

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. CONSULATE IN KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this amended resolution calling for the establishment of a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, as well as in other regions of Iraq.

For years, I have been closely following issues related to United States policy towards Iraq, as well as that nation's own internal politics as its people develop their democracy. During the previous American Administration, I chaired a series of hearings in the House Foreign Affairs Oversight Subcommittee that examined the bilateral accord—the so-called “status of forces agreement” (SOFA)—between the United States and Iraq, which provides for the withdrawal of our military forces by December 31, 2011. I also closely followed the concurrent negotiation of the civilian-focused Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA), in which the U.S. and Iraq committed to a number of mutually supporting efforts in the areas of economy, culture, science, technology, health and trade.

While I had reservations about the so-called SOFA, I strongly support the SFA, because I believe that America has a moral obligation to the Iraqi people to help their country get back on its feet. Yes, we liberated them from Saddam Hussein, but in doing so we unleashed a wave of horrific violence upon that nation. We now have a duty to alleviate some of the damage, and the SFA will enable that to happen.

Some of those efforts at implementation of the SFA will require Americans to work in Iraq. Currently, most American citizens in that country must receive consular services in Baghdad. Given Iraq's size and challenges to travel, this can be very difficult. Establishing U.S. Consulates in several regions in Iraq would make it easier for Americans to work throughout Iraq and thus fulfill our obligations under the SFA. Therefore I believe that such efforts should get underway immediately.

As a follower of Iraq politics, particularly the controversies regarding the latest parliamentary elections, I am well aware of the sensitivities regarding the establishment of a U.S. Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. That is why I am pleased that this resolution has been amended to reflect the need for U.S. Consulates elsewhere in Iraq. Yes, at the moment, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq has been identified by the State Department as one of the more stable and secure regions of Iraq, which is why the resolution mentions that specific region as a site for a U.S. Consulate. But such a designation also comes with responsibility—specifically, the Kurds must demonstrate their commitment to ensuring the stability and security of all of Iraq, not just their

region. They can do so by encouraging the creation of an inclusive government that represents all four major coalition in the parliament, including their own.

As peace and security spreads throughout Iraq as a result, America should establish U.S. Consulates in other areas as well. That way, the American and Iraqi people can literally work together in creating a better future for Iraq.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES SPRING & WIRE COMPANY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the owners and employees of James Spring & Wire Company of Frazer, Chester County as they celebrate the Company's 50th anniversary.

Company founder Richard James may be best known for turning a simple, high-tension spring into “a wonderful toy” that, as the jingle said, was “fun for a girl or a boy.” The toy James created is the Slinky.

In 1960, the current owners of James Spring & Wire bought the Company and built it into a leading manufacturer of custom springs, wire and strip forms and stampings. The Company's success over the last half-century is no doubt the result of exemplary leadership and entrepreneurial vision combined with highly-skilled and hard-working employees.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the owners and employees of James Spring & Wire Company on reaching this memorable milestone and recognizing the important role small businesses such as this one play in making Chester County and all of Southeastern Pennsylvania a great place to live, work and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, May is National Cancer Research Month and I rise to pay tribute to the invaluable contributions made by scientists and clinicians across the United States who are working not only to overcome this devastating disease, but also to prevent it.

This year, nearly 1.5 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer and over 500,000 Americans will die from cancer. But the good news is that our nation's investment in cancer

research is having a remarkable impact. The five-year survival rate for all cancers has improved over the past 30 years to more than 65 percent. Discoveries and developments in prevention, early detection, and treatment have led to cures for many types of cancer and have led others to be transformed into manageable chronic conditions. Furthermore, many of these advancements have had significant impacts on developing treatments for other common and costly diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS and macular degeneration.

Madam Speaker, National Cancer Research Month is the time to reaffirm our further commitment to finding treatments, cures and better tools for prevention, building on the momentum of recent years. As the more than 31,000 members of the American Association for Cancer Research and their partners continue their quest for cancer prevention and cures, Congress must stand behind them and invest in our research infrastructure.

I salute America's cancer researchers and their ongoing efforts and vow to be a partner in the ongoing war on cancer.

