

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. RODNEY WILLIAM
BORGER

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor a respected citizen, and dedicated practitioner of the art of medicine, Dr. Rodney William Borger.

Today, I rise to congratulate Dr. Borger for his loyalty, service and commitment to the Community of San Bernardino. I congratulate him on a job well done as the outgoing president of the San Bernardino County Medical Society.

Dr. Borger is a devoted servant-leader in our community. For this reason, I join today with my district to express our gratitude to Dr. Borger for his exemplary commitment to Hippocratic values, and their application to society.

Dr. Borger received his medical degree from Loma Linda University, completing his internship and residency in emergency medicine at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Today, he is Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton.

Dr. Borger is actively involved with the San Bernardino County Medical Society and California Medical Association. He sits on the San Bernardino County Medical Society Board of Directors, while chairing the Emergency Medical Service Funds Committee and the Finance Committee, and serving on the Executive, Nominating and Legislative Committees.

Dr. Borger is Commander of the San Bernardino County Sheriff Medical Reserve Corps, a community based group of volunteers who donate their time and expertise to respond to emergencies, by supplementing existing emergency response and public health resources.

A tireless champion, Dr. Borger is also Medical Director of the San Bernardino County Jail's Medical Care System and serves on the State of California's Public Health Advisory Committee.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians and volunteers for the Speakers Bureau of physician volunteers, addressing community organizations on health issues.

This past March, Dr. Borger, medical student leaders and physician leaders traveled to the American Medical Association National Advocacy Conference to personally meet with members of Congress to advocate on the behalf of seniors, veterans, Medicare and Medicaid reform.

Thanks in part to these efforts, Congress has informed the California Medical Association that it is passing a temporary measure to allow the possibility of passing a more permanent solution to Sustainable Growth Rate cuts.

Revered for extensive awards, honors, certifications, biomedical research, affiliations,

teaching experience, and charitable service, Dr. Borger has volunteered at a hospital in Botswana, Africa, and with Social Action Corps, UC Irvine Medical Center Family Practice Clinic and the Looking Good Program.

Madam Speaker, all of this philanthropy makes Dr. Borger "look good." Not only is he a generous human being but he is a renowned and compassionate physician.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Borger will be completing his term as the 117th president of the San Bernardino County Medical Society on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. It is fitting, on such an occasion, that we stand here today to honor Dr. Borger, for exceptional service and leadership in a profession respected by all people and in all times.

TRIBUTE TO MS. KAY FRANCIS
LANCE (DYSON) MURRAY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, it is often difficult to find words to express the depth of one's feelings with the passing of a friend and constituent, nevertheless, I rise today to pay tribute to a public administrator, community leader, entrepreneur, humanitarian and family woman, the late Kay Francis Lance (Dyson) Murray, who made her heavenly transition on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

Kay dedicated her life towards making a difference in the lives of other people. She was a shining example of how God can use even the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary. Indeed, many who have had the privilege of knowing and associating with her have come to recognize that they are much better the person as a result.

The first woman Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation, Kay also served as Chief of Staff in the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and Executive Assistant in the Cook County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Kay received a Bachelor's of Science degree from Roosevelt University, Master's of Education degree from Northwestern Illinois University, a graduate certificate from Cortez Peters Business School, a Management Development Program Certificate from Harvard University and a State of Illinois Real Estate License. Kay also co-partnered two designer clothing ventures and co-owned a limousine service in Chicago's Hyde Park community.

Kay was a faithful member of the Apostolic Church of God and served with distinction as Secretary/Treasurer of the North Washington Park Community Organization; President of Jackson Park Hospital Women's Board; Member of the Jackson Park Hospital Board of Directors; Member of Jackson Park Hospital Foundation and President of the Genesis House Board of Directors. In addition to help-

ing me in my congressional re-election efforts, Kay worked at the grass roots and community level for numerous public officials including the late Chicago Alderman Claude Holman, former Alderman and current Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans, the late Mayor Harold Washington and Clerk of the Circuit Court Dorothy Brown.

Madam Speaker, I want to encourage her devoted son Gary, her siblings, the entire family and the many friends of Ms. Kay Francis Lance (Dyson) Murray to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help, trusting that their help will surely come from the Lord. I am truly blessed to have known and worked with her. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding public servant and privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

CHRISTIAN G. FOLSOM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian G. Folsom. Christian 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 in both Troops 9 and 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troops, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian 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, Christian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christian planned and built five parking bollards with handicap signs to protect children playing in the First United Methodist Church of North Kansas City's playground.

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

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF CHAD
BOUTON

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure I rise to recognize the distinguished work and accomplishments of Chad Bouton.

The economic prosperity of our nation has always derived from the vitality of the American innovator. Through firm resolve and unparalleled imagination, these men and women

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help discover the ideas, practices or products that fuel our country's progress. During these challenging economic times, it is all the more important to recognize their influence in affirming the limitless potential of our great country; therefore, I am happy to recognize one such individual: Mr. Chad Bouton, who was recently honored by Central Ohio's own Battelle Memorial Institute as the Battelle Inventor of the Year.

Since 1997, Chad Bouton has marked himself as a stand-out talent at Battelle. He worked as the primary innovator, inventor and principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools to enable minimally invasive surgical procedures. His passion for his work has led Chad to be honored with two R&D Magazine "Top 100" awards, several Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards, as well as, having nine of his works published in numerous scholarly journals.

Through the ingenuity of his thinking and tenacity of his work, Chad stands as an example to many across our country. Therefore, I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for our country, and on behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, congratulate him on his most recent award.

CONGRATULATING EDDIE REYES,
WINNER OF THE 2010 MINORITY
SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF
THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Eddie Reyes, who has been named the 2010 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

Reyes, coordinator of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, Texas, will be honored at the Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week celebration in Washington, DC, May 23–25, 2010. Joining award winners from across the country, Reyes will be recognized for his personal successes as a small business owner, the contributions he has made to small businesses and the economic well-being of the country, and the special impact made by outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reyes works with UNT and state programs to reveal opportunities to bid on goods or services and helps small business owners navigate the procurement process. He also informs them on how to obtain certification as a HUB vendor. Reyes deserves many thanks for his outstanding achievements and continuing dedication to UNT and to small business.

Reyes has received many notable honors, including being the first-ever International Business Achievement Award Recipient by the Greater Dallas Chamber, the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce's H.U.B. Coordinator of the Year Award, the Pillar of the Community Award from the D/FW Association of Hispanic Contractors, and Small Business Advocate of the Year by Alliance Texas, among others.

Reyes was born and raised in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and continues to live in the area with his wife. He hosts "Diversity in Action with Eddie Reyes," a business radio program that offers information about being a successful minority or woman-owned business.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and congratulate Eddie Reyes, winner of the 2010 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year award. It is an honor to represent Reyes and many small businesses across North Texas in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF RANCOCAS VALLEY
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL'S
NJROTC PROGRAM

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of honoring the Rancocas Valley Regional High School's NJROTC program, which has been honored as a distinguished unit by the United States Navy. The program, which was established at the school in 1975, has been recognized for the seventh straight year for its academic, leadership and professional development.

The Rancocas Valley Regional High School's Navy Junior ROTC program, led by Bert DeJong, a retired lieutenant commander from the Coast Guard, and Dave Aupperle, a retired Navy chief petty officer, includes more than 100 students. The cadets learn about various naval topics and participate in such activities as drill competitions, community service and physical fitness training. Throughout their history, the Rancocas Valley unit has won many awards, including a state championship in drills and a first-runner up in the Northeast regional drills competition.

Additionally, the unit performs a great deal of community service, including parades, a walk to benefit children with Down syndrome, a cleanup day in Eastampton, NJ, veterans and senior citizens dinners, recycling efforts, work with the local Elks lodge, and assisting families of military personnel serving abroad.

I am extremely proud of the unit for their continuous example of leadership and community service. Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in commending the Rancocas Valley Regional High School's Navy Junior ROTC program.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LENA
HORNE

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1362, which celebrates the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne, and honors her for her triumphs against racial discrimination and her steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people.

Lena Horne was a trail-blazing performing artist whose life exemplified her commitment

to social justice, peace, and civil rights. During World War II, she paid her own way to travel and entertain the troops at Army camps for the USO, and became an outspoken critic of the treatment of African-American servicemen, many of whom had to sit behind German Prisoners of War during her performances.

Ms. Horne went on to participate in numerous civil rights rallies and demonstrations, and used her poise, grace, and courage to pave the way for generations of women and African-Americans. Our nation is better because of Lena Horne and those like her, and it is right and fitting that we honor her on the House floor today.

HONORING DIETER HEINZ
DUBBERKE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dieter Heinz Dubberke upon being awarded with the Americanism Medal from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Dubberke will be recognized and honored by the Merced River Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Mr. Dieter Dubberke grew up in Natzlaff, Germany in the late 1930s. As a young child, his mother and brother moved around Germany, attempting to flee from the Russians as they swept through parts of Germany. The three were finally able to reach Reinbek, a city in the Western Sector, where they were reunited with his maternal grandmother. At the age of 13, Mr. Dubberke's mother passed away, leaving him and his brother to care for their elderly grandmother. It was decided that the brothers would travel to the United States, where they would be adopted by their uncle Max Dubberke.

Arriving in the United States, Mr. Dubberke settled in with his uncle and attended high school in Culver City, California. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army. He served in the Army for 3 years, and then returned to California to marry his high school sweetheart, Diane, and began working for the Safeway Corporation.

