

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CATARION SANCHEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April, 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Catarion Sanchez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Catarion Sanchez is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Catarion Sanchez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Catarion Sanchez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING ISRAELI
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I would like commend Israel on her 62nd Anniversary since her founding.

Likewise, it is the 62nd Anniversary of the U.S.-Israel bond, which remains strong and indissoluble.

Israel is our fellow democracy, our tried and true ally. Supporting it is essential to the stability and future of the Middle East. In fact Israel is the only true democracy in the Middle East.

In just 62 years a people that suffered at the hands of Hitler and European anti-Semitism built a nation. From the ashes of 6,000,000 who died in the Holocaust a people a nation rose to make a desert bloom. In 62 years Israel has made tremendous strides becoming a world leader in technology, agriculture, water resource management, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and so many other areas. The first generation of Sabras from Europe quickly welcomed new immigrants who were forcibly evicted from Arab lands. Further waves of immigrants came from the breakup of the Soviet Union, from Ethiopia and most recently from France. Israel has held steadfast to the principles of its founding fathers and been a welcome source for any Jew anywhere in the world seeking refuge.

From the creation of Israel 62 years ago and its immediate recognition by the United States, the ties between our two countries continue to be strong. A democracy like ours, Israel's politics have been robust with many participants and many parties represented. Consistently throughout its history through wars and in times of relative peace, the Israeli people have made their democracy stronger and the relationship between the world's largest Jewish community and the world's largest diaspora community stronger.

And any nation or group that chooses to treat Israel as a suspect state and threatens Israel, particularly with violence, should know that its actions ultimately do damage to the shared values that all democracies espouse.

Following the failed Iranian elections in June, the Iranian regime has had its legitimacy wounded and its paranoia increased. Iran now takes a posture of increased repression at home and antagonism abroad. In that dangerous environment, Israel's leaders have every right to be concerned for their country's safety.

While hope still exists for a free Iran, Europe, Israel and the United States must undoubtedly prepare for a more dangerous Iranian regime in the near term. We must prevent Iran's increased pursuit of nuclear weapons through hard-hitting sanctions, after all, I personally look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with Israel.

There seems to be a certain line of thinking in the international community that Iran poses no threat.

It is this very failure to prepare that puts Israel and the entire international community at risk. Now is the time to prepare.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress and the United States to make the Iranian regime pay a higher cost for its nuclear weapons pursuit.

If we needed any further reminder, the protests in the streets of Tehran have made clear that words mean very little to Ayatollah Khamenei.

The threat from Iran demands an effective policy response and our Israeli friends must see clear action from their age-old ally that, we are in this together.

If the Iranian regime faced damaging economic pressure from a significant reduction in gasoline supplies, it may change course.

And an ever present threat to Israel, and to global security, may be alleviated. Nothing endangers peace more than a refusal to face facts.

Even as we set deadlines that are never met with Iran might begin, let's remember that they continue to enrich uranium and that a deadline with real consequences must be considered along with engagement—otherwise engagement will be manipulated as a mere tactic for delay.

I am glad that this House chose to face Iran today through voting to instruct conferees on the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act and support Israel,

the Middle East and even the Gulf states against a growing threat in the region.

I have high hopes that the international community will do the same.

Once again, I congratulate, Prime Minister Netanyahu and the people of Israel our friend and ally on this momentous occasion.

The U.S. was there ten minutes following Israel's founding and will be with her for many, many more years to come.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support House Resolution 1257, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month.

In these tough economic times, increasing financial literacy is one of the best ways we can accomplish a complete recovery and take significant steps to prevent another crisis.

Every day, many Americans struggle with their finances. These problems are especially prevalent among young adults and minorities.

In fact, the FDIC found in a recent study that approximately 60,000,000 people in the U.S. are underbanked.

These numbers are more disturbing when we look at the percentage of underbanked people among minorities: 43.3 percent of Hispanic households and close to 54 percent of Black households are either unbanked or underbanked.

We must do more to educate every American on how to safely manage their wealth and build a stable foundation for themselves and their family's future.

In the fall, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. MCCARTHY, and I introduced an amendment that would create a new consumer education office within the proposed Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

This office will operate programs and develop initiatives to ensure that all financial institutions are doing their part to come up with innovative ways to increase financial literacy among their consumers.

Throughout my time in Congress I have been a consistent supporter of improving financial literacy efforts and I am committed to remaining one as long as I hold office.

I want to commend Mr. HINOJOSA on his hard work on this issue and for bringing this resolution to this floor.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of House Resolution 1257, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND
GOALS OF 2010 NATIONAL CRIME
VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1104, which supports the mission and goals of 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and promotes public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime. This is an important measure that helps to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and that victims have access to the support and treatment that they need and deserve.

I thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman JIM COSTA, for his dedication to ensuring that our society is committed to the rights and compassionate treatment of crime victims.

Mr. Speaker, over 25,000,000 individuals are victims of crime every year; more than 6,000,000 of them are victims of violent crimes. In my district, nearly 7 out of every 1,000 residents of Long Beach, California suffered a violent crime in 2008. Over the past 40 years, the United States has made significant progress in expanding rights, services, and support for crime victims. However, as this resolution appropriately acknowledges, there is still work to be done.

Crime victims in underserved and low-income communities often do not have access to the support and services needed to help them move past their traumatic event and achieve normalcy in their lives. Access to services for crime victims should be available in every community across the country. Observing the rights of all victims is not only a fundamental requirement of a just society, but also serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities, and promoting confidence in public safety.

Additionally, every year, thousands of crimes go unreported to law enforcement. However, the victims of an unreported crime are no less deserving or in need of professional support than those of reported crimes. We must ensure that victims of all crimes—reported or unreported—have equal access to services. Our communities, neighborhoods, and homes are made stronger, safer, and healthier by guaranteeing that all crime victims are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

Mr. Speaker, victims of crime suffer traumatic experiences that alter their lives and those of their family members. A just society acknowledges that crime victims have unique needs and provides the proper support services. National Crime Victims' Rights Week reminds us of this important obligation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1104.

CHARLES COLLINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Charles Collins who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Charles Collins is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Charles Collins is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Charles Collins for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN BOB
FRANKS

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Congressman Bob Franks. Bob heard the call to serve the State he loved, and did so faithfully, throughout his illustrious career. Congressman Robert Douglas Franks was born on September 21, 1951. It is true that until Bob was taken away from us, following a hard-fought battle with cancer, he still served the people of New Jersey as the President of the Health Care Institute of New Jersey . . . a position he loved as much for the work he was doing, as for the time he could spend with his close-knit family.

Bob's stellar career as a New Jersey Republican began very early on when he organized political movements such as the New Jersey Teenage Republicans. Bob was as principled as he was outspoken and he soon became a force to be reckoned with in New Jersey politics.

Bob is widely considered to be the primary catalyst behind the New Jersey Republican resurgence in the 1990s. However, he is equally as well-known for his willingness to be bipartisan—especially in working with former political rivals. Bob's wisdom and grace far outpaced his age and it could not be more true that this loss is felt deeply across party lines.

His influence in New Jersey is well-known and stands as a testament to the best aspects of elected office. An ardent supporter of voluntary term-limits, Bob practiced what he preached and left Congress after 4 dedicated terms. His desire to serve our State was unflinching.

Bob is not only survived by his adoring family, but by a State that remains thankful for his years of devoted service as well as a Con-

gress of peers who will remember him as a man of conviction and principle.

HONORING FLORENCE AND
HAROLD PAYNE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Harold and Florence were both born in Charleston, South Carolina where Florence attended the prestigious Avery Institute and graduated from Burke High School in that city. Florence moved to New York City where she attended Washington Business Institute. During his high school years at Burke High School in Charleston, Harold Payne excelled in athletics, in particular baseball and basketball. He was a star member of the Burke High School Senior Basketball team which won the South Carolina State Championship in 1949. Harold obtained a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1953. Harold later attended Bronx Community College.

Mrs. Payne's professional pursuits took her to various organizations including the New York Telephone Company, Jujamcyn Theatres, Fine Arts Pillows Inc. as well as a private attorney, Donnaree Banton, Esq. In 1997, I asked Florence to work for me. She fulfilled her dream of helping other on a daily basis.

Harold served in the Army during the Korean conflict in the 8th Army Honor Guard. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant and in 1956 began a career with the United States Postal Service while simultaneously working as a paraprofessional for 17 years with the NYC Board of Education. After 34 years with the Postal Service, Harold retired and became Director of the Tilden Towers Senior Citizens Center. It is there that he fulfilled his dream of serving his community. He retired from Tilden Towers Senior Center in January of this year.

Both Harold and Florence donate time to charitable and civic organizations, it being their belief that one must give back to the community in a meaningful way. This they did by actively participating in many endeavors including: the Office of Black Ministry for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, the Parent Teacher Association of Public School 16, NIA: A Minority Women's Professional Network, The Incarcerated Mothers Program, the Food Pantry at the Edenwald-Gun Hill Neighborhood Center and other worthwhile endeavors.

They are most proud of their 50 year commitment to one another in addition to their role as parents and grandparents. The Paynes met each other through Florence's late sister Anna and her husband, Henry. On April 23, 1960, the Paynes were married in St. Aloysius Church in Harlem. They set up residence in the Bronx and have lived there for their entire married life. They are the loving parents of Lisa and Harold Jr. with a son-in-law, Terrance. They are also the proud grandparents of granddaughter Yiesha Danielle and grandson Malcolm.

I ask everyone who believes in love to join me in celebrating Harold and Florence's Golden Wedding anniversary and in wishing them every happiness.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

The interview I have had with Tony Cashiola was extremely beneficial for me. I am certain that I will pursue a military career, and listening to Tony speak about his experience in the Army has given me much insight on the military from a different perspective. He helped provide me with a path on which I could approach the military in a way I had yet to think of. So, all-in-all, this interview was amazing. I got to know one of our country's heroes, tell his story, and receive valuable insight. I wish Tony the best; he is a very honorable man.—Michael Roberto

CHELSEA ABBOT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chelsea

Abbot who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chelsea Abbot is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chelsea Abbot is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Chelsea Abbot for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO ART ISGAR

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Art Isgar, a respected leader in his community of southwest Colorado. Arthur Richard Isgar died in Durango on March 17th, 2010. It was a privilege to know Art Isgar and his wonderful family and I offer my condolences to them at this time of loss.

Art Isgar was born in Oxford, Colorado, on October 6th, 1915. One of seven boys, he spent his childhood in rural La Plata County. At times, he lived with members of the Southern Ute Tribe which was an experience that left him with a deep appreciation of other cultures. As a child he also spent time in the mining camps of the San Juan Mountains near Silverton and Telluride. Supporting himself from the age of 13, Art Isgar learned to make his way in the world by working on farms and delivering mail on horseback.

In 1946 he got married to Ann Wise. They took the train from Durango to Silverton and returned home in time to milk the cows. Art went on to become a defender of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in its time of need.

With their hard work, the Isgars' ranch grew into one of the largest in La Plata County. Art was president of the La Plata County Cattleman's Association and helped lead the fight to create the Animas-La Plata Project. He was also instrumental in the effort to bring Fort Lewis College to its current site in Durango. Art Isgar was also deeply involved in politics working with the Democratic Party to bring the State convention to Durango in 1960, a convention that presidential hopeful John F. Kennedy attended. Art's life was a life of service to his family and his community.

The legacy of Art Isgar continues in his amazing family. Art Isgar's son, Jim Isgar, continues the proud tradition of public service established by his father, serving as a State Senator and now as the State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

At the end of the day, after all of his community service, Art Isgar still had his feet on the ground. He was always a farmer who found his greatest joy out irrigating his fields. Even at the age of 93 that is where he could be found.

Madam Speaker southwest Colorado has lost a great leader. I wish his family well in this time of loss. Art Isgar will be missed but his legacy will live on through his amazing family and all the lives that he touched in his time in southwest Colorado.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS J. VANCE,
SR.

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to remember the legacy of TSgt Thomas J. Vance, Sr., who passed away last year following a courageous battle with cancer. Sergeant Vance honorably served the people of our Nation and my home State of New Jersey in the United States for a combined 51 years of service with the Air Force.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, Technical Sergeant Vance attended Bartram High School. After he graduated he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1947. Sergeant Vance fought both in the Korea and Vietnam Wars, and served at nine different bases including McGuire Air Force Base, which is located in New Jersey's Third Congressional District. During his 20 years of active duty in the service, he was awarded the Air Force Longevity Service Award, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Korean Service Medal and the U.N. Service Medal.

In 1978, Technical Sergeant Vance became an original member of the Retiree Affairs Office at McGuire Air Force Base, where he became an expert on an array of military family issues. During his 31 years of service in this role, he served countless hours assisting our military families.

Technical Sergeant Vance is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Elsie, whom he met while serving at Langley Air Base and his three children, Thomas Jr., Sandra, and Richard.

In recognition of his life and service to our Nation, I ask that the House of Representatives and all Americans join me to honor the legacy of TSgt Thomas J. Vance, Sr.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR.
DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the resolution commemorating and celebrating the life of Dorothy Height, a woman of petite stature but enormous presence, and the only woman included among the "Big Six" most renowned civil rights leaders: the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., James Farmer, our own esteemed colleague JOHN LEWIS, A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, and Dorothy Height.

Dorothy Height exemplified the spirit of democracy like perhaps no one else. The daughter of a building contractor, James Edward

Height, and a nurse, Fannie Burroughs Height, she rose to national prominence and leadership from humble beginnings. She was prepared to lead the charge, even when it meant being a lone figure; she was the only woman on the speaker's platform when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" speech. She combated the challenges facing African Americans from every angle; in 1936 in New York, she participated in a protest against lynchings. She advocated an end to segregation in the military, fought for a fairer legal system, and worked to end racial restrictions on access to public transportation. During the 1950s, she worked on voter registration drives in the South.

But she also understood the economic underpinnings of the same challenges. Following her work to achieve major civil rights victories in the 1960s, Height shifted her focus to supporting initiatives aimed at eliminating poverty among southern blacks, such as home ownership programs and child care centers. Among her more creative efforts, Ms. Height instituted a so-called pig bank, through which poor black families were provided with a pig of their own, a prize commodity in the early 1960s. Despite the violence and dangers of the time, during Height's years as a civil rights activist, she never acquired a reputation as a radical or militant. She simply steadfastly moved forward, seamlessly removing barriers for all who followed.

