

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL LADY BUCS HOCKEY TEAM

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Oswego High School Lady Bucs hockey team for their victory in the 2010 New York State Girls High School Hockey Championships.

On Saturday the 13th of February, high school hockey fans were treated to a great championship game between some of the most skilled players in the state when the Lady Bucs defeated Skaneateles in the final game 3-0. I understand that the Lady Bucs' championship win claimed the school's first team state title since the varsity boys bowling team accomplished the feat about two decades ago.

I want to congratulate the championship girls' team of Whitney Daino, Erika Lazzaro, Sage Dudley, Taylor Cianfarano, Kaitlin Friel, Sarah Mancuso, Danielle Faivus, Caroline Dougherty, Karissa Favata, Taite Phillips, Sarah Gosek, Lainey Celeste, Tessa Opet, Devyn Hutcheson, Katy Darling, Madisyn Whalen and Allison Yule on their hard work. I would also like to recognize Taylor Cianfarano for being named the tournament's most valuable player, as well as Devyn Hutcheson, Kaitlin Friel and goalie Madisyn Whalen for being selected to the all-tournament team.

I also want to extend my congratulations to head coach Dan Bartlett and assistants Beth Arduini and Andrew Lazzaro, who built upon an impressive legacy to take the team to victory. The elite status of these athletic young women could not have been reached without the combined dedication of these coaches.

Madam Speaker, the Lady Bucs' teamwork sets a strong example for the community and reminds us all what is possible when we come together. Again, congratulations to the Lady Bucs on their success.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DEDE LONG

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dede Long on her retirement after 31 years of exemplary, devoted service to Briar Bush Nature Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education in Abington, PA. I am honored to represent Ms. Long and the people of Abington in Congress.

Founded in 1908 as a wildlife refuge Briar Bush was acquired by Abington Township in

1962 upon the passing of its founders. In 1964 the Friends of Briar Bush was created as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing environmental education to individuals and groups of all ages through on-site and outreach experiences, protecting and nurturing a natural wildlife habitat, and promoting conservation of natural resources by increasing awareness and understanding of the environment.

Dede Long was selected as Executive Director of Briar Bush in 1979. She brought with her her experience with the USO in Athens, Greece, as a junior high school science teacher in Japan, and her work at outdoor-education schools in California. Through her stewardship Ms. Long has worked to establish many effective relationships with local organizations and the nationally recognized partnership between Briar Bush Nature Center, the Friends of Briar Bush, Abington Township and the Abington School District. During her tenure at Briar Bush, she has increased the number of staff members, completed a full renovation of all exhibits, and added facilities such as The Treetops classroom and Butterfly House.

The Briar Bush Nature Center has received numerous awards, including "Nonprofit of the Year," and "Nickelodeon Parents' Pick" for the variety of family oriented programs and events offered yearly. Ms. Long has been acknowledged personally for her valuable work, receiving the 2008 Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Alliance of Environmental Educators. She is an active member of her community and is involved in the Rotary Club of Jenkintown, the Abington Community Taskforce, and the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. She also supports many special events sponsored by other community organizations including the Jenkintown Day Nursery, Abington Education Foundation, Police Athletic League and Old York Road Historical Society.

Madam Speaker, once again I applaud Dede Long for her dedication, service, and accomplishment as Executive Director of Briar Bush Nature Center and environmental leader for over three decades. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to her on the momentous occasion of her retirement.

THE KIDNEY OF BARBI VAVRA GOES TO DON NEYLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise before you today to recognize Barbi Vavra and Don Neyland, two brave Liberty County Sheriff's Office employees from the great State of Texas. Their lives of service to the community are extraordinary examples of self sacrifice. It gives me great

pleasure to recognize these two outstanding Texans before Congress and this Nation.

Sergeant Don Neyland with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office has bravely served the people of Liberty County as a police officer and investigator for 19 years. Yet, his life of service is all the more impressive because he suffers from serious kidney problems. One fateful day in 2009, Sergeant Neyland learned from doctors that he would need a kidney transplant. Soon his family members all began getting tested to see if they would be able to donate a kidney; but no match was found. Still continuing to hope, Sergeant Neyland decided to hand out brochures to coworkers about becoming a living kidney donor.

Twenty one year old coworker and friend, Barbi Vavra who is a clerk at the Liberty County Sheriff's Department read one of those pamphlets and decided to get tested. She turned out to be a perfect match and agreed to donate one of her kidneys to Sergeant Neyland. The surgery took place yesterday, March 2nd, and the two are doing very well in recovery.

Texas might have lost a hero and friend to Liberty County. Instead because Barbi decided to share the "gift of life" Sergeant Neyland and now our great State has one more hero to look to. This gift is truly inspiring.

The State of Texas and our Nation is a better place because of people like Barbi Vavra and Don Neyland. I am honored to recognize Barbi and Don, true Texans, for their example of heroism and selflessness to each other and to their community.

HONORING MS. TINA HALLQUIST

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Tina Hallquist. Ms. Hallquist served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 13.

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. Ms. Hallquist served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her 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. Ms. Hallquist is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to her today.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

IN HONOR OF LAUREN O'CONNOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Lauren O'Connor who is driving across America to raise awareness and \$100,000 for Great Danes and animal rescues. Each year, millions of animals, mostly cats and dogs, are euthanized due to overpopulation and the lack of people willing to adopt them, at the same time that many animals are bred for the sole purpose of being bought and sold at pet stores.

Lauren, originally from Texas, went to college in West Virginia. She graduated with a degree in Public Relations. It was there that she met her Great Dane, Harley. Now 6, Harley is her traveling companion on this cross country journey.

Beginning on March 1st in New Jersey, Lauren, who resigned from her job at a Fortune 10 company in order to pursue her commitment to rescue dogs, will visit over 56 cities in her travels across the country, organizing events and benefits to raise money and educate people about Great Danes and rescue dogs. All of the proceeds that are raised will be donated to rescues and shelters around the country.

She is able to take on this worthy cause because of the kindness or her family and friends. In addition, complete strangers have been able to follow Lauren on her adventures through her Web site and her Twitter account.

Madam Speaker, Lauren O'Connor is venturing on an experience of a lifetime. Her trip across the country to raise awareness and money for rescue dogs is inspiring to us all and I would like to commend Lauren on her commitment to this very worthy cause.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to say goodbye to a friend.

New York City, and the rest of the world, lost a friend when Jack Murtha died.

Jack Murtha served his country in every possible way.

He served it in Vietnam as a Marine; he served in western Pennsylvania as a son, husband and father; and he served it for over 40 years in Harrisburg and in Washington, as a legislator's legislator.

He won respect for the honest, plainspoken, compassionate way he played all of these roles.

But to me, he played those roles like a brother.

He spoke often of the strong women in his family being essential to his success in life.

His great-grandmother, he once recalled, told him at age 6, "You're put on this Earth to make a difference."

Boy, did he ever.

He volunteered as a Marine, first in the 1950s during the Korean war.

He re-enlisted at age 34 and served in Vietnam—earning the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry.