Mr. Dubberke eventually moved to Mariposa, California. With his strong entrepreneurial spirit and grocery experience, he opened a small mini-mart. Later, he established Pioneer Market in Mariposa, and Dubberke and Dubberke Investments. Today, he serves as Chief Executive Officer of Dubberke and Dubberke Investments, which has five entities and eighty employees.

Mr. Dubberke is an instrumental part of the Mariposa community. He values and displays hard work, common sense, determination, honor and integrity. He is a champion of small business owners' rights and in his own business he hires local people, especially high school students, and provides generous benefits to his employees. Mr. Dubberke sponsors the annual Grizzly Family Hoedown, an event that has raised more than \$20,000 in funds for transportation to non-league athletic events. He also sponsors the annual Mariposa High School Golf Tournament, in support of the

school's athletic programs. He initiated the Sports Challenge program, whereby he contributes one percent of collected receipts to school sports and exercise programs to Mariposa Elementary School. Mr. Dubberke often supplies ice to booths, concessions and exhibitors during the annual Mariposa County Fair, Homecoming and other community events.

Mr. Dubberke has held numerous leadership positions. He was appointed by the Governor to the Mariposa County Fair, Board of Directors. He has also served on the Mariposa County Water Agency Advisory Board and is past president of the Sierra Edelweiss German Club. For his tremendous service to his community, Mr. Dubberke has been honored with the Western Fairs Association's Blue Ribbon Award, Central California Excellence in Business Award in 2005, California Outstanding Retailer of the Month and was named Businessman of the Year in 2000 by the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce.

The Americanism Medal is awarded to a person that has demonstrated extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. Mr. Dubberke has certainly met those qualifications; he understands the responsibility as an American citizen to respect the flag, teach others to support our Constitution, participate in government and to give back to our country. Mr. Dubberke recently published a book, "Three Times Blessed," in which he teaches valuable lessons on what it takes to find true happiness and success.

Mr. Dubberke and his wife have been married for over 50 years; they have four children and eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dieter Dubberke upon being honored with the Americanism Medal. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Dubberke many years of continued success.

HONORING DONALD OETMAN ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Donald Oetman of Allegan as he retires from the International Union UAW after 45 years of loyal and dedicated service as a member and officer of the United Auto Workers. Since 2002, Don has served as director of UAW Region 1D, a vast district covering 62 counties that spans western, central and northern regions of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. During his service he has been a committed and enthusiastic voice for the working men and women and retirees of UAW Region 1D.

In 1963, shortly after graduating high school, Don went to work at Micromatic Textron in Holland, Michigan. Two years later, Don served as a member on the committee of plant workers that came together to form their own UAW local union—UAW Local 1502. Not only did these union supporters win the organizing drive, they also successfully negotiated the first contract with management.

Don quickly rose within the UAW when he was asked to serve as vice president of the

newly formed UAW Local 1502, becoming president in 1967. Don was also chosen as bargaining chairperson of his local, in addition to his duties as president. He served in these capacities until 1984 when he was appointed by UAW President Owen Bieber and Director Robert Flierman to the International Union UAW staff as a service representative of the Region 1D staff. Don went on to serve as assistant director to the 1D region from 1995–2002 and was elected director of Region 1D in 2002, and re-elected in 2006.

From the beginning, Don has understood the importance of community and has been active throughout the labor community and his community in West Michigan. He has served on the board of directors for several community organizations, including the Michigan Association of United Ways, the Red Cross, and the Michigan State University Labor Studies program. He also serves on the Muskegon and Kalamazoo Labor/Management Joint Participation Committees, the Workforce Development Board for Allegan and Kent Counties, the Coalition for Labor Union Women, and was a Local Union Discussion Leader for the Stewards/Committeemen training and for high school labor studies classes.

It is indicative of Don's big heart and giving nature that when he looks back over the past 45 years, he considers his greatest accomplishment as having served so many UAW members, retirees and their families. He was especially fond of telling the stories of the UAW in days past to the young staff he worked with, and in sharing this history Don has helped to pass his knowledge and enthusiasm onto the next generation of UAW leaders. For Don, it truly is the people within the UAW family that have made his many years with the UAW so rewarding.

While he is closing one chapter in his life, Don is looking forward to another that includes being at home with his wife Corlyn and helping with the yard work, spending more time with his three children and his grandchildren, enjoying a few more rounds of golf, and doing some fishing. He will also stay active in his church and the Allegan Democratic Party.

Madam Speaker, Don has made a lifetime of contributions to organized labor and his community, looking out for the best interests of workers across Michigan. He has exceeded the call to service in his professional and personal life, demonstrating leadership by example for generations of UAW members. Therefore Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring UAW Region 1D Director Donald Oetman and congratulating him on his retirement from International Union UAW.

TRIBUTE TO THE MORRISTOWN
JEWISH CENTER BEIT ISRAEL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel, of Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 80th Anniversary in 2010.

The Morristown Jewish community was first incorporated as a formal religious body on

January 5, 1899 as the House of Israel. Their first meeting place was at 4 Race Street, where Hebrew School classes were held and services were conducted. As the congregation grew, it moved several times to accommodate the expanding membership. In 1918, the religious body purchased a three-story Victorian home at 177 Speedwell Avenue in Morristown. The building was remodeled to accommodate religious services and religious school classes.

Between 1921 and 1924, the idea of creating a multi-purpose community center arose. During this time period, a demand for wider use of the facility for religious, cultural and social purposes developed. The desire for a building suited to these multiple purposes gained momentum. Maurice Epstein, founder of the M. Epstein Department Store, led a campaign to raise \$34,000 toward this goal. Shortly thereafter, plans were presented to the membership and the cornerstone of the new building was laid on March 3, 1929.

From the 1930's through the 1950's, Jewish community life revolved around the center. In the 1960's additional classrooms and a new social hall were built and in the 1980's the former gymnasium was converted into a ballroom. In 1987, the building, listed on the National Register, received a Heritage Commission marker. A nursery school was added in 1992.

Culturally, socially and spiritually, the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel has been a positive force in people's lives, and its members continue to enrich the well-being of Morristown and the surrounding area through its presence.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel as it celebrates its 80th Anniversary.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL
TEACHER WEEK

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1312, a resolution commemorating National Teacher Week. This week in May recognizes the millions of educators who play an integral role in shaping the lives of children across the country.

Teachers are charged with the essential responsibility of preparing the youngest generation of Americans to compete and excel in our global economy. Every day, they sacrifice for the sake of their students. They are relentless and admirable in performing a difficult and sometimes thankless job. They walk into their classrooms and face a daunting task—ensuring each student learns and succeeds.

That is why I'm working for our students, teachers and schools, especially during these economic hard times. Without federal aid to protect education jobs, budget crises at the State and local level will result in increased class sizes and massive layoffs. As a Member of Congress, it is my job to do what I can to make sure classroom doors stay open so students can learn. Last year, I voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111–5), which saved or created over 400,000 teaching jobs nationally, and nearly 7,000 in Minnesota.

In addition, I support the creation of a \$23 billion Education Jobs Fund. Without this injection of federal funding, hundreds of thousands of teachers across the country will be laid off, resulting in increased class sizes and reduced quality of education. This job-saving provision was incorporated in two bills I supported: the Jobs for Main Street Act, H.R. 2847, which passed the House last December, and the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812, still pending in the House. I join many of my colleagues in urging the Senate to include this fund in their next jobs package.

Each one of us has had a teacher who made a difference in our lives. I am honored to commemorate this valuable core of our community. I am also pleased to join students and teachers at Maxfield Elementary in St. Paul Public School District 625 and all Minnesotans in congratulating 6th grade teacher Ryan Vernosh as the 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. This recognition is a reflection of his commitment and dedication to making a positive impact on students' academic success in his classroom. Mr. Vernosh is one of our finest teachers and is deserving of this honor.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to thank the teachers who have made differences in their lives and honor them by supporting H. Res. 1312.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY E. RYAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as a representative of the nearly 66,000 veterans in my district, I rise today to recognize the men and women who have selflessly sacrificed their lives to serve our country. On May 28, 2010, the Ocean County Veterans Memorial Association will conduct a wreath laying ceremony to honor all deceased veterans.

I would further like to recognize the host of the memorial service, Mr. Timothy E. Ryan, for the extraordinary contributions that he has done for the local veterans of Ocean County.

Mr. Ryan is a charter member of the Ocean County Deceased Veterans Memorial Association and a longtime sponsor of the annual wreath laying memorial service. He has been named 'Outstanding Citizen of the Year' by local VFW groups, and has been awarded several high honors by the Jersey Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He serves as Director of Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, the largest family-owned firm in New Jersey.

The 14th Annual Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Service honoring the deceased veterans of Ocean County will occur on May 28, 2010 at the Ocean County Library. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and service to our veteran community, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Timothy E. Ryan.

HONORING MR. DAVID PRINCE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Prince. Mr. Prince served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Village Justice in the Village of Fredonia.

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

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

CONGRATULATING LINDA GRANT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Linda Grant for being named the 2010 Direct Support Professional (DSP) of the Year for Louisiana. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) recently honored Linda with this wonderful recognition.

As a DSP, Linda works to support people with disabilities through community-based services that promote independence and inclusion for individuals with intellectual, behavior and other disabilities. This award is testament that Linda is a true leader for her work assisting those with disabilities to live meaningful and productive lives.