RECOGNIZING MONACAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR ORGANIZING PROJECT 186

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the students and teachers of Monacan High School in Chesterfield County, Virginia, for collecting and shipping much needed school supplies for students in Afghanistan.

Jessica M. Heising, an English teacher at Monacan High, organized Project 186 with the purpose of collecting 186 backpacks and school supplies for each student in an all-girls school in the Paktika province of Afghanistan. The project was successful, and the supplies will improve the learning outcomes of the 186 students.

I commend the teachers, students, faculty, and families who gave of their time and talents to influence the lives of students in Afghanistan for good.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF SOUTH KOREAN SEAMEN KILLED BY NORTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 1382, a resolution expressing sympathy to the families of those killed by North Korea

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in the sinking of the South Korean ship Cheonan, and solidarity with South Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident.

On March 26, the South Korean ship Cheonan sank in the Yellow Sea following an explosion, killing 46 sailors. I offer my condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those killed in this tragic incident.

In the two months following the sinking of the Cheonan, the South Korean government has undertaken extensive forensic work with a team of impartial international investigators to determine the cause of the explosion. Their work leaves no doubt that the sinking of the Cheonan and the death of 46 sailors was the direct result of a torpedo fired by North Korea.

The United States stands with President Lee Myung-bak and fully supports the measures he has taken to respond to the sinking of the Cheonan. President Lee's decision to close sea lanes and cut off trade with North Korea sends a strong message that South Korea will not tolerate unprovoked aggression.

South Korea is a strong ally of the United States, and as the President has made clear, our commitment to supporting their defense is unequivocal.

I urge the international community to join with South Korea and the United States to condemn North Korea's unacceptable, belligerent behavior.

And I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1382 and send a strong message that the United States Congress stands with South Korea during this difficult time.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to help raise awareness of myeloma. Myeloma is a cancer in the bone marrow affecting production of red cells, white cells, and stem cells. It is also commonly known as "multiple myeloma" since it affects multiple areas of bone marrow.

Myeloma is the second most common blood cancer after lymphomas. Each year approximately 20,000 Americans are diagnosed with myeloma and 10,000 lose their battle with this disease. At any one time there are over 100,000 myeloma patients undergoing treatment for their disease in the U.S.

Although the incidences of many types of cancers are decreasing, the frequency of myeloma cases continues to climb. Once thought of as a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65 and it is not uncommon to find patients in their 30s.

As the oldest and largest myeloma foundation, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure. This dedication has led to dramatic and important advances in treatment for multiple myeloma in the last few years. Unfortunately, the needless disparity in coverage between oral and intravenous (IV) chemotherapy has left many patients unable to utilize many of these breakthroughs.

I believe myeloma patients and their doctors should be able to take advantage of the treat-

ment that is best suited for each patient, and not have to select their treatment based on insurance coverage. This is why I introduced my bill, HR 2366, The Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act of 2009. The Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act works to eliminate these inequities for cancer patients whose insurance has differences in the way oral and intravenous chemotherapy treatments are covered. This is an important issue for myeloma patients, their families, and every American battling cancer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary work being done by the IMF to improve the quality of life of myeloma patients and their families and their efforts to find a cure in the fight against cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURED AND MODULAR HOUSING

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Gentleman from Indiana for introducing H. Res. 584, "Recognizing the importance of manufactured and modular housing in the United States."

Manufactured and modular housing play an important role in meeting the housing needs of the people of my home state of Alabama and the United States of America.

Over the past two decades, the quality of manufactured housing has become essentially equivalent to that of conventional housing and manufactured housing has grown in popularity as an affordable alternative to conventional site-built housing.

A Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies reported that manufactured housing has no impact on the appreciation rates of surrounding properties, putting an end to the myth of negative property value impacts.

It is also good to know that the manufactured and modular housing industry continues to be an important part of our nation's economy. Manufactured and modular housing has produced approximately \$6 billion annually in sales and employs approximately 70,000 people in factories and retail centers alone.

These factories are an important contributor to the economy in the district I represent, as there are more than ten manufacturers in the 4th Congressional District of Alabama.

During a recession, I would encourage any Americans to consider a manufactured or modular house as an option. According to the Manufactured Housing Institute, construction costs per square foot for a new manufactured home average anywhere from 10 to 35 percent less than a comparable site-built home, excluding the cost of land, depending on the region of the country.