He became the first Vietnam veteran to be elected to Congress, in a February 1974 special election, starting a legendary Washington career as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

When I came to this chamber for the first time, the "Pennsylvania Corner" was in full flower. We grew close and even though we didn't agree on everything, we worked together often—on issues ranging from breast cancer research funding to the Intrepid Museum on the Hudson.

When he decided that the Iraq war was unwinnable in 2005, he earned his stripes all over again, providing leadership on this crucial issue. He visited my district, and so many others, explaining how he came to his decision.

Madam Speaker, as a Congressman, Jack Murtha won respect in these halls and on this floor . . . but as a man, he earned our love. We will miss him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Joyce, and the entire Murtha family.

RECOGNIZING DAVE ANDERSON

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, this past August, Dave Anderson of Minnetonka was selected into the Multiple Sclerosis Society Volunteer Hall of Fame for Programs and Services. He has been serving as vice president of MSWorld, an organization whose goal is to be a national source of support and information for those living with MS. In addition, Dave founded the Brainerd Lakes Chapter of "Fishing Has No Boundaries," which provides people with MS a weekend of fishing and socializing. I would like to recognize Dave Anderson for his commitment to improving communication between those in the MS community, as well as for integrating social networking into the lives of people with multiple sclerosis.

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Mann County counsel Douglas Maloney who passed away on February 17, 2010 at his home in San Rafael, California. Serving on the legal frontlines of county government for more than three decades, Marin has greatly benefited from his unwavering dedication and skilled advocacy of the public's best interest.

Born in San Francisco in 1933, Mr. Maloney, a 50-year member of the California Bar Association, received his bachelor's degree from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California, and his law degree from

the University of San Francisco. A world traveler, voracious reader, exceptional public speaker, and a prolific writer, Doug Maloney loved life!

It was Doug Maloney who led the county's legal defense of the "Marin-only" provision in Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck's multi-million-dollar bequest. Maloney took on the San Francisco Foundation's challenge to spend the millions on needs beyond the county borders. With an outstanding legal team, he presented strong arguments upholding the Buck bequest and proving that, despite Marin's affluence, there were plenty of needs right in the county that could use financial assistance. The 1986 court-approved settlement transferred the Buck Trust to newly formed Marin Community Foundation to focus funds on research into aging, advocacy against alcohol abuse and research into educational issues. Had that battle been lost, Marin would be a far different place.

The legal engineer of land-use restrictions that saved West Marin from suburban sprawl, Maloney successfully defended the county's 1972 zoning restrictions designed to preserve and protect West Marin farmland and the ranching lifestyle. Challenged in 1989, Maloney won a federal court decision upholding the zoning restrictions and turning back a lawsuit by a Chicago landowner wanting to carve up his 561-acre Nicasio ranch. While we may take our open space and ranch lands for granted, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision, political courage and legal skill of Douglas Maloney.

A man of great personal integrity and not one to back away from a rousing legal argument, Doug was good humored and a passionate follower of film and stage. He enjoyed rewriting fashionable Broadway shows and stage musicals, putting on a Marin spin and political satire to benefit local causes, complete with titles like, "As the Candidate Turns," "Damn Yuppies" and "Caucus Line." A popular op-ed columnist for the Marin Independent Journal, readers enjoyed his musings and appreciated his skill at weaving literature, history, politics, opinion and the proverbial Marin angle into his biweekly essays.

Doug Maloney was a devoted husband and father. In addition to his sister, Marion Berger of Redding, California, Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Ellen Caulfield of San Rafael, Marin County, six children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Douglas Maloney will be missed by so many who shared in his work and vision. A man of letters and the law, he practiced what he preached. It is fitting to recognize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of Marin County and its residents. I join the many people who will miss Doug Maloney's inspiration, friendship, bright spirit, and clever quotes delivered with perfect timing and meaning.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer an explanation of the three votes I missed yesterday. March 2, 2010 marked not only Texas Independence Day, but also the 2010 Texas primary, and I

had previously committed to events in the district that forced me to miss my first three votes of the second session last night. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of the following rollcall votes:

Rollcall vote No. 75, on H. Res. 1072, Recognizing Louisiana State University for 150 years of service and excellence in higher education; rollcall vote No. 76, on H.R. 3820, the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009; and rollcall vote No. 77, on H. Res. 1097, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my friend, John Murtha.

John was an extraordinary man, patriot and Congressman. He served with distinction as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee where his knowledge and expertise on military issues was unparalleled. Our troops and veterans had no greater advocate than John Murtha and the country that he loved so dearly is better for his years of service.

His personal commitment to our troops was extraordinary. He visited our war zones to learn firsthand about the need on the ground and always made time to visit with our soldiers. No matter how busy he was, he would always ask me about my two sons who served as captains in the U.S. Army, and I knew that he genuinely cared, from the bottom of his heart.

We all know that Jack was a proud marine, and their motto 'Semper Fidelis,' was indeed the motto of his life.

Madam Speaker, I am a better Member of Congress for knowing John Murtha and Congress as a whole is richer for his many years of service. I am honored to call him colleague and friend, and I will dearly miss his strength, dedication and friendship. God bless you John and Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on Friday, February 26, 2010, I missed the last vote in a series of six votes. I missed rollcall vote No. 74.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 74: "yea" (On agreeing to H. Con. Res. 238).

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER IN HAITI

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join my colleagues today in recognizing the extraordinary American response to the earthquake that devastated Haiti on January 12, 2010. I am proud to support H. Res. 1048, H. Res. 1059, and H. Res. 1066. Each of these resolutions honors the courage and sacrifice of the Americans who rushed to aid the people of Haiti in their time of need.

The United States, with its swift and steadfast response, has once again demonstrated the common decency and compassion of its citizens. When the lives of our neighbors are at stake, Americans do not hesitate. In the first 10 days after the catastrophic earthquake—the worst to strike Haiti in 200 years—over 14,000 members of the Armed Forces, thousands of U.S. Army Reserve rescue workers, and hundreds of government and volunteer personnel were on the ground to provide immediate assistance to the Haitian people. While American search and rescue teams pulled survivors from the rubble, and Federal employees raced to distribute water, food, and medical supplies, the American public donated hundreds of millions of dollars to support relief efforts. Remarkably, a recent poll found that nearly half of American families had donated, even in the midst of this difficult economic recession.

As I express my gratitude today to every American that has taken part in the disaster response, it is not without a heavy heart. Haitians and the Haitian-American community have endured unspeakable loss, and the road to recovery will be long and difficult. America must continue to stand by Haiti and lead the international effort toward its recovery.

HONORING THE MARISCOTTI FAMILY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mariscotti family upon being honored by the Fresno Chapter of the California Restaurant Association with the Best of the Valley "Lifetime Achievement Award." The Mariscotti family will be honored on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the 2009 Best of the Valley Restaurant Awards at the Saroyan Theatre in Fresno, California.

Rasmeo Mariscotti came to America in 1905 with his parents, Angelo and Caroline, and his sister, Louisa. Entering the United States through Ellis Island, the Mariscotti family made their way to Louisiana and worked on a sugar plantation. Once the family satisfied their debt to the sugar company, they boarded a train and settled in Madera, California where they had family and friends waiting for them.

