

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LAWTON PAUL HUFFMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lawton Paul Huffman. Lawton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Lawton has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the four years Lawton has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Lawton became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the Religious award of God and Church. Lawton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Lawton worked with U.S. Navy Public Affairs in Hawaii and was selected to receive a relic from the U.S.S. *Arizona*. Lawton then constructed a new memorial to display the relic at Riverfront Park in Atchison, KS.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lawton Paul Huffman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN, AVIATOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST: MR. LEE ROY TEST

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Lee Roy Test, who passed on December 20, 2009, at the age of 88.

Roy was a shining example of what has become known as "The Greatest Generation," enlisting in the Army Air Corps after the outbreak of World War II and serving as a copilot of the B-17 "Flying Fortress" in the 398th Bomb Group of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. He and his crew completed 32 missions over Europe in 77 days in the spring and summer of 1944, including D-Day.

After WWII, Roy returned to civilian life and worked as a linotype operator in Los Angeles. An automobile aficionado, Roy helped start the 4N Car Club in West Covina and owned many different foreign sports cars, his favorite being the Triumph TR-3. Competitions and car rallies were a family activity.

Roy and his wife Irene were active members of the local community, serving as Am-

bassadors of the Baldwin Park Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was also a volunteer in numerous organizations including Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education, Baldwin Park Friends of the Library, and Baldwin Park Historical Society, among many others.

Roy's extensive community involvement earned him the City of Baldwin Park Senior of the Year Award in 1999.

This was just one of many accolades Mr. Test received throughout the years, including recognitions and awards from local, state and federal officials. In 2008, State Assemblyman Hernandez honored Roy as the 57th Assembly District Veteran of the Year. And in October, 2009, Roy was given recognition as one of the founding members of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, which he co-founded as a youth in 1934.

Roy proudly supported several organizations that preserve history by maintaining WWII aircraft, and served as a docent at the Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino Airport. He enjoyed the camaraderie of friends and loved flying, especially with the Warbirds. He particularly cherished displaying his WWII memorabilia at local air shows, and sharing his war experience with young students.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Lee Roy Test, a proud patriot and a fine gentleman, for his remarkable service and contributions to his community and to our nation.

THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIXWELL AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 190th anniversary of the oldest formally recognized African American United Church of Christ church in the world, and a New Haven institution: the Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ.

This church was founded in troubled times for African-Americans, and it has persevered through recessions, depressions, and wars—including the great and terrible conflict that tore this nation apart and at last brought freedom to all our citizens. In the midst of long decades too often marked by segregation and prejudice, Dixwell survived—and even thrived. It has become a true fixture in our city of New Haven, and a proud beacon of tolerance, compassion, and justice.

In fact, it has been such a beacon since its very inception. On one hand the year 1820 is remembered as a bright moment for our young republic, with an Era of Good Feelings at hand and the memories of both the War of 1812 and the Panic of 1819 fading away. On the other, 1820 was the year of the Missouri

Compromise, and the dawning realization for many white Americans that the continued existence of slavery in a land of liberty was embarrassing, untenable, and morally wrong.

It was these twin pulls of optimism and growing concern about slavery that formed the crucible of 1820, the year that twenty-four former slaves and one young white graduate of the Yale ministry, 19-year-old Simeon Jocelyn, gathered together in New Haven to found the "Temple Street" church, or as they called it, the African Ecclesiastical Society.

This is a church founded in bright optimism, in the strong conviction that faith and love can overcome fear and prejudice. It was founded in a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, and in the finest American tradition of liberty and equality for all. And it has remained so, throughout the 190 years of its existence.

Indeed, the virtues that informed the founding of Dixwell have breathed through the congregation ever since. Now, as it was almost two centuries ago, Dixwell is still a place of hope and perseverance, of charity and compassion, of freedom, equality, and love.

I am exceedingly proud to honor the 190th anniversary of Dixwell church and its congregation today. And I hope very much it continues its proud role in the life of New Haven for many centuries to come.

“ECONOMIC RESEARCH SUGGESTS LAYING OFF LAYOFFS”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, at my recent visit to a very important charitable organization known as Gifts to Give, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, I had a conversation with Dr. Steve Russell, who is the Superintendent of Schools in the town of Dartmouth. Gifts to Give, by the way, is an extremely creative organization that collects toys and other items important for children and distributes them to children in need. Stating it the way I have does not do justice to the extraordinarily creative, interactive organization known as Gifts to Give, and I am deeply impressed with the work of Jim Stevens, who has created something that benefits both the donors and the recipients alike, and gives people an extraordinary opportunity to engage in the most rewarding form of community service.

During my conversation with Dr. Russell, he handed me a copy of an article that had appeared in Newsweek on February 15th, written by Barbara Pfeffer. In the article, Professor Pfeffer makes a compelling case, drawing on academic research as well as sound argument, that reliance on layoffs, as a way of dealing with short-term economic distress for companies, is not only socially damaging, but economically unwise as well.

Madam Speaker, it is too long an article to be printed here entirely, so I did want to give

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a summary and to recommend that people read the entire article.

Dr. Pfeffer notes that “In the last decade, layoffs have become America’s export to the world. At a conference in Stockholm a few years ago, business executives told me,” she noted, “that to become as competitive as America, Sweden needed to make it easier to lay people off . . . There are daily calls for European countries to follow the U.S. and make labor markets more ‘flexible.’ But the more you examine this universally accepted tactic of modern management, the more wrongheaded it seems to be.”

Professor Pfeffer goes on to note “that research paints a fairly consistent picture: layoffs don’t work.” And the article closes in a strong, coherent summary, “Layoffs are mostly bad for companies, harmful for the economy, and devastating for employees . . . There is substantial research literature in fields from epidemiology to organizational behavior documenting these effects. The damage from overzealous downsizing will linger even as the economy recovers. . . .”

Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Russell for calling this to my attention, and I commend to my colleagues a reading of this very important article.

REED PATRICK HEIM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Reed Patrick Heim. Reed is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Reed has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the five years Reed has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Reed has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. Reed has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Reed completed renovation projects at Benner Park in Weston, MO, by installing landscaping at the front entrance, constructing a sand pit for the toy excavator, and placing approximately forty cubic yards of mulch at the playground.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Reed Patrick Heim for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

DEJA BLUE FOR THE WEST
ROWAN FALCONS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, perfect seasons and consecutive championships are a

rare feat for any football team. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to congratulate a football team that not only won its second straight championship, but did so in perfect fashion. The West Rowan High School Falcons flew as high as possible by again capturing the North Carolina 3A with a perfect 16–0 record. As the Salisbury Post stated in its headline, the win was “Deja Blue.”

The championship for the Falcons was won with what the team calls its “T&E—technique and effort.” Effort and technique were on display when West Rowan watched a 20–0 lead erode into a one-point deficit to Eastern Alamance, which is also located in the Sixth District. Led by Head Coach Scott Young, who is known for inspiring his young men to greatness, the Falcons mounted a furious comeback. In the fourth quarter, West Rowan finally went ahead and ended up winning 28–21. This team showed true grit and character to come back and win the championship and preserve its 30th straight win.

The perfect championship season effort was led by seniors K.P. Parks, Quan Cowan, Maxx Gore, KaJuan Phillips, Ershaw Wilder, Jon Crucitti, Chris Neal, Will Holloway, Coleman Phifer, Michael Livengood, Corey McVay, Chris Smith, Jairahmal Robinson, Timmy Pangburn, Rodney Cline, Mackel Gaither, Isaiah Cuthbertson, Eli Goodson, and Josh Poe, juniors, Trey Mashore, Dashion Barger, B.J. Sherrill, Jamarian Mabry, Eric Cowan, Aakeem Minter, Tyler Mullis, Domonique Noble, Kendall Hosch, John Dunlap, Kelly Palmer, Odell McBride, Chandler Jones, Patrick Hampton, Emmanuel Gbunblee, Matt Wright, Charles Holloway III, Armando Trujillo, Nolan Rich, Xavier Still, Tim Jancic, Tyler Anglin, Davon Quarles, Leon Dulin, Jalen Morrow, Ethan Wansley, and Justin Teeter, sophomores Dinkin Miller, Christian Hedrick, Troy Culbertson, Louis Kraft, Jarvis Morgan, and Maurice Warren, along with freshman Bertin Suarez.

The team, of course could not have achieved this amazing feat without the help of Head Coach Young and his outstanding assistants Ed Bowles, Butch Browning, Durwood Bynum, Jeff Chapman, Tim Dixon, Ralph Ellis, Dave Hunt, Lee Linville, Darrell Misenhiemer, Joe Nixon, Kevin Parks, Sr., and Stevie Williams. Congratulations also go to the support staff that is needed to reach championship heights. Included in that effort were trainer Amber DeDorning, student trainers Nichole Barber, Kayla Barnett, Ashley Gaston, Vicki Nichols, J.J. Pangburn, and video coordinator Alan Champion.

Again on behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to congratulate West Rowan High School Principal Jamie Durant, Athletic Director Todd Bell and the entire faculty, staff, students, and fans for another historical season. The West Rowan Falcons will be remembered for many years to come for their perfection on the field and second straight North Carolina 3A championship. As the Salisbury Post headline stated, and to paraphrase that great philosopher Yogi Berra, it was a case of “Deja Blue” all over again.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend a vote. Had I been present, my vote would have been “yea” on final passage of H.R. 3619, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on February 25, 2010. I was a pallbearer at a funeral for a close family friend in South Carolina and therefore was unable to make the vote. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

H. Con. Res. 227: Supporting the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week—“aye.”

H.R. 3961: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians—“aye.”

H. Res. 1105: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for FY 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. Government, the Community Management Account, and the CIA Retirement and Disability System, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII—“nay.”

ROBERT MICHAEL BARBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Michael Barber. Robert is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the seven years Robert has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Robert has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Robert has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Robert constructed a new handicap-accessible hunting blind at Smithville Lake in Smithville, MO, to replace one that was in poor condition. This will aid Smithville Lake in continuing to provide events which can be open to the entire hunting community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Michael Barber for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of

America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

and the constant harassment of the Armenian people will not be tolerated.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAI
MASSACRES AGAINST AZER-
BAIJANI CITIZENS OF ARMENIAN
HERITAGE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, this Sunday will mark the anniversary of the tragic massacres that took place against Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian heritage in February of 1988, in the town of Sumgait, Azerbaijan. This 3-day rampage, carried out by Azerbaijani nationals, left dozens of Armenians dead, a majority of whom were set on fire alive after being beaten and tortured. Hundreds of innocent people received injuries of different severity and became physically impaired. Women, among them minors, were abused. More than 200 apartments were robbed, dozens of cars were destroyed and burned, dozens of art and crafts studios, shops and kiosks were demolished, and thousands of people became refugees.

Madam Speaker, these crimes were never adequately prosecuted by the Government of Azerbaijan, and most of its organizers and executors were simply set free, many of whom are presently members of the Azeri Parliament. Despite the attempt by the Government of Azerbaijan to cover up these crimes, enough brave witnesses came forward to give an accurate account of the offenses.