In a 2001 interview, Height expressed bitter-sweet feelings for the earlier years of her work, noting that sit-ins and protest marches had been replaced by lobbying for legislation. The power and momentum behind the struggle for desegregation and voting rights had been replaced by the comparative quietude of pursuits for economic opportunity, educational equality, and an end to racial profiling. She asked where the country would be if the "vigor placed in fighting slavery and in the women's movement had kept pace."

Even without that, her accomplishments and awards fill pages. Height is perhaps best known for her four decades of work with the National Council of Negro Women, the Washington, DC, headquarters of which stands just steps from where slaves were once traded in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol. She has served as advisor on civil rights matters to U.S. Presidents going back to Eisenhower, as well as advising and traveling with programs sponsored by the Council to the White House Conference, UNESCO, the Institute on Human Relations of the American Jewish Committee, USAID, and the United States Information Agency, among other organizations. Her unparalleled contributions to the advancement of women's rights, civil rights, and human rights have earned her dozens of awards including the 1993 NAACP Springarn Medal, a Presidential Medal of Freedom Award, presented by Bill Clinton in 1994, and a Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in 2004.

In addition, during her lifetime of service, Dr. Height has been presented with more than three dozen honorary degrees, including doctorates from institutions including Tuskegee, Harvard and Princeton Universities. But the one that undoubtedly mattered the most was her receipt of the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Barnard College, 75 years after the College had turned her away because it had already enrolled its quota of two African American females that year.

Dorothy Height was a pillar of the civil rights movement, and will be dearly missed by us all. I am deeply saddened at her passing but everlastingly uplifted by her life's work.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
ROBERT WESTON FOLLETT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Robert "Bob" Weston Follett. On March 31, 2010, Robert Weston Follett, an accomplished pilot and active leader in the San Joaquin Valley community, passed away suddenly at the young age of 57. He leaves behind the loves of his life, is wife Naomi, daughter Lindsay and son Zack.

Bob Follett was a proud native of Lemoore, California. He was a 1970 graduate of Lemoore High School where he was twice elected class president and played football for the Lemoore Tigers. As fullback on the freshman team, he had the distinction of scoring the first touchdown in Tiger Stadium when it opened. Mr. Follett went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Fresno and soon thereafter began his aviation career with Wofford Aviation in Fresno by fueling aircraft, becoming a charter pilot, managing the company and later proudly becoming the owner of Wofford Aviation.

As a charter pilot Bob had the privilege of flying former President Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senator John McCain, and many other elected officials and celebrities. Furthermore, he was renowned as an expert pilot with 37 years experience, who helped explain how air tragedies occurred. Recently, Bob commented for the national news about the potential dangers of flying in California's Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.

Throughout the community, Bob was well-known as "Mr. Fixit" as a result of his keen ability to build anything with his own two hands. Larger than life, he was a take-charge guy who loved to organize events. He could be found planting a community garden, at a Cal Tailgate party, a Rotary lobster feed or with the Clovis High football team at their team dinners. Bob Follett and his family were loyal members of the Cal football family during the time his son Zack played for the Cal Bears.

As a loving father and supportive husband, Bob and his cherished wife Naomi were always seen at sporting events supporting and cheering on their children Lindsay and Zack. He was a true pillar of support for their children and a faithful mentor to their friends as well.

Bob's loss leaves a void which can never be filled. Bob Follett will forever be remembered for his generosity and gregarious spirit that impacted the lives of all those whom he met. His enormous heart and lifelong commitment to his family and friends will forever be his legacy. I count myself fortunate to be one of Bob's many friends.

CHELSEY JANTZ

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HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, for all but 11 minutes of the State of Israel's existence, it has found its foremost advocate and ally here: the United States of America. And what were those 11 minutes? That was the time it took the news of Israel's independence to travel around the world and reach the desk of President Truman, the first to recognize a new member of the world community and a new friend.

Israel, President Truman said, "has a glorious future before it—not just another sovereign nation, but as an embodiment of the great ideals of our civilization." Sixty two years later, as Israel marks its independence, those words have been confirmed time and again. Our alliance with Israel, and the common interests we share, run deep. But even if those common interests amounted to nothing, we would still see in Israel a reflection of deepest values and great ideals.

Sixty two years ago, Israel's founders set their names to a declaration that embodied those ideals—the declaration that ended two millennia of exile for the Jewish people. It read, in part: "THE STATE OF ISRAEL . . . will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions."

In those words, in the spirit that animates them, and in the political life that strives each day to live by them, we see our own spirit, our own struggle, our own founding promise.

And those common values are at the heart of Congress's unshakeable, bipartisan unity on

Israel and its security. I speak for all of my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, when I say: the bond between our nations was powerful long before we set foot in this chamber, and it will outlast all of us. In that spirit, Congress must continue to support strong foreign aid for our ally. And we must continue to insist that regimes that threaten Israel's safety, and the world's, recognize Israel's right to exist—and act accordingly.

Few ideas in history have been more daring than the idea that the Jewish people could end generations of exile and build a thriving state, called to the highest principles of justice. Few ideas have been more hopeful, or more demanding. And few are more deserving of the world's sustaining effort.

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In the Veteran's Interview Project, I have gained insight and knowledge on the topic of America's veterans. My uncle, George Vacek, was drafted into the service and joined the Marine Corps. He was assigned to the artillery unit as a radio operator. He entered the

service as a private and completed his tour of duty as a corporal. He fought the campaign in Vietnam and then was transferred to Cuba. I discovered through my interview with him, the trials and rewards of military service. While in the service, he endured hardships, witnessed the evils of war, overcame obstacles, developed discipline, and yet he came away with the fulfillment that he gained a greater respect for himself and his country.

This project was beneficial to me in that I realized what it would be like to walk in a soldier's shoes. Americans support our servicemen, both here and abroad, but yet have absolutely no clue of what it's really like to be there. My in-depth conversation with my Uncle enlightened me on his journey. In concluding this interview, I realized that our soldiers are true patriots who are sacrificially putting themselves in harm's way to forever protect our freedoms.—J'Lynn Vacek.

HONORING THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of our nation's Peace Corps volunteers in honor of the 49th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. Since the establishment of the Peace Corps by President Kennedy in 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have served in 139 countries. For the past 49 years, Peace Corps volunteers have demonstrated the nation's commitment to encourage and expand development at the grass roots level.

Currently, 7,671 volunteers are providing expertise and development assistance to 76 countries. Peace Corps volunteers have made significant contributions in agriculture, business development, information to technology, education, health, youth, and the environment. In these various sectors and communities, volunteers have been able to adapt and respond to new challenges through their innovation, creativity, and compassion.

For example, Peace Corps volunteers have provided hope and assistance to people affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers have led the way in making the Peace Corps at the forefront of responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Through living in the community and learning the local language, they are able to share information relating to HIV/AIDS in a culturally appropriate way.

Once Peace Corps volunteers return from abroad, they have become leaders in all sectors of society. Through their training and experience abroad, volunteers are able to adapt to different cultural settings at the professional level. I would like to commend our proud nation's Peace Corps volunteers for their service, particularly those men and women of the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. I consider it a great honor to represent these noble men and women, who travel great distances and make great sacrifices to help reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing the achievement of and the Peace Corps volun-

teers. They are a great credit to our country, and we should applaud them.

HONORING PETER HUTCHISON UPON BEING NAMED THE 2010 NEW YORK STATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a gentleman in my district, Peter Hutchison.

Mr. Hutchison has been recognized as the 2010 New York State Assistant Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State. He was recognized for his outstanding work at Amityville Memorial High School. He has served as an educator for over 31 years, including six as assistant principal at Amityville Memorial High School.

I congratulate him on this accomplishment and applaud his contribution to high school education on Long Island.

CHRISTOPHER BREWER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christopher Brewer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Christopher Brewer is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christopher Brewer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Christopher Brewer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING CHIEF PAUL PRICE OF CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Paul Price upon his retirement and to recognize his outstanding contributions to Camden County and the state of New Jersey.

Chief Price is known for his integrity and selfless nature. He has worked diligently to gain five million dollars in grant money for fire fighters in Camden for safety and preparedness. Chief Price goes significantly above and

beyond the call of duty to give resources to those in need, working long nights and weekends so that the fire department has everything it needs. Chief Price's commitment to Camden County is also evidenced through his civic service affiliations. He has been active in the Camden County Fireman's Association, New Jersey Deputy Chief Association, Port Security Committee, Camden Cooperate Watch, and he was Emergency manager for the City of Camden. Despite all his work, his peers point out that he has never sought the spotlight and that he has always kept the best interests of the Camden Fire Department and its firefighters in mind.

Beyond his civic duties, Chief Price has been recognized by the Camden community as always being ready to offer a helping hand in times of need. He is the driving force and backbone of the Camden Angels Program, working tirelessly every Christmas to ensure 3,500 children receive Christmas presents. Chief Price also donates his time to spring festivals, special needs carnivals and activities, and through outreach to the hungry and homeless. He also has given endless support to the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program in Camden City.

Madam Speaker, Chief Paul Price's work and dedication are truly praiseworthy. I wish Chief Price the best of luck upon retirement and I thank him for his commitment to his community.

IN HONOR OF THE BEACHWOOD
BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS,
LEADERS AND PARENTS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Leaders and Parents of Beachwood for receiving the 2010 Beachwood Citizen of the Year Award.

Through their excellence in giving back to the Beachwood community and committing to their personal development and aspirations, the Beachwood Girl and Boy Scouts have displayed dedication to the highest standards and best traditions of American citizenship. I am confident that they will continue to accomplish great things in the future and prove to be successful and productive members of society.

I am proud to have such hardworking constituents and I thank them for their dedication and tremendous service throughout the years. Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating these exceptional Scouts, their leaders, and their parents for all the contributions as they are honored as "Citizens of the Year."

WHO SPEAKS FOR THE COPTIC
CHRISTIANS?

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a bipartisan letter which was sent

to the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, TIP, expressing "concern over continuing reports of abductions, forced marriages, and exploitation of Coptic women and girls in Egypt." We urged the TIP Office to investigate whether these cases should be included in the upcoming Trafficking in Persons Report.

The U.S. has given Egypt billions of dollars in foreign aid since the Camp David Accords, and yet they persist in trampling the rights of minorities and brutally suppressing political and human rights. In fact, by most accounts there has been backsliding in all of these areas.

With still no Ambassador for International Religious Freedom, when was the last time that this administration advocated for the Coptic Christians?

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, April 16, 2010.

Hon. LUIS CDEBACA,
*Ambassador-at-Large, U.S. Department of State,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR AMBASSADOR CDEBACA: We write today to express our concern over continuing reports of abductions, forced marriages, and exploitation of Coptic women and girls in Egypt. Some of these reports document a criminal phenomenon that includes fraud, physical and sexual violence, captivity, forced marriage, and exploitation in forced domestic servitude or commercial sexual exploitation, and financial benefit to the individuals who secure the forced conversion of the victim. As you know, these are some of the hallmarks of human trafficking.

Numerous reports, including in Egypt's Al-Ahram Weekly and a November 2009 report issued by the Coptic Foundation for Human Rights and Christian Solidarity International (CSI), point to the grim reality of forced marriage faced by vulnerable Coptic women and girls in Egypt. In the 25 cases documented by the Coptic Foundation for Human Rights and CSI, it is clear that violence, fraud, and/or coercion are used to force vulnerable Egyptian women and girls into marriages for the purpose of forced conversion, and these forced marriages are sometimes accompanied by sexual exploitation or domestic servitude. In some cases the families involved in the abductions and forced conversions receive mysterious financial benefits. Further, it appears, according to their lawyers, that the situations facing the women highlighted in the report are not isolated cases.

In the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (2008), Congress tasked the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) office with reporting on "emerging [and] shifting global patterns in human trafficking." We respectfully request that the office follow up on the reports coming out of Egypt, investigate whether the cases of abduction, forced marriage, exploitation and other financial benefit to the individuals who secure a forced conversion should be included in the forthcoming 2010 TIP Annual Report, and inform us about your determination on the matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Wolf, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chris Smith, Carolyn Maloney, Michele Bachmann, Bob Inglis, Aaron Schock, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Doug Lamborn, Marsha Blackburn, Anna Eshoo, Dan Burton, Donald Payne, Albio Sires, Joe Wilson, Ted Poe, Trent Franks, Anh "Joseph" Cao,

Members of Congress.

CODY HORNSBY-KLINGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cody Hornsby-Klinge who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cody Hornsby-Klinge is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF
CONNECTICUT HUSKIES ON WOMEN'S
NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1239, which recognizes the tremendous accomplishments of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. The University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team has emerged as one of the most outstanding teams in the history of college sports. On April 6, 2010, the Huskies defeated the Stanford Cardinal in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Division I women's basketball national championship in San Antonio, Texas.

This victory gave the Huskies their seventh national championship, second only to the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers' eight championships. This season the Huskies went undefeated, ending the season on a record 78 game winning streak, a streak that has lasted since the beginning of the 2008-2009 season. As a former college basketball player, I understand the hard work, intense focus, and tireless dedication required to achieve a single season as successful as the Huskies' was this year. So, the kind of repeated success that the University of Connecticut women have seen over the years is truly impressive.

The Huskies' coach, Geno Auriemma, is the president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and holds the highest winning percentage among active coaches. Coach Auriemma is also a coach of the 2012 United States Olympic Team. In addition to these successes, Coach Auriemma should be most appreciated for the role model that he is to his players and the positive impact he has on their lives.

The Huskies basketball team is comprised of some of the most talented athletes in the Nation. Junior forward Maya Moore and senior center Tina Charles were both selected as first team All-Americans and as members of the Final Four All-Tournament Team. Maya Moore was also chosen as the State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year and the Women's Final Four Most Valuable Player. Tina Charles was selected as the winner of the Naismith Award, the Wooden Award, the United States Basketball Writers Association Player of the Year Award, and the Associated Press Player of the Year Award.

I salute the hard work and dedication of the University of Connecticut Huskies players and coaches. I commend their exceptional record, athleticism, and consistent display of sportsmanship.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1239.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

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OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The summary follows:

I interviewed Mr. Kurt DeKuehn, Petty Officer 1st Class, Musician, USN Ret. Mr.