Upon arriving in Madera, Rasmeo began working at the Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Company. Later, he went to work on the Rob-

erts Ranch, where he met and married Pearl Pistoresi. Eventually, Rasmeo went into business with his cousin, opening a butchering business in Berenda; they butchered the meat and peddled it to the surrounding ranches. The butcher business grew from a meat market, into a grocery store and eventually to a gas station with an open-air soda stand. Once Prohibition ended, the open-air soda stand was transformed into a restaurant and the Mariscottis obtained a beer and wine sales license.

Rasmeo and Pearl had four children: Maybelle, Ethalae, Robert and Dino. With a growing family and a growing business, the Mariscottis were doing well. In 1947, the family hit a bump in the road when the State of California decided to develop Route 99 into a four-lane highway that cut directly through the town of Berenda. With the completion of the new highway, the city was gone. The Mariscottis decided to stay and build their next business, the Berenda Café.

After their son Robert returned from serving in the military, he began to work for his sister, Maybelle, and her husband at the Chowchilla Market. In 1953, Robert married Helen Hodina and they returned to the Berenda Café. The Berenda Café was operated by Rasmeo and Pearl until 1970 when Rasmeo passed away. After that, Robert and Helen continued operating the restaurant. Robert and Helen added a gift shop and renamed it the Berenda Ranch Restaurant.

In 1976, Highway 99 was expanded once again. With this alteration to the highway, the Berenda Restaurant gave way to progress. Robert and Helen continued the legacy of adaptation within the Mariscotti family and established the Vineyard Restaurant in Madera. In 1977 the Vineyard Restaurant opened its doors as a twenty-four hour diner, a comfort-food place that depended on traffic passing by on Highway 99. In 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Mariscotti added a bar and began to focus on lunch and dinner, with a priority of serving high-quality local food from local farms. The Vineyard Restaurant continues to operate by these principles.

Today, their son, Chris, carries on the family legacy in foodservice, running the family restaurant and continuing local philanthropic efforts with various organizations. The family hosted the "Giving Tree" program through the Madera Christmas Basket. They are also involved in the Kampus Kettle program, the Madera Chamber of Commerce. Chris Mariscotti has co-founded the local chapter of Slow Food International, Slow Food Madera. The Mariscotti family has been awarded the Crystal Tower Award from the Madera Compact, and the Vineyard Restaurant has been recognized by Spectator Magazine as one of the top restaurants in the Central Valley's wine-growing region and was featured by Via Magazine as one of the highlights of a trip down Highway 99.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Mariscotti family for their hard work, commitment to community, leadership, and their tradition of success in business. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Mariscotti family many years of continued success.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and loyal public servant, the Honorable John Murtha. He was a strong voice for the constituents in the 12th District of Pennsylvania and honorably served as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

I, like so many of my colleagues, am blessed to have known Mr. Murtha on a professional and personal level. It is no surprise that Mr. Murtha will be remembered as such an effective legislator. Given his proud service in the Marine Corps and passionate devotion for the greater good of our nation, Mr. Murtha consistently served as a moral compass for the U.S. Congress.

About a year and a half after the Iraq War started, many wounded soldiers were transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Mr. Murtha visited these soldiers and witnessed the horrific wounds they were suffering with, such as losing a limb or losing complete eyesight. Mr. Murtha invited the veterans staying at Walter Reed, their families and members of Congress to a restaurant meal where he wanted the members to hear the stories of these courageous veterans. He wanted the veterans to express how they became wounded and what they believed Congress could do to help make sure our American soldiers were safe. Through legislation and appropriations funding, the stories from our veterans helped Congress push the military to improve their equipment. Humvee's and protective vests were improved to keep our soldiers safe from roadside bombs and other forms of hostility.

In all his years as an appropriator and legislator, he has always advocated for the safety of our military and has fought to improve the quality of life for American soldiers and their families. It was typical of Mr. Murtha to be modest about all of the care he showed the soldiers and veterans in times of war. After learning of the unacceptable conditions veterans were subjected to at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Mr. Murtha immediately reached out to Members of Congress. He knew it was our country's responsibility to bring justice to our nation's wounded soldiers by ensuring that they received the proper medical care they deserved.

I extend my deepest condolences to his family, loved ones and friends. Mr. Murtha will be remembered as a man of honor, generosity and strength. His unfaltering dedication and care is what made him such an extraordinary person. It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to a great man and friend. I will miss him dearly. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for his longtime service and leadership as a U.S. Representative.

HONORING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FIRE RESCUE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and offer my sincerest thanks to the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue team, specifically the Urban Search and Rescue branch, for their heroic efforts in aiding the relief work in Haiti.

Within hours of learning that a magnitude 7.0 earthquake had struck, Division Chief Dave Downey had organized a task force of 80 strong to respond. With minimal preliminary information, Chief Downey's task force began to mobilize immediately after the earthquake struck on January 12. Having responded to domestic disasters in the past including Hurricane Opal, the World Trade Center and Hurricane Katrina, Chief Downey's Florida Task Force 1 was well equipped to help the devastated town of Port-au-Prince.

Overcoming logistical difficulties such as the transportation of nearly 100 search and rescue personnel as well as their 62,000-pound equipment, the efforts of Florida Task Force 1 resulted in the largest number of survivors ever rescued in history. Rescuing their first victim almost 24 hours before their equipment had even arrived, we should all be proud of Chief Downey's team and the devotion they showed in executing a successful rescue mission.

In Chief Downey's own words, "The breadth of this disaster was overwhelming." With a full view of the destruction, Florida Task Force 1 was forced to overcome countless challenges. With no Internet access or pre-established GPS formats, the task force had no other option but to plan their mission using old tourist maps for the first few—and most chaotic—days. Risking their own lives to save others, the courage and dedication of Florida Task Force 1 is truly an example to us all. Confronted with their greatest enemy—time—I commend the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue team for their quick and selfless response to the crisis in Haiti.

At this time, I would like to submit the names of each individual that made up the courageous Florida Task Force 1:

Alvarado, Patricio; Alvarez, Andres; Baker, Robert; Bell, Raymond; Borz, Ronald; Bramblett, Colette; Bustamante, Miguel; Caballero, Derrick; Canfield, Michael; Capote, Ernesto; Catapano, Kristian; Chung, Richard; Cooper, Rhaldal; Cuminale, Michael; Dombrowski, Lawrence; Downey, David; Driscoll, Stephen; Fernandez, Jorge; Fernandez, Louie; Ferraro, John.

Fregeolle, Gary; Garcia, Frank; Garcia-Menocal, Jose; Gelabert, Brian; Gelabert, Manuel; Gimenez, Carlos; Gonzalez, Mario; Gonzalez, Orlando; Gonzalez, Ralph; Hale, Marc; Hall, Richard; Herrera, Ernesto; Hook, Andrew; Hooten, Chad; Jacobs, Edan; Jenkins, Millard; Lefur, Rachele; Licea, William; Machado, Andres; Major, Malcolm.