The Sumgait massacres are just another in a long line of Azerbaijan's aggressions against the Armenian people. The events in Sumgait were preceded by a wave of anti-Armenian rallies that shook the city in February 1988. Almost the entire territory of the city, with a population of 250,000, became an arena for mass violence against its Armenian population.

The attacks also marked the beginning of a larger campaign of ethnic cleansing targeting the Armenian people, culminating in the war launched against the people of Nagorno Karabakh. The war claimed nearly 30,000 lives and left over one million refugees in both Armenia and Azerbaijan. The continued hostilities in Azerbaijan and the military aggression against the Armenians of Nagorno Karabakh in 1992 through 1994 led to the disappearance of a 450,000-strong Armenian community in Azerbaijan within a span of just a few years. As this April marks the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, we also pause to remember the crimes committed in Sumgait and the pogroms conducted against the Armenian people in Azerbaijan.

Madam Speaker, this anniversary reminds us yet again of the historical injustice the Armenian people have faced, unfortunately, throughout their history. As we join with the Armenian people and all people of goodwill in remembering these atrocities, I strongly urge Azerbaijan and Turkey to cease their blockade and aggressive posture against the Armenian people and work to achieve a lasting peace. It is time for the United States to do all that it can and to use its geopolitical influence to send a message that ethnically charged genocides, illegal blockades of sovereign nations

RECOGNIZING THE TREE OF LIFE
FOOD PANTRY IN PURCELL-
VILLE, VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Tree of Life food pantry in Purcellville, Virginia, which is in my congressional district. Through the group effort of dedicated volunteers, the Tree of Life food pantry has been able to help the hungry in western Loudoun County.

The Tree of Life food pantry was established in November 2009 to serve the hungry in Purcellville and the surrounding area in Loudoun County. In these tough economic times, so many families across the Nation are struggling to put food on the table. Some face grave economic challenges. Food pantries, like the Tree of Life, are able to help people make it through these challenging times.

The Tree of Life food pantry owes some of its success to its local partners, including Giant and Wegmans grocery stores and Costco Wholesale warehouse, which all pledged their support to the organization. These partnerships are proof that the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act, which protects food donors from liability, has been successful in helping to deliver surplus food to food banks in need.

Besides providing for the hungry, the Tree of Life food pantry also serves its community through ministering to the elderly and sick by providing additional food and resources. This organization has truly been a blessing to its community.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the good work of the Tree of Life food pantry and its dedicated volunteers in serving the hungry in Loudoun County, Virginia.

HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY
FAIR COMPETITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act.

The McCarran-Ferguson Act, passed in 1945, exempted insurance companies from antitrust legislation that applies to most other business. The Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act removes the antitrust exemption for health insurance companies, requiring them to compete fairly and adhere to the same antitrust laws as others. No longer will health insurers be allowed to price-fix, divide up territories among themselves, or sabotage their competitors in order to gain a monopoly in the marketplace. Such practices have been outlawed in other industries for decades.

The Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act will bring much needed reform to the

health insurance industry by allowing true competition between health insurers. Competition is what drives our economy, spurs innovation, and ensures that the American consumer gets a fair deal. More competition means lower health insurance costs for higher quality healthcare.

For too long, the health insurance exemption has led to higher premiums for consumers and contributed to the unsustainable increases in health care costs. As a result, 94% of all health insurance markets are "highly concentrated"—meaning consumers have little or no choice between insurance providers. There are only two industries in our country that are exempt from antitrust laws—the health insurance industry and major league baseball.

The American people deserve better than this and I'm proud to cast my vote in support of the Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act.

JOSEPH ISIAH TORCHIA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Isiah Torchia. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Joseph has displayed dedication and perseverance with this significant achievement, values which will stay with him throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Isiah Torchia for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show further support for H.R. 2314, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009 and would like to submit for the RECORD a letter of support from the Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker for the House of Representatives in the Hawaii State Legislature.

STATE OF HAWAII,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Honolulu, HI, February 19, 2010.

Aloha,

I write to express my support for you, the Hawaii Congressional Delegation, in your efforts to pass the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act.

The Native Hawaiian people have sought passage of this bill for ten years. The Hawaii State Legislature, which serves as the representative voice of Hawaii's people, has demonstrated continued commitment to Native Hawaiian self-governance and self-determination by unanimously affirming three separate resolutions supporting federal recognition of Native Hawaiians.

Thank you for creating an atmosphere of dialogue with the various stakeholders. I appreciate your diligence and openness in working with the state administration and community constituencies to address the best approaches offered. I trust your judgment in this matter, and am confident that through your careful and thoughtful deliberations, we will have a measure that is worthy of the goals to which we have all aspired over the last ten years.

I believe that the people of Hawaii recognize it is time to deliver a fair process for Native Hawaiians to resolve longstanding concerns in their community as other Native peoples have done. Federal recognition is an essential component in advancing the social and economic condition of Native peoples. To deny Native Hawaiians the rights of self-determination and self-governance as accorded to other Native peoples goes against the very principles of justice and fairness on which our country was founded.

The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act provides an empowering and stable structure on which Native Hawaiians can build a prosperous future for themselves and for our state. Both our identity and the economic well-being of our state are very much intertwined with the well-being of the indigenous peoples of our island home. Effectuating a balanced process that will bring clarity to this issue is the right thing to do for our state, Native Hawaiians and all of the citizens of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

CALVIN K.Y. SAY,
Speaker of the House.

FEEDING NEW ORLEANS' SOUL

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Black History Month to recognize Ms. Leah Chase. Known as the "Queen of Creole Cuisine", Ms. Chase is a chef, a television host, a cultural ambassador, and the owner of the famous Louisiana landmark Dooky Chase restaurant. Dooky Chase is located in the historic Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans and was immortalized in the television show "Frank's Place".

