South was still widespread.

We also honor Mr. Randolph for his leadership in organizing the March on Washington, which will be remembered as one of the most important political rallies of the twentieth century.

A. Philip Randolph personified the idea of a renaissance man, as a writer, actor, political activist and union organizer. He achieved the unachievable during a time when education was unattainable for most African-Americans, even most Americans.

Mr. Randolph has received numerous awards, namely, the Congressional Medal of Honor, one of the highest honors for civilians in the United States of America. His contributions to our great Nation are undeniable, and

the path that he forged will be traversed by generations to come.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding benefitting the State of Delaware included in H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Act.

Name of Intended Recipient: Delaware National Guard

Location: First Regiment Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: DRUGS

Name of Project: Delaware National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

Project Description: The Act includes \$300,000 to provide counterdrug support to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and to Community Based Organizations requesting Drug Demand Reduction Assistance. Funding will provide unique military support and resources to our police agencies which enable the police to concentrate more police resources to other priorities in their department. Increased funding from federal appropriations will permit the Delaware National Guard to provide support to open requests from the FBI, Delaware State Police, and local authorities. It will also enable the Delaware Guard to expand its Drug Education Program.

Name of Intended Recipient: WL Gore & Associates

Location: 555 Paper Mill Rd., Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: OM, DW

Name of Project: Special Operations Forces Modular Glove System

Project Description: The Act includes \$4,780,000 to accelerate the fielding of the Modular Glove System for U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF). This is a five piece system that provides the war fighter the necessary protection across a wide range of climactic conditions. Developed to be compatible with the SOF's Protective Combat Uniform designed for frigid conditions, this SOF Modular Glove System provides cold weather protection to -50 degrees as well as waterproof protection in wet conditions. The Special Operations Command has an established requirement for a Modular Glove System to better meet the real-world mission needs of its SOF in a broad range of deployed environments. This funding would accelerate the fielding by about one year to ensure all U.S. SOF forces in theater have access to this high technology, readiness enhancing system.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Composite Applied Research and Technology for FCS and Tactical Vehicle Survivability

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,200,000 to rapidly advance the Technology Readiness Level of existing and promising new ultra-lightweight composite structures and armor for combat and light, medium and heavy tactical vehicle applications. Using heavy materials such as steel and aluminum will continue to result in vehicles that are too heavy to transport and will overload vehicles—which reduces life, increases maintenance costs and requires more frequent vehicle replacement. The project is addressing the critical needs of the U.S. Army to protect our soldiers and provide them with the best equipment to carry out their missions. Lightweight composite vehicle structures and armor increase mobility and mission payloads while increasing soldier protection against direct fire, improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators.

Name of Intended Recipient: INVISTA S.à r.l.

Location: 2801 Centerville Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Improved Thermal Resistant Nylon for Enhanced Durability and Thermal Protection in Combat Uniforms

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,200,000 to increase the safety and protection of U.S. soldiers with improved flame resistant, durable, and lower cost materials for the U.S. Army combat uniforms. These improvements will meet an urgent need due to the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). This project will fund and accelerate research, development, testing, and evaluation for nylon fiber development, fiber formulation, fabric scale up and performance blend specification for U.S. Army combat uniforms.

Name of Intended Recipient: ILC Dover LP  
Location: One Moonwalker Road, Frederica, DE 19946-2080

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: Joint Services Aircrew Mask Don/DoFF Inflight Upgrade

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,400,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation of a Joint Services Aircrew Mask, which will provide above the neck Chemical, Biological, and Anti-G protection to DoD aircrew personnel. The mask is a hood that goes over the wearer's head and seals at the neck. This project will enhance our military's mission capability while minimizing performance degradation in chemical and biological contaminated scenarios.

Name of Intended Recipient: Piasecki Aircraft Corporation

Location: 2nd Street West, Essington, PA 19029

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: X-49A Envelope Expansion Modifications

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,600,000 to conduct flight demonstrations at New Castle County Airport in Delaware on the Vectored Thrust Ducted Propeller (VTDP) Compound Helicopter technology's potential to increase rotorcraft speed, range, and survivability. These funds will cover the cost of design, fabrication, assembly, instrumentation

and check out of propulsion and control system modifications that will enable flight beyond the current operating limits of the baseline conventional helicopter. Many current US combat and humanitarian operations require rotorcraft capabilities well beyond those of existing fleet helicopters.

Name of Intended Recipient: ANP Technologies, Inc.

Location: 824 Interchange Blvd., Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: NIDS Handheld Common Identifier for Biological Agents

Project Description: The Act includes \$2,400,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation to develop a handheld device for detection of a variety of biological warfare agent related bacteria and viruses. According to the Report of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (released in December 2008), a biological attack is more likely to be used by terrorists than any other weapons of mass destruction in the near future. The proposed handheld common identifier for biological agents will allow war fighters to perform rapid, on-site biological agent tests during threat situations.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: Advanced Composite Maritime Manufacturing

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,600,000 to research and develop design, engineering and manufacturing technologies for U.S. Navy ship structures based on advanced lightweight composite materials. The objective of this project is to keep Navy, SOCOM (Special Operations Command), and Coast Guard craft at the forefront of technology, and help insure superiority of the US military in the water over current and future adversaries. The application of these materials and technologies will provide ship structures that are optimally engineered, and manufactured using state-of-the-art methods to provide the highest performance at the lowest cost.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullihen Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, N

Name of Project: Millimeter Wave Imaging

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,360,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation to develop real-time millimeter-wave imaging to allow U.S. soldiers to see in harsh conditions, including dust, fog, sand, and clouds. Millimeter wave imaging systems are able to image through smoke, fog, marine layer, blowing dust and sand, and fabric. The technology development is supported by the Office of Naval Research with the intent to deploy systems on military helicopters landing in harsh environments such as the "brownout" conditions faced when landing in the deserts of places such as Afghanistan and Iraq. It will also improve situational awareness of Naval

vessels, particularly when close to the shore or at ports.

Name of Intended Recipient: University of Delaware

Location: Hullahen Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, A

Name of Project: Cybersecurity in Tactical Environments

Project Description: The Act includes \$800,000 for research, development, testing and evaluation to detect vulnerabilities and intrusions in the U.S. Army's battlefield networks.

The U.S. Army uses mobile computer networks to both communicate between soldiers, and between soldiers and their weapons systems. This concept is called network centric warfare, and the security and availability of this network is critical to combat operations. The project will focus on detection of data exfiltration in tactical networks, intrusion detection in mobile ad-hoc networks, detection of malicious hardware and software components, and detecting security threats in commercial off the shelf (COTS) wireless networking equipment.

Name of Intended Recipient: Fraunhofer USA Center for Molecular Biotechnology

Location: 9 Innovation Way, Suite 200, Newark, DE 19711

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: RDTE, DW

Name of Project: Army Plant Vaccine Development Program

Project Description: The Act includes \$1,600,000 for research, development, testing, and evaluation to deliver a combined multivalent one-shot vaccine to protect the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian communities against plague and anthrax. This quick response ability can assist communities around the world with mass therapeutic treatment or for mass vaccination in the event of bioterrorist attack or natural disease outbreak such as an avian influenza.

Name of Intended Recipient: Delaware National Guard

Location: First Regiment Road, Wilmington, DE 19805

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Account: OP, A

Name of Project: Phoenix Quad-Band Satellite Receiver for the Delaware National Guard

Project Description: The Act includes \$3,200,000 for a mobile communications terminal to provide the Delaware National Guard with improved high data rate exchanges between various satellites and ground communications systems in secure and non-secure digital formats.

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
GEORGE C. ELLIOTT

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George C. Elliott for his two

years of dedicated service to the Committee on the Judiciary. As a detailee from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), George spent a year with the Committee in 2007 and was gracious enough to come back for another year when I requested him again in 2009. George will be returning to the USPTO at the end of 2009, where he will resume his duties as a Director.

George came to work for the Committee to support Congress' efforts to pass patent reform legislation. George's knowledge and experience in patent law proved invaluable to this endeavor. In the 110th Congress, George's tireless work in advising and crafting policy options contributed greatly to passage of the House of Representative's patent reform legislation, H.R. 1908. His dedication to this task continued in the 111th Congress, where he has played an equally important role in advancing patent reform legislation.

In addition to patent reform, George has worked on a variety of other intellectual property policy and legislative matters, including patent settlements, technology transfer, gene patents, and USPTO appropriations. George's expertise, work ethic, and friendly nature have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues. He has become a fixture of the Committee's staff and a valued member of the Committee's intellectual property team.

We were privileged to have this opportunity to work with George and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DON  
LINDSEY

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America, which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on February 8, 2010, has contributed to our communities through their leadership and dedication over the past 100 years, creating a better environment for our families to live, work and play. I rise today to pay tribute to one individual in particular, Mr. Don Lindsey, who began his scouting career in 1957. As an Eagle Scout, Mr. Lindsey took over a newly formed group as a Scoutmaster, a position he held for 31 years, and was directly involved in the making of 144 Eagle Scouts from this troop. He has served as a Boy Scout Chairman twice, and is directly responsible for \$4.4 million in facility renovations and new additions to Clements Scout Ranch over the last four years, with another \$6 million slotted for use.

Along with his service to the Boy Scouts of America over the past 52 years, Mr. Lindsey has been involved in service to his community and country in many other forms. He served as mayor of Terrell, Texas for ten years, County Fire Marshall for eight years, and retired from 35 years of military service as an Army Command Sergeant Major. In his church, Mr. Lindsey has served as an elder, deacon, and board member. He currently serves as a Council Committee Member and Summer Camp Director for Circle Ten Council.

His contributions to his community have been recognized through the many awards and decorations he has received, including the

Whitney Young Award; God and Service Award; Citizen of the Year for Terrell, Texas; Silver Beaver; and the George Meany Award.

Mr. Lindsey is a man who lives by example through his service to God, country, and through his role as a Scout, which has garnered him respect by all those who come in contact with him. Madam Speaker, I ask those present today to join me in recognizing a true servant to our country, Mr. Don Lindsey.

RECOGNIZING KYLE FOSS AND  
MICHAEL HAWKEN

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two incredible young men, Kyle Foss and Michael Hawken. Both Kyle and Michael have achieved three prestigious honors: the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Medal, and the Venturing Ranger Award. Nationally, less than one in ten thousand Boy Scouts earn all three of these honors, and they are the first young men in the history of California's 25th Congressional District to earn these prestigious honors.

The hard work and dedication of Kyle and Michael will pay dividends throughout their lives. The Boy Scouts teach boys and young men the value of hard work, commitment, community service, and morality. Kyle and Michael have been shaped by this outstanding organization and will continue to build on the strength of the program.

Kyle and Michael have proven to be young men of great character. They have learned what it means to be responsible citizens and have committed themselves to improving the communities in which they live. In a fast-paced and rapidly changing world, Kyle and Michael have anchored themselves in the most consistent fundamentals of America. I admire their spirit and enthusiasm to go above and beyond their duties in all that they do. I thank these young men for their service to our community, our state, our nation, and congratulate them on their remarkable achievements.

WALTONVILLE COAL  
GASIFICATION PLANT

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to the encroachment of federal authority into matters of the state and the continued appeasement of environmental special interests over the well-being of the American people.

Several weeks ago, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency permitted the construction of a new coal gasification plant near Waltonville, IL. An appeal was filed to prevent construction with the U.S. EPA based on their "finding that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases represent a significant threat to public health and welfare."

Burdensome regulations levied on unsubstantiated science will destroy jobs. Coal gasification, the production of coal gas to convert

into liquid gasoline, is a real solution to rising energy prices and it creates jobs here in the United States.

Taking drastic precautionary steps like those suggested by the EPA will have profound consequences on workers in Southern Illinois and all people throughout the country. Government action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is not without a heavy cost. It is irresponsible for a group of unelected bureaucrats at the EPA to make significant policy decisions that will restrain and prevent job creation based on unproven science. The EPA's response to their endangerment findings will more certainly endanger the economic well-being of Americans than fulfill the Obama Administration's promise of reducing carbon emissions or lowering global temperature.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MALIA CALI

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Malia Cali, the 2009 High School Heisman Award winner. Malia is a senior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Hammond, Louisiana, and is only the second winner in the history of the award from the State of Louisiana. She is a three-year All State selection in track and field, cross-country and soccer. Off the field, Malia founded "Cleats for Kids," a non-profit organization that collects used cleats and distributes them to children in Nicaragua. As if her impressive athletic and community service achievements weren't enough, Malia also has the No. 1 academic ranking in her senior class.

The High School Heisman has been awarded to one male and one female student each year since 1994. The High School Heisman recognizes the Nation's most esteemed high school senior men and women for excellence in academics, athletics and community service. Malia's success both on and off the field is a testament to what can be accomplished with hard work, dedication, and a commitment to others.

It's easy to see why Malia Cali was selected over nearly 55,000 other entrants in this competition. Malia is truly deserving of this prestigious award. Her successes and achievements shine brightly on the State of Louisiana, and I am proud to highlight the accomplishments of Malia Cali here today.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 4173, THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, as the principal author of the compromise provision regarding the preemption of State consumer fi-

ancial laws under the National Bank Act and the Home Owners Loan Act that was included in the manager's amendment on page 139 to 150, I wanted to take this opportunity to explain to my colleagues my intention in drafting the language.

The compromise language made improvements in several areas to allow national banks and Federal savings associations, which are institutions that operate under a national charter to comply with a uniform national standard where appropriate. I would like to further explain four components of the compromise specifically for the House. Those components include (1) limiting the scope of new preemption procedures to State consumer financial laws, so as not to affect preemption for other State laws; (2) the ability for categories of State consumer financial law to be preempted; (3) modifications of the preemption standard to more accurately reflect the Supreme Court Case of Barnett Bank v. Nelson, which established the preemption standard currently applied to national banks and Federal savings associations; and (4) the degree of deference afforded to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Office of Thrift Supervision by the courts.

First, under the compromise, the changes to preemption procedures under the National Bank Act for national banks and the Home Owners Loan Act for Federal savings associations are exclusively limited to State consumer financial laws. During the drafting of the compromise, I removed a sentence, previously suggested by the Committee that said national banks are to generally comply with State law. I removed this sentence because I wanted to make clear that the changes in the Act do not alter the preemption standards and precedents that apply to those State laws which are not State consumer financial laws. Narrowing the scope to just State consumer financial law is consistent with the initial scope of Subtitle D of H.R. 3126, The Consumer Financial Protection Act, when it was introduced in July 2009.

Second, the compromise language included language that allows for categories of State consumer financial law to be preempted. This means that if the Comptroller of the Currency (the regulator of national banks) or the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision (the regulator of Federal savings associations) determines a State consumer financial law in a particular state should be preempted because it "prevents, significantly interferes with, or materially impairs" the abilities of a national bank or Federal savings association, then that specific determination can be applied to other States' consumer financial laws with equivalent terms. For example, if one state seeks to require additional disclosure requirements for credit cards that the Comptroller of the Currency determines "prevents, significantly interferes with, or materially impairs" the ability of a national bank to engage in the business of banking, that determination can be applied to another state's credit card disclosure laws if those laws have equivalent terms.

Third, a critical portion of the compromise was drafting a preemption standard that embodied existing precedent. The preemption standard that was reported out of the Financial Services Committee stated that a State law could be preempted if it "prevents or significantly interferes with" the ability of a national bank (or a Federal savings association) to en-

gage in the business of banking. "Prevents or significantly interferes with" has been often mentioned as the shorthand citation of the preemption standard established by the Supreme Court in 1996 in Barnett Bank v. Nelson. However, as I and many others have noted, the Supreme Court ruling was not limited to those two terms as the only circumstance in which preemption of State laws is appropriate. In fact, they expanded on those words by saying that a State law should be preempted not only when it "prevents or significantly interferes with," but also "stands as an obstacle to the accomplishment of the purposes," "encroach(es) on," "destroy(s) or hamper(s)," or "impair(s)."

Since the Barnett case describes a number of situations in which State law is preempted, in addition to the "prevents or significantly interferes with" standard, I was concerned that limiting the underlying text to the shorthand expression of "prevents or significantly interferes with" could be construed as narrowing the Constitutional standard. I therefore added the words "materially impairs," so that there would be no question that the preemption standard is the same as the standard described in Barnett, and that State consumer financial law may be preempted if it violates any of the well established Constitutional benchmarks for preemption. I chose the word "materially" because if the impairment is not material—meaning it would only have a negligible effect on the bank—it should not be subject to preemption under current law.

When making preemption determinations on State consumer financial laws, the Comptroller of the Currency for national banks, Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for Federal savings associations, or the Court must find that Federal law applicable to national banks and Federal savings associations, including regulations and similar issuances, deals with the subject or activity that the State consumer financial law is seeking to regulate. A good example is the detailed disclosure requirements set by Federal law and Federal regulators, developed after substantial consumer testing, that apply to certain types of consumer financial products.

Finally, the compromise language is intended to clarify that when a court is reviewing an OCC determination concerning the proper interpretation of the National Bank Act or other Federal law that the OCC is charged with administering, the court is to apply the traditional deference accorded to an agency, often referred to as "Chevron" deference. The same clarification applies when a court is reviewing an OTS determination regarding the proper interpretation of the Home Owners Loan Act or other Federal law that the OTS administers. Further, while the underlying legislation directed the courts to apply a different type of deference to OCC or OTS preemption determinations, the compromise amendment makes clear that the Chevron deference standard applies to all OCC and OTS interpretations of Federal law, the National Bank Act, and the Home Owners Loan Act, including those made in the context of a preemption determination.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to further explain the preemption compromise I drafted in the manager's amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE WORK  
OF RONALD EUGENE KIRK

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker I rise today to honor a dedicated member of my staff, Mr. Ronald Kirk, who has dedicated his life to government service. Born on November 2, 1944, in New York City to William Henry Kirk and Marjorie Smith Kirk, Ronald Eugene Kirk, the fourth of five children, was born and raised in Harlem and is a product of the New York City Public School system. Ron's passion for community involvement and neighborhood empowerment was evident from the start of his life. After receiving a bachelor's in business administration from Pace University and a master's in business management from Manhattan College, Ron began his lifelong involvement in community service.

Early on, Ron became politically active and cut his teeth with such community based organizations as the Community Planning Board #10 in Manhattan, the Community Corporation/Harlem Youth in Action, Model Cities and several political organizations established in the Harlem community. He was twice elected Democratic District Leader in the 70th Assembly District of New York. Ron served as foundation director of the City University of New York and as a confidential secretary to a New York Supreme Court Judge. During his time in New York, Ron received numerous accolades and commendations from such notable individuals as Representative CHARLIE RANGEL, former Mayor David Dinkins, Former New York Secretaries of State Basil Patterson and Percy Sutton. His efforts have been recognized by organizations such as the Sickle Cell Foundation, the Catholic Youth Organization, and the New York City Department for the Aging.

Upon moving to Atlanta, Ron served as a dedicated host for the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia, and worked for the David Scott for Congress campaign in 2002. For the past 8 years he has served admirably as my senior Immigration/Department of State Specialist and Constituent Services Representative.

Ron is a dedicated family man, having been married to the lovely Emma for 38 years, has two beautiful children, Kwesi and Amina, and three wonderful grandsons, Nikai, James and Malachai. Ron is actively involved in community outreach and the Red Oak Methodist Church in Stockbridge, Georgia.

It is with a heavy heart that I and my staff say goodbye to Ron as he retires from my Congressional staff. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments Ron has made throughout his life and for his outstanding work in my office. As this chapter of Ron's life closes and he begins his new chapter, it is a blessing to know that Ron's ability to be a social catalyst touched the lives of many in the 13th District of Georgia and the Nation. Ron, I wish you every success for the future and thank you for your outstanding work effort, passion for change, and your ability to look at the impossible and ask, "why not?"

God bless Ron Kirk.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF MARVIN AND  
MARY LOU COHRON

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marvin and Mary Lou Cohron on the occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary. Their 75 years of marriage is a testament to all American families, and I am proud to honor the Cohrons.

Marvin and Mary Lou first met at Excel Junior High School in Monroe County, Alabama, around 1932. Both were the children of farming families and spent much of their free time going to church services and social functions. On a Sunday evening, December 23, 1934, Marvin drove Mary Lou and some of her family to the home of the Justice of the Peace where the two were married. Marvin was 16 and Mary Lou was 15.

After their marriage, Marvin and Mary Lou tried their hand at farming. After 3 years of marriage, Marvin had saved enough money from the sale of collard greens they had grown to buy Mary Lou a wedding band. Marvin moved to Pensacola, Florida, in 1939 and started work at the Pensacola City Bus Company while Mary Lou continued working at Vanity Fair in Alabama until she was able to join her husband in Pensacola. In 1943, Marvin was drafted into the United States Navy where he served honorably in World War II. He then went to school on the G.I. Bill to learn refrigeration maintenance and repair. In 1950, Marvin began work at Navy Point stores before going into business for himself in 1958. He opened Cohron's Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Sales and Service and Mary Lou worked as the bookkeeper and secretary for the office. In 1986, the Cohrons retired. They now spend their days enjoying fishing, camping, and ballroom dancing. They belong to several seniors' dance clubs and Mary Lou belongs to the Red Hat Society.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the 75th wedding anniversary of Marvin and Mary Lou Cohron. Their family has been an invaluable part of our community for over seventy years. My wife Vicki and I wish Marvin and Mary Lou, their 5 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchild all the best.

HONORING JUDGE DRAYER

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Honorable Calvin S. Drayer Jr. who is retiring after faithfully serving the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as a Common Pleas Court Judge since 1998.

Before joining the Montgomery County Court, Judge Drayer had a distinguished legal career that spanned nearly 30 years. He was a founding partner in the Norristown-based firm of Wilson, Drayer, Morrow and Broderick where he concentrated on estates and trust law.

Despite his demanding career and heavy caseload, Judge Drayer has always been generous with his time and talent outside the courtroom. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel and a member of both the Supreme Court Orphans' Court Procedural Rules Committee and the Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Descendents' Estates. Judge Drayer also was an organizer of the probate and Tax Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association and an adjunct professor in the graduate tax program at the Villanova University School of Law.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the outstanding service and extraordinary career of the Honorable Calvin S. Drayer Jr. and all who dedicate their careers to the pursuit of justice.

A TRIBUTE TO FLOYD HAYS ELLIS

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a truly remarkable Kentuckian, Floyd Hays Ellis. Over the course of his long and storied life as a farmer, soldier, businessman and state senator, Bowling Green's favorite son embodied the values of the "Greatest Generation" to which he belonged.

Generous in the extreme, Ellis was just as thoughtful a legislator as he was a friend and father. Known for his winning smile and wry sense of humor, he proved to be a canny businessman, as well. He served for 20 years as the president and CEO of the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., in addition to chairing the boards of Citizens First Bank, Trans Financial Bank Corp., Commonwealth Health Corp. and the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Though many people who enjoy his level of success often sacrifice their private lives for the sake of their profession, Floyd never put his work before family and friends. To the contrary, Floyd's natural sociability and devotion to his loved ones was perhaps his most remarkable trait.