Home ownership is part of the American Dream and I am pleased to encourage affordable home ownership opportunities through manufactured and modular housing for so many Americans who can benefit from this type of home ownership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, I was not present for votes 291, 292, and 293.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 291, expressing the sense of Congress that a grateful Nation supports and salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on its 20th Anniversary that is being held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 292, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 293, Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Extension Act, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE MCCONNELL FOR HER COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie McConnell, for her achievement of being named the Arkansas Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year for her work at Helen Tyson Middle School in Springdale.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas with a master's degree from Harding University, McConnell is never far from the classroom even after work hours are over because she's working towards a specialist's degree from Harding.

McConnell's hard work and leadership has been an inspiration at the school and for the entire Springdale School District. She attributes her success at Tyson Middle School to her colleagues and her students. Her passion, dedication and enthusiasm for seeing our students succeed is something we can all learn from.

I am proud of Stephanie McConnell for her commitment to education and her efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas. This recognition is a well deserved honor.

HONORING MR. RICHARD SLAWSON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 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. Richard Slawson. Mr. Slawson served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Hannover Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Slawson 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. Slawson is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

THE OLD BRICK PLAYHOUSE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Old Brick Playhouse of Elkins, West Virginia for the tremendous service they provide to the youth of Randolph, Upshur, and surrounding counties through its Apprentice program.

Founded in 1992 by Executive Director Missy Armentrout McCollam, the Old Brick's Apprentice program utilizes arts education to foster confidence, leadership and team building skills through a student-acted and produced play or musical.

One needs only to look at the numbers to see the strength of this program. From an initial cast of a mere 20 high school students, the Apprentices today overflow the theater doors with an enrollment of more than 100 students, spanning grades 6–12.

Instilling a commitment to continuing education and expanding one's horizons, the Apprentice program's legacy is unmistakable. Some of the more than 2,000 Apprentice alumni have gone on to attend some of our nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. Others have gone on to act professionally. Many have achieved distinguished careers in business, law, medicine, or teaching; and, nearly all have become model citizens worthy of emulation.

Truly one of those small, local treasures to all in the community it enriches, I commend the Old Brick Playhouse of Elkins, West Virginia for its outstanding leadership and commitment over the past 18 years. Having been recently recognized at the highest state and national levels, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this wonderful organization.

CONGRATULATING WESTLAKE
ACADEMY'S INAUGURAL GRADUATING CLASS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate the Town of Westlake with the high school matriculation of the first graduating class of the Westlake Academy.

Founded as a public charter school in 2003, Westlake Academy is the first and only municipality in Texas to receive a charter designation. It has a mission to achieve academic excellence and develop life-long learners who will become well-balanced responsible citizens.

Westlake Academy promotes intercultural understanding, respect, independent thought and prepares their students to become active participants and agents of positive change through its International Baccalaureate curriculum. Westlake Academy is the fifth school of only ten schools in the United States, and the only public school, to offer the full International Baccalaureate curriculum for grades K–12.

I'm honored to celebrate this first graduation with Mayor Laura Wheat, the Town Council/Trustees, former Board of Alderman/Trustees, former Mayor Scott Bradley, the parents, graduates and Community of Westlake. I appreciate the opportunity to speak at their first commencement and to represent the Town of Westlake and Westlake Academy in the United States House of Representatives.

I'd like to submit the names of the First Graduating Class for the RECORD. These 24 graduating seniors have been offered over \$3.7 million in scholarships/grants, and 100 percent have been accepted to colleges and universities.

Brooke Awtry, Kent Bordelon, Elena Ceballos, Alexandra Champagne, Anisha Chandra, Bailey Cockrum, Chelsea Cooper, Ryan Degan.

Tim Drews, Olivia Flowers, Josh Frey, James Grover, Erik Herbst, Viky Kalyta, Sean Kennedy, Christina Kolokotroni.

