

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA WISE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donna Wise, an outstanding coach, mentor and leader in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Donna, who is Campbellsville University's all-time winningest coach and a NAIA Hall of Famer, was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame last month during a ceremony in Louisville.

With a record of 661 wins, nearly 71% of her games, Donna has been dedicated to the Campbellsville community and to her student-athletes for over 30 years. She has coached 23 NAIA All-Americans and helped lead her teams to 16 national tournaments and 17 regular season conference titles.

She has been named NAIA Coach of the Year three times and conference Coach of the Year seven times and continues to contribute so much to the university as the head of the Department of Human Performance.

Donna has been an inspiration and guide for generations of Campbellsville Lady Tigers. She truly deserves this recognition.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Donna on a successful and rewarding career and wish her nothing but the best in the years to come.

NATHAN T. WILSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan T. Wilson. Nathan 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 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan 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, Nathan has earned the rank of Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Nathan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nathan oversaw the design and installation at the Weston Historical Museum of a display depicting the numerous links between Weston residents and the American Civil War.

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

HONORING KELSEY MAURA WAITE

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary young lady from my hometown of Tucson, AZ. Her name is Miss Kelsey Maura Waite. Kelsey is deeply committed to environmental issues and I would like to recognize her for her efforts. At the age of 16, Kelsey has already been honored with over a dozen science-related awards. She has been invited not once but twice to compete at I-SWEEEP, the International Sustainable World (Energy, Engineering & Environment) Project Olympiad. In addition, she has received honors at both the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair and the statewide Arizona Science and Engineering Fair.

At her young age, Kelsey is already a role model for her peers. She has won over 30 science awards in high school alone and has traveled to dozens of countries to represent us with her science projects. She has always been a successful student and in kindergarten, won a trophy at a chess tournament that was taller than she was.

In 5th grade she was inspired by a teacher named Ms. Jadgeo. Many of us had teachers that pushed us in positive ways to our full potential, and for Kelsey it was Ms. Jadgeo. She changed Kelsey's life by assigning her very first science project.

Kelsey is more than just a good student—she is also a wonderful daughter, sister, and citizen. She attends both Sonoran Science Academy and Tucson Magnet High School. It was difficult for her parents to accommodate her attending two different schools that are quite distant from each other. Kelsey took it upon herself to find a job at a local grocery store to be able to pay for her gas, and now wakes up at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday each weekend to put in the hours she needs. She is an admirable young lady that deserves our respect and our support. We need to encourage students like Kelsey and support their education because they are the future of our country. They will be tomorrow's experts on environmental and other issues that we cannot afford to ignore.

I ask to recognize Miss Kelsey Waite for her dedication to her education, her family and her community.

HONORING DR. JUDITH C. RODRIGUEZ AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION FOR 2010–2011

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention the in-

stallation next month of one of my constituents, Dr. Judith C. Rodriguez, PhD, RD, FADA, a professor at the University of North Florida, as President of the American Dietetic Association for 2010–11.

Founded in 1917, ADA is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition health professionals, and is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the dietetics profession through research, education and advocacy. Approximately three-fourths of ADA's nearly 70,000 members are registered dietitians. Other members include dietetic technicians registered, educators, researchers and students. Nearly half of the membership holds advanced academic degrees. ADA members serve throughout our nation's health-care system, in nonprofit organizations, schools, correctional facilities, and government and community organizations. They can also be found in the food industry, health clubs, weight management clinics, wellness centers and as consultants.

Dr. Rodriguez has had a rich academic career. Not only is she a professor in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of North Florida, she has also chaired the department of public health, and served as director of the undergraduate program in dietetics and the master of science in health nutrition and dietetic programs. She was also project coordinator at Florida Community College and taught courses in food, nutrition and health at several colleges and universities around the country.

Dr. Rodriguez is a prolific author with three food and nutrition books to her credit over the last six years. These include the Latino Food Lover's Glossary and The Diet Selector and Contemporary Nutrition for Latinos. She has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Women of Color Cultural Foundation Award, the 2003 Hispanics Achieving Community Excellence Award, and from her peers in the Florida Dietetic Association, the Distinguished Dietitian Award in 2001. She has also held numerous leadership positions within ADA and currently serves as a peer reviewer for the Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

Dr. Rodriguez earned bachelor and master's degrees in nutrition and higher education from New York University, and a doctorate in cultural anthropology from Rutgers University.

I know the House will join me in extending congratulations to Dr. Judith Rodriguez as she assumes the leadership of the American Dietetic Association on June 1. Those of us who have worked with professionals in the nutrition and dietetics community look forward to the expertise she and her colleagues will provide during her year-long term on such issues as obesity, wellness and healthful eating habits.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF MARVIN C. HARDY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to a special day in the life of Mr. Marvin C. Hardy of Sylacauga, Alabama.

Mr. Hardy was born on May 2, 1920 in Coosa County. He attended schools in Coosa County and graduated from American High School in Chicago, Illinois. He spent his early years working on the family farm and later worked two years at Alabama Dry Docks in Mobile as a Navy-certified welder before joining the Army in 1943.

Mr. Hardy is an American hero. He served in the 2nd Infantry Division during World War II, landing at Omaha Beach and fighting through the European Theater. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry badge, Unit Citation and Good Conduct medal.

After returning home from the war, he began working in construction. Later in his career, he took early retirement to pursue his dreams of owning his own building and construction firm. In his personal life, Mr. Hardy has been married to his wife, Florence, for 64 years. The Hardy's are blessed with two daughters, Susan Wilson and Sherry Starovasnik, and are the proud grandparents of 4 grandsons.

Mr. Hardy is a member of First Baptist Church in Sylacauga and has served in many ministries including Deacon, Building and Grounds committee, Carpenters for Christ, and Brotherhood.

He is an avid deer and turkey hunter as well as a fisherman. In addition to working with wood, he likes to garden and spend time with his family.

I wish Mr. Hardy a very happy 90th birthday.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH
WEEK**

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the actions of the House of Representatives in recognizing the importance of women's health in our society. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 268, which empowers women to make their health a top priority.

Mother's Day marked the start of National Women's Health Week. This observance is coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health. This resolution encourages women to take small steps to improve their health and reduce their risk for many diseases.

This resolution reaffirms the sense of the House that all women must have access to medical services and receive fair treatment. Many women have faced significant obstacles in caring for themselves and their families.

This is why I voted with a majority of the House to pass health care reform. Health care reform has lowered costs for women, and prohibits insurance companies from overcharging because of gender or denying coverage because of a preexisting condition. Health care reform has improved women's access to medical services by requiring new health care plans to cover preventative care, routine screenings, and regular checkups.

During National Women's Health Week, it is important to encourage our wives, mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, and aunts to make time to improve their health, and prevent disease. When women make their health a priority and take small, manageable steps to improve their health, the results can be significant and our entire nation benefits. The health of women is not just a women's issue, but an American issue that affects all of us.

May 10th was National Women's Checkup Day. I urge all women in my district, who have not done so already, to make an appointment with their health care professional. Also, I encourage the women in Georgia's Fourth District to take advantage of the educational events, workshops, and conferences taking place in Atlanta this week.

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution which encourages women to take simple steps for a longer, healthier, and happier life.

**IN HONOR OF MR. EDWARD
BOWMAN, SR.**

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of a great man and constituent, Mr. Edward Bowman, Sr. Mr. Bowman, of Cheshire, Connecticut, passed away on April 17, 2010 after a vigorous battle with cancer. He is survived by his eight children and twenty-five grandchildren.

If you know Cheshire, Connecticut, traffic jams aren't something we have to worry about every day. But on the day of his burial procession, Ed Bowman caused one heck of a traffic jam that virtually shut down Route 10. That is how beloved the man was to his family, his friends and his community. While not everyone at Mr. Bowman's funeral knew the man well, they certainly knew what he meant to their community and what a great loss his passing represented.

Ed Bowman was simply a giant in town, both in business and in charity. A devout Catholic, he lived his life in the true spirit of the Ignatian value of acting as a "man for others." Mr. Bowman came up from the bottom to eventually purchase and operate a successful business in Cheshire—White Bowman, Inc. While he was a good businessman, he was an even better volunteer and community cheerleader. If you volunteered at a St. Bridget food drive, Ed Bowman was probably packing grocery bags right next to you; if you thought kids in Cheshire needed more opportunities to participate in sports, Ed Bowman was probably chalking the ball field with you; and if you thought that more scholarships were needed to get more kids to college, Ed Bowman was

right there next to you selling raffle tickets and hustling for donations.

And he did it all without asking for anything. One of his friends at the local Rotary remarked that Mr. Bowman wasn't a member of the Rotary because he wanted to attain any leadership position but because he simply believed in the organization and its mission of community service.

Edward Bowman is a rarity among us. His service to his family and community wasn't based on the need for appreciation and acclamation, but instead he served for the most noble of reasons—it was the right thing to do, because he was a man for others.

There is no other way to put it—Ed Bowman WAS Cheshire, and the Bowman family that he built IS Cheshire. In honor of Edward Bowman, Sr. and his lifetime of service to his family and community I ask that all Members of the House of Representatives join me in a moment of silence for one outstanding American.

**HONORING MR. TIMOTHY P.
SISSLER**

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Timothy P. Sissler, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Bank in Altoona. Mr. Sissler deserves recognition for his career and accomplishments, which have truly been an asset to his industry and community.

The story of Mr. Sissler's career is characterized by hard work and business acumen. He began as a management trainee with Mid-State Bank and Trust Company and then rose through its ranks. When he became the Director of Commercial Banking, Mr. Sissler assumed responsibility for a \$750 million portfolio and over 100 officers and employees. He filled this position with such skill that the Central Bank of Hollidaysburg named Mr. Sissler as its President. Once again, Mr. Sissler's abilities proved up to his task, and while he was president, the bank produced double-digit deposit and loan growth. Since 2000, Mr. Sissler has served as president and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Bank. As impressive as these career achievements are, Mr. Sissler also excels in other areas of the banking industry. He received an A.P. Giannini Public Speaking Award from the American Institute of Banking and coauthored an article for the Journal of Commercial Bank Lending. Furthermore, Mr. Sissler serves on the boards of several organizations, such as Mount Aloysius College and Pennsylvania Free Enterprise, and has been named a Fellow of Leadership, Blair County.

Timothy Sissler reminds us of the benefits hard work, diligence and integrity provide. With these characteristics, he has risen to the top of his field and provides responsible, positive leadership in the banking industry. I commend Mr. Sissler on his honorable achievements, and I look forward to many more.

HONORING U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN
JOHN C. SCORBY, JR.

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Navy Captain John C. Scorby, Jr., the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Jacksonville in Florida, one of the nation's largest naval installations. Captain Scorby exemplifies the values of a committed naval officer and, I believe, you will agree when you hear his exceptional performance on a variety of levels.

NAS Jacksonville hosts over 117 tenant commands, 25,000 personnel and their families. As Commanding Officer, it was Captain Scorby's duty to provide oversight and to make sure everything ran like clockwork. For three years, Capt. Scorby was a dedicated leader to this key Navy installation.

A P-3 Orion pilot by trade, Jack Scorby has always seen the big picture. But like the radar on the P-3 Orion, he has the ability to zero in on the details that needed fine tuning and, thus, Jack made a great installation even better.

Captain Scorby set the highest standards for excellence and then led by example to reach and surpass those goals. Using his personality, skill, resourcefulness and the ability to manage and juggle priorities to meet the support needs of the fleet, the war fighter, and the family, Captain Scorby has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navy. He was the catalyst behind NAS Jacksonville winning a plethora of awards including the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Secretary of the Navy's and the Chief of Naval Operations' Safety Ashore awards for two consecutive years, and the Commander Navy Region Southeast's 2009 nominee for the Installation Excellence Award.

Under his watch, NAS Jacksonville underwent \$350 million of facility construction and upgrades. Captain Scorby oversaw the management of that endeavor and also was instrumental in the smooth relocation of five P-3 Orion squadrons and their families from Maine to Florida.

Jack Scorby cultivated an Individual Augmentee (IA) Support Program that helped sustain the families of IAs who were deployed and then honored them with a luncheon upon their return. This model program is now being replicated at bases worldwide.

NAS Jacksonville earned the reputation as the Airfield of Choice under Jack's command as personnel worked round the clock in providing services to a variety of operations including Army helicopter deployments, Pine Castle Range use, and the initial stand-up training and outfitting of the Navy Expeditionary Guard Battalion for Guantanamo Bay. Captain Scorby and his team at NAS Jacksonville provided support and facilities to the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the hurricane season as well as during the earthquake that devastated Haiti.

A recognized naval ambassador in the City, Captain Scorby hosted two Air Shows, a Presidential visit, and over 90 other ceremonies and special events. I was pleased to work with him on two veteran ceremonies at which we recognized over 250 grateful Vietnam Vet-

erans. Jack and his sailors made sure all veterans were treated as special guests and honored for their service. He partnered with the Florida Department of Labor to host a Disabled Veteran Outreach Program that provided services to veterans and their families and a Tri-Base Job Fair that brought in 155 employers and over 800 job seekers. Each of these events cemented the relationship between the City of Jacksonville and the United States Navy.

Always a strong supporter of Navy personnel and their families whether on base or deployed across the globe fulfilling missions, Jack Scorby also ensured that our fallen heroes returned with honor and a proper homecoming. No matter the time or the day, when a soldier, sailor, marine or airman returned on his final flight, Captain Scorby had police, firefighters, Patriot Guard and hundreds of civilians and naval personnel line the runway and roads. Families of the fallen were moved and grateful.

And on behalf of the City of Jacksonville and the 4th Congressional District, it is my privilege to recognize the dedication, caring and leadership that makes Captain John C. Scorby, Jr., worthy of receiving the Legion of Merit.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 256, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATHAN HOFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

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Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nathan 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, Nathan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nathan oversaw the construction of a batting cage which will provide a healthy athletic outlet for the residents of Boonville, Missouri.

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

RECOGNIZING MARCIA HILSABECK
OF ROUND ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Marcia Hilsabeck upon her retirement from Round Rock High School after 43 years of service.

Marcia served all but the first two years of her career in the English Department and has led the English Department since 1994. Throughout the years of her teaching career, she has been honored as Teacher of the Year and Round Rock Local Legend. When Marcia first began teaching at Round Rock High School in 1967, there were 368 students in grades nine through twelve, today there are ten times that many students. Times have changed since Marcia first began her teaching career, but her dedication and love for education has not. She has been called the ultimate teacher by colleagues and generations of students fondly remember and recognize the impact she made on their lives. Her commitment to education is extraordinary and it is with great pride I honor Marcia's career today as I wish her all the best for her retirement years.

HONORING MR. SAM FREDMAN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Samuel G. Fredman, this year's recipient of the Rabbi Amiel Wohl Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious honor is being respectfully bestowed upon Judge Fredman by the Westchester Jewish Conference for his lifetime of contributions to Westchester County and our great country.