Sadly, on Saturday, December 12, 2009, Floyd Hays Ellis passed away in the company of his long-time group of friends and confidants; and while Kentucky may never again see one of its finest sons, the evidence of his legacy will be visible in the countless lives that he touched.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE  
ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF  
WISCONSIN

**HON. STEVE KAGEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is sovereign government with a long and proud history of self-government. We are a federally recognized treaty tribe of the United States. We have faced threats and continue to face

threats to our homelands. The Oneida have persevered in the face of adversity for centuries, and we proudly and passionately continue to protect and preserve our homelands.

The Oneidas, along with the Mohawk, Seneca, Cayuga and Onondaga comprised the original Five Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy that dates back to the 1500s, which later became the Six Nations when the Tuscarora joined in the 1700s. The Iroquois held millions of acres of land in what is now the State of New York, which entered statehood in 1776.

During the Revolutionary War, the Oneida and the Tuscarora supported the colonies and served in General George Washington's army. For this service, our lands were to be protected forever, a promise reflected in the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua between the Oneida and United States.

The 1784 Treaty of Fort Stanwix was the first treaty between the Oneida and United States that established peace between the Iroquois Confederacy and the colonial states, which operated under the Articles of Confederation at the time. This treaty of peace established the government-to-government relationship between the Oneida Tribe and the United States that continues to exist today.

Through the 1785 Treaty of Fort Herkimer and the 1788 Treaty of Fort Schuyler with the State of New York, the Oneida lost more than 5 million acres of their ancestral homelands to the State of New York.

In 1789, the States ratified the United States Constitution, which declared treaties of the United States to be the law of the land. The United States adopted the Non-Intercourse Act of 1793, which prohibited the purchase of any Indian land by any person or entity without the Federal Government's approval.

In spite of the Non-Intercourse Act, the State of New York continued to enter into a series of land transactions between 1795 and 1846 with the Oneida in direct violation of Federal law. These land transactions continued to deplete the Oneida land holdings in New York until only 32 acres remained in Oneida possession by the 1820s.

During the 1820s, Oneidas relocated to what would become the State of Wisconsin to establish new homelands. The Oneidas purchased 5 million acres of land from the Winnebago and Menominee Tribes for the purpose of preserving sovereignty as a self-governing sovereign nation. This band of Oneidas became recognized as the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, who entered their final treaty with the United States in 1838, 10 years before Wisconsin entered statehood.

The Treaty of 1838 between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and the United States established the present day Oneida Reservation boundaries located in northeast Wisconsin and comprised of 65,430 acres. To the present day, the Oneida Reservation has not been diminished or disestablished by an Act of Congress and our reservation boundaries as established by treaty continue to exist under the full force and effect of Federal law and the United States Constitution.

The Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 enacted by Congress was the next challenge of maintaining our homelands. Our lands were divided into individual parcels that resulted in a significant loss of tribal land ownership because our members did not understand the English language and did not understand land taxation.

Consequently, tribal land ownership was reduced to a few thousand acres within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

The Dawes Allotment Act and the loss of tribal land ownership were ended when Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, IRA. The Federal policy of the IRA was to recognize and strengthen the authority and autonomy of tribal governments, and implicit in the recognition of tribal authority is a tribe's right of self-government. The IRA provided the foundation for adopting a tribal constitution that would govern tribal members.

In 1936, the Oneida membership adopted the Oneida Constitution that established an elected governing body for the Oneida membership. Upon adoption of the Oneida Constitution, the United States Federal Government purchased 1,270 acres of land within the Oneida Reservation and placed that land into trust for the benefit of the Oneida Tribe.

Since passage of the IRA, the Oneida Tribe has taken the initiative to actively acquire ownership of land within the Oneida Reservation boundaries, and to provide for its membership through governmental programs and services that meet the needs of the people. More importantly, the Oneida Tribe has strengthened its authority by the adoption, implementation and enforcement of tribal laws. The Oneida Tribe preserves its sovereignty by exercising the inherent right of self-government over our lands and members within the Oneida Reservation boundaries.

Among the most significant of our continuing initiatives is the Oneida Land Claim and the resolution of that claim. The Oneida Land Claim is the oldest and largest land claim in the United States. Oneida has twice prevailed before the Federal courts, most recently in 1985 when the United States Supreme Court recognized the Oneida's rightful claim against the State of New York for its violations of Federal law more than 200 years ago.

The Oneida Tribe entered into treaties with the United States that are recognized as the law of the land under the United States Constitution. Federal law, United States Supreme Court decisions and Federal Indian policy recognize the treaty obligations of the Federal Government to the federally-recognized tribes of the United States. The Oneida treaties also established the government-to-government relationship between the Oneida Tribe and the United States, and form the basis for the Federal trust responsibility that is also recognized by Federal law, United States Supreme Court decisions and Federal Indian policy.

The Oneida Land Claim is deeply intertwined with the history of the United States. We have strived to resolve this claim through continued negotiation and mediation and will continue to do so as a means to protect and preserve our Tribal homelands. The Oneida will continue to act in an honorable manner to resolve the land claim that allows the United States, under the Federal trust responsibility owed to the Oneida Tribe by virtue of our treaties with the United States, to right the wrongs of the past that continue to exist today.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Regional Counter-Drug Training Academy—Meridian

Project Amount: \$2,800,000

Account: Operating Forces Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense

Recipient and Address: MS National Guard, Naval Air Station, 219 Fuller Road, Meridian, Mississippi

Description of Request: The National Guard Bureau identified a Fiscal Year 2009 unfunded requirement of \$24.2M for Counterdrug (CD) Schools. With appropriate funding, CD schools will be better positioned to provide counter narcotics-based training programs critical to domestic law enforcement against narcoterrorism. The RCTA Meridian budget has shown little growth since FY2000, yet the costs associated with training law enforcement officers have increased by approximately 20 percent.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: On-Board Hybrid Power Unit (OBHPU)

Project Amount: \$1,040,000

Account: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army

Recipient and Address: Diversified Technology, 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Description of Request: 2010 funding will ensure the completion of, field-testing, development, integration plan and a training program for the production version of the OBHPU 10 KW system. The Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) supports the OBHPU program to provide on-board electric power to deployed radar and missile systems, and is applicable in many other fields.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Simulation Based Reliability and Safety (SimBRS) Program

Project Amount: \$4,900,000

Account: Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Description of Request: SimBRS engages in synergized research and development experimentally validated cradle-to-grave modeling and simulation capabilities to optimize reliability in vehicular components and systems with consideration of uncertainties in input loads, manufacturing, operations and maintenance, and material properties to decrease weight and cost, and yet increase the performance, durability, and safety of the warfighter. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University simulation based reliability systems research.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: VePro—Health Usage Monitoring and Vehicle Prognostics

Project Amount: \$2,880,000

Account: Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Recipient and Address: nCode International, 200 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Better understanding of operational usage severity is critical for vehicle designs to reliably meet needs at minimum cost and weight. VePro will save billions of dollars spent annually on maintaining U.S. Army equipment, improve readiness and reduce danger to soldiers from unexpected vehicle failures. The next stage is to evolve these into scalable, robust cost effective pre-production Vehicle Health Management Systems (VHMS)—technology configuration, manufacturing, assembly and testing for pre-production systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: F-15C AESA Classified Demo

Project Amount: \$8,000,000

Account: Air Force, F-15E Squadrons

Recipient and Address: Raytheon, Forest Consolidated Manufacturing Center, 19859 Highway 80, Forest, MS 39074

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the final year of a 3-year development effort to demonstrate APG-63(V)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) classified capability with a Radar Common Data Link (RCDL). ANG and USAF F-15s are the backbone of forces assigned to perform a significant portion of the Nation's Homeland Defense mission, protecting the United States from attack by an airborne threat. FY10 funding will complete the third and final phase of the 3-year RCDL demonstration program.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Silicon Carbide Electronics Material Producibility Initiative

Project Amount: \$2,400,000

Account: Air Force, Advanced Materials for Weapon Systems

Recipient and Address: II-VI Wide Band Gap Materials Group, 201 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Funding will be used to develop technology, and establish production capability, along with evaluation and testing of SiC materials and integrated circuits for use in high power, high frequency DoD weapons systems and platforms. Future mission requirements dictate a range of current and next-generation U.S. Military systems requiring critical high frequency and high power components with dramatically enhanced capabilities which are unattainable with current technology.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: Advanced, Long Endurance Unattended Ground Sensor Technologies

Project Amount: \$3,920,000

Account: Defense-Wide, Special Operations Intelligence Systems Development

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Description of Request: A significant challenge in modern military operations is the ability to achieve and maintain real-time battlefield situational awareness. Achieving battlefield situational awareness requires the ability to robustly and persistently monitor the movements of the adversary in near real-time across a wide range of operational environments including foliage, mountainous, and urban terrain. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) research and development in support of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 10 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Representative CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project name: Re-establishing Ties: The Road from Warrior to the Community

Account: OM, ARNG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Description of Request: This funding would be used to help successfully transition returning soldiers back in civilian life through the NJ National Guard's multi-tiered, reintegration program to address the needs of the returning combat veteran. This program includes: PTSD and TBI Screening; Suicide Prevention Efforts; Small Business Restart Assistance; and Counseling Services, among other benefits.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARFIELD RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates 50 years of service to the community.

Founded in 1959, the Garfield Ridge Chamber has grown to 100 members who work tirelessly to fully embody its motto, "The Neighborhood that Cares and Shares."

The chamber takes great pride in being an active member of the community, participating each year in the Patriot Day Parade and Annual Pumpkin Parade, providing Christmas decorations along a major thoroughfare in the neighborhood, delivering a business directory to 17,500 homes in the area, and recognizing a police officer, firefighter, and teacher of the year at its annual dinner dance.

The chamber's largest event, in which it takes special pride, is the "Snack with Santa,"

at which children are provided with a gift from Santa, snacks, and a puppet show. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the event, which is extremely popular, attracting over 1,300 attendees.

Throughout the year, chamber members show their commitment to the organization and its role in the community at monthly gatherings featuring speakers who keep business owners informed of new developments and innovations.

Through its dedication to service, the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce has contributed immensely to the larger community. As a proud native of Garfield Ridge, I sincerely offer the chamber's many dedicated members my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHERRI LAWRENCE FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Sherri Lawrence was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Sherri Lawrence has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Sherri Lawrence for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

#### FIRST RESPONDER ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING RESOURCES ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3978, legislation that would permit the Center for Domestic Preparedness to accept gifts and donations in order to better train our Nation's first responders. As Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I am pleased that the House is considering this legislation today, and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness, Center, is the Nation's leading all-hazards first-responder training center. Located in Anniston, Alabama, the Center has

provided emergency response training to first responders in all fifty States and territories, as well as Federal Government employees, foreign officials, and private entities. The Center is especially well-known internationally for its weapons of mass destruction training facility.

The Center often receives offers of donated goods and services, such as training displays, response equipment, and trailers. These donations would allow the Center to offer stronger training opportunities at a lower cost to the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, and the American taxpayer. Regrettably, the Center does not have the legal authority to accept gifts that would enhance its ability to deliver superior training.

H.R. 3978 would amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to permit the Center to receive donated gifts and services that are related to preparedness for and response to terrorism. The legislation further calls on the Secretary of Homeland Security to annually report to Congress on gifts accepted and how such gifts contribute to the mission of the Center.

Other DHS training centers, such as the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, already have the authority to accept gifts and donations. It is only appropriate that the Center also have this authority.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3978 is a straight-forward piece of legislation that will pay immediate dividends for our first responder community. I support its passage and encourage my colleagues to support it as well.

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#### THE LOSS OF JACK PEEL

### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a brave American veteran and a great Floridian, Jack Peel, who passed away on November 29, 2009.

Mr. Peel was a native Floridian, born in Chipley, and a graduate of Chipley High School. He served his country for four years in the Navy where he made lifelong friends with his fellow sailors. He then joined the Air Force where he remained for the next 26 years and retired as master sergeant.

After retirement from the military, Mr. Peel and his beloved wife Lynette made their home in Bay Crest Park in Hillsborough County, Tampa. There he dedicated his time to public service. He served as president of the Bay Crest Park Civic Association, an active member of the Town N Country Alliance, a Catholic Church community volunteer and advocate. Jack Peel had a talent for persuading his neighbors, policymakers, and the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners to beautify and enhance Bay Crest and Town N Country. He and Lynette and the outstanding Town N Country community activists worked diligently to improve our community. For his dedication to service, the Civic Association completed Peel Park in December 2009 in honor of Mr. Peel.

Madam Speaker, Jack Peel will be greatly missed. For all who love our community, be inspired by Jack Peel's dedication and service.

#### BUENOS AIRES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all the staff at the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge consists of a beautiful 118,000 acres of mountains, riparian zones, and grasslands in the Southern Arizona desert and contains majestic areas such as Brown Canyon, Arivaca Cienega and the Baboquivari Mountains.

The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is a sanctuary for many different types of wildlife including the Pima pineapple cactus, the pygmy-owl and the endangered masked bobwhite quail. Additionally, 325 bird species, 53 species of reptiles and amphibians, 58 mammal species, including mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, javelina, and mountain lions all call the Refuge home. Without the protection of the Refuge, many of these species would disappear and be lost to us forever. The Refuge is also a vital part of the community and offers guided tours, hiking, camping, horseback riding, mountain biking, excellent birding, and plenty of beautiful picnic areas. The Refuge even offers wonderful educational opportunities through volunteer projects and nature workshops.

The men and women employed at the Refuge work tirelessly to preserve this beautiful area. Through their efforts, the Refuge has successfully reintroduced the endangered bobwhite quail and the pronghorn deer into the wild and ensures their continued protection. These people are truly the guardians of an environmental treasure and view their task as a privilege, not just a job.

In addition to the wonderful staff at the Refuge, an exemplary group of volunteers known as the Friends of the Buenos Aires National Refuge dedicate their time to the community education conservation, and preservation of this wonderful land. This nonprofit group gives selflessly to promote the goals of the Refuge and with the help of the Refuge staff; they recently held the 1st Annual Grasslands Fair to celebrate this beloved land.

The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, its staff, and the volunteers who dedicate their time are all truly valued players in the protection of America's wild lands. Being a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and having seen our community grow to over a million people, during my lifetime, I know the importance of protecting areas like the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. It gives me great joy to see such wonderful people giving of themselves to preserve and protect this spectacular region of southern Arizona.

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#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHELE MANISKAS FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NA- TIONAL BOARD FOR profes- sional TEACHING STANDARDS

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Michele Maniskas has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Michele Maniskas has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Michele Maniskas was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Michele Maniskas has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Michele Maniskas for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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#### AUTHORITY TO CONVERT CERTAIN OVERSEAS LIMITED APPOINT- MENTS TO PERMANENT AP- POINTMENTS

SPEECH OF

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1517, a bipartisan bill authored by Representative ENGEL and the ranking member on the Committee of Homeland Security, Representative KING.

As chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I am grateful to these members for putting before us today a bill that aims to fix a discrete but important issue at Customs and Border Protection.

In short, this bill gives the Commissioner the authority to noncompetitively convert approximately 35 overseas CBP employees into full-time permanent civil service positions.

These employees were originally hired by the Immigration and Naturalization Service under "limited overseas appointment" authority between 1987 and 2003.

Over time, the nature of their work changed, but their employment designation did not.

Since 2005, CBP, the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of State have been trying to fix the glitch, but realize they need the help of Congress.

Doing so will not only ensure that the employees continue to receive the appropriate benefits, but will also provide them with the protections they deserve as dedicated employees serving the CBP mission abroad.

Further, this conversion of employment status will ensure that CBP and the United States honor agreements between our country and our foreign counterparts, such as Ireland, governing U.S. personnel overseas.

Going forward, using the authorities provided to the Commissioner in H.R. 1517, it is my hope that the Commissioner will take the histories of these dedicated 35 individuals into account when applying CBP's rotation policy.

In our attempt to "right the system," CBP should not unduly disrupt the lives of these dedicated individuals, who provide a valuable service to this country.

CELEBRATING METRO GOLD LINE  
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY'S 10  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority as it celebrates ten years of service and commitment to the community. Since the Construction Authority was established by the California State Legislature to design and construct the Pasadena Metro Gold Line, it has completed 13.7 miles of light rail, which averages 24,000 daily weekday boardings.

One decade ago, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, faced with serious budgetary problems, delayed the construction of the light-rail line to Pasadena. Senate Bill 1847 was introduced to create the Construction Authority and finish the work that had already been started on the new rail line. The newly created Construction Authority was not only able to complete the project on time but was also able to build it under budget.

Today, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority is continuing its work in connecting downtown Los Angeles to the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. Funding has been secured to extend the line to the city of Azusa and plans are in place to continue the Gold Line to Montclair and Ontario International Airport. The success of the Gold Line is a testament of the collaborate efforts between the staff of the Construction Authority and the elected officials, civic leaders, and residents of the surrounding communities.

The Gold Line not only provides a reliable and efficient source of transportation to residents of the greater Los Angeles region, it also alleviates traffic and is a part of our fight to reduce pollution. The congestion on the Gold Line corridor highways has continued to increase as the Inland Empire grows in population. As we work to find solutions to solve our traffic congestion dilemma, extending the Gold Line into our eastern cities is clearly part of the answer.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority on its ten years of success. I am proud of the role I have played in helping the Gold Line become the pride of the San Gabriel Valley and I wish it continued success!

THE BELLEVUE WOLVERINES

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud a phenomenal high school football program in my District—the 8th of Washington—for winning another State Championship—their seventh in nine years.

The Bellevue Wolverines have an illustrious history of football success in the State of Washington, and they continued the trend on Saturday, December 5, defeating the Liberty Patriots, 23–17, to secure another 3A title. Head Coach Butch Goncharoff and his assist-

ants provide some of the best coaching and vision in the country and the program—well known for their great on-the-field success—often makes positive impacts in the community as well.

I congratulate every member of the roster for their continued and storied success on the field. I thank coach Goncharoff, his assistants, Athletic Director Brian Hercules and Principal David Wellington for creating an environment that allows student-athletes to thrive on the field, in the classroom and in their community. Once again, congratulations and I wish the Wolverines all possible success in the future.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LISA  
ABELE FOR HER CERTIFICATION  
BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR  
PROFESSIONAL TEACHING  
STANDARDS

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Lisa Abele has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Lisa Abele has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Lisa Abele was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Lisa Abele has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Lisa Abele for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: PA,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blue Grass Army Depot

Address of Requesting Entity: 431 Battle Field Memorial Road, Richmond, KY 40475

Description of Request: The funding of \$3.92 million will be used for the Blue Grass Army Depot Superficial Water Oxidation-Conventional Demilitarization. These funds will provide the Army with a state-of-the-art environmentally friendly means of processing the problematic energetic wastes generated at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER  
CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN NAO  
TAKASUGI

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, today I honor the life and achievements of my dear friend, former California State Assemblymember Nao Takasugi. Nao dedicated his life to public service with humility, integrity, and commitment to the American ideals of equality and justice.

Nao was a 19-year-old student at the University of California, Los Angeles, when he and his family were incarcerated in an internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II.

His family was forced to sell most of their possessions, but was able to keep the family store, the Asahi Market in downtown Oxnard, which they had owned since 1907.

The Takasugi family was able to save the store during their imprisonment by entrusting the family business to a Mexican American employee, Ignacio Carmona. When the Takasugi family returned to Oxnard in 1945, Mr. Carmona returned the business back to the Takasugis, after faithfully carrying on the business for three years.

In 1943, Nao was among approximately 4,000 Japanese American college students who were released from the internment camps and allowed to attend college on the East Coast. Nao earned his business administration degree at Temple University in Philadelphia and a master's in business administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946. When he returned to Oxnard, he ran his family's Asahi Market.

His family's imprisonment inspired him to commit his life to strengthening our democracy in public service, and did not cause deep embitterment. As Oxnard City Councilman, Mayor, and then California State Assemblyman, he ably represented all of his diverse constituents, crossing racial and ethnic divides, and building bridges across party lines.

At the age of 87, Nao died of complications from a stroke on November 19, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy, and their five children, Scott, Russell, Ron, Tricia and Lea.

I was truly saddened by the loss of my dear friend Nao Takasugi. He was a gentle soul, and never let his kind demeanor get in the way of his strong beliefs about justice and civil rights. When he spoke, people listened as he was always true to his convictions and sense of honor. I will miss him dearly and will always reflect on his life as a metric of how I should conduct my own.

“THIS CHRISTMAS,” IN HONOR OF  
ALL OUR ARMED FORCES AND  
THEIR FAMILIES THIS CHRIST-  
MAS SEASON

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute in honor of our

Magnificent Armed Forces and their Splendid Families this Christmas and holiday season. And for all of the ones who are so separated by the miles, so very far across the shores. Our hearts, especially go out to all of those families who have lost their greatest loves of all, in the defense of our nation. And to all of those recovering from the grave wounds of war we pray for their speedy recovery. Bless them all! I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD in honor of them as follows:

THIS CHRISTMAS . . .

As the snow falls to the ground . . .  
 And all of our children dance, with songs of joy so all around . . .  
 With stockings hung by the chimneys with care . . .  
 With all of those hopes and dreams, of Santa there . . .  
 With Christmas dinners and fires all aglow, as before this family a feast lies so . . .  
 A child is born, for all to know!  
 But, remember . . . remember . . . remember all of those . . .  
 Those families! Those Patriots of Peace, all them, all of these . . .  
 The ones, who this Christmas will not together be . . .  
 Who upon battlefields of honor fight!  
 So far away from our Country Tis of Thee, this night . . .  
 Men and Women of such honor bright, who for all of us . . . so carry that fight . . .  
 Who live with such heartache and death, as on each new day their honor blesses . . .  
 As they bless us all, with all their gifts of selflessness . . .  
 And all of those ones, whose greatest of all loves . . . now so lie in soft quiet graves . . .  
 Precious Daughters and Sons, Husbands and Wives . . .  
 Fathers and Mothers, Sisters and Brothers who so gave . . .  
 Who so gave That Last Full Measure . . . did they!  
 Whose loved ones pain, can not be healed by time, nor so divided . . .  
 Who on this Christmas morning, sit with tears in eyes . . .  
 With one less place set at the dinner table this year . . . as they cry . . .  
 And all of those who have come home, without arms and legs . . .  
 Blessing us with their fine gifts of courage displayed!  
 Making us all so see, just how magnificent and inspiring a heart can be!  
 And all of those with loved ones, who are so far across the shores . . .  
 As each new day but brings such great worry . . . sure . . .  
 But, waiting . . . but waiting for, that knock on the door . . .  
 That phone call, that they now not so pray for . . .  
 Quiet Heroes, one and all!  
 Watching them from Heaven, The Angel's tear drops fall . . .  
 Lord God, Lord God . . . Bless Them . . . Bless Them All!  
 For So Many, So Few Have But Paid The Cost!  
 So bore the burden, so carry that cross! That cross of war!  
 This Christmas, as you hold your families tight . . .  
 And seem so fine, and so very right . . .  
 And you see those smiles, of your children very bright . . .  
 Give thanks, Give praise . . . as upon your knees fall and pray . . .

For all of those families, who've sacrificed . . . and blessings of freedom they gave!  
 This Christmas . . .

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND BENJAMIN REZNIK

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends Janice and Benjamin Reznik on the occasion of their Parnas Award honor from the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel 14th Annual Los Angeles Celebration.