Mardice, Yves; Marks, Michael; Matos, Janice; McLellan, Gregory; Moise, Rudolph; Mullin, Scott; Neetz, Jacqueline; Oldfield, Jeffrey; Oldfield, Monica; Parker, Pamela; Paternoster, Brandy; Paul-Noel, Karls; Pellon, Alejandro; Perez, Alberto; Perla, Marcelo; Perry, Alan; Post, Brandon; Pozo, Rafael; Ramos, Sergio; Richard, Stacy.

Rodriguez, Jairo; Rodriguez, Pedro; Rouse, Jeffrey; Santana, Luis; Selts, Jack; Smithies, John; Steele, Michelle; Strickland, Gregory; Strickland, Jeffrey; Strull, Michael; Sullivan, Robert; Tonanez, Alvaro; Trim, Anthony; Vaughan, Ray; Wasilkowski, Justin; Webb, Brandon; Whu, Danny; Williams, Kenneth; Wood, Hilda; Yetter, Michael.

As a result of these individuals' inspiring work in Haiti, countless lives have been saved and many more have been assisted. Their selfless mission and sense of commitment is a testament to our Nation's highest principles. As Americans, we cannot thank them enough for the work they have done both at home and abroad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 26, 2010, on rollcall No. 71 (Schauer of Michigan amendment), I inadvertently voted "no" when I had intended to vote "aye."

RECOGNIZING CHRISTI MINISTER

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Christi Minister of Eden Prairie. She received the national Catholic Charities USA "Keep the Dream Alive" award on Martin Luther King Day. Catholic Charities, which Christi had been a part of for more than 25 years, has worked to acknowledge those who give their time and energy to reducing poverty, supporting families and empowering communities. This award, created this year, honors those who have made community service an integral part of their lives. Christi believes focusing on education for all gives everyone an opportunity to experience the American dream. I would like to thank Christi Minister for her commitment to helping others, and for "keeping the dream alive."

HONORING PAUL MASIH DAS,
INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
FINALIST

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Paul Masih Das and congratulate him as a finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2010. The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science competition for high school seniors. Paul is one of only 40 finalists nationwide.

Paul's project, "A Novel Chemical Synthesis for >1 MUm 2 Graphene Sheets," synthesized single-layer graphene (a sheet of carbon that's as thick as a single atom) using a relatively

quick, easy and inexpensive method that he developed.

As a student at Lawrence High School, Paul participates in numerous activities and clubs. As a member of Young Ambassadors of America, Paul has represented the United States on cultural tours of Japan, Spain and Italy. In addition, he plays on the school's tennis team, is captain of the math team and is a member of the chess club. Paul is also an award-winning musician and manages the chamber orchestra. As a senior member of the Education and Labor Committee, I am truly impressed by Paul's accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations to Paul Masih Das and commend his dedication to education and science.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the accomplishments of Congressman John Murtha who passed away on February 8, 2010.

America lost a great patriot with the passing of Congressman Murtha, and I join the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District and countless other Americans in mourning his death. As a veteran, he never forgot the needs of our military and through his leadership as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he made sure that our military had the tools it needed to secure America's future. A frequent visitor to injured troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center, Congressman Murtha deeply understood the sacrifices that these men and women made for our country. His ability to empathize with our servicemembers and veterans was absolutely remarkable, and I will deeply miss his leadership in Congress.

Madam Speaker, today I join my fellow colleagues in mourning the death of Congressman Murtha who spent his life serving our country in both the military and the halls of Congress.

HONORING THE PEACE CORPS FOR 49 YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, since President John F. Kennedy announced his vision for an American volunteer service, the Peace Corps has made extraordinary contributions to millions of people across the globe. It plays an ongoing role in encouraging mutual understanding and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures.

In the 49 years since its inception, nearly 200,000 Americans—including my son Paul—

have served in 139 countries across five continents. These volunteers have provided lasting contributions to the agriculture, economy, technology, education, health, youth, and environment in areas of the world that require it most.

In the course of their service, Peace Corps Volunteers learn new languages, gain international experience, and develop an understanding of other cultures. Their work and the skills they develop strengthen our ties to the global community and enhance our positive image abroad.

Because of these achievements and its commitment to volunteerism, the Peace Corps is one of the most cost-effective foreign policy initiatives employed by our nation.

I've proudly supported the Peace Corps throughout my time in Congress. I've fought to increase recruitment of volunteers, develop training programs in education and AIDS prevention, and to help returning volunteers with student loans. Most recently, I voted for and Congress passed an increased investment in the Peace Corps, allowing the creation of new programs in Indonesia and Sierra Leone this year.

On this 49th anniversary of its founding, I applaud the Peace Corps for its important work and honor its volunteers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 75, 76, and 77, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 49th anniversary of the Peace Corps and to commemorate Peace Corps Week.

Volunteers of the Peace Corps have served valiantly since President John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to work towards the cause of peace. Since its creation on March 1, 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have answered that call to contribute and improve Americans' understanding of other peoples and other peoples' understanding of Americans. At a time when extremist philosophies are increasing throughout the world, we need these dedicated individuals more than ever.

Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the 6,671 Peace Corps volunteers, including 153 volunteers from the State of Georgia, who are currently working to provide expertise and developmental assistance to 76 countries. These volunteers are dedicating themselves each day to the vision of President Kennedy. These individuals share their time and talents by serving as teachers, business advisors, HIV/AIDS educators, as well as sharing their knowledge of information technology, agriculture, the environment, and health.

On this anniversary I would like to acknowledge Jonathan Lewis, who is a prime example of a volunteer who is working to accomplish the goals of Peace Corps. Jonathan has been working in Kazakhstan this past year to organize the first official youth developmental group in the country, focusing on leadership, work ethics, and healthy lifestyles. At night he volunteers his time teaching English and American culture to students in schools and libraries around the country. Jonathan's efforts and all the Volunteers represent the caring spirit that runs deep in our country.

Today I honor the Peace Corps and its brave volunteers for their service to our nation and to the international community. In our ever-shrinking world, the mission of the Peace Corps is more vital than ever. I hope that each one of my distinguished colleagues will join me in commending these men and women for their service.

HONORING THE REVEREND CEDRIC HUGHES JONES, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Cedric Hughes Jones, Jr. I congratulate Reverend Jones on his installation as the newest Pastor to the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Reverend Jones will be the fourth Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church. He is excited to begin a new chapter of its history and will continue to support the church's major community outreach efforts. I am confident that Reverend Jones will carry on the outstanding legacy of community service shared by the previous Mount Zion Baptist Church pastors.

The Mount Zion Baptist Church is excited to welcome Reverend Jones into their community, and is confident that Reverend Jones will continue the church's mission and further build up their place within the surrounding community. The church has a long history of support for and outreach to their community. In providing meals, housing and clothing, as well as scholarship funds and other financial assistance, the Mount Zion Baptist Church has helped those in their community in the most need of help.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking the Mount Zion Baptist Church and Reverend Jones for their work in bettering their community, and congratulate Reverend Jones on the occasion of his installment as Pastor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 75, 76, and 77; H. Res. 1072, H.R. 3820, H. Res. 1097, I missed these votes because car trouble caused me to miss my flight. On the next flight, because of heavy traffic, I missed these votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all.