Sam Fredman has led a truly remarkable life. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in the South Pacific Theater during and after World War II. After his military service, Sam received his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and law degree from Columbia University. He is a member of the New York State Bar and admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Judge Fredman has served as law firm partner, law school lecturer, and Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York for nearly 14 years. Judge Fredman still practices law today as a private arbitrator and mediator at Wilson Esler Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker and as a judicial hearing officer for New York's Ninth Judicial Circuit. In addition to his professional achievements, Sam remains a devoted family man as the grandfather of four beautiful grandchildren.

Judge Fredman has already been recognized with over 22 awards and honors during his lifetime, including the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Distinguished Service Award, Pennsylvania State University Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Westchester Holocaust Commission Distinguished Service Award. The long list of Sam's admirers includes the United Jewish Appeal, Westchester

County Bar Association, Westchester Holocaust Commission, Benjamin Cardozo Society, State University of New York, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Cystic Fibrosis Society, Hebrew Academy of Westchester, Solomon Schechter School of Westchester County, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Anti-Defamation League.

However, it is Judge Fredman's service to the Westchester community for over 60 years that has brought him the distinguished Rabbi Amiel Wohl lifetime achievement award. Sam has given his time and talents in support of White Plains Hospital Center, White Plains Public Library, Community Chest, Heart Fund, and numerous other charitable causes. He was chairman of the SUNY-Purchase Council for 5 years and has remained active in religious leadership with the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Advisory Board of the Westchester Jewish Chronicle, Board of Directors of The Anne Frank Center, Hillel Foundation at Penn State University, Westchester Jewish Conference and the Westchester and Lower Connecticut Division of Israel Bonds where he served as chairman. Despite his busy schedule, Judge Fredman has also made time to coach boys baseball and basketball teams with the White Plains recreational department.

I urge you to join me in honoring our great countryman and my constituent, Judge Sam Fredman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENTO CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Sacramento Center for International Trade Development and the Los Rios Community College District for being awarded the President's "E" Award for Export Service. This prestigious award is being given to these institutions in recognition of their support to businesses seeking to export their products.

The Sacramento Center for International Trade Development is part of a statewide program funded by the California Community College chancellor's office, and is part of the Workforce and Economic Development Program of the Los Rios Community College District. The center strives to advance northern California's global competitiveness by providing export and import services to businesses and organizations throughout the region.

For more than 15 years, the Sacramento Center for International Trade Development has proven to be a highly successful provider of comprehensive, export services and programs that addresses the needs of northern California businesses. A full-range of export services is provided, from basic export training, to detailed market support, to trade mission preparation and participation. Of paramount importance is the unique connection to the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Commercial Service which have allowed

businesses in northern California to begin exporting products and increase sales in the global marketplace.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize and congratulate the Sacramento Center for International Trade Development and the Los Rios Community College District for their outstanding work to increase exports of Californian products, and for being awarded the President's "E" Award for Export Service. Please join me in honoring them.

HONORING FORMER
CONGRESSMAN IKE ANDREWS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Congressman Ike Andrews, who passed away on May 10, 2010. A former lawyer and public servant, Mr. Andrews will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to his community and the State of North Carolina.

Ike Andrews was born in Bonlee, NC in western Chatham County and always kept a piece of Bonlee in his heart. Ike's father ran the hardware store in town, and his mother was a school teacher, instilling the importance of community in Ike from a young age.

At the age of 18, Ike enlisted and served as a field artillery forward observer in World War II. Wounded by enemy gunshot in the Battle of the Bulge, Ike was hospitalized in Scotland when the war ended. Ike traveled to London to No. 10 Downing Street to witness British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announce the German surrender. During his military service from 1943–1945, he attained the rank of Master Sergeant and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After the war, Ike Andrews pursued an education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he garnered both undergraduate and law degrees. Mr. Andrews opened a law practice in Siler City, NC, where he was elected district attorney and prosecuted criminal cases in Chatham, Orange, and Alamance counties. Mr. Andrews was always serving his community, and he took a further step in 1959 with election to the North Carolina Senate. He later served 4 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives. In 1972, Mr. Andrews was elected to the first of 6 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he would be remembered for his dedication to education, the elderly and long-term care. He never forgot his home, and continued to spend warm Sunday afternoons on his front porch in Bonlee throughout his public service.

Ike served in the U.S. House until 1985, then resumed practicing law in Siler City, and retired to Chapel Hill, NC. Mr. Andrews is survived by his wife, JoAnne Andrews, his daughter, Alice Andrews Joyce and her husband Bob, and his grandchildren, Kevin Joyce and Laura Joyce.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of former Congressman Ike Andrews, a North Carolina leader who served his community, his state and his country, while always keeping his Bonlee spirit and values in his heart. It is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY E. POPE OF UNITED STATES CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN BELTON, TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Gregory E. Pope, United States Corps of Engineers Operations Manager, on his retirement after 34 years of dedicated service. Greg has been a true asset to the Corps for decades and a leader in Texas District 31. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Greg on many projects over the last several years including the re-opening of several parks on Lake Belton after severe flooding. He has been a valuable resource and I admire his knowledge and professionalism. I appreciate Greg's commitment to the community, TX-31 and the U.S. Corps.

I would like to thank Greg for his leadership and service as well as congratulate him and wish him well in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEXTER
MCNAMARA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Reverend Dexter McNamara. On Thursday May 6th, Dexter was honored in Sacramento by the Interfaith Service Bureau for his outstanding work with the faith community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his work in bringing people of all faiths together to address our community's most pressing needs.

After earning his bachelor's degree from UCLA and his master of divinity from Princeton University, Dexter served as an associate pastor for 21 years with congregations in Colorado and California. Because of his outstanding work with his congregation and his ability to create greater understanding among faith groups, Dexter was offered a position as the executive director of Sacramento's Interfaith Service Bureau.

Dexter led the Interfaith Service Bureau for 16 years, from 1993–2010. Under his leadership, we were continually reminded that our similarities are greater than our differences. He brought us together by mentoring faith and community leaders, while also leading numerous interfaith projects throughout the region. Dexter has helped the religious community in Sacramento grow and prosper by addressing the challenges of ministering to the needs of diverse people and cultures. He has helped people of different religious backgrounds overcome their differences and work together towards peace and unity.

In 1999, Dexter and the Interfaith Service Bureau coordinated an interfaith response after several synagogues were targeted by hate groups and firebombed. Similarly after the September 11 attacks on our country, he led a community service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, bringing all faiths together in interfaith worship services. Out of this came the Call for Unity, annual event to

recognize outstanding community leadership in building bridges of understanding.

Dexter has been recognized numerous times for his outstanding work bringing people together for the common goal of justice and peace. He was awarded the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Sacramento Area Congregations Together, the Distinguished Award by the Sacramento Area League of Associated Muslims, the Building Unity Award by the Sacramento Housing Alliance, and the Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dexter organized the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster for Sacramento from 2005–2008, and chaired the California Interfaith Power and Light working group from 2005–2008, which worked to raise awareness of global warming and climate change. He served on the Wells Fargo Community Advisory Board, the Family Support Collaborative Board, the Sacramento City Mayor's Youth Task Force, and the local Childcare and Development Planning Council.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Reverend Dexter McNamara for his outstanding work with Sacramento's Interfaith Service Bureau, and in bringing people of different faiths together to work towards bettering our community and understanding of one another. I once again ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Reverend Dexter McNamara for all that he has done for the people of Sacramento.

LETTERS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA,
GENERAL JONES, DIRECTOR
MUELLER, AND DIRECTOR PANETTA
ON STRENGTHENING OUR
NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I want to share the following letters that I have sent to President Obama, National Security Advisor General Jones, FBI Director Mueller, and CIA Director Panetta last week urging the implementation of four bipartisan proposals to strengthen our national security.

Following the failed attack on Times Square in New York City, it is more important than ever that we implement these proposals that would make our country safer.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
May 5, 2010.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
*The President, The White House,
Washington DC.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In light of the attempted terrorist bombing in Times Square in New York City, I urge you again to implement four bipartisan steps that would help make our country safer. If we fail to learn the lessons of the attempted attacks on Christmas Day and Times Square, we will continue to repeat the same mistakes that compromised our preparation for and response to these two incidents. The latest attack underscores the need for the rapid adoption of bipartisan solutions that strengthen our national security.

As you know, I have repeatedly urged the administration to bring back the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission—Lee Hamilton and

Thomas Kean—for a six-month review of the progress that has been made in implementing the commission's recommendations. To date, I have seen no effort by the administration on this front.

I have spoken with Lee Hamilton and he believes this is a good idea. In fact, Mr. Hamilton underscored the need for this when he told ABC News yesterday that, "the 9/11 commission recommended that you had to have biometric evidence, documentarian evidence of people coming in and exiting [the country.] We've done a pretty good job on the first part of it people entering the country. But with regard to those exiting the country we simply have not been able to set up a system to deal with that and it showed in this case."

Given our failure to prevent both alleged terrorists—Faisal Shahzad and Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab—from boarding their flights, it is critically important that our transportation security structure have strong leadership and coordination. In both cases, the alleged terrorists slipped through security despite appearing on the "no fly" list.

I have repeatedly urged the administration to support legislation to establish a more professional and independent administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), by setting a 10-year term, akin to the appointment process for the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In fact, I introduced legislation, H.R. 4459, in early January to do this. After two withdrawn nominations, the position remains vacant and the administration continues to oppose efforts to professionalize this position.

In the wake of the attempted Christmas Day bombing, there were many serious questions regarding the administration's deployment of the new High Value Detainee Interrogation Group (HIG). Five months later, these same questions surround the administration's response to the Times Square attack. The Washington Post noted in its editorial today, "Nor has [the administration] said whether its High Value Interrogation Group (HIG)—a group of law enforcement and intelligence experts specially trained for terrorism cases—was up and running and deployed in the Shahzad case."

I have repeatedly urged the administration to collocate the HIG at the National Counterterrorism Center to facilitate information sharing and cooperation among intelligence agencies. Again, I have seen no effort by the administration to do so.

Perhaps most importantly, I have repeatedly urged the administration to create a "Team B" of outside advisors to bring "fresh eyes" to U.S. counterterrorism strategy. The team would represent a "new approach to counterterrorism" which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intelligence, but which seeks to stay a step ahead in understanding how to break the radicalization and recruitment cycle that sustains our enemy, how to disrupt their network globally and how to strategically isolate them. This would help us better anticipate the type of threats that occurred on Christmas Day and in Times Square.

Counterterrorism experts, including respected Georgetown University professor Bruce Hoffman, have publicly endorsed this proposal. They understand the need for a group of outside experts to challenge assumptions across the intelligence community to help us better prepare for future attacks. In light of the increasing pace in attempted attacks on U.S. soil, I believe this should be implemented as quickly as possible.

I cannot understand why the administration continues to refuse to adopt these proposals. In light of the latest attempted attack, I urge your action on these proposals—

each of which would receive broad bipartisan support from the American people.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 6, 2010.

General JAMES JONES,
*National Security Adviser, The White House,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR GENERAL JONES: Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent to President Obama yesterday urging him, again, to implement a series of bipartisan measures that would strengthen our national security.

In the wake of the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square, these proposals are timelier than ever. If we fail to learn from the mistakes of the attempted Christmas Day and Times Square attacks, we will be unable to anticipate and prevent future attacks.

Again, Jim, I urge you to ask the president to implement these much-needed proposals to protect Americans. I would appreciate your letting me know if you will recommend that the president implement these measures.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 6, 2010.

Hon. ROBERT S. MUELLER III,
*Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, DC.*

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Again, Bob, I urge you to ask the president to implement these much-needed proposals to protect Americans. I would appreciate your letting me know if you will recommend that the president implement these measures.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 6, 2010.

Hon. LEON PANETTA,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC.

DEAR DIRECTOR PANETTA: Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent to President Obama yesterday urging him, again, to implement a series of bipartisan measures that would strengthen our national security.

In the wake of the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square, these proposals are timelier than ever. If we fail to learn from the mistakes of the attempted Christmas Day and Times Square attacks, we will be unable to anticipate and prevent future attacks.

Again, Leon, I urge you to ask the president to implement these much-needed proposals to protect Americans. I would appreciate your letting me know if you will recommend that the president implement these measures.

Best wishes.
Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
PROMPT RESPONSE TO AT-
TEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK
IN TIMES SQUARE

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1320, expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens and law enforcement agencies in New York and Connecticut to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the attempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Chairman THOMPSON for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleagues Congressman MCMAHON, Congressman HIMES, and Congressman HALL, who authored this legislation.

As Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, I am an original cosponsor of this resolution. I am pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing the New York City first responders who safely evacuated hundreds of people from Times Square and responded in a prompt and effective manner, as the result of extensive terrorism preparedness efforts that are supported, in part, by the Department of Homeland Security. H. Res. 1320 recognizes the efforts of these men and women as well as the action of two alert citizens, Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson, who notified the New York Police Department about a suspicious vehicle that was parked on 45th Street in Times Square. It is due to the exceptional professionalism and investigative work by the New York Police Department, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, the Fire Department of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut that a suspect was apprehended only 48 hours following the attempted bombing.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I support this bill because it is important to recognize and honor the men and women who put themselves in harm's way all day, every day, doing the important work to keep our homeland safe. I am proud to stand with my colleagues today in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1320.

RECOGNIZING CHARLY SKAGGS OF
JUVENILE SERVICES OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Charly Skaggs upon his retirement from Williamson County Juvenile Services after 32 years of service. Charly served 24 of those years as the chief probation officer. In the beginning of Charly's career there were only seven employees in the juvenile services department and the county had just broken ground on a ten-bed secure detention facility.

Williamson County grew a great deal during Charly's time of service resulting in operation of a detention center, a non-secure residential center, a juvenile justice alternative education program, a secure residential program, court services, probation services, community services, electronic monitoring and the first military model residential setting with 150 employees. Charly has spent many years traveling all over the U.S. training in the juvenile services field, as well as serving as the past president of the National and Texas Juvenile Detention Associations. I had the pleasure of working with Charly when I sat on the Bench as District Judge of Williamson County. It is an honor to congratulate my friend on his retirement and I wish him all the best.

CONGRATULATING THE 2010
MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL WE THE
PEOPLE TEAM

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, once again, the students of Mount Carmel School have won the honor to represent the Northern Mariana Islands in the annual "We the People" competition. Mount Carmel has a tradition of excellence in speech and debate and this year's group of orators continued that tradition with distinction.

The competition is directed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by Congress through the Education for Democracy Act.

This is a program we should continue to support. I watched the Mount Carmel students testify in a simulated congressional hearing on constitutional issues they had studied in the We the People: The Citizen and The Constitution textbook. The students are nothing short of impressive in their knowledge and their understanding of the historical bases and the philosophical concepts underlying the document that established our national government.

Eleven hundred students from around our nation earned the right to come to Washington for the final competition over the weekend of April 24th by competing against other schools in their congressional district and States. This

is but a fraction of the students who participate and benefit. In its 23-year history the We the People: The Citizen and The Constitution program has reached more than 30 million students.

A survey of program alumni demonstrates that students take to heart what they learn. Ninety-five percent of the respondents voted in the November 2008 election. Additionally, 76 percent voted in all previous elections for which they were eligible, and 56 percent had contacted a government official regarding a public issue during the previous 12 months.