Before becoming the Founding President of Jewish World Watch, Janice Kamenir-Reznik led an active career in the field of law. A graduate of UCLA law school, Janice spent years building a distinguished career in the legal field and then, recognizing her passion for community service work, turned to that avocation. Under her able leadership, Jewish World Watch—founded jointly with Rabbi Harold Schulweis—has become one of the leading advocacy groups in the fight against the genocide in Darfur and other global human rights abuses.

Janice served as the director of the Commission on Soviet Jewry for the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, and during her years in practice was President of California Women Lawyers, the statewide women's bar. She was a founder and president of California Women's Law Center, a public interest organization advocating for the rights of women and girls. She has testified before the House Judiciary Committee.

In addition to the numerous legal positions held by Janice over the years, she also served in many Jewish community leadership roles. I commend her for her invaluable contributions in serving on the following boards: Los Angeles Hebrew High School, Valley Beth Shalom, Los Angeles Hillel Council, UCLA Hillel, and the Jewish Federation Council.

Ben Reznik boasts a stellar professional and philanthropic record. Widely respected for his tenacious legal acumen, Ben has been described as “the most litigious attorney in Los Angeles” by his peers. He has been a key leader and activist in the community, devoting himself to a wide variety of organizations and causes. Currently, he is chairman of the Government, Land Use, Environment and Energy Department at the law firm of Jeffer Magels Butler & Marmaro LLP, JMBM, and leads 25 lawyers who comprise that department. Ben has also argued before the Supreme Court and has represented many prominent companies including the Mitsubishi Corporation and The Clarett Group.

Ben and Janice have three children, Yoni, Devi and Sami. They live in Encino where, through years of community activism and professional success, they have helped numerous people and are shining examples of what the Jewish tradition calls *tikkun olam*.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in congratulating Janice and Ben Reznik for their impressive career and dedication to the community and to congratulate them on receiving this honor.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS UNION 1199 SEIU AS THEY MARK THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of 1199 SEIU as a healthcare workers union. For the union, the last 50 years have been challenging ones. Through its efforts, much has changed for the better, and they have been a large part of that change. In the words of founder and former president Leon Davis, it is a history of “tough struggles and pioneering advances, decent wages, and working conditions instead of poverty, respect on the job instead of contempt, security instead of fear, and hope instead of despair.”

The 1199 changed history in 1959 when a drugstore union made up of pharmacists joined the Civil Rights Movement and set out to organize 30,000 predominantly Black and Latino workers in New York City's voluntary hospitals. The union succeeded in signing their first collective bargaining agreement with Montefiore Medical Center that year. Today, the union is 350,000 healthcare workers strong, in hospitals, nursing homes, and homecare agencies throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Washington, DC. And they continue to grow despite these difficult times.

Aside from raising labor standards and restoring dignity to their members, 1199 has been a leading force for social and economic justice for all. It is why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., called 1199 his “favorite union.” And it is why they were the only labor union Malcolm X chose to speak before. The union was once the headquarters for Cesar Chavez's national grape and lettuce boycotts, as well as the headquarters for Nelson Mandela's visit to New York when he was released from prison. In all its years of activism in electoral politics, the union's greatest crowning achievement was in 2008, when it dispatched thousands of members—many of them for several months—to help elect Barack Obama as our nation's first African-American president.

For all its achievements over the many years of service, including being champions of worker rights, I applaud 1199 on its 50th anniversary and have pledged to its president, George Gresham, that the union can continue to count on my strong support in the many years ahead.

So Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of 1199 United Healthcare Workers East of the Service Employees International Union. As 1199 looks back at its historic accomplishments over the last 50 years, let's join it in looking forward to the next 50 years, meeting the challenges that lie ahead with the same spirit, determination, and strength that has shaped who it continues to be today.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CYNTHIA RUCKER FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Cynthia Rucker has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Cynthia Rucker has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Cynthia Rucker was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Cynthia Rucker has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Cynthia Rucker for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM  
SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, each week brings more disturbing evidence of Iran's nuclear advances, its defiance of UN Security Council demands and its refusal to comply with the requirements of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The latest news, since the revelation earlier this year of an undisclosed nuclear enrichment site in Qom, is Iran's work on technology to set off a nuclear bomb. The regime is already believed to have enough low-enriched uranium available to, with further enrichment create at least one nuclear bomb. Together with its ongoing work on ballistic missiles to deliver a nuclear warhead, Iran could have a nuclear weapon within months.

In an attempt to stop the Iranian program from moving ahead, President Obama has made a concerted effort to engage Iran in direct talks. Together with the permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany, the United States has offered a clear path for Iran to end its status as a pariah state.

So far, Iran remains intransigent. If international concern over the Iranian nuclear program is to be resolved diplomatically, we must increase pressure on Iran to come to the table. The bill before us does exactly that by establishing stringent sanctions to limit Iran's ability to import refined petroleum. It also provides waiver authority that preserves the Obama Administration's flexibility as it moves forward in its diplomatic efforts.

Iran imports up to 40 percent of its refined petroleum supplies to power cars, planes, fac-

ories and other key economic infrastructure. With a disruption in supply, the Iranian government will be forced to grapple with the serious cost of its reckless choices. I regret that the Iranian people, already victims of a tyrannical government, could also face economic repercussions as the result of these sanctions. But I believe it is imperative to do everything possible to bring about a successful diplomatic resolution of this crisis and avert the need for military action.

The danger of a nuclear-armed Iran is only underscored by President Ahmadinejad's unstable regime, its belligerence toward the United States, its calls for the destruction of Israel, its robust support for terror groups like Hamas and Hezbollah and its blatant disregard for its own citizens.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes and take serious action to pressure Iran to change course.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID STONE

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, the post-9/11 world has posed many challenges—especially to the old way of doing business. Someone who stepped up and used his military training and experience to transform airport security was David Stone. David died unexpectedly earlier last month, at age 57, and I rise to commemorate my friend and his exceptional career.

Admiral Stone was selected as the first federal security director at LAX—the top terror target on the West Coast—shortly after 9/11. He proved more than equal to the task. Working under immense pressure and close public scrutiny, Stone established strict new federal airport security standards, secured nearly \$1 billion in federal funding for security upgrades and positioned LAX to become a test site for new security technologies that are now used around the world.

The Bush administration noticed and Stone was asked to apply his talents at the national level. As the Nation's third TSA administrator, he was charged with overseeing security at not just one airport—but all of them, in addition to ports, railroads, and pipelines. In just 2 years, he shaped the role of the TSA for years to come.

When Stone left the TSA it marked a culmination of more than three decades of national service. He was a decorated soldier, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who rose to rank of Rear Admiral. During his 28-year military career he commanded warships, vessel fleets, NATO naval forces, and an aircraft carrier battle group. For his valor he received three Legions of Merit, five Meritorious Service medals, and three Navy Commendation medals.

A lovely memory is how David spoke to high school seniors in my district who were applying to the military academies. He was so excited about them—and recalled his own journey decades earlier. David Stone also shared this excitement and talent with a grateful nation. He is fondly remembered.

RESPONDING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S APOLOGY FOR THE MISTREATMENT OF CHILD MIGRANTS AND CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE UNDER STATE SUPERVISION

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the apology offered by the Government of Australia for the mistreatment of child migrants and children in institutional care under state supervision.

In an effort to populate its empire, the British Government assisted private organizations with settling people in many of its overseas dominions. Between 1922 and 1967 over 7,000 children were sent to Australia and placed in the care of residential institutions. Many of these children were separated from their families and never told the truth about their loved ones. They became part of the half a million Australian children who were placed in institutional or foster care during this period who would later be called the "Forgotten Australians". As wards of the state, the Forgotten Australians suffered from appalling physical, emotional and sexual abuse. They were subjected to harsh, often brutal discipline and labor programs, and referred to by number instead of by name.

For years, their story has been lost—unheard and unacknowledged by the wider community. The aftermath of this government-condoned suffering left deep emotional and psychological scars on countless individuals and their families, and many resorted to crime, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide.

On November 16, 2009, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologized to the Forgotten Australians on behalf of the Australian government and the Parliament of Australia and took an important step in national healing. This apology was accompanied by a commitment to properly record and share the experiences of the Forgotten Australians with future generations and support victims as they attempt to discover their familial backgrounds and reunite with loved ones.

This statement came nearly 2 years after another historic apology that Prime Minister Rudd gave on behalf of the Australian Government to the Indigenous people of Australia and the Stolen Generation. The willingness of the Australian government to address past wrongs and present inequalities shows its dedication to national healing, growth and reconciliation.

Madam Speaker, I commend the Australian Government for acknowledging its past transgressions and for its commitment to the sacred duty of protecting its children, families and communities in the years to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth

by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP leadership, I would like to list the congressionally-directed projects I have requested in my home State of Idaho that are contained in the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 3326, the FY2010 House Defense Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: 3-D Technology for Advanced Sensor Systems

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Electronics Technology Account in the Department of Defense RDT&E

Recipient: Boise State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725

Description: The 3-D packaging approach offers the promise of a dramatic decrease in the system weight and volume, together with increased system performance. This project will provide funding to continue to develop 3-D processing techniques on silicon and LTCC platforms. These include technologies for die- and wafer-scale bonding and 3-D interconnects. These techniques will be applied to create 3-D integration and packaging solutions applicable to a general category of high performance sensor systems. The military has a need for new three-dimensional (3-D) packaging of electronic systems, particularly sensor systems for portable (i.e., on-soldier) applications. 3-D integration and packaging of sensors will result in smaller electronics with expanded capability, allowing the soldier in the field to be more effective.

Project Name: Accelerator-Driven Non-Destructive Testing

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Support Systems Development Account in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: Idaho State University

Recipient's Street Address: 921 South 8th Avenue, Stop 8007, Pocatello, Idaho 83209

Description: The Idaho Accelerator Center (IAC) will develop a research, education and commercialization program that takes non-destructive testing techniques developed at the IAC and advances their development. The penetrating and non-destructive techniques that are under development include new techniques in positron annihilation spectroscopy with accelerator-based gammabeams, the use of mono-chromatic x-ray beams and the use of photon activation (via photonuclear reactions) for trace element analysis of materials and manufacturing processes. The development of practical non-destructive testing (NDT) techniques will help the U.S. Air Force reduce aircraft downtime necessary for inspection and enhance turn-around times by more quickly identifying needed repairs through spectroscopy and the use of x-ray. The development of practical NDT techniques will be of immense value to the armed forces in four critical areas: quicker return of aircraft to the line by reducing the tear-downs necessary for inspection; non-destructively addressing the enormous 'aging fleet' problem of the U.S.A.F. and the private sector; better economics by replacing parts on an on condition inspections basis instead of a 'life limited' basis; and the ability to successfully apply NDT techniques to composite materials. Currently, no commercialized NDT technique works on composite materials.

Project Name: Domestic Manufacturing of 45nm Electronics (DOME)

Amount Received: \$3,200,000

Account: Advanced Spacecraft Technology Account in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: American Semiconductor, Inc

Recipient's Street Address: 3100 South Vista Avenue, Suite 230, Boise, Idaho 83705

Description: Funding for this program will deploy a new foundry capability to address the most critical electronics sourcing issue faced for secure supply of advanced DoD integrated circuits in 2012 and beyond. DOME is an AFRL-sponsored initiative to implement a 45nm state-of-the-art wafer fabrication capability to meet current and future system requirements for fabrication of specialized integrated circuits in a broadly available foundry capacity to serve DOD. Microelectronics capability for defense applications requires advancement of technology for each generation of new defense system. Defense system requirements are often highly specialized and include capability beyond that of standard commercial devices due to their unique operational environments. An advanced and sustainable defense microelectronics supply solution is required that can provide parts in low volume at reasonable costs and be fabricated on-shore to meet security requirements. This advanced process technology enables higher speed, lower power electronics that are of vital importance to the military and intelligence communities. The DOME program will deliver the capability to manufacture semiconductors at the most advanced technology node currently in production, 45nm, at an American run on-shore facility optimized for DoD/IC business.

Project Name: Hybrid Energy Systems Design and Testing

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Military Engineering Advanced Technology Account in the Army RDT&F

Recipient: Idaho National Laboratory

Recipient's Street Address: 2525 Fremont Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415

Description: The Hybrid Energy Systems Development and Testing Program will provide the Army transformational technologies that advance Army leadership in global energy security and carbon reduction. Hybrid energy concepts provided through this program could allow the Army to simultaneously address energy supply (electrical grid and fuel supply) security and surety, environmental (CO<sub>2</sub>) footprint reduction, and provide national economic benefits. This project will leverage unique assets at the INL, such as its Hybrid Testing Lab, engineering-scale energy test beds, supercomputing capabilities, and hybrid systems design teams, and nuclear technology designs, to develop, validate, and assess hybrid and other advanced energy system concepts. This program will provide a foundation for Army leadership in clean, smart, secure energy for future defense and non-defense applications.

Project Name: Integrated Passive Electronic Components

Amount Received: \$1,360,000

Account: Advanced Spacecraft Technology in the Air Force RDT&E

Recipient: University of Idaho

Recipient's Street Address: 820 Idaho Ave., Morrill Hall 109, Moscow, ID 83844

Description: Spacecraft are critical for coordinating modern military operations, particularly for intelligence gathering, battle-space communications, resource deployment (e.g. Global Positioning System), and targeting. More accurate and timely information enables more effective deployment, but requires enhanced sensing, communications and com-

puting, which require more power. Limited energy sources and cooling capacity aboard spacecraft restrict increased processing capability. Power consumption has become a limiting factor in the performance electronic and computing technologies. Microchip designers have addressed rising power consumption by reducing the voltage levels of the power delivered to the chips, with excellent results. However, this creates a new problem of how to deliver clean low-voltage power to the chips. This research will develop the technologies to enable low-voltage power regulation to be integrated onto the same piece of silicon that holds the computing circuits, thus making ultra-low-power microelectronics practical. The key to this technology is integrated passive components. In addition, this research will produce a new range of component options for analog circuit designers, enabling greater ability to program and increasing flexibility of on-board electronic systems.

Project Name: Material, Design, Fabrication Solutions for Advanced SEAL Delivery System external structural components

Amount Received: \$2,000,000

Account: Operations Advanced Seal Delivery System (ASDS) Development in the Department of Defense Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E)

Recipient: Premier Technology Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 1858 West Bridge Street, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.

Description: Premier Technology Inc. will work with the Idaho National Lab, Navy PEO Submarine (PMS 399), U.S. Special Operations Command, Naval Special Warfare Command and the Navy Office of Naval Research to provide material, design and fabrication solutions for ASDS external structural components allowing those components to withstand severe hydrodynamic, hydrostatic and shock loading while maintaining significant resistance to corrosion in situations where the ASDS is attached to the submerged host submarine operating at high speeds. Candidate components include the host submarine pylon assembly, ASDS lower hatch (buttress threads) and ASDS shaft line components. The goal of this project is to assist the U.S. Navy in bringing ASDS to its fullest operational capability by addressing challenges that it faces in key material issues.

Project Name: Radiation Hardened Cryogenic Read Out Integrated Circuits

Amount Received: \$1,600,000

Account: Defense Production Act Purchases in Department of Defense Procurement

Recipient: ON Semiconductor, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 2300 Buckskin Road, Pocatello, Idaho 83201

Description: Readout integrated circuits (ROIC) are the foundation of thermal imaging systems. These systems have forever changed modern warfare and surveillance. The United States Air Force and the Missile Defense Agency have been investigating ways to improve manufacturing capabilities and improve cryogenic and radiation performance of these circuits. The thermal imagers of the future will operate in harsh environmental conditions for longer periods of time and will have increased resolution (through increased pixel count) than the detectors of today. Maintaining a domestic source of this technology, as well as working to enhance the manufacturing capabilities of this critical technology, are as equally important as increasing the yield. The

DPA Tide III Readout Integrated Circuit (ROIC) program will continue the improvement efforts to develop technology that includes a larger stitched die, smaller feature size (< 0.35um), improved yields, and reduced cycle times will enable a domestic U.S. source for ROIC manufacturing to meet our national defense needs.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects in the Conference Report accompanying the FY2010 Defense Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM  
SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2194, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009.

Since the U.S. first placed sanctions on commercial relations with Iran in 1996, the Iranian government has not only failed to comply with its international obligations, but has further intensified its efforts to develop nuclear weapons. Most recently, Iran has rejected demands from the International Atomic Energy Agency to halt construction of a previously undisclosed uranium enrichment facility near Qom. It has also announced plans to build ten additional enrichment facilities.

While I fully support the President's efforts to engage the Iranian government diplomatically, Congress must show Iran that failure to reach an agreement will not be without consequence. H.R. 2194 facilitates this goal by weakening Iran's energy sector, which the Iranian government relies on for 80 percent of its revenue. This legislation specifically targets Iran's petroleum refining industry due to its heavy reliance on foreign assistance and trade. The choice for Iran will be either to meet the demands of the international community or risk diplomatic and economic isolation.

The risk of nuclear weapons proliferation and its accompanied threat to regional stability in the Middle East lends increased urgency to passing this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 2194 and supply the President with the tools he needs for reaching a diplomatic solution with Iran.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
ERICA RHEA FOR HER CERTIFI-  
CATION BY THE NATIONAL  
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Erica Rhea has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Erica Rhea has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five

core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Erica Rhea was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Erica Rhea has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Erica Rhea for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, Missouri 65409

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,400,000 to research materials that will lead to advances in the storage and generation of power. To maintain a strong national defense, our Nation must develop new devices from innovative polymer-based materials that have lower-power requirements, greater strength, lighter weight, higher sensitivity, and robustness to operate under extreme conditions. The research will provide materials that will lead to important advances in the generation and storage of power. The power generation systems would have advantages for military use over current systems in terms of weight, flexibility, and functionality.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, Missouri 65409

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,400,000 to complete a project to develop high performance alloy materials and advanced manufacturing of steel castings for new lightweight and robotic weapon systems. This program would enhance defense component capabilities at a reduced cost. The program would also augment war fighter capability by increasing the mobility and reliability of weapons systems.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, A

Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, Missouri 65409

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$4,800,000 to develop new, low-cost, sen-

sors and an integrating network methodology for geospatial localization and tracking of explosive related threats and precursor materials using spatially distributed, multimodal sensors. This effort is consistent with the U.S. Army goals of assured mobility and force protection.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE, AF

Requesting Entity: Missouri University of Science and Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 1870 Miner Circle, Rolla, Missouri 65409

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,400,000 to develop fiber reinforced ultra-high temperature materials for hypersonic flight vehicles. Ultra-high temperature materials are imperative for the leading and trailing edges, and control surfaces, of future hypersonic vehicles. The proposed project would greatly advance the material selection and design capability for military systems projected to operate in the extreme environments associated with hypersonic flight. Success of this project would enable the United States to uphold its position of world leadership in these critical technology areas.

HONORING WILLIAM H. BEARDSLEY

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of William H. Beardsley.

William Beardsley served for the past 22 years as president of Husson University in Bangor, Maine. When Mr. Beardsley took over, the University was threatened by eminent bankruptcy, but because of William's strong leadership, the University today is financially solid and continues to educate the future leaders of Maine and the United States.

Under his guidance, enrollment at Husson tripled, the campus doubled in size and degree offerings multiplied, including the establishment of a new law school. Mr. Beardsley's strong, pragmatic leadership has created a thriving academic center with a promising future indeed.

Prior to his service at Husson University, Mr. Beardsley worked with the University of Vermont, Green Mountain Power Corp., Bangor Hydro Electric Co., Alaska Pacific University, the state of Alaska and Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co. Humble, down to earth, engaging, eloquent and a visionary entrepreneur, Mr. Beardsley is a husband and father of three with a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University.

As the faculty and staff of Husson University prepare to continue educating its students without Mr. Beardsley, they are left in charge of an academic institution dedicated to providing quality private education with tuition costs comparable to many public universities. The low tuition and high level of financial aid at Husson University is one of Mr. Beardsley's most important legacies.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring William H. Beardsley for his life of dedication and service to his community and the education of Maine's students.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: RDTE—Air Force

Project Amount: \$1,600,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Tennessee, 328 Ferris Hall, 1508 Middle Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996

Description of Request: The funding will be used for design, testing, and evaluation of systems needed for the harvesting and storage of green energy. The need for the nation to design, implement, and test systems and processes capable of producing renewable energy at a large scale is vital for the U.S. military and the Nation as a whole.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KELLY LAW FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Kelly Law has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Kelly Law has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Kelly Law was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Kelly Law has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kelly Law for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HENRY S. MILLER, JR.

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Henry S. Miller, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Mr. Miller was an icon in the Dallas community who created a real estate empire with over 1,300 employees and 41 offices. After joining the business his father founded, Miller steered Henry S. Miller Co. to success by pioneering the concept of specialization of services. Essentially, Miller championed the idea of creating specialists in commercial real estate fields like industrial, retail, and multifamily. By doing this, he created a real estate culture that encouraged employees to be incredibly knowledgeable in specific areas, allowing the company to move forward quickly and effectively in those fields.

Throughout his career and life, Mr. Miller was regarded as an honest and humble man, and maintained these traits in an industry where it is easy to devolve into something much different. Known throughout the community as a businessman of integrity and knowledge, he was a pioneer in the Dallas real estate industry and helped to develop it into the powerhouse that it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring this great man who truly was ahead of his time.

RECOGNIZING THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE OF JIM PITCOCK

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine Arkansan who, on December 11, 2009, ended a 51-year career in television, radio and politics.

Jim Pitcock's career in Arkansas radio, television and politics began in his hometown of Fort Smith in 1958 as a part-time camera operator at KFSA television. He would attend junior college during the day, then work at the television station during the evening newscasts.

A short time later he was offered a job at KCCL Radio in Paris, Arkansas where he received his first chance to do "on-air" work as a disc jockey. He traded in school for the job and spent the next two years driving back and forth to Paris while continuing his work at the television station in the evening.

In 1960, Jim began work as a full-time disc jockey at KFSA Radio in Fort Smith.

In 1963, KAAV, the "Mighty 1090" in Little Rock offered Pitcock a job in the Capitol City where he assumed the identity of "Ron Owens—The Midnight Satellite."

Almost a year to the day later, Jim Pitcock was hired by KATV Television where he began a 32-year career as the station's News Director. At one point, Pitcock served as the longest-tenured news director in the country. He traveled from Moscow to Vietnam bringing Arkansans news in international significance with a local perspective. Pitcock also oversaw the station's coverage of then-Governor Bill Clinton's rise to the White House in 1991 earning the station a Regional Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

During his tenure Pitcock won numerous Associated Press Broadcaster's Association awards and led the station's news department atop the ratings for more than a decade.

Jim Pitcock has been honored with a number of other awards for his work as an Arkan-

sas broadcast journalism pioneer including; The Arkansas Society of Professional Journalist's "Silver Microphone" Award for lifetime achievement and the University of Arkansas Department of Journalism's "Ernie Deane Award" for his contribution to broadcast journalism in the state.

Pitcock also served for a time as Congressman Bill Alexander's Field Director in Arkansas, worked with former Arkansas Attorney General MARK PRYOR and finished his career as an aide to United States Senator MARK PRYOR.

One of seven siblings, Jim Pitcock and all three of his brothers worked in the broadcast journalism field during their careers. Oldest brother Bill Pitcock (deceased) served as evening news anchor for KOTV News in Oklahoma City, Bob Gregory Pitcock worked as a correspondent for CBS News Washington and youngest brother Jerry Pitcock worked at KATV in Little Rock and the Arkansas Educational Television Network in Conway, Arkansas.