But it was established as a spiritual, cultural, and historic landmark long before television producers came knocking. During the 1960's, Dooky Chase was a meeting place for civil rights activists and NAACP members coming from all around the region. And, during segregation, notable African American artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Lena Horne dined there.

When Hurricane Katrina flooded the restaurant, forcing it to close its doors for the first time since 1941, Mrs. Chase could have left, leaving behind all of the history and prominence of this historic spot.

But, she returned, rebuilt, and re-opened to serve, nourish, and inspire the bodies and souls of future generations by its critical con-

tribution to African-American history and the history of this great Nation.

Today, I am proud to recognize Leah Chase for continuing to feed the soul of New Orleans and her guests and for her unwavering commitment to the recovery of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. DAVID L. BRONSON

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. David L. Bronson, chairman of the Medicine Institute of the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Bronson recently was elected as the 2010 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Medical Group Association, AMGA, located in Alexandria, VA. The group represents more than 360 medical groups, and more than 102,000 doctors nationwide are AMGA members. Dr. Bronson is an ideal fit for this position. As chair of the clinic's Medicine Institute, where he is also professor of Medicine and Chief of Clinical Integration, Dr. Bronson is responsible for leading the health system's efforts to improve the value of health care.

Dr. Bronson has been with Cleveland Clinic since 1992 and was chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine for four years. From 1995 until 2008 he developed and led an expansion of the clinic throughout the NE Ohio area and beyond, adding 350 new physicians at 17 sites including operations in Canada. Dr. Bronson has also served as a member of the Cleveland Clinic Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, and is currently chair of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership.

Dr. Bronson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maine, and his M.D. degree from the University of Vermont, and he completed a residency in internal medicine there and at the University of Wisconsin. Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic, he was vice chair of medicine at the University of Vermont.

He has been a principal or co-principal in several federal and foundation-funded research efforts, and has published and presented papers in a variety of fields. Dr. Bronson now serves on the Leadership Team and chairs the Clinical Advisory Committee of Better Health Greater Cleveland, a collaborative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve the health of people with chronic disease.

Dr. Bronson is well prepared to lead his colleagues and guide AMGA and its members toward improving the delivery of health care in the years ahead.

Again, I want to congratulate Dr. Bronson and recognize his accomplishments.

DANIEL AUSTIN GOERING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Austin Goering.

Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the five years Daniel has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daniel became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Daniel has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Daniel worked with the Platte County, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department to install a Prairie Restoration sign and construct landscaping at the Prairie Creek Greenway.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Austin Goering for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NATIONAL EATING DISORDER
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and support of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Approximately five to ten million Americans, both women and men, suffer from anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders. Not only do these mental illnesses have serious physical consequences, they also present substantive obstacles to students' educational achievement: 86% of affected individuals develop their eating disorders before age 20.

On behalf of my constituents who have been personally affected by these illnesses as well as struggling young women and men nationwide, I introduced H. Res. 7 on January 9, 2009. H. Res. 7 will raise public awareness of eating afflictions, expand research for treatment and cures to end the suffering of millions of Americans, broaden access to treatment, and promote healthful eating habits and healthy body image.

It is critical that we use this week as an opportunity to address this national tragedy. It's not just teenagers using whatever means necessary to achieve an ideal body image, it is a mental illness that requires treatment and compassion. I encourage my colleges to join me in recognizing the severity of eating disorders affecting millions of adolescent Americans, and beseech Congress to continue to expand funding for research and treatment as well as awareness of these diseases that plague the lives our young people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 67, and 68 I was unable to be present to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on these.

ANOTHER SEASON OF FEDERAL SPENDING

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, we are about to enter another season of federal spending decisions, beginning with a new stimulus package that will add another \$150 billion to our outrageous federal debt.

What are we getting for this spending? In my home counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, California, we have lost 30,000 jobs in the past year. Our unemployment rate is 14 percent. Houses have lost half of their value in 3 years, and foreclosures have gone from 3,000 3 years ago to nearly 48,000 last year. The stimulus and runaway spending have not brought jobs to my constituents, but they have increased one thing: Each man, woman and child could soon owe \$48,000 for their share of the federal debt. The CBO tells us that just 10 percent of last year's stimulus is being spent on job-creation. Let's not make that mistake again this year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 49 and rollcall No. 50, I was absent due to severe weather in Southeast Michigan which delayed my flight to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" and "yea."

CONNOR PAUL KOSTELAC

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Connor Paul Kostelac. Connor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the five years Connor has been involved with

Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Connor became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Connor has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Connor worked to beautify two interior gardens at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison, KS, through the placement of a St. Francis statue and additional landscaping.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor Paul Kostelac for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 100th Anniversary of the South Dakota State Capitol building.

The South Dakota State Capitol building is located in Pierre, South Dakota. The South Dakota State Capitol building was designed by Minneapolis architects C.E. Bell and M.S. Detwiler and assembled between the years of 1905 and 1910. The building is more than 114,000 square feet in size and is made up of materials such as native field stone, Indiana limestone, and Vermont and Italian marble. The building is 161 feet tall, 190 feet wide, and 292 feet long and includes carved woodwork and marble, special cast brass, and hand laid stone. In 1977 the State of South Dakota decided to restore the building back to its original 1910 appearance. The restoration was completed in 1989 to the original color and style of the walls and drapes.