HONORING TERRY MINOR

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent Terry Minor. Mr. Minor and his business, Cumberland International Trucks, have received the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009, the highest honor a dealer principal can receive.

Cumberland International Trucks is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, where it was founded more than 60 years ago. Terry became a dealer principal in 2007 and currently employs 87 people. The Circle of Excellence Award, awarded by Navistar, recognizes truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance.

Before becoming a dealer, Terry worked for Cumberland International in a number of key positions, including regional manager for parts, national account manager for Ryder truck sales, and vice president of sales for the Southwest Region. He is active in a number of industry groups, including the American Truck Dealers, the Used Truck Association, and the National Automotive Dealers Association. He is heavily involved with the Tennessee Trucking Association, where he serves on the board of directors. In addition, Terry is very active in community service, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Brentwood Baptist Church. Terry has been married to his wife Kristen for 20 years. He actively supports Ravenwood High School sports teams, including his daughter Calleigh's volleyball and lacrosse teams and his son Taylor's rugby team. He is also a veteran of the 2nd Battalion, 66th Armored Division of the U.S. Army out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Terry's dedication, strong work ethic, and community participation make him not only a great representative of Tennessee's values, but our Nation's values as well. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Terry Minor for this honor and for his many contributions to Tennessee and our country.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to honor the Peace Corps during this National Peace Corps Week.

On March 1, 2010 the Peace Corps celebrated its 49th anniversary. It is with the historic contributions of this organization in mind, that I proudly acknowledge the important work of nearly two hundred thousand Peace Corps volunteers since the agency's inception in 1961.

California has been and continues to be the largest producer of Peace Corps volunteers with 792 people currently serving abroad.

I am proud to report that my home District, California's 9th Congressional District, can be called home by 25 current volunteers who have committed themselves to the Peace Corps mission of world peace and friendship through service.

Through volunteer work abroad in fields including health education, food security, local business development, education about HIV/AIDS, and agricultural and environmental improvement, the work of the Peace Corps improves people's lives while enhancing the credibility of the United States abroad, fostering the exchange of ideas, and uniting cultures around values of peace, tolerance, and prosperity.

That is why I have introduced H.R. 336, which calls for the introduction of a semi-postal Peace stamp, which will sell at a slightly higher rate than the normal 44 cents to create additional revenues for the Peace Corps.

In the wake of the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, we are reminded of the power of the international community to assist and empower those who are in need.

During National Peace Corps Week, we salute past and present Volunteers who selflessly serve abroad in support of these ideals.

HONORING THE WORK OF VFW
POST 8946

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the work of VFW Post 8946 in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey for their selfless and inspiring deeds towards their fellow citizens. For the past few years this group of extraordinary individuals has been traveling to the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. as well as the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. During their trips the members of the Post have spent time with wounded veterans and their families. They have brought items such as clothing, CD players, electric shavers and even a large TV for the recreation room.

After one of their more recent visits to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, William Huston, a member of the Post, told a local reporter that, "these young men have a remarkable attitude, we cannot properly express the admiration we have for them." It is this sense of genuine commitment towards helping those who have given so much to our nation that makes this Post unique in many ways.

As I reflect on the deeds they have done I cannot help but be reminded of the enduring words from President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address. Lincoln challenged his fellow Americans to "care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." The men of this Post are a living testament to these words.

I want to once again thank this group of exceptional men for their service towards their fellow citizens. I am proud to represent such a fine group of people in the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING CALHOUN HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Calhoun High School and want to congratulate the students, faculty, and staff on their achievements thus far this year.

Principal Wanda Westmoreland, a 17-year Calhoun veteran, has told me that Calhoun's victories in the athletic arena are a direct result of academic achievements in the classroom. Principal Westmoreland leads by example and will be greatly missed when she retires at the end of this school term. Her leadership is one of the reasons Calhoun was listed as one of America's top schools by the U.S. News and World report. Additionally, Calhoun's One Act Plays were the regional champions this year and placed third overall in the state of Georgia.

On the athletic side, I'd like to recognize the following Yellow Jacket teams for their achievements this year: Varsity Football, runner-up in the State Championships and nine time Regional Champions; Competition Cheerleading, the three time State Champions; and, Calhoun wrestler—Hunter Knight—who won a state championship this year.

Congratulations to Calhoun High School for their accomplishments on and off the field this year. Keep up the great work and go Jackets!

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my great friend and our dear colleague, John Murtha. America has lost a true hero and patriot and the United States Congress has lost a giant. Madam Speaker, I submit for the record Keith Burris' column from the Journal Inquirer. The Journal Inquirer is a newspaper serving my home district and is the hometown voice of northern central Connecticut. Keith's words capture the essence of John Murtha, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the life of this humble man, dear friend and great American.

[From the Journal Inquirer, Feb. 13, 2010]

MUCH MAN

(By Keith C. Burris)

In roughly 30 years in journalism I have met many politicians. In the beginning, this was exciting. But after a while, you realize that most of them are persons of exceptional ambition, not exceptional conviction, skill, or patriotism. Most people in politics are not very interesting.

But a couple years ago, U.S. Rep. John Larson, himself an exception to the rule, brought to the Journal Inquirer Rep. John Murtha, of Pennsylvania. Murtha's back and forth with editors and reporters here made for one of the most fascinating hours of conversation I can remember.

Murtha died this week at 77, of a medical mistake.

There aren't many like him in Congress. There never were.

First of all, Murtha, an ex-Marine officer, was not the sort of fellow who needed a "handler" or a "focus group" to calculate the political tides. Instead he used three ancient tools—his mind, and his conscience.

As a fine essay, reprinted from Politico on these pages, documented, Murtha was famous for the Washington rituals he did not observe. When asked a question, he answered it. He did not hang with lobbyists or flacks. He did not go to parties, but got up early and went to bed early. (According to Politico, he would sometimes go home in the afternoon to listen to the BBC to get a fresh slant on U.S. foreign policy.) He did not court TV people or the Washington Post, and didn't particularly know or care who those people were.

And he didn't back down.

He wasn't always right. And he knew that. He had the courage to change his mind.

But he was, as the saying goes, a "stand-up guy." You could not blow him down with a poll or a David Broder column.

Murtha had the understated self-confidence that the rare greats in politics have. I met Mike Mansfield, briefly, once, and you felt it from him. Ditto John Stennis. I am sure that Eisenhower had it. And maybe Ella Grasso. I know I have seen and felt it in the presence of Eugene McCarthy, Ernest Hollings, and John Glenn. Some public men seem to shed their vanity as the years accumulate and they settle into their work. They begin to internalize their love of country. Instead of politics being more and more about them, it becomes more and more about service. And they go about their work with concentration and power, but minimal fuss. You felt that with Murtha. There was no posturing in the man. He looked you dead in the eye and he told you what he thought was true and needed doing.