She is an example of how one person can change the lives of many, and I commend Linda for her hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda Grant for this significant achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH W. COTCHETT ON THE OCCASION OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY'S 2010 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD GALA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it can be said that the word extraordinary has become too commonplace a term used in all-too-ordinary circumstances.

I rise today in appreciation of a man who fully embodies that word, a truly extraordinary man—Joseph W. Cotchett.

He is a man of passion and great intellect, a man of incredible attention to detail, a broad, sweeping embrace for all life has to offer, and a serious man capable of great joy. He has a thirst for fairness, a passion for justice and an unquenchable desire to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

On the evening of May 22, 2010, Joe is being honored with the Notre Dame de Namur University 2010 Community Spirit Award. The event is sold out and will be attended by friends, colleagues and admirers, each with a story about Joe standing at their side in a time of need. Similarly, the Honorary Gala Committee is more than 150 names long and represents every profession and every walk of life that Joe has touched—labor, sports, finance, entertainment, the environment, politics . . . including the Speaker of the House, and, of course, his beloved profession of the law.

Joe embodies the finest values of our great nation. With an abiding love for his country, Joe served in the U.S. Army in the Intelligence Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and as a paratrooper in Special Forces. After active duty, he remained in the Army Reserve for more than 30 years, retiring as a Colonel.

His generosity is legendary . . . whether making a major gift to his alma mater, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a degree in Engineering, or the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where he received his law degree. He gives everywhere and to everyone and in countless ways—rebuilding a landmark grocery store in Half Moon Bay, buying a table at the annual fundraising events of dozens of local nonprofits, or serving as a board member to dozens of others.

Then there is Joe Cotchett, the lawyer. He has been named one of our nation's pre-eminent trial lawyers for more than decade, winning every recognition in his profession. He has won judgment after judgment—totaling billions of dollars—on behalf of investors defrauded by modern-day robber barons.

Often donating the time and resources of his talented law firm, Joe has defended the First Amendment against corporate bullying, defended citizens against the oppressive hand of government, brought suit on behalf of the dispossessed children of American servicemen in the Philippines and defended the judicial system against Wall Street.

Wherever power is abused, greed runs rampant or injustice flourishes, Joe is there to stand up and to bring to account those who would twist the American system to their own ends.

Remarkably, after decades of fighting the good fight, he has not grown weary.

He has not lost his capacity to get angry. For all this, he is a man of old-fashioned values . . . carry your own weight, pay your own way, tend to your family and your friends. He has an unending pride in his five children and six grandchildren, who he organizes as if they, too, served in the Armed Forces.

And he does all these things with an endearing quirkiness that can take the form of worrying whether all the chairs in the conference room are facing in the right direction or eliminating every speck of dust around.

Joe is tender and kind. He honors each of us with his presence and does so in a way that makes us feel special when we are blessed to be with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me and the community

of friends who will gather in an expression of appreciation for Joseph W. Cotchett—a lion of the courtroom, a lover of life, a benefactor, a patriot and a great American.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Bay Minette, Alabama upon the occasion of their 100th Anniversary which they celebrate this week.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1910, when a group of concerned Christians realized a need to fellowship in a church of their own, rather than having to travel to a neighboring community. The name of Bethlehem Baptist was adopted and Reverend Issac Jones was named the first pastor.

Initially, before they had a building, the congregation met under a brush arbor and in the homes of various members.

Over the last century, the faithful congregation of Bethlehem Baptist encountered many trials and tribulations, including a fire that destroyed their first building, yet they never lost their faith or their love for their church. Their present sanctuary was built in 1963 and has been enhanced over the following 47 years, adding on an annex, two classrooms and an office complex.

In August of 2000, the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist congregation was the proud host of the Eastern Shore Baptist Convention.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Pastor Jimmy Price, and all the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate their 100th year, and I wish them every success as they look to a future of continued service to the Lord and their community.

CLEARWATER COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in June 1939 to support the Coast Guard with its boat safety mission. This June, the Clearwater Chapter, Flotilla 11-1, celebrates its 60th anniversary of service to the boating public throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 11-1 provide invaluable support to the active duty Coast Guard through a variety of non-law enforcement programs. These include search and rescue missions, marine environmental patrols, youth programs, public education and safety patrols. As the Coast Guard's homeland and national security responsibilities continue to expand, the men and women of the auxiliary have stepped up to increase their port se-

curity patrols to provide for the defense of our nation's and in our case Florida's coastline and waterways.

Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's service to the Clearwater area actually predates the Coast Guard's presence in the city. Today, though, the auxiliary provides direct and continuing support to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and to Coast Guard Station Sand Key. Their missions include search and rescue "call outs", back up marine radio coverage and near shore patrols as part of the America's Waterway Watch Program. Last year alone, the Flotilla conducted more than 300 vessel safety checks, made 130 visits to recreational boating programs and conducted 11 boating safety classes. In addition to supporting the Coast Guard on the water, the Flotilla also supports the Coast Guard from the air. Its three aircraft flew 250 sorties last year totaling more than 1,000 hours and included 24 separate search and rescue cases.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that Flotilla 11-1 will join together this Saturday in Clearwater to celebrate its history and for the community to come together to thank the men and women of the auxiliary for their selfless volunteer service to our area.

Flotilla 11-1 operates under the leadership of Commander Jim Rudolph and Vice Commander Jerry Osburn. With their breadth of responsibilities, the Flotilla draws upon many, many dedicated officers and volunteers with specific expertise in a large number of areas. The auxiliary's officers include: Barbara Masson, communications; Val Lewis, communications services; Debbie Mallory, finance; Kimberly Clark, information systems; Teresa Kasper, materials; John Caddigan, marine safety and environmental protection; Karen Miller, member training and publications; Harry Bickford, navigation services; Don Smith, operations; Jeff Lawlor, public affairs; Ann Bennett, public education and program visits; Peter Palmieri, personnel services; Scott Signorini, secretary and records; and Dale Folsom, vessel examinations.

It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the men and women of Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 for their 60 years of service to our community and for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 273, 274 and 275, I would have voted "yes" if I had been present. I missed the votes because of a long flight delay caused by the weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SHORT LINE RAILROADS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the extension

of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit, which expired on December 31, 2009.

As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I appreciate the economic benefits a strong, reliable rail network provides our economy. Rail has kept our economy connected and competitive for decades and is critical to driving our economic recovery.

Key to the rail network are short line railroads, which keep 13,000 small and rural rail customers connected to the main line railroad network and the global economy. However, short line railroads must invest heavily in repairing and maintaining track, more than any other segment of the rail industry. To address this, Congress enacted the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit, which encourages short line railroads to invest in critical track maintenance. These improvements are necessary to improve the efficiency of our national rail network and keep our economy moving. This tax credit expired on December 31, 2009.

Without an extension of this tax credit, short line railroads are unable to initiate long-term plans, and have halted much needed infrastructure projects across the country—projects that create good-paying jobs on and off the tracks. The Section 45G credit generates approximately 3,305 full-time jobs annually and supports tens of thousands of jobs in America's steel and timber industries that make railroad ties or steel rail.

Madam Speaker, it makes economic sense to provide certainty to this industry and extend this tax credit. Short line railroads are too important to our economy. As a cosponsor of H.R. 1132, legislation to extend the credit through 2012, I urge swift action on extending the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING JANET DAVIS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Davis, president and CEO of the TIC Federal Credit Union, who is the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

As one news report put it, it takes five pages to list what Janet Davis has done for the Columbus area and her profession. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that she's the youngest recipient in the history of the award.

Janet has served as president and CEO for 18 years. Her leadership has brought tremendous growth and success to the credit union—including an increase of \$152 million in assets during her tenure. In fact, TIC is currently the ninth largest credit union in the state. This is a real testament to her dedication and ability.

Janet's own words perfectly sum up what she believes is her greatest accomplishment—giving back to her community. Janet said she "takes joy in helping to create a workforce that is in tune with the community and its needs."

Fortunately, giving back to the community doesn't stop at the end of her work day. For Janet, her talents touch many organizations and individuals. She has provided leadership

for the Rotary Club, Better Business Bureau, Columbus Literacy Alliance, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus Partners in Education, Columbus Hospice and Columbus State University, her alma mater.

This award isn't presented annually because it's reserved for an individual whose career and leadership stands as the ultimate example for others. In that case, there is no better person to receive such an award than Janet Davis.

Because Janet embodies everything that's great about America and serves as an example of the kind of folks we need to keep our communities strong, I ask the House to join me in congratulating her on a distinguished career and sending best wishes for many more years of valuable contribution to the Columbus area.

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL
PARENTS UNLIMITED

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited upon the celebration of the 20th anniversary of their annual fundraiser "Fiesta! A Celebration of Children." The annual event will be held at the Clovis Memorial Building on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Exceptional Parents Unlimited, EPU, was founded in 1976, as a support group for the parents of children with Down's syndrome. The name Exceptional Parents Unlimited was chosen because EPU was designed to provide services to children with all different special needs. Since it was established, EPU has developed a wide range of programs and services in response to the expressed needs of the families in the community. EPU has become a national leader in providing and promoting comprehensive, family-centered services through five major programs including early intervention, family support, supporting the development of the parent-child relationship, providing parent education and training, as well as assisting in preventing child abuse. EPU has also created a successful Family Resource Center, providing training and support to families through the Parent Training and Information Center Grant and the Family Empowerment Center Grant.