Connor Lenio, Corey Lenkiewicz, Samantha Moon, Shivam Purohit, Stephanie Schultz, Kali Spates, Tyler Springer, Yasya Vasyutynska.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CHARLES NUNZIO DELPIZZO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Charles Nunzio DelPizzo, a Veteran, a baker, a business owner and a locomotive engineer. Most importantly, he was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Mr. DelPizzo was the sixth of nine children born to Guiseppe and Angelina DelPizzo. As a young man, Mr. DelPizzo and his siblings were raised with the values of faith, family and hard work. He and his four brothers served in the military during World War II. Mr. DelPizzo earned the rank of Corporal in the United States Army, where he served as a baker in the 107th Quartermaster Bakery Company.

Following his honorable discharge, Mr. DelPizzo combined his talent for baking with his entrepreneurial spirit. He and his young bride, Palma Antonia Santoro DelPizzo, started their own bakery in Garfield Heights. In addition to running his bakery, he also worked as a locomotive conductor and engineer with the Nickel Plate and Norfolk & Western Railroads.

Mr. and Mrs. DelPizzo were married for 63 years before her passing in 2006. Together, they raised their daughter, Paula, and welcomed their son-in-law, Andrew, into the family. Mr. DelPizzo was a loving grandfather to Angela, Melissa and Andrew, and was the great "grumpy" to Anthony, Talia and Larissa.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Charles Nunzio DelPizzo, a man whose joyous life was framed by a love

for family and a love of life. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF SOUTH KOREAN SEAMEN KILLED BY NORTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker I rise in opposition to this legislation not because I do not wish to express sympathy to those killed in the recent sinking of a South Korean naval vessel near the border with North Korea, but rather because I object strongly to the threatening and militaristic language in this resolution. I do not believe Congressional expressions of sympathy for those who have lost their lives should include language that further escalates an already volatile situation on the Korean peninsula. At a time when the United States maintains nearly 30,000 troops in South Korea, serving as a tripwire for an American response should hostilities break out between North and South, this resolution should, if anything, counsel caution and diplomacy rather than urge the U.S. government "to take other appropriate actions in response to the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan and other hostile acts of North Korea." Further, in reaffirming the United States' "enduring commitment to the . . . security of the Republic of Korea," this resolution signals a U.S. willingness to commit military force should the current escalation in tensions continue between North and South.

It is difficult to imagine a more dangerous or inappropriate time for such statements. I believe this unfortunate incident should instead serve as a wake-up call for the United States to re-assess its military presence in South Korea in particular and Asia in general. Maintaining the U.S. global empire is costing us one trillion dollars per year and is undermining rather than contributing to peace and stability. The North and South Koreans have all the incentive to reach a peaceful solution to their long-standing conflict and have made strides recently in that direction. The U.S. military presence in South Korea some 50 years after the Korean War is an impediment to that progress and should be ended immediately.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, Monday May 24th, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 278, H.R. 1017, and H.R. 5330 as I was conducting a townhall meeting at the Tolono Public Library and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 291 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 278, Expressing the sense of Congress that a grateful Nation supports and salutes

Sons and Daughters in Touch on its 20th Anniversary that is being held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 292 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1017, the Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 293 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 5330, to amend the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to extend the operation of such Act for a 5-year period ending June 22, 2015, I would have voted "aye."

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFW POST
NO. 8352

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members of the Silver Ridge Park Westerly Memorial Post No. 8352 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Toms River, New Jersey as they celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Post's founding.

The VFW's support for our Nation's Armed Forces has been exemplary throughout its history, but it is their with our Nation's veterans that has been most impressive. VFW Post No. 8352 is an active community organization and has served as a local institution in the Toms River community for more than 25 years.

Upon this Memorial Day, we as Americans, should never forget the men and women who served our Nation with such dedication and patriotism. Our Nation owes a debt of gratitude and support for all the achievements performed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and for the 25 years of service that the Silver Ridge Post No. 8352 has provided to the Toms River community.

That is why, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me on this 25th anniversary in saluting Silver Ridge Park Westerly Memorial Post No. 8352 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and all of its members for all they do for our veterans and for all they've done for America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNCIL
ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS
EIGHTH ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS BANQUET

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio Chapter on the occasion of their Eighth Annual Civil Rights Banquet entitled "A New Era of Hope."