As in years past the We the People program honored a member of Congress with the Dale E. Kildee Civitas Award. Chairman David Obey was this year's recipient for his contribution to the field of civic education. I congratulate the Chairman for this recognition; and, again, I urge my colleagues to support this worthwhile program.

Now I'd like to recognize the Mount Carmel team members by name: Matthew Aquino, Geza Baka, III, Maria Balajadia, Ryanne Camacho, Ericka Celestino, John Edward Elenzano, Ji Yeon Kim, Min Seong Kim, Savana Manglona, Ivan Matala, Nicoli Matala, Anthony Sablan, Nicolas Sablan, Troy Villafuerte, Brittany Yamagata, Calvin Yang, Joseph Yoon; and their coaches: Keolester Buenpacifico, Rosiky Camacho, Justice John Manglona, Judge Ramona Manglona; and chaperones, Maggie Sablan, Velma Palacios.

HONORING THE NEW JERSEY
STATE POLICE INTERNET
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
TASK FORCE

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for winning the Prosecutor's Unit Excellence Award. This award is given to a unit or group functioning within the criminal justice system in recognition of outstanding performance. They will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) was created to aid law enforcement agencies in their investigations of offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. This group is important because it helps keep our children safe while they are surfing the internet.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in recognizing the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for their outstanding performance.

RECOGNIZING MR. LONNIE MYERS
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
VAN BUREN

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lonnie Myers for earning the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award for his dedication and commitment to Van Buren, Arkansas.

Myers, an assistant superintendent for the Van Buren School District, has been a big influence in the school system first as a teacher and coach, then as an assistant principal, principal and athletic director. Many in the community regard Myers as the driving force behind the creation of Van Buren High School Hall of Honor and for having played a big role in getting a multi-billion dollar tax package passed to upgrade school facilities.

Neighbors and community leaders agree that Myers is a caring man, with a big heart who always leads by example and is always working in the best interest of the community and students of the school district.

It's clear that Myers is very deserving of the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award. Now, after decades of calling Van Buren home, Myers is moving to take a job in a nearby community. He will be greatly missed in Van Buren, but his impact and influence won't be forgotten.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's construction businesses, corporations, and contractors. On Friday, May 14, 2010, the Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable and the Construction Advancement Foundation will honor these entities and individuals at the Construction Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable (NWIBRT) is an independent non-profit council of local firms who are dedicated to the progress and development of construction and maintenance projects in Northwest Indiana. The NWIBRT's main goal is to promote safety, quality, and cost effectiveness by all construction business affiliates. The NWIBRT will be presenting the Safety Awards to many of these hard working local businesses. The recipient of the Safety Contractor of the Year Award is Solid Platforms, Inc. The Safety Excellence Award recipients are as follows: Total Safety US, Inc., Culver Roofing, Inc., The Pangere Corporation, Atlantic Plant Services, Interstate Insulation Corporation, Interstate Environmental Services, Inc., Correct Construction, Inc., Solid Platforms, Inc., The American Group of Constructors, Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc., ATC Associates, Inc., Ambitech Engineering Corporation, and Orbital Engineering, Inc. The recipients of the Safety

Achievement Award are: M&O Environmental Company, Stevens Engineers & Constructors, Security Industries, Inc., Stevenson Crane Service, Inc., Falk-Pli, Middough, Inc., R.J. Mycka, Inc., and Superior Construction Company, Inc. The Safety Recognition Award recipients are as follows: Manta Industrial, Inc., EMCOR Hyre Electric Company of Indiana, Inc., Central Rent-a Crane, Inc., Mersino Dewatering, Inc., M&O Insulation Company, AMS Mechanical Systems, Regional Contractors Alliance, KM Plant Services, Inc., Meade Electric Company, Cornerstone Electrical Consultants, Inc., CET Inc., Tranco Industrial Services, Inc., and BMW Constructors, Inc. The Safety Progress Award recipients are Urban Elevator and Van's Industrial. The recipient of the Safety Innovation Award is Manta Industrial. This year's Roger Walters Memorial Safety Award recipient is Mr. Doug Patton, Project Safety Manager, BMW Constructors.

The Construction Advancement Foundation, CAF, was created in 1967 and represents Northwest Indiana union contractors. The CAF continues to be a major force in the growth and improvement of the union construction industry in Northwest Indiana. The CAF will also be presenting project and contractor of the year awards. This year's Public Works Project of the Year Award recipient is: Hasse Construction Company, Inc. for the Lost Marsh Clubhouse and the Hammond Port Authority. The recipient of the Commercial Project of the Year Award are Tonn & Blank Construction for the Valparaiso Family YMCA. The Industrial Project of the Year Award recipient is BMW Constructors, Inc., for the C8 Coal Conveyor Replacement/NIPSCO. The recipient of the Commercial Contractor of the Year Award is Berglund Construction, while the recipient of the Highway Contractor of the Year Award is Walsh & Kelly, Inc. The Industrial Contractor of the Year Award recipient is The Ross Group, Inc., and the Professional & Engineering Services Contractor of the Year recipient is ACMS Group. Finally, the recipient of this year's Sub-Contractor of the Year Award is Thatcher Foundations, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these hard working individuals, businesses, and contractors for their dedication to the construction industry and to Northwest Indiana. They have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the economy in Indiana's First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM
GOWER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to William Gower, a constituent of mine who has been overcoming his disabilities and gaining his freedom by participating in races for the past four years with Tim Thomas, Pastor of Munford Baptist Church in Munford, Alabama.

William Gower is a 37 year-old man with cerebral palsy who tirelessly works to prevail

over his challenges and lives a fulfilling life that many individuals without disabilities can only dream of. Together, Tim and William formed "Team Gower" and have participated as one in over 30 races.

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, "Team Gower" participated in a 15-mile race to raise money to help purchase a new special needs van for William. William has worked hard all his life, and this new van will help ensure he has the independence he wants.

All of us across East Alabama are deeply proud of William Gower and his outstanding strength. He is a role model for us all.

LAWRENCE KESTER

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember a loving father and husband, respected citizen and dedicated public servant, Mr. Lawrence Kester.

Lawrence was killed on duty May 7, 2010, while driving a San Bernardino County public transit bus, in Rialto, California. He was 47 years old.

He was the victim of a senseless stabbing attack by a mentally ill passenger. Although Lawrence did not survive the attack his passengers escaped traumatized but unscathed.

Fifteen years ago, Lawrence began working for the public transit system and went on to become one of the best regarded drivers in San Bernardino, as well as a great friend to the community.

He was well respected by his customers and colleagues alike, commended on numerous occasions for his consummate professionalism and attention to security.

Most recently, he was awarded the elite "Million Mile Club" membership which is reserved for drivers who have driven more than one million passenger miles in safety.

Lawrence is remembered as a Good Samaritan and trusted friend. He was the kind of man who would chip in for people when they didn't have enough change for the fare and generously greet customers as they entered and exited, wishing them a nice day.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Misty, and 8 children. Lawrence and Misty celebrated their 12th anniversary of marriage last week and the family just recently spent a weekend at Disneyland together.

Let us take the time to pay tribute to this wonderful man. Let us celebrate the life he lived and the example he led.

Although he is no longer with us, his noble nature and loving kindness will continue to live on through the lives of everyone he touched.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara, my family and I are with his family at this time.

Madam Speaker, let us pay our respects to Lawrence Kester. He will always have a place in our memories and hearts for everything he gave to his family and community.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE PROSECUTOR'S CITIZEN
HERO AWARD

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several South Jersey citizens as they are being honored with this year's 'Prosecutor's Citizen Hero Award.' This award is given to an individual who is not a member of the law enforcement profession, yet has performed in a manner above and beyond any level expected of the general citizenry. For their outstanding efforts, they will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

Mr. Muzafer Yilmaz, Ms. Jacqueline Alomar, and Ms. Alesha Bennett are being honored for their involvement in the identification of a bank robbery suspect. Jayden Bolli, a courageous three year old who contacted 9-1-1 after his grandmother had fallen unconscious, will also be honored this year. Jayden had recently been taught by his grandmother how to use the 9-1-1 system in case of an emergency.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in thanking these citizens for their invaluable assistance in times of need.

IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN
HERO: CAPTAIN KYLE A. COMFORT,
U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and in mourning of a brilliant American Hero from my State of Alabama, Capt. Kyle A. Comfort. On May 8th 2010, Kyle gave That Last Full Measure for God and Country; Our prayers are with his lovely wife Catherine and new daughter Kinleigh. May our Lord hold them in his hands. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD in honor of him.

TAKE COMFORT

Take Comfort!

As you lay your head down to sleep . . .
All in your hearts of love, so very deep . . .
Of all of those memories, so to keep!
Of all of those Magnificent Ones, who have so
brought us peace . . .
But, with their fine lives . . . as it's but for
them we now so weep!

Take Comfort!

In such hearts of honor and love . . . so very
deep!

Who to all of ours, so brilliantly do so speak!
As a gentle rain, rolls across Alabama this
night . . . all in our sleep . . .

Are but our Lords tears, coming down from
Heaven from his heart so very
deep . . .

All because of you Kyle, and your most self-
less sacrifice so very sweet . . .

And all of this pain, your family must now
so keep!

Take Comfort . . .

In hearts now so very deep . . .

As this you must, believe!

That a new Angel, our Lord God . . . up in
Heaven has so received!

To watch over us, indeed!

To fight the darkness, you see!

And on this day, as you hold your family so
very tight . . .

And all seems so very right!

All because a Hero, for us all has so died this
night!

Because, Freedom is not free!

But, bought and paid for . . . by all of these
most selfless souls indeed!

By men like Kyle, our most brilliant of all
lights!

And families who now so cry, in tears of
heartache tonight!

So, hush little baby Kinleigh Ann . . . don't
you cry!

For one day, up in Heaven you will look into
your Father's eyes!

And you, Katherine . . . his lovely wife!

Your Hero Kyle, but wants you to have a
happy life!

For there will be an eternity together, up in
Heaven so very bright!

So this night as you lay your head down to
rest, but remember all of our best!

Take Comfort, all in how our world they
bless!

Amen!

IN RECOGNITION OF SAC-
RAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding Sacramento business leaders who will be honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 115th Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony. The men and women who were honored on Friday, February 5th, are dedicated to the success of Sacramento and have worked tirelessly to advance the region's economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans.

David Higgins, a commercial construction icon and retired CEO of Harbison-Mahony-Higgins Builders, has been named "Sacramentan of the Year" for his life's work and commitment to philanthropy in the region. He has been actively involved in the leadership of HMM Builders, a general building contractor, for more than 40 years.

For decades, David has advocated for the sustainable growth of the region, most recently as past president of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization. He has also been widely recognized for his local charitable endeavors, including his longtime support of Jesuit High School, health and social service and youth programs, and the arts.

Ron Mittelstaedt, Chairman and CEO of Waste Connections Inc., has been named "Businessman of the Year." Ron founded Waste Connections in 1997. When he took the firm public the following year, Waste Connections had approximately \$40 million in revenue and about 400 employees. Today, the company serves about 2 million business and residential customers throughout 26 states, employs nearly 5,400, and has reported revenue

of more than \$1 billion. It is a true success story.

Jonna Ward, CEO of Visionary Integration Professionals, has been named "Businesswoman of the Year." Jonna started VIP 12 years ago out of her spare bedroom and has grown it to be the largest woman-owned business in our region. Through her leadership, VIP is also one of the fastest growing businesses in the country—making the Inc. 500 list for the past two years.

Other award winners include "Volunteer of the Year," Martha Clark Lofgren from Brewer Lofgren LLP. Robert Tobin, President and CEO of Cottage Housing, winner of the "Al Geiger Award," will be recognized for his work providing housing for homeless. The "Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurs" will be presented to Rick Fowler for his work with The Community College Fund.

The "Small Business of the Year" award will be presented to Patrick Mulvaney and Mulvaney's B&L, for growing into one of Sacramento's top restaurants. Patrick is a marvelous chef, who supports local farmers and is active with a number of local non-profits.

Four outstanding local institutions have been inducted into the "Sacramento Business Hall of Fame" for their longtime and significant contributions to the economic and civic growth of the Sacramento region. Being inducted are Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; Owen-Dunn Insurance Services; SAFE Credit Union; and Western Contract. Recognized for its success as a long standing, 100-year-old business in Sacramento, Lionakis has been inducted into the "Centennial Business Hall of Fame."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their economic and civic contributions to the Sacramento Region. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to our region.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE PROSECUTOR'S SPECIAL
RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Matt Skahill and Ms. Rosemary Clark, as they are honored with the 'Prosecutor's Special Recognition Award' for providing significant assistance to law enforcement in Burlington County, NJ. For their outstanding efforts, they will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Mr. Matt Skahill, Assistant U.S. Attorney, for his efforts in successfully prosecuting major drug traffickers in the South Jersey region. Thanks to his efforts,

men intent on distributing illegal narcotics are now off our streets. I would also like to recognize Ms. Rosemary Clark of Willingboro, NJ for providing compassion, strength, and support as a foster parent to two children who were witnesses in a case against their own father.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking these individuals for their assistance to law enforcement in Burlington County, NJ. I am proud to represent such exemplary citizens, and I hope others follow their example by helping those in need.

PASSING OF JIM BOREN

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, for any politician interested in a word of wisdom on how to conduct themselves; Dr. James "Jim" H. Boren—father, husband, author, teacher, and philanthropist—had this advice to those in public service; "mumble when uncertain, delegate when in distress, and ponder when in command."

Madam Speaker, the state of Oklahoma lost a true public servant recently—Jim Boren, who drew attention to his political causes with excitement, determination and color, died April 24th, 2010 at the age of 84.

Jim Boren joined the Navy during WWII at the age of 17. As a midshipman on the Destroyer Escort, William C. Cole, Jim served his nation with distinction and honor; including time in the 1945 Battle of Okinawa.

After the war, Jim received his degree from the University of Texas and began his first stint as a teacher at Oxnard Union H.S. in Oxnard, California. During that time, Jim earned a Master's degree at Cal State at Long Beach and a Master's at the University of Southern California. Eventually, Jim would return to the University of Texas to earn his PhD.

Later in life, Jim Boren would become the campaign manager, and eventually the chief of staff, for Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas. During his time with Senator Yarborough, Jim worked side-by-side with him on legislation such as the National Defense Education Act, Cold War GI Bill, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Padre Island National Seashore, and the Mental Health Bill.

After working in the U.S. Senate, Jim Boren received a State Department appointment in 1960 to serve in an official capacity in South America under the Kennedy Administration, eventually obtaining the position of Deputy Director of the Economic Mission in Peru. After leaving government work, Jim began to teach again and write from his position as scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.

Jim possessed his own original brand of political satire, authoring literature in that genre, not the least of which is exemplified by a pair of books entitled "When in Doubt, Mumble: A Bureaucrat's Handbook" and, "How to be a Sincere Phony: A Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats."

Through his unique style and substance, Jim Boren had a tremendous impact on his peers and most importantly on his community.

And as a member of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to honor Dr. James "Jim" Boren for his consummate wit, humor and unyielding dedication to the American political landscape.