Currently, EPU provides direct services to more than three thousand families. They provide services in English, Spanish and Hmong, reflecting the most common languages spoken in the Fresno area. The services provided by EPU include home visits as well as locations in urban and rural centers. The EPU staff has grown to one hundred employees including experienced management personnel, a Chief Financial Officer, a Human Resource Director, a Development Director, a Director of Evaluation and Data and five program managers.

EPU has been recognized by many organizations over the years. In 1998 EPU was honored with the Daily Points of Light Award by the Points of Light Foundation, a foundation that honors individuals and volunteer groups with a commitment to connect Americans through service to meet critical needs in their communities. In 2003, EPU was honored with

the Central Valley Excellence in Business Award by The Fresno Bee, the Fresno Economic Development Corporation and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Exceptional Parents Unlimited. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing EPU many years of continued success.

HONORING DAN AND DEE DEVLIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dan and Dee Devlin, who through their 42 year marriage embodied the deepest love for each other, their family, their community, and the greater world around them. Earlier this year, tragically, these two wonderful people died within weeks of each other.

It's not often that one meets a couple who are so completely one. I count it as a great honor to have known Dan and Dee Devlin and I extend to their family and many friends my deepest sympathies and those of the whole House of Representatives.

I first met these two wonderful people in 1996 when COL Dan Devlin came to Monterey, Calif., to assume command of the Defense Language Institute, our Nation's premier foreign language training center. Colonel Devlin personified DLI's thoughtful, disciplined, and cosmopolitan commitment to our Nation's defense. At DLI, he built a stronger and more vibrant academic and military institution. He boosted student achievement by enhancing the teaching environment for DLI's native speaker faculty, focusing on professional growth, curriculum development, and performance-based merit pay. These efforts positioned DLI for its rapid response to the post 9/11 wave of new language training demands.

Dee was born January 16, 1947, in Williston, ND, to Roman and Ardell Daniel. A few months later, on April 21, Dan was born to Robert and Marion Devlin in nearby Northwood, ND. They both graduated from Ray High School in 1965 and North Dakota State University in 1969. After dating for 6 years, the high school and college sweethearts married in Ray, ND on June 4, 1968.

Upon graduation, Dan began his military career as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His Army service included duty as an intelligence officer, a DLI student of Russian, commanding officer of the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, Airborne, deputy commander of 4th Psychological Operations during the first Gulf War, and just prior to his DLI assignment, chief of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs for the Joint Staff in the Pentagon.

Following a distinguished 31 year military career, Colonel Devlin retired from the Army in 2000 and became, once again, simply Dan. He continued to work in the language field as a DoD civilian employee.

Dee held numerous civil service positions as she accompanied Dan in his military career both at home and abroad: library technician in Garmisch, human resources specialist at the American Elementary/High School in Munich, and administrative officer at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. Above all, Dee

was the light of a family that grew to include Daniel Devlin, Jr. and his wife, Tara, their daughters Reilly and Elliott, and son, Robert Devlin and his wife, Lara.

Madam Speaker, Dan and Dee Devlin represented the best of our Nation and humanity: family, faith, public service, and an appetite for life that made the world a better place for everyone they touched. May God bless them and their memory.

HONORING GERALD VIRGIL
MYERS, LAKE LAND, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gerald Virgil Myers who, on July 6 of this year, will celebrate his 92nd birthday. Mr. Myers is a dedicated father, grandfather and veteran. Today, we celebrate his life, career and this momentous occasion.

Gerald Virgil Myers is part of our "Greatest Generation"; he served our country honorably in World War II earning both the silver and bronze stars for his service, as well as the Purple Heart.

He served in the 80th infantry division, which was responsible for discovering and liberating the Buchenwald concentration camp. He recently returned to Germany to attend the 65th anniversary celebration honoring this occasion.

Mr. Myers also served in the Battle of the Bulge. He returns to Luxembourg annually to participate in the festivities marking the end of the conflict. Mr. Myers has even been named an honorary citizen of Luxembourg.

In his post military career, Mr. Myers made a living as a sales manager for Quaker Oats and Allied Feeds. He retired to Lakeland, Florida where his son, Gary and daughter, Ronna live close by. He is a grandfather to literally dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren; most of whom live nearby as well.

In his spare time, he does his part to keep our Nation's history alive. He frequently visits local school groups and shares with them stories of his service to our country. He also enjoys crafting his own stained glass.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Myers on the occasion of his 92nd birthday and thanking him for his dedicated service to our great Nation.

ANTITRUST CRIMINAL PENALTY
ENHANCEMENT AND REFORM
ACT OF 2004 EXTENSION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that extends expiring provisions of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 and reviews its efficacy. I am pleased to have as cosponsor of this bill the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JOHN CONYERS, JR.

ACPERA promotes the detection and prosecution of illegal cartel behavior by giving participants in a price-fixing cartel powerful incentives to report the cartel to the Justice Department and cooperate in its prosecution.

Cartel violations are some of the worst crimes perpetrated on the American consumer, yet they are too often crimes we cannot see, as all the criminal activity takes place in secret meetings behind closed doors.

Price-fixing cartels can go undetected for years, possibly forever. With hundreds of millions (or even billions) of dollars worth of unlawful profits at stake, these criminal cartels are very effective at finding ways to keep their actions secret.

In August 1993, the Department of Justice Antitrust Division revised its corporate leniency program. Designed to destabilize these cartels, the program offered amnesty from criminal prosecution for companies and their executives involved in these conspiracies if they were the first of the conspirators (and not the ringleader) to reach out to the DOJ's Antitrust Division and fully cooperate with its criminal investigation.

But there was still a disincentive for cartel participants to come forward, because they remained liable for treble damages and joint and several liability in accompanying civil litigation.

Five years ago, Congress gave the Justice Department's Antitrust Division a new weapon to attack this disincentive head-on. ACPERA addressed this shortcoming in the leniency program by also limiting the cooperating party's exposure to liability in related civil litigation.

ACPERA empowers the Justice Department to limit the civil liability of a cooperating party to single damages. The remaining co-conspirators, however, remain jointly and severally liable for all damages.

In this way, the Act strikes a carefully-crafted balance, encouraging the cartel members to turn on each other, while ensuring full compensation to the victims.

The positive impact of this law cannot be overstated. ACPERA aided the Antitrust Division in obtaining just over \$1 billion in criminal fines in Fiscal Year 2009.

Last year, confronted with the expiration of key provisions of ACPERA, I sponsored a bipartisan 1-year extension of the statute. We solicited input from a number of parties, including the Department of Justice, the American Bar Association, noted academics such as William Kovacic, and representatives of civil litigants, leniency applicants, and cartel whistleblowers.

As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, I want to ensure that the Justice Department has all the tools it needs to continue its excellent work protecting consumers against price-fixing cartels.

During this process, I heard a number of suggestions for how to improve ACPERA's effectiveness. The legislation I introduce today incorporates a number of these suggestions, and also commissions the Government Accountability Office to perform a 1-year study to examine several others.

Again, I thank Chairman CONYERS for joining me as cosponsor of this important legislation, and I look forward to working with our colleagues in the other body to reauthorize this very important program.

HONORING MR. HAKAN EVIN

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Hakan Evin for all that he has done over the past 20 years to promote and foster U.S.-Turkish relations. Mr. Evin has used his role as an esteemed Turkish businessman to forge friendships with leaders, diplomats and everyday citizens from the United States, and around the world. Through these efforts he has become an 'Ambassador of Goodwill' and has helped to strengthen the ties between Turkey and the United States.

For nearly 2 decades Mr. Evin has run a successful carpet business at the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, one of the world's oldest and largest shopping centers. A third-generation shopkeeper, he learned about the art, culture and science of carpet making before joining the family business as an apprentice after high school. Now the owner of several shops in the Bazaar, Mr. Evin has built a reputation for excellence and established a loyal customer base which spans the globe.

Mr. Evin has played host to countless heads of state, foreign dignitaries, business leaders, government officials and celebrities over the past 20 years including President George H. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev. Still, he remains committed to providing outstanding service and top quality products to everyday patrons from around the world. Mr. Evin has made it a point throughout his career to reach out to foreigners living, working and traveling in Turkey, fostering positive feelings among the many individuals he has met towards the Nation.

Additionally, Mr. Evin has brought the deep-rooted history and culture of Turkish rugs to the United States on numerous occasions. He frequently brings many of his rugs to the U.S. and a few years ago brought hundreds of rugs to Lexington, Kentucky. As the guest of L.V. Harkness and its owner Meg Jewett, Lexington became the site of a temporary Grand Bazaar.

Mr. Evin's acumen as a businessman, integrity, honesty and genuine love for America and its people make it easy to be his friend. Thanks Hakan Evin.

IN TRIBUTE TO DEAN RASMUSSEN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dean Rasmussen, businessman, philanthropist and recipient of this year's ALS Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dean's father died from ALS, commonly called Lou Gehrig's Disease, more than 20 years ago. Always a man of action, Dean joined the National Board of Directors for The ALS Association. He spearheaded advocacy programs in Washington, DC, and Sac-

ramento, California, and was instrumental in the growth and success of the Los Angeles Chapter.

Known as the godfather of The ALS Association's advocacy efforts, he served as the catalyst and provided seed money for the creation of the association's Advocacy Department. Subsequent advocacy efforts have resulted in nearly \$1 billion of support for research, patient care and advocacy that helps people with ALS throughout the United States.