DeKuehn enlisted in the Navy at the end of World War II through his entrance into the United States Naval Academy School of Music. He was barely 17 when his parents signed the enlistment papers and he auditioned four separate times on sax for entrance into the school. He gained admittance to the school, and as the war was in full swing, he was immediately put through basic training in preparation for deployment. He was eventually deployed to the battleship Arkansas BB-33 in January 1945 and remained with the ship until its decommissioning a year later. Mr. DeKuehn was later asked back to service as a bandleader for the Admiral Galley Goodwill Tour of Europe. As bandleader, he had the privilege of handpicking his players and auditioning them. The band performed in 27 countries in an 8 piece combo. Mr. DeKuehn thoroughly enjoyed his Navy experience due to his Officer status and the nature of his employment: he was paid to play his instrument (something he has done since he was four years of age), and minimally operate a machine gun on the stern of his ship. The terms of his employment don't sound half bad. He even says that he has nothing against the Navy and had fun in both of his tours of duty.—Jonathan Unger.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 206–211. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 206, 208, and 210; I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 207, 209, and 211.

COLLEEN BOYD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Colleen Boyd who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Colleen Boyd is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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HONORING DOLORES BROOKS ON HER RETIREMENT AS CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dolores Brooks, who is retiring after twenty years of service to her community in Springfield, Missouri as a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the Ozarks Technical Community College.

First elected in April 1990, Brooks helped shape the growth and direction of Ozarks Technical Community College, a school that serves students from 13 public school districts in Southwest Missouri and beyond. The growth of the school has been extraordinary, with this year's enrollment topping more than 12,000 students. OTC, as it is known to students and local residents, has expanded its operation to a second campus in Ozark, Missouri, with an eye to increasing accessibility to its growing student body.

Mrs. Brooks holds degrees from Purdue University, University of Missouri, and Southwest Missouri State University, and has served as a public school teacher, counselor, principal, and adjunct university faculty member. She has also served on numerous professional and civic organizations in leadership capacities, including the Missouri Guidance Association, Southwest Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, Springfield Education Association, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Dogwood Trails Girl Scouts Council. Prior to her selection to the OTC Board of Trustees, she was a member of the OTC Steering Committee. She led OTC as its Trustee President 1990–1992 and 2002–2003.

From its modest beginnings in central Springfield at the old vocational-technical school, OTC has blossomed into a modern campus offering students state-of-the-art classes with opportunities for advancement in a wide range of vocations, professions, and subject matter. I am proud of the hard work Mrs. Brooks and the College have done to provide quality education for students in Missouri.

To Mrs. Brooks, I wish to extend a heartfelt "thank you and well done" for her tireless work over the last two decades. Her efforts have made the Springfield area a better place to live. The Ozarks Technical Community College is a beacon of educational excellence for the entire region.

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The summary follows:

My grandfather, Colonel Lee Powell, served in the Air Force for a total of thirty years, garnering experience at many different bases throughout the United States and abroad, including England and Vietnam. His main area of interest and expertise in the Air Force was contract administration, although he completed other assignments as well, such as Armed Forces Courier Officer and Missile Launch Officer. His engineering background assisted him throughout his career. He also enjoyed traveling, an interest that the Air Force helped facilitate, as he traveled extensively throughout Europe and Africa, and also visited other places such as Australia and Thailand. He worked his way up through the ranks, starting through the ROTC program at his university, and then finally achieving the rank of Colonel. When asked what impact his military service had on his views of war and conflict, Colonel Powell responded that his Vietnam and other experiences have led him to believe that the United States should not again involve itself in the civil wars of other countries.—Mitchell Powell

HONORING THE WESTFIELD, NJ
AREA YMCA BLACK ACHIEVERS'
PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Westfield, NJ Area YMCA Black Achievers Program. I applaud

the participants for their achievements and the staff, mentors, and Westfield, NJ Area YMCA Black Achievers Committee for their continuing commitment as role models in our community.

The Black Achievers Program began in the 1960s at the Harlem YMCA with the mission of helping youth set and achieve educational and life-long goals. The program expanded nationally, and in 1998, the Westfield, NJ Area YMCA adopted it. The Program's goal is to prepare youth participants in grades five through twelve to become Black Achievers in their future careers by building their character and skills, while providing positive mentoring relationships with caring Adult Achievers.

The thirty-seven students who are participants in the 2009–2010 school year are: Zayna Allen, Jamirah Barden, Steven Barden, Bria Barnes, Victoria Carden, Imani Coston, Ashley Edwards, Phylicia Flagg, Joshua Forehand, Alexis Givens, Adam Harley, Aneyjah Harris, Jon'ae Jackson, Todd Jamison, Jr., Cesar Lopez, Jazmine Mayer, Jonathan Mayer, Maya McLeod, Cameron Mitchell, Chelci Mitchell, Aunye McCummings, Kevin Monroe, Jr., Imani Mutyanda, Munashee Mutyanda, Jason Nutt, Fredrick A. Parsons, Jameka Parsons, Ne'andrea Paulevra, Sean Paulevra, Tamar Richardson, Dwayne Scott, Jr., Jeffery Scott, Ashley Simmons, Isaiah Smith, Kwame Thompson Haynes, Diana Williams and Brianna Whitehead.

These thirty-seven individuals embody the program's core values. They have acquired the leadership skills and self-awareness needed to attain success in any endeavor they choose to pursue.

Every year, the Connell Company, based in Berkeley Heights, NJ, generously sponsors the scholarship program and provides other vital support to the Program. Their generosity has supported the Program since its inception in 1998.

The staff members dedicated to the program and its students are: Senior Director of Childcare, Camp and Teen Services Susan Morton, Coordinator Tarajee W. Russell, Assistant Coordinator Tania Mayer, Tutor Romina Cahiwat, and Alumni Volunteer Jasmine C. Farmer. These individuals, as well as the volunteers on the Black Achievers Committee of the Westfield, NJ Area YMCA Board have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the program. The Westfield YMCA's Chief Executive Officer Mark Elsassser, Chief Operating Officer Paula Ehoff, Communications/Development Director Bonnie Cohen, YMCA Board chairman Stephen Murphy and the rest of the staff are deeply committed to the success of the Program. Lastly, the Black Achievers Committee Chairman Carlton Blake and the entire Black Achievers Committee should be acknowledged for the tremendous effort and dedication they put forth to keep the Black Achievers Program running.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Westfield, NJ Area YMCA Black Achievers Program for encouraging students to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind, and body. I urge them to continue to raise the academic standards of our young people and inspire them to reach all of their goals. I congratulate the Westfield, NJ Area YMCA, the Black Achievers' Program Committee, the Program and its staff and participants on their accomplishments and I thank them for their commitment to their community and I thank them for their commitment to their community.

CONNOR RANDALL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Connor Randall who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Connor Randall is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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HONORING WATKINS COLLEGE OF
ART DESIGN AND FILM ON 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Watkins College of Art, Design and Film as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.

What began as a vision to offer art education to the Mid-South community, came into being 125 years ago, emerging today as Watkins College of Art, Design and Film. Name-sake of entrepreneur and philanthropist Samuel Watkins, Watkins College opened its doors in 1885 as Nashville Art Association and began to offer instruction in visual arts. Always one step ahead of the cultural needs of the 20th century, the school assisted immigrants in becoming active members of society, gave women opportunities to enter the workplace with confidence and skill, and offered returning servicemen completion of their high school degrees.

With approval from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission in 1977, Watkins became a full college offering associate degrees in fine art and interior design. Adding the Watkins Film School in 1997, and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in photography, graphic design and fine art in 2007, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film continues to lead the way in artistic movements and education.

Watkins College offers hands-on curriculum, academic roots, and award-winning faculty. Alumni of Watkins College of Art, Design and Film go onto successful careers in their fields. Alumni hold LEED certifications, are small business owners, designers of sacred spaces, makers of film, leaders in their communities, and protectors of art. I am proud of my association with Watkins College and look forward to the many successes of the next 125 years.

I congratulate Watkins College on their rich and impactful history and ask my colleges to

join me in honoring Watkins College of Art, Design and Film on their 125th anniversary.

HONORING ALEX HORNADAY, PARTICIPANT IN THE 2010 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LEADERSHIP FORUM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. CONNELLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Alex Hornaday, a participant in the 2010 People to People Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. A select group of students were chosen to attend the forum based on their academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential.

People to People International was founded by President Eisenhower in 1956. Today, it is a leader in educational travel programs, including the World Leadership Forum. Students will participate in daily educational activities around Washington, DC., which all will focus on leadership. After successful participation in the program, students will earn a Certificate of Completion.

Alex Hornaday, of Springfield, Va., exemplifies the People to People's commitment to academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership potential.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Alex Hornaday. Alex is truly an outstanding student who demonstrates the leadership potential of our future.

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The summary follows:

I interviewed Robert Nelson McClelland, M.D. a veteran of the United States Air Force. He entered the armed forces as a First Lieutenant and was discharged with honor as a Captain. Dr. McClelland not only served as a physician in the United States Air Force, stationed in Germany for two years, but he also contributed a tremendous amount of time and effort into career as a doctor at Parkland Memorial Hospital. In fact, he was on a team of doctors who operated on President John F. Kennedy when he was assassinated at Dealy Plaza in Dallas, Texas and was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital immediately. Dr. McClelland was, at the time, showing a group of students and residents a film on surgery techniques when he accompanied Dr. Crenshaw to Trauma Room One, where President Kennedy lay unconscious, hooked to a respiratory machine. Through this experience, I learned that I take for granted the freedoms that I have today that were given to me. These same freedoms that I worked nothing for are and were the same freedoms countless soldiers from the United States armed forces selflessly fought for. Furthermore, I have gained a novel respect for physicians, such as Dr. McClelland himself who make it their job to save lives.—Eann Tuan

DAISY HENRIQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daisy Henriquez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Daisy Henriquez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daisy Henriquez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Daisy Henriquez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

OBAMA BACKS DOWN ON SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD an op-ed today by respected New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof regarding the Obama administration's abysmal record on Sudan. He paints a bleak picture about the potentially dire implications of the administration's failure to confront Khartoum. I echo Kristof's warning that "if President Obama is ever going to find his voice on Sudan, it had better be soon."

[From the New York Times, April 22, 2010]

OBAMA BACKS DOWN ON SUDAN

(By Nicholas D. Kristof)

JUBA, SUDAN.—Until he reached the White House, Barack Obama repeatedly insisted that the United States apply more pressure on Sudan so as to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe in Darfur and elsewhere. Yet, as president, Mr. Obama and his aides have caved, leaving Sudan gloating at American weakness. Western monitors, Sudanese journalists and local civil society groups have all found this month's Sudanese elections to be deeply flawed—yet Mr. Obama's special envoy for Sudan, Maj. Gen. Scott Gration, pre-emptively defended the elections, saying they would be "as free and as fair as possible." The White House showed only a hint more backbone with a hurried reference this week to "an essential step" with "serious irregularities."

President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of Sudan—the man wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity in Darfur—has been celebrating. His regime calls itself the National Congress Party, or N.C.P., and he was quoted in Sudan as telling a rally in the Blue Nile region: "Even America is becoming an N.C.P. member. No one is against our will." Memo to Mr. Obama: When a man who has been charged with crimes against humanity tells the world that America is in his pocket, it's time to review your policy.

Perhaps the Obama administration caved because it considers a flawed election better than no election. That's a reasonable view, one I share. It's conceivable that Mr. Bashir could have won a quasi-fair election—oil revenues have manifestly raised the standard of living in parts of Sudan—and the campaigning did create space for sharp criticism of the government.

It's also true that Sudan has been behaving better in some respects. The death toll in Darfur is hugely reduced, and the government is negotiating with rebel groups there. The Sudanese government gave me a visa and travel permits to Darfur, allowing me to travel legally and freely. The real game isn't, in fact, Darfur or the elections but the maneuvering for a possible new civil war. The last north-south civil war in Sudan ended with a fragile peace in 2005, after some two million deaths. The peace agreement provided for a referendum, scheduled to take place in January, in which southern Sudanese will decide whether to secede. They are expected to vote overwhelmingly to form a separate country.

Then the question becomes: will the north allow South Sudan to separate? The south holds the great majority of the country's oil, and it's difficult to see President Bashir allowing oil fields to walk away.

"If the result of the referendum is independence, there is going to be war—complete

war," predicts Mudawi Ibrahim Adam, one of Sudan's most outspoken human rights advocates. He cautions that America's willingness to turn a blind eye to election-rigging here increases the risk that Mr. Bashir will feel that he can get away with war.

"They're very naïve in Washington," Mr. Mudawi said. "They don't understand what is going on."

On the other hand, a senior Sudanese government official, Ghazi Salahuddin, told me unequivocally in Khartoum, the nation's capital, that Sudan will honor the referendum results. And it's certainly plausible that north and south will muddle through and avoid war, for both sides are exhausted by years of fighting.

Here in Juba, the South Sudan capital, I met Winnie Wol, 26, who fled the civil war in 1994 after a militia from the north attacked her village to kill, loot, rape and burn. Her father and many relatives were killed, but she escaped and made her way to Kenya—and eventually resettled as a refugee in California. She now lives in Olathe, Kan., and she had returned for the first time to Sudan to visit a mother and sisters she had last seen when she was a little girl.

Ms. Wol, every bit the well-dressed American, let me tag along for her journey back to her village of Nyamlell, 400 miles northwest of Juba. The trip ended by a thatch-roof hut that belonged to her mother, who didn't know she was coming—so no one was home. Ms. Wol was crushed.

Then there was a scream and a woman came running. It was Ms. Wol's mother, somehow recognizing her, and they flew into each other's arms. To me, it felt like a peace dividend.

Yet that peace is fragile, and Ms. Wol knows that the northern forces may come back to pillage again. "I don't want war," she said, "but I don't think they will allow us to separate."

My own hunch is that the north hasn't entirely decided what to do, and that strong international pressure can reduce the risk of another savage war. If President Obama is ever going to find his voice on Sudan, it had better be soon.

HONORING NISEI VETERANS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinct patriotic and heroic service of several Chicago Japanese American Veterans who served as linguists for the Military Intelligence Service ("MIS") of the United States Army. These Japanese American ("Nisei") veterans dedicated their lives in providing invaluable intelligence support during World War II and during the Occupation of Japan from 1945–1952.

The service of these Nisei veterans was critical to our Nation's victory during World War II. They translated captured documents, interrogated prisoners of war, and intercepted radio messages. After the war they continued to serve the United States as cultural and linguistic ambassadors during the occupation of Japan. The MIS soldiers were vital in maintaining the peace by acting as a bridge between the American forces and the Japanese people.

The patriotism and heroism of the Japanese American MIS soldiers was profound and immeasurable. They served this country while

their families and friends were placed in internment camps surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. Always soldiers first, some found themselves on the battleground alongside armed forces, where they faced extraordinary circumstances and physical hardships.