CAIR is a nationwide, nonprofit organization whose mission is to "enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims and build coalitions that promote justice and mu-

tual understanding." For the past eight years, CAIR Ohio has played an instrumental role in helping to bridge the divides between Greater Cleveland's diverse communities. CAIR Ohio's Eighth Annual Banquet will provide a platform for vibrant discourse led by this year's distinguished speakers: Shahid Buttar, Esq. of the Bill of Rights Committee; Imam Mahdi Bray of the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation; and Nihad Awad, National Executive Director of CAIR. I commend these speakers for their efforts to promote civil liberties and social justice.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Council on American-Islamic Relations Ohio Chapter for their eight years of outstanding achievement. May their efforts to promote dialogue and create a more inclusive world continue to endure.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 150th anniversary of the California School for the Blind, CSB, located in Fremont, California. CSB has educated and provided services to thousands of blind and visually impaired students throughout the state.

CSB began in 1860 in San Francisco with an original enrollment of one blind and three deaf students. For a time, the school was the sole provider of educational services for the blind in California. Today, CSB is entirely state-funded, and has an enrollment of approximately 82 Californians from ages 5–22.

CSB students participate in vast array of extra-curricular activities, including swimming, karate, tandem bicycling, music and dance, international pen pals on tape, art, cooking and roller-skating. CSB student athletes take part in the Alameda County Special Olympics and are members of the United States Association of Blind Athletes. The school also offers its students lessons in social and living skills, career development, concept development, and orientation and mobility skills. The school recently opened its Rocket Café, which is a student run business on campus.

Among CSB's most notable alumni is Dr. Newel Perry. Dr. Perry was the first blind person to attend regular classes at Berkeley High School and was the first blind person accepted for enrollment at the University of California. He received his doctorate at the University of Munich, and was the first Director of Advanced Studies for the Blind in California. Dr. Perry is the author of California's Aid to the Blind Laws, and founder of the California Council for the Blind.

It is my honor to join in congratulating the California School for the Blind for reaching this milestone anniversary of 150 years of service to the visually impaired. I send best wishes for continued success to the current CSB Superintendent, Dr. Stuart Wittenstein, and all who contribute to provide quality educational services for the blind students of California at CSB.

"WHERE IS THE BUDGET?"

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, for quite some time now, many Members have come to the floor to ask "Where are the Jobs?"

In addition to asking "Where are the Jobs", I am also asking where is the budget? With our national debt standing at almost thirteen trillion dollars, we cannot simply ignore our fiscal woes and hope that they will solve themselves. More than a month has passed since the April 15 deadline set by the Budget Act, and no committee or floor actions have been scheduled to address this missing budget.

I call on the Majority to produce a budget so that we can have a debate on improving our fiscal condition. We must not continue to saddle our children and grandchildren with massive debts. Where is the Budget?

HAKALAU FOREST NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE EXPANSION
ACT OF 2010

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2010, which authorizes the expansion of this Refuge on the island of Hawaii to encompass adjacent parcels containing native forest habitat that supports some of the most endangered forest birds in the Nation and the world. Both the 2009 and 2010 U.S. State of the Birds reports call for particular attention to Hawaii, where more bird species are vulnerable to extinction than anywhere else in the United States.

The Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge consists of two major units: the 32,733-acre Hakalau Forest Unit on the windward, eastern, slopes of Mauna Kea volcano and the 2,604-acre Kona Forest Unit on the leeward, western, slopes of Mauna Loa volcano. The Refuge's purpose is to protect and manage endangered Hawaiian forest birds and their rain forest habitat.

Eight of the 14 native bird species occurring at Hakalau are endangered. Thirteen migratory bird species and twenty introduced species, including eight game birds, as well as the endangered 'ope'ape'a, Hawaiian hoary bat, our only endemic terrestrial mammal, also frequent the Refuge. Twenty-nine rare plant species are found on the Refuge and adjacent lands. Twelve of these plants are currently listed as endangered. Two endangered lobelias have fewer than five plants known to exist in the wild.