Dean's success in driving The ALS Association to new heights is typical of his drive in business, sports and advocacy for education and our children.

Dean graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served 2 years aboard Standard Oil of California tankers as a third mate before enrolling in Arizona State University, where he graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in construction. In 1968, he joined the company his father founded 4 years earlier as vice president and general manager.

Dean is now the managing member of C. A. Rasmussen Co., LLC, and emeritus chairman of the board of C. A. Rasmussen, Inc., a privately-held, general engineering contracting firm that builds highways and other infrastructure throughout California.

Among Dean's other activities, he is a former member of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Advisory Board, emeritus member of the board of trustees of Harvey Mudd College and former trustee/president of Harvey Mudd College's Friends Committee. He is also a former trustee and campaign chairman of Viewpoint School in Calabasas, California, past president of the Southern California Contractors Association and emeritus director of Casa Pacifica (an abused children's home serving Ventura County).

Dean enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathleen, and his four children; reading history; collecting shotguns and fine wines; as well as bird hunting and other shooting sports. He is a member the Ventura County Game Preserve Association, the Point Mugu Gun Club, a life member of the National Rifle Association, and is on the Board of the L. C. Smith Collectors Association.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating my wife, Janice's, and my friend of 40 years, Dean Rasmussen for earning The ALS Association Lifetime Achievement Award and in thanking him for a lifetime of service to his community and country.

CLARIFYING MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5014, legislation to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Spina Bifida Program and the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Health Care Program constitutes minimum essential coverage under the new health care reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148).

While the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act explicitly states that it covers health

care programs administered by the VA, some have questioned whether the VA's Spina Bifida Program, which provides health care to children of Vietnam War and certain Korean War veterans for spina bifida-related medical conditions, and the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Health Care Program, which provides care for certain birth defects of the biological child of a woman veteran who served in Vietnam, meets the individual requirement. H.R. 5014 leaves no room for doubt.

As a veteran of WWII, I understand what our brave American men and women give up to serve our country. For the past several years, the Democratic Congress has honored them and their dependents with benefits worthy of their service. This legislation continues to pay tribute to our veterans, providing them the respect they deserve by codifying that all VA Health Care programs are covered by the health care reform law. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5014.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on May 18, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 261. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 273: "yes"—Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009.

COMMENDING TAM TRAN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, I rise today to honor the life of Tam Tran.

Tam and her family overcame great odds to come to America. The Vietnamese government sent Tam's father, Mr. Tuan Ngoc Tran, to a "re-education" camp for anti-communist activities. Mr. Tran and his wife, Ms. Loc Thi Pham, escaped political persecution in Vietnam by fleeing in a boat and were rescued at sea by the German navy. They lived in Germany as refugees where Tam and her brother, Mr. Thien Ngoc Tran, were born.

The Tran family came to the United States when Tam was 6 years old to reunite with family members who had settled in California. Her parents applied for political asylum. Their asylum request was denied, but the family received withholding of deportation because they would have faced persecution if they were sent to Vietnam. But withholding does not lead to a green card or U.S. citizenship. Tam and her brother were born in Germany, but were not German citizens. They were stateless, trapped in immigration limbo.

In the meantime, Tam and her brother grew up in Garden Grove. She graduated from Santiago High School, and was accepted into

the University of California at Los Angeles. She worked multiple jobs while carrying a full load of classes, but still managed to graduate from UCLA in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in American Literature and Culture and with Latin, Departmental, and College honors.

Tam also became one of the leading advocates for the "Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors" Act, commonly known as the DREAM Act. The DREAM Act would provide a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as innocent children, if they graduate from a U.S. high school and serve in the military or attend at least two years of college. The DREAM Act would finally allow Tam to officially become what she always felt herself to be—an American.

I had the pleasure of meeting Tam when she testified before the Immigration Subcommittee on May 18, 2007, on the DREAM Act. Tam described growing up in California, "watching Speed Racer and Mighty Mouse every Saturday morning." She described her frustration at the work permits that never arrived on time even though she was in the country legally, and at not being able to afford the \$50,000 out-of-state tuition and living expenses a year for the Ph.D. program at UCLA, even though she had grown up in California and had been accepted into the program. Tam nonetheless hoped that she would overcome these odds and become an "academic researcher and socially conscious video documentarian." The poise and eloquence of Tam and the other student witnesses at the hearing was the best evidence of how America would benefit from their skills and talents by the passage of the DREAM Act.

Tam came one step closer to achieving her dream when she was accepted into the Ph.D. program in American Civilization at Brown University. She was excelling in her studies and continuing her leadership and advocacy on the DREAM Act, when she was tragically and unexpectedly taken from us. Tam and one of her close friends, Cinthya Felix, also a DREAM Act student, died in a car crash on May 15, 2010.

My heart goes out to the Tran family at their unthinkable loss. I have no doubt that Tam would have contributed much to America. Even though our broken immigration system constantly threw roadblocks in her way, Tam always persevered and fought to live the American dream. I will redouble my effort and commitment to pass the DREAM Act in her memory, so that other innocent children in her predicament will not have to suffer the hardships that Tam had to endure just to become a productive member of this country.

REGARDING H. RES. 1187

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise as an original sponsor of H. Res. 1187 with my colleague Mr. MORAN. This resolution recognizes the contributions of our federal employees and supports the goal of protecting their safety and security.

It is a federal crime to assault or forcefully interfere with a federal employee while they

are engaged in their official duties. Yet, between 2001 and 2008, there were more than 1,200 attacks made on just IRS employees alone. The most recent incident involved a pilot flying a small plane into an IRS office complex in Austin, Texas, killing Vernon Hunter, a Vietnam veteran and IRS employee.

The Federal workforce is comprised of millions of employees who provide every kind of public service from fighting crime and fires, to protecting health, to preserving the environment and securing our borders. These dedicated public servants deserve our support, respect and protection.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to express our appreciation to federal employees for the work they do, and to urge the government to seek out ways to ensure their safety.

HONORING DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the California Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International upon their 74th anniversary. The organization will be holding its annual convention at the Fresno Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Fresno, California from Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2, 2010. This is the first time that the annual meeting has been held in Fresno.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was established in 1929, with the desire to promote professional and personal growth in women educators and excellence in education. Chi State is the State Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and was established in 1936. The organization is involved in literacy and philanthropy projects throughout the state. The membership is made up of active administrators, teachers from kindergarten through college and retirees who continue to substitute or volunteer in classrooms and community centers. Today, there are over six thousand members in California and one hundred and forty thousand members from sixteen countries. Many individual members are also members of other district-level, state and national education organizations.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers financial aid to outstanding educational and community projects; as well as women students outside of the United States and Canada pursuing professional careers. The goal of the organization is to provide guidance and inspiration to women educators helping them to excel in their professional careers. They have a strong mentorship program and provide mutual support and interaction in all educational fields and at all levels.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the California Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on their success in assisting women educators from around the world. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the organization many years of continued success.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA ON
PREVENTING TERRORISM**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I want to share the following letter that I have sent to President Obama urging him to implement several bipartisan proposals that would strengthen our national security. These proposals include bringing back the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission for a 6-month period to review the implementation of the commission's recommendations and creating a "Team B" of experts outside of government to review our counterterrorism strategy.

In light of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's report of the 14 "points of failure" with regard to the attempted Christmas Day bombing, it is disappointing that the administration has not adopted these proposals that would make our country safer.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 19, 2010.

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

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Yesterday, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) released an unclassified summary of its report on the attempted terrorist attack on Christmas Day. In reviewing the report's conclusions, including the 14 specific "points of failure" in U.S. intelligence prior to the attack, it occurred to me that many of these "points of failure" could have been prevented through greater outside review of our national counterterrorism operations and strategy.

As you know, over the last five months I have repeatedly urged your administration to adopt four bipartisan proposals that would strengthen our national security. These ideas include bringing back the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission for a six-month review, making the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) administrator a set 10-year term to bring greater stability and expertise to the agency, collocating the new High Value Detainee Interrogation Group (HIG) at the National Counterterrorism Center, and creating a "Team B" of outside counterterrorism experts to review and challenge our strategy and assumptions across the intelligence community.

In reviewing the 14 "points of failure" identified in the SSCI report, I believe many of the operational missteps could have been prevented if the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission—former Rep. Lee Hamilton and former Gov. Thomas Kean—had been able to conduct a 6-month review of the implementation of the commission's original recommendations. Specifically, I believe that points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, listed in the enclosed report could have been mitigated by a follow-up review of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations.

Additionally, I believe that points 7 and 14, "Intelligence Analysts Were Primarily Focused on Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) Threats to U.S. Interests in Yemen, Rather than on Potential AQAP Threats to the U.S. Homeland," could have been mitigated if a "Team B" of outside experts had been able to challenge institutionalized assumptions throughout the intelligence community. The team would represent a "new approach to counterterrorism" which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intel-

ligence, 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.

Last month, I wrote you to share a recent article from respected Georgetown University professor Bruce Hoffman, who endorses the "Team B" approach. He said, "One important yet currently languishing congressional initiative that would help counter this strategy is Representative Frank Wolf's proposal to institutionalize a 'red team' or 'Team B' counterterrorist capability as an essential element of our efforts to combat terrorism and in the war against al-Qaeda." I believe that, in light of the SSCI report, such an approach is needed now more than ever.