Some of the many important architectural features of the South Dakota Capitol building include the capitol floor, which is made of terrazzo tile, and was created by 66 Italian artists. Terrazzo tile is a type of marble flooring that consists of chips of marble meshed together through a process of layering which creates multicolored designs and patterns. The rotunda, an important feature of the capitol, encompasses a large 96-foot dome which can be seen outside the capitol. The inside bottom ring of the dome looks like ribbons strung together and joined as one to resemble government as eternal in nature. The dome also displays the pasque flower, which is the South Dakota state flower. The third floor holds both the House of Representatives and Senate floors where all the state's laws are debated and voted.

Over its 100 years of history, the capitol has stood as a testament to the beauty and strength that represents South Dakota, and I trust that this historic building will continue to remain a landmark for the next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on February 25, 2010, I missed rollcall vote 66 due to a doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING RANDY POOLE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Randy Poole who retired this month after serving more than 34 years in municipal water utilities, including 18 momentous years in leadership positions at the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). Randy served first as SCWA's Chief Engineer beginning in 1991 and then in 1994 assumed the dual role of General Manager/Chief Engineer. The Sonoma County Water Agency provides water independent of the California Water System to over 600,000 residents in Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Many Members of this House would recognize Randy who spent many hours visiting our offices promoting the SCWA's water projects, as well as legislation for salmon preservation, wetlands restoration and renewable energy. Randy, with his slicked back hair and often dressed in black and purple was not the stereotypical water technocrat with scientific calculator in his pocket and flow charts in his briefcase. He is an individual who could manage the day to day functions of the SCWA while sculpting a big vision of its future.

Randy played an important role in garnering support for an \$800 million Pacific Salmon restoration program involving the efforts of five states to restore the habitat of 16 salmonid species, including our native Russian River chinook and coho and steelhead trout. It was also Randy who spearheaded local efforts to complete a Biological Opinion on the effects of federal and local water projects on Russian River salmon and steelhead, a project that took 11 years and now must be implemented.

Under his leadership, the SCWA put biologists to work doing fish counts and measuring habitat; engineers designing wastewater irrigation systems; water efficiency experts looking at industrial water use; gardeners planting low water landscapes; wetlands experts restoring the Napa Salt Marsh; oceanographers studying ocean currents and wave energy; and energy consultants examining new pathways to clean and plentiful renewable energy.

His driving style has not come without controversy. A three year drought coupled with environmental restrictions that have constrained flows from the SCWA main reservoir, has sometimes brought the agency at odds with water contractors who have balked at reduced flows and conservation plans. When Randy began working at SCWA in 1991, one of his charges was to smooth the way for the Agency to obtain new water rights at Warm Springs Dam. Randy, however, recognized the

new realities of expensive water projects and their environmental problems, and put the project on a back burner with a while emphasizing water conservation.

The Biological Opinion has also been criticized by downriver communities concerned about proposed lower summer flows and effects on the seal population at the mouth of the Russian River. SCWA has promised further studies and expanded river monitoring to iron out difficulties. Yet if the B.O. succeeds it will be a major step in restoring the river's once thriving fishery.

Randy recognized that climate change required the agency to do something about its own energy use—the highest in the county and he set SCWA on a zero carbon project, which will make it totally reliant on renewable energy by 2015. The Agency has kicked off the project with the installation of a 1 MGW solar system at its offices.

Randy was also instrumental in devising the nationally recognized Energy Independence Program, where home owners can weatherize their homes and install energy saving devices and solar panels at no upfront costs. Always thinking big, Randy has taken his energy ideas nationwide, forming a coalition of like-minded communities and promoting bills for local model projects and to lower consumer costs for home energy conservation and conversions to renewable energy.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Randy Poole for his years of service to the customers of the Sonoma County Water Agency. I have been occasionally caught off balance by his whirlwind personality and grand approach to finding solutions, but I will miss his clear vision of the necessity of change in a changing world.

ALEXANDER DANIEL ADAMEK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Daniel Adamek. Alexander is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the eight years Alexander has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alexander became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Foxman from the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Alexander has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alexander organized and supervised the collection of clothing, hygiene products and other necessities and made supply backpacks to be donated to Synergy Services, Inc. These backpacks were then distributed to runaway and homeless teenagers through Synergy's Street Outreach program.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Daniel Adamek for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, though I was attending a previous engagement in Kansas on Friday, February 26, had I been present in the House of Representatives, I would have voted in opposition to H.R. 2701, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (rollcall 73). Additionally, I would have voted to support the Republican Motion to Recommit (rollcall 72).

I believe this Intelligence Authorization bill is more concerned with providing political cover than addressing a number of real national security issues, including the administration's misguided efforts to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and transfer detainees to the United States, and improving intelligence gathering and coordination in the wake of recent attacks at Fort Hood and the Christmas Day airline bombing attempt.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud co-sponsor in strong support of H. Res. 944, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on religious minorities in Iraq.

Freedom of religion is the beating heart of our American historical and political experience. After all, it was the search for a place to worship in liberty and dignity that led to the European settlement of this continent.

Our American founding fathers placed paramount importance on the right to worship freely and securely, as clear from the first amendment to our Constitution, which enshrines the right to free exercise of religion.

We are grateful to live in a country where it is safe to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience. We cherish these rights and privileges because we know that in many parts of the world—including Iraq—not all religious minorities can worship as they wish.

Historically, Iraq is one of the richest and most diverse religious mosaics in the world. Its Christian traditions can be traced back to the Christian apostles. Yet Iraq today is in a moment of crisis, for many of its smallest and most vulnerable religious minorities are threatened by the ugly forces of intolerance and intimidation in Iraq.

In recent years, there has been an alarming surge in Iraq of physical and psychological violence against religious minorities, and we must do our part to encourage the emphatic rejection of such violence by the Iraqi state and society.