Jim has four grown children and six grandchildren.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KIMBERLY BRUGGER FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Kimberly Brugger has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Kimberly Brugger has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Kimberly Brugger was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Kimberly Brugger has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional district, I congratulate Kimberly Brugger for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Request as named in the report: Electrically Charged Mesh Defense Net Troop Protection System

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victory  
 Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4900 Cor-  
 porate Drive, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35805.

Description of Request: \$7,500,000. The  
 funding would be used for “D-NET” a De-  
 fence Net Troop Protection System designed  
 to intercept and negate the serious insurgent  
 and terrorist threat tactics employing Rocket  
 Propelled Grenades (RPG), mortars, and  
 small rocket munitions encountered by U.S.  
 Combat Forces. This product could help save  
 warfighters’ lives in hostile territories such as  
 Afghanistan and Iraq through an innovative  
 and low-cost system of defending vehicles  
 against enemy attacks by further testing and  
 prototype development of a system which has  
 passed all tests so far and gotten favorable  
 government program manager review, and  
 which was developed with input from troops in  
 the field. The spending plan for this Phase II  
 of the program, to total \$7,500,000, is: Pro-  
 totype Production and Field Test & Evaluation  
 Program for integration and operational devel-  
 opment. Further develop the D-Net tech-  
 nology based on Phase I R&D Tests to a  
 Technology Readiness Level (TRL) worthy of  
 deploying a limited quantity of “Field Pro-  
 totypes” to Theatre for field and operations test  
 and evaluation.

FY2010 Task A: D-Net “Field Prototypes”  
 (\$3.5M). Deliver to Army Logistics: 100 “Field  
 Prototypes” of the D-Net Static Troop Protec-  
 tion System for Theatre Deployment on mili-  
 tary asset vehicle for field testing (Procure-  
 ment of Prototypes delivered to Military. De-  
 velop, Build, Assemble, Kit Packaging within  
 military requirements like HAZMAT etc, Deliver  
 and Ship to War Zone to fill purchase for Field  
 Test Program) (\$3.5M, or \$35K/unit).

Task B: Field Test Program, data collection  
 and refinement (\$1.075M). Send science and  
 engineering teams to Theatre for collection of  
 field data from Field Prototypes deployed  
 (Data collection material \$125K, OCONUS  
 Labor \$425K), interact with operating commu-  
 nity for feedback, return to lab and refine the  
 technology for better performance and utility  
 (Re-engineer labor \$225K). Requires  
 OCONUS travel (\$300K).

Task C: Threat Characterization (\$350K).  
 Analyze and Perform trade Studies on Threat  
 variants commonly engaged in Theatre sce-  
 narios. Engineering and analysis labor  
 (\$350K).

Task D: Net Optimization & Continued R&D  
 (\$1.3M); Range Test Net Materials (\$250K);  
 Government Provided Range Test Facilities &  
 Government Provided Threats for Tests  
 (\$500K); Parametric Studies/ Validation Labor/  
 Salaries Engineering (\$250K) and Manufac-  
 turing labor (\$250K), Travel (\$50K).

Task E: Continue Launcher Development  
 (\$870K). Ground and Aerial Launcher Design  
 and Development R&D and Fabrication Mate-  
 rial (\$320K); Testing (\$150K); Labor for Engi-  
 neering, Integration and Manufacturing for  
 Platform Depot Requirements (\$400K).

Task F: Integration to Systems & Platforms  
 (\$405K). Design and Integration Trade Stud-  
 ies, COTS Sensor Integration Analysis and  
 Labor (\$250K); Material (\$75K), Travel to Plat-  
 form Project Offices (\$80K).

Request as named in the report: Marine  
 Corps MK 1077 Flatracks

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUMMA  
 Technology, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity:  
 headquartered at 140 Sparkman Drive, Hunts-  
 ville, AL 35805. The manufacturing facility is in  
 Cullman, Alabama.

Description of Request: \$3,000,000. The  
 funding would be used for the MK1077 Flat-  
 rack. This is a revolutionary material handling  
 system that provides the Marines with expedi-  
 ted logistical support while achieving signifi-  
 cant manpower and equipment reductions.  
 These racks and the containers they work with  
 can be used to transport ammunition or other  
 supplies in and out of areas quickly, thus  
 greatly reducing the warfighter’s exposure to  
 danger. This is a continuation of a multi-year  
 procurement program, and the recipient com-  
 pany has a proven record of meeting the  
 strict, structural requirements for this item. The  
 USMC has a requirement for 3,500 MK1077  
 Flatrack units of which 1,000 units have been  
 acquired to date. \$3,000,000 will provide ap-  
 proximately 347 additional units, bringing the  
 inventory up to 1,347.

Request as named in the report: Waterside  
 Wide Area Tactical Coverage and Homing

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Army  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Miltec  
 Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: Miltec Cor-  
 poration, located at 21232 Hwy 431,  
 Guntersville, AL 35976

Description of Request: \$4,000,000. The  
 funding would be used for development and  
 integration of systems for the final test and  
 demonstration of the WaterWATCH affordable  
 underwater monitoring capability. Most water-  
 front facilities are unprotected due to cost con-  
 siderations. Finalization of this product would  
 make available a security system which instal-  
 lations at military bases and other critical infra-  
 structure locations (such as nuclear power  
 plants near waterways) could afford. WaterWATCH  
 integrates many currently avail-  
 able components through the development of  
 new software and the testing of these sys-  
 tems. Approximately \$60,000 would be need-  
 ed for travel, approximately \$150,000 for hard-  
 ware, and the rest for labor (software develop-  
 ment and testing).

Request as named in the report: Protective  
 Self-Decontaminating Surfaces

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-  
 Wide

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ventana  
 Research Corp. (VRC) & Kappler, Inc., and  
 Kappler, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: VRC at 2702  
 South 4th Avenue, South Tucson, AZ 85713-  
 4816; and Kappler at 115 Grimes Drive,  
 Guntersville, AL 35976-9364

Description of Request: \$2,000,000. The  
 funding would be used for Prototype field vali-  
 dation tests of VRC-Kappler Chemical Bio-  
 hazard Protective systems, lab tests of bac-  
 terial infections, diseases and contaminated  
 human remains pouches (CHRP); to field and

live test nerve gas and radiological agents (in  
 order to design the suit to withstand such an  
 attack by a hostile nation). Present decon-  
 tamination processes are labor intensive and  
 require lengthy downtimes. Field-tested proto-  
 types of this fabric demonstrate cost-effective  
 Chemical Biohazard protection for military per-  
 sonnel and civilian populations. Applications  
 could be military, for homeland security, or for  
 dangerous medical and rescue operations.  
 The spending plan is Personnel: \$620,000;  
 Materials: \$80,000; Equipment: \$120,000;  
 travel: \$25,000; Govt Agency partnerships:  
 Oversight and testing work: DTRA/CBT:  
 \$90,000; AFRL/Tyndall AFB: \$250,000; USA  
 NSRDEC: \$90,000; Preproduction, Live  
 Agents Tests, \$825,000

Request as named in the report: Scenario  
 Generation for IAMD Evaluation (SGIE)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-  
 Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: QinetiQ  
 North America Systems Engineering Group  
 Address of Requesting Entity: AMSRD-  
 AMR-BA Bldg. 6263, Redstone Arsenal, AL  
 35898

Description of Request: \$4,200,000 for Scenario  
 Generation for IAMD Evaluation (SGIE)  
 in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive fund-  
 ing for this project is QinetiQ North America  
 Systems Engineering Group, located at 890  
 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville, AL 35806. The  
 funding would be used for 54 ground test  
 cases identified in the IAMD TEMP and 7  
 flight test cases derived from ground test ma-  
 trix. A scenario for each test case is required  
 to capture the design specification as it is in-  
 tended to perform in a battlefield situation.  
 Taxpayer Justification: This program will con-  
 tribute to the work of establishing an Inte-  
 grated Air & Missile Defense System protect  
 against air breathing missile and cruise missile  
 threats. This work will provide a network cen-  
 tric system to integrate a mix of sensors and  
 shooters through a common IAMD battle com-  
 mand system.

Request as named in the report: En-  
 hanced—Rapid Tactical Integration for Field-  
 ing of Systems Initiative (E-RTIFS)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
 Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of  
 Defense Appropriations Act, 2010  
 Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-  
 Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:  
 PeopleTec, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4901-D Cor-  
 porate Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

Description of Request: \$3,900,000 for En-  
 hanced Rapid Tactical Integration for Field-  
 ing of Systems (ERTIFS) in fiscal year 2010. The  
 entity to receive funding for this project is  
 PeopleTec, Doug Scalf, Linda Maynor, located  
 at PeopleTec, Inc. 4901-D Corporate Drive,  
 Huntsville, AL 35805. The funding would be  
 used to support early SoS testing to ensure  
 that interoperability issues are corrected be-  
 fore software is released for formal AIC test-  
 ing. The ABCS-BA will leverage and evolve  
 ERTIFS to support four types of required Inter-  
 operability Tests: (1) Individual System, (2)  
 System of Systems (e.g. Software Blocking),  
 (3) Backwards Compatibility—Interoperability  
 and (4) Regression Testing. Taxpayer Jus-  
 tification: The early identification of these

issues will limit cost and schedule overruns on Aviation/Missile Systems prior to expensive hardware tests.

Request as named in the report: Swarms Defense Systems

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Systems Technology

Address of Requesting Entity: 4090 South Memorial Parkway M/S 3427B, Huntsville, AL 35802

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 funding for SWARMS DEFENSE SYSTEMS in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Computer Science Corporation, located at 4090 S. Memorial Parkway M/S 3427B, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. The funding would be used to close the gap between current and future Air Defense Systems dealing with enemy mortars, rockets, UAV's, and cruise missiles. Future threats exceed all requirements of current system and future AD plans. Taxpayer Justification: Swarms Defense is designed to protect soldiers and critical assets against enemy fire, especially high volume small munitions such as mortars, rockets, UAV's, cruise missiles, developing the critical technologies required to close the gap in current asset protection plans.

Request as named in the report: Tactical UAV, Heavy Fuel Engine

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Science and Engineering Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 4015 Pulaski Pike, NW., Huntsville, AL 35810

Description of Request: \$2,000,000 for the Tactical UAV, Heavy Fuel Engine in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Science and Engineering Services, Inc., located at 4015 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, AL 35810. The funding would be used for development of lightweight military fuel engine for UAVs. Scope includes building engines to perform platform integration and flight test for use in a military environment. Funding supports design and implementation of the process to military standards. Taxpayer Justification: Shadow UAS is ideal for providing direct information to commanders increasing awareness. Heavy fuel technology allows an engine to burn any fuel, diesel, JP5, JP8, gasoline, producing low emission, can be economically manufactured, and maintained

Request as named in the report: Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: J2 Technologies Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4801 University Square, Suite 31, Huntsville, AL 35816

Description of Request: \$3,000,000 for Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is J2 Tech-

nologies Inc., located at 4801 University Square, Suite 31, Huntsville, AL 35816—1815. The funding would be used to provide the hardware-in-the-loop test capability designed to address the need to define performance requirements, evaluate and execute Operationally Responsive Space programs thus ensuring the warfighter's continued access to space. Taxpayer Justification: Army Responsive Tactical Space System Exerciser (ARTSSE) provides technologies critical to maintaining access to space. ARTSSE supports an unfunded Army need to provide a responsive surge for space based communication, surveillance, and reconnaissance, especially when a change in circumstances brought about by foreign-owned assets requires a response from the U.S. systems within hours or a few days in order to maintain protection of U.S. personnel and assets.

Request as named in the report: Autonomous Cargo Acquisition for Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Optical Systems, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6767 Old Madison Pike, Suite 410, Huntsville, AL 35806

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 for Autonomous Cargo Acquisition for Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Advanced Optical Systems, Inc., located at 6767 Old Madison Pike, Suite 410, Huntsville, Alabama 35805. The funding would be used to demonstrate fully unmanned cargo pickup and delivery under operational conditions. The work will leverage current developments for manned systems, and will cooperate with TRADOC and logistics personnel at Ft. Rucker and Ft. Lee. Taxpayer Justification: The Army needs to leverage rotorcraft unmanned aerial systems to provide unmanned pickup and delivery for logistics supply and weapons placement. Unmanned cargo operations would reduce both aircrew losses and costs.

Request as named in the report: On-Board Vehicle Power (OBVP)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: DRS Training and Energy Management

Address of Requesting Entity: 110 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

Description of Request: \$3,100,000 for On-Board Vehicle Power (OBVP) in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is DRS Training and Energy Management, located at 110 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805. The funding would be used for OBVP provides electric power for vehicles and mission electronics. OBVP fits the space inside the bell housing of vehicle transmissions. The system is capable of producing 30–70 kW. Increased power is needed for IED detection and weapon systems. Taxpayer Justification: Growth in energy requirements on the battlefield has created a critical need to accelerate this program to production readiness. The system can deliver mobile/exportable electric power from the vehicle engine for electric power requirements.

Request as named in the report: Extremely Large, Domestic Expendable and Reusable Structures (ELDERS)

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: Dpa Defense Production Act Purchases

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ATK Aerospace Structures

Address of Requesting Entity: 751 County Road 989, Building 1000, Iuka, MS 38852

Description of Request: \$9,800,000 For Current domestic large-scale, composites production capacity is constrained by processing limitations associated with the large diameter of the items being manufactured. At the same time, the Air Force is making future plans to utilize structures with diameters in excess of nine meters. The current domestic industrial production capacity does not support this scale of extremely large composite launch structures. The ELDERS Title III program was initiated in FY2009 with \$8.0 million to scale-up domestic composites manufacturing and processing capacity and support facilities to meet this critical emerging need in military space access. The three-phase program includes evaluation, modification and qualification of current automated production equipment and facilities, and the acquisition of necessary industrial capacity and processing capabilities. In general, Title III activities serve to lower defense acquisition and life-cycle costs and to increase defense system readiness and performance through the use of higher quality, lower cost, and technologically superior materials and technologies. The ELDERS Program will increase the capacity for increasingly larger composite structures, including development and acquisition of higher performing composite processing equipment.

Request as named in the report: Adaptive Robotics Technology for Space, Air and Missiles [ART-SAM]

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT  
Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense-Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Calhoun Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 6250 Hwy. 31 North Decatur Campus, Tanner, AL 35671

Description of Request: \$4,200,000 for Adaptive Robotics Technology for Space, Air and Missiles [ART-SAM] in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is Calhoun Community College, located at 6250 U.S. Highway 31 North, Tanner, AL 35671. The funding would be used for a joint venture with leadership from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) and Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT), and will establish national robotics research and development capability at Calhoun Community College to leverage government, industry, and academia partnerships and their respective investments. Additionally, funds will be used to procure instrumentation, components and test fixtures to provide a hands-on laboratory for experiments and process testing in an unmanned environment. Taxpayer Justification: The ART-SAM project, once operational, will develop robotics technologies, systems and products for a variety of SMDC projects, programs, and core mission needs. It will serve as an economic development catalyst for robotic research and development,

training, operations and manufacturing. It will also support workforce development initiatives throughout the state.

Request as named in the report: Protective Self-Decontaminating Surfaces

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—DW

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ventana Research Corp. (VRC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 139 Barnes Drive, Suite 2, Tyndall AFB, FL

Description of Request: \$1,600,000 for ACD&P project of self-decontaminating surfaces for long-lasting personnel (e.g. clothing) & shelter (e.g. hospitals) protection from Chem/Bio (& nerve gas) attacks. Light-activated decontaminating material produces singlet oxygen, a mild oxidant, to destroy CB agents. Demonstrated the material traps & stores excess singlet oxygen during periods of sun & artificial light. Stored singlet oxygen is released to provide indoor & outdoor protection of 8+ hours during no light & dark periods. Further, no protection loss demonstrated in intense Arizona sunlight 39+ hours during 100+ degrees days. Completed FY07 Individual Protection (IP) ATD milestones. Started FY08 IP ACD&P phase & initiated nerve gas protection ATD for ACD&P in FY10 and will continue ACD&P effort in FY09. Technology: Sun or artificial light activates the decontaminating material to produce singlet oxygen, a mild, short-lived oxidant that effectively destroys chemical/nerve & biological agents. This long-lasting & durable capability for around-the-clock protection using sun or artificial light is the heart of the invention. Our FY10 request is prompted by the need for including nerve gas and nuclear decontamination capability. This will involve added-on tasks to the program in terms additional test and evaluation efforts. Nerve gas protection effort will address chemistry efforts and tests, nuclear protection disposable, absorbent materials.

Progress: (1) Mustard gas stimulant treated fabric tests demonstrated self-decontamination capability after exposure of 39 days to the intense AZ summer sun; (2) Kappler Provent fabric treated with VRC Decon Dye Coating demonstrated standard industrial practice can be used for first-article production of garments for breathability, field laundering, & durability testing; (3) VRC Decon Dye Coating showed no adverse effect upon Provent fabric's breathability, an essential Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) Ensemble requirement; (4) Airtight seam-bonding process demonstrated with Provent Fabric dyed with VRC Dye Coating enables standard protective suit manufacturing procedures eliminating protective coating application after suit completion, a more costly approach; (5) NMR & UV-Visible Spectroscopy showed Ventana Decon Dye Coating efficiently traps visible light-generated singlet oxygen in repeated release & oxidation a mustard gas & VX stimulant to decontaminated product in darkness; (6) UV-Visible Spectroscopy demonstrated to be a more cost-effective QA tool than conventional NMR inspection; (7) Live tests will be performed at the Defense Science & Technology Laboratory (distl), Proton Down, UK, during the week of April 27, 2009, additional tests are planned for 2Q09 & 3Q09. Samples have been provided to Dr. Stephen Lee, Chief Scientist, Ofc. Director U.S. Army

Research Office, for coordination & ITAR, export/import matters & permits.

The requested FY10 program under JPM-CBD's leadership addresses: (1) Perform ATDs on VRC Decon Dye coatings to add nerve gas & radiological agent (disposable garments & coatings) protection; (2) Conduct operational validity tests (ACD&P) of preselected Light-Activated CBNR Protective systems; (3) Continue pre-production of protection systems at Kappler & Ventana for several ACD&Ps of representative JLIST materials, components & suits & upgrade facilities to full production status.

Request as named in the report: Remote Monitoring and Troubleshooting (RMAT) Project

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: OP.N

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Intergraph  
Address of Requesting Entity: 170 Graphics Drive, Madison, AL 35758

Description of Request: \$2,320,000 for RMAT will integrate with shipboard local control and monitoring systems by networking them together and providing secure shore-based remote monitoring of those systems in real time. Through the use of sensors, networks, and software-based controllers, RMAT will provide the means for monitoring and troubleshooting various shipboard systems that are vital to ship operations, and allow engineers from various shore-based locations to collaborate in a real-time secure environment. RMAT will enable faster response times and mitigation of damage caused by engineering casualties, blast, fire, flooding, and equipment malfunction. Implementation of RMAT will increase the level of sensor data fusion, situational awareness, and survivability of the ship, as well as its ability to successfully complete its mission. The change from analog systems and manual data collection will save thousands of man-hours every year. Without funding for this effort, a need will exist to continue maintenance of obsolete hardware-based control panels and large redundant watch-standing and damage control repair parties that rely on slow, outdated, and error producing control systems and information management techniques.

Request as named in the report: Transitioning Stretch Broken Carbon Fiber to Production Programs

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hexcel Corporation

Address of Requesting Entity: 3300 Mallard Fox Drive, Decatur, AL 35609

Description of Request: \$3,200,000 for composite structure on existing military aircraft has saved weight and reduced O&M costs. However, a solution to the high cost and unrealized weight benefits of these structures is badly needed. Studies done in conjunction with the major aircraft manufacturers show that while composite material properties predict a weight savings of about 50% is achievable, only about 10–20% is being realized in today's designs. The problem is that the composite materials that are currently available in the marketplace cannot be formed into the

complex geometries necessary to realize the true weight savings available. This results in pressure at the design stage to reduce the complexity of parts so they are more fabrication friendly. If the designer holds firm on the part complexity, automated fabrication techniques are often ruled out due to the challenges of forming complex geometries with these processes. The end result is added weight and cost to the structure. Stretch Broken Carbon Fiber (SBCF) technology affords more weight reduction opportunities than any other solution under evaluation by the DoD. SBCF product forms offer a pseudo plasticity akin to metals that makes the forming of complex geometries much easier. These products can be used in all of the automated composite processes currently being used by fabricators including fiber and tape placement and engineered textile approaches for fabricating net shape preforms used in resin infusion processes. The focus of this program will be two-fold. First, funding will be allocated to various composite part fabricators to develop robust processes to mold full size prototype parts with SBCF product forms. Second, funding will be allocated to generate a Mil-HdBK-17 approved database. Both tasks are necessary to take this technology into production.

Request as named in the report: Cooperative International Neuromuscular Research Group

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account or Provision: RDT&E—Defense Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's National Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Michigan Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20010

Description of Request: \$3,280,000 for funds will be used for ongoing research and testing using molecular patches, to see if the same improvements experienced by dogs in clinical trials can be extended to humans with muscle damage. The funds will be used for ongoing research and testing using molecular patches, to see if the same improvements experienced by dogs in clinical trials can be extended to humans with muscle damage. This research benefits both warfighters (in terms of combating the effects of biological warfare attacks), and also potentially the civilian population who suffer from similar muscle tissue deterioration.

PRINCIPIA COLLEGE SOLAR CAR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Principia College Solar Team at this year's Global Green Solar Challenge.

Thirty-two teams from around the world traveled to Darwin, Australia for a 3000 kilometer race across the Australian outback in solar powered cars. Only nine teams were able to finish the grueling challenge, included among them was this outstanding group from Elsah, Illinois. Principia's Ra7 finished seventh in the world in this year's race and third among American entries.

While other teams spent millions from corporate sponsorships, the Principia team spent less than \$180,000. The winner, Tokai University of Japan, was sponsored by Sharp Electronics, a leader in solar engineering. This year's runner-up was sponsored by the European Space Agency. When the race was over, Principia earned the Safety Award from race officials, their fourth overall and first in international competition.

I want to congratulate John Broere (Director of Engineering Science), Joe Ritter (Assistant Dean of Academics) and the members of the Principia College Solar Team on their outstanding achievement. Their efforts have done much in accelerating this exciting field of scientific exploration.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY  
BRYANT

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize Dorothy Bryant from my hometown of Lexington, Missouri. Mrs. Bryant will be retiring at the end of this year after thirty years of dedicated service to the Lafayette County Sheriffs Department.

Mrs. Bryant began working for the Sheriffs Department on January 21, 1980, and since then has worked for five different Sheriffs of Lafayette County. She has worked for the current Sheriff, Kerrick Alumbaugh, for nine of her thirty years. A loyal and dedicated employee, Mrs. Bryant has worked tirelessly to serve the residents of Lafayette County.

Madam Speaker, Dorothy Bryant has helped keep the people of Lafayette County safe for the past three decades. I trust that my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing her the very best in her well-earned retirement.

HONORING LARRY KELLNER,  
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER OF CONTINENTAL  
AIRLINES INC.

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Kellner, chairman and chief executive officer of Continental Airlines Inc, the world's 5th largest airline. In May 2001, Larry Kellner was elected president of the airline and to the Board of Directors, and in March 2003, he was named president and chief operating officer. In December 2004, Mr. Kellner became chairman and chief executive officer, where he has promoted international growth at Continental Airlines and has fostered the company's unique culture, putting emphasis on strong internal communication and giving employees the tools to provide outstanding customer service.