Although we now have the benefit of hindsight, it is critical that we take the lessons from the failed attack and implement measures to further review our counterterrorism processes and strategy. It is inexcusable that we would not draw on these valuable outside experts' wisdom to strengthen our homeland and ensure that these mistakes are not repeated.

Best wishes,
Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 210 ANNUAL APPRENTICE GRADUATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, June 4, 2010, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will honor the graduating class of 2010 at the Annual Apprentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at Tiebel's Restaurant in Schererville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will recognize and honor the 2010 Apprentice Graduates. The individuals who have completed their apprentice training in 2010 are: Jonathan Banaszak, Matthew Czarnecki, Bernard Jewett, Kevin Kuzma, Bryan Lain, William Linebaugh, Roy Swearingin, Jeremy VanHoose, and Dustin Weber.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SALVATION
ARMY SERVING SACRAMENTO
FOR 125 YEARS**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Salvation Army, and to honor its 125th anniversary in the Sacramento region today on May 19, 2010.

The founder and first general of the Salvation Army, William Booth, was born in economic and spiritual poverty, yet he founded a worldwide organization dedicated to their eradication—an organization that now serves the neediest of the needy in 120 countries.

In 1865, the Salvation Army began in the East Side of London, and several years later General Booth sent a few of his followers to establish army roots in America.

In 1885, Major Alfred Wells arrived in Sacramento with the determination to follow the lead of General Booth by ministering to anyone in need. Back then, there were many families and individuals looking for work, looking for food and looking for hope. Fast forward to the present time—125 years later—and the Salvation Army is still in Sacramento, still reaching out to people who need assistance with jobs, food, and of course, hope.

Today, on May 19, 2010, the Salvation Army marks 125 years of service to Sacramento. As they look to the future, they know times may become even more challenging. And yet, they are ready to accept that challenge. Nothing will deter the Salvation Army from continuing its service to the Sacramento community.

Over the years as the needs of the Sacramento region have changed, the army's programs in Sacramento have reflected those needs. There have been shelter programs for men, women, and families; rehabilitation programs for those overcoming alcohol or drug problems; programs for emergency and disaster response, and disaster preparedness training; programs providing sports leagues, youth activities, tutoring, and child development centers, and many more.

Now, I thank the Salvation Army—on behalf of our community—as it continues its legacy in the Sacramento region.

TRIBUTE TO MUFTIAH MCCARTIN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, over the last several months several of our colleagues have announced they plan to retire from Congress and in a few months some may not return to us due to the workings of our democracy. All of their departures will, in some way or another, impact this body—the peoples' House.

But there will be one loss this year that will be felt most by the members and staff on both sides of the aisle—that of Muftiah McCartin. Now Muftiah's name may not be well known to the people who live in our districts, but I would

hazard a guess that there is not one member of the House of Representatives who has served in the last 30-plus years who does not know and love Muftiah—whether in her role as a parliamentarian, as a staff member on the Committee on Appropriations, or in her most recent role as the staff director of the Rules Committee. In every instance she brought a fundamental fairness, openmindedness, kindness and an incredible work ethic. She handled herself with the utmost professionalism even in the most trying of circumstances—namely having to deal with the 435 of us, and on occasion having to tell us something we did not want to hear.

As I look back on the words of tribute spoken last week by so many of my colleagues I am most impressed by the fact that those words were all spoken from the heart, as are mine. They were not words of canned praise, nor were they sterile platitudes—they were expressions of genuine friendship and respect. I will not repeat what was said about Muftiah's distinguished career—although it bears remembering. Rather I will share a few reflections from her time working for the Appropriations Committee when I was chairman.

In 2005 during my first year as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, it was Muftiah who patiently schooled me and my staff in the complexities of House Rules as we worked on the 11 appropriations bills that came to the House floor that year. I think it is fair to say that had it not been for Muftiah, we would not have successfully completed our important work in a manner that was open and fair to all the Members. In 2006 I had the good fortune to be able to convince Muftiah to leave the parliamentarian's office and come to work on the Committee on Appropriations. I expect the parliamentarian and his able colleagues might still be angry with me for that, but they have, as usual, been very gracious. While Muftiah knew the rules under which we consider appropriations bills each year better than anyone else on my staff, especially the intricacies of the Budget Act, she did not have a background in the minutia of the appropriations and budgeting process. What she did have—and still does—is an incredibly keen mind and a tenacious work ethic.

I assigned Muftiah to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, the second largest and one of the most important bills that touch the lives of every one of our constituents. As soon as she got there I observed her dig into budgets and programs as if she had been doing it all of her life. She quickly grasped arcane budgetary concepts, made the difficult recommendations that the committee staff must make to Members every day, asked the tough questions that must be asked in order to produce a responsible budget, and mentored younger staff in the rules and procedures of the House. As we knew would happen when she was hired, Muftiah could not learn enough, soaking up every bit of knowledge she could come by.

Now we bid a fond farewell to a loving wife and mother, a fierce friend, a great employee and a true institutionalist when it comes to this House. Muftiah has demonstrated a love and commitment to this institution and to public service that unfortunately we don't see often enough. Her work is an example that all of us should take note of and aspire to emulate. I can think of no greater role model for girls and

young women than Muftiah McCartin—a woman who put herself through law school while holding down a full-time job and raising a family; one who understands that we have far more in common than we have differences; one who never put politics before principle; and a woman who faced every challenge, no matter how difficult, with a smile on her face and a kind word for all. My wife, Arlene, and I wish her all the best in the many years to come.

HONORING MRS. MAY TO

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mrs. May To, who passed way on May 8, 2010, at the young age of 60. My heart goes out to her husband, Alex To; her sons, Jonathan and Brian To; and the rest of her family, friends and loved ones.

Mrs. To was an extraordinary citizen, an activist for immigrant children, youth and families in the San Gabriel Valley for more than a quarter century. Her volunteerism and service spanned several organizations including the Chinatown Service Center, Alhambra School District and the International Institute of Los Angeles.

Born in Canton, China in 1950, May grew up in Hong Kong, where she completed her bachelor's degree in sociology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1975. She came to the United States on an exchange scholarship to study at UCLA in 1977 and received her master's degree in education in two years.

She spent the late 1970s and early 80s helping her fellow immigrants to make the most of the opportunities provided by her adopted country, teaching ESL courses to fifth-graders and serving as assistant director of The Chinatown Service Center, where she oversaw refugee employment, social service and youth programs among others.

In 1984, May worked with the Asian Task Force of the United Way to create the Asian Youth Center, which was meant to fill a gap in critical services for immigrant children, youth and families in the San Gabriel Valley. In 1984, she became the Center's Executive Director.

Since then and under her leadership, Asian Youth Center has grown from a three-person project to a large, community-based organization with a budget of over \$1.7 million and a 57-person staff, serving more than 8,500 Asian and non-Asian children, youth and families.

May's tireless efforts have helped shape the Asian American, Latino American, and other immigrant communities residing in the San Gabriel Valley. Her commitment to improving access to health services, social services, and youth development opportunities for immigrants have improved the lives of countless children, youth and families over the last 20 years.

I urge my House colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. May To for her stellar record of personal, professional and civic leadership, her indomitable spirit and her remarkable serv-

ice and contributions to her community and to our nation.

317TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, for the past 48 years, members of this great government have taken pause to honor law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. Remembering the sacrifice of their fallen brethren, the men and women of the 317th Military Police Battalion gathered to hold their annual Law Enforcement Memorial and Candlelight Vigil.

I am proud to join with them as they pay tribute to the last great offering of freedom given by thirty-eight United States Army soldiers, eight United States Air Force airmen, eight United States Navy sailors, five United States Marine Corp Marines, and four civilian police professionals. As the roll was called and Taps played, the 317th memorialized those who fulfilled their mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bannered this event the words from Tacitus: "In valor, there is hope." I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking those who protect the liberties of this great Nation. May these words from ancient Rome remind us all of our duty to service, and may they offer us a light of gratitude for those whose service does not lead them home.

SECTION 45G SHORT LINE RAILROAD TAX CREDIT

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support the extension of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit.

The Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit expired on December 31, 2009 and has yet to be extended. Because this credit has not been renewed, the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, a 165 mile short line railroad in my district, has been unable to move forward on necessary infrastructure improvements. The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad provides rail freight service through towns like Lewiston-Auburn, Mechanic Falls and Bethel in my district. An extension of the Section 45G tax credit will ensure that they can continue to put Mainers to work making the track improvements necessary to serve communities throughout Maine.

Many businesses in my district use the St. Lawrence & Atlantic to connect to the national freight rail network. An extension of the Section 45G tax credit will help short line railroads make the improvements necessary to continue connecting Maine businesses with the national rail network, aiding economic development efforts and promoting business growth throughout Maine.

Nationally, the Section 45G tax credit generates 3,305 full-time jobs nationwide each year. This does not include the tens of thousands of jobs in the American steel and timber industries that produce the raw materials necessary to make the track improvements. It is imperative that the House and the Senate come to an agreement so that we can get railroad employees back to work and make sure that the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad continues to operate smoothly.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the extension of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS
TESHARA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Tom Teshara, a San Francisco native who has been responsible for mentoring and recruiting hundreds of women and men for admission to the United States Naval Academy. Starting in 1966 as a volunteer Tom personally recruited 82 young men who were accepted by the Academy during a 4-year period. In 1972 the Academy's Candidate Guidance Office established a West Coast branch office and named Tom as its first director with responsibility for ten Western states. At one time there were 1,049 Midshipmen enrolled at the Academy from these ten Western States. Before his recent retirement Tom led a network of 125 Academy Information Officers who counseled about 6,000 candidates annually.