Additionally, I also want to take a moment to send my deep condolences to Jim's friends and family, especially his wife Norma Williams; two sons, Richard and Stan Boren; two stepsons, James and John Williams; brother, Gene Boren; sister, Marilyn Boren; and three grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 256 on H. Res. 1294, rollcall vote No. 257 on H. Res. 1328, and rollcall vote No. 258 on H. Res. 1299. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING THE SMITH-COTTON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) of Sedalia, Missouri. These outstanding young men and women recently placed first overall at the 2010 National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona, Florida.

More than 145 schools and over 4,000 cadets from across the country participated in the annual competition, and each team competed in four events: regulation, exhibition, color guard, and inspection. The cadets from Smith-Cotton High School scored exceptionally well in each, earning first place in regulation and color guard, second in exhibition, and tenth in inspection.

Since September, the Smith-Cotton JROTC has logged hundreds of hours in training and preparation. These young cadets showed an unyielding commitment to purpose, to team, and to goal, and their hard work has truly paid off. With leaders like the young men and women of this team, I am confident our future is in good hands.

Madam Speaker, the cadets of the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps deserve recognition for their outstanding achievement, and I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating them.

COMMENDING MR. GERRY LENFEST ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a great Philadelphian and a great American, Mr. H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, and to call out specifically his outstanding service to the nation through his unwavering support of the Library of Congress. As he marks his 80th birthday I rise in tribute to a visionary leader who has established a high bar for philanthropists and whose dedication to the nation's library, his city, state and nation are legend.

Gerry Lenfest has been Chairman of the James Madison Council, the Library's first-ever national private sector group, since 2007. He was one of the founding members of this remarkable group of philanthropists, and the Council is growing and flourishing under his leadership. The Council helps the Library add to the national collection and share its treasures with the nation and the world. Mr. Lenfest, who has a deep interest in educating today's youth, is the driving force behind the Library's top fundraising priority—to create a much-needed residential scholars center in the nation's capital. He is the lead donor, and is co-chairing the fundraising campaign to provide the emerging generation of researchers and teachers both here and abroad with inexpensive accommodations close to the unequaled reservoir of educational material in the Congress's library.

Championing the Residential Scholars Center is the latest of Gerry Lenfest's many benefactions to the nation's library. Since accepting the invitation of Librarian of Congress James H. Billington to join the Madison Council in 1990, Mr. Lenfest and his wife Marguerite have played key roles in the establishment and expansion of the National Digital Library, an authoritative, free Web site that presents 16 million unique and important primary documents of our nation's history and culture to students, teachers, researchers and casual browsers around the world. Gerry and Marguerite have also supported the Library in acquiring a number of unique, historically significant items for the national collection such as the Lafayette map collection and the 1507 Waldseemüller map, the first map of the Western Hemisphere and the first document of any kind to use the name "America." Gerry and Marguerite turn visions into reality not only through their generosity, but also through their engaging personalities.

In addition to their enthusiastic support for many varied initiatives at the Library of Congress, the Lenfests have extended their involvement and generosity to more than 168 educational, musical, conservation, health, arts and historic causes in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania, and across the nation. Gerry's philanthropic leadership and presiding skills over cultural institutions in Philadelphia, like his Chairman's role with the Library of Congress, have been major contributions to America—and reminds us of the special role that Philadelphia has played in our nation's history and culture.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR ALBERT
STANLEY RODDA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of former California State Senator Albert S. Rodda, who passed away on April 3, 2010 at the age of 97. He was a lifelong public servant whose example as a true leader will remain a guiding light for generations to come.

Albert Stanley Rodda was born on July 23, 1912 in Sacramento, California. A lifelong Sacramentan, Senator Rodda graduated from Sacramento High School in 1929, attended Stanford University, then returned to Sacramento to teach at Grant Union High School. After serving as a gunnery officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Senator Rodda once again returned to Sacramento, this time to teach at Sacramento Junior College, now known as Sacramento City College. He returned to Stanford and earned his Ph.D. in history and economics in 1951. Even after serving in the legislature, he continued his passion for education by teaching at California State University, Sacramento and by serving on the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees.

Dedicated to both public service and education, Senator Rodda was a civic leader throughout his life. Before being elected into the California State Senate in 1958, he served as president of the Local 31 of the California Federation of Teachers. While serving with the CFT, it became clear to him that teachers' rights were often ignored by administrators and school boards. After his election, Senator Rodda became a fierce proponent for education reform. During his 22 years as a legislator, he championed public education as chairman of both the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. He crafted legislation that provided necessary funding for public schools and created the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees. He also drafted landmark legislation that gave teachers collective bargaining rights and established the Public Employment Relations Board.

While a steadfast Democrat, Senator Rodda was widely respected and made it a principle to work in a bipartisan manner with his fellow Senators. Because of this character trait he was often considered the choice alternative to end brewing legislative rivalries. He always made it a priority to thoughtfully study every piece of legislation he voted on, often taking his time, but always coming to a fair decision. He set the bar high and stands as an example that we all can look to for guidance.

Senator Rodda left his mark on Sacramento. His work can be seen at the Cal Expo, on Regional Transit and in Old Sacramento at the California State Railroad Museum. His lasting legacy may be a strong community college system, a system that he taught at and led. Today, the Los Rios Community College District and Sacramento City College give Sacramentans an opportunity to improve their lives through academic learning and career technical education.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize and honor the life of one of Sacramento's

greatest leaders. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the State of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Albert Stanley Rodda for his unwavering commitment to Sacramento, the State of California and our nation. Senator Rodda was humble, honest and thoughtful in all he did. He was a great man, and he will be missed.

**HONORING CAPTAIN GERALD
VALENTA**

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Gerald B. Valenta of the Willingboro Police Department. Captain Valenta has been awarded the Career Recognition Award for his distinguished career in law enforcement. He will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

Captain Valenta has been a dedicated and loyal law enforcement officer for 32 years, proudly serving the citizens of Willingboro, NJ. The Willingboro Police Department expresses deep gratitude for his continued contributions to the Burlington County Law Enforcement Community.

As a nation, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Captain Valenta and to the men and women of the law enforcement community. Each day, these selfless individuals start their shifts with one goal in mind: to serve and to protect the citizens of their communities. The one constant they face is the uncertainty of what each day will bring, knowing all too well that in any situation, there is the potential for danger. Still, these everyday heroes honor the commitment they have made to the people they serve.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Captain Valenta for his honorable service to the Willingboro Police Department.

**HONORING CRESTON CHRISTIAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with the past and present members of the Creston Christian Elementary School family to "Celebrate God's Faithfulness," and mark over 120 years of devotion to the education of young people in Grand Rapids. As a state senator, I had the pleasure of recognizing Creston Christian Elementary School for its first 100 years of service, and now, as their Representative in the United States Congress, I am delighted to again honor them for their tradition and success.

"By faithfulness we are collected and wound up into unity within ourselves, whereas we had

been scattered abroad in multiplicity." Saint Augustine eloquently captures the mission of Creston Christian Elementary School as they have worked to develop an inclusive community, believing that one body is made up of many parts. Through unity, Creston Christian has sought to learn from one another and grow closer to God.

On the eve of my retirement and Creston Christian's consolidation this fall to a new, comprehensive elementary school, it is not only a time of celebration, but also an occasion for remembrance. As we both close out one chapter and open a new one, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and that great things happen when we glorify Him and model our lives after His teachings. As Creston Christian joins with other schools in the area, I suspect the changes will be bittersweet for many families and staff members. I hope you will take the time to reflect on the many years of service provided by the dedicated staff and families connected to Creston Christian, and know that not only have you prepared many young people to make a living, but you have also taught them how to make a life—one that is focused on God and centered on Christ.

I am thankful for the many years of service so willingly given. I hope that Creston Christian has a joyous, memorable celebration, and may God's blessings continue to shine upon you.

**HONORING THE 20TH ANNUAL DC
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration, which will be held in Washington, DC on May 26–31.

The DC Black Pride celebration is a multiple-day festival that features music, dance, fashion shows, films, poetry slams, church services, community town hall meetings, a health and wellness expo, and much more. The DC Black Pride celebration is widely considered to be one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations, drawing more than 30,000 people to the nation's capital from across the United States as well as Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

At the very first Black Pride, the DC Black Pride celebration fostered the beginning of the International Federation of Black Prides and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consist of forty Black Prides on three continents.

The DC Black Pride celebration has deep roots in the DC community, dating back to 1975. It grew out of the Club House's annual Memorial Day weekend celebration, called the Children's Hour. After the Club House closed in 1990, local individuals and groups kept the tradition alive by organizing the first DC Black Pride celebration on May 25, 1991, at Banneker Field. The celebration has grown from a few hundred people who attended that first festival to the thousands expected for the 2010 celebration.

Fittingly, the celebration's organizing body, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., chose "20 Years Later, The Legacy Lives!" as the

theme for this year's celebration. This theme reflects the 20 years of DC Black Pride of fulfilling the mission, which is to increase awareness of and pride in the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in the African American community, as well as support for organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families.

DC Black Pride is led by a volunteer Board of Directors, which coordinates this annual event and smaller events throughout the year. The 2010 Board consists of: Patricia Corbett; Jimma Elliott-Stevens; Earl Fowlkes, Jr.; and Jhabriel Moore, Sr.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration.

HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD
ROSENFELD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a friend and community leader, Judge Arnold, Arnie, Rosenfield. Judge Rosenfield is retiring after a distinguished career marked by his commitment to children and families and his foresight in establishing successful programs to serve them.

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

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HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
COMMENDATIONS

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several New Jersey law enforcement officers who are to be commended for performing above and beyond the call of duty. Our law enforcement officers are held to the highest standards, and it is a great honor to recognize them for their outstanding efforts. These officers will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to commend the following officers: Detective Richard Naff of the Moorestown Twp. Police Department for his outstanding investigative work that led to the dismantling of a residential burglary ring; Officers Duane Grazioli & Dean Potts of the Burlington County Sheriff's Office for crawling under a burning tractor trailer and pulling the driver to safety; Ptl. Nicholas Czepiel of the Florence Township Police Department for administering medical assistance to a fellow officer following a serious collision; Det. Robert Bennett of the Maple Shade Police Department for his sustained involvement in the life of a troubled juvenile who came to him for help; Patrolmen Brandon Conard and Paul Barnes of the Riverside Police Department for their tenacious search that led to the discovery of an injured and disoriented citizen; Detectives Linda Chieffalo, Irene Angelaccio, Patrolman Thomas Polite of the Westampton Police Department for skilled police work that led to the identification and arrest of an armed gas

station robber; and Patrolmen Shaun Welthy & Ryan Bieri also of the Westampton Police Department for administering life-saving CPR.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in extending congratulations and thanks to these exemplary law-enforcement officers.

RECOGNITION OF DR. RAMMOHAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MS RE-
SEARCH

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kottil Rammohan for nearly three decades of providing care to patients and conducting ground-breaking research in central Ohio. Dr. Rammohan, who is retiring from Ohio State University this year, has touched the lives of countless patients and people throughout the world living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or other neurological disorders.

As a faculty member in the neurology department at OSU, Dr. Rammohan's dedication to MS research has led to numerous advancements in his field. One of his achievements was discovering a breakthrough in treating fatigue, a symptom that plagues many of those living MS. His discoveries help improve the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who live with this disorder.

Outside of OSU, Dr. Rammohan has been active in several medical organizations including the MS section of the American Academy of Neurology and the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. He also has served as the acting chair of the Buckeye Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee and the national Clinical Care Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His valuable contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have earned him recognition in its Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Dr. Rammohan, who has been repeatedly recognized as one of America's Best Doctors, has been asset to our community for decades. On behalf of all Americans living with MS, I am happy to congratulate and thank Dr. Rammohan for his distinguished career in the field of neurology and for his lifelong devotion to helping others.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
DR. CHARLES TOWNES ON THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LASER

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laser. This is a unique and fitting opportunity to recognize Charles Hard Townes.

South Carolina has the distinction of claiming Dr. Townes, who was raised on a farm just outside of Greenville and graduated from Furman University. His long career led him to the historic Bell Labs, Columbia University, the

Institute for Defense Analysis, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and continues today at the University of California, Berkeley. He has made major waves in spectroscopy, radar systems, and now astrophysics and astronomy.

The most notable of his achievements and the one that we celebrate now earned him a share in the 1964 Nobel Prize for Physics. Dr. Townes is most famous for his work on the precursor to the laser. This technology has contributed billions of dollars to our economy and we use it in everything from listening to music and buying groceries to manufacturing cars and conducting surgery. Scientists use lasers today to study everything from the big bang to nuclear fusion.

This transformational technology can be traced back to an epiphany and a thought experiment on a Washington D.C. park bench in 1951. Three years of hard work and experimentation later, Dr. Townes and his team delivered a functional 'maser.' By 1958, Bell Labs had filed a patent application for what we now call the laser.

While we cheer Dr. Townes' hard work and the sweeping impact of his technology, we must also acknowledge his dedication to defending this idea. One of the most famous chapters in the history of the laser is the steadfast opposition Dr. Townes and his team faced from several eminent physicists. His perseverance pushed the research forward.

In addition, Dr. Townes is one of only two people who have ever won both the Nobel Prize and the Templeton Prize. The Templeton Prize honors those who have made exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension, and Dr. Townes received the prize for his papers and talks that sought harmony between scientific discovery and religious faith.

It is an honor to recognize this man and his numerous contributions to physics and scientific inquiry. I thank him for his devotion to discovery, and for sharing his optimism and genius with all of us.

BELCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, a major celebration takes place in Clearwater, Florida, this Friday as Belcher Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary of educating Pinellas County's youth.

Under the direction of Principal John DiLeo, Belcher Elementary moved into its new brick building on January 4, 1960 and under his leadership for the next eight years it grew into a fixture of the community. Principal DiLeo left Belcher in 1968, but missed the school so much that he returned for another 10 year stint as principal from 1978–1988.

He was the first of seven principals that have each left their mark on Belcher. Lisa Roth is the current principal and since arriving in 2003 she has helped usher Belcher into the new age of high technology including white boards in the classrooms.

Belcher has always been on the cutting edge of technology. It was in 1989 that the entire school was wired for cable television and with that came the Belcher Bobcat News or BBN. It was the county's first student produced news show for an elementary school, brought to life by fifth-grade teacher Linda Calahan, who continues to oversee production of the program.

Eight years later, Belcher took the next technological leap as the school was wired for internet access, which brings the world to the fingertips of every student.

Many of the advancements at Belcher Elementary have come through the support of the school's award-winning PTA organization. In addition to the events the PTA sponsors for the students and staff, the organization has taken special pride in the improvements it has made to the school facility and grounds. One of its landmark achievements was the opening of a nature center, which turned some unused area on school grounds into a native Florida ecosystem. With Florida's beautiful weather, this has become an outdoor classroom where students learn and where they work to maintain its natural elements.