Throughout Mr. Kellner's 14-year career at Continental, the company has won more awards for customer satisfaction than any other airline. In 2009, FORTUNE magazine

ranked Continental the No. 1 airline on their annual airline industry list of "Most Admired Global Companies" for the 6th consecutive year. Continental Airlines also employs 41,000 system-wide and nearly 12,000 in Houston, Texas.

Prior to joining Continental, Mr. Kellner was executive vice president and chief financial officer of American Savings Bank, owned by The Robert M. Bass Group. Prior to that, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer of The Koll Company, a private real estate investment and construction firm.

Kellner graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of South Carolina, where he served as Student Body President. In addition, the University of South Carolina presented him with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

Mr. Kellner is active in numerous community and civic organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors for Marriott International and the Air Transport Association. On the civic front, he is a member of the board of directors for the Methodist Hospital, YMCA of Greater Houston, the Greater Houston Partnership, the Spring Branch Education Foundation, and Central Houston, Inc., and is a member of the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board. Mr. Kellner also serves on the advisory boards of the March of Dimes and Teach for America, and is on the development board of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He resides in Houston with his wife, Susan, and their four children.

After more than 14 years at Continental Airlines and 5 years as its CEO, Mr. Kellner will leave the company at the end of 2009 and will head Emerald Creek Group, LLC, a new private investment firm based in Houston.

Congratulations to Larry Kellner for his many achievements throughout his career at Continental Airlines and the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, Illinois for reaching the centennial milestone.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church opened in 1909 on Vaught Avenue in Mount Vernon and held services at the location throughout 1960's. After being sold, the congregation was unable to find a new location. Being unwilling to dissolve their tight-knit congregation, the Shiloh Missionary Baptist family held services at a member's home for years before acquiring property on Conger Avenue in Mount Vernon.

In spite of adversity, including a disastrous fire in 1999, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church has held true to its mission in the community and has become a part of Mount Vernon. Its congregation continues its outreach ministry to troubled youths and many others in the community.

I want to join with the members of this House in congratulating Reverend Lawrence

James and the men and women of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on celebrating one hundred years of good works, to thank them for all they do for our community and to wish them another hundred years of success.

FREEDOM CAPTIVATES THE  
HUMAN SPIRIT

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, last week I spoke at a moving exhibit at the Heritage Foundation which featured a collection of 50 paintings by Ukrainian artist and gulag survivor Nikolai Getman.

Mr. Getman spent eight years in a Siberian gulag. Following his harrowing experience he secretly undertook to chronicle his time in the Soviet forced labor system because he said he was "convinced that it was my duty to leave behind a testimony to the fate of the millions of prisoners who died and who should not be forgotten."

These 50 paintings are the fruit of 40 years of work on the part of Nikolai. They are a powerful testimony of one's man's triumph over totalitarianism. They ought not be relegated to the annals of history. While the Soviet Union no longer exists, those who seek to suppress freedom, be they in North Korea, China or Egypt, are still with us.

I submit my remarks from the Heritage Foundation event:

"Experience and the record had convinced me that communism is a form of totalitarianism, that its triumph means slavery to men wherever they fall under its sway, and spiritual night to the human mind and soul."

These words were spoken by famed Communist party member, Soviet spy and ultimate defector, Whitaker Chambers.

In testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, Chambers said that in spite of what he knew to be true of communism, he believed he was "leaving the winning side for the losing side" but that was "better to die on the losing side than to live under communism."

Of course we know that Chambers' fear proved to be untrue. That communism, as Ronald Reagan predicted, was destined for the "ash heap of history." That the gulags of that era, depicted before us tonight, were destined to be relics of the past.

Ronald Reagan modeled how to confront repressive regimes like the Soviet Union. He spoke truth to power. He boldly pressed the Soviets to respect the fundamental human rights of their own people. He raised the cases of dissidents by name.

He did this because of a fundamental belief that the US. constitution was a "covenant we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind"

Reagan once said, "Coersion, after all, merely captures man. Freedom captivates him."

Indeed freedom captivates the human spirit and ultimately triumphs over tyranny whatever form it takes.

RECOGNIZING WINIFRED "WINN"  
BUNDY

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winifred "Winn" Bundy, who has been named a 2009 Arizona Culturekeeper for her commitment and dedication to upholding the traditions, rituals and culture of my State.

For thirty-five years, Winn has operated the Singing Wind Bookshop near Benson, Arizona. Time magazine called Singing Wind "one of the warmest bookshops on Earth" and a national travel writer said it was "the most unique book-buying experience of my life."

Winn did not start out planning to run a book store. In 1956, she earned a degree in history and English from the University of Arizona. That year she and her husband bought the Singing Wind, a working cattle ranch.

Winn's love of literature led her to start selling books from the living room of her ranch home. Winn soon developed a reputation for featuring a rich selection of regional authors and topics that draw readers from around the world. Since then, Winn's ranch house has become a must-visit destination for lovers of Southwestern literature who come from far and wide by car and tour bus. Winn now has 150,000 titles in stock on everything from Indian rock art to ghost towns to the Jewish Western experience.

Since 1974, Winn has helped hundreds of Southwestern writers get their start. She specializes in small press books that do not appear in big chain stores and connects authors with publishers to get their works in print.

Winn also cultivates the love of literature and the humanities through the many community activities she sponsors. From its inception, Singing Wind has offered a bookmobile, school programs, book discussions, author readings and writers' festivals.

Earlier this year, Winn received the Juliana Yoder Friend of the Humanities Award from the Arizona Humanities Council. On December 20, 2009 she will be named an Arizona Culturekeeper, an award presented by the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, in conjunction with the Sharlot Hall Museum, the Arizona Historical Society and Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official state historian.

I am proud of the work that Winn has done to preserve Arizona's culture and to bring literature to a wide audience. She is truly a deserving recipient of the Culturekeeper Award and I join with the award committee in commending her for all that she has done for the people of Arizona and for readers across the country and around the world.

VFW POST 2055 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2055 in Centralia, Illinois, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary on December 18.

Post 2055 began in a renovated church in 1934 and was followed a year later by the chartering of the local VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The post has grown from its original membership of 56 to a high of more than 600 members.

The men and women of the Centralia VFW post have continued to serve their community and our nation long after their terms of active duty military service have ended. Post 2055 members assemble and send care packages to service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Members of VFW Post 2055 are dedicated to serving their community. They regularly volunteer at the local Veterans Administration hospital, teach firearms safety courses and participate in cancer research fundraisers.

I would like to thank the men and women of VFW Post 2055 in Centralia, Illinois, for their service to our nation, their continued support of America's soldiers and their dedication to their community.

TO COMMEMORATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS OF NUMONYX

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, tomorrow in my district—in Folsom, California—Numonyx will establish its North American headquarters. Numonyx is a leading semiconductor technology firm that specializes in memory products.

Approximately 450 members of the Numonyx global workforce will be located in nearly 100,000 square feet of building space on its new campus. The campus will house product research and development, business management, testing labs, validation labs, sales, marketing, and more.

Folsom was chosen as the new home for Numonyx due to its business-friendly environment, highly skilled and educated workforce as well as being a family-oriented community. Numonyx will play an important role in the ongoing growth of the workforce, economy and technical skill within the greater Sacramento region.

Beyond the obvious business, employment, and economic benefits, Numonyx's impact reaches the community at large with "Numonyx in Your Neighborhood" campaigns. These campaigns assist in meeting the needs of individuals and charitable organizations within the Sacramento region.

I am pleased that this leading-edge and high impact company has chosen California's 3rd district as its home.

THE TALKING WATER GARDENS PROJECT IN OREGON IS AN EXCELLENT USE OF RECOVERY ACT FUNDS

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to an example of Recovery

Act funds that have been invested wisely. The "Talking Water Gardens" is a high-priority wastewater treatment project in Albany and Millersburg, Oregon that received Recovery Act funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. Those funds will be used to construct 39 acres of treatment wetlands and reuse the treated water to improve riparian habitat. Unfortunately, a report by two members of the Senate entitled, "Stimulus Checkup: A closer look at 100 projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," inaccurately and unfairly criticized this project. Had the two Senators who authored the report called these two Oregon cities to inquire about the project they would have learned that the Talking Water Gardens is a shining example of how Recovery Act funds can be used to improve our aging infrastructure, mitigate environmental damage, and create good-paying jobs. The project also illustrates how a successful public-private partnership can work. I respectfully submit this letter from the City of Albany, which further explains the inaccuracies in the "Stimulus Checkup" report on this important project.

CITY OF ALBANY,

*Albany, OR, December 14, 2009.*

Hon. PETER DeFAZIO,

*Rayburn House Office Building,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DeFAZIO: On December 10, 2009, we learned that Senator John McCain and Senator Tom Coburn named "Talking Water Gardens," our wastewater treatment and water reuse project, in a report that questions the validity of 100 projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This project is an important, necessary, and high-priority wastewater treatment project for the State of Oregon that received funding through the State Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund program. This project provides sustainable benefits for the community, the economy, and the environment. We offer this letter in rebuttal to the "Stimulus Checkup" report dated December 2009.

No one from Senator McCain or Senator Coburn's offices have ever contacted the City of Albany or the City of Millersburg regarding the project. The information sources referenced in the report were never verified with us for accuracy. It appears that our project was singled out simply because of the whimsical name, "Talking Water Gardens." The project will construct roughly 39 acres of treatment wetlands and reuse the water to improve the riparian habitat on land that is the blighted site of two defunct lumber mills adjacent to the old oxbow of the Willamette River. This land has significant elevation differences, so the treated wastewater from the Albany-Millersburg Water Reclamation Facility and the ATI Wah Chang treatment facility will enter the project at elevations above the wetlands, creating several waterfalls that will aerate the water. Waterfalls are often referred to as "talking waters" and the name was chosen with children and the Native American Kalapuya/Willamette River heritage in mind.

The conclusions of the McCain-Coburn report are inaccurate and misleading:

(1) The report states that a non-competitive contract was issued for the construction. This is false. In accordance with the Oregon Revised Statutes, the cities employed a construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) procurement method that is allowed and, in fact, encouraged by the State to lower public project costs. The process followed a Request for Proposal and interview process that included evaluation of both cost

and non-cost elements. Of six proposals received, the selected contractor represented the best qualified and least costly.

(2) The report fails to mention that the Willamette River, one of the 14 American Heritage rivers, has new thermal load restrictions placed upon treatment plants to protect and recover threatened and endangered salmon fish species as well as other water quality regulations.

(3) The report fails to mention that the wastewater treatment plant serving the cities of Albany and Millersburg and ATI Wah Chang must construct additional wastewater treatment capital facilities to comply with the regulations.

(4) The report failed to note that the project is a unique industrial/municipal partnership, between the cities of Albany, Millersburg, and ATI Wah Chang with the industrial partner contributing its share of capital.

(5) The report failed to note that this project provides a secure and environmentally-sound wastewater treatment solution for ATI Wah Chang, a major local employer and significant rare metals industry in the United States. This project protects the jobs at this industry that would have been put at risk had a cost-effective treatment solution not been found.

(6) The report fails to mention that the project is the least-cost alternative that requires the smallest ratepayer increases to comply with the regulations.

(7) The report fails to mention that this project received an Honor Award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for Excellence in Environmental Engineering.

(8) The report failed to say that the project will provide employment for an estimated 100 people in diverse sectors: electricians, mechanics, pipe layers, and excavators; surveyors, engineers and construction managers; raw material and equipment suppliers for the pipe, pumps, rock, concrete, asphalt, wiring, steel and other materials; landscapers and nurseries. These jobs are needed in Linn County, where 15.1% unemployment far exceeds the U.S. (10.2%) and Oregon (11.3%) seasonally adjusted rates as reported in the December 2009 Benton/Linn Labor Trends Report for October.

Talking Water Gardens is a shining example of how to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of cities and American industries to preserve jobs in these tough economic times. Many, many people have worked hard to make this project happen and singling it out for criticism without verified foundation is shameful at a time when we all need to be working together.

Sincerely,

SHARON KONOPA,  
Mayor.

JUNIOR SERVICE CLUB 75TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of an important community organization in Collinsville, Illinois.

The Junior Service Club has worked for three quarters of a century to better the lives of the children in the community. The group's volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide fun activities for the community's youth. Over

the decades, they ensured the children had a good meal during the holidays and have taught them the value of service to one's neighbors.

The club's fundraising efforts have gone to benefit hospitals, fire victims, community parks, senior programs and scholarships for graduates of Collinsville High School. Today, the club consists of about 50 members. Many of the volunteers are teachers who represent the third generation of their family to belong to the Junior Service Club.

I want to join with the members of this House in congratulating the members of the Collinsville Junior Service Club on celebrating their 75th anniversary and thank them for their service. I want to wish them another 75 years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, December 15, 2009, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall vote 971. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 971.

THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF  
CHARLES A. TEALE, SR., FROM  
THE HARTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Charles A. Teale, Sr., of the Hartford Fire Department who is retiring after serving 27 years—9 of those as its chief.

In his years of service, Chief Teale has gained a reputation as a fair, no-nonsense administrator who helped to restore order and stability to the Hartford Fire Department. Under his watch, the Hartford Fire Department maintained its Class 1 status, a designation shared by only 41 of 38,000 departments across the country. Among Teale's many accomplishments is his emphasis on attaining high educational and professional standards. Due to the department's educational outreach, the number of structure fires in Hartford decreased from 366 in 2001 to just 80 in 2008.

In one of his proudest accomplishments, Teale showed a dedication to the community he served that extended far beyond his duties as fire chief. He worked as co-chairman of a committee that raised \$125,000 to create a memorial to the 168 people who died in the Hartford circus fire of July 6, 1944. Motivated by the conviction that a memorial had to be created before the generation that remembered one of Connecticut's worst disasters passed on, Teale dedicated the beautiful memorial in 2005, on the 61st anniversary of the fire.

Chief Teale's own story is truly remarkable. He dropped out of school at age 14, but returned and excelled, thanks to the mentoring

of legendary Hartford educator Walter "Doc" Hurley. He went on to earn multiple advanced degrees, including a master's in public administration from the University of Hartford. Chief Teale's passion for learning is everlasting, and after retirement he plans to pursue a doctorate in psychology, which will help him empower Hartford's young men to make smart choices as they enter adulthood, just as Doc Hurley influenced him.

The residents of Hartford and Connecticut's First Congressional District are indebted to Chief Teale for his extensive efforts to serve the Greater Hartford community. His dedication to Hartford and its history, as well as his ability to lead, have made him not just an outstanding fire chief but an exceptional ambassador for the city. His fire boots will be hard to fill, but we wish him well on his admirable goals of returning to school and serving as a mentor to the young men in Hartford.

JUDGE DOROTHY SPOMER

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Dorothy Spomer, who broke barriers as she served on the bench in Southern Illinois. Judge Spomer was recently honored at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Inspiring Women Gala.

Judge Spomer graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1943, at the age of 22. Throughout her historic career, she set an example for other young women as the first female judge in Alexander County, the first female circuit judge in the First Judicial Circuit and the first woman to sit on the appellate court in the Fifth District.

A dedicated public servant, Judge Spomer came out of retirement in 1977, when Illinois Supreme Court Justice Joseph Goldenhersch called on her to serve on the appellate court in Mount Vernon.

Judge Spomer's example inspired her son, Judge Stephen Spomer, to carry on the proud family tradition of public service as he presides over the same Fifth District Appellate Court.

I would like to join Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as they honor her at their Inspiring Women Gala, in thanking Judge Dorothy Spomer for her lifelong service to Southern Illinois.

HONORING LIAM McLAUGHLIN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Liam McLaughlin is leaving the Yonkers City Council after serving four terms, representing the Fourth District since 1999. He served as Majority Leader of the City Council and is leaving as the Minority Leader and Chair of the Budget Committee and the Environmental Policy & Protection Committee.

He also served on the Education Committee, the Real Estate & Economic Development Committee, the Municipal Operations

Committee, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Legislation and Codes Committee.

He graduated from Fordham University in 1989, majoring in accounting, and worked for the major accounting firm of Ernst & Young before taking his law degree from the New York Law School.

As a council member Liam worked with the mayor and fellow council members on a bipartisan basis for the betterment of his district and the City of Yonkers as a whole. He strove to hold down taxes, to create jobs, to improve the city's parks and playgrounds, increase senior citizen programs and implement a city-wide beautification program. He encouraged 'smart development' to make Yonkers attractive to new businesses which brought many new jobs to the city.

Aside from his representation on the council, he is a Board Member of the Aisling Irish Community Center, a Board Member and President of Tara Circle, a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Westchester Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and a member of the New York State Bar Association.

I congratulate Liam for all of his good work and diligence in representing not only his district and its families, but the City of Yonkers as a whole. I was privileged to be able to work with him in helping Yonkers and know first hand that Yonkers is enormously better for having him. I know his family will be happier now that he will not have as many meetings to attend but the City of Yonkers will sorely miss his leadership and dedication. I wish him the best in all his endeavors and am looking forward to his return to office.

ST. MARY'S GOOD SAMARITAN  
HOSPITAL CENTENNIAL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a century of service from an institution of healing in Centralia, Illinois.

St. Mary's Hospital opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1909 and has been serving the Centralia area since. As the city grew, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and the Felician Sisters worked to meet the medical needs of the growing population. In 1958, the hospital moved to a new 117-bed facility on Pleasant Avenue, where it went through 3 expansions 1969 to 1981.

In 1996, St. Mary's Hospital merged with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center in nearby Mt. Vernon. With the merger, they entered the 21st Century at the forefront of medical care. Over the last 100 years, the people at St. Mary's have not forgotten their core mission and have served our community with a level of devotion that is second to none.

I want to join with the members of this House and the residents of South Central Illinois in congratulating St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital on celebrating its centennial. I want to thank them for their healing ministry and to wish them continued success for the next hundred years.

RICHARD ALGER FLORIDA AGRICULTURE'S MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my heartfelt congratulations to Richard Alger on his recent induction into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Being named to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame is a high honor, because it is the closest thing we have in South Florida to being named agriculture's man of the year.

With his very strong educational background, gregarious personality and true compassion for our community, Richard has been a strong voice for farming for over four decades.

Richard made his mark through his assistance to minority farmers in our area, as a board member of Farm Credit of South Florida; a generous contributor to the Farm Share program; and for working with the University of Florida on agricultural research.

I am pleased to join the Greater Home-Steard/Florida City Chamber, Jolayne, his family, including 17 grandkids, friends and neighbors in their celebration of his countless contributions.

HONORING TOM McROBERTS

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Tom McRoberts on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM). During his career of over 34 years with the University, Tom has served several communities as an administrator, mentor, and innovative educator. These titles are unable to capture the full measure of Tom's contribution to the University, local community, the state of Minnesota.

Tom is tireless in his efforts to expand learning opportunities. His ingenuity has never been bound by his official titles of Director of Continuing Education and Regional Programs, Director of the Center for Small Towns, Director of the Center for International Programs, and the other positions he's held over the years. Tom has served as a mentor and academic advisor to numerous students who have gone on to obtain internships and jobs in the public service arena and win prestigious national scholarships. He has been instrumental in developing programs to connect the University to the local community and to open the world for exploration by the students he has so faithfully served, including establishing the UMM Center for International Programs and creating the UMM Summer Scholars program for gifted high school juniors from around the region, soon to be in its twenty-sixth year.

Over the years, Tom has been recognized for his remarkable contributions with a number of honors, including the all-University John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, the UMM Academic Staff Award, the College of Continuing Education Deans Award

for Individual Achievement, and the University of Minnesota Presidents Award for Outstanding Service.

This impressive record of service doesn't begin to describe the man. As his colleagues and students note, Tom is modest, compassionate, and blessed with a good sense of humor. One close colleague has described Tom as a specialist in making things happen without claiming credit. He accepts assignments others won't take. He sees opportunities to do good and he takes them and when these aren't obvious, he creates them. Tom has truly made walking the extra mile a way of life, achieving a legacy of accomplishments that will pay dividends for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations and appreciation to Tom McRoberts for the extraordinary career at the University of Minnesota Morris.

SPRINGFIELD SENATORS—CROSS  
COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of an outstanding group of student-athletes from Springfield, Illinois.

The Springfield Senators girls cross country team took the state championship at this year's Illinois High School Association state finals November 7 at Detweiler Park in Peoria. Springfield High finished with a score of 124, six better than the runners-up from Yorkville. The Senators were led by Kirby Hale, who had the fourth-best overall time for the tournament, finishing in 17:51.

I want to congratulate Coach Dan Devlin, Assistant Coach Trae Cotner and the members of the 2009 Springfield Senators state champion cross country team: Kirby Hale, Madie Alexander, Maggie Cornelius, Christy Rolf, Jessica Larson, Leora Reyhan, Sarah Ward, Giuliana Bailey, Christina Kropid, Julia McClure, Erin Shultz and Lauren Smith. They have represented themselves, their school and our community in a first-rate fashion. I want to join with my colleagues in this House in wishing them continued success in their future academic and athletic endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Departments of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Synthetic Liquid Fuels

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is

justified: This project will supply the U.S. Air Force and other military branches a secure supply of synthetic fuels to operate fighters, bombers and other aircraft and military equipment. It will help the Air Force to achieve its stated goal of certifying its fleet of aircraft on a synthetic fuel blend and purchasing 50 percent of its fuels in the form of a synthetic fuel blend by 2016.

Appropriated Amount: \$2,400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, \$2,400,000

Project Name: AutoScan Under-Vehicle Inspection System

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Kachemak Research Development, Inc., 59584 East End Road, Homer, Alaska 99603

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Kachemak Research Development, Inc. is a woman owned, HUBZone, 8(a) entity. AutoScan, an under vehicle inspection system developed by KRD, is a stationary system that captures the entire undercarriage image of vehicles, ranging in size from passenger vehicles to semi-trucks. Because of the unique capabilities of AutoScan, vehicles do not need to maintain a constant speed as they travel across the system. Funding will be used for product enhancement and beta testing of Autoscan generation 2 and 3 architecture. As part of the inspection protocol at every military base, CONUS and OCONUS, the undercarriage of every delivery vehicle must be inspected. Standard inspection protocols have been comprised of a mirror-mounted stick or search pits. AutoScan makes it possible for inspection personnel to maintain a safe stand-off distance. Additionally, it stores images for later comparison and analysis if needed. And it provides one, complete, clear image of any vehicle's under-side in real-time and capabilities that no similar system is able to provide.