For decades after such a heroic sacrifice, due to military confidentiality agreements, their stories have gone untold. Many of the Nisei Veterans, some of whom have now passed, settled in Chicago after World War II.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Nisei Veterans for their extraordinary and invaluable service to our Nation in a time of war. They exemplify the values of dedication and service, and I thank them for their many sacrifices, years of tireless loyalty and countless contributions to this Nation. These are unsung heroes in our midst, and I welcome this opportunity to recognize their tremendous sacrifice on behalf of the people of the United States of America.

HONORING COMMISSIONER ROY GOLD

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTCH. Madame Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to congratulate Commissioner Roy Gold as he begins his tenure as the 53rd President of the Broward League of Cities.

This most recent achievement is one of many honors during Commissioner Gold's distinguished career in public service. The Commissioner has long been a leader in the Broward community, serving as a member of the Coral Springs City Commission since 2004, and Vice Mayor from March 2006 through November 2007. Commissioner Gold also serves as the Chair of the Florida Intergovernmental Financial Commission and as a member of both the Broward County Resource Recovery Board and the Broward County Oversight Committee.

Beyond the City Commission, Commissioner Gold has dedicated his life to his family, a successful business career, and community and environmental activism. While serving as co-president and CEO of Cambridge Diagnostic Products, Inc., the commissioner has tirelessly worked to improve the community of Coral Springs. He is a founding member of the Coral Springs Neighborhood and Environmental Committee, a founding site leader for the Broward Waterway Cleanup, a founder of the Broward Adopt-a-Mile program, and a site leader for Broward County Adopt-a-Street. In addition to Commissioner Gold's environmental activism, he is currently a board member of the Coral Springs Charter School and the Coral Springs Museum of Art.

Commissioner Gold's dedication to community activism in Coral Springs is a testament to his dedication to greater Broward County, and the Broward League of Cities will be well served to have him as their new President.

I wish Commissioner Gold, his wife Janet, and his children Michael and Lauren congratulations and continued success.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

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OF TEXAS

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The summary follows:

Michael Lee Todd has been stationed all across the U.S. and the world. During his time in the service he was a Naval Aviator for seven years and then a public affairs officer, or PAO for 17 years. While assigned to the USS Coral Sea (CV-43) he was part of the mission to rescue the American hostages being held by Muslim extremists in Tehran, Iran. Later in his career he was the lead public service affairs officer for many high profile cases during Navy history. One of these was a terrible incident where a sailor killed another in cold blood while in Japan for being homosexual. He was also in charge of all public affairs during a terrible accident onboard the battleship USS Iowa, where one of its four 18-inch gun turrets blew up killing dozens of sailors. Later in his career he was with General Anthony Zinni at U.S. Central Command during the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Somalia. Mike retired from the Navy in 2000. From this experience I gained a completely new insight into the life of my Uncle Mike. I never really new all the things he did, viewed him as "Captain Todd" or how important his service was to the country. It amazes me that he had such an impact on

thoughts about the Navy by the American public. It makes me proud and gives me dreams of one day being like him, to serve my country in the tradition of my family and make a difference to the liberty and freedom of America.—Samantha Todd.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2194, IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll-call vote 219, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act—Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Reports are clear that Iran is speeding forward toward developing the capability to manufacture and launch a nuclear weapon. A nuclear Iran will put the world’s most deadly weapon into the hands of a nation that is actively supporting terrorism and is actively engaged in providing weapons and other support to terrorist organizations. Iran’s leader, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made no secret of his desire to destroy our ally Israel—he has promised to wipe Israel from the face of the earth. If Iran develops a nuclear bomb, it will have the ability to do in a matter of minutes what it took the Nazis six years to do.

A nuclear Iran will destabilize the entire Middle East. If Iran has nuclear capability, every nation in the Middle East will rush to acquire the same capability. Although Israel has much to fear from Iran, there are many other countries in the region that have a long history of bad relations with Iran. And there is no love lost between Shi’ite Iran and its Sunni neighbors.

I salute the young people who have risked their lives in Iran in the hopes of removing this madman from power. Their courage deserves our praise and our support. But a nuclear Iran will be a threat to every nation in the Middle East, regardless of who is in power; and there is no sign that a different Iranian leader would dismantle the nuclear program. Sanctions are our best hope to pressure Iran to relinquish its nuclear program.

Tough sanctions have an impact. They have already discouraged companies from doing business in Iran, thereby reducing Iran’s access to the goods it wants. Time Magazine reported that two of the world’s largest insurance companies, Lloyd’s and Munich Re, will no longer insure cargo going into or out of Iran. Major oil brokers are no longer willing to sell refined petroleum to Iran, a blow to a country that must import much of its oil. LUKOIL, Royal Dutch Shell, Total, BP and Malaysia’s Petronas and other companies will no longer sell gasoline to Iran. Sanctions change corporate behavior—and if the corporations that do business in Iran are no longer willing to trade, it will have an immediate and direct effect on the quality of life in Iran.

The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2009 is a good bill—a strong bill. It’s time to go to conference and move forward with implementing

strong sanctions that can make a difference. The only nation that benefits from delay is Iran. Time is on its side—with more time, it can realize its nuclear ambitions. We can change the equation by moving this bill forward now. Accordingly, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this motion.

DEREK RIEMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Derek Riemer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Derek Riemer is a 9th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Derek Riemer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR MILITARY KIDS ORGANIZATION AND THE 2010 STAR POWER AWARD WINNERS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate April as the National Month of the Military Child. I also ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Our Military Kids organization as well as its 2010 award winners. I am honored that this program, founded in McLean, Virginia, is located in the 10th District of Virginia.

Our Military Kids is an organization that offers support to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel in addition to children of severely injured servicemembers, through grants for extracurricular activities. In honor of the sacrifices military parents make, Our Military Kids helps to ensure that children of military families have the chance to have access to enrichment activities such as fine arts, sports, or academic programs.

I particularly wish to recognize the dedicated staff of Our Military Kids. They are joined by a Board of Directors, as well as an Advisory Board, who help make important decisions on behalf of the organization. The organization launched its original program in Winchester, Virginia, in connection with the Virginia National Guard in 2005. Today the success of Our Military Kids has gained national recognition and now reaches 14,633 children in all 50 states.

Each year Our Military Kids recognizes outstanding military children and families for their service to and sacrifice for our country. This year’s award ceremony was held on April 13 in the Cannon Caucus Room here on Capitol Hill and I was honored to attend the “Celebration of Our Military Kids’ Star Power” event at which four military children and one military family were saluted. The 2010 award winners are: Valerie Gonzalez of Alhambra, CA, in the 7–10-year-old age category; Jasmine Warren of Douglasville, GA, 11–14-year-old category; Taylor Ulmen of Madelia, MN, 15–18-year-old category; John Stefan Jenkins, Jr. of Jamaica, NY, 15–18-year old category, and four children from the Sonnen Family of Annandale, VA, whose father Tom was deployed to Iraq.

Through many generous partnerships with individuals, foundations, and corporations Our Military Kids is able to award grants to children each year. The Star Supporters of 2009–2010 include: General Dynamics; Target; Bob Woodruff Foundation; Leonsis Foundation; Lockheed Martin; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; Emerson Charitable Trust; USAA; AUSA; General Dynamics-AIS; Jeong H. Kim Foundation; Oshkosh Defense; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ansari; ASBMA Star Foundation; Association of Military Banks of America; Avion Manufacturing; Binder Foundation; Careerbuilder.com; EADS North America; Janning Family Foundation; PGA Tour Wives Association; Mr. & Mrs. Roger C. Schultz; Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Tiger Woods Foundation; Aspen Capital, LLC; Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Barris; Bechtel; Binder Foundation; Booz Allen Hamilton; Congressional Country Club; Dorothy G. Bender Foundation; Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Hendon, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Hiser, Kippis DeSanto; Mr. & Mrs. Gerard R. Lear; Lillian Adams Charitable Trust; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Odeen; Gen. & Mrs. Peter Pace; Triple Canopy; Walter B. Slocombe; Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Weaver, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. William Wolpert.

In closing, I would like to particularly thank Linda Davidson, Our Military Kids’ executive director, for dedication and tireless efforts to support our Nation’s military families.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1281 and to mourn the loss of a strong voice for greater justice and equality in our Nation, Ms. Dorothy Height.

In the 1950s and 60s, women were expected to stay at home, and stay out of the spotlight. Dorothy Height broke through those boundaries and became a role model for women, engraving her message of universal human dignity into the mantle of our society. In fact, she exploded past her boundaries, to not only make her voice heard, but make it relevant.

The glass ceiling faced by women would hardly be the only barrier that Ms. Height would demolish. At a time when she showed great courage with every word she spoke as

a powerful woman, that bravery was magnified by her voice being heard as a proud Black woman. She stood—like a prophetess of old—in defense of the principle that all men and all women are created equal, and are deserving of equal rights.

Dorothy Height was a woman of stunning dedication, discipline and vision. Although, at times, she may have been overshadowed in the press and the history books by the men of the Civil Rights movement, she will never be forgotten in the hearts and minds of the millions whom she touched.

When Dorothy Height stood with Martin Luther King, Jr., on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as he delivered his famous “I have a dream” speech, she stood tall in her own right as both a woman, and as a leader.

During the continuing civil rights struggles of the 1960s, Dorothy Height worked tirelessly to advance our cause. The Movement’s success owes as much to her determination as it does to the more well-known legacies of Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, Whitney Young, James Farmer, and Bayard Rustin.

Ms. Height left no avenue untraveled in her march toward Dr. King’s “beloved society.” She brought together Black and white women to initiate a dialogue of understanding; wrote weekly columns in the New York Amsterdam News, a weekly African American newspaper; promoted community development programs in Africa; and served on numerous committees to this end.

In particular, Dorothy Height’s work within the National Council of Negro Women encouraged positive and lasting change in our Nation. She served as the President of the Council for 40 years, retiring in 1997. From her bully pulpit as President, Dorothy Height advocated for equality for both African Americans and women. She emphasized self-help and reliance, even as she encouraged practical programs in nutrition, child care, housing and career counseling.

Madam Speaker, I was deeply gratified when Dorothy Height was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004, one of the most deserved awards that we have ever bestowed. With her passing, millions of women—and men—have lost a role model, and America has lost one of our true treasures.

My prayers are with Ms. Height’s family and friends during their time of loss.

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The summary follows:

Retired Air Force Major Mark Smith enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969, at age 19. He spent six years serving as an enlisted serviceman, was honorably discharged, and pursued his education using the GI Bill while working. After completing his Masters Degree in Computer Information Systems, he applied to Officers’ Training School (OTS) and reenlisted in the Air Force. Major Smith spent the remainder of his time as an officer working in Tactical Communications Systems and Information Systems Management. Smith’s one overseas duty station was as an enlisted airman; he was stationed with the RAF station at Chicksands in England. Later in his career as an officer, he had some temporary duty assignments in Saudi Arabia, Haiti and Panama.

This interview was the first time I have questioned a veteran about their experiences, and it was fascinating. The Smiths expressed such a high level of enthusiasm and pride about their lives in the United States Air Force that it would have been difficult to come away from the interview with anything but a positive outlook towards a military career.—Katya Sousa

CONGRATULATING HALF HOLLOW HILLS EAST HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE WE THE PEOPLE NEW YORK STATE FINALS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Half Hollow Hills East High School, which was named the New York State champion of the We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution competition.

The We the People competition is an extremely prestigious national academic contest that promotes the study of the United States Constitution. The students from Half Hollow Hills East who participated in the simulated

congressional hearings were judged on their knowledge of and ability to apply the Constitution to current events. The students earned the best scores of the nine high schools that competed in the New York State Final Hearings in March and as a result, will represent New York State in the national finals.

I am proud to recognize Half Hollow Hills East High School for this outstanding academic achievement.

HONORING MR. JAMES MUSCATO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Muscato. Mr. Muscato served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Dunkirk City Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Muscato served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

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

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES ON WOMEN’S NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1239, Commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2010 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament. On March 6, 2010, the Huskies capped an undefeated season by beating the University of Stanford Cardinal 53–47 in the NCAA Championship game. There are many things that make this team impressive, but to show just how dominant they were, this was their only victory all season where they defeated an opponent by less than 10 points. With 78 straight wins, they broke their own record for all-time consecutive victories.

Throughout their unbelievable run, the UConn women’s basketball team has captivated the state of Connecticut with their awe-inspiring talent. Tina Charles’ tremendous play at center earned her recognition as both the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Associated Press Player of the Year. Additionally, she was named the Naismith Award winner and the Wooden Award winner. Although she will graduate this year, she will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the all-

time greets to play for the Huskies. Junior Maya Moore received outstanding honors by being named the State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year and being named the Most Valuable Player in the Final Four. Both Moore and Tina Charles were chosen as First-Team All-Americans.

Connecticut is home to one of the most accomplished and successful teams in the history of collegiate athletics. Under Head Coach Geno Auriemma, we in Connecticut have become accustomed to excellence year in and year out. He has led the Huskies to seven championships, including four undefeated seasons. He also holds the highest winning percentage of any active coach in women's collegiate basketball.

The Women Huskies have captured the hearts of fans all across the nation with their exemplary work on and off the court. In every game, the team played with a passion and desire only displayed by champions. This entire team of remarkable women: Heather Buck, Tina Charles, Lorin Dixon, Caroline Doty, Kelly Faris, Jacquie Fernandes, Meghan Gardler, Kalana Greene, Tiffany Hayes, Kaili McLaren, and Maya Moore exemplify what a student-athlete is supposed to be. As they carry their winning streak into next season, I know they will continue to make us proud.

I am proud to join Connecticut's Congressional Delegation, my colleagues in the House of Representatives, and Husky Nation in celebrating the UConn Women Basketball team's seventh NCAA Women's National Basketball Championship, second perfect season in a row and record 78-game winning streak.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,877,195,922,374.91.

On January 6th, 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 \$2,238,770,176,081.11 so far this Congress.

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

CONGRATULATING GRACE WANG, RECIPIENT OF A SIEMENS FOUNDATION AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Grace Wang, recipient of a Siemens Foundation award for her excellence in the College Board's Advanced Placement program courses and exams in the area of science and mathematics.

The Siemens Foundation has actively supported science, technology, engineering and

mathematics education. Each year, the Foundation provides more than \$7 million in support of education initiatives. The Foundation supports programs from grade school through graduate school to encourage students to achieve their potential. The Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement provides \$2,000 college scholarships for two students in each state based on grades and scores in AP science and math classes.

Grace Wang, a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, has excelled in her AP science and math classes. Through her hard work, she has proven that she is one of the best and brightest in the nation. She is a shining example of the achievements of students in the area of math and science.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Grace Wang for this honor. She truly is an example of our nation's promising future in the science and technology fields.