Tom Teshara's work involved many evenings and weekends where he represented the Academy at area school events. He founded the USNA Parents Club and coordinated all club activities. When midshipmen returned home for the holidays, it was Tom who arranged for new candidates and their parents to sit down and discuss the Academy experience with the midshipmen. It is commonly accepted that no other person in the country has recruited more candidates for the Naval Academy than Tom Teshara.

Tom, born in 1927, was drafted out of high school by the U.S. Army where he served for 13 months before another draft of sorts—he signed a baseball contract with the San Francisco Seals where he played second base in the minor league system. His interest in sports has continued through the years. He founded the PeeWee Training League in the South San Francisco/San Bruno area and was athletic director at St. Veronica's School for nine years while playing semipro baseball.

Tom Teshara and his wife, Jeannine, were married in October 1949. They have a son, Steve, and a daughter, Debra, and two granddaughters. Madam Speaker, Tom's family has every right to be proud of his efforts of the past 50 years to bring the best and the brightest young women and men into service for our country. He deserves a big salute from all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed for votes in the House chamber yesterday, May 18, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 273.

THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
THE END OF THE SRI LANKAN
CIVIL WAR

HON. BRAD MILLER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today marks the one-year anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka, which is a reason to be hopeful about the future of Sri Lanka. However, I also rise to voice my concern for a community at risk. The viability of a traditionally Tamil region in Sri Lanka is under threat. Since the beginning of the war, one third of the Tamil population was driven off the island and many more were displaced. A large area in the north central part of the island that was a predominantly Tamil area is now almost devoid of Tamils. According to the United Nations, more than 60 percent of homes in the north have been seriously damaged by the fighting. To make matters worse, many Sinhalese families moved into traditional Tamil areas while Tamil inhabitants were kept in detention camps following the end of the war. Finally, Tamil homes, churches, temples and cemeteries were destroyed during the war with no assurance from the Sri Lankan Government that they will be rebuilt. Sri Lanka's Tamil population is in danger of losing their identity and their traditional homeland. The United Nations has warned that "donor fatigue" in Sri Lanka has resulted in the United Nations receiving only 24 percent of the donor funds it needs to help displaced Tamils. Madam Speaker, I urge the international community to renew their efforts and take action so the Tamil culture and history is not lost.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on May 18, 2010, I was unavoidably unable to cast my votes for Rollcall 273, Rollcall 274 and Rollcall 275. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 24, TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 24, a bill to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. This legislation was passed out of this chamber on a voice vote yesterday. Had a recorded vote been requested on the bill, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have cast a vote in opposition.

I have been a member of the United States Navy for more than 15 years and I am proud to be one of three Members of Congress still serving in the Navy Reserve.

Not a day goes by that I don't recognize the sacrifices the brave men and women of the Marine Corps have made in service to our country. Frankly, there isn't a sight that brings more fear to our enemy than that of an approaching line of determined Marines with a mission to execute.

Past, present and future Marines should certainly be proud of the Corps, but also of the Department of the Navy. The Marine Corps was, is, and should remain, part of the Navy, both in name and in mission. A name change at the Department level will do nothing but foster animosity in the ranks of the Navy and Marine Corps. We should focus instead on the fight at hand and not worry about a change in nomenclature. Unfortunately, the spirit of H.R. 24 is counter to that notion.

Changing the name of the Department of Navy would cast away over 200 years of tradition. Our founding fathers created the Department of the Navy in 1798. Passing legislation by voice vote that simply does away with the name "United States Department of the Navy" is a disservice to the history of the Department and its various components. Millions of sailors and Marines have been killed or maimed in service to our Nation as part of the Department of the Navy. That name meant something to them and it should to all of us as well.

As the esteemed body on the other side of this building considers this bill, I hope that it will examine all potential repercussions. Namely, they should consider the traditions the United States Navy holds dear.

I encourage my fellow statesmen to speak both with Navy leadership and Navy veterans in their district before casting a vote in support of this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

For Wednesday, March 24, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 183, on motion to suspend the

rules and agree to H.R. 4098, “aye” on rollcall vote No. 184, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1879, “no” on rollcall vote No. 185, on motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair, “no” on rollcall vote No. 186, on passage of H.R. 4899.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,984,666,665,110.57.

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 \$2,346,240,918,816.77 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

One hundred sixty-seven years ago this May, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States in search of a promise of freedom and in pursuit of their own American dreams. Since that time, Asian Pacific Americans have contributed to the unique fabric of American culture in countless ways, becoming leaders in business, government, arts, and entertainment. It is entirely fitting that we have chosen May to commemorate these significant contributions, and to honor the 15.2 million Asian Pacific Americans who continue the legacy that their ancestors began in the 1840s.

During the past several decades, Congress has recognized the importance of the Asian Pacific American community to our nation's history. In 1977, Representatives Frank Horton and Norman Mineta introduced legislation to establish the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. After similar legislation was introduced and passed in the Senate, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a joint resolution to establish this annual commemoration. Later, in 1990, we celebrated the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Since that time, May has officially become a yearly tribute to the Asian Pacific American community.

While it is important that we continue recognizing these important dates—which have raised awareness of the many critical contributions of the Asian Pacific American community—we must also look to the work being done each day to make certain that the interests of Asian Pacific Americans are being considered. Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate consistently honor the

heritage of this important community. The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus—known as CAPAC—advocates for all Asian Pacific Americans, working to ensure their voices are heard at the federal level. Additionally, the Presidential Cabinet includes three Asian American dignitaries: Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

Building on this active involvement of Asian Pacific Americans in the workings of our national government, President Obama has also stepped up his own efforts to restore the broad mission of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This vital initiative—which I helped to establish while serving in the administration of President Bill Clinton—has been successful in increasing the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in federal programs. By doing so, the Initiative has helped make dramatic improvements in the quality of life of underserved Asian Pacific Americans.

Madam Speaker, in recognizing the countless contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made to our nation and to our history, I join my colleagues this May in celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE I.C.
NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to call attention to a group of young students who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community, and the city of Portsmouth, Virginia.

The I.C. Norcom Greyhounds boys' basketball team had a remarkable season and I believe the Greyhounds deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments. On March 12, 2010, the I.C. Norcom Greyhounds won the Group AAA boys' state basketball championship. The Greyhounds completed their 2010 season with an impressive 25–4 record.

I.C. Norcom won the championship in memorable fashion. Down ten points with 7:48 left in the game, the team rallied back to trail 54–53 with a minute left to play. A buzzer-beating shot by Shelton Haskins with 1.5 seconds left sealed the 55–54 victory over a previously unbeaten team from Petersburg High School.

I.C. Norcom made history throughout the tournament. They were the first Portsmouth team to ever reach a semifinal game. In a similar comeback victory against Chantilly High, Norcom advanced to the AAA Championship, again the first team from Portsmouth to do so. The win gives the school and the city of Portsmouth its first Group AAA state basketball title.

I.C. Norcom was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. It was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal, Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than 50 years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology. Fifty seniors this year will be receiving their Center of Excellence Diplomas which require five science course credits, one more than required under the advanced diploma. In addition 23 I.C. Norcom seniors have been participating in the First College program—attending Tidewater Community College this semester and taking up to 14 college credits before they graduate. I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field.

I would like to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players, their families, principal Lynn Briley, coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff, on the occasion of this historic Boy's basketball championship. On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional district of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire city of Portsmouth, I commend them for this historic win and wish the program years of success in the future.

HONORING DR. THOMAS CROW

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Crow upon his retirement as the Chancellor of State Center Community College District (SCCCD). After serving over 20 years with the college district, Dr. Crow will be honored by the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Dr. Thomas Crow earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Physical Education from California State University, Fresno. Later, he attended Arizona State University, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education. Dr. Crow has a long history in education which includes a broad spectrum of experience in kindergarten through twelfth grade; including his service as Superintendent of Fowler Unified School District.

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor, Dr. Crow served as President of Reedley College for 7 years. While with SCCC he also served as Vice Chancellor, External Operations and Assistant to the Chancellor.

Outside of SCCC, Dr. Crow is active in the community. He is the past president of the Reedley Rotary Club. He is also an active member of the Fresno Business Council, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce, The Regional Jobs Initiative, Fresno Compact and the Workforce Investment Board.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Thomas Crow upon his retirement from the State Center Community College District. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Crow many years of continued success.

CROWN POINT BULLDOGS 8 AND
UNDER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the exceptional achievements of the 2009 Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball Team. This truly remarkable softball team accomplished extraordinary feats during their undefeated season. For their great ability and skill, as well as their tremendous dedication and hard work, these outstanding young athletes are to be congratulated.

On July 12, 2009, the Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball team won the National Softball Association's Indiana State Championship. They went undefeated with a record of 4–0 in the tournament. The team then went on to win the National Softball Association World Series, with a record of 5–1. This victory marked the first World Series Championship in Crown Point history.