Murtha was much in the news when he came to see us. He was known as the military's greatest friend in Congress and he had just come out for withdrawal from Iraq. I recall him as a big man in a dark blue suit. His hands were the hands of a working man. He might have been a machinist or a farmer instead of a soldier and statesman. Someone here snickered the other day that western Pennsylvania, from whence Murtha came, was "not really Pennsylvania, but Ohio." It's true in the sense that Murtha was from a hardscrabble world where people are still close to land and labor and where hard work and professionalism are what matter, not pretense, not birthright, not wealth or college degrees. It does not matter if you have a family name and an MBA from Harvard. If you want to invade Iraq, you better study the history of Iraq.

Yeah, Murtha was against abortion and for the Second Amendment and he was born in West Virginia and he owned a car wash before he got into politics. But that old Vietnam veteran could set Condoleezza Rice's head spinning and he took no guff from right-wing no-nothings. If we had 50 "Ohioans" like John Murtha in the House we would have health-insurance reform today.

Murtha liked fellow pros. But pros who were rooted in something. He got on well with the first George Bush and not at all with the second. He thought Donald Rumsfeld was nuts and Robert Gates a great man. He was a protégé of Tip O'Neill's and practiced O'Neill's adage that all politics is local (Murtha never got over the old and honorable idea that a congressman's first job is to provide for his constituents), but Murtha trusted Rahm Emanuel about as far as he could throw him.

Murtha spent his spare time visiting wounded soldiers at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed. He did not take cameramen with him. When he traveled to Iraq, it was not a junket or a photo-op. He would tell the generals and ambassadors, "no PowerPoint," none of that stuff. Just talk to me, he would say, and tell me what is going on. And then he would go visit with the sergeants and the specialists. He took Larson under his wing, and to Iraq, early in Larson's congressional career because "he goes home at the end of the day and studies the CIA briefing books."

Murtha did not love the military as a concept, but as people. Public servants like himself. His work for them in Congress was like his work for the citizens of the 12th District of Pennsylvania. He had a job to do. He was supposed to take care of his people.

He was much man, John Murtha.

What a loss to the Congress and the country.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,519,423,725,485.39.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,869,110,716,567.24 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$11,887,262,624.26 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

TRIBUTE TO KENT M. RONHOVDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with you the life and mourn the death of a remarkable public servant who dedicated his career to serving the United States Congress. Mr. Kent M. Ronhovde died on February 19 after a valiant struggle with cancer. Kent worked for 36 years at the Congressional Research Service, starting as an entry-level attorney right after law school and rising to senior management positions in the Service.

At the time of his death, Kent was Associate Director for Congressional Affairs and Counselor to the Director. In that capacity and for the last 7 years, he was the liaison between CRS and its oversight committees in the House and Senate ensuring that CRS and its congressional overseers remained in communication over the critical issues facing the Service. Regardless of changes in congressional and committee leadership, Kent ensured that there were no changes in CRS's commitment to its core values of confidentiality, authoritativeness, non-partisanship and objectivity.

This commitment to CRS values manifested itself in Mr. Ronhovde's other duties. He

oversaw the Review Office, where all CRS products are reviewed for consistency with the dictates of objectivity, non-advocacy and non-partisanship. Kent and his office also counseled CRS employees and managers on the delicate questions surrounding outside speaking and writing and compliance with CRS and Library of Congress regulations and policies designed to ensure that all CRS staff maintain the ability to be seen as impartial and objective in their work for Congress. These are questions whose sensitivity is matched by their importance to CRS and to the Congress. Kent understood well the absolute necessity of CRS maintaining its reputation for objectivity. Whether reviewing a report or memo, determining the propriety of an outside activity of a CRS staff member or advising the Director of CRS on a policy question, Kent exercised the good judgment and discretion demanded by such sensitive questions, questions with potentially profound consequences for the institution.

Mr. Ronhovde's devotion to CRS' mission to serve Congress and commitment to its values infused his entire career. He joined CRS' American Law Division after graduation from Georgetown Law School in 1974, law school having been interrupted by service in Vietnam as an intelligence officer. In the American Law Division, Kent rose through the attorney ranks, became a section head in 1985 and Assistant Chief of the division in 1986. During this time, he also earned a Masters of Public Administration from American University. Kent became a senior manager in the CRS Director's Office in 1996 and assumed his latest position in 2003. His portfolio in that position—in addition to the committee liaison and policy compliance responsibilities I recounted above—touched on the most important and consequential issues facing CRS. Director Daniel P. Mulholland stated that "Kent provided exceptional service to the Congress and to CRS. Colleagues throughout the Library and CRS admired his careful and deliberate judgment, his insightful examination of the question at hand and his sense of equanimity and balance. The Service and I could not have had a better counsel."

CRS and the Congress have lost a wise and devoted public servant. We extend our deepest sympathies to Kent's wife, Juliet, daughters Kristin and Brooke and their families and to all his friends and colleagues in CRS.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF FRANKIE DRAYTON THOMAS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and achievements of my dear friend Frankie Drayton Thomas, who died on February 27, 2010, in West Palm Beach, Florida from a sudden heart attack. She was 81 years old. My thoughts and prayers go out to her son, James Thomas of New Carrollton, Maryland; daughter, local attorney Lola Mosley; sister, Lillie B. Drayton; brother, James Drayton; and the rest of her family and friends at this most difficult time.

Frankie Drayton Thomas, known to all as "Frankie," was born in West Palm Beach, Florida to Iola and Frank Drayton in May of 1928. She attended public schools and graduated from Industrial High School as an honor student in 1946. In 1950, Frankie graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

A pioneer in her own right, Frankie became the first black college-trained social worker hired by the State of Florida's Department of Public Welfare. In the 1960s, she helped improve the lives of the less fortunate as a social worker in Washington State and, later, the Glades community. After years of hard work and dedicated service, Frankie rose to an administrative position in the Florida Department of Family and Youth Services. She retired from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative services as Director of Resource Development and Volunteer Services in 1995.

Frankie was a "Renaissance woman," also devoting herself to many political, social, and family endeavors. In June 1951, she and her good friend Gwendolyn Baker Rodgers co-founded Charmettes, Inc., an international organization 19-chapters-strong that unites women in the name of community strength. One of the many projects and services that she initiated as 1st Executive Director of the Charmettes is the annual contribution to the Howard University Cancer Research Center. From 1981 to present, the Charmettes have contributed nearly \$350,000 dollars to this effort.

Furthermore, Frankie was the founding president of the Northwest Democratic Club in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Urban League and the Board of Directors of Southeast Hospice. In fact, she was the first African-American female in the country to head a Hospice Board of Directors and also served on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of America. Frankie was also a member of Delta Sigma Theta and served as a Parliamentarian of the Broward County Chapter.

Well-known for her political savvy, she organized and executed many political forums and helped to elect many candidates to office, including myself, as well as most of the Broward County Commissioners and school board members, Governor Bob Graham, Sheriff Ken Jenne, Attorney General Bob Butterworth, and President Bill Clinton.

Madam Speaker, Frankie was a social worker, public servant, community leader, activist, mentor, and philanthropist. Above all, however, she was a beautiful person whose compassion and spirit touched countless lives. A great voice for humankind has been lost. Frankie was my friend and she will be missed dearly.