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I interviewed Alan Smith, a World War II veteran, and I learned a lot about his life and his experiences during the war as well as the years after. Mr. Smith entered the military as a private and came out as a corporal after approximately 22 months of service. His highlight combat mission was the invasion of Bastogne. After his service, Mr. Smith went to school on the GI Bill and became a Bible major. Following college, Mr. Smith began to work for Beach Aircraft Company which produced tools of various sorts.

After interviewing Mr. Smith, I have learned several things about World War II from a first-hand account. I also learned the challenges faced by troops while deployed overseas and the mental toll it places on a soldier's mind. And at the end of the interview, Mr. Smith stressed this scripture from the Bible to me: "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation." He lives by this verse and said it could be applicable to many present day situations.—Drew Sneed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, regrettably, during a series of votes last Thursday I missed rollcall vote 219. I would have voted "yea."

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act, and would have joined my colleagues in instructing conferees to insist on the strong provisions in the House-passed bill.

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST RANDALL RAY CHARLES LANDSTEDT

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Army SPC Randall Ray Charles Landstedt from Pollock Pines, California, who was killed April 6, 2010 while on leave in Crestview, Florida. Specialist Landstedt grew up in El Dorado County, attending local schools, including Pinewood, Sierra Ridge, El Dorado High, and Independence High. From an early age, Specialist Landstedt was determined to serve his country and after graduation enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was known by his friends and family as kind, generous, considerate and loyal. He is survived by his parents, Joanne and Daniel Landstedt; brother, James Copeland of Pollock Pines; and sister, Rickie Bronstein of San Diego.

I cannot begin to comprehend the pain of losing such a kind and courageous young man and I cannot ease that pain with my words. All I can do is say thank you for Randall's service. He exemplified the highest values of our country, embodying courage, valor and dedication in his service with the Army's 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. Specialist Landstedt was twice awarded the

Army Commendation Medal and also received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal with an International Security Assistance Force bar. We will remember SPC Randall Landstedt for his honor and dedication, and we must never forget the service and sacrifices of the sons and daughters of our great country.

HONORING ISRAELI
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 62nd anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel.

After the horrible actions of the Holocaust, Israel was established as an independent nation. She has since advanced into a successful, democratic, and thriving nation.

Since her inception 62 years ago, Israel continues to be a friend and a strong ally to the United States. I stand here with my colleagues and reaffirm this bond of solidarity and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

As Iran gets closer to nuclear capability, threatening our collective security, we must stand together in accord, now more than ever.

We support Israel and commend the progress made as she continues to work towards peace with her Arab neighbors.

I also commend all our Jewish friends in the United States whose tireless efforts contribute to American and Israeli achievement.

I urge my colleagues to support and reaffirm our unwavering friendship with the Israeli people, and congratulate Israel on this memorable occasion.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD-
VISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF
SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, pro-

ted, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I had the honor to sit down with Sergeant Goins, a member of the United States Army, in his Plano West classroom to learn about his intriguing assignments overseas. Chad Goins is currently a teacher at Plano West Senior High School where he instructs students in Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminal Investigation classes. Just under two years ago, in June 2008, Sgt. Goins left to endure an eight month training followed by ten months at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. His many awards and achievements clearly demonstrate the integrity and valor with which he has served his country, such as the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. Due to the nature of Sgt. Goins' duties of Military Intelligence, he was unable to discuss many of the specifics. However, because he saw a lot of the local population, he discussed with me just why the war in Afghanistan is so difficult to fight. From this experience, I am now better able to understand the war in Afghanistan and the reason to why it is such a non-traditional war. The religious and cultural differences and the thousands of familial tribes in Afghanistan make continuity nearly impossible with Americans to Afghans, and even Afghans to Afghans. Thank you, Sergeant Goins and all other members of the U.S. Military for everything you do to protect our country. For it is because of you that we can live the life we do. I am thankful to add, Sergeant Goins' duty ended on Thanksgiving Day of 2009, and he returned home shortly after, injury free.—Laura Schuller.

RICHARD C. SCHAEFFER, JR.

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Richard Schaeffer, Jr., for a distinguished 40-year career with the Federal Government.

A graduate from Catholic University of America, Schaeffer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. His participation in the Intelligence Fellows Program, National Senior Cryptologic Course, and Executive Development Seminar provided a sound base for his future achievements.

As one of the National Security Agency's (NSA) highest ranking senior leaders, the Information Assurance Director, Schaeffer is responsible for the availability of products, services, technology and standards for protecting our nation's critical information systems from adversaries in cyberspace. Prior to holding the position of one of the nation's leading defenders against cyber attacks, Schaeffer was Chief of the National Security Operations Center, which manages the U.S. Cryptological System, serving as the command-and-control center for crisis response. His other major assignments have included Information Assurance Deputy Director, NSA Deputy Chief of Staff, and Director, Infrastructure and Information Assurance. Prior to his work with NSA, Schaeffer served in the United States Marine Corps, including two tours in Vietnam.

For his renowned work with the Federal Government, Schaeffer earned numerous awards including Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association Meritorious Service Award; the Presidential Rank Award; Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service; and Secretary of Defense Productivity Excellence Award, among many others.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Richard Schaeffer, Jr., and his illustrious career with the Federal Government. His leadership and loyalty has protected this nation for over 40 years. His dedication to the United States is highly commendable.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF VOLUNTEERISM

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Res. 1276, which commemorates the first anniversary of the Serve America Act. For the last year, the Serve America Act has been promoting service to help meet national challenges, expand opportunities to serve, and support social innovation. The Serve America Act is a historic milestone for national service, but signing the bill is just the beginning—we need every American to rise to this national call to service.

I thank Chairman MILLER for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank him for sponsoring this legislation and taking the time to chronicle the crucial achievements of the Serve America Act.

Mr. Speaker, last year President Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the most sweeping expansion and strengthening of national service in a generation. The strong bipartisan support for this legislation was a testament to the proven impact of national service and the widespread recognition that service is a solution to tough challenges. There is strong momentum for citizen service—volunteering increased last year to the highest level since 2003, AmeriCorps applications continue to increase on a yearly basis, and the service field is experiencing a wave of new innovation and collaboration. In California, last year 230,000 individuals of all ages and backgrounds helped meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase

civic engagement through 366 projects statewide. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the organization implementing the Serve America Act, will commit over \$75 million to support California communities through national service initiatives.

The Serve America Act has empowered individuals, nonprofits, state governments, and local communities to address our nation's most pressing challenges through service. The significant progress already made since the passing of this legislation, and the attitude of selflessness that it has promoted make it entirely fitting that we take this time to honor and commemorate the first anniversary of the Serve America Act. Thanks to the leadership of the President, the bipartisan support of Congress, new authorities under the Serve America Act, historic funding for programs, and a growing consensus that service is a solution, we stand at the dawn of a new era of service in America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1276.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
THE 100TH BATTALION, 442ND
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
AND THE MILITARY INTEL-
LIGENCE SERVICE

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave individuals who served in the Military Intelligence Service and the Army's 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT)—the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the U.S. military. These patriotic Americans, many of whom came from Placer County, California, served at a time when many of their families were interned in camps far from their homes.

I am proud that the people of Placer County have partnered with the Japanese American Citizens League to create a permanent memorial commemorating the Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the U.S. military during World War II. The memorial includes a 36-foot compass laid in concrete to symbolize the journey of the 442nd RCT located on Go For Broke Road, which is named in honor of the unit's motto.

As our community moves into the second phase of this project, I congratulate everyone involved and thank them for their ongoing efforts to honor those individuals who risked and sacrificed so much in defense of our great Nation and the ideals for which we stand.

HONORING MR. PURVIS YOUNG

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mr. Purvis Young, one of South Florida's most storied artists. He transformed a troubled life with brush strokes, painting the joys and sorrows of his people on

objects discarded in his Overtown neighborhood. Because of his great talent, he received international recognition.

Born February 2, 1943 in Miami's Liberty City to Vera Mae Wright, Mr. Young learned the art of drawing as a young boy watching his maternal Uncle Irving who was a figurative artist. He picked up his first paintbrush at the age of 20. Mr. Young attended school up to the 8th grade during which time he swam at Dixie Park (now called Gibson Park) and he was invited to paint a mural on the Overtown Library, adjacent to the pool. With the guidance of two of Miami-Dade Public Library System's finest, Barbara Young (Librarian Curator of the Permanent Collection, Art Services and Exhibitions Programs) and Margarita Cano (Administrator of Community Relations), Mr. Young buried himself amongst the books, hungry for knowledge that could explain the world to him.

For the first 50 years of his life, Mr. Young remained within the county lines of Miami. It was not until his 6th decade that he traveled to other states and cities and learned that he was famous, a fact he missed while art dealers encouraged him to seclude himself in his studio. A self-taught artist, Mr. Young enjoyed telling the story of how he turned his life around in the mid-1960s by painting vibrant murals and conceptualizing mixed-media expressionist works. He said he found his calling after serving a prison term for breaking and entering when an angel told him, "This is not your life."

Mr. Young completed most of his work at night and created exquisite, thoughtful art from garbage he plucked off the streets of Overtown. Environmentally conscious and unwilling to contribute to further deforestation, Mr. Young's "canvases" were made of recycled products including found wood, discarded library books, old political posters, used furniture and various surplus items from construction sites. He painted with latex, acrylic, enamel, and combinations of new paint blended with old paint that he had for 25 years or more. His work was famous for intensely colored urban landscapes, drawings and mixed-media constructions.

Today, Mr. Young's work is in more than 60 public collections and numerous private ones—in 2006 alone he had six exhibitions. His work hangs in The Bass Museum of Art (Miami); American Folk Art Museum (New York); The Corcoran Gallery of Art (Washington, D.C.); High Museum of Art (Atlanta); Lowe Art Museum (University of Miami); Museum of Fine Arts (Houston); New Orleans Museum of Art; Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Smithsonian American Art Museum among many. On December 24, 2006, the Sun-Sentinel's Emma Trelles named the Boca Raton Museum of Art's Purvis Young exhibition #1 in the art category for the year in South Florida. Several of his works are part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

"Purvis was one of the great geniuses of American art, a remarkable figure," said Jacquelyn Serwer, chief curator of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, which breaks ground in 2012. "He wasn't particularly nurtured, yet was driven to do this work. He was just one of those people who was born with this extraordinary vision and stayed true to it, producing work that had a kind of mythical quality to it."

Mr. Young is survived by his long-time companion, Eddie Mae Lovest, four daughters, Kenyatta, Kentranice, Taketha and Elisha, and 13 grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by two sisters, Betty Rodriguez and Shirley Byrd, and a brother, Irvin Byrd.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Dr. Purvis Young. I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Young for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida arts community. Mr. Young's life was a triumph and he will be missed by all who knew him. I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS
OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1963, the "Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009," which will finally give our brave men and women in uniform the benefits they deserve and provide their families and caregivers with the support that they need. Too many of our veterans return home—many of them wounded or disabled—after risking their lives on our behalf and do not receive adequate health care or benefits. Too many families fall into debt as they assume the responsibility of caring for a loved one who has returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. This bill will right these injustices.

I thank Chairman FILNER for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Senator AKAKA, for working hard to ensure that our Nation's dedication to its veterans matches their selfless devotion to this country.

Mr. Speaker, representing a district that is home to over 24,000 veterans and the VA Medical Center of Long Beach, I understand the work that must be done to uphold our Nation's obligation to its veterans. Unfortunately, for years the health care services provided for our Nation's veterans have been inadequate. Veterans' families have been especially overburdened by this failure. When wounded or disabled veterans return home from overseas, family members often become their primary caregivers. However willing these individuals may be to care for their loved one, the truth is that family members often lack the resources or skills needed to provide the care that our veterans deserve. S. 1963 will provide training and financial assistance to family caregivers, so that veterans' families can afford to provide them with quality care.

In addition, S. 1963 will improve health care for female veterans. For too long, female veterans have lacked access to comprehensive health care. We cannot stand for this kind of discrimination. S. 1963 will break down this barrier and give female veterans access to health professionals specializing in the specific health care needs of women. Among many other things, the bill will provide counseling and care to female veterans suffering from sexual trauma.

This bill will also provide an array of new health services for veterans, ensuring that every veteran has access to the care that he or she deserves. The bill will expand care for veterans in rural areas, because where veterans live should never determine the quality of care that they receive. It will improve mental health support for veterans, because we must respond to traumatic experiences that our men and women in uniform are braving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Finally, this legislation will help homeless veterans find housing, because it is simply unacceptable for our veterans to risk their lives for our country and return home to live on the streets.

Mr. Speaker, our men and women in uniform have assumed the responsibility of protecting us and the values that we cherish as American citizens; we, then, have a responsibility to them. We must provide them with support they need to live healthy and financially stable lives upon returning home. This bill will do just that. I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 1963.

HONORING THE STATE CHAMPION
BOLIVAR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the Bolivar Central High School boy's basketball team for winning the 2010 Class AA State Championship.

Less than a year removed from the state semifinals, Bolivar Central High School faced off against their league rivals at Middle Tennessee State University on March 20, 2010 for the State championship. After hundreds of hours of practice and hard work the Tigers were rewarded as they secured the school's third Class AA state championship in a 72-62 win over Liberty.

This recognition reflects a dedication to practice, their teammates and their unrelenting commitment to excellence. The team building skills acquired by working together through the highs and lows of the season will benefit these young men for a lifetime of success.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking the parents, Coach Rick Rudesill, faculty of Bolivar Central High School and again congratulating the members of the 2010 State Championship team. I am sure this is not the last we will hear from this talented group of young men.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Academy in Grass Valley, California. Since its first day, St. Mary's has provided outstanding educational opportunities to the children of Nevada County.

The Academy was founded in 1859 by Father Thomas J. Dalton, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Grass Valley as a school for the growing Nevada County area. The Academy has served as an orphanage, a finishing school for girls, a high school, and a grade school. Today the school offers kindergarten through eighth grade education.

As our community gathers to celebrate this auspicious occasion, I am proud to recognize 150 years of service and excellence and thank those who have worked to keep the Academy open and thriving.

COMMEMORATING 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, it would be easy to get depressed on Earth Day, when the challenges to saving the world just seem to keep growing.

Still, right in Santa Fe's backyard, people are making strides simple and ambitious to live lighter on the Earth.

That is what the Santa Fe New Mexican said today on Earth Day.

And that is where we are making a difference—with efforts large and small.