The forested parcels authorized for inclusion in this bill include 13,129 acres for addition to the Hakalau Forest Unit and 2,604 acres for addition to the Kona Forest Unit. The proposed areas for addition contain some of Hawaii's and the world's rarest forest bird species, including the rare endangered Hawaiian honeycreepers such as the 'akiapola'au, the 'akepa, and the Hawai'i Creeper, as well as significant numbers of more numerous native

honeycreepers such as the 'iwi, 'amakihi, and 'apapane and a native flycatcher, the 'elepaio. In addition, these lands are habitat for the endangered pueo, Hawaiian owl, and the 'io, Hawaiian hawk. The proposed expansion areas also include large numbers of native trees, primarily koa and 'ohia, some 31 endemic species of flowering plants, and 37 endemic ferns. Due to its geographic isolation—more than 2,000 miles from a major land mass—these bird species and plants only exist in the Hawaiian islands, and, in many cases, are restricted to this one island.

The current owners of the two parcels authorized for acquisition under this Act are willing sellers. Due to the ecological importance of these parcels, there is strong interest in the conservation community in Hawaii in assisting with bridge financing to secure the parcels for ultimate acquisition by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As Members of Congress, it is our duty to help to preserve our precious natural heritage for future generations. Hawaii, much like the Galapagos, is a hotspot of species diversity and unique adaptations. And the Big Island of Hawaii, where this Refuge is located, is one of the world's great biological laboratories. This one island, comprised of 4,028 square miles, contains eleven of the world's 13 climatic zones. One of the most isolated relatively large land masses in the world, species arrived in our islands by chance and then evolved to take advantage of every ecological niche. And being an island, most of the animal species that arrived were birds and insects.

So much has been lost in our world and Nation due to extinction, but we also know that through our intervention much has been saved. The bald eagle has been taken off the Endangered Species List; I am hopeful that we can also see the recovery of Hawaii's magnificent forest birds through preservation and restoration of habitat. Opportunities like this—to secure such valuable habitat from willing sellers—doesn't come along often. I am committed to protecting our natural world's biological diversity. As the Member of Congress representing one of the most beautiful and ecologically important places in our world, I am determined to do what I can to help preserve Hawaii's unique animals and plants. I would be grateful for your support.

HONORING SPECIALIST WADE
SLACK

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Specialist Wade Slack of Waterville, Maine who was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan.

Wade was a beloved member of the Waterville community. He is remembered for a kindness, compassion and wisdom that exceeded his years. On May 6th, Specialist Slack succumbed to wounds sustained by enemy mortar fire in the Wardak Province of Afghanistan. At just 21 years old, Specialist Slack's youth punctuates an already painful loss.

Wade Slack, a fan of video games and hunting, enlisted while still an honors student

at Waterville High School. After graduating in 2007, he completed his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and his advanced individual training at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and Englin Air Force Base, Florida. He was an E4 specialist with a focus in explosive ordnance disposal, serving with the Army's 707th Ordnance Battalion.

Mainers come together during a crisis, and I know that everyone in Waterville and the state stand together to support the Slack family. Wade is survived by his parents Alan and Mary, his stepmother Rose, six brothers and sisters, two step siblings and countless close friends. He is mourned by all as a true American hero and a defender of the freedom we all hold dear.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of Specialist Wade Slack for his patriotism and devotion to his community and his country.

OBAMA IGNORES SUDAN'S
GENOCIDE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit a piece by actress and activist Mia Farrow which ran in today's Wall Street Journal. It is appropriately titled, "Obama Ignores Sudan's Genocide." The President has failed to exhibit the necessary leadership on this issue. He has barely uttered a word on Sudan or Darfur since coming to office.

Having spent extensive time in the region, Farrow points out, "When Barack Obama was elected President of the United States, hope abounded, even in Darfur's bleak refugee camps." Later she continues, "Such hopes did not last long."

Were the President to move swiftly to empower Secretary of State Clinton and U.N. Ambassador Rice to take the reins of the administration's languishing Sudan policy, perhaps hope could be restored.

[From the Wall Street Journal, May 25, 2010]

OBAMA IGNORES SUDAN'S GENOCIDE

(By Mia Farrow)

Last week U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Scott Gration told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that although he remains supportive of "international efforts" to bring Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir to justice, the Obama administration is also pursuing "locally owned accountability and reconciliation mechanisms in light of the recommendations made by the African Union's high-level panel on Darfur."