CONGRATULATING ZACH STRIEF
OF THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zach Strief of the Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints. Zach

grew up in Milford, Ohio and—despite being too big to play pee wee football and an unfulfilling first practice in high school—was recently named to the Milford High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Zach went on to attend college at Northwestern University where he was a three-year starter. He was selected as a first-team All-American after his senior season. In 2006, Zach was selected in the seventh round of the National Football League Draft by the New Orleans Saints. Now, in his fourth season with the Saints, Zach is an important part of the Super Bowl champions.

Citizens of Ohio's Second Congressional District are certainly proud of Zach's athletic accomplishments. However, I am more impressed with his actions off the field. Recognizing a need to keep children active and wanting to give back to the community, he formed the Zach Strief Dream Big Foundation with the help of his parents, Doug and Cathy. Through this charity, Zach and his new wife have become important contributors to the rebuilding of the New Orleans community—and he has not forgotten his hometown. The Zach Strief Dream Big Foundation has focused on after school activities for children in New Orleans. And in Zach's hometown of Milford, the foundation has donated football equipment and uniforms as well as provided scholarships for children. Each summer, Zach returns to Milford High School and conducts a youth football camp that benefits his foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Zach Strief for his many noteworthy accomplishments both on and off the football field. Zach is truly an inspiring leader and Ohio's Second Congressional District is proud that he is one of our own.

RECOGNIZING TONY BELL OF
HARVEYVILLE, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Bell of Harveyville in the "Big First" Congressional District of Kansas. Tony has been selected as a "Great Comebacks Recipient" for the central region of the United States. He has been selected for this honor because of his perseverance and determination in the face of medical and physical challenges. Each year, the Great Comebacks program celebrates a group of individuals who are living with intestinal diseases or recovering from ostomy surgery.

Tony is one of over 700,000 Americans who have an ostomy, a surgical procedure that reconstructs bowel and bladder function through the use of a specially fitted medical prosthesis. Many Americans suffering from Crohn's or ulcerative colitis rely on a certain type of ostomy to function on a daily basis. Just like a prosthesis, ostomies help restore patients' ability to participate in the normal activity of daily life.

The Great Comeback Awards program raises awareness of quality-of-life issues for people with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, colorectal cancer, and other diseases that can lead to ostomy surgery. While ostomy surgery is a procedure that can be life saving, it is also life-changing for these patients. The spirit and

courage with which a patient embraces life after ostomy surgery is what the Great Comebacks program celebrates.

Born with a defect of his colon, Tony Bell received an ostomy after birth. The ostomy was reversed a few years later, but Tony received a permanent colostomy at 9 years of age. Following this procedure, Tony was ready to saddle up and grab life by the horns and he embraced a bright future—one he hoped would include a career as a professional bull rider from Kansas. He wasted no time, mounting his first bull at the age of 10. As Tony trained for rodeo events, he also pursued his love of music. In fact, as a high school senior, he was chosen to join the elite Kansas Ambassadors choir on a European tour.

While attending college on a singing scholarship, Tony entered the pro rodeo circuit and competed professionally for two years, even riding in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, known as "Daddy of 'em All." Having achieved this childhood dream, Tony has set his sights on a new goal, following in his parents footsteps to become a teacher.

Throughout his life, Tony says he drew tremendous strength from his parents, who taught him to be resilient and to bounce back from whatever life throws your way. He also credits his "second family," Youth Rally, a summer camp for adolescents with an ostomy, for helping him through some rough patches in his life. He now returns to Youth Rally each summer as a counselor and enjoys providing support and encouragement to campers.

Today, Tony is 28 and lives in Harveyville, Kansas with his wife Pam and six-year-old stepdaughter Haiden. He works on the family farm and is just a few credits shy of his special education teaching degree. Tony continues to channel his musical talents by performing in a barbershop quartet with his father. An outdoor enthusiast, he enjoys skydiving and noodling (fishing for catfish with your bare hands). Tony wants to share his story of success so that others with life-changing conditions know that they are not alone and can achieve their goals with hard work, determination, and perseverance. I commend Tony on his efforts and will to help others and I congratulate him on being selected as a Great Comebacks Recipient.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2009

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2314, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009. This act recognizes the past injustices suffered by native populations, and with this act the United States can begin to move forward with a more positive government-to-government relationship.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have the right to govern their own affairs and determine their membership. Native Hawaiians should also have the right to self-governance and self-determination.

H.R. 2314 establishes a process for federal recognition of one Native Hawaiian governing entity and authorizes negotiations between the

state of Hawaii, the U.S. government, and the new entity on future issues. It begins to reconcile the past injustices suffered by native populations and allows us to move forward with a more positive relationship.

Opponents of this bill attempt to argue that Congress is creating race-based governments. Clearly, they fail to understand the sovereignty of tribal nations. H.R. 2314 is not based on racial status, rather a political status that has existed for centuries. The bill does not exempt the governing entity from the U.S. Constitution, from federal law or from taxation. It does not transfer land or establish gaming or authorize secession. It simply and formally recognizes the sovereignty of Native Hawaiians, which should have happened a long time ago.

In the 110th Congress, I voted for a similar bill (H.R. 505) that passed the House with bipartisan support on October 24, 2007, but was never considered by the Senate.

As a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2314, and I urge the Senate to pass this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JUDY SODERBERG

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Judy Soderberg of Minnetonka, who was introduced into the 2009 Multiple Sclerosis Society Health Professionals Hall of Fame. Judy received this honor for nearly three decades of passionate work on behalf of those with MS, which included her work to help launch a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive MS center. The National MS Society recently acknowledged Judy as "a leading advocate for the MS community, Judy empowers people touched by the disease to be their own advocates." I would like to thank Judy Soderberg for her commitment to bettering the MS community.

RECOGNIZING LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of LSU and its many achievements over the last 150 years.

As a graduate of LSU medical school, I can attest to the excellence and professionalism of the faculty and to the spirited campus atmosphere that is rivaled by few in the world.

LSU continues capturing the hearts of its students just as it was since it first opened its doors in 1860. It is a place with a unique culture, rich in tradition and quality. Originally serving as a war college, LSU has grown into the flagship university of Louisiana.

Through its seven institutions of higher learning, as well as its distinguished faculty, LSU prepares countless students for the careers of distinction in Louisiana and around the world. LSU also celebrates a number of athletic achievements, including football, base-

ball, and track and field national championships.

In addition to its academic and athletic successes, the LSU system goes above and beyond to serve the people of Louisiana. From its tireless efforts in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes to its various community outreach programs, LSU makes a great deal of difference in the many communities it serves.

Throughout the years, LSU has persevered to become one of the leading educational institutions in the country. It continues to uphold excellence at every level and sets a very worthy goal of reaching the upper level of national prominence by the end of 2010.

It is my pleasure to recognize Louisiana State University and join with the thousands of current students and alumni to celebrate 150 years of excellence. *Geaux Tigers!*

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. LINKWOOD WILLIAMS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of physician Linkwood Williams, a famed Tuskegee Flight instructor and Memphis physician. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert and Bessie McNeal Williams on August 29, 1918 in Bonita, Louisiana. At the age of three, he and his family moved to Madison, Illinois where he attended school through the twelfth grade, then worked with his father at a local steel mill.