We have groups like Santa Fe Youthworks—building homes that use less energy and empowering at risk students.

Families are caulking their home and using more energy efficient light bulbs.

Too often we miss signs of progress amidst the great work that remains to be done like taking on climate change, diminishing energy resources, and polluted lands and water. But every day each of us can, and must, make a difference toward a cleaner world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF REV. BEN-
JAMIN LAWSON HOOKS

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1271 and to mourn the loss of the former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Mr. Benjamin L. Hooks.

Mr. Hooks led the NAACP at a time when civil rights legislation began to have its greatest impact. The vote had been secured, equal facilities were legally required and the right to an equal education had finally been confirmed through court action.

Benjamin Hooks had already seen the benefits of the fight for civil rights that he helped lead. Before taking over the NAACP, Hooks was President Nixon's choice to head the Federal Communication Commission as that body's first Black commissioner.

So, when he took over at the NAACP, many believed the fight was over and the impact of the NAACP had declined.

Benjamin Hooks knew that the fight would never end, as long as injustice remained in this world. When he left the NAACP in 1992, the membership who believed along with him, fought along with him, and who join me in mourning his loss, had grown by hundreds of thousands of Americans.

His service to his country and to the NAACP was not the birth of his activism. Even as a young man, Benjamin Hooks fought for equality.

Hooks served in the Army during World War II, guarding prisoners of war. In his hometown of Memphis, these prisoners would have more rights than he did. So Hooks began fighting for those whose rights had been left behind.

For 16 years, he practiced law in Memphis, became a minister and served as the first African American criminal court judge in the state of Tennessee.

During his tenure at the FCC, Hooks pushed for more minority leadership of media outlets. Minority employment in broadcasting grew from 3 percent to 15 percent during his tenure, according to the Associated Press.

After retiring from the NAACP, Hooks stressed that wealthy and middle-class African Americans should give time and resources to those who are less fortunate. He served as pastor of Middle Baptist Church and president of the National Civil Rights Museum, both in Memphis. He also taught at the University of Memphis.

His lifetime work was so critical to the Civil Rights movement that in 2007, Hooks received the nation's highest honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, from President George W. Bush.

So today, it is with a heavy heart that I mourn the loss of an American leader and legend, Mr. Benjamin Hooks.

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise to support the passage of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, if allowed on its present course, is well on its way to obtaining nuclear capability. Experts say it could be in the possession of a nuclear weapon in less than a year.

Since 1995, several U.S. regulations have been enacted to pressure Iran's economy, curtail its nuclear advancement and curb the government's support for jihadist militant groups. They have not been adhered to; no firms have yet been sanctioned.

This legislation will pressure persons violating Iran Sanction acts and other accomplices of the National Guard in pursuing uranium enrichment and oppressing religious and human rights.

Nuclear terrorism is one of the greatest threats to American security. Safeguarding nuclear materials from terrorists is absolutely critical to international peace and stability.

This legislation provides the much needed teeth and Presidential authority necessary to deter this regime's nuclear intentions. Timing

is crucial, for this reason it must be passed today.

THE FUTURE OF TAIWAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a recent speech by the President of the Republic of China, ROC, Taiwan, discussing his country's future. I have been a longtime supporter of Taiwan and hope that my colleagues and I will continue to improve relations not only between the United States and Taiwan but between Taiwan and the international community. All Americans should be proud that Taiwan and the United States have enjoyed a strong and durable relationship. Taiwan is one of our largest trading partners and the cultural exchanges between our two peoples are as vibrant as they have ever been. Taiwan has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States to combat the scourge of global terrorism; and the people of Taiwan have always given generously in our greatest times of need with monetary contributions to the Twin Towers Fund, Pentagon Memorial Fund and through the offer of humanitarian assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Taiwan and the United States are not merely allies; we are friends and partners in the truest sense of the words.

Recently, President Ma Ying-jeou of the ROC, Taiwan, took part in a video conference with the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University to discuss Taiwan's vision for the future. I ask unanimous consent to include a copy of President Ma Ying-jeou's speech into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. And I urge my colleagues to read the remarks because whatever the future holds of Taiwan, I believe that the people of Taiwan deserve to have a voice in shaping that future.

THE QUEST FOR MODERNITY—SPEECH BY MA YING-JEOU, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT FAIRBANK CENTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY—APRIL 6, 2010

President Ma Ying-jeou took part this morning in a video conference with the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University. The conference was moderated by Dr. William Kirby, Director of the Fairbank Center. Harvard University president Drew G. Faust opened the conference with a videotaped talk in which she welcomed President Ma to the video conference. After the moderator's opening remarks, President Ma followed with a speech entitled "The Quest for Modernity." Thereafter, professors Steven M. Goldstein, David Der-Wei Wang, William P. Alford each posed a few questions to the president. This was followed by a Q&A session in which the president fielded questions from members of the audience. As the conference was drawing to a close, President Ma gave a short closing statement.

Prof. Kirby, Prof. Goldstein, Prof. Alford, Prof. Wang, Prof. Su Chi, Ambassador Yuan, Director General Hung, Dear faculty members, students, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: Good Evening!

I. NOSTALGIA ABOUT HARVARD

It heartens me to be once again addressing the excellent faculty and student body of Harvard University. This moment brings

back a rush of nostalgia because it was here I became a proud father for the first time before I even got my doctoral degree. It was also at Harvard when I was cloistered for long hours in the Law School Library, or debating with fellow classmates and professors, that I was able to broaden my understanding of the world, and hone my skills as a scholar, intellectual and eventually a leader. I also feel nostalgic on a deeper level. When I think of a long litany of historic events, figures, and institutions: John Hay's Open-Door Policy, Boxer Rebellion, American Indemnity Scholarships for China, with all its recipients, like Hu Shih and Chien Shih-Liang, Tsinghua University, Yenching University, May Fourth Movement, Flying Tigers, Pearl Harbor, John Leighton Stuart, 1949, Korean War, United States-Republic of China Mutual Defense Treaty, Fairbank Center, the Quemoy and Matsu Crisis, Cultural Revolution, Shanghai Communiqué, Taiwan Relations Act, mainland China's Reform and Open Policy, U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and so on, I cannot help but think of the far-reaching impact that America has had on China's, and later on Taiwan's, convoluted path to modernization. I cannot help but think my time at Harvard was not only a personal academic journey, but also a microcosm reflecting a people's long search for a modern nation.

II. WEALTH, POWER AND DEMOCRACY

The late venerable Benjamin Schwartz, who as you know had been a prominent member of the Fairbank Center, described in the life of Yen Fu that the evolution of modern China has been a journey in search of wealth and power. Given the rise of mainland China's economic power and military strength over the last thirty years, it seems that it has achieved those goals to a considerable degree. However, I believe a society that is truly modernizing should not be limited to wealth and power but must also include the foundations for freedom and democracy.

For it is only through the active participation and free choice of one's citizens that government truly serves the welfare of the people; only then can a government sustain, and a nation thrive. So I am proud to say that the Republic of China on Taiwan has in fact achieved all these three pillars. The ROC has since become a thriving nation with a robust economy, viable military and a truly open and vibrant democracy. With so much already achieved the roadmap of my administration is quite straightforward: namely to strengthen the foundation of these three pillars so as to safeguard the future of Taiwan's posterity, and to share with mainland China our values and way of life.

III. COMING OUT OF RECESSION

My administration came into office two years ago in the midst of a global economic crisis, so it's not an exaggeration that we definitely "hit the ground running." Since then we have worked relentlessly to revitalize Taiwan's economy. By taking measures such as guaranteeing 100% bank deposits, substantially lowering interest rate in seven instances, investing 16 billion US dollars in domestic infrastructure in 5 years, distributing 2.7 billion U.S. dollars worth of shopping vouchers, and providing emergency assistance for the underprivileged, my administration has successfully brought the economy out of the downturn after a year and a half. Now we expect to create about a quarter of a million jobs to bring the unemployment rate below 5% and GDP growth up to 4.72% this year. Job creation will remain our top priority, especially those in the green energy sector. With carbon reduction in mind, we are now ambitiously promoting innovation across all of Taiwan's most com-

petitive sectors. These include the country's traditional strongholds such as IT, agriculture, and healthcare as well as other emerging industries like green energy, biotech, tourism and the cultural creative industries. However, the growing trend towards regional integration among economic powerhouses in East Asia, like Japan, mainland China, South Korea and the ASEAN countries, is threatening to marginalize Taiwan's heavily export-driven economy. As such, my administration has been seeking to institutionalize economic relations with mainland China and diversify our export markets and products so that Taiwan will not only avoid being cut off from the global economy but also enhance its international competitiveness. Therefore, we have been pushing hard for an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) with the mainland that will serve as a critical structural platform for economic interaction between the two sides. On top of intellectual property rights protection and investment guarantee, the framework will include an early harvest package of goods and services to enjoy zero custom tariffs. The negotiations are already underway and expect to conclude in the next few months. We have also established government programs that will cushion potential shocks to industries and workers, especially small- and medium-sized enterprises. Although some assert that signing the ECFA with mainland China will compromise our sovereignty, this is definitely not the case. The top priority of my administration has always been the principle of "putting Taiwan first for the benefit of the people." The truth of the matter, ECFA will spearhead Taiwan's return to the accelerated track for economic integration in Asia-Pacific and beyond. This without a doubt will strengthen Taiwan's capabilities to enhance its competitive edge in the global market and brighten its outlook for negotiating similar arrangements with other countries.

IV. CROSS-STRAIT RAPPROCHEMENT AND FLEXIBLE DIPLOMACY

In the pursuit of power my administration is not merely seeking military strength but more importantly to build up our soft power. In fact, the heart of my foreign policy is to reestablish mutual trust with all our major international partners, especially the United States. In achieving this goal, my administration has worked incessantly to transform the Taiwan Straits from a major flashpoint into a conduit for regional peace and prosperity. Therefore, in order to resume constructive dialogue with the mainland after a hiatus of over a decade, we first announced in 2008 the policy of "No Unification, No Independence, No Use of Force" so as to maintain the status quo across the Taiwan Strait under the framework of the Republic of China's 1946 Constitution. This breakthrough was further advanced under the framework of the 92 Consensus of "one China, respective interpretations" that was reached by the two sides in November 1992. That is now deemed a feasible formula by government leaders across the Taiwan Strait as well as many in the wider world community. We have also adopted a policy of Flexible Diplomacy and pursued a diplomatic truce with the mainland, which has by and large ended the vicious cycle of diplomatic warfare between the two sides. This will assuredly foster responsible stakeholdership in both Taiwan as well as the mainland. At the same time, we are working equally hard to enhance Taiwan's meaningful participation in and contribution to the international community. This will be achieved through our strong initiative to develop Taiwan's green technology and healthcare industries

in conjunction with our foreign aid policies. For example, under the Flagship Program for Green Energy Industry, we will be building up Taiwan's industrial base in green technology especially in Photo voltaic solar cells and LED. This will not only benefit our people and economy, but more importantly, Taiwan will be able to share its resources and expertise with our allies and friends. On my visit to our Pacific island allies last month, I was proud to survey firsthand the work that Taiwan has done for some of the countries in the area. For example, Taiwan has installed and provided solar energy technology to the Solomon Islands in hopes of improving the environment and livelihoods of their people. Taiwan has also set up an impressive medical mission in the Marshall Islands to treat the high prevalence of cataracts sufferers. In fact, our government will boost the overall effectiveness of our medical aid by initiating many more medical and public health missions that will target specific conditions and diseases common among the people of the Pacific island allies and friends. At the same time, after Taiwan effectively controlled the spread of the H1N1 Flu within our own borders, with a mortality rate of 2 deaths per million, which is only 1/3 of the average for OECD countries, I am proud to report that Taiwan will also be giving away locally manufactured vaccines worth 5 million US dollars to other countries in need. Taiwan's search and rescue teams were also one of the first on the scenes when Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake earlier this year. In addition to donating \$16 million worth in aid and funds, our government is also planning to set up medical and vocational training centers to train for hundreds of medical and skilled workers, and build 1,200 housing units. Also, as a sign of Taiwan's flourishing civil society, World Vision Taiwan has collected countless small donations from our people that will be sufficient to feed and save more than 8,000 homeless Haitian children and orphans. However, my administration realizes humanitarian relief is only a small part of the long and challenging road to full recovery. This is why we hope to continue the work we have started in integrating the advances we make in healthcare and green technology into our foreign aid framework, so that Taiwan can truly make a meaningful difference in the countries we help.

V. THE UNIVERSAL VALUE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

However, coming back full circle, the search for a modern nation cannot merely lie upon the pillars of wealth and power. It is only under a true democracy that one's citizens can live without fear according to the law, and share in the burdens as well as benefits of good governance. Although Taiwan has made impressive sociopolitical progress over the last decades, it is still a young democracy. So, as firm champions for democracy, my administration will work to strengthen the democratic infrastructure of my country. Already we are taking tangible steps to enhance Taiwan's rule of law and protection of human rights in conformity with international standards. In the past year, we have ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), both administered by the United Nations. In converting these covenants into domestic law, they will certainly strengthen the human rights of our citizenry and further consolidate our rule of law. Furthermore, I came to power on the promise of combating corruption in elections and government, whereby we have already made meaningful progress. Without a doubt this goal will con-

tinue to be a cornerstone of my presidency, which I am determined to carry through in my capacity as the President of the country. I will assuredly not waver from the path in laying the foundations of a true democracy. In fact, next year in 2011 will be the Centennial Anniversary of the Republic of China. Against the background of thousands of years of Chinese history, the last century was in some ways merely a comma. But from a larger perspective, it was nothing short of an exclamation mark, as it has been 100 years of struggle; 100 years of experimentation and 100 years of education before a people learned that they too have the unequivocal rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This nation-building process undoubtedly was achieved through the collective efforts of countless dedicated individuals who traversed between tradition and modernity that helped bridge the East to the West so many years ago. Inevitably, this made it possible for a people to aspire to the same democratic values as you cherish. From the chaos arising out of the turn of the 20th century, to the founding of the first republic in Asia in 1912 and its evolution forward in 1949 when the Republic of China Government moved to Taiwan, in 1987 when Taiwan lifted martial law, launched its democratic transformation, and subsequently allowed Taiwan residents to visit their relatives on the mainland, in 1996 when people on Taiwan directly elected its president for the first time, and in 2000 and 2008 when the presidential elections further consolidated Taiwan's democracy through two rotations of power between political parties, the passage of these 100 years has irrevocably transformed the foundations of a political culture. Distinguished faculty members and students, ladies and gentlemen, as the elected president of the Republic of China, I will continue to strive toward forging Taiwan into an exemplary democracy; one that will be a source of inspiration and emulation for generations to come.