Mr. Bashir is indicted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for war crimes and crimes against humanity, but the African Union Panel on Darfur has clearly aligned itself with Khartoum. One panel member, former Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Al Sayed, said in an interview with an Egyptian newspaper, "The prosecution of an African head of state before an international tribunal is totally unacceptable. Our goal was to find a way out."

The African Union panel is led by former South African President Thabo Mbeki, who in 2008 dismissed the ICC indictment, saying that it is "the responsibility of the Sudanese state to act on those matters." Then, late last year his panel proposed a counter initia-

tive to the ICC in the form of a hybrid, Sudan-based court with both Arab and African judges to be selected by the African Union.

But all this is moot since Mr. Bashir swiftly rejected Mr. Mbeki's proposal. Perversely, Mr. Gration has now thrown U.S. government support to a tribunal that does not and probably will never exist. Even if it did, the "locally owned accountability" he refers to is not feasible under prevailing political conditions, as any Sudan-based court will be controlled by the perpetrators themselves.

For seven years, the people of Darfur have been pleading for protection and for justice. They do not believe either peace or justice can come while Mr. Bashir—orchestrator of their suffering—remains president of Sudan. Nor do they believe "locally owned accountability" is remotely possible under the current regime.

When Barack Obama was elected president of the United States, hope abounded, even in Darfur's bleak refugee camps. Darfuris believed this son of Africa could understand their suffering, end the violence that has taken so much from them, and bring Mr. Bashir to justice. The refugees hoped that "Yes we can" was meant for them too. They believed President Obama would bring peace and protection to Darfur and would settle for nothing less than true justice.

I have held new babies named Obama and watched as Darfuris began to dream again. Fatima Haroun, a 24-year-old widow and mother, told me the day was surely near when the refugees could leave the filth and hunger of the camps and safely return to the ashes of their villages. First, she said, they would honor their lost loved ones; they would search the ashes for bones, wrap them in best cloths, and bury them with respect. They would gather wood and tall grasses to rebuild their homes, they would sing new songs and prepare their fields for planting. Hunger and terror would go away. Omar al-Bashir would rot in jail.

Such hopes did not last long.

Nearly three million souls are still waiting in wretched camps across Darfur and eastern Chad. Sudanese government bombs are still falling, murderers and rapists still roam free, and the refugees have not felt safe for a very long time. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon has expressed concern over increasing levels of violence in Darfur.

In their darkest hours and through losses too grievous to fathom, the world has repeatedly abandoned the people of Darfur. Over more than seven years, two American presidents have used the word "genocide" to describe what has unfolded there, but they have done little to end it.

It is past time for us to step up and accept our moral obligation to protect a defenseless people. The American people should urge Mr. Gration and the Obama administration to lead a diplomatic offensive to convince the world to isolate Mr. Bashir as a fugitive from justice, and to wholeheartedly support the only body offering Darfur's people a measure of authentic justice: the International Criminal Court.

Ms. Farrow has visited Darfur and eastern Chad 13 times since 2004.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
ARTHA "LADY ARTHA" WOODS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my friend

Artha "Lady Artha" Woods, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose joyous life was dedicated to advancing the rights and opportunities for women and minorities.

Ms. Woods was a valedictorian at Cleveland Central High School. She won several academic awards, including a district-wide award as a Latin scholar. Streetwise yet elegant, articulate and refined, Ms. Woods was an unyielding activist. She served as a Cleveland Councilwoman, representing the people of Cleveland's east side with a strong and effective voice. She is credited with the expansion of two of Cleveland's premier institutions: Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Clinic. Moreover, she served as a leader in organizing residents to demand improvements to the deplorable living conditions in the Woodhill Homes public housing units.

