for taxpayers by exposing waste, fraud, abuse and misspending by agencies and vendors that did business with the County. He pioneered the launch of the NassauRx Card, an innovative prescription drug discount program that, to this day, provides savings off retail prescription drug prices. To date, the NassauRx Card has saved Nassau residents more, than $12 million.

Prior to becoming Comptroller, Howard served as the Mayor of Great Neck Estates, where he and his wife, Susan, have resided for 28 years. He is a Certified Public Account, a former national healthcare partner at KPMG, and the paragon of a true, dedicated public servant. Howard's years of selfless service to his community are exemplary and his many achievements on behalf of Nassau County residents are worthy of recognition. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Howard Weitzman and thanking him for his service.

REMEMBERING MANUS ''JACK'' FISH

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to share the sad news of the passing of Manus "Jack" Fish. An engineer by profession, Jack worked for almost four decades at the National Park Service here in Washington, serving from 1973 until his retirement in 1988 as the director of the National Capital Region. Jack, one of my constituents from Ashburn, Virginia, died on February 27 at the age of 81 following a stroke.

I had the pleasure of first working with Jack Fish in the early 1970's when I served in the Interior Department under Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton and he was at the Park Service. When I came to Congress in 1981, our working relationship continued, and Jack was instrumental in the approval of a safety improvement plan I had recommended at the merge of the Spout Run Parkway and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, the first federal parkway and gateway to the nation's capital.

Jack was the epitome of a public servant. He loved his job and made it his life's work to maintain and beautify and preserve the grounds that encompass the vast national capital region—from the gardens to the memorials to the Mall to the parks—for every resident and visitor of this area to enjoy.

We express our condolences to his wife of 58 years, Rosemary Fish, their 12 children, 42 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and we remember Jack Fish with these biblical words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Madam Speaker, I submit an obituary for Jack Fish published in the Washington Post on March 4.

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 4, 2010]

MANUS ''JACK'' FISH, 81, DIES; LED NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WORK

(By Patricia Sullivan)

Manus ''Jack'' Fish, 81, the National Park Service regional director who oversaw the heavily trafficked National Mall, expanded the Civil War battlefield at Manassas and supervised the planting of 150,000 trees and millions of flowers in the parks and byways of greater Washington, died after a stroke Feb. 27 at Heritage Hall nursing and rehabilitation center in Leesburg.

Mr. Fish led the Park Service's complex and diverse National Capital Region, whose holdings include historic memorials, the 185 mile-long C&O Canal, an urban sports complex, Civil War battlefields, the White House and two major highways. His office granted 1,000 permits a year for demonstrations including a one-person crusade for ''husband liberation'' as well as the hundreds of thousands who gather for the Fourth of July celebrations between the Capitol and Washington Monument. He was the regional director from 1973 to 1988 after working three years as the deputy.

A diplomatic and unflappable engineer, Mr. Fish worked for the Park Service for 36 years, based the entire time in Washington. He helped design playground swings and the Roosevelt Bridge and became a regular presence on Capitol Hill, either appearing at hearings or reassuring his hundreds of Congressional bosses that, yes, he was dealing with the timing of lights on Spout Run at George Washington Parkway or trying to resolve who would pay for a leaking roof at the Kennedy Center.

''I've got to study issues in detail,'' he told a Washington Post reporter in 1978. ''And I guess I like that. If I didn't, I'd have ulcers and high blood pressure.''

His nighttime studying was done in a household of a dozen children, with television, radio, stereos and phone conversations swirling around him. His wife of 58 years, Rosemary Fish, was ''kind of a short-order cook,'' he joked, adept at managing the comings and goings of the brood.

In addition to his wife of Ashburn, survivors include 12 children, M. John Fish of Herndon, Theresa Grooms of Leesburg, Mary Ann LaRock of Gambrills, Joan Rowe of Irmo, S.C., Peter Fish of Huntsville, Ala., Christine Behrmann of Troy, N.Y., Helen Kokolakis of Falls Church, and Kathleen Key, Rosemary Burke, Brigid Powell and Bernadette Ishmael, all of Ashburn; a brother; a sister; 42 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

After leaving the Park Service in 1988, Mr. Fish worked for 10 years as vice president at the West Group, a local real estate developer, and was chairman of the Parks & History Association, which operates 25 bookstores in the national parks. He also served on numerous boards and was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn.

A native of Trenton, N.J., Manus John Fish Jr. moved to Washington as a youth and graduated from St. John's College High School. He served in the Army in Korea between World War II and the Korean War, then returned to Washington and graduated from Catholic University with a degree in engineering. He began working for the Park Service in 1952, reporting to the stone engineer's office near the Washington Monument.

In pursuit of his duties, he rode in countless parades, mastering horseback riding in two days in order to accompany a member of Congress on a tour of one of the parks, and learned to iceskate overnight when a skating rink opened on the Mall. ''I was able to stay on the horse, and I kind of skated on my ankles,'' he told a Post reporter in 1988.

He also managed 3,000 employees and oversaw an annual operating budget of $100 million. During his tenure, Constitution Gardens and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened on the Mall; handicapped-accessible entrances were added to many memorials, and Wolf Trap's Filene Center was rebuilt. It was his decision to close Beach Drive in Rock Creek Park to vehicles on weekends and holidays, to close and grass over two streets on the Mall and to eliminate nine holes from a 36-hole golf course in East Potomac Park to expand an adjacent softball field, a decision that did not stand under fierce protests from golfers.

He made maintenance and preservation a priority and struggled for additional appropriations for repairs, which forced him to reduce grass cutting and put off hiring Park Police officers. He received the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Medal for guiding the expansion of the parks, especially during the 1976 Bicentennial year.