While all Iraqis have suffered greatly in past years, the suffering has been most acutely felt by its religious minorities, including Chaldeans, Syrians, Assyrians, and other Christians. Many hundreds of thousands of Iraqi Christians have already fled Iraq to escape religious turmoil, many of them settling in my own home state of Michigan. How this crisis is resolved will be an indicator of the future that awaits Iraq.

Iraq's development into a sovereign, stable, and secure country is of immense strategic importance and political responsibility to the United States. The world should know that the United States stands with the Iraqi people and its elected government against the forces of radicalism and intolerance.

H. Res. 944 advances Iraq's trajectory towards a future of diversity, pluralism, and freedom. It will help to internalize and institutionalize an environment where religious minorities are protected by the Iraqi government.

Informed by our own American experience, we in this House are obliged to encourage Iraq to value the rights and privileges of its religious minorities. There is too much at stake for Iraq to fail them. And neither can we.

MAYOR OTIS T. WALLACE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our community's most humble and steadfast leaders, the mayor of Florida City, Mr. Otis T. Wallace. For nearly three decades, the people of Florida City have put their trust in him as mayor, leader and friend. A graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Miami Law School, he is the director of TIB Bank.

Mayor Wallace is completely dedicated to the residents of Florida City and ensuring that the needs and priorities of his community are met. Despite the pressures that elected office can bring, Mayor Wallace keeps his cool, always smiling and acting humbly, with the best interest of others in mind. He has proven to be a dependable, hard working and selfless leader, always willing to work with others to find commonsense solutions.

Mayor Wallace is no stranger to civic engagements. He is the chairman of the Florida City Community Redevelopment Agency and a member of the Homestead-Florida City Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as the chairman of the Florida City Foundation and on the board of directors of the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association, Inc., the Miami-Dade Criminal Justice Council and the Homestead Area Indigent Care Foundation, Inc. He is also a member of the NAACP.

As we celebrate Black History Month, please join me in recognizing and thanking Mayor Otis Wallace for his dedication to the residents of Florida City and his commitment to ensuring that his community continues to thrive.

BRANDEN COLE ELLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Branden Cole Elling. Branden is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Branden has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the seven years Branden has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Branden has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Branden has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Branden constructed a split rail fence along the edge of Platte Ridge Park in Platte City, MO, adding both an aesthetic quality and providing a protective barrier to limit trespassing into the park.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Branden Cole Elling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOJALY MASSACRE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 18th anniversary of the massacre at Khojaly and to honor the 613 Azerbaijanis who died under these tragic circumstances. I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering those who lost their lives that day.

HONORING MR. JAMES GARFIELD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Garfield. Mr. Garfield served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Ripley Highway Superintendent.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Gar-

field served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Garfield is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise in tribute to him today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Fuel Oil Barge.

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

Account: Navy RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GenPhar, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Seacoast Parkway, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Description of Project: The need for an effective vaccine to protect against exposure to dangerous virus outbreaks of Dengue fever is critical to the safety of U.S. Armed Forces personnel deployed in combat theaters throughout the world. Dengue epidemics have increased dramatically in recent years, and cover nearly the entire tropical and subtropical regions of the world, including South East Asia, Africa, the entire Caribbean, and South, Central and parts of North America, putting two thirds of the world population at risk. Dengue epidemics not only have devastating effects in regions that hold U.S. interests, they also threaten the well-being of U.S. military personnel operating in these regions.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of our former colleague, Congressman John Murtha. He died on February 8, 2010, at age 77, following complications of surgery. John represented Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District for 36 years in Congress, longer than any Pennsylvania lawmaker.

John Patrick Murtha was born June 17, 1932 in New Martinsville, West Virginia, and moved to Pennsylvania as a child. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1962 with a degree in economics and did graduate work in economics and political science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Congressman Murtha dedicated his life to serving the nation he loved, first in the military. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952, during the Korean War period, and served

until 1955, joining the Reserves. Then, during the Vietnam conflict, he volunteered for combat and served as an intelligence officer in 1966 and 1967. John received the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for this service, retiring from the Marine Corps Reserve as a colonel in 1990.

One of the first Vietnam veterans to sit in the House and a career reservist, John effectively applied this valuable insight to his work in Congress. As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he worked tirelessly for the benefit of the nation's troops and their families. For his political courage in speaking out against the Iraq war, and his dedication to principled public service, John was awarded the 2006 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Congressman Murtha has earned a well-deserved place in history as a patriot, war hero and statesman. The nation will miss his dedication and vast experience in lawmaking, and we will miss him as a dear friend and generous mentor.

I express my condolences to John's wife Joyce and their three children, and I urge everyone to honor and remember our colleague, John Murtha.

HONORING ORLANDO CITY COMMISSIONER DAISY WILLIAMS LYNUM

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Orlando City Commissioner Daisy Lynum for her life-long civic and community involvement. Commissioner Lynum was born in Leesburg, Florida, a small town 45 miles northwest of Orlando, and was elected to the Orlando City Council on April 14, 1998. Commissioner Lynum's contributions to our Central Florida community have had a tremendous positive impact.

After graduating from Carver Heights High School in 1964, Ms. Lynum earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology at Bethune-Cookman College, and a graduate degree in clinical Social Work (MSW) from Florida State University. As a Rockefeller Foundation Scholar, her post-baccalaureate studies were completed at Haverford and Bryn Mawr colleges in Pennsylvania, and her teaching certification was completed at the University of Central Florida. In 2000, Commissioner Lynum completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Executives at Harvard University. Florida Metropolitan University awarded Commissioner Lynum the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in May 2005.