Appropriated Amount: \$2,400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, and Testing, \$2,400,000

Project Name: Electromagnetic Interference

Hardened Expandable Rigid Wall Shelter

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Alkan Shelter, LLC, 1701 South Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The U.S. Marine Corps has a requirement to develop an EMI hardened, expandable composite rigid wall shelter, which currently does not exist. The USMC Electronic Maintenance Shelter Program, Calibration Laboratory Program, and the Communication Maintenance Shelter Program are several funded programs with an immediate need. Sufficient funding is not available for an EMI hardened, expandable rigid wall composite shelter development program. Alkan Shelter, LLC, a small business located in a HUBZone in Fairbanks, AK, proposes a three-phase development and test program for an expandable, composite EMI hardened shelter for the U.S. Marine Corps. First phase is to study the feasibility of EMI hardening to 60–80dB attenuation for the entire expandable shelter or hardening one wing of the shelter. The second phase is to manufacture the EMI hardened composite expandable shelter prototype. The third phase will be to perform EMI and envi-

ronmental testing to ensure requirements are met. The Marine Corps now uses 1980's technology rigid wall shelters that have aluminum skins and a paper honeycomb core. These shelters are: poorly insulated, have a limited roof and floor load, do not have ballistic protection, the roof cannot be sandbagged, are highly subject to corrosion and can only be stacked six-high on ocean going container ships. Additionally, the U.S. military does not have an EMI hardened expandable rigid wall shelter. Alkan's new carbon fiber hybrid composite expandable shelter will provide a technologically superior structure that will correct the deficiencies of old 1980's technology. Combining high tech carbon fiber composites with EMI protection will provide the USMC and the U.S. military with a lightweight, expandable, rugged, thermally efficient, and safer working environment for carrying out their sensitive electronics and calibration repair and maintenance missions.

Appropriated Amount: \$800,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Research and Development, \$800,000

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR.  
STEVEN KARL TEPLICK

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Southwest Alabama recently lost a dedicated medical professor and highly regarded academic physician. Dr. Steven Karl Teplick passed away on December 8, 2009, at the age of 68.

Dr. Teplick was Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of South Alabama's College of Medicine for nearly 15 years. He was known for his devotion to the teaching and training of medical professionals as well as leading the University's transition to digital cancer diagnostic technology.

Dr. Teplick was a graduate of the University of Vermont, and of Hahnemann Medical College in Pennsylvania. He completed his residency in Radiology and a fellowship in Neuroradiology at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Teplick served his country for three years as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps before returning as a faculty member at Hahnemann. Afterwards, he became Vice Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Arkansas, before coming to South Alabama.

A member of numerous medical committees and organizations, Dr. Teplick was most notably a fellow in the American College of Radiology, president of the Alabama Academy of Radiology and a founding member of the International Society of Biliary Radiology.

Dr. Teplick was a lover of nature and enjoyed farming and his horses and beloved pets. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carol; two children, Jennifer and Joanna; and four grandchildren.

As we pause to reflect upon the many contributions of Dr. Teplick to our community, we also extend our thoughts and prayers to his family for their loss.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr.

Account: RDTE—Defensewide

Project Amount: \$2,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lentix, 800 South Gay Street, Suite 1625, Knoxville, Tennessee 37929

Description of Request: The funding will be used for the development of a very high resolution benchmarking vision system for long-range surveillance with focus on SOCOM and Navy tracking needs.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Sexual Assault Response Team Center

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center, Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, Alaska 99519

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will be used for the continued development and operations of the Municipality of Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center. This project will support victims through care while participating in investigation and prosecution and help in prosecution of sexual assault cases through professional evidence collection, documentation, preservation and processing.

Appropriated Amount: \$400,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Development and Operations \$400,000

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HONORING JANET M. RODERICK

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Janet M. Roderick of Rome, Maine.

Janet Roderick has been a longtime proponent of the small business community that drives Maine's economy, and her hard work

has helped numerous individuals and small businesses throughout Maine.

Janet has been a Maine Small Business Development Center (Maine SBDC) certified business counselor since 2006 at the Maine SBDC service center at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. On December 21, 2009, Janet will be acknowledged as the 2009 Maine State Star. This honor recognizes her exemplary service on behalf of the small business community in Maine, particularly in Kennebec and Somerset counties in central Maine.

The State Star award is presented each year by the national Association of Small Business Development Centers and recognizes an outstanding SBDC employee from each state. The 2009 award is based on Janet's efforts in 2008 when she worked with 148 small businesses, provided 1,070 hours of one-on-one counseling, and helped to launch 20 new businesses in central Maine. Her efforts led to the creation of 37 new jobs and the retention of 21 jobs. Through her efforts, her clients were able to access capital totaling over \$4 million.

Janet has long been involved in helping small businesses, and she has been especially active with women-owned businesses and nonprofits. A certified public accountant, Janet was previously a counselor for 11 years with the Women's Business Center at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. in Augusta. Later, she was an accounting supervisor with an Augusta-based accounting firm, where she specialized in small and women-owned businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Janet was the SBA 1993 Accountant Advocate of the Year and the SBA 2002 Women's Business Advocate of the Year and this further recognition is well deserved. The State of Maine and its small business community owe a debt of gratitude to Janet M. Roderick for her commitment to the success of small business. I applaud Janet's work and extend congratulations to her as the 2009 State Star.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Janet M. Roderick for her life of dedication and service to her community and the growth of Maine's small businesses.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

Project Name: Port of Bristol Bay Expansion  
Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Bristol Bay Borough, 1 Main Street, Naknek, AK, 99633

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Shovel ready dock expansion where the largest run of sockeye salmon is processed and shipped. This project is the economic engine for the low-income area of Bristol Bay. These funds will go toward con-

structing a sheet pile dock and addition to the 27 year old structure.

Appropriated Amount: \$1,000,000  
Detailed Finance Plan: Construction \$1,000,000

#### THE NATIONAL EMANCIPATION COMMEMORATION ACT OF 2009

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce, on behalf of myself and my colleagues DAN LUNGREN of California, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida, the National Emancipation Commemoration Act of 2009. This legislation will establish an 18-member National Emancipation Commemoration Commission to provide for an appropriate national observance of the 150th anniversaries of the Emancipation Proclamation in 2013, the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 2015, and related events, and to conduct a study exploring why modern slavery continues to exist in the United States and elsewhere.

Our Nation's history is unfortunately intertwined with the story of slavery and the slave trade. For hundreds of years, men, women and children were captured and taken from Africa and enslaved in the American colonies. Yet alongside the history of slavery in the United States, we also remember the stories of those who fought against the abhorrent practice—some with the pen, and some with the sword. The work and lives of historical figures like Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman are familiar to our classrooms and history books. Other abolitionists are less well-known, such as Levi and Catherine Coffin, a Quaker couple in Indiana who helped over 3,000 slaves escape to freedom.

The struggle for freedom for all Americans reached a new height on January 1, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. With it, he declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the States rebelling against the Union "are, and henceforward shall be free." As the Union Army advanced on the Confederate territory, thousands of slaves gained their freedom each day. Shortly after the war ended, the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution was adopted, prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude throughout the United States.

Despite these milestones, slavery has not yet been relegated to the pages of history. An estimated 27 million people are still in servitude worldwide—including an estimated 50,000 or more people enslaved in the United States.

The National Emancipation Commemoration Commission's work is two-fold. It will advise the Attorney General on making grants available to government and non-profit entities for activities and programs related to the commemoration. These activities may include the publication of scholarly research, production of a commemorative stamp or coin, and the development of informational displays and programs at National Parks and historic sites related to slavery, the Underground Railroad, and the Emancipation throughout the United States.

The Commission created by this bill is also tasked with connecting the commemoration of Emancipation with the problem of modern slavery in the United States and around the world. The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution is a living promise of freedom that places a duty on all of us to prevent involuntary servitude. In support of that duty, the Commission will conduct a study addressing why slavery in all its forms still exists, analyzing the persistence of modern slavery in the United States from 1865 to the present, and make recommendations to address issues and concerns highlighted by the study.

For as long as there have been slaves in this country, there have been justice-minded individuals and groups dedicated to the abolition of slavery. It is appropriate that we commemorate their work and the 150th anniversaries of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment, and in so doing, renew our commitment to ending modern slavery in the United States and around the world.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2009

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009, which will support a high quality and cost-savings approach to long-term care mental health services.

Five million Medicare beneficiaries have mental disorders other than mental retardation and 1.3 million of these individuals are under the age of 65. Medicare Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) provide a structured and clinically intensive alternative to hospitalization for patients who otherwise might require sustained inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. PHP psychiatric patients typically receive four to six hours of treatment per day, five to six days a week in hospital-based settings and community mental health centers.

The severity the patient's illness often prevents the individual from obtaining or seeking transportation to the PHP facility, or from accessing high quality food. Additionally, some psychiatric medications that are prescribed to the patient cannot be safely administered without food. These patients often live in group-supervised settings due to difficulties in maintaining family relationships and their financial instability.

Currently, Medicare does not cover the costs of nutritional planning, meals or transportation for patients who receive psychiatric treatment in a PHP setting. Therefore, PHP facilities are responsible for the cost of providing food and transportation. This aggravates financial burdens that many PHPs and countless other community organizations are experiencing in these difficult economic times.

The Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009 requires Medicare to reimburse PHPs for providing transportation and food and nutritional services. The bill also establishes a Behavioral Health Advisory Committee in which a diverse group of behavioral health stakeholders would examine and provide recommendations on how to address the

persisting challenges of access, stigma, quality and operability in the mental health delivery system. The Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009 is a house companion to S. 1522, a bill that was introduced by Senator DAVID VITTER (R-LA) on July 28, 2009.

Madam Speaker, PHPs are a cost effective alternative that can prevent mentally ill individuals from facing expensive inpatient care, incarceration, or institutionalization. The growing use and role of mental health PHPs in our health care system requires that we amend the law to assist PHPs in delivering the services, care and support to those who are living with severe and chronic mental illness. I urge my colleagues to support the bi-partisan Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act of 2009, which help sustain an important treatment option in long-term care service network.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND  
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
HENRY S. MILLER, JR.

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Henry S. Miller, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Mr. Miller was an icon in the Dallas community who created a real estate empire with over 1,300 employees and 41 offices. After joining the business his father founded, Miller steered Henry S. Miller Co. to success by pioneering the concept of specialization of services. Essentially, Miller championed the idea of creating specialists in commercial real estate fields like industrial, retail, and multifamily. By doing this, he created a real estate culture that encouraged employees to be incredibly knowledgeable in specific areas, allowing the company to move forward quickly and effectively in those fields.

Throughout his career and life, Mr. Miller was regarded as an honest and humble man, and maintained these traits in an industry where it is easy to devolve into something much different. Known throughout the community as a businessman of integrity and knowledge, he was a pioneer in the Dallas real estate industry and helped to develop it into the powerhouse that it is today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring this great man who truly was ahead of his time.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Arctic Utilidors (Phase 11) at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska 99702

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: This project (which would be another increment in a highly successful, multi-year funding effort) will repair large sections of the utilidor that are in extreme need. The utilidors and related piping were constructed and installed in the 1950s and were they to fail during the winter season, when temperatures are commonly -40F and lower, the base could suffer catastrophic results in as quickly as four hours.

Appropriated Amount: \$9,900,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Repairs \$9,900,000

Project Name: Install Edge Lights, Taxiway Golf at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska 99702

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Provides for new taxiway edge lights along a major aircraft access point to the base runway. Project includes installing 12,000 lineal feet of underground wiring and lighting fixtures. There will also be new asphalt shouldered installed after the lighting is completed.

Appropriated Amount: \$3,450,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Installation \$3,450,000

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOHN  
ROBERT MCCARNAN

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the career of Colonel John Robert McCarnan, retiring Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department (DRBA-PD). Colonel McCarnan, through exemplary commitment and service, has protected the people of our great state for more than 40 years, and he has proven to be a tough and formidable leader in a profession that requires exceptional skill and dedication.

Colonel McCarnan's tenure as CEO of DRBA-PD began in July of 1993. Since that time, he has led the DRBA-PD to new heights, working hard to establish high standards and promote professionalism, integrity, and customer service-oriented policing. DRBA-PD is known as a professional and progressive police organization, and this is a direct result of John's diligence and talent. Police officers serve such an important function in our society, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. John has been this and more to DRBA-PD and he leaves behind him big shoes to fill for those that will follow.

A genuine Delawarean through and through, John earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wilmington University and later his Juris Doctor Degree from Widener University's School of Law. John began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Wilmington Bureau of Police, later moving

to the New Castle County Police Department, where he served for 20 years. John worked faithfully and diligently during his years with New Castle County, serving eight of them as Chief of Police. After his retirement from the New Castle County Police Department, John lent his skills to the Delaware State Government, first as Deputy Attorney General and later as Executive Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Some of John's professional affiliations include: both the Delaware and American Bar Associations; the District of Columbia and the Pennsylvania Bar; the U.S. District Courts for Delaware and Pennsylvania; and Life Member, and former Chairman, of the Delaware Police Chief's Council.

John is a dedicated man who has had a very successful career, filled with achievements both impressive and numerous. But John is more than that; he is a loving husband to his wife, Sharen, he is a devoted father and grandfather to his children, Barbara and Darren, his daughter-in-law, Dana, and his grandson, Robbie, and he is a concerned citizen, serving as an Executive Board Member of the Delaware Safety Council. John also served 6 years as a member of the Delaware Army National Guard. I can attest to John's outstanding achievements and his fine character, and today, as he begins a new chapter in his life, I stand to honor and recognize the service he has rendered to both the individual citizens and the collective communities of Delaware. The Delaware River and Bay Authority Police Department's mission is to protect and serve Delaware and New Jersey, and Colonel John McCarnan has been doing exactly that for the past 16 years. I thank him for his service and wish him the best on this momentous occasion.

CALLING FOR A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FINAL LEGISLATION ON GLOBAL WARMING TO HELP THEM ADJUST TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support a doubling of assistance by developed countries for developing nations in helping them adjust to the impacts of global warming. Increased commitments are essential if we are to achieve a successful international climate change agreement, one that will prevent the most devastating effects of global warming.

Ironically, the poorest and most vulnerable countries are the ones that will suffer the most from rising sea levels, severe weather events and other consequences of climate change—despite the fact that those nations have contributed only negligibly to the problem. U.S. leadership is vital if we are to prod other developed countries to step up to the plate and provide appropriate levels of assistance. And in the aftermath of House passage of the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade legislation earlier this year, the Senate must now act.

That is why my colleagues—Rep. RAÚL GRIJALVA, Rep. EMANUEL CLEAVER, Rep. MAXINE WATERS, Rep. PETE STARK, Rep. DENNIS MOORE, Del. DONNA CHRISTENSEN and Rep. MICHAEL HONDA—sent a letter today to Sen. JOHN KERRY, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and leader on climate change legislation in the Senate, urging him to double assistance for developing countries in legislation the Senator is currently drafting. As our letter states, “the amount of funding developed countries are currently promising to developed countries is grossly insufficient to meet the need. . . . Given the magnitude of the problem developing countries face, and given the responsibility of developed countries for the majority of historic greenhouse gas emissions, we believe that U.S. climate change legislation should double the emissions allowances currently dedicated in the House bill to international adaptation and mitigation in developing countries.”

Madam Speaker, for the RECORD, I include a full copy of the letter to Senator KERRY.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 15, 2009.

Hon. JOHN F. KERRY,  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations,  
Dirksen Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We want to commend you for your valuable contributions toward enacting climate change legislation. We particularly appreciate your introduction of S. 2835, which focuses on the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of global warming. We sincerely hope that with that measure as well as the recent pledges by China and India to curb their emissions relative to economic growth, and President Obama's support for mobilizing developed countries to contribute \$10 billion a year by 2012 and implementing longer-term mechanisms to assist developing countries with adaptation and mitigation, Copenhagen makes substantial progress toward completion of a binding agreement to limit climate change.

The bill you are working on with the Senators Graham and Lieberman offers a crucial opportunity to advance that agreement. We urge you to include an adequate commitment of resources for the nations and peoples most vulnerable to the consequences of global warming in that legislation.

The needs of developing countries are manifest. As noted by the recent World Development Report 2010, even if average global temperatures rise only 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, “Between 100 million and 400 million more people could be at risk of hunger. And 1 billion to 2 billion more people may no longer have enough water to meet their needs. . . . It is estimated that developing countries will bear most of the costs of the damages—some 75-80 percent.” As the Stern Review made clear, even if greenhouse emissions ceased today, the world would still face at least two decades of increasing global temperatures.

In the very near future, higher temperatures will lead to economic and political instability, refugee crises and conflicts over ever-scarcer natural resources in developing nations, all of which will have direct, negative implications for developing and developed countries alike. That is why the United Nations negotiating blocs of Least Developed Countries and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)—which together represent 80 countries least responsible for climate change but most severely affected by it—have recently called for a minimum 45 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2020. They are further requesting that there be no more than a 1.5 global temperature rise from pre-industrial

levels, and that atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations return to below 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide equivalent.

As AOSIS has pointed out, “Serious adverse impacts are already being felt by island states at the current 0.8°C of warming, including coastal erosion, flooding, coral bleaching and more frequent and intense extreme weather events. The U.N.'s lead agency on refugees has already warned that some particularly low-lying island states are ‘very likely to become entirely uninhabitable.’”

Estimates vary on the level of funding needed by the developing world to lessen the destabilizing impacts of climate change that will likely occur regardless of the adoption of an international agreement. However, the UN's latest Human Development Report estimates that additional adaptation finance needs alone will amount to \$86 billion annually by 2015. And last week in Copenhagen, Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, said that developed countries should expect to contribute \$100 billion annually to developing nations.

Yet the amount of funding developed countries are currently promising to developed countries is grossly insufficient to meet the need. The United States must demonstrate leadership if the developed world is to meet its obligation to provide appropriate sums. The Congressional Research Service's calculation of the funding produced by H.R. 2454 for developing countries—based on the current percentage of emissions allowances dedicated to international adaptation and international clean technology deployment and the allowance prices used in the EPA/IGEM Model—suggests that less than \$1 billion per year would be available in 2012, rising to less than \$1.6 billion by 2020.

Given the magnitude of the problem developing countries face, and given the responsibility of developed countries for the majority of historic greenhouse gas emissions, we believe that U.S. climate change legislation should double the emissions allowances currently dedicated in the House bill to international adaptation and mitigation in developing countries.

While such enhanced allocations would amount to substantial sums of money, we believe they will more than pay for themselves over time when compared to American commitments of troops and resources that would likely be required to address adverse impacts in developing countries affecting vital U.S. interests. As retired Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni, former commander of U.S. Central Command, has noted, “We will pay now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions . . . or we will pay the price later.”

Again, we applaud your efforts at addressing the enormous challenge of climate change. As legislation moves toward passage in the Senate, we sincerely hope that it provides increased commitments to the countries and peo-

ples most vulnerable to the consequences of global warming.

Sincerely,

ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,  
Member of Congress.  
RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Member of Congress.  
EMANUEL CLEAVER,  
Member of Congress.  
MAXINE WATERS,  
Member of Congress.  
PETE STARK,  
Member of Congress.  
DENNIS MOORE,  
Member of Congress.  
DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN,  
Member of Congress.  
MICHAEL M. HONDA,  
Member of Congress.

## CONGRATULATING RAPIDES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, today I stand before you proud to announce that the Rapides Regional Medical Center has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals for cardiovascular care. Moreover, this hospital, located in Alexandria, Louisiana, is the only hospital in Louisiana to make Thomson Reuters' 2009 list.

As a premier teaching hospital, Rapides Regional Medical Center cultivates a community of care. The annual study examines the performance of 971 hospitals by analyzing clinical outcomes for patients diagnosed with heart failure and heart attacks, and for those who received coronary bypass surgery or interventions such as angioplasties.

As noted by the Thompson Reuters Company, “results show these top performers not only provided exceptional inpatient care, but also had significantly better post-discharge outcomes, including lower readmission rates for heart failure and heart attack patients as well as lower 30-day mortality rates for heart attack patients. This means that patients treated in hospitals with balanced high performance in cardiovascular care are more likely to have better results 30 days after discharge.”

At a time when our healthcare system is under constant scrutiny by citizens and public servants alike, the team at Rapides Regional Medical Center provides hope and reassurance that in fact, the United States, and Louisiana, offer exceptional care.

I join those whose lives have been touched by Rapids Regional Medical Center in saying congratulations and thank you for the dedication to excellence by each employee and doctor on staff.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE PHOEBUS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise on behalf of myself, Congressman ROB WITTMAN and Congressman GLENN NYE to call attention to a group of young students from Hampton, Virginia, who have once again distinguished themselves, their school, their community and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For the second consecutive year, the Phoebus High School Phantoms football team had a remarkable season. On December 12, the Phoebus High School Phantoms won their fifth state football championship this decade, defeating Stone Bridge High School of Ashburn 15–10, at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Taking over from coach Bill Dee, new head coach Stan Sexton led the Phantoms another 15–0 season. Their winning streak now stands at 30 wins. No other Group AAA school has won back-to-back championships since Phoebus did it in 2001 and 2002; now Phoebus has done it again. This has truly been Phoebus' decade in football, having won five state championships this decade with a record of 120–12 (.909). No other AAA school has won more than 102 games. This latest championship is just another accolade for the City of Hampton's youngest school, founded in 1975.

Phoebus High's legacy of excellence is not limited to just the field of athletics. Under the Direction of Principal Robert Johnson, the Phoebus faculty seeks to inspire students to strive for excellence and achievement in the classroom, in their extracurricular activities and in their communities. Phoebus has two innovative programs that expand the learning experience outside of the traditional classroom. Phoebus hosts the Hampton School Division's Center for High Technology. This magnet career academy includes classes in pre-engineering, design and 2 drafting, and Cisco network administration, preparing students for college classes and jobs in the technology sector. Phoebus is also home to the Blue Phantom Inn. This student-run restaurant gives students an opportunity to develop their culinary arts skills, and was nationally recognized in Southern Living magazine.

The Phantom's excellence in football is also characteristic of the quality of athletics in the Peninsula District of Virginia. Phoebus High School's championship this year marked the 11th time in the last fifteen years that a Peninsula District team has won a state title in football. To quote from our hometown newspaper, the Daily Press, "High school football on the Peninsula is championship football."

We would like to extend our enthusiastic congratulations to Coach Stan Sexton, his coaching staff and all of the players on the Phoebus High School Phantoms, the 2008 and 2009 Group AAA Division 5 Virginia High School League state football champions.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF DAVE  
LAUGHTER

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the House Committee on Science and Technology, David Laughter, on his retirement.

Dave has served as Financial Administrator for the Committee since 2001. He has been on the Hill since 1994, working for the House Committee on Ways and Means and Congressman DAN BURTON of Indiana. Before coming to the Hill, he served as the Deputy Administrator for Management and Policy Sup-

port for the United States Department of Agriculture, USD; Rural Electrification Administration, REA; and as the Vice President/General Manager for an OEM manufacturer supplying large sheet metal stamping dies and special machinery to domestic and transplant auto assembly plants in North America.

Dave received his B.A. in Economics from Hillsdale College in Michigan. He is from Dayton, and, as a native Ohioan, he has a special place in his heart for the Bengals, the Reds, and Skyline Chili.

Madam Speaker, Dave is the first person new employees meet on their first day, and the last person they see when they are leaving on their last day. Dave handles all the Committee staff benefits and payroll, he maintains our budget to ensure we're on track, and he makes sure that all our bills get paid. Dave has provided a steady hand on the Committee's financial tiller for these past 8 years, and I want him to know how much I appreciate his hard work.

I know Dave has wrestled with this decision, and while I don't expect him to turn into a "Nature Boy," I'm sure he's looking forward to having a little more time to pursue his other hobbies and interests.

I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's members and staff wish him well. He'll have more time to spend with his lovely wife, Marsha, his children, Carrie, David, and Brittany, his grandchildren Peter and Meredith, and his other family and friends. We hope Dave enjoys a relaxing retirement filled with fishing, grilling, and listening to classic rock.