Thank you.

Dear distinguished faculty, students and friends; it is my great pleasure to hold this teleconference with you. Your questions and comments are very good, and some are very tough to answer, but in thinking and answering these questions you force me to think deeper and strive harder on the challenges that confront the road ahead.

Although today's conference is near an end, I am heartened by the thought that our friendship will continue to grow as there is still so much we need to do, together. The international system that the US forged out of the devastation of World War II 65 years ago has today become the enduring foundation of our global village. Being rule-based and sufficiently flexible, this system encourages positive-sum international cooperation rather than zero-sum inter-state conflict. Hence, it changed the underlying dynamics of the world order that made it possible for countries, big or small, to prosper together. As a matter of fact, my idea to seek rapprochement with the mainland find some similarities with the ideas espoused by the American leaders in having soft talks with the Soviet Union and to have détente. In other words, to replace confrontation with negotiations; to solve international disputes through peaceful means. It is this very system that has interlocked the world into a community of thriving interdependence, giving rise to the possibility where foes can turn into friends, where every country can be a winner and every contribution become part of a greater picture.

This is also the system from which I draw my inspiration to lead my country, particularly in dealing with the mainland. In taking a responsible stake in the world, and in seek-

ing rapprochement with the Chinese mainland, my administration has committed the Republic of China on Taiwan to becoming a dependable and valuable contributor to this international system. In my visit abroad last month, I kept saying to our friends or to the overseas Taiwanese and to members of my delegations, that what I tried to do as far as my country's foreign relations is concerned is to make Taiwan a respectable member of the international community. I want every Taiwanese when they walk in the streets of New York, of Paris, of Sydney, of Beijing that they are respected. People will say they are from Taiwan, and that Taiwan is a respectful country in the world. Some in my domestic audience may disagree with me, but I firmly believe that this is the right path for Taiwan to avoid being marginalized from the forward march of the rest of the world. However, we will not merely concentrate on our own interests but equally apply our resources in hopes of having a positive impact on the world community. In fact, under this system that the United States started over half a century ago, we, as a whole, ought to be able to right what has gone wrong; to unite as one humanity against the global crises that threatens all that we hold dear, whether climate change, the global economic downturn, the risk of pandemics, or the wars that endanger the peace of our world. In the end, we are the only ones that can overcome the challenges we face. And in such an important partnership, I am confident Taiwan will be there to live up to its responsibilities.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

For the Preserving History project, I interviewed my World Geography teacher, Coach Baley. Ryan Patrick Baley served in the U.S. Army as an E4 Specialist in the Infantry. He was gunner for a Bradley crew and also a driver for a first Sergeant. Baley also guarded the DM2 in South Korea. He accomplished his patriotic duty for our country. From this interview, I gained more of an appreciation towards those who serve and risk their lives for our country. This experience allowed me to realize that the soldiers that perform their duty have dedicated so much, so that our nation is ensured protection as well as having the principles we as citizens believe in set forward and fought for. Baley believes that, "the U.S. military organization is the greatest organization and only two have died for others: Jesus and the soldiers of the U.S.A." Hence, there is no other army in the world that resembles the U.S. Army; everyone who serves this patriotic duty deserves a great amount of appreciation from every United States citizen for each individual strength put forward for our country, the United States of America.—Ginu Scaria.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENT OF 2010

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendment of 2010. More than 50 years ago, Americans throughout the Southwest took jobs mining and refining raw uranium. These individuals, looking to provide for their families and creating a stable future for their children, are an important part of the history of the 20th Century and the Cold War. Unfortunately, they were unknowingly endangering their own lives by working in poorly ventilated mine shafts with little to no protective equipment. After they left work, they returned home to their families where their clothes, covered in yellow cake uranium, were washed along with that of their loved ones.

Sadly, the pursuit of the American Dream ended with tragedy for many of the miners exposed to uranium. Many of them fell ill from the radiation they were exposed to at work in the mines. Some people who had never stepped foot in a mine fell victim to the same illnesses due to wind patterns that carried this dangerous source of energy. As these Americans mined for a resource vital to the Nation's security, too many of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

This Congress now has the opportunity to right this wrong. By extending the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to Americans exposed to radioactive uranium by wind patterns or after the current cutoff in 1971 or those with newly recognized conditions, we can finally come to terms with the dark legacy of America's nuclear policy. Too many RECA claims

by my constituents in New Mexico as well as by those throughout the Southwest and in Guam are denied by the government because they lacked documentation from decades before. This legislation makes it easier for people to access the compensation they deserve.

The Americans who worked in uranium mines were serving our Nation every day, but were unaware of the extreme danger they were in. It is time to recognize these heroes of the Cold War and provide them with fair and equitable compensation for their suffering. We can never fully compensate these Americans for what they have lost—there is no compensation for the loss of a loved one. More than 50 years later, too many of these Americans are no longer with us. We have ignored their plight for too long. It is time to correct this long overdue wrong for those still with us.

I encourage my colleagues to consider and support this legislation.

DR. HAROLD A. CARTER, SR.: A LEGACY OF PRINCIPLE AND FAITH

HON. ELLJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American and true leader—Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr.

His is a vision and a mission—grounded in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s—that has compelling importance for our Nation today.

More than a half-century ago, when Dr. Carter was still a young man in Selma, Alabama, Dr. Ralph Abernathy and, then, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., both offered Harold Carter his first opportunities to speak to their congregations as a newly ordained minister.

"I was a young college student and they wanted to give me a boost from the beginning," Dr. Carter observed in a 2005 article written by Mr. Sean Yoes of the Baltimore AFRO American.

Madam Speaker, it was a strong, inspiring and enduring "boost," indeed. This same visionary foundation has inspired Dr. Carter throughout his ministry—both in the mission to proclaim the Gospel to which he had been called and in the "Social Gospel" work of his faith.

This year, Dr. Carter celebrates 45 years as the principal shepherd of Baltimore's New Shiloh Baptist Church.

In his own words, he is above all "a God man," the primary trustee of his congregation's spiritual life.

Yet, at a time when our urban areas are in danger of crumbling under the stress of decades of disinvestment, Dr. Carter and his New Shiloh Congregation also offer the people of Baltimore both hope and a concrete plan for social and economic renewal.

A past leader of Baltimore's chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the local chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, Dr. Carter has readily acknowledged Dr. King's influence upon his vision for community renewal as an integral element of his New Shiloh ministry.

"I learned from him that we have to take responsibility for our condition, whatever that might be," Dr. Carter once observed. "People

in power do not concede anything to others freely, so we have to equip ourselves and do for ourselves based on the principles of unconditional love."

Aided by the strength and talents of his wonderful wife, the late Dr. Weptanomah Carter, his son and co-Pastor, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr., and a dedicated congregation that has grown to number in the thousands, New Shiloh is, indeed, equipping its community to move forward on empowering principles.

Every day, people from the neighborhood can find inspiration and opportunity in its beautiful church and Family Life Center, its School of Music, Theological Center, Child Development Center and other facilities.

These accomplishments of the congregation's "Social Gospel" mission are important aspects of Dr. Carter's vision—but they are far from the end. Already underway are plans for technical training for the community, a Computer Center, a Senior Center and Senior Housing.

Madam Speaker, it is more appropriate, under our constitutional system, for me to leave it to others to commend Dr. Carter for the other wonderful ministers whom he has trained—including my own minister, Bishop Walter S. Thomas, Sr.

Others are better qualified than I to attest to the lasting importance of Dr. Carter's spiritual writings.

However, I have been honored to serve as a spokesman for the Congressional Black Caucus to our nation's faith communities—and, in that duty, I have gained a thorough understanding of "faith-based initiatives" that are working.

A part of what my teacher and friend, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., has taught me is that the inspiration for "faith-based" programs that work cannot be found in a strategy to transfer public responsibility for greater social equity to the faith centers of our country.

Rather, that motivating force must first arise from the hearts and minds of people of faith themselves.

This, I submit, is why Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., should stand as an example for all of our citizenry—whatever our respective faith traditions may be.

This, I believe, is what Dr. Carter means when he speaks of how our local communities must undertake greater responsibility for themselves and their neighbors—and how they must equip themselves for opportunity.

Unlike other "mega-churches" that have left the inner cities of our Nation, New Shiloh Baptist Church has followed Dr. Carter's vision for his congregation.

It has constructed its foundation on an unwavering commitment to the people of our urban community.

As we in government seek to construct a new and more comprehensive "national urban policy," we would do well to take note.

Dr. Carter and his congregation have invested millions of dollars in the New Shiloh Village and surrounding community.

"This is where the people are, and this is where the need is," he has observed. "The wave of Maryland's future development—and the nation's—lies in the [inner] cities."

Madam Speaker, for all of these reasons, I have come before you and this House today to commend to our Nation's attention the vision, wisdom and mission of an inspired man.

During his decades of service, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., has earned our Nation's praise for a lasting legacy of principle and faith.

His is a vision that all Americans would do well to pay heed.

ZANE ERIC CLARK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Eric Clark. Zane is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zane has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the decade that Zane has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zane has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zane organized and constructed picnic tables and laid down landscaping tiles for the playground area of First Baptist Church of Cameron, Missouri.

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

CONGRATULATING CORONA DEL SOL'S 2010 WE THE PEOPLE TEAM

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspiring performance of Corona del Sol High School in this year's national "We the People" competition. I share the pride from around our Congressional District and the state of Arizona that this impressive and hard-working team hails from our community.

After winning the Arizona state title for the second year in a row, Corona del Sol's "We the People" team advanced to compete for the national title in Washington, D.C. In preparation for the national event, the Corona team spent months diligently learning about American political institutions, democracy and examining the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. As a high school government teacher for 28 years, I am gratified to see students delve deeper and become passionate about government, citizenship and public service.

Their poise and eloquence in answering the complex questions asked during the national and state competitions demonstrated the team's vast knowledge of constitutional principles and patience.

I am truly privileged to share in the celebration of such an excellent and driven team. Their commitment and perseverance has paid off and should serve as an inspiration for all. I have no doubt that all members of the team will continue to make Arizona proud in their future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Corona del Sol's "We the People" team:

Achyut Patil, Ajay Raikhelkar, Alex Austin, Brittany Duong, Cecilia Yocham, Connor Rawls, David Choi, Jentry Lanza, Jessica Lin, Joanna Fritsche, Juliana Park, Kevin Thomas, Kibaek Ryu, Louis Spanias, Marlene Garcia-Neuer, Richa Date, Michael Okada, Nafisah Ahmad, Nikhita Pakki, Rizwan Ahmad, Robert Wiley, Roopa Krishnaswamy, Sagar Patwardhan, Samantha Pfothenauer, Sean Magruder, Selena Kuo, Sherry Zhao, Tiffany Dayton, Tina Cai and Xandy Peterson.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROLAND KELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL MANAGER OF CHEVRON'S PASCAGOULA REFINERY

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Roland Kell on his retirement with thirty-eight years of service within the oil industry and to his ongoing support of the State of Mississippi.

He began his career at Gulf Oil's Milford Haven Refinery in 1972 filling various roles including technical services, planning and economics and operations supervision, transferring in the late 1970s to Gulf Oil's U.S. operation.

Roland was then assigned to Pembroke Cracking Company, a partnership between Texaco Limited and Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Limited, where he supervised various commissioning activities. This assignment was followed by an appointment as Manager, Operations, Pembroke Cracking Company, prior to joining Texaco as General Manager, Pembroke Cracking Company.

Roland Kell was appointed to his current position, General Manager, Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery, in July 2002. Before coming to Pascagoula, Roland served as the Vice-President of ChevronTexaco's Europe and West Africa manufacturing, supply and trading business. From 1997–2001 he was General Manager of ChevronTexaco's Pembroke Refinery in Wales.

Following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Chevron under Roland's leadership was recognized as one of the driving forces that formed partnerships with the local communities and State to help ensure successful recovery paths. While under his direction, Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery has secured approval and commenced construction of various major expansions that have employed thousands from across the States of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

In Jackson County, Roland serves on the board of directors of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. He is a member of the Gulf Coast Business Council and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District Workforce Council. On the State level, he serves on the State Workforce Investment Board. He also serves on the Industrial Advisory Board for the University of South Alabama College of Engineering.

Roland graduated from Leeds University, UK, in 1972 with an Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering and is a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Institute of Chemical Engineers.

A native of Great Britain, Roland currently resides in Pascagoula. He has two grown children and enjoys travelling and meeting people of different cultures.

I congratulate Roland on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to the energy industry, particularly in the great State of Mississippi. May he have many joyous days to pursue his personal hobbies and interests!

COMMEMORATING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, yesterday I had the distinct pleasure of attending a memorial service at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in Granite City, Illinois, to commemorate the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. It was a very moving event and I want to thank the parishioners at St. Gregory's for their hospitality, friendship and tremendous contributions to our region. I stand with them in affirming that the Armenian Genocide was genocide, and I continue to support this formal recognition by the United States. I have again cosponsored legislation, H. Res. 252, that would take this step and I urge House leadership to bring it up for consideration this year.

I fully understand the concern that this action brings with it. Despite the clear historical record, the general agreement among genocide scholars and the recognition of this event as genocide by 20 other countries, we continue to be told that our relationship with Turkey will be irrevocably harmed by endorsing this position. I support and appreciate our relationship with Turkey, and am certain it will continue to prosper in the future. Moreover, I believe recognizing the Armenian Genocide will allow the delicate relationship between Armenia and Turkey to grow ultimately stronger. I do not advocate taking this action as a means of discrediting the Turkish people. It is simply recognition that this tragic event occurred, and it honors the fate of the 1.5 million Armenians who died as well as the great resiliency of the Armenian people. Our inaction on this matter lets no one move forward, and sends the message that we will ignore accepted truths for political purposes.

Madam Speaker, there will never be a convenient time to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide. But there is never a wrong time to do the right thing. In this case, the truth will indeed set us free and allow us to grow deeper bonds with Turkey and Armenia, together, in the decades ahead. Let us not wait any longer.

REGARDING H. RES. 1193, H. RES. 1220, H. RES. 1255, AND H. RES. 1287

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Congressman BONNER to provide, pursuant to

Rule 7(g) of the Rules of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, a statement of the Chair and Ranking Republican Member regarding H. Res. 1193, H. Res. 1220, H. Res. 1255, and H. Res. 1287.