After more than 30 years of employment, first as a 5th grade teacher, followed by a career as a social worker and administrator for the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services, and a Special Services Social Worker for Orange County Public Schools, Commissioner Lynum retired in 2002. Simultaneously, her years of community and civic involvement have included: Metro Orlando Urban League Board; UCF-MSW School of Social Work Advisory Board; National Black Social Workers Association; Orlando Science Center's Diversity Committee; USTA Diversity

Committee; USTA Florida Section Schools Coordinator, Community Service Center Board; Coordinator, Mercy Drive/Pine Hills Children & Youth Task Force; City of Orlando's Municipal Planning and Human Relations Boards; Vice Chair BBIF Board; Florida League of Cities Urban Administration, resolution and policy committees and the Board of Directors; Board of Directors for the National League of Cities; and currently she is President of the National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; first Vice President for Women Elected to Municipal Government; past president of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; Metro Plan Orlando Transportation Board; Orange County Voter's League; Life Member NAACP, Nemours Council member; and, 2005 Onxy Magazine Poll names Commissioner Lynum as one of 56 most influential African Americans in the State of Florida.

Commissioner Lynum's commitment to her community, via her professional, personal, and political service is consistent with the principles and standards of her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—which she has been a member of since 1966. She has also been a member of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., an organization of business and professional women, since December 2008.

Commissioner Lynum's primary focus is quality of life through sustainable neighborhoods for residents in District 5 and the City of Orlando. With respect to her expertise in community development and sustainable neighborhoods, Commissioner Lynum has represented Orlando and the United States at conferences in Japan and Africa, and attended the U.S.-China Exchange Association's U.S. Business Matchmaking Conference in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Madam Speaker, as Black History Month comes to a close, it is with great honor that I acknowledge the commitment to Florida that Commissioner Lynum has shown through her many leadership roles in the community. She has been a leader in the African American community and I applaud her social activism.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOANNE
D. GIANGRECO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne D. Giangreco, an active member of the Buffalo and Western New York community, who passed away earlier this week at the age of 82.

Born Joanne Downing, Joanne graduated from Bennett High School in 1945, attended St. Joseph College of Emmitsburg, Maryland, and graduated from the University at Buffalo in 1950. She was a gifted athlete, winning an AAU swimming championship in high school as well as playing basketball during her time at St. Joseph College. Joanne continued her athletic career after college as an avid golfer and racquetball player, often beating her older male competitors at the Buffalo Athletic Club.

Indeed, Joanne's athleticism was not limited to her sporting performances. In 1945, as a swimming lifeguard at my own neighborhood's South Park pool, Joanne performed CPR and

saved the life of a toddler who had fallen and hit his head.

A lifelong Democrat, Joanne appeared on WBEN-TV in 1952 to support Adlai Stevenson in his presidential campaign. Her political views were largely influenced by her father, Francis J. Downing, who was the Executive Director of the Buffalo-Area Emergency Relief Bureau and the Works Progress Administration under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Downing later served as a department head in the administration of Buffalo Mayor Frank A. Sedita.

Joanne was actively involved throughout Western New York, serving as the president of the Buffalo Inter-Club Women's Bowling Association. She was a founding member of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Amherst, was secretary for the St. Gregory Home School Association, and served as chairwoman of Ladies Golf at Cherry Hill. Additionally, Joanne was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society as well as the Girl Scouts.

Joanne, widowed by the passing of her husband Joseph in 2001, is survived by her five children, several grandchildren and her siblings. Indeed, Joanne's son Peter is a trusted and valued friend to me, whose counsel I have sought and have valued since my initial run for Congress in 2004.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Giangreco and Downing families for their loss, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Joanne Giangreco and recognizing the tremendous impact she had on the lives of those she knew.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD GERSH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Edward Gersh, an outstanding and dedicated educator and athlete. A life-long advocate, he has worked to improve the lives and minds of students across New York State.

While attending Dewitt Clinton High School, Mr. Gersh was an all scholastic tackle, which earned him a full scholarship to New York University (NYU) and George Washington University (GW). He briefly attended GW before transferring to NYU. During his sophomore year at NYU, he was injured and unable to continue playing football. He made the transition from football to boxing, eventually winning the New York City Golden Gloves Championship Open Heavyweight Title in 1943, the only Jewish fighter to ever do so, and entering a brief, yet successful, professional boxing career. He was a boxing and wrestling referee for the New York State Athletic Commission. For years, Mr. Gersh trained, managed and promoted professional boxing.

Mr. Gersh began his career in the New York City Public School System as a physical education instructor and an assistant football coach. He also taught physical education and coached boxing at the City College of New York. In 1950, the New York City Board of Education hired Mr. Gersh. Within three years, he was named Dean of Jefferson Park Jr. High School, where he directed the guidance

program and helped countless students achieve their aspirations. He also taught history at the New York Institute of Technology, where he was appointed to the Office of Student Affairs. In 1967 Mr. Gersh became one of the founders and members of the original Board of Trustees of Wilmington College, serving two years as the Executive Vice President. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for Dowling College of Oakland, Long Island for ten years, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Woodstock Day School in Woodstock, NY. Mr. Gersh has received numerous awards for his excellence as an educator, starting in 1960, when he was named "Teacher of the Year" by Youth Development Incorporated. In 2006, he was given the prestigious NYU Steinhardt Distinguished Alumnus Achievement Award. That year he was the commencement speaker for the Steinhardt School of Education at a ceremony that took place at Radio City Music Hall. His impressive dedication to education at all levels deserves our highest praise.

In 1955 Mr. Gersh helped open West Hill Day Camp in Huntington, NY, which he continues to serve as the Chairman of the Board and President. He holds similar titles in E. Gersh Realty Corporation, University Gardens, Okee, LLC, and EG, LLC which owns and manages real estate on Long Island. He is also a founding partner and owner of Crestwood Country Day School, the Woodland Academy, and Camp Kent.