Belcher's motto is "Believe—Act—Achieve" and the students, teachers, volunteers and support staff live that out every day. Likewise the core values of Belcher's staff—Education, Integrity and Community—are widely apparent with the many awards the school has received. Most recently, Belcher was recognized with a 2009 Bronze Award for the National Alliance for a Healthier Generation Program. It is a Positive Behavior Model School and has received a Golden School Award for community involvement for the last 26 years.

Madam Speaker, some of the Belcher Bobcats joined us for a visit here at the Capitol last week and they all will be back home Friday for the school's big celebration. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers of Belcher Elementary School for 50 years of educational excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JIM
BOREN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Congressman DAN BOREN of Oklahoma to pay tribute to Dr. James Boren, a man who made a profound impact on our country through his public service and political activism. Dr. Boren's celebrated life came to an end on April 24 when he passed away at his home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, at the age of 84.

As my colleagues may know, Dr. Boren was the second cousin of our colleague, Congressman BOREN, and first cousin to his father, former U.S. Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma.

Dr. Boren served our country valiantly in World War II as a sailor in the Pacific, where his ship was struck by multiple Japanese kamikaze planes in the Battle of Okinawa. Following his distinguished Naval service, he embarked on a career in government.

He served as Chief of Staff to Senator Ralph Yarborough until 1960 when he joined

John Kennedy's presidential campaign. Following Kennedy's victory, Dr. Boren received an appointment from the State Department for an assignment in Latin America. During his tenure in Latin America, he established the volunteer organization Partners of the Americas.

Despite his remarkable career in public service, Dr. Boren's greatest impact was felt through his political activism. He dedicated much of his attention to government inefficiency and corruption. No one in Washington was safe from one of his satirical assaults. In 1972, he famously raced the United States Postal Service on horseback from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., in order to highlight inefficiencies.

Dr. Boren believed in the power of humor and satire to inspire political activism among the people. He never was without a witty remark pertaining to politics or government. During his Presidential campaign in 1992, the Apathy Party candidate notably stated, "I have what it takes to take what you've got."

Personally, I will always remember his memorable line, "if you are going to be a phony, at least be sincere about it." That's just one of the gems from his two books, *When in Doubt Mumble* and *How to be a Sincere Phoney, a Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats*.

In addition to his political work and writing, Dr. Boren spent three decades as a scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, teaching younger generations about the importance of activism.

Dr. Boren is survived by his beautiful wife Norma, his two sons, two stepsons and his three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in honoring the remarkable life of Dr. James Boren. His friends and family will miss his wit and humor, and everyone in this chamber can thank him for this famous quotation, "When in doubt, mumble; when in trouble, delegate; when in charge, ponder."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CAPTAIN JOHN C. MIKO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain (Ret.) John C. Miko as he prepares to retire as Vice President of Government Relations for the Electronics, Intelligence, and Support Operating Group of BAE Systems. Captain Miko's life of dedicated service to this country throughout times of conflict and times of peace is truly remarkable, and it is a great privilege to recognize him on this day.

Following the example set by his family's military service, Captain Miko attended the United States Coast Guard Academy and received a commission as an Ensign upon graduation. After serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Unimak for 16 months, he went to flight school at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Within his aviation specialty, he had a variety of important and challenging flying assignments. Captain Miko served as an instructor pilot and spent three years as an exchange pilot with the British Royal Navy. In addition, he commanded a large Coast Guard Group and Air

Station in Oregon. Before being detailed to the Department of Homeland Security Transition team and the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs, Captain Miko served as the Coast Guard liaison to the U.S. Senate and as Chief of Coast Guard congressional affairs.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2004, Captain Miko accepted a government relations position with BAE Systems. Since then, he has continued to demonstrate his abilities as a passionate and effective public policy advocate on matters of national security. In his role as Vice President of Government Relations, he displayed even-tempered, professional leadership that consistently focused on helping others do what is best for our U.S. military members and veterans.

Captain Miko has tirelessly supported this nation's military through his service in the U.S. Coast Guard and as a trusted voice within the defense community. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress I am honored to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of this outstanding American patriot. I congratulate and thank Captain John C. Miko for his 33 years of service and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD
ROSENFELD

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
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HONORING THE 35TH ANNUAL
CAPITAL PRIDE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 35th Annual Capital Pride, a celebration of the national capital area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, GLBT, communities and their families and friends.

In 1975, Deacon "Super Hero" MacCubbin, owner of Lambda Rising Bookstore, in Dupont Circle, launched the first Capital Pride. It began as a block party on 20th St, between R and S Streets, NW. Six years later, in 1981, the annual Pride Parade became part of the festivities. Now Capital Pride consists of more than 10 days of events organized by the Capital Pride Planning Committee and dozens of local community partners.

This year's Capital Pride theme, "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," both reflects Capital Pride's past and anticipates its future.

Capital Pride's producer, the Capital Pride Alliance, Inc., predicts an attendance of 250,000, making Capital Pride one of the largest GLBT festivals in the United States.

This year Capital Pride culminates with what the Washington City Paper has declared D.C.'s Best Parade for three years running, the Capital Pride Parade, on June 12, and "The Main Event," a street fair on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, on June 13.

I have marched in Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize universal human rights and the importance of enacting

federal legislation to secure those rights for the GLBT community. Congress has much work to do. We must pass the Family Leave Insurance Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Responsible Education About Life Act.

This year our nation's capital joined Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in extending equal marriage rights to its GLBT residents.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming those who are attending the 35th Annual Capital Pride.

CELEBRATING THE DENTON
COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the completion of the Denton County Veterans Memorial. This memorial represents the bravery and selfless sacrifices of veterans who have served in United States Armed Forces. These men and women have performed their duty to our country with honor.

The Denton County Veterans Memorial assures that the legacy of veterans from all services will not be forgotten by the residents of Denton County. Inspired by veterans who dedicated their service to protecting the freedom of the United States, the Denton County Veterans Memorial honors the service members who have served the United States past, present, and in the future.

Since the founding of our great nation, the members of our armed forces have been charged with the responsibility for defending the United States. Currently, many men and women serve around the world protecting and defending our security and sovereignty. While paying tribute to our fallen heroes, this memorial also acknowledges our soldiers who have returned home to their families and loved ones. America has more than 23 million living veterans, and we are inspired by their devotion and commitment to the United States as demonstrated through their service.

Today, as citizens, we have been made stronger by the bravery and courage of our veterans. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in commemorating the Denton County Veterans Memorial to honor the great men and women who have served the United States in war and peace, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who stand in harm's way.

HONORING MRS. NANCY EGBERT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator, Mrs. Nancy Egbert.

Since the very beginning of her teaching career, Nancy Egbert demonstrated skill, leadership, and a unique ability to positively impact the children fortunate enough to be in her classroom. After graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1967 with a B.S. in education, she established herself as a versatile educator, teaching subjects ranging from journalism and business education at the high school level to reading, math and social studies to elementary school students. In 1984, Nancy Egbert tallied another achievement to her résumé when she obtained a certification in elementary education from Michigan State University.

In 1986 she was hired at St. Gerard's, a Catholic school in Lansing, as a second grade teacher, where she has served since. Her subsequent twenty-five year commitment to molding young minds during their most formative stage is in itself a testimony to her passion and commitment to high-quality religious education. It is in no small part thanks to her hard work that St. Gerard's has won the prestigious Michigan non-public school accrediting association (MNSAA) award for excellence for 2009-2010.

Throughout her time as an educator in Michigan, she has helped shape countless young lives, serving as a role model and leader in religious education. I commend Nancy Egbert on her dedication to education and her students. She is to be applauded for her continuous contribution to the state of Michigan and the lives of our children.

**URGING PREVENTION OF ATTACKS
AGAINST FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1187, which recognizes Federal employees for their outstanding service to our Nation and stresses the importance of promoting their safety and security while they are at work. H. Res. 1187 is an important measure that raises public awareness in regards to both the excellent work performed by Federal employees and the need to protect them on the job.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman MORAN, for recognizing the importance of seeking ways to improve the safety and security of Federal employees.

Federal employees work long hours every day to ensure that Government is working for the American people. In return, we must do what we can to show our appreciation for their service. This includes ensuring their safety while at work. Unfortunately, recent events show that we can do more.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairwoman of the House Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency, Communications, Preparedness, and Response, I am particularly attuned to the threats facing our Federal employees. Between 2001 and 2008, more than 1,200 attacks have been made on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) buildings. The February 18, 2010 attack on the Austin, Texas

IRS building claimed the life of two-tour Vietnam veteran Vernon Hunter. The March 4, 2010 shooting that injured two Pentagon guards represented the fourth attack or security scare on a Federal building in 2010.

These unfortunate events show that we must adopt a heightened focus on protecting Federal employees and securing Federal workplaces. Additionally, we should also be grateful for the service of the state and local government employees throughout the country and work to ensure that they, too, are safe at work. As the representative of thousands of state and local government employees, I understand the importance of the work they perform to ensure that our states and cities are run fairly and efficiently. We must be dedicated to their workplace safety.

In addition, these attacks should also serve as a reminder of the need to enhance our security efforts not only for government employees, but for all Americans. The areas in and around my district contain multiple infrastructure sites of national importance, such as the Port of Long Beach, the Gerald Desmond Bridge, and the Alameda Corridor. Due to the constant flow of goods through these sites, they are vulnerable to attack and intentional sabotage. We must enhance our national security efforts to ensure that these sites, and the hundreds of others across the country, are secure and that the American people are safe.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to protect the people who serve us every day. I applaud the Federal employees who dedicate their lives in making sure government is working on behalf of the American people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1187.

**HONORING THE EDUCATIONAL CAREER
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOMAS
AS A. CROW, PH.D.**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Dr. Thomas A. Crow, Chancellor of the State Center Community College District as he prepares to retire after 20 years of dedicated service to the higher education community. Throughout Dr. Crow's time at the State Center Community College District, enrollment has grown to include nearly 40,000 students, facilities have expanded and a strong commitment to the Workforce Development Programs has been forged.

Tom is a San Joaquin Valley native, born in Fresno, California. He is a graduate of California State University, Fresno where he earned his bachelor's and master's Degrees. He attended Arizona State University in Tempe where he was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy in education. In addition, he completed his post-doctoral studies in Kinesiology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Tom has spent his career with the State Center Community College District working as a selfless public servant. During Dr. Crow's tenure with the State Center Community College District, he has served in a variety of capacities including Vice chancellor and assistant to the Chancellor. Prior to joining the State Center Team, Dr. Crow served as president of

Reedley College for 7 years and as the superintendent for the Fowler Unified School District; both located in the heart of Central California.

Dr. Crow believes in a strong community commitment and has been actively involved in numerous civic and professional organizations including the Rotary Club of Fresno, Fresno Business Council, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Jobs Initiative, Fresno Compact, and the Workforce Investment Board. The leadership that Tom has shown to the community of Fresno has been steadfast during his time of service.

Dr. Tom Crow serves as an outstanding example for those who truly want to make a positive difference for students everywhere. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today and join in expressing appreciation for Chancellor Thomas Crow's service to the field of education.

**IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA
PADILLA MACEDO**

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the late Linda Padilla Macedo. Linda passed away peacefully on April 21, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Dan Macedo; her daughters Rebecca and Stephanie; her parents Joseph and Joanna Padilla; her sister Theresa Soares and brother-in-law Steven Soares; her brother-in-law Don Leatherman; her sister-in-law Nnette Barce-Padilla; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Pamela and Tom Friedman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Linda and her husband Dan were partners in the family dairy business, which had been in operation for 65 years until 2007, when Dan and Linda retired to Sonora. She earned her bachelor of arts and masters degrees from Fresno State University. Linda was a founding member and held many offices including president of the Merced Chapter of California Women for Agriculture and went on to become State president of CWA. She served as chairman of the USDA Farm Services Agency State Committee and the Ag Awareness and Literacy Foundation. She also served on the Merced County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, National Dairy Promotion & Research Board, Merced County Agricultural Preservation Strategy Committee, California Department of Conservation Council for the Preservation of Habitat and Natural Resources, County UC Merced Planning and Advisory Committee, American Agri Women and the Common Threads Committee. Linda donated her knowledge, talents and time in support of her daughters as they grew up, serving as a member of the Our Lady of Mercy Boosters Club and project leader for Lancers 4-H.

The volunteer activity closest to her heart was the founding of the Merced County Farmlands and Open Space Trust and the Central Valley Farmland Trust, which she served as the president and on the board of directors. Linda served her community selflessly and through her time and commitment helped to educate the community about the importance

of agriculture and the protection of our farmland.

Madam Speaker, the recognition that I am offering today before the House of Representatives for Linda Padilla Maced is small compared to the contributions and impact she had on the lives of so many. She was truly an invaluable member of our community, an exemplary advocate for agriculture, and an outstanding human being.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 257 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING STEPHEN A. BOUCH OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen A. Bouch who will be retiring as Court Executive Officer of the Napa Superior Court. Stephen's leadership will be truly missed by his co-workers, the people of Napa County, and the countless of people nationwide that relied on his extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system.

Mr. Bouch began his distinguished career as a jury commissioner/law librarian in the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County in California. He was soon promoted to assistant Superior Court administrator in San Mateo County, California. From there he launched his 4 decade career as the Court Administrator for the Superior Courts of Spokane, Washington and the Superior Court of Monterey County, California. Due to his passion and perseverance, Mr. Bouch became the first non-judge, trial court administrator in Idaho's history. More success followed when he was appointed to the position of deputy administrative director for the State of Alaska court system. He returned to California where he served at the state level working as a special consultant to the state's Judicial Council, Administrative Office of the Courts. In 2001 he was appointed as the Napa Superior Court executive officer.

Mr. Bouch's career and personal contributions are innumerable. As a court administrator in California, he assisted in the design and implementation of a countywide integrated criminal justice system. As the court executive officer he created an award winning public website which provides information on services that local non-profits offer. The website is instrumental for family court litigants and it is available to all Napa County residents. Mr. Bouch also administered domestic and juvenile relations divisions of trial courts in California and Idaho.

Mr. Bouch also spent 6 years working as a senior staff associate for the National Center

for State Courts, where he shared his extensive knowledge with varying sized jurisdictions throughout the United States and abroad. His administrative work was recognized when he received the Toll Fellowship from the National Council of State Governments in Lexington, Kentucky.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Stephen A. Bouch for his many years of service to Napa, California, and to thank him for his many contributions on behalf of our country and his community. I join his wife Jan, and his children, David, Michael and Christopher, and our colleagues in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

HONORING MAINE'S SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR: TRAPPER CLARK AND THOMAS STURTEVANT

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant, the co-recipients of the 2010 Small Business Association's, SBA, Maine Small Business Persons of the Year Award.

The annual SBA Maine Small Business Person of the Year Award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs for their contributions to the Nation's economy and for their personal achievements based upon staying power, employee growth, sales increases, current and past financial performance, product or service innovation, response to adversity and contributions to community. Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant, co-owners of the aluminum trailer manufacturing company Alcorn in Winslow, Maine, embody the spirit of this award.