Dave, thank you again for your years of service.

HONORING WILLIAM H. CASSIDY

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of William H. Cassidy of Calais, Maine.

A native of Calais, Bill has dedicated himself to public education for the past 36 years, serving as president of Washington County Community College since 2003. Under his strong leadership, the college added new academic programs, undertook significant capital improvements and formed new partnerships with many other universities and colleges in Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

He has previously served in a number of senior administrative posts within the Maine Community College System as an associate commissioner within the Maine Department of Education, director of the Waterville Regional Vocational Center, and a teacher at the middle, high school, and college levels.

An accomplished academic, Bill holds credentials from Northern Maine Technical College, the University of Maine at Machias, Husson College, the University of Maine and Nova Southeastern University. Bill has been recognized for his achievements and leadership in collaborative international education, receiving the Lady Dunn Award of Excellence by the St. Andrews Campus of the New Brunswick Community College. Most importantly, Bill has left a lasting mark at Wash-

ington County Community College with his emphasis on volunteerism and the role of the college in the life of the local community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring William H. Cassidy for his life-long dedication and service to his community and the education of Maine's students.

IN HONOR OF MR. MARVIN N.  
SCHOENHALS

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Marvin N. Schoenhals, former Chairman of the Wilmington Savings Fund Society (WSFS). Mr. Schoenhals, through his leadership, hard work and dedication, has accomplished a great deal for the state of Delaware, and I am honored to recognize him for his achievements, both personal and professional.

Skip joined WSFS in 1990 as President and Chief Executive Officer of both WSFS Financial Corporation and its principal subsidiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, located in Wilmington, Delaware. He was named Chairman in 1992 and served in this capacity until November 1, 2009, when Skip assumed the role of non-employee director. Skip's nearly 20 years as WSFS Chairman are marked by many noteworthy accomplishments; during his tenure, Skip led the \$3.6 billion financial services company to world class service levels and significantly increased shareholder value.

But Skip's impact on others is not limited solely to his professional career. He is a role model for others and is actively involved in his community, lending his knowledge and expertise to worthy causes and organizations. Skip is Chairman of Vision 2015, a coalition of Delaware leaders working towards making Delaware's public education the best in the world. He serves on, and from 2003 to 2004 was Chairman of, the Board of Directors of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the Delaware Business Roundtable, Chairman of its Education Committee, and a Trustee, and former Chairman, of the Delaware Public Policy Institute.

A cause very dear to Skip's heart is the Sunday Breakfast Mission, our state's largest shelter and rehabilitation facility. Each fall, WSFS partners with the Sunday Breakfast Mission to sponsor the Great Thanksgiving Food Drive, and, as Chairman of the Mission, Skip spearheads the effort, working diligently on behalf of his fellow Delawareans. With Skip's direct involvement in this initiative, the drive has experienced exponential growth, collecting a total of 37 tons of food for 2008. In 2009, Skip was awarded the Delaware State Chamber's Josiah Marvel Cup. This distinguished award is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made to the state, community and society; I applaud the Chamber's selection of Skip for this recognition and can say without hesitation that the honor which has been bestowed upon him is one he most truly deserves.

Skip's career in the financial industry has been nothing short of exemplary, and anyone that knows Skip knows that he is, and no doubt will remain, very active in his many professional, business, community, and advisory

organizations. Moreover, Skip is truly a great guy—dedicated to his wife, Linda, and to his church. Today, I commend Mr. Marvin N. Schoenhals for the service which he has rendered our state as not only Chairman of WSFS, but as a caring and devoted member of our society. In recognition of his tireless dedication and immeasurable contributions, I thank Skip and offer my best wishes on this momentous occasion.

CAPTAIN BOB BERNAZAL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in July of 2008, a courageous mission was undertaken to rescue 15 hostages who were being held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as FARC. Three of these hostages were American civilians. The operation was code named, Operation Willing Spirit, a perfect description of the valor demonstrated by all of the rescuers involved. Captain Bob Bernazal, a Kingwood, Texas native, was especially vital to the success of the operation in his role as the Information Operations Integration Strategy Division chief of the 612th Air Operations Center.

Captain Bernazal's ability and dedication was clearly shown through his comprehensive planning of Operation Willing Spirit. The nine-year Air Force veteran has proved a fine example of the aptitude of our Armed Forces by ensuring mission success.

He is praised by his superiors as an outstanding Information Operations expert, and is recognized for the development and implementation of a plan for utilizing IO duty officers. We are fortunate to have great men like Capt. Bob Bernazal at our side to outwit our enemies and protect our nation.

It is with great pride and admiration that the Second District of Texas is able to commend Captain Bernazal as the Air Force-level Outstanding Information Operations Active Duty Company Grade Officer of the Year. This Kingwood, Texas native is truly deserving of this award as well as the respect of our nation. We thank him for his service. He is a great Texan and a true hero.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE CHARLES  
FOLEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Charles Foley on the occasion of his retirement from the bench of the General District Court. Since 1986, Judge Foley has faithfully served the 20th Judicial District which includes the counties of Fauquier, Rappahannock and Loudoun in Virginia.

Judge Foley was born in Richmond, Virginia and in 1968 he married Ms. Janice Foley, with whom he has two children, Page and James. Judge Foley graduated from the University of Richmond in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

In 1971, Judge Foley received his Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where he was the President of Phi Delta Theta legal fraternity. From there he moved into private practice until 1974 when he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Fauquier County Virginia.

Judge Foley served as a Commonwealth Attorney for 12 years until 1986 when he was appointed to the General District Court for the 20th Judicial District where he has served for the past 23 years.

All of his life, Judge Foley has been a positive influence on his community and his profession. In addition to being a founding member of the Young Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar, he coached Youth baseball, basketball and soccer for 15 years. He also served as a board member, and later, as President of the Board of Directors of Fauquier Hospital, Inc. He has been a member of the American Judges Association as well as the Warrenton Fauquier Jaycees.

I continue to be impressed by Judge Foley's selfless contributions to his community in an effort to enrich those lives around him. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Charles Foley on his retirement from 36 years of public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I request that for rollcall vote #963, the Marshall Amendment to H.R. 4173, I inadvertently voted "no" but I intended to vote "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VILLAGE  
OF TINLEY PARK, IL

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Village of Tinley Park in Illinois, which was recently named "America's Best Place to Raise Your Kids" by Business Week Magazine. The village was recognized primarily for its top-rated schools, low crime, beautiful parks, affordable housing, and easy access to jobs.

Founded in 1892, Tinley Park rests just a Metra ride from the city of Chicago, and a short drive from Illinois' vast farmlands. Established on the Rock Island Railroad, Tinley Park grew over the years through both agricultural industries, including a grain elevator and a windmill, and manufacturing plants, including a soft-drink bottling plant. The population grew slowly prior to World War II; however, it grew rapidly after the war, doubling every decade from 1950 to 1980.

In recent years Tinley Park has grown in recognition, with all three main high schools ranking among the top 100 in the state. Students of Andrew High School help at neighborhood shelters, libraries, and nursing homes through a requirement they complete 24 hours of community service. This requirement keeps

the students closely tied to their community and, as a result, only three percent of the student body of 2,400 move away during high school, compared with the state average of 14 percent. Tinley Park is also home to many exceptional citizens, including Olympic swimmer Christine Magnuson and former Major League Baseball player Kevin Sefcik.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM  
SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted and passed H.R. 2491, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act. While Iran has been noncompliant with both United States and United Nations demands that it stop nuclear enrichment efforts, I could not, in good faith, support this initiative. My vote of "present" on this measure should not be interpreted nor misunderstood about a lack of concern regarding the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran. It does not.

Like many of my colleagues, I have significant reservations regarding Iran's violations of its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The recent rejection by Iran of international organizations to inspect their nuclear capabilities and the threat of expanded nuclear enrichment programs continuing unchecked practically mandate that Congress and President Obama continue to work together. This combined effort must be toward increasing pressure on Iran if multilateral diplomacy reaches no reward. Congress must support President Obama's diplomatic efforts to help curb Iran's activities relating to their nuclear program. Congress must also support this administration's efforts to guarantee human rights and democracy for all people, especially women, in Iran. Congress must continue to forge with the President an all-out effort for diplomacy that is often difficult, but necessary.

H.R. 2491, as enacted, could very well threaten the diplomacy sought by the President. If enacted, the bill could punish the people of Iran who are suffering from its denial of democracy. Over the past few months, we have seen firsthand the discontent amongst Iranians with their government. As a nation, we have a responsibility to ensure that our policy decisions, particularly sanctions, are implemented in a manner which does not detrimentally impact those not at fault. Broad, wide-reaching sanctions on gasoline will not only hit the people of Iran the hardest, but are unlikely to directly impact the government at all. I am not against sanctions. In fact, I think sanctions in light of Iran's dissonance are not only appropriate but needed. However, targeted sanctions that impact those with whom we are at odds versus those that target an entire country are the best way to approach such an important decision.

While it is essential to curtail nuclear threats world-wide, sanctions must be seen as an option only after diplomacy has failed. In his letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week, Deputy Secretary of State James

Steinberg stated that the Obama Administration was "entering a critical period of intense diplomacy to impose significant international pressure on Iran," and that sanctions, "might weaken rather than strengthen international unity and support for our efforts." As we proceed in these important times, we must do so carefully, and in a manner that achieves the desired short-termed effect while remaining in accord with our long-term goals.

The decision whether to levy sanctions, particularly in the face of potential threat to peace, is of the utmost importance. Today, H.R. 2194 was brought to the floor under expedited procedures that limit debate and bar amendments reserved for non-controversial legislation. While the bill received overwhelming support, it does not make the subject matter any less controversial.

Iran has had decades of unilateral measures with practically no effect. In order for any sanctions to fully take effect, it must be multilateral. The unilateral approach of this legislation, combined with the potential unintended consequence it may have for the people, and the legislation's curtailing the waiver authority of President Obama so as to undermine the President's flexibility and pursuit of a dual track of diplomacy and unified multilateral pressure, are my reasons for my vote of present on this measure.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve this legislation. My goal is to ensure that any sanction bill, signed into law, protects the interests of the United States, ensures that the President can negotiate from a position of strength along our international partners, ensures that human rights and democracy grow for the people of Iran, and prevents another nation from being armed with nuclear weapons.

TRIBUTE TO THE CINCINNATI URSULINE ACADEMY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cincinnati Ursuline Academy Girls Volleyball Team on winning the Division I Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship. This is Ursuline's fourth state championship in volleyball. Ursuline Academy also won state titles in 1975, 1993, and 2002.

After a heartbreaking loss in last year's state championship game the young women of Ursuline entered the new season determined as ever to make the sacrifices needed to win this year's title.

At Wright State University's Nutter Center the Lions prevailed in the championship game over an undefeated Dublin Coffman in four sets. Impressively, Ursuline never trailed the match until the third set. The Lions were led by senior Jade Henderson of Loveland with 18 kills and by senior Dani Reinert of Symmes Township with 48 assists.

Under the direction of Head Coach Jeni Case, Ursuline finished the season with a perfect record of 29-0. Additionally, the Lions captured the Girls' Greater Cincinnati League Championship for the second straight season.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ursuline Academy on yet another State Championship. Go Lions.

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 4173). This legislation will finally bring accountability to big banks and ensure families are protected from high-stakes Wall Street speculation. I thank Chairman FRANK, the House Leadership, and all of my colleagues who have worked to shape this important legislation.

It was one year ago that our country's financial system stood on the brink of collapse. The failure of large financial institutions such as Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers quickly led to sinking home prices, a collapse in retirement savings, and job losses on a scale not seen since the Great Depression. Today this Congress faces a choice. We can cling to the failed policies of lax regulation that nearly drove our economy off a cliff, or take decisive action to prevent another crisis of this proportion by passing H.R. 4173.

This legislation combines eight separate reform measures into one comprehensive package. H.R. 4173 establishes a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency to protect Americans from unfair and abusive financial practices and to bring needed transparency and accountability to the financial system. It regulates the exotic debt instruments that contributed to the unraveling of our financial markets. And this bill reigns in Wall Street excess by banning egregiously high executive bonuses and giving shareholders input on executive compensation.

In addition, H.R. 4173 will put an end to "too big to fail" financial firms. American taxpayers should never again be called upon to rescue large financial institutions because their failure threatens to bring down the entire financial system. This legislation creates a Dis-solution Fund, paid for by the industry, which would be used to dismantle failing financial institutions in an orderly manner and without taxpayer assistance.

The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is vital to our economic security because it will restore confidence in our financial system—an essential step toward rebuilding our economy. Although this bill is not perfect, my constituents and all citizens across the nation should recognize H.R. 4173 as a tremendous step in the right direction.

Once again, I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE JOLIET ARSENAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR BEING NAMED THE 2009 BASE REDEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority (JADA) for being named the 2009 Base Redevelopment Community of the Year by the Association of Defense Communities. I join the Association of Defense Communities in honoring JADA for bringing permanent jobs and revenue to the community in an environmentally friendly manner.

JADA was created in 1995, after Congress passed legislation allowing the former Army munitions facility in Joliet, IL, to be redeveloped with a transfer of ownership. The site has been developed into the largest intermodal facility in the Nation. An intermodal involves the transportation of freight in a container or vehicle, using multiple modes of transportation without any handling of the freight itself when changing modes. The development of the 3,000-acre site has already created 2,000 permanent jobs with approximately \$150 million in annual wages. A portion of the site will be devoted to a state-of-the-art facility engineering training facility for the development of a range of engineering skills. There remains enormous potential to create many additional high-paying manufacturing and engineering jobs at this site.

Throughout the process of this redevelopment, special attention has been devoted to mitigating the environmental impacts of munitions waste on the site. A dozen public and private agencies worked to clean up the site and provide quality groundwater and soil. They finished this important work last year, three years ahead of schedule.

Will County and the Joliet area have greatly benefited from the efforts of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority. It comes as no surprise JADA is being recognized on the national stage as a leader in redevelopment.

HONORING PAMELA THOMPSON

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Pamela Thompson.

Pamela has been selected to receive the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching. This prestigious award distinguishes Pamela as one of the best elementary school science teachers in the nation.

Pamela has been hailed for her enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to instill a love of learning in her students over her 27 dedicated years of teaching the students of Madison, as well as her contributions to Maine's overall education system.

An exceptional science teacher, Pamela constantly seeks methods to enrich her students' grasp of complex ideas. She is commended for deepening her own understanding

of science, learning and applying the best instructions and strategies available. Most importantly, Pamela listens intently to the needs of her students and shares her awareness with colleagues.

Pamela is also credited with leading Maine School Administrative District 59's success in obtaining and implementing two consecutive science grants from the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. She has served on the Leadership Design Team since its inception in 2004, spearheading the integration of formative assessment probes, new science literature and science notebooks in a program that provides science kits to kindergarten through fifth grade classes. She piloted the new strategies developed under the grants and shared her successes with the K-12 Science Design Team, which led to the creation of a professional development plan for the entire district science staff.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Pamela Thompson for her life-long dedication and service to her community and the education of Maine's students.

HONORING THE BOURBON COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR WIN-  
NING CLASS A CHAMPION IN THE  
BANDS OF AMERICA NATIONAL  
COMPETITION

**HON. BEN CHANDLER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a special group of students in my congressional district. In November, the Bourbon County High School Marching Colonels became Class A champion at the prestigious Bands of America Grand Nationals competition for the second year in a row, placing first out of 91 marching bands from across the nation. I am proud to be able to address the accomplishments of such a talented group of students who are more than deserving of our recognition.

The Bourbon County High School Band, led by directors Eric and Nadine Hale and Kevin Akers, has enjoyed great success recently. In addition to their national championship—a prize considered to be the most prestigious award a marching band can win—they won the Class AAA title at the Kentucky Music Educators' Association championship just one week earlier. At the national championship, the 80-member band had the honor of performing for 25,000 people at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Winning one championship would be quite an accomplishment for any band, but that the Bourbon County Band has now won back-to-back national titles shows just how talented this group of young men and women is.

Madam Speaker, the Bourbon County Marching Colonels' unprecedented success is truly deserving of praise and recognition. I believe that educating our young adults in music and the arts is important in continuing to foster our great American culture, and it is with great pride that I rise today to acknowledge the successes of these extremely talented and accomplished young men and women.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: OP—Army

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: TN Army National Guard, Houston Barracks, 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37204

Description of Request: The funding would be used to allow Army National Guard trainers (both fielded and yet-to-be procured) to network together on a Combined Arms virtual battlefield.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES B. FARR

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, on December 31, 2009, the House of Representatives will lose one of its most senior and valuable staff members—Mr. James B. Farr. Jim will be retiring after 38 years of service in the House of Representatives, during which time he served on the Committee on the Judiciary and, most recently, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he is the Financial Clerk.

Thirty nine years ago, as a young man from southern Maryland, Jim decided to leave the tobacco farm founded by his grandfather and seek a job on Capitol Hill. This was quite an adventure for a country boy who had grown up tilling the land. Proudly, the farm is still in the family, but no longer grows tobacco.

Following his graduation from Prince George's Community College with a degree in personnel and business management, Jim headed for Washington, D.C., where he landed on the doorstep of Congressman Emanuel Celler from Brooklyn and Queens, New York, the longtime former Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Jim was hired by Mrs. Dick, the Staff Director of the Committee, and began working as a clerk in the publications office where he sorted mail, answered the phones, referred bills and assisted in hearing preparation. It was shortly after his arrival on the Hill that he met his future wife, Christine Lynn Wills, who had moved to the Washington, D.C., area from West Virginia. Christine Lynn and Jim have been married for 31 years and have two lovely daughters—Michelle and Jennifer.

Jim's career on the Hill also progressed. In February 1973, he became the Judiciary Committee's publications clerk, where he was responsible for maintaining the Committee's documents. Three years later, Jim was promoted to be the Committee's financial clerk where, under the guidance of the Committee Chairman, he prepared, maintained and

oversaw the Committee's budget. Jim was so talented, and his services so highly prized, that he was retained by Chairmen Peter Rodino, Jack Brooks and Henry Hyde. In 2001, when the late Rep. Hyde became Chairman of what was then known as the House International Relations Committee, he asked Jim to move with him and serve as financial clerk for that Committee. There, Jim once again became an indispensable figure, helping to ensure the smooth functioning of the Committee and easing the transition to the late Chairman Tom Lantos and, subsequently, to me.

Mr. Farr has served the Congress under both Democratic and Republican leadership with great distinction and integrity. His service epitomizes the finest qualities of government service. We are all grateful for that service and for the example he has provided to generations of new committee staff whom he has mentored. He will now retire and spend more time with his family and more time on the farm, where third and fourth generations of the Farr family now reside. Thankfully, despite his years of dedicated and impressive service, Jim wears his years easily, and we wish him much good will as he pursues his favorite hobbies of boating, fishing, and hunting.

Good luck and thank you Jim from a grateful House of Representatives.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Departments of Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue, AK, for establishing a cancer treatment center

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Maniilaq Association, P.O. Box 256, Kotzebue, AK 99752

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: There are high rates of cancer among AK Natives and a cancer center located in rural Alaska would allow for screenings, early detection and local treatment.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Equipment \$500,000

Project Name: Denali Commission in Anchorage, AK, to support health projects and economic development activities for the arctic region

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Denali Commission, 510 L Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: The funding would be used to support health projects and economic development activities for the arctic region under the Denali Commission Act of 1998.

Appropriated Amount: \$10,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Programming \$10,000,000

THIS HANUKKAH—IN HONOR OF ALL OUR ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS HANUKKAH

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute in honor of our magnificent Armed Forces and their splendid families this Hanukkah, and holiday season. And for all of the ones who are so separated by the miles so very far across the shores. Our hearts, especially go out to all of those families who have lost their greatest loves of all, in the defense of our Nation. And to all of those recovering from the grave wounds of war we pray for their speedy recovery. Bless them all! I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD in honor of them as follows:

THIS HANUKKAH

This Hanukkah . . .  
As the family gathers round . . .  
All in This Festival of Lights to be found . . .  
All in this time of remembrance, as described in the Talmud of long . . . long ago . . .  
With eights days of light and remembrance, of events so miraculous so . . .  
As the children dance with songs of joy, and the love of your family grows . . .  
Reciting Hallel prayer, and the games, as the Dreidels spin there so . . .  
We should also remember, this other miracle of all of those . . .  
THE MIRACLE OF OUR ARMED FORCES, SELFLESSNESS SO!  
Of All Those families! Those Patriots of Peace, of all of these . . .  
The ones, who will not together be . . .  
Who upon battlefields of honor fight . . .  
So far away from our Country Tis of Thee, on this night . . .  
Men and Women of honor bright, who for all of us so carry on that fight . . .  
Who live with such heartache and death, as on each new day our lives they bless . . .  
And all of those ones, whose greatest of all loves . . . now lie in soft quiet graves . . .  
Precious Daughters and Sons, Husbands and Wives . . .  
Brother and Sisters, Fathers and Mothers who gave . . .  
The greatest of gifts, That Last Full Measure . . . as did they!  
Whose loved ones pain, can not be healed by time . . . nor so divided this day . . .  
As on this joist holiday season, they sit with tears in eyes do they . . .  
With one less place at the dinner table set . . . with all of this grieving so yet!  
And all of those who have come home, without arms and legs . . .  
Inspiring us with their courage they!  
Blessing us all, but with all those fine gifts of selflessness conveyed!  
Making us all so see, just how magnificent and inspiring a heart can be!  
And all of those who have loved ones, far across the shores . . .  
As each new day, but brings to them such great worry so for sure . . .  
But, waiting . . . but waiting for, that dreaded knock on the door . . .  
That phone call, that they so now pray not for . . .  
Quiet Heroes, one and all!

Watching them from Heaven, The Angel's tear drops fall . . .  
Lord God, Lord God . . . Bless Them . . . Bless Them All!  
For So Many, So Few Have But Paid The Cost!  
So bore the burden, so carry that cross! That cross of war!  
This Hanukkah, as you hold your families tight . . . and all seems so very right . . .  
As you see all those smiles on your children's faces, as these sacred nights races . . .  
Give thanks, Give praise . . . as upon your knees you pray . . .  
For all of those families, whose sacrifice . . . the blessings of freedom, they gave!  
On This Hanukkah, in this The Kindling . . . as each new candle you light . . .  
Eight days of prayer and gratitude, in this joist Festival of Lights . . .  
A time for families to celebrate, to remember how miracles can burn so bright . . .  
Remembering too, our Armed Forces miracles of sacrifice . . .  
This Hanukkah!

THE SKYLINE SPARTANS

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a high school football program located in my District—the 8th of Washington—that won the 4A State title on Saturday, December 5, their third in a row.

The Skyline Spartans (12–2), located in Sammamish, Washington—and competing in the KingCo 4A League, Crest Division—defeated the Ferris Saxons, 45–21 at the Tacoma Dome to win the 2009 State 4A Championship. The win marked the third straight State title win for Skyline. I offer my congratulations to the entire team and team captains Anthony De Matteo, Cooper Pelluer, Jake Heaps, Jase Butorac and Tommy Aarts.