Having encouragement from his father to pursue higher education, Dr. Williams applied and was accepted to study industrial arts at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, which was one of six colleges where pilot training was offered and the only facility in the country for training black military pilots. After two years of studying, he decided to pursue full-time training in the Civilian Pilots Training Program, a program that would prepare him to quickly adapt to military aviation in the event of a national emergency. Successfully progressing through all Civilian Pilots Training courses, Dr. Williams became part of the Tuskegee Experience and went on to train many of the 450 pilots who served in the 332nd Fighter Group. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first combat group of African American pilots and flew with distinction during World War II.

At the end of the war, Dr. Williams married Katie Whitney, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and became the third African-American to join the carpenters union. He later enrolled at Western Reserve University to complete the required pre-med courses for acceptance into medical school. Afterwards, he applied to and was accepted to Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. During the third year of his residency, he was hired as a part-time instructor to teach Air Force ROTC cadets at Tennessee State University.

After completing his residency, Dr. Linkwood Williams moved to Memphis, Tennessee and began his OB-GYN practice, becoming the first African American OB-GYN in the city. He worked for 31 years until his retirement in 1995.

Dr. Linkwood Williams was a member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Center, where

he served in the Community Outreach Group, the American Medical Association, The Memphians, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi (Delta). Dr. Linkwood Williams passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, February 20, 2010 and was laid to rest on Saturday, February 27, 2010. He was 91 years old. Dr. Williams truly left his mark on the world through his service to the citizens of Memphis, Tennessee. We are grateful to have had the pleasure of his dedication and perseverance in the community.

REMEMBERING FRANK SARRIS

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania lost an icon when Frank Sarris, founder of Sarris Candies, passed away Monday. A half century ago when Frank presented his sweetheart Athena with a box of chocolates, a loving Greek-American family and a chocolate empire were born.

After giving Athena the chocolates, Frank kept thinking he could make a tastier product. He went to work in the basement of his Canonsburg home cooking up sweet desserts for friends and family. Word quickly spread of Frank's delicious concoctions. To keep up with the demand, Frank had to quit his day job as a forklift operator.

Once the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania tasted Sarris Candies, their collective sweet tooth could not be satisfied. Frank moved out of his basement and opened a shop next to his home. Eventually, he tore down his home, built a bigger chocolate factory, and moved into an apartment above it. As his chocolate delectables grew in popularity, Frank soon became known as "Candy Man" throughout Canonsburg and beyond.

The only son of Greek immigrants, Frank used his success to give back to the community. If there was a charitable event in Canonsburg, Frank could be counted on to donate chocolate or financial support. Children all across Pennsylvania sell Sarris Candies to raise money for school, sports, and clubs. And one does not have to travel far to find evidence of Frank's philanthropy. His legacy includes the Frank Sarris Outpatient Clinic to care for organ transplant patients, the Sarris Clinical Endowment to fund science research, and the Frank Sarris Public Library. In one way or another, Frank has touched the life of every person in Canonsburg.

Generations of Southwestern Pennsylvanians have tasted and loved Sarris Candies. Today, parents who grew up on Sarris Candies take their children to the Sarris Chocolate Factory and Ice Cream Parlour. You can see the eyes of each child light up when the homemade ice cream covered with Sarris toppings is placed before them. At that moment, each parent remembers what it is like to be a kid again.

Frank will be missed, but his memory will live on every time a person takes a bite from a Sarris candy bar or a small child walks in to the Ice Cream Parlour for the first time to order a sundae. Sweet dreams, Frank.

OBSTETRIC FISTULAS—INTL.
WOMEN'S DAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw our attention to a worldwide problem we could do much more to resolve: obstetric fistulas. Imagine you are 13 years old. You are married against your will to a much older man

and become pregnant. When the baby is due, you have no medical care. Your body is too small. The baby gets stuck. You nearly die.

But instead, you wake up to learn that it is your baby who has died, and you now have a fistula—a hole caused by the days of prolonged labor and resulting rotting away of internal tissue. You are incontinent and cannot walk. You are shunned by your husband and your village. It is hard to imagine being so alone.

But this is the real story of Mahabouba, a young girl in Ethiopia. And an estimated 2 million women like her suffer from obstetric fis-

tulas—though we need much better data on this problem. They have suffered in this unspeakable way because they lacked maternity care, or were married too young, or even because their husbands would not let them go to the hospital.

As we mark this day, let us raise our voices for these women. Let us commit our power and our compassion to providing life-saving maternity care and to preventing these tragedies. Let us help them to stand up and bring new hope for their future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.
 Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2010.
 SD-106

MARCH 9

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Joint Forces Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.
 SH-216

Appropriations
 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior.
 SD-124

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Veterans of Foreign Wars.
 SDG-50

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine financial transmission rights and other electricity market mechanisms.
 SD-366

Finance
 To hold hearings to examine United States preference programs, focusing on options for reform.
 SD-215

Environment and Public Works
 Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine business perspectives on reforming U.S. chemical safety laws.
 SD-406

2 p.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on K-12 education for economic success.
 SD-430

2:30 p.m.
 Intelligence
 To hold a closed meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.
 SH-219

MARCH 10

Time to be announced
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick K. Nakamura, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, and Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, and Sharon L. Browne, of California, Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler, of Virginia, and Victor B. Maddox, of Kentucky, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.
 Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of video game console energy efficiency, S. 2908, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for covered water heaters, S. 3059, to improve energy efficiency of appliances, lighting, and buildings, and S. 3054, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish efficiency standards for bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, and portable electric spas.
 SD-366

10 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Defense Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs.
 SD-192

Armed Services
 Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. government efforts to counter violent extremism and the role of the U.S. military in those efforts.
 SR-222

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine new directions in global health.
 SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on watchlisting and pre-screening.
 SD-342

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine corporate spending in American elections after Citizens United.
 SD-226

10:15 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.
 SD-116

10:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 Personnel Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.
 SR-232A

2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Health and Human Services.
 SD-124

2:30 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine advancing American innovation and competitiveness.
 SR-253

Foreign Relations
 International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. public diplomacy.
 SD-419

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.
 SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2895, to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 2907, to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, S. 2966 and H.R. 4474, bills to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and S. 2791 and H.R. 3759, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant market-related contract extensions of certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers.
 SD-366

Armed Services
 Strategic Forces Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.
 SR-232A

MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.
 SD-G50

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine legislative proposals designed to create jobs related to energy efficiency, including proposed legislation on energy efficient building retrofits.
 SD-366

- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine pay equity in the new American workplace. SD-430
- 11 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine U.S. officials involved in drug cartels. SD-342
- 2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- MARCH 16
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act, (Title 9501 of Public Law 111-11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program which includes the WaterSMART Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program. SD-366
- 2 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine assessing foster care and family services in the District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions. SD-342
- MARCH 17
- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities. SD-366
- MARCH 18
- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. SDG-50
- MARCH 23
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216
- MARCH 24
- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs plan for ending homelessness among veterans. SR-418