''There remains much to be done,'' he said upon his retirement.

So long did he hold the politically sensitive ''fish-bowl'' job that he, too, is memorialized. If you're at the Tidal Basin next month when the cherry blossoms bloom, take a look at the Ohio Drive bridge. You'll find some gargoyles sculpted into the stone. The fish creature is a caricature of the Park Service's Mr. Fish.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th anniversary.

From humble beginnings, the National Urban League has become the famed organization that it is today. Founded by Dr. George E. Haynes and Ruth S. Baldwin in 1910, the National Urban League created its first department in the area of housing in 1913.

Today, the League has expanded its operations to include over 25 national programs in 36 states, as well as in the District of Columbia. The League does extraordinary work aiding African American communities on a range of critical issues affecting the nation. Through programs designed to empower African Americans in areas of education, civil rights, civic engagement and health, the League combats inequality while improving the lives of countless people.

I am immensely proud of my own affiliation with the Urban League, going back over 35 years. In 1974, I was one of the founding members of the National Urban League of Broward County, the 104th affiliate chapter in the United States. Our goal then was to help alleviate some of the racial tensions felt throughout the community during desegregation. I went on to serve on the original board of directors for the local chapter, where we worked to empower the community, increase educational opportunities for our children, and change lives through strong advocacy for essential public services. I am pleased to add that we enjoyed numerous successes.

Over the past century, the League has made great strides in education and youth leadership and played a pivotal role in the civil rights movement. Working closely with leaders such as A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King, Jr., the League assisted in planning the 1963 March on Washington, and carried on the hard work of advocating for equality and

opportunity in the tumultuous decades of that era. The magnitude of these accomplishments, and countless others, cannot be understated. The League's efforts have played an integral role in shaping local communities throughout the United States, advancing many of the rights that Americans today take for granted.

The National Urban League continues to improve American society through programs that positively impact education and youth, health and quality of life, entrepreneurship and business development, workforce development, and housing. Through workshops, summer programs, hands-on-learning opportunities, and other endeavors, the League enriches the quality of life of African Americans of all ages.

Although we can take great pride in the many outstanding accomplishments of the National Urban League, its work is far from over. As part of its effort to galvanize greater action, the League recently began an initiative called "I AM EMPOWERED," a social mobilization campaign of volunteers to increase awareness of the League's efforts to achieve further progress in education, jobs, housing, and health care. With 100 years of experience behind them, the hard working and dedicated men and women of the National Urban League are well poised to carry forth its important mission through the next century of progress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution congratulating the National Urban League for its 100 outstanding years of service to our great nation.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO CHILE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker. I rise in support of H. Res. 1144, "Expressing condolences to the families of the victims of the February 27, 2010, earthquake in Chile, as well as solidarity with and support for the people of Chile as they plan for recovery and reconstruction" introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative HINOJOSA.

As you know, on Saturday, February 27, 2010, a massive, 8.8 magnitude earthquake, one of the largest ever recorded, struck off of the coast of Chile. An estimated 2,000,000 people, including upwards of 1,500,000 displaced persons, have been directly affected by the earthquake, the tsunami, and its aftermath. As the casualties continue to grow, there is a great deal of extensive damage to highways, bridges, apartments, and infrastructure, have led the government of Chile declaration of a 'state of catastrophe.' Since the initial earthquake, there have been over 100 aftershocks, which include 8 aftershocks registering above a 6.0 magnitude. These aftershocks continue to affect the coast and the rest of the country.

According to the United States Geological Survey, Concepcion, Chile's second largest city, was 70 miles from the earthquake's epicenter and suffered some of the worst damage. Thousands of its residents initially remained cut-off from the remainder of the country without any basic necessities, such as running water and electricity. The coastal town of Dichato and its 4,000 residents were among the hardest hit and is 80 percent destroyed. 80 percent of Talcahuano's 180,000 residents living on the Chilean coast were left homeless by the earthquake. Initial estimates of damages range from $15,000,000,000 to $30,000,000,000, and basic necessities across the country, including electricity, clean water access, telephone access, and communication systems continue to be restored on a progressive basis in many zones.

Chile's stringent building codes, which one local architect called 'our proud building standards,' as well as the Government of Chile's ability to implement them greatly mitigated the impact of this catastrophic natural event both in terms of casualties and physical damage to the infrastructure of this country. The Government of Chile has taken significant measures to maintain order and public security in the streets in order to prevent more widespread panic and chaos as damage assessments are made and relief is delivered.

America is again responding, and will continue to respond with immediate humanitarian assistance to help the people of this struggling island nation rebuild their livelihoods. I send my condolences to the people and government of Chile as they grieve once again in the aftermath of a natural disaster. As Chile's neighbor, I believe it is the United States' responsibility to help Chile recover, and build the capacity to mitigate against future disasters.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have been highly involved in strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and countries abroad. I have worked to establish positive and productive partnerships with local development officials, non-profit organizations, and various leaders to establish a strong web of support for countries abroad. In collaboration with the Congressional Black Caucus, I have been a continual advocate of providing assistance to various countries to strengthen their fragile democratic processes, continue to improve security, and promote economic development among other concerns such the protection of human rights, combating narcotics, arms, and human trafficking, addressing migration, and alleviating poverty.

Once again, I am devastated by the immeasurable tragedy that occurred in Chile. Along with my colleagues, I hope to visit Chile in the near future to meet with their leaders and see what the United States can do to rebuild the shattered livelihoods.

MEREDITH HUGHES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Meredith Hughes. Meredith is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Meredith's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Meredith has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Meredith can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Meredith Hughes for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

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 11, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.