On March 1, 2006, Alcorn got its start in a small section of an old mill with only a handful of employees. Five years and one recession later, the manufacturers inhabit a seventy-thousand square foot factory, employing eighty workers and serving over two-hundred dealers. As of last month, Alcorn was supplying its "mission line" trailers to customers from New England, throughout Canada and as far west as Utah.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Sturtevant have achieved remarkable growth even during these tough economic times. Alcorn took on 25 new workers since last October, and Clark and Sturtevant have surpassed their projected sales and growth goals for 2010 inside the first three months of the year. Most impressively, with an ambitious business plan and expected sales of \$44 million and 196 employees in 2013, Alcorn has found a way to grow while still keeping their employee base in Maine.

Madam Speaker, Alcorn is a remarkable Maine success story. Please join me in honoring Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant for their accomplishments and their dedication to community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,931,157,737,293.42.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,292,731,990,999.60 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$4,372,259,520.42 since just yesterday.

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

SUPPORT OF THE "REMOVAL CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2010"

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Removal Clarification Act of 2010." This bipartisan legislation will help protect the Federal Government from interference with its operations.

Under the federal officer removal statute, 28 U.S.C. §1442(a), "any officer of the United States or of any agency thereof, sued in an official capacity or individual capacity for any act under color of such office" may remove the case to Federal district court. The statute is designed to enable Federal officials to remove a case out of State court and into Federal court.

However, in over forty States, individuals may be deposed and/or required to produce documents despite the fact that they have not yet been sued. Such pre-suit discovery is sometimes used by plaintiffs to confirm that they are suing the proper defendant, identify unknown defendants, or investigate potential claims.

Courts are split on whether the removal statute applies to pre-suit discovery. Today's legislation will make clear that the removal statute applies to all State judicial proceedings in which a legal demand is made for a Federal officer's testimony or documents, including pre-suit discovery. It will also clarify that the Federal officer need not wait until he or she is subject to contempt in order to seek removal.

The ambiguity over whether a Federal officer can invoke the removal statute during pre-suit discovery was presented in a recent case involving Republican EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, who was the subject of a pre-suit discovery petition. Republican JOHNSON removed the action from State court on the basis of the removal statute. However, the Federal court held that the pre-suit discovery proceeding did not constitute a "civil action or criminal prosecution" for purposes of the statute and remanded the petition to State court. The bill I introduce today would have permitted such removal.

This bill will not alter the well-settled requirement that removal under section 1442(a)(1)

must be predicated on the availability of a Federal defense. Nor will it result in removal of cases that belong in State court since only the part of the case involving the Federal officer is removed under 1442(a)(1).

In short, this legislation will enable Federal officials to remove cases to Federal court in accordance with the spirit and intent of the removal statute.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this bipartisan legislation.

WE THE PEOPLE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements of an exceptional group of students from Munster High School, located in Indiana's First Congressional district. Competing against a class from every state in the country, one team from Munster High School accomplished the extraordinary feat of finishing in eighth place in the national competition of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program held in Washington, DC, from April 24–26, 2010. For their remarkable knowledge and understanding of American government, these exceptional young people are to be commended.

The We the People program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, is a program that reaches over 30 million elementary, middle, and high school students. The goal of the program is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamentals of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The national finals competition imitates a Congressional hearing in which high school students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

The people of Munster, as well as the community of Northwest Indiana, can be proud of this truly noteworthy class of students. The team consists of: Stacey Avtgis, Chandani Bhatt, John Bochnowski, Cristina Bonini, Thomas Burgwald, Sumanth Chintamani, Georgenna Chioros, Nicholas Estes, Michael Jerge, Kamryn Klawitter, Neil Kondamuri, Christina Lee, Melissa Lee, Aesha Maniar, Brianna Meyer, Tara Mojtahed, Santhosh Narayan, Spencer Newell, Katherine Palmer, Alexander Parobek, Aaditya Shah, Niral Shah, Matthew Skiba, Adam Stepanovic, Shawn Tuttle, Ines Tzolov, and Elizabeth Wadas.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the members of Munster High School's We the People program, as well as their coach, Mr. Michael Gordon, and all of the community and faculty members who have instilled in these students the desire to succeed. The values exhibited by these young people and their interest in the history and fundamentals of our great nation serve to inspire us all. I am proud to represent these fine individuals in Congress, and I am proud to have been given this opportunity to recognize these future leaders. I look forward to watching their achievements as they continue to rise to the top.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 258, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Chair, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 5019, the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act.

This legislation will help to create jobs while saving consumers money and reducing our nation's energy consumption.

It will also provide an important boost for the construction sector which has been mercilessly pounded by both the recession and the collapse in new housing construction.

In my role as chair of the Joint Economic Committee, we have been examining the sector-by-sector impact of the Great Recession.

The construction sector has seen employment drop by almost 28 percent since the recession began. More than two million jobs—in this sector alone—were lost.

We're not going to get those jobs back overnight, but policies like the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act can play an important role in encouraging growth in construction while speeding our transition to a more energy-efficient economy.

The legislation provides rebates to consumers for purchasing energy-efficient products or materials and for doing renovations to make their homes more energy efficient.

Consumers can get the rebates for buying caulk or insulation, at their local hardware store for example, or working with a contractor on larger projects, such as installing new heating or cooling systems, or replacing windows.

The larger the project, the larger the rebate.

The legislation also creates a new state-federal program to provide loans to consumers for renovations that improve energy efficiency.

The Home Star legislation builds on the energy efficiency provisions in the Recovery Act, including weatherization programs targeted at low-income families and retrofits of public housing.

The legislation helps us accomplish two key goals—increasing jobs and reducing our energy costs and consumption.

A number of studies have already shown the job creation power of retrofitting homes and buildings.

The Center for American Progress estimated that \$40 billion invested in retrofits would create approximately 800,000 jobs. And these are good, high-paying jobs—construc-

tion workers, carpenters, electricians and roofers.

Finally, residential and commercial buildings use 40 percent of the energy in our country and account for 40 percent of carbon emissions.

The Home Star Energy Retrofit Act will speed the pace of home retrofits, speed up the creation of badly needed jobs, decrease our demand for carbon based fuels, and help us move more quickly to a cleaner, brighter more energy efficient future.

I encourage you to support H.R. 5019.

HONORING SPRING WOODS METHODIST CHURCH ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Spring Woods Methodist Church on celebrating its 50th anniversary. The current Pastor is Dr. J.D. Phillips and the church is composed of people from all walks of life. I am a member of the church and am proud of this accomplishment.

Spring Woods has the distinction of being the first Methodist church in Northwest Houston. The first service was held on October 18, 1959, and was attended by 18 people at Spring Elementary School.

On May 15, 1960, Dr. Homer T. Fort, the Houston West District superintendent officially recognized Spring Woods Methodist Church. Through assistance from the Room to Grow Program, the church purchased five and a half acres on FM 1960 for the future church site. The original charter membership was composed of 44 people and by the end of the year, the number increased to 106. Today the congregation numbers over 1,000 members and continues to serve the Lord by serving the people of Northwest Houston.

Since the church was built, they have added several buildings on the property. This includes an 18,000 square foot education/administrative office building.

And so it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Spring Woods Methodist Church on celebrating its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO ACKNOWLEDGE DEPAUL UNIVERSITY AS IT LAUNCHES ITS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO HONOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL AND ST. LOUISE DEMARILLAC ON THE OCCASION OF THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATHS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, DePaul University is the largest Catholic university in the United States and the largest private non-profit university in the Midwest. It remains dedicated to serving and educating the

economically disadvantaged, as it has done throughout its history. DePaul University provides high-quality education for students from the entire metropolitan area through its Chicago and suburban campuses.

In 2010, DePaul University celebrates the work and accomplishments of its namesake, St. Vincent DePaul, and St. Louise de Marillac, founder of the Daughters of Charity, on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of their deaths. To honor the examples of St. Vincent and St. Louise through its mission of education and service, DePaul University is embarking on a capital campaign entitled, "Many Dreams. One Mission." This capital campaign will help guarantee the accessibility and affordability of the University's 260 graduate and undergraduate programs. This campaign will raise funds to build campus facilities that will enhance the University's academically-rigorous and nationally-acclaimed programs of study.

As a proud Chicagoan and former educator, I congratulate DePaul University for its many contributions to higher education and community service, and I join with DePaul University in celebrating St. Vincent DePaul and St. Louise DeMarillac on the occasion the 350th anniversary of their deaths.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H. Res. 1294, honoring those who are serving and have served courageously as Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel, as contractors or members of the United States Armed Forces.

At home and abroad, unexploded ordnance (UXO)—bombs and shells that failed to explode during military training, testing, or operations—pose a health and safety risk to communities and restrict opportunities for economic development. These still-dangerous explosives and harmful contaminants are located on or buried in millions of acres of former military lands in every state and Congressional district. Alarming, much of this land now serves as housing, schools, businesses, parks, and playgrounds.

For the past ten years I have worked closely with my colleagues to direct Congressional funding and legislative action on UXO cleanup and increase investment in technology. In 2005, I formed the bipartisan UXO Caucus as part of an ongoing effort to increase Congressional awareness. The purpose of the UXO Caucus is to inform Members of the health, safety, and environmental risks of UXO and to highlight the challenges faced by communities and the federal government to clean up UXO and redevelop former military properties. Due to these bipartisan efforts, the Department of Defense has now named a program manager in charge of remediation, and additional funding has gone to technology that will better determine the location and density of munitions contamination.

UXO technicians and units at home and abroad perform a selfless and dangerous task

on behalf of the United States and we will forever be in their debt. Despite risking their lives for the health and safety of our families and communities, these heroes have largely gone unrecognized. I am extremely grateful for their sacrifices and I am pleased that we can honor them with this resolution highlighting National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day.

43RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE REUNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise now to commemorate a significant event: the 43rd anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, which is being celebrated today. I am proud to be a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 271, which recognizes this important day.

Jerusalem is one of the most historic cities in the world; it has been destroyed, besieged, attacked, captured, and recaptured multiple times. Yet in 1948, for the first time, the city was divided into two parts. For the following 19 years, access to holy sites was denied by Jordan. Even worse, synagogues were destroyed and ancient tombstones desecrated. Residents of Jerusalem could not even see the Western Wall, let alone pray there.

At last, in 1967, Jerusalem was reunited during the Six Day War. In celebration, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan gave this oft-repeated statement:

"This morning, the Israel Defense Forces . . . have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour—and with added emphasis at this hour—our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other peoples' holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety, and to live there together with others, in unity."

Truly, today is not cause for celebration by Jews only. Christians and Muslims also consider Jerusalem a holy city. Furthermore, visitors of many other faiths travel to the Old City to pray or simply appreciate the historic sites, which are not only accessible today, but also properly maintained.

Sadly, some people still do not consider Jerusalem to be Israel's capital. And despite the passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995, we have not yet moved the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It is preposterous that Israel, our democratic friend and strategic ally, is the only country in which the U.S. embassy is not located in the functioning capital. I strongly encourage President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton to begin the process of relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel.

As Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, recently stated: "The connection between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel cannot be denied. The connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem cannot be denied . . . Jerusalem is not a settlement. It is our capital."

In closing, I want to reflect on the name, "Jerusalem." It is my understanding that the name of this city is built from a Hebrew root word meaning "completeness" or "wholeness." How appropriate that for the past 43 years Jerusalem has been able to live up to its name. As Psalm 122:3 states: "Jerusalem is built as a city that is united together."

HONORING MICHAEL SPAK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I call to the attention of the House the passing on January 25 of Michael Robert Spak, 62, a resident of Leesburg, Virginia, who was the founder and chairman of the nonprofit Loudoun Crime Commission.

Mr. Spak enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 18 and completed two tours of combat duty in Vietnam from 1966–1969. Following his honorable discharge in 1969, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department, where he served on the Bomb Squad/Criminal Conspiracy Section for several years, becoming an expert on bomb detection, disposal and investigation. In 1974, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency, where he served for 23 years, first as an officer in the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology and then in the Directorate of Operations. In the context of his work, he traveled the world from the Middle East to Africa and Asia. He also served in multiple long-term overseas assignments in Europe and Latin America. After retiring from government service in 1996, he started his own company, Virtual Defense & Development International, Inc. (VDI), an international consulting and professional services company specializing in matters of defense, law enforcement, security and intelligence, and post-conflict economic development. He served as president and chairman of VDI until the time of his death.

He was the founder and chairman of the non-profit Loudoun Crime Commission; he was a founder of the newly-constructed National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, and was active in the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation; and he served in the Loudoun County Marine Corps League Detachment, where he most recently held the position of judge advocate and was involved in its annual Toys for Tots campaign. In addition, he owned and operated Amber Creek Vineyard in Leesburg and was a member of the Loudoun Winegrowers Association. He was a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge. He held two bachelor's degrees from George Mason University and American University, respectively, and at the time of his death was working towards his master's degree at American University. Mr. Spak was vigilant in his efforts to fight crime and support law enforcement agencies. He is commended for his life of service to his country and his community. Mr. Spak was willing to put his own life at risk for the protection of our country and our communities. Michael Robert Spak was very much appreciated throughout the Marine, Intelligence and law enforcement communities and his energy, ideas and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, we extend our sympathies to Mr. Spak's family, including his wife, Kristin Rickard Spak of Leesburg, Virginia; three children, Jessica Lynn White of Ashburn, Brian Thomas Spak of Boulder, CO, and Nicholas Michael Spak, of Boulder, CO; two grandchildren: Kelsey Lynn White and Austin Ray White, both of Ashburn; and a sister Janis Lee Bradley of Carson City, NV.

CONGRATULATING TRACEY
GROSSMAN

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tracey Grossman, recently honored as the recipient of the 2010 Daniel Ginsberg Award by the Anti-Defamation League.

The Anti-Defamation League's Daniel Ginsberg Award is given annually to young ADL leaders who show the enthusiasm and creativity of Daniel Ginsberg and ADL leaders whose interest and involvement covered virtually the entire spectrum of ADL issues. Since 1995, ADL has recognized many of their young and most dedicated leaders with this great honor.

Tracey's advocacy on behalf of the goals of Florida's chapter of ADL, and her guidance of Florida's ADL Glass Leadership Institute carries on the spirit of Daniel Ginsberg's great leadership.

I would like to congratulate Tracey, her husband Gabriel, and her parents Wes and Maddi for this great honor. I am proud to have their friendship and wish Tracey continued success in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
DAVE KOEHLER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Dave Koehler on his 20th Anniversary as the Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust.

Dave is a native of the San Joaquin Valley, born in Fresno, California. He is a graduate of Fresno High School and California State University, Fresno. Dave and his wife Sharon are the proud parents of two sons, Shannon and Spence.

Dave has always been an integral part of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust. He began as a member of the Board of Directors, has served as the Chair of the Education Committee, and was subsequently named as the Executive Director.

Under Dave's leadership as Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, the organization has grown immensely. The acquisition of the Parkway lands, which began in the late 1980s, continues to be a positive work in progress. Presently, the Parkway Trust has acquired 3,500 acres of protected lands which includes the Scout Island Regional Outdoor Environmental Education

Center and the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies. These River Parkway Trust jewels serve as points of interest for all individuals visiting the Parkway.