Mr. Gersh's generosity is compounded by his commitment to scholarly achievement. He has established the Edward & Holli Gersh Charitable Foundation, and the Edward Gersh Scholarship at the Steinhardt School at New York University. Mr. Gersh has been hailed as a modern Renaissance Man. His autobiography "A Strong Collected Spirit: A Fighter's Memoir" was published in 2005.

Madam Speaker, I salute the remarkable achievements of Mr. Edward Gersh and I ask my distinguished colleagues in this House to join me in recognizing his extraordinary service and contributions to education.

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN STEINBERG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to a fine American, Alan Steinberg, on an occasion when he and his business have received a prestigious honor: the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009.

The Circle of Excellence, which is awarded by the International dealer organization of Navistar, Inc., honors International truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest honor a dealer principal can receive from the company.

Alan's business, Truck King International, is headquartered in Brooklyn, New York, where it was founded in 1977 with his brother Steven. Under his leadership, it has grown into one of the preeminent truck dealerships in the Northeast and the entire nation, with 151 employees and six dealer locations spanning the five

boroughs, Long Island and Northern New Jersey. With this most recent award, Truck King International has now received the Circle of Excellence Award, under Alan's leadership, a total of nine times.

Alan has achieved this level of accomplishment and recognition through many years of hard work and service to his industry and community. He has also built a successful truck leasing business, Salem Idealease—the largest affiliate in the Idealease network, and is a member of Idealease board of directors, the Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Huntington Soldiers Welcome Home Salute, the New York Association of Pupil Transportation: Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester Chapters, the New Jersey Council on Special Transportation, the New York State School Bus Contractor's Association, the Garden State & Sussex School Bus Contractor's Associations, the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials and the School Transportation Supervisors of New Jersey.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, he has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Alan Steinberg for his record of accomplishment and for his many contributions to his community, state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alan Steinberg and his business, Truck King International.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Fuel Oil Barge.

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

Account: Navy Other Procurement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maybank Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 525 East Bay Street, Suite 200, Charleston, SC 29403

Description of Project: The Navy needs to replace the existing fleet of aging Fuel Oil Barges (YON) with new vessels to meet fleet requirements and to comply with EPA requirements. The current fleet of Fuel Oil Barges (YONs) is nearly 40 years old, which is well beyond the intended service life, and maintenance costs are increasing substantially.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 51 and 66 I was unable to be

present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

A TRIBUTE TO THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW). The year 2010 provides us an opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of Academy members throughout the past five decades.

Established in 1960, on the verge of revolutionary social reforms, the Academy of Certified Social Workers was the first credential created by the National Association of Social Workers to acknowledge leaders committed to the social work profession and to improving society. Before individual states enacted licensing regulations for the social workers, the Academy served as the sole source of designating social workers qualified for social work practice.

The 50th Anniversary of the Academy of Certified Social Workers is noteworthy in America because it recognizes the past and present social workers who have made significant contributions to society. Academy members include six dedicated individuals. James Dumpson is the former vice president of the New York Community Trust, one of the nation's largest, oldest and most respected philanthropic organizations and a leader in the community foundation movement. Ada Deer is recognized as an advocate and organizer on behalf of Native Americans. She became the first woman to be appointed Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior. Delwin Anderson was Director of the Social Work Service of the Department of Medicine and Surgery in the Veteran's Administration from 1964 to 1974. Bernice Harper was Medical Care Advisor to the Health Care Financing Administration in Washington, DC and she is a pioneer in hospice and palliative care. Warren Graham, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, implemented the "Reclaiming Futures Initiative," instituting county-wide change in the New York juvenile justice system addressing adolescents who are substance abusers. Jessica Sawyer is currently involved in the development and implementation of a pioneering process for incorporating mental health treatment in a medical setting in North Carolina.

Members of the Academy of Certified Social Workers represent the thought leadership of the profession. In clinical settings and case management; in courtrooms, communities, government agencies, and medical facilities; in universities and other professional educational venues and at local, state, and federal policy level; ACSWs span the range of social work practice from direct service to research and systems analysis for individuals, families,

groups, and communities. The accomplishments of Academy members in social justice, social welfare, mental health, and philanthropy and humanitarianism have had significant positive effects in our society. Today's Academy holders continue to create and inform innovative practices to improve the quality of life for current and future generations of Americans.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the ACSW leaders who influenced America so profoundly in the past and acknowledging the work of over 35,000 current members of the Academy who continue to make a difference in people's lives today.

HONORING LAUREN ALFRED FOR HER SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Lauren Alfred, a dedicated member of my legislative staff who is moving to a new position on the Hill. She will soon be joining the staff of my friend and colleague Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, and I am confident she will be a great addition there.

Lauren started her career on the Hill as an intern to Senator EVAN BAYH of her native Indiana before joining my staff as an intern brought in to assist while our staff assistant was ill. She was given an extraordinary amount of responsibility early on, and she rose to every challenge before her, even assisting in appropriations work. Few staffers could have made such a seamless transition.

Lauren's hard work and willingness to help with virtually any task quickly earned her a spot as a legislative correspondent, and she has risen to the challenge of being a capable legislative assistant. Her thorough research was of great assistance to me and my staff during the debate on health care, and her passion for energy and environmental issues has been a benefit to our office. The fact that she has been able to juggle a full-time job while studying for a master's degree is a testament to her maturity and dedication to whatever task she undertakes.

Madam Speaker, my staff and I have enjoyed having Lauren in the office over the past year. I have no doubt Lauren can be successful at whatever she chooses to do, and I wish her all the best in the future.