I also want to thank head coach Mat Taylor and his assistant coaches, Steve Chmiel, Tom Collins, Jeff Johnson, Bruce Hasson, Kyle Snell, Ryan Thorsen, Brett VanVoorhis and Evan Flay for providing wonderful examples for their players and dedicating many hours to the teaching and training of a group of talented young athletes. Our communities and our young people are better off with the influence you provide. Thank you for your service.

Congratulations and thanks also go out to Principal Lisa Hechtman, Athletic Director Kevin Rohrich and all the teachers at Skyline. Enjoy another football championship and know that your community, your students and your student-athletes all appreciate your efforts and sacrifices. Go Spartans!

IN HONOR OF MS. KAREN NESBIT

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Ms. Karen Nesbit of Franklin,

Wisconsin. Ms. Nesbit was recently awarded the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program recognizes outstanding teachers across the country for their contributions to the academic and personal development of students in science and mathematics.

Ms. Nesbit has been an educator for 23 years. She has taught in the Franklin Public School District since 1990, and currently teaches first grade at Pleasant View Elementary School. The education of our youth is very important to the continued success of our communities and our country. It is through the dedication of teachers such as Ms. Nesbit that students and are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills they need for their future.

On behalf of those I represent in the 1st District of Wisconsin, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to Ms. Karen Nesbit.

FIRST FLIGHT OF THE 787 DREAMLINER

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the Boeing Co. on their first flight of the 787 Dreamliner. This successful flight marks an important milestone in the development of the 787 Dreamliner, and represents the collective efforts and hard work of everyone at the Boeing Company, particularly the dedicated Boeing employees who live in my district. The 787 Dreamliner is airplane that is not only much more efficient than any other airplane on the market, but also represents a new generation of technologically advanced commercial airplanes that will change the future of commercial aviation.

SPIRIT OF TOURISM AWARDS

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to several of West Virginia's most dedicated and hardworking individuals. On December 1, 2009, several individuals were honored for their role in enhancing tourism to Greenbrier County when the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) presented their fourth annual Spirit of Tourism Awards.

The Greenbrier County CVB presented four awards to honor people who have made a difference in the local economy through enhancing local tourism. The Spirit of Tourism Awards recognize residents that have made a significant impact on the tourism industry in the areas of tourism development, volunteerism, securing a convention or meeting to the area, and excelling at partnering with the Greenbrier County CVB.

This year's Greenbrier Award recipient was awarded to Jim Justice for his hard work and dedication since his purchase of 'The Greenbrier' earlier this year. Mr. Justice has

made significant developments since then with the development of a new restaurant, Prime 44, The Tavern Casino, and the announcement of the new PGA Tour 'The Greenbrier Classic'. Mr. Justice has worked hard to improve 'The Greenbrier' all the while increasing tourism to the county and state.

Russell Williams and Annamarie Visclosky were this year's recipients of the Greenbrier County Ambassador Award, which honors those who have assisted the tourism community by going above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Williams and Ms. Visclosky have spearheaded a number of impressive activities in the community, including the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival, Carnegie Hall's Taste of Our Towns, and the Rhythm and Blues Festival.

The State Fair of West Virginia was named as this year's recipient of the Hometown Hero Award, which recognizes an individual or group that has gone above the call of duty in securing conferences or meetings in Greenbrier County. Board Member Kathryn Tuckwiller accepted the award of behalf of the State Fair of West Virginia.

The Friend of Tourism Award is chosen by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to recognize an individual or group that has excelled in promoting tourism in partnership with the Bureau. This year's winner was Brier Properties which was recognized for their significant hotel development in the area and their outstanding willingness to partner with the Greenbrier County CVB in marketing initiatives.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the winners of this year's Spirit of Tourism Awards who have contributed in unique ways to the growth and development of the economy in the Third Congressional District of West Virginia—a district that I am very proud to represent here in Washington, DC.

HONORING A.C. REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR VICTORY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent accomplishments of the A.C. Reynolds High School football team, the Rockets.

On Saturday, December 12, the Rockets won the North Carolina 4-A State Football Championship against Hartnett Central High School, with a score of 14-13. They finished the season with a record of fourteen wins and only two losses. A.C. Reynolds is the first high school in the history of Buncombe County to win three State High School Football Championships in 1999, 2002 and 2009.

I especially wish to congratulate A.C. Reynolds Head Football Coach, Shane Laws. I know from experience that teams do not rise to this level of success without a strong coach. It takes a great leader to instill the determination and work ethic that lead to victories on the football field.

The A.C. Reynolds Rockets Football team is known throughout the mountain area for their strong defense. This season's championship

and stellar defensive play only continue that legacy. These young men have well represented the mountains of Western North Carolina throughout their drive to this year's State Football Championship. It is my privilege to recognize their accomplishments today in this chamber.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our congratulations to this group of young men and their coaches for their accomplishments on the football field this season.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE REVITALIZING CITIES THROUGH PARKS ENHANCEMENT (RECIPE) ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I strongly believe that open spaces and community parks are a critical part of urban infrastructure. That's why today I am reintroducing the Revitalizing Cities Through Parks Enhancement (RECIPE) Act, that would establish a \$10 million grant program for qualified, non-profit, community groups, allowing them to lease municipally owned vacant lots and transform these areas into parks. Parks and gardens created with the grants will not only provide safe places to gather, but will increase property values as well. The grants will be available from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to groups who have met standards of financial security, and who have histories of serving their communities. To further ensure that these grants are used to make lasting positive changes, land improved and made into open community space under this legislation must be available for use as open space from the local government for at least seven years.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Johnston High School Trojans football team in Four Oaks, North Carolina for a historic season and trip to the 3-AA North

Carolina High School Athletic Association State Championship football game this past Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill. South Johnston finished the season with an impressive record of 14 and 2 and were the 2009 Conference and 3-AA Regional Champions. This is the third conference title for South Johnston, the first ever appearance in the third round of Regionals and the school's first trip to the State Finals.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented football team. The members of the 2009 team are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. They include Dee

Williams, Brandon Bussiere, Willie Jefferson, Brandon Beasley, Dan Atkins, Alex Barbour, Vivek Patel, Justin Sanders, Jim Abdalla, Anthony Crumity, Shawn Williams, Blake Ingram, Shaun Write, Josh Barbour, Matt McClendon, Rohelio Morales, Mitch McLamb, Marcus Faison, Aaron Anderson, Unek Lloyd, Matt Stanley, RonJonek Gill, Dan Stanley, John Jefferies, Javonte Burns, Woody Thornton, JohnTavious Chrisp, Jon Farmer, Tyler Benson, Devon Smith, Pat Dunigan, Stacy Thornton, Mike Purvis, Erasto Simmons, Jovonte Cox, Trevor Beasley, Adam Hockaday, and Tyvon Small.

South Johnston Head Coach Joe Salas and his great team of assistant coaches worked tirelessly behind the scenes and are the architects of the behind the team's success.

I am proud to have the honor of representing this outstanding high school and I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these fine young athletes.

TERRORISTS BELONG AT GITMO, NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD JAIL

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Obama Administration has announced its plan to transfer 75 Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States.

The Administration claims that transferring these detainees from Guantanamo Bay will somehow lessen al Qaeda's desire to attack America. But a change in location of detainees is not going to reduce terrorists' hatred of America.

However, the transfer of any Gitmo detainee to the U.S. will give them additional constitutional rights, making it harder for prosecutors to obtain convictions.

The Administration claims that it can detain these terrorists indefinitely. But many agree this is an impossible goal. Civil liberties groups were quick to point out that indefinite detention inside the United States without a trial is little more than a change in zipcode.

It is clear to all but those in the Administration that this decision will likely result in the almost immediate challenge to detention as soon as these terrorists arrive in Illinois.

The Guantanamo Bay facility in Cuba, not a prison in America's heartland is the right place for terrorists.

225TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRENTON'S TIME AS CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the city of Trenton's tenure as the capital of the United States.

Students of American history are familiar with the Compromise of 1790. James Madison

and Thomas Jefferson won permanent residence for Congress on the Potomac in exchange for the Federal Government's assumption of State debts from the Revolution—a priority of Alexander Hamilton. What followed was the Residence Act, which established what we now know as the District of Columbia.

What is less understood is the capital's journey through eight other towns, the abandoned proposals and the near-misses before Congress settled here on the Potomac. During the Revolutionary War, Congress moved frequently to avoid British troops—meeting famously in Philadelphia then in Baltimore, York, and Lancaster. Upon ratification of the Articles of Confederation, Congress returned to Independence Hall only to be removed abruptly in the summer of 1783.

That June, approximately 500 mutinous Pennsylvania militiamen demanding back pay from their service during the Revolution, encircled Independence Hall and refused to let Members of Congress leave the building unless their demands were met. Uncertain of their safety and the integrity of Congress, the delegates fled across the Delaware to Princeton, New Jersey.

In Princeton, Congress redoubled its efforts to select a permanent seat of government. To settle regional animosity, Congress agreed on two permanent capitals on the Delaware and Potomac, while designating Annapolis and Trenton as interim capitals.

On November 1, 1784, Congress convened in Trenton. Travel-weary legislators reluctantly trickled into Trenton—then a town of roughly 500 people—and it began official business at the French Arms Tavern on the corner of Warren and State Streets.

When Congress finally reached a quorum on November 29 it considered matters of foreign affairs and finance, appointing ministers to Britain and France and selecting commissioners to the Board of Treasury.

The highlight of Trenton's time as the capital was a visit by the Marquis de Lafayette. During his visit he petitioned Congress to take official leave to France and addressed a joint session of the New Jersey State Legislature. In honor of Lafayette, one of George Washington's most trusted generals, Congress drafted a letter to the King of France praising Lafayette's service and passed a resolution commending Lafayette for his bravery during the siege of Yorktown.

As the session concluded before Christmas, Congress scrapped the plan for two capitals and took up a resolution to establish a permanent capital in Trenton. Unfortunately for Trenton, debate stalled, and on Christmas Eve Congress agreed to meet in New York City after the New Year.

The rest as they say is history. The bustling, city life of New York was more appealing to Members of Congress than the calm of small-town Trenton. They quickly forgot their plans and continued to meet in New York until 1790.

Still, Congress's brief visit to Trenton offers a fascinating glimpse into the early history of the United States and should remind us that the remarkable Capitol building in which we conduct the people's business should not be taken for granted.

I commend the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, the Trenton Historical Society, and the other organizations that make up Trenton 1784—The Na-

tion's Capital Committee, for their excellent work, schedule event and lectures and preparing exhibits and online resources to bring to life this fascinating yet fleeting moment in American history. Trenton was then and is today a town with great appeal.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK W. HENNING'S OUTSTANDING CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer the following statement, in recognition of Patrick W. Henning upon his retirement, on behalf of myself and the following members of the California congressional delegation: Representatives PETE STARK, HOWARD BERMAN, SAM FARR, LYNN WOOLSEY, ZOE LOFGREN, ANNA ESHOO, HENRY WAXMAN, DORIS MATSUI, JERRY MCNERNEY, JIM COSTA, BARBARA LEE, GRACE NAPOLITANO, LAURA RICHARDSON, BRAD SHERMAN, MIKE HONDA, LINDA SANCHEZ, JOE BACA, and other colleagues.

We rise in honor of Patrick Henning, upon his retirement from public service as the director of California's Employment Development Department, EDD. With nearly 40 years of experience in the field of labor, Mr. Henning brought to his office a deep and unmatched commitment to strengthening California's workforce.

Throughout his career, Mr. Henning has worked to improve the lives of California's workers—from his early days as a union organizer to his appointment to one of the state's largest Departments.

Prior to joining the Employment Development Department, Mr. Henning served the California Legislature for 17 years as a key labor policy consultant—first in the Assembly, and then in the Senate's Labor and Industrial Relations Committee headed by now-Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. In the early 1980s, Mr. Henning served as California Labor Commissioner, and later as a member of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board. As a union representative in Southern California in the 1970s, Mr. Henning helped hundreds of workers bargain for improved wages, benefits, and working conditions.

Other major achievements include his tenure as chair of the state Developmental Disabilities Area Board for Los Angeles County. He also served several years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Without a doubt, California's working families have benefited from Mr. Henning's lifelong contributions to the labor field. We would like to thank Mr. Henning for everything he has achieved for California's workers, and we give him our very warmest wishes for many happy years of retirement.

HONORING BALBINA "BARBIE" HERNANDEZ

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2009, San Antonio lost a great public servant when Balbina "Barbie" Hernandez passed away at the age of 62. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbie Hernandez as we celebrate her life, which was highlighted by decades of community service, philanthropy, and leadership.

Balbina Hernandez was born on November 2 and was named after her paternal grandmother. She was nicknamed "Barbie" in high school and was by known by this name the rest of her life.

She was an active member of her community, serving countless organizations and served the City of San Antonio for 18 years, which included being part of then Mayor Henry Cisneros' administration. As a single parent, Barbie passionately worked to be a role model for young women and boldly carried a red purse to remind people of the disparity in pay between men and women. Also, as a proud Vok, Barbie was dedicated to Lanier High School and worked to make a difference for the students attending her alma mater.

After working tirelessly to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of the Incarnate Word she set out to work for the Mexican American & Hispanic Physicians Association, MAHPA, as Executive Director. At MAHPA, Barbie took great joy in working to make college and medical school a reality for so many kids.

The City of San Antonio and the State of Texas feel a little emptier now, but we have all lived richer, better lives because of the life of Balbina "Barbie" Hernandez. Her life may have ended, but her contributions will live on and generations shall enjoy the fruits of her labor.

STOP ANY TARP EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I have cosponsored the Stop Any TARP Extension Act of 2009. The position of the Treasury Department—that it is free to reuse any repaid TARP funds—is entirely contrary to the law. Due to the Department's unwillingness to adhere to the statutory language of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, it is necessary to terminate that Act.

My office has inquired with the Treasury Department as to whether it possesses any legal opinion justifying the recycling of funds repaid by the banks. It should be noted that the Department has hundreds of lawyers and rarely does anything without a legal opinion, certainly not anything involving hundreds of billions of dollars. The Treasury Department refused to provide any legal opinion to Congress, implying that this is a case where he cannot find even one Department lawyer to reach the conclusion the Department would prefer.

Terminating TARP today will immediately return more than \$300 billion to the general treasury. This will give us the fiscal capacity to take the actions necessary to fight the great recession and get Americans back to work. I voted to enact the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in February and would be willing to support well designed job-creation programs again today.

A disadvantage of keeping TARP alive is that the administration may select job-creating programs based upon whether they somehow fit a contrived and expanded interpretation of the TARP statute, rather than whether they constitute the best job creation strategy. Once the TARP funds are returned to the treasury, Congress should immediately consider job-creating and recession-fighting bills.

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THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 2009

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**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, research shows that school leadership can be one of the most positive and effective factors in improving student learning. In fact, a strong school principal is often the principle reason behind a successful, well-functioning school that attracts and maintains quality instructors. In high-need schools, strong school leadership is especially crucial.

When the No Child Left Behind Act is reauthorized, the federal government will look to provide additional resources to help high-need schools improve student achievement. With a strong and inspirational principal at the helm, a high-need school will be more likely to achieve success.

Representative TODD RUSSELL PLATTS and I are introducing the School Principal Recruitment and Training Act of 2009 to put the nation on the right track toward creating a new generation of effective school leaders. The legislation provides competitive grants to recruit and train high-caliber aspiring and current principals to lead high-need schools and stay in their positions.

As part of the training, principals will be mentored by other successful school leaders, and they will receive on-going education even after their placement. The legislation includes a data and reporting component so successful outcomes can be disseminated and replicated at other high-need schools.

Madam Speaker, I urge consideration of this legislation as we continue the effort to improve education in the United States and close the Achievement Gap.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH COLOMBIA, SOUTH KOREA, AND PANAMA

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, the Department of Labor has recently announced that unemployment across the country remained at double-digits and many states have followed with their own bleak statements of jobs being eliminated and families struggling.

These continued job losses demonstrate the need to approve and implement three free trade agreements—Colombia, South Korea and Panama—that can and will “save and create” high value private sector jobs for Americans.

Since 2005, 64 trade pacts have taken effect across the globe. The U.S. is a party to only five—with Australia, Bahrain, Morocco, Oman and Peru. During the same time frame, Japan has signed nine and the European Union (EU), which already has liberalized trade practices among its 27 member states, has signed eight.

And yet, pending free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea that will tear down barriers to our products languish in the United States Congress. Unfortunately, there has not been a debate in Congress on the ratification of these agreements.

When visiting South Korea in November, the President indicated that the U.S. would move forward on the pending U.S.-South Korea free trade agreement (KORUS FTA). This is a pact, signed over two years ago, which will virtually eliminate remaining tariffs between our two economies. It also takes aim at non-tariff barriers such as Seoul's burdensome safety standards that many U.S. businesses have been unable to meet and, thus, gain access to the growing Korean market.

As the U.S. stalls, the EU is moving to fill the void. It is actively negotiating with South Korea, using many of the same principles and goals that our trade officials used years ago. In fact, there are credible estimates that the U.S. will lose 345,000 jobs if it fails to implement the KORUS FTA!

Likewise, it has been nearly 1,100 days since President Bush sent a final U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement to Congress for implementation. In the meantime, the Canadians have completed their own deal with Colombia which will ultimately disadvantage our manufacturers and our farmers.

So, as Congress places us firmly on the sidelines, Canada, the EU, China and other commercial competitors are taking the field and our business.

This is not some dry, theoretical debate for my home state of New Jersey. Our businesses, large and small, and their workers, have a great deal riding on these agreements and others yet to be reached. They will create jobs here in America, in general, and in New Jersey, specifically.

For example, the Port of New Jersey and New York is a major international gateway for

our region. Today, \$80 billion in commerce flows through the Port each year. Total exports from New Jersey have increased by \$8.1 billion over the past five years.

In fact, the latest data has shown that 130,500 jobs in New Jersey depend on trade. Of these, 50,500 are manufacturing jobs. Indeed, approximately one of every six manufacturing jobs in New Jersey is directly connected to trade. In addition, small businesses, America's job creators, would be among the major beneficiaries of U.S. initiatives to reduce foreign barriers to our exports.

Understandably, there is a high level of job-related anxiety in America today. This apprehension is fueling the rise of protectionism. The President and the Congressional leadership apparently now believe that defeating or delaying these trade agreements will somehow shield American jobs. To the contrary, discarding these pending trade agreements will deny American businesses the opportunity to create or grow high quality private sector jobs here at home and cede these markets to our allies and adversaries!

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Beijing, Ottawa, Tokyo and our EU friends understand the importance of trade. Our economy and, most importantly, our workers, are paying an incredibly high price for enacting these trade agreements. I urge the adoption of this resolution and the immediate ratification of the Colombia, Panama and South Korean free trade agreements.

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RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JAMES J. CORNELL, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congressman DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, I want to call to the attention of my colleagues a letter we recently sent to the Speaker regarding the retirement of Mr. James J. Cornell from the post of Inspector General of the House of Representatives. I enclose the letter here for your consideration.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,

*Washington, DC, December 16, 2009.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: The Inspector General of the House of Representatives, Mr. James J. Cornell, will be retiring on January 2, 2010, after a long and distinguished career in service to the United States. His exemplary career spans 31 years, including nearly six years with the House. Jim is a perfect example of the exceptional public servants who labor in the fields, absent the fanfare, but without whom this institution would not function. Jim's commitment to excellence will be missed, but his legacy as Inspector General of the House of Representatives will have an enduring, positive impact on the institution.

One of the objectives of the Office of Inspector General is to produce value-added reviews and analyses which have improved House financial management, administrative processes, workplace safety and security—be

it physical, informational or technological. Jim's creation of an advisory services division has expanded the types of value-added services provided by the Office of Inspector General.

Further, Jim's efforts to train House Officers' staff on process improvement and to provide mentoring and project support, have allowed numerous House management staff to detect process inefficiencies and find ways to eliminate them. None of this would have been possible without Jim's strong commitment to training, transparency, and accountability. Jim's hard work and tenacity for thorough analyses have been vital to ensuring the success of the House's administrative and financial operations.

Jim's non-partisan collaboration with House Leadership and the Committee on House Administration has provided a solid foundation for the continued work of the Office of Inspector General. Due to Jim's leadership, we have great confidence that the Office will continue to ensure strong internal controls on the financial and administrative functions, will promote policies and procedures to improve efficiency and reduce the risk of asset loss, and will streamline processes and ensure that House operations remain in compliance with applicable rules, laws, and regulations.

Although Jim will be missed by his colleagues, we share the excitement for his new challenge and opportunity. As Jim opens a Christian school in an under-served area in New Jersey, we know that he will make a positive impact on the lives of many children. Jim can take great pride and satisfaction in the positive and important accomplishments made throughout his career. We wish Jim and his wife Joanne a joyful and exciting retirement, and we know that all Members of the House join us in thanking Jim Cornell for his years of distinguished service.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BRADY,  
*Chairman.*

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,  
*Ranking Minority  
Member.*

NATIONAL MEDIA SPELL  
'SCANDAL' WITHOUT THE 'D'

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media spell 'scandal' without the 'D.' Recently, the mayor of Baltimore was convicted of embezzlement.

On December 2, ABC's "Good Morning America" and CBS's "The Early Show" both briefly reported the Mayor's conviction.

Both failed to mention that she is a Democrat.

The Baltimore Sun and The Washington Post both failed to identify the Mayor as a Democrat in articles at the beginning of the trial.

The media also were guilty of selective omission in their coverage of scandals involving the Democratic former governors of Illinois and New York, as well as the Democratic former mayor of Detroit, among others.

On the contrary, when a former mayor in Georgia was arrested earlier this year, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution was quick to point out that he is a Republican.

The national media should treat both sides the same, not show favoritism based on party affiliation.

CONGRATULATING THE HARNETT  
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL 2009  
VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Harnett Central High

School Trojans football team in Angier, North Carolina, for their historic season and trip to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Championship football game this past Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Carter Finley Stadium in Raleigh. Saturday marked the first time any Harnett County school has made it to the state championship game since school district consolidation in the 1970s. Harnett Central also made history this year by finishing the season with a 15 and 1 record, a record made more impressive because this is the first year the team has played in the 4-A conference.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented football team and its coaches, and they are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. The 2009 team members include Anthony Johnson, A.J. Hayes, Jarrod Spears, Mike Murray, Jeremy Wells, Logan Klauka, Ocean Stroud, Torin Walker, Tate Wheelin, Brian Taylor, Jevon Morris, Nick Corbin, Brian Baker, Lemonte Taylor, Dalan Snow, Jacob Hyde, Shag Long, Kendrick Rodgers, Rico Currie, Michael Vahue, Todd Hodges, Donavon General, Dylan Kinton, Joseph Diniz, Ethan Gardner, Eric Upchurch, Jared Crumpler, Travis Jones, Alan Swan, Landon Ellington, Zack Avrette, Carlos Salas, Quincy Wells-Johnson, Alvin McLean, Frank Vetere, Wesely Smith, Johnathon Hill, Caleb Baker, Max Ramirez, Abiye Fubara, Jordan Keith, Tim McClain, Darius Forte, and Brandon McLean.

Head Coach Marc Morris and his great team of assistant coaches, including Wayne Stewart, Bill Wyrick, Travis Gaster, Clayton Williams, Joseph Capps, Kenny Jones, Scott Riley, Rodney Ellis, worked tirelessly behind the scenes all season and are backbone of the team's success.

I am proud to have the honor of representing this outstanding high school and I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these fine young athletes.