As a result of Dave's dedication and tenacity, in conjunction with staff and volunteers, several ecological reserves and trails have been established along the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and California State Highway 145. The Parkway Trust has become a valued foundation of knowledge for all those who are interested in learning more about the river. Visitors from across our great state and nation are able to enjoy the history and importance of the majestic San Joaquin River.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today to express our appreciation for Dave Koehler's diligent work as Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust and, on behalf of the thousands of visitors to the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust Lands, thank him for his continued dedication and commitment.

ST. PETERSBURG POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF HELPING KIDS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the St. Petersburg Police Athletic League celebrates 50 years of helping St. Petersburg's youth this Friday.

When first established in 1960, the PAL program provided recreational activities for the youth of our community. Today their mission has grown to include a wide range of after-school and summer programs that go far beyond sports. PAL volunteers and staff provide educational support, sports, fitness, art and drama programs and the offerings continue to grow and evolve.

The St. Petersburg PAL chapter now serves more than 500 youth per year. As PAL volunteer and former board member Ed Schatzman told The St. Petersburg Times recently, "We know kids are receiving wholesome programs and great contact with police officers that will be a key to their choosing a positive path to being good citizens."

One of PAL's primary missions is truancy prevention as more than 300 youth per year come to the program after they are caught by police officers skipping school. Through PAL, they receive help to improve their attendance, improve their academic performance, and are often referred to other agencies for help with drug treatment, counseling and school-based services.

Melissa Byers, PAL's Executive Director, told The Times that more than 60 percent of these students show improved school attendance as a result of the intervention of police and the PAL program.

Madam Speaker, The PAL program nationally and in St. Petersburg has proven to be a tremendous success in helping to build positive relationships between youth and police officers. They learn to build a bond of trust that keeps many young people from making mistakes that will haunt them for life.

Following my remarks, I will include the story from The Times by Kathy Ferguson

about PAL's great work in St. Petersburg. As Mr. Schatzman told the reporter, "Our St. Pete PAL has kept kids on the right path for 50 years; and if that isn't important, I don't know what is. The kids of PAL will make St. Petersburg's future bright."

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the St. Petersburg PAL chapter, the police officers who volunteer their time, the board members and the staff for a job well done. There will be a grand celebration of their service in St. Petersburg this Friday as the community comes together to celebrate "50 Years of Making a Difference" and as they move on to their next 50 years of serving the youth of our community.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, May 9, 2010]
FOR 50 YEARS POLICE HAVE BEEN PALS TO KIDS—THE LOCAL POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE HELPS MORE THAN 500 KIDS A YEAR

(By Kathy Ferguson)

Boxing and double-dutch jump rope were all the rage in 1960 when the Police Athletic League of St. Petersburg opened its doors. Today PAL's athletics have grown to include basketball, track and flag football. Athletics may be its base, but sports are no longer PAL's only lineup. After-school and summer programs, Boy Scout troops, mentoring and a truancy plan help more than 500 youngsters every year.

This month, PAL celebrates 50 years of building positive bonds between police officers and youths. A 1950s-style, glamorous gala is set for Friday at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club in St. Petersburg. Tampa Bay Buccaneer football great Mike Alstott serves as honorary chairman.

Usually a Founders Club Breakfast is held. But this year's anniversary was too important for an early riser salute, Robin Grabowski, gala chairwoman, said.

"This is a major celebration for PAL," said Grabowski. "Everyone is invited to attend."

The gala will also applaud 50 PAL founders who supported through donations or service.

Ed Schatzman, who has dedicated 30 years to PAL, remembers its humble start.

"The north end of the basketball court ended abruptly at the basket because we couldn't fit a regulation court in the building," Schatzman said. "Our home team always had an advantage because our kids knew how to 'run up the wall' during games."

The first facility was on Fifth Avenue N, near 16th Street. Now PAL is at 1450 16th St. N, beside Woodlawn Elementary School.

Schatzman and his wife, Stefanie, sponsored a child for the summer program last year. Schatzman has been involved in PAL Scouts, served on the board of directors and helped with the after-school reading program.

"We know kids are receiving wholesome programs and great contact with police officers that will be key to their choosing a positive path to being good citizens," Schatzman said.

Planting seeds, executive director Melissa Byers said, is what PAL is all about. Its mission is crime prevention through athletics, education and recreation.

"We offer young people opportunities to enrich their self-esteem and team-building skills in a structured, nonthreatening environment," she said. The idea is to keep kids busy between the peak hours of youth violence and crime between 3 and 9 p.m.

Programs include daily fitness, art, drama, soccer, tennis, games, movies and homework time. Character development focuses on issues like gang involvement, making choices, stranger danger, bullying prevention and goal setting.

A new emphasis is being placed on health and the environment.

"We are planting an organic garden behind the facility and putting more focus on healthy eating," Byers said.

PAL works with disadvantaged youths, but children from all walks of life are welcome. Scholarships are offered.

More than 300 children each year get involved with PAL through a truancy intervention program. Officers pick up youngsters skipping school and wandering the streets. The students are brought to PAL's facility. They get help with ways to increase school attendance, improve their grades and find out what else they need to be successful. Often they are referred to outside services for help. That may mean counseling, drug treatment or school-based services.

"This is a much more productive use of their days," Byers said. The issues range from skipping school and low academics to homelessness and substance abuse.

Success is measurable.

"Over 60 percent of these students show improved attendance as a result of this intervention," Byers said.

"Our St. Pete PAL has kept kids on the right path for 50 years; and if that isn't important, I don't know what is," said Schatzman. "The kids of PAL will make St. Petersburg's future bright."

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BARBARA BARKER UPON HER RETIREMENT AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF OHIO'S FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. My District Director, Barbara Barker of Antwerp, Ohio will be retiring following Twenty-One years of service to Ohio's Fifth Congressional District Offices.

Barbara Barker began her service to Ohio's Fifth Congressional District as a Staff Assistant to the late Congressman Paul E. Gillmor. Barbara was soon promoted to serve in various capacities under Congressman Gillmor, being selected to serve as District Representative, Senior District Representative, and then lastly as District Director during her tenure. Following the vacancy left by the late Congressman Gillmor, Barbara's professionalism as a manager of congressional district operations made her a natural choice to assume the same role in my district offices. I have found Barbara to be a dedicated public servant, who has not only managed the day to day functions of my district offices, but has demonstrated that she made the well-being of the constituents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District the hallmark of her career with the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Barker for her role in my district offices. Our communities have undoubtedly benefited from her years of faithful service. We wish Barbara Barker all of the best upon her retirement as District Director of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District Offices.

HONORING UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO SERVED DURING THE KOREAN WAR

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the United States Military who served our nation with honor and dignity during the Korean War. I would like to particularly note the service of Connecticut's veterans who served during that conflict.

On June 25, 1950, soldiers from North Korea invaded South Korea and within days quickly secured the South Korean capital of Seoul. Only two days later, on June 27, President Harry Truman ordered the U.S. military to give the South Korean Government troops cover and support. Less than three months later, on September 15, 1950, United States forces under the command of General Douglas MacArthur successfully invaded Inchon stunning the North Korean military. Over the following years, a series of battles were fought between North Korean and South Korean forces aided primarily by U.S. forces as well as those from some twenty countries. Tragically, some 37,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces lost their lives fighting in the Korean War and sadly their sacrifices have in some circles been forgotten or marginalized over time. We must never allow this to happen to those men and women who have served and given so much in defense of our freedom, and that is why I stand here today in the House of Representatives to honor them.

In my home state of Connecticut, thousands of men and women answered the call of duty and many of those gave the ultimate sacrifice. This week, in the town of East Lyme, veterans, family members and local citizens will join together to honor the service of the men and women who served in the Korean War. I would like to particularly thank Joyce Harris, President of the East Lyme Veterans Council for her efforts to put this event together and all those veterans who will be in attendance for this event. We owe these men and women our respect and our thanks, and we must honor the commitments that have been made to these veterans and their families. I ask that all members of the House join me in that effort.

A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 3270 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD IN SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA AS THE "HENRY C. GONZALEZ POST OFFICE BUILDING"

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I am proud today to introduce a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3270 Firestone Boulevard in South Gate, California as the "Henry C. Gonzalez Post Office Building."

Henry Gonzalez currently serves as a Councilmember for the City of South Gate, where he has proudly served for over two decades, beginning in 1982 when he became the first Latino elected to the City Council. He continued to make history as the City's first Latino Mayor just a year later, a role he has assumed several times during his 23 years in elected office.

In addition to his government service, Henry Gonzalez is a pillar of the South Gate community. He is an avid supporter of South Gate youth sports—having founded the South Gate High School Booster Club and the South Gate Youth Football league—and he has served as a board member for countless national and local organizations.

He is a much-loved and respected community leader. In light of his great service to our community, it is fitting that we name this post office in his honor.

Henry Gonzalez has given much of himself to better the city of South Gate. A post office named in his honor will remind us of what true civic commitment is and will inspire us all in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORNELIUS JOHN GROVES

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Cornelius John "C.J." Groves. C.J. is not only an engaged member of our community in Merced County, California, but a respected and influential educator.

C.J. Groves was born in Casper, Wyoming on May 26, 1920. His family moved in 1924 to Petaluma, California, where they settled. He attended local public schools and graduated in mid-year from Petaluma High School in 1938. After graduation, he enrolled at San Jose State, but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 during his junior year. While in the service, he boxed as a light heavyweight and won all the tournaments that he entered. He retired undefeated. His ability to articulate made him an obvious candidate for Officers Candidate School where he graduated as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the Medical Administrative Corps. He was then sent to the Philippines for active duty. After the war ended, he was shipped to Japan until March 1946. He was discharged as a first lieutenant and ended his military career as a captain in the reserve.

After the service, C.J. continued his studies at San Jose State and graduated in June 1947 with a degree in English and a minor in history. He then attended Stanford University, where he completed the credential program. He began teaching at Merced High School in 1948. He continued his own education during his career and ultimately received a masters degree from Chapman University. In 1958, he helped open the new campus for Atwater High School as Vice Principal and Dean of Boys. He served in that capacity until 1974 when he was named Principal of Atwater High School. He continued to lead the school with distinction until 1981 when he retired.

His commitment to education has garnered the life-long respect and admiration of the

countless students who were fortunate to have gone to both Atwater and Merced High Schools during his long tenure with the Merced Union High School District. His distinguished career in education has also been a source of inspiration and encouragement to all of those who have served with him as faculty and staff.

C.J. currently resides in Merced, where he has enjoyed his retirement years. He was an active member of his duck club for many years, a member of the Elks, and is a 32nd degree Mason. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join my community in honoring Mr. C.J. Groves on his 90th birthday.

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1299, which recognizes the men and women who have given their lives in the line of duty as law enforcement officers. This is an important measure that pays tribute to the selfless men and women who lost their lives as they worked to protect the American people. These brave individuals deserve our national gratitude for their sacrifice.

I thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman POE, for his dedication to ensuring that the men and women who protect our families and communities are honored for their bravery, service, and sacrifice.

Careers in law enforcement are inherently dangerous and the men and women who decide to serve as police officers should be commended for their bravery. Today, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers in the United States who risk their lives every day to protect our communities. Following the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, more than seventy law enforcement officers were killed while rescuing victims and restoring a sense of order during this time of national tragedy. September 11, 2001, was the deadliest day for law enforcement officers in the history of our nation.

More than 18,600 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty throughout the history of the United States. These police officers were killed while responding to disturbance calls, making arrests in robberies, investigating suspicious circumstances, making traffic stops, and countless other efforts to protect the American people and ensure the safety of our communities.

In my district in Long Beach, California, 28 police officers have died in the line of duty. In a Peace Officers Memorial Day tribute, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster eloquently stated, "All of our officers and firefighters chose a profession where they could no longer sit still and proclaim that somebody should do something. Thinking about taking action and actually taking action is what separates the good from the great; the well intentioned from the heroes." I agree with Mayor Foster. Law enforcement officers are true American heroes.

I salute the bravery and dedication of law enforcement officers at the Federal, State, and local levels. I extend my deepest sympathy to the loved ones of police officers who have been killed while working to protect the American people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1299.

HONORING DEANNA ESPINA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deanna Espina, who has managed the San Lorenzo School District's Indian Education Program for over 35 years.

Deanna is an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation in Washington State. Her tribal name is "Speelyi," which means "Coyote." Deanna and her husband, Joe, have been married for 56 years; their four children all graduated from San Lorenzo High School.

Deanna's career at the San Lorenzo School District began in 1974, the first year of the Title IV Indian Education Program. More than 35,000 students have attended Deanna's presentations at the Native American Museum during her three decades of managing the program.

Deanna's achievements and honors are numerous. She is the founding member of the Bay Area Indian Education Council; was recognized as Administrator of the Year by the National Indian Education Association; received Distinguished Educator of the Year for Indian Education from the State of California; received Indian Education Showcase Award from the U.S. Department of Education for one of the best Indian Education Programs in the country; and received the Honored Elder Award from the California Indian Education Conference. The San Lorenzo School District's Indian Education Program has received commendations from the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, The California Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students and a Congressional Record tribute on the 25th anniversary of the Titled Indian Education Programs.

Additionally, Deanna is one of the first Native American women elected to the National Board of the YWCA. She is a member of the California Teachers Association, National Education Association, and the Association of California School Administrators. She is also a founding member of the Oakland Museum's Cultural and Ethnic Affairs Guild.

Deanna's leadership and vision have allowed Native American programs to thrive throughout Alameda County. Her commitment has raised the community's awareness of the history and richness of Native American culture. I join many others in thanking Deanna Espina for her exemplary contributions to our community.

IN HONOR OF FIRST STATE
BALLET THEATRE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize First State Ballet Theatre as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, First State Ballet Theatre has become a staple in and around the Delaware arts community, one that currently holds the distinction of being the only professional ballet company in our state.

Since its establishment, First State Ballet Theatre has brought the beauty and excitement of live ballet to Delaware, and in doing so has served more than 7,000 school children through in-theatre lecture demonstrations and classes. The company has made the city of Wilmington a tourist destination for ballet enthusiasts, commissioning major works from internationally recognized choreographers and drawing patrons from throughout the mid-Atlantic region—from Richmond, Virginia, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to New York City and Rhode Island. The collaborations that First State Ballet Theatre has initiated with Delaware artists and arts institutions like Charles Parks, SPARX, the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, OperaDelaware, and the Grand Opera House, have served to enrich our state's arts programs and we in Delaware are extremely grateful for their contributions.

In addition to regional and local achievements, First State Ballet Theatre has also made a significant impact on the international stage. Its students have been ranked among the top 12 young dancers in the world by distinguished judges at the Youth America Grand Prix—the world's largest ballet competition for pre-professional dancers. The company founded and presented four Arabesque international festivals of classical and contemporary ballet, attracting guest artists from around the globe to the main stage of the Wilmington Grand Opera House. In 2007, First State Ballet Theatre students performed by special invitation at the Spoleto Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy—a prestigious international ballet festival—and were the only Delaware performing arts company to receive such an honor.