The people of Crown Point as well as the community of Northwest Indiana can be proud of this successful and talented softball team. The team consists of: Maggie Ballentine, Kari Bauner, Hannah Bond, Madelyn Elish, Gracie Frazier, Skylar Hekkel, Hailey Herbert, Brooke Manhattan, Mallory McMahon, Caitlyn Phillips, Emma Van Prooyen, and Megan Van Prooyen.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the members of the 2009 Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball Team, as well as head coach Kevin Frazier, assistant coaches Mike Manhattan, Shawn Ballentine, and Matt McMahon, and all of the community, including parents and caregivers, who have instilled in this team the desire to succeed, as well as the great value and discipline found in sports activities. I look forward to watching their future athletic achievements as they continue to rise to the top.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed a series of votes because I was not feeling well. If I had been here, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 273, "yea" on rollcall No. 274, and "yea" on rollcall No. 275.

INVESTIGATE ALLEGED WAR
CRIMES IN SRI LANKA**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, May 19 commemorates the one-year anniversary of the end of the war and the remembrance of the many lives lost during the civil war in Sri

Lanka. I call on the international community to pursue independent investigations into the alleged war crimes that occurred. The U.S. would not be alone in calling for these investigations. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Union have already called for independent investigations. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other NGOs have called for similar investigations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and human rights violations. The alleged crimes include:

- Extrajudicial abuse and detention of unarmed civilians and former combatants;
- use of child soldiers;
- harm to civilians and civilian objects;
- the killing of captives or combatants seeking to surrender;
- individual disappearances; and
- inhumane conditions.

All parties complicit in violating human rights must be held accountable. Only then can the Sri Lankan people really move forward in trying to achieve peace and stability on the island.

CONGRATULATING OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS OF NEW
JERSEY'S 9TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2010 Congressional Arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty-one students participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First Place was awarded to Christina Eng from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child for her work, "Capitol Building in Winter." Second Place was awarded to Austin Dimare from Parsippany Christian School for his work, "Italiano Donna." Third Place was awarded to Elizabeth Frino from Pequannock Township High School for her work, "Rock Star".

I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name, and the title of their contest entry for the official record:

Boonton High School: Zenab Kahn's "Faiza"; Joseph Park's "Self Portrait with Friends"; Nicole van de Vliet's "Out of Africa"; Arielle Winters' "Meow".

Bridgewater Raritan Regional High School: MingZhu Hai's "Self Portrait as a Child"; Dana Li's "Guitar Playing"; Amanda Wong's "Friends".

Chatham High School: Hannah Drossman's "Giverny"; Ria Iizuka's "Aries After 8th Period: Reduced to Mathematical Component"; David Daniel Melgar's "Lust".

Hopatcong High School: Kristen Fahy's "Chroma Lily".

Livingston High School: Jennifer Brodsky's "A City in the Sun"; Amy Friedman's "Walking into the Shadows"; Sarah Tse's "Utilities"; Mark Zlotzky's "A Frickin' Tree!".

Madison High School: Rachel Fico's "Mixer"; Vandela Larsson's "Glow"; Stephanie Riveros' "Deadlock"; Bailey Theado's "Kavala Village".

Millburn High School: Chanthia Ma's "Self Portrait"; Sona Roy's "Green-eyed"; Dana Serruto's "Movie Time"; Jordan Scharf's "Chair in a Field of Roses".

Montville High School: Allison Au's "Caribbean Still Life"; Victoria Eng's "Light"; Michael Johnston's "Short Sighted"; Micah Schure's "Trombone".

Morris Catholic High School: Josh Gilardi's "Empire State of Mind"; Liz McCormick's "Christmas in the City".

Morris Knolls High School: Jennifer Hastings' "The Lake Monster"; Meredith McCabe's "A Safe Place to Hide"; Rebecca Syracuse's "Fear of Intimacy"; Irina Walter's "Hero of War".

Morristown High School: Demetria Jorge's "Sunset Salute".

Morristown-Beard School: Ashley Young's "Anor Hinge".

Mount Olive High School: Daniel Gillette's "Stripping Down the Media"; Vanessa Lorenzo's "Ghosts of Chernobyl".

Oak Knoll School: Christina Eng's "Capitol Building in Winter"; Gioia Topazio's "Leaves".

Parsippany Christian School: Sydney Dahl's "Insecurity"; Austin Dimare's "Italiano Donna"; Lexie Reilly's "I Love You".

Parsippany High School: Ashley Del Rio's "Murano Glass"; Brittany Ann Serrao's "Untitled".

Pequannock Township High School: Kristin Brian's "Scale"; Elizabeth Frino's "Rock Star".

Ridge High School: Lillian Chen's "No Treasure After All"; Edward Kowalewski's "Helix"; Mary Petras' "Peace"; Howard Wei's "Guardian of the Trolls Lair".

Roxbury High School: Sam Knopka's "Self Portrait"; Nick Griffin's "Free Your Mind"; Alessandra Varillas' "Innocent Soldiers"; Ruth Vega's "Plastic Beauty".

Seton Hall Preparatory School: Dylan Hughes' "Students in Blue"; Charles Kohaut's "Eye".

Watchung Hills High School: Sofia Lizza's "Spoons"; Lisa Monetti's "Clouds Are Shrouding in Moments Unforgettable"; Alex Nahorniak's "Untitled"; Carolyn Thornton's "Maggie".

West Morris Central High School: Courtney Dietsche's "Fish of Fantasy: Nightly Wanderers".

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed rollcall Nos. 273, 274, and 275. If present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall Nos. 273, 274, and 275.

EMILY ENGLAND CLYBURN—
LIBRARIAN AND HUMANITARIAN**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, on May 7, 2010 a good friend of mine, Emily England Clyburn, received a much deserved reward for her extraordinary service to South Carolina State College and our Nation. Her alma mater and beloved institution marked her distinguished career of public service with an honorary doctorate degree. Emily's honorary

degree embodies her humanitarian spirit, a gift she shares as a lifelong librarian.

Emily's career began with her belief in earning a strong education. She graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina in 1956 before going on to receive her bachelor's degree from S.C. State in 1961. Here, she met her husband, U.S. Congressman JAMES E. CLYBURN. Mrs. Clyburn went on to earn her Masters in Librarianship from the University of South Carolina in May 1977.

Mrs. Clyburn employed her education by dedicating her career to libraries. She gave her students the gift of learning by establishing the first library at Fairwold Middle School in Columbia, SC. She worked at Simonton Elementary School in Charleston, SC and was assistant librarian at Burke High School. Mrs. Clyburn was also head librarian at the Naval Hospital in Charleston, SC and eventually went on to retire in 1994 after serving two tours as Assistant Librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Congressman and Mrs. Clyburn continue to support educational initiatives through the James E. and Emily E. Clyburn Endowment for Archives and History at their alma mater, S.C. State. S.C. State will honor Mrs.

Clyburn's lifetime of achievement with the Emily E. Clyburn Archives and History Center in the soon to be constructed James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center, a lasting symbol to a woman who will leave an everlasting legacy.

Mrs. Clyburn has been bestowed many honors in her career, none more important than that of mother and wife. Since their marriage in 1961, Congressman and Mrs. Clyburn have dedicated their lives to a sense of purpose and the betterment of society and have instilled these same values into their three wonderful daughters, Mignon, Jennifer, and Angela. I'm certain these same lasting principles will also influence their two grandchildren, Walter and Sydney.

Madam Speaker, here is someone we can all look up to and be proud of—a strong woman who overcame the many boundaries of her time and a sterling model of how we should define true success by our ability to give back. Emily England Clyburn has accomplished far more than any honorary doctorate can appropriately signify. I am proud to call Emily my friend, her husband a colleague, and their service to this Nation extraordinary.

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 20, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
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

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the liability and financial responsibility issues related to offshore oil production, including the Deepwater Horizon accident in the Gulf of Mexico, including S. 3346, to increase the limits on liability under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.
SR-325

Finance
To hold hearings to examine reducing overpayments and increasing quality in the unemployment system.
SD-215

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer.
SR-301

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

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine how to minimize the impact of the great recession on young workers.
210, Cannon Building

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

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on early childhood education.
SD-430

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 3317, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote long-term, sustainable rebuilding and development in Haiti, S. 3193, to establish within the office of the Secretary of State a Coordinator for Cyberspace and Cybersecurity Issues, S. 3104, to permanently authorize Radio Free Asia, S. Res. 469, recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Thailand, S. Res. 532, recognizing Expo 2010 Shanghai China and the USA Pavilion at the Expo, and the nominations of Michael P. Meehan, of Virginia, and Dana M. Perino, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.
S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH-219
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine Holocaust era assets after the Prague conference.
SR-428A

3 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine assessing the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on states, localities and the private sector.
SD-342

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

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

MAY 26

9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration.
SR-328A

Appropriations
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine firefighting policy with the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of the Interior.
SD-124

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

10 a.m.
Judiciary
Constitution Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the legality and efficacy of line-item veto proposals.
SD-226

Finance
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.
SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider S. 2781, to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability, and the nominations of David K. Mineta, of California, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, Deborah Loewenberg Ball, of Michigan, Margaret R. McLeod, of the District of Columbia, and Bridget Terry Long, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.
SD-430

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tracie Stevens, of Washington, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.
SD-628

2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine dietary supplements, focusing on what seniors need to know.
SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.
SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications and Technology Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine innovation and inclusion, focusing on the Americans with Disabilities Act at 20.
SR-253

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.
SR-222

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine building a secure future for multiemployer pension plans.
SD-430

2:15 p.m.

MAY 28

JUNE 16

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the United/Continental Airlines merger, focusing on how consumers will fare.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

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

SR-222

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219