The House has referred H. Res. 1193, H. Res. 1220, H. Res. 1255, and H. Res. 1287 to the Committee for its consideration. We acknowledge the referral of those resolutions. If adopted, the resolutions would have required the Committee to report to the House regarding aspects of its investigation "In the Matter of Allegations Relating to the Lobbying Activities of Paul Magliocchetti and Associates Group, Inc. (PMA)." Although the resolutions were not adopted, we are responding to expand further upon the Committee's previous public statements regarding its investigation in this matter.

The outside Office of Congressional Ethics, OCE, after investigation, concluded that matters for five Members regarding the PMA matter should be dismissed. After review, the Committee concurred with the outside ethics office. The Committee concluded that the matters of two other Members should also be dismissed because the facts regarding those Members' actions were not different from those of the five Members for whom both the Committee and OCE concluded dismissal was appropriate. The Committee's action to date does not preclude future Committee action related to these matters should new information warranting action become available.

The Committee publicly released a 305-page report that discusses the scope of the Committee's work in the PMA matter, as well as the basis for the Committee's bipartisan and unanimous conclusions. This report is available to the House and the public on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>. As noted in that report, the Committee's investigation during a nine-month period included extensive document reviews and interviews with numerous witnesses. As a result of its own investigation and OCE's seven separate reports and findings, the Committee—whose Members include equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans—unanimously determined that the evidence presently before the Committee merited dismissal of all seven matters.

The information reviewed by the Committee included statements from all seven Members. Summaries of interviews with five Members were included in OCE's findings, which the Committee chose to publish. Since the Committee agreed with OCE's recommendation that those five matters should be dismissed, the Committee was not required to publish any statement or OCE's reports and findings in those matters, but did so because of the unique circumstances of this matter and in the interests of public disclosure and transparency.

In addition, the Committee sought statements from Representatives TIAHRT and VIS-CLOSKY to respond specifically to allegations about their conduct. Both Members provided the Committee with statements through counsel, and the Members certified under penalty of perjury to the truth of those statements. Both statements are available, in their entirety, in the Committee's public report. Based in part on those statements, the Committee found no evidence to conclude that the facts regarding Representatives TIAHRT and VIS-CLOSKY differed substantially from the facts regarding the

other five Members—for whom both the Committee and OCE recommended dismissal. Accordingly, the Committee concluded that the matters of the two other Members should also be dismissed.

In reaching its unanimous conclusion, the Committee relied not only on the findings provided by OCE, but its own investigation. During the course of its investigation in this matter, the Committee's staff reviewed close to one-quarter of a million pages of documents. The Committee investigation covered more than 40 companies with ties to PMA. OCE's findings included summaries of interviews with five Members' offices. The Committee investigation included interviews with 33 Members' offices. The Committee investigation involved interviews with chiefs of staff, military legislative aides, other Members' staff, and Appropriations Committee staff. In reaching its conclusions, the Committee relied on the totality of this large magnitude of information.

As in other investigations, although the Committee has discussed in general terms the scope of its investigation, it did not address more specific details of various investigative steps taken by the Committee. To do so would compromise the investigative capabilities of the Committee in this and future matters by chilling voluntary cooperation. Requiring the disclosure of the details of any investigative body's activities would damage its ability to conduct its activities. Ethics investigations, in particular, rely not only upon subpoenas, but upon voluntary cooperation. Success in such an investigation usually comes because people connected to the matter choose to cooperate with the investigators and volunteer information. In many cases, their decision to cooperate is based, in part, on their belief that their identity or the details of their cooperation will not be publicly disclosed.

Moreover, disclosing specific investigative steps taken in the PMA matter could compromise any ongoing criminal investigations; harm the ability of the Committee to investigate any additional allegations of wrongdoing in this or related matters; discourage those who might bring credible allegations to the Committee in the future from doing so; and chill the voluntary cooperation of those called before the Committee in various investigations.

Prior to the House referral of the resolutions to the Committee, on February 26, 2010, the Committee unanimously voted to release a public report in the PMA matter. By a unanimous and bipartisan vote, the Committee concluded that, based upon the totality of current information gathered during a nine-month investigation, no House Member or employee violated provisions of the Code of Official Conduct or laws, rules, regulations, or other standards of conduct applicable to his or her conduct in the performance of his or her duties or the discharge of his or her responsibilities relating to proposed appropriations requests and activities of PMA.

In addition, we note that policy decisions—whether about the current appropriations process, including earmarks, or about the campaign finance system—are not within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Whether these policies should be changed is a subject that should be taken up in the appropriate venue.

The task before the Committee in the PMA matter was to determine whether House Members and staff complied with the current law

and House rules. In a unanimous and bipartisan manner, the Committee concluded the evidence presently before the Committee merited dismissal of all seven matters. The Committee's action to date does not preclude future Committee action related to these matters should new information warranting action become available.

HONORING JAMES E. LYNCH AND
CARLION J. ELDRIDGE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Illustrious Potentate Noble James E. Lynch and Illustrious Commandress Daughter Carlion J. Eldridge as they are honored at the 2nd Annual Oman Temple/Oman Court Unity Ball on Saturday, May 1st in Saginaw Michigan.

James E. Lynch Graduated from Sophia High School in Sophia, West Virginia in 1966. He worked for General Motors Buick Motor Division for 39 years as a production worker. Married to the late Crystal Mae Johnson for 34 years, they had four children: Dawn, Felicia, Cassandra and James; and seven grandchildren. James has served as Junior Warden of the John W. Stevenson Lodge Number 56, as a member of the Saginaw Valley Consistory Number 71, and Illustrious Potentate of Oman Temple Number 72 for the year 2010.

Carlion J. Eldridge completed Charles Stewart Mott College Nursing Program and currently works at Maplewood Manor in Clio, Michigan serving the elderly. She is married to James F. Eldridge and their children are: Portia, David, Jamille, Isaac, Laetrile, Lakshea, Lovell, and Victor. The Oman Temple Number 72 has bestowed the title of Illustrious Commandress Daughter on her for this year.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the charity, enthusiasm and dedication of these two individuals. I pray their year of service to Oman Temple is a tremendous success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN ROBERT R. O'BRIEN JR., COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SECTOR NEW YORK

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Captain Robert R. O'Brien Jr., Commander of the United States Coast Guard Sector New York, on his 40 years of distinguished service.

After leaving a Roman Catholic seminary in 1970, Captain O'Brien chose to enlist in the United States Coast Guard. While enlisted, he served on the USCGC Laurel before joining Group Fort Macon as a small boat coxswain. In 1976, he was assigned as Officer-in-Charge of the USCGC Blackberry at Oak Island, North Carolina. Upon his promotion to Chief Boatswain's Mate in 1979, he was transferred to

the largest Aid-to-Navigation Team in the Atlantic Area as the Officer-in-Charge. In 1980, he was again promoted to Chief Warrant Officer as the Commanding Officer of the Aid-to-Navigation Team for the Long Island Sound where he worked to ensure the safety of all nautical vessels by maintaining the integrity of the Long Island Sound's navigation systems.

Captain O'Brien received his commission as Lieutenant in 1983. In 1999, he was assigned to the Marine Safety Office in Memphis, Tennessee as the Commanding Officer. He left for Washington, DC in 2002 to serve as the Coast Guard Liaison to the Navy's Military Sealift Command where he performed a dual role as direct representative of the NMSC and staff member of G-MOC. In 2003, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of the Marine Safety Office in Hampton Roads before becoming commander of the Sector Hampton Roads in 2005. On June 15, 2006, Captain O'Brien became Commander of Sector New York making him responsible for missions such as search and rescue, law enforcement, maintenance of Aids-to-Navigation, and ship inspections. Most importantly, he worked each and every day to ensure the safety and security of the port and citizens of New York.

Throughout his career, Captain O'Brien has diligently upheld his commitment to the Coast Guardsman's Creed. He is the recipient of multiple Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons. He also holds the Coast Guard Cutterman, Surfman, and Coxswain pins as well as the Officer-in-Charge Afloat, Officer-in-Charge Ashore, and Command Ashore insignias.

For 40 years, his leadership and commitment to the Coast Guard have helped to preserve the safety of our Nation's shores.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Captain O'Brien on his long and venerable service in the United States Coast Guard.

ON THE OCCASION OF SERGEANT
JENNIFER EVITTS' TRANSFER
FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE
CORPS LIAISON OFFICE

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Sergeant Jennifer Evitts, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of her transfer from the liaison office. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with her over the past three years that she has served as part of Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs and as the Congressional Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer of the U.S.M.C. Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sergeant Evitts distinguished herself through exceptional meritorious service while serving as the Non-Commissioned Officer of Legislative Affairs. Every day she served in direct support of not only the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs but in direct support of every member of Congress, every Marine and every American. Her keen abilities in or-

ganization, interpersonal relationships, and communication were extremely critical to the successful accomplishment of the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs' mission. Her achievements and ability to get the job done have been understated but always effective and noteworthy. While serving in the Liaison office, Sergeant Evitts was able to develop and execute legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the Nation's most elite fighting force, ensuring their success on the battlefield. She routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. Her actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships—a cornerstone of CMC's strategic vision.

The Marine Corps House of Representatives Liaison Office that Sergeant Evitts leaves behind is functional and responsive, highly integrated, and favors a proactive legislative strategy. While leading the House Liaison Office through the extraordinary challenges associated with Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing Global War on Terror, she concurrently ensured that a myriad of daily Congressional communications, taskings and events were executed flawlessly. During Sgt. Evitts' four years as the Non-Commissioned Officer, she accomplished the full spectrum of the Marine Corps' legislative mission. She exemplified the candor and knowledge that we have come to expect from the Marine Corps and she played a key role in maintaining superb relationships between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives.

Throughout her tour, Sgt. Evitts effectively responded to several thousand congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. During her time on Capitol Hill, Sgt. Evitts successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic Congressional and Staff Delegations. Her detailed coordination with foreign government officials, U.S. State Department, and senior military officials ensured that each delegation was conducted professionally. Her attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed Representatives to focus on fact-finding and glean new insights that informed critical decisions to support the people of the United States. Due to her professionalism, dedication and keen knowledge, Sgt. Evitts became the most sought after military escort for delegations conducting Congressional travel. The time she has spent supporting Members of the House has been truly noteworthy. She has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF REV. BEN-
JAMIN LAWSON HOOKS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 1271 "Honoring the

life and achievements of Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks" introduced by my distinguished colleague from Michigan, Representative CONYERS.

Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks was a civil rights leader and served as the Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1977 to 1992. Dr. Hooks graduated with a bachelor's degree from Howard University, a juris doctor degree from DePaul University College of Law, and received an honorary doctorate from Central Connecticut State University. He held professional memberships with the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. After passing the Tennessee Bar, he established his own law practice.

Dr. Hooks served as a distinguished adjunct professor for the Political Science Department at the University of Memphis. In 1996, the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change was established at the University of Memphis. The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute is a public policy research center supporting the urban research mission, and honoring Hooks' many years of leadership in the American Civil Rights Movement. The Hooks Institute also emphasizes social movements, race relations, strong communities, public education, effective public participation, and social and economic justice.

Dr. Hooks was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1956, and he preached regularly at the Greater Middle Baptist Church in Memphis. He joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Hooks became a pioneer of NAACP-sponsored restaurant sit-ins and other boycotts of consumer items and services.

In 1965, Dr. Hooks was appointed by Governor Frank G. Clement as the first African American criminal court judge in the Shelby Criminal Court. In 1966, he would later campaign for and win a full term to the same judicial office that he had been appointed to due to a vacancy. In 1972, President Richard Nixon appointed Dr. Hooks to be one of the five commissioners to the Federal Communications Commission, FCC. As a member, he addressed the lack of minority ownership of television and radio stations, the minority employment statistics for the broadcasting industry, and the image of African Americans in mass media. Dr. Hooks served as a producer and host for several local television shows in Memphis.

Dr. Hooks' honors and awards include the NAACP Spingarn Medal for outstanding achievements made by an African American, receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush in November of 2007, and he was inducted into the International Civil Rights Hall of Fame at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site on January 12, 2008. The Memphis Library Branch is also named in his honor. The NAACP later created the Benjamin L. Hooks Distinguished Service Award, which is awarded to persons for their efforts in implementing policies and programs which promote equal opportunity.

So it is with great pride and admiration that we honor Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks as a great civil rights leader, and as a successful

businessman, judge, lawyer, and minister. He has fought triumphantly for the rights of African Americans and made great contributions to the African American community.

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 Tuesday, April 27, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
APRIL 28

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine a national assessment of energy policies, focusing on significant achievements since the 1970s and an examination of U.S. energy policies and goals in the coming decades.

SD-124

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joshua Gotbaum, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and Eduardo M. Ochoa, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2010", S. 2782, to provide personal jurisdiction in causes of action against contractors of the United States performing contracts abroad with respect to members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States in connection with contractor activities, S. 3167, to amend title 13 of the United States Code to provide for a 5-year term of office for the Director of the Census and to provide for authority and duties of the Director and Deputy Director of the Census, S. 3249, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program and for other purposes, S. 3196, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services

shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election, H.R. 1454, to provide for the issuance of a Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp, H.R. 1345, to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of the District of Columbia under the provisions of law commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act", H.R. 2092, to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to expand allowable uses for Kingman and Heritage Islands by the District of Columbia, S. 3066, to correct the application of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (5 U.S.C. 5304 note) to employees paid saved or retained rates, H.R. 3978, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9 11 Commission Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for otherwise authorized activities of the Center for Domestic Preparedness that are related to preparedness for and response to terrorism, S. Res. 481, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued public service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 3 through 9, 2010, S. 3200, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building", S. 3012 and H.R. 4425, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office", H.R. 4214, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45300 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert, California, as the "Roy Wilson Post Office", S. 2945 and H.R. 3250, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 West Main Street in Riverhead, New York, as the "Private First Class Garfield M. Langhorn Post Office Building", H.R. 3634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office", H.R. 4624, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the "SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office", S. 3013 and H.R. 4628, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Westwood Avenue in Westwood, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek Post Office Building", and the nominations of Todd E. Edelman, Milton C. Lee, Jr., and Judith Anne Smith, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, and Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, both to be a Member of Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals, and any pending calendar business.

SD-342

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine military compensation and benefits, including special and incentive pays, in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine motor carrier safety efforts.

SR-253

1 p.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

SVC-210/212

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on standards and assessments.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine contract management at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SD-342

Appropriations

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-138

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and John A. Gibney, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1241, to amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer, S. 1571 and H.R. 1043, bills to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, S. 2762, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 3075, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 3185, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, and H.R. 86, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222