In recognition of their 10th anniversary, I would like to congratulate and honor First State Ballet Theatre for the extraordinary amount of effort and dedication the company has invested not only in its students, but in the greater arts community of Delaware. I commend them for their continued efforts and numerous contributions, and I wish them all the best on this momentous occasion.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL THAT
PROHIBITS THE CLOSURE OF
THE COMMISSARY AND EX-
CHANGE PROGRAMS AT NAVAL
AIR STATION BRUNSWICK

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to be introducing a bill that

prohibits the closure of the commissary and exchange programs at Naval Air Station Brunswick in my home State of Maine.

Unfortunately, before I was a Member of Congress, Naval Air Station Brunswick was selected for closure during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process. We are saddened to see the base close and so many active duty members, who have made Maine their home transfer to Jacksonville, Florida. However, a significant active duty population will remain whose mission still requires them to be stationed in the midcoast area. These units include Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, which is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command located in Bath, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines located in Topsham, and units of the Maine Army National Guard that will soon construct a joint reserve center at Naval Air Station Brunswick. Additionally, there are thousands of military retirees who depend on this fundamental part of their pay and benefits package.

Military families count on the commissary and exchange programs to deliver costs savings. Access to these programs is not a fringe benefit, but a critical part of the pay package we have promised the men and women who serve.

The fact that Brunswick has been selected for closure is no excuse for these men and women to go without the same programs their counterparts across the globe depend on. Many of the retirees in the midcoast Maine area relocated there after their service specifically for the commissary and exchange programs. We must honor the promises that we made to these individuals, and not abandon them now during these difficult economic times.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks to pass this important legislation in the House.

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH EAST
END

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in my hometown of Newport News. On Friday, May 28, 2010, Second Baptist Church East End will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contribution to our community.

Second Baptist was organized during the first week of May, 1910, with Minnie Jones, A.B. Lucy, Rebecca Vaughan and Daniel Peters serving as charter members. The first worship service was held on the second Sunday in May 1910 at the Odd Fellows Hall in the 1100 block of 33rd Street, with Reverend J.E. Tynes serving as the guest speaker.

The church chose Reverend H.H. McLean as its first pastor. Under his leadership the church membership increased rapidly—a new church building was built in less than a year with the first worship service being celebrated Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911. Under Rev. McLean's leadership, many church organizations were founded that are still alive today, in-

cluding the Choir, the Deacon Board, the Board of Trustees, the Sunday School, the Baptist Young People's Union and the Willing Workers Club.

Second Baptist has had eleven pastors throughout its history, including Rev. F.A. Brown, Rev. W.S. Sharp, Rev. A.A. Watts, Rev. O.B. Allen, Rev. John Tilley, Rev. L.A. Williams, Rev. E.D. Harrell, Rev. O.L. Simms, Rev. Preston T. Hayes, and Rev. Avery E. Miller.

Under Rev. Sharp, the church was able to pay off its mortgage. Under Rev. Watts, multiple improvements were made to the church including the furnishing of stained glass windows, chandeliers and carpeting. The term of Rev. Allen saw the purchase of a parsonage. Rev. Harrell added a basement and annex to the church building. Under Rev. Simms a new parsonage was purchased and a new organ installed.

The longest serving Pastor in the history of Second Baptist was Rev. Preston T. Hayes, who succeeded Rev. Simms in July 1956. Under Rev. Hayes' leadership, multiple organizations and ministries were formed, including: The Layman Fellowship; The Women's Prayer Breakfast; Youth Fellowship; Blind and Deaf Ministries; and the Wednesday Morning and Evening Bible Classes. While at Second Baptist, Rev. Hayes was elected President of the Virginia Baptist General Convention (1977–79). During his tenure as President, the Convention formed a Division of Men to provide an avenue through which the Men of the Convention could utilize their skills and talents in promoting Christian stewardship and support for their local congregations. Rev. Hayes passed away in 2001, and the church dedicated the Preston T. Hayes Center for Christian Education in his honor. In the period between permanent pastors, the church continued Rev. Hayes' tradition of establishing programs to serve the church and the community by starting a Mentoring Program and a Computer Lab.

Rev. Hayes was succeeded by Second Baptist's current pastor, Rev. Avery E. Miller. Under Rev. Miller, Second Baptist has continued to flourish with the establishment of a Media Ministry, a Nursing Home Ministry, a Singles Ministry, and Mannah Inc., the Church's non-profit community service organization. Among Mannah's numerous efforts to serve the East End community are: one-on-one services for at-risk children in school; afterschool tutorial programs; summer day camps; and a weekly feeding program.

As Second Baptist gathers to celebrate its centennial, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Pastor Miller and all of the members of Second Baptist Church East End on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I wish them 100 more years of dedicated service to the community.

FEDERAL JUDGES TO APPEAL TO
SUPREME COURT OVER COM-
PENSATION

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the record an article from the New

York Sun dealing with a court case that could have a dramatic impact on current federal legal tender laws. A number of federal judges are appealing the elimination of their cost of living increase, claiming that this is an unconstitutional diminution of pay. In fact, Madam Speaker, even if they had received a cost of living increase they may still have received a pay cut, because the government's CPI figure is purposely manipulated to underestimate the true inflation rate.

Perhaps the most interesting facet of this case is the potential implication for federal legal tender laws. Some experts speculate that if the current case is unsuccessful the judges' only recourse would be to challenge legal tender laws that artificially prop up the value of paper money. Against gold, the paper dollar has lost 80 percent of its value over the past decade. No amount of cost of living increases could overcome devaluation this severe. I am waiting with anticipation for the ultimate resolution of this case, and encourage my colleagues to read this thought-provoking article.

[From the New York Sun, May 11, 2010]

KAGAN'S FIRST CASE COULD INVOLVE A QUESTION OF HER OWN—AND HER COLLEAGUES'—PAY

(By Staff Reporter of the Sun)

NEW YORK—If Solicitor General Kagan is confirmed before the start of the Supreme Court's coming term, one of her first big cases on the high bench could touch on one of the most sensitive questions the court has ever handled—the pay of federal judges themselves.

The case was launched quietly some years ago by a rainbow coalition of some of the most distinguished judges on the federal bench. They are seeking to overturn an act of Congress rescinding an automatic pay increase designed to protect federal judges from the ravages of inflation, and are likely this month to ask the Supreme Court to take the case.

What makes the case so sensitive—potentially explosive, even—is that it could prove to be a stepping stone, whether intended or not, toward re-opening the question of legal tender. For the question of judges' pay confronts the courts with the question of whether a one-dollar note of legal tender that trades today at less than 1,000th of an ounce of gold is compensation equal to a one-dollar note of currency that was worth, say, a decade ago four times as much. What makes federal judges so special is that it is unconstitutional to diminish the pay of any federal judge while he is in office.

Were the judges eventually forced to confront that question, says one legal scholar of the monetary system, Edwin Vieira Jr., "it would have profound economic and political effects, and it would cause a re-evaluation of the entire monetary system. Congress would be forced to undergo a complete re-evaluation of the monetary system."

The federal judges asking the Supreme Court to review the rescission of their cost-of-living adjustments aren't raising the legal tender question, at least not yet. They are not asking to be paid in constant—or inflation-adjusted—dollars, and they appear to believe that the Supreme Court doesn't have to address that issue to satisfy their claim that Congress violated the anti-diminishment clause of the Constitution when it removed a previously promised cost-of-living raise. But they also have to be well aware of the enormity of the issue that lies just beyond the claim they are making.

The plaintiffs themselves comprise an array of senior judges and some of the most

distinguished figures on the federal bench. They include two appointees of President Carter—a district judge of the Eastern District of Louisiana, Peter Beer, and a judge on the district court in central California, Terry Hatter, Jr.; two appointees of President Reagan—Thomas F. Hogan, of the District Court for the District of Columbia, and Laurence H. Silberman, who rides the District of Columbia Circuit of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Also among the plaintiffs are three appointees of President Clinton—Richard Paez, who rides the Ninth Circuit for the United States Court of Appeals, and Jas. Robertson, of the District Court for the District of Columbia, and A. Wallace Tashima, who was elevated to ride the 9th Circuit by Mr. Clinton after having first served as a district judge on the nomination of Mr. Carter.

The pay of judges is one of the most sensitive issues in American history. The Declaration of Independence enumerates judges pay as one of the “injuries and usurpations” committed by George III against the Americans. The Declaration stated that the British tyrant “has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.”

It was that claim that led the Founders to establish, in Article III of the Constitution, that “[j]udges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour”—meaning for life—and that they “shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.”

The complaint in the latest case, which is known as *Beer v. U.S.*, would not be the first time federal judges have gone to court with claims in respect of their pay. As recently as 2008 at New York State, judges launched a legal case to gain a raise. New York’s constitution, like the federal constitution, also prohibits the lowering of a judge’s pay. But the argument the New York judges have made, and they have made it in their own courts, is that the way the legislature in Albany has handled the issue violates the principle of separation of powers.

Beer v. U.S. involves federal judges, who are seeking a hearing by the Supreme Court with a different argument—that when Congress scinded a legislated cost-of-living adjustment, as it did for a number of recent years, the judges’ pay was diminished. The judges lost in their early rounds on a complicated set of issues, partly of precedent established in an earlier case when judges fought for a cost of living increase.

In some recent legal fracas involving judges pay, there have been statements from several Supreme Court justices, including one by Justice Scalia, that seem to have emboldened the judges filing a claim in the latest case. They are expected to file in the next few days a petition for the Supreme Court to hear their claim that earlier precedents were wrongly decided and that rescinding a legislated cost-of-living adjustment is a diminishment. The Supreme Court has ruled that in cases where a judge has an in-

terest in the outcome of a case but is by necessity the party who must hear it, it is the judge’s duty to rule, despite the conflict of interest. It may be that were Ms. Kagan to be elevated to the Supreme Court she would decide to recuse herself from *Beer v. U.S.* because of her either direct or tangential involvement in the case as solicitor general.

One difference between the current case and earlier ones is that the country is now in a historic monetary crisis, in which the value of United States fiat money has collapsed to such a degree that the Supreme Court would have to go through contortions to avoid considering it. In the past decade, the value of a dollar has plummeted to less than a 1,200th of an ounce of gold from, say, the 265th of an ounce of gold that it was worth at the start of the president of George W. Bush.

This means that the legal tender with which a judge is paid today is worth less than a quarter of what it was worth a decade ago.

The Supreme Court ruled after the Civil War that the federal government’s paper money had to be accepted as legal tender. The centerpiece of the court’s rulings was called *Knox v. Lee* and involved payment for a flock of sheep. But there is a legion of scholars and activists who believe—as did the Chief Justice of the United States at the time of *Knox*, Salmon Chase—that *Knox v. Lee* was wrongly decided. Such scholars argue that the majority in *Knox v. Lee* would never have sustained the monetary system we have today.

These critics point out that the Founders of America, who used the word “dollars” twice in the Constitution, all knew what the word meant—namely, 416 grains of standard silver or 371 ¼ grains of pure silver, the same as was in a then-ubiquitous coin known as a Spanish milled dollar, which was also known as a piece of eight. That standard was codified in one of the most famous laws passed in the early years of the republic, the Coinage Act of 1792. Critics of the legal tender law believe that 416 grains of standard silver—or the free market equivalent in gold—is the only form of constitutional money.

“If the judges bringing the case of *Beer v. U.S.* fail to convince the Supreme Court to restore their cost of living adjustment, federal judges will then have no option left but to reformulate their case so as to challenge the legal tender concept as presently applied,” says Mr. Vieira.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SIKES ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced a bill to amend the Sikes Act to improve natural resources management

planning for State-owned installations used for the national defense. I have introduced this bill after working with appropriate officials at the Department of Defense (DOD). The amendments proposed by DOD will improve coordination between DOD, the Department of the Interior and State, Territorial and local partners for the protection of fish and wildlife resources on DOD lands and State-owned installations used for the national defense.

As the Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services, this bill that I have introduced today is appropriate as the 111th Congress moves forward with an agenda promoting responsible environmental stewardship. DOD controls nearly 25 million acres of valuable fish and wildlife habitat at approximately 400 military installations nationwide. These lands contain a wealth of plant and animal life, vital wetlands for migratory birds and habitat for nearly 300 federally listed threatened and endangered species. For 50 years, the Sikes Act has helped the commanders of these installations balance their use of air, land and water resources for military training and testing with the need to conserve and rehabilitate these important ecosystems. In past National Defense Authorization Acts, Congress has made improvements to the Sikes Act and my bill, the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2010, continues this progress by proposing three significant improvements to the law.

First, my bill clarifies the scope of the Sikes Act by extending its provisions to State-owned National Guard installations, including the requirement to develop and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans, INRMP, that are already required for federally owned military installations. Another provision in this bill would make permanent the successful invasive species management pilot program on Guam, authorized into law in 2004, and expand its scope to all military installations. Finally, the bill makes several technical and clarifying changes to the U.S. Code to make it consistent with other subheadings and titles.

I want to thank Chairman SOLOMON ORTIZ of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness for his leadership on issues affecting management of military installations and the readiness of our military forces. I also thank Chairman NICK RAHALL of the House Natural Resources Committee for his leadership in providing for seamless protection for our fish and wildlife resources, a national treasure, across all public lands. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee in receiving testimony, support and views on the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2010.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 17

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Gulf Coast disaster, focusing on assessing the nation's response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

SD-342

MAY 18

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Pacific Command and European Command programs.

SVC-217

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

SD-106

Judiciary
Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine drug enforcement and rule of law, focusing on Mexico and Colombia.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To resume hearings to examine issues related to offshore oil and gas exploration including the accident involving the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine response efforts to the Gulf Coast oil spill.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine Federal response to the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reform, focusing on supporting student health, physical education, and well-being.

SD-430

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands, S. 2941, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, H.R. 3940, to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States, and H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the state of American children.

SD-430

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine renewing America's commitment to the refugee convention, focusing on the Refugee Protection Act of 2010.

SD-226

Rules and Administration
To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on the filibuster today and its consequences.

SR-301

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

11 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Program and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on small businesses.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 349, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1596, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California, S. 1651, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor

in Leesburg, Virginia, S. 1801, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 1802 and H.R. 685, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, S. 2953 and H.R. 3388, bills to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 2976, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 3159 and H.R. 4395, bills to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 3168, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain non-Federal land in the State of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the Fort Necessity National Battlefield, and S. 3303, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado.

SD-366

3:30 p.m.

Appropriations
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro).

SD-138

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 2921, to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines to integrate renewable energy development.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Contracting Oversight Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine counter-narcotics contracts in Latin America.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine efforts to right-size the Federal employee-to-contractor mix.

SD-342

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 25

9 a.m.

Armed Services
Airland Subcommittee
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

<p>10:30 a.m. Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>
MAY 27		
<p>2 p.m. Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>	<p>5 p.m. Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>
MAY 26		
<p>2:30 p.m. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe To hold hearings to examine Holocaust era assets after the Prague conference. SR-428A</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Armed Services SeaPower Subcommittee Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>	<p>10 a.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine building a secure future for multiemployer pension plans. SD-430</p>
MAY 28		
		<p>9:30 a.m. Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011. SR-222</p>