In 1941, after protesting for equal opportunity, Ms. Woods became one of 18 African-Americans who broke the color barrier at Ohio Bell. After becoming an employee, Ms. Woods boycotted the cafeteria which helped end segregation between black and white women. She rose to the level of public relations manager at Ohio Bell and stayed with the company for many years. While serving on the City Council, Ms. Woods ran her own businesses and founded one of the first-ever modeling and charm schools for African-American women. She managed the careers of two local boxers and she owned and operated the Cedar Avenue Millinery Shop, where she sold hats to celebrities. She founded the Fairfax Area Community Congress and created the Starlight Cotillion for female graduates of neighborhood public high schools. Additionally, Ms. Woods was designated an honorary Italian by Holy Rosary Church of Cleveland and was blessed by Pope Paul VI in Rome for her work with local Catholic leaders.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of my friend, Artha "Lady Artha" Woods. Ms. Woods was the loving mother of the late Eloise and Arthur. I offer my condolences to her grandchildren: Gaile, (Dominic) and Deborah (Richard); to her great-grandchildren, Dominic, Monique, Olivia, Joshua, Lauren and Richard; to her devoted companion, Stanley Tolliver, Jr.; and to her extended family and friends.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, since we just commemorated National Nurses Week 2010, I rise today to call attention to the important and essential role that nurses play in providing quality health care across our Nation. Nurses are the largest group of health professionals involved on the front lines of caring for Americans. Our Nation's health care system is complex and every day people with many different health needs are served by legions of caring, qualified, and professional nurses, who are integral to our Nation's health care delivery system.

I believe every person can remember an experience when someone they loved needed health care and a nurse was the first person by their side providing care and comfort. We

all know someone who works in the field of nursing and the commitment they make to their profession, despite extraordinary challenges every day.

The Nurse in Washington Internship program recently brought representatives of this noble field to our Nation's capital to give a voice to their needs and experience. I was pleased to meet with my constituent Jennifer Vaughn (RN, BSN) from Forest, Virginia.

An adequate supply of nurses is essential to ensuring that all people receive quality care and that our Nation's public health infrastructure is strong. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is currently a nursing shortage of 2.5 million registered nurses in the United States. This figure is expected to grow to 41 percent by 2020.

Additional Congressional leadership is necessary to ensure that the Nation has an adequate supply of nurses to care for the patients of today and tomorrow.

CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY OF DES PLAINES, IL ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the community of Des Plaines on their 175th anniversary.

I am extremely proud to represent the "City of Destiny"—a hub of ethnic diversity, a home to hardworking residents, and a thriving business center that has drawn domestic and international companies alike. Des Plaines' 175 dynamic years have made it one of the premier communities in the Chicagoland area to live, to work and to do business—a testament to the individuals who make up the rich fabric of the community.

Since 1833, when pioneers first came to Des Plaines in search of a place to build their homes, their families and their futures, the city has provided opportunities for innovation, creativity and growth. Over the past 175 years, immigrants and native-born Americans have come to Des Plaines, attracted by its outstanding schools, its entrepreneurial ethic, and its diversity.

The sense of community in Des Plaines is one that residents cherish. Whether it is organizing to ensure an accurate census count or working to deal with the impacts of the Des Plaines River flooding, people routinely come together to help each other and promote the city's interests.

Des Plaines is truly a great place to live. From the beginning, the elected leaders of Des Plaines recognized the need to build a strong transportation network, so the city is connected outward in terms of business and travel. And from the beginning, the city has recognized the importance of creating a livable community, with its own art and theater guilds, recreational system, and cultural activities.

I have long enjoyed a great working relationship with the representatives of the City of Des Plaines, including former Mayor Anthony Arredia and now with Mayor Martin Moylan. I want to congratulate them and all the people of Des Plaines for maintaining the spirit which helped create Des Plaines and ensuring that

the city reaches new heights in the 21st century.

I wish the community of Des Plaines the best in the coming 175 years and look forward to working with you to assure your continued success.

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF U.S. AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Res. 713, which recognizes the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that automobile dealers that have been forced to close be given a fair opportunity to reenter the automobile market once it rebounds and stabilizes. The automobile dealer industry has an important place in our country's history and is a critical part of our economy. It is critical that we recognize the important role of automobile dealers, help them survive the ongoing economic downturn, and pave the way for their future success.

I thank Chairman WAXMAN for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this H. Res. 713, Congressman GREEN, for taking the time to recognize the important contributions of automobile dealers in our nation's history and their vital role in our rebounding economy.

Madam Speaker, the automobile and the automotive industry has long been a symbol of American ingenuity and a source of American prosperity. Franchised automobile dealers have played and continue to play a critical role in the automotive industry: the franchised dealership system in the United States is the independent link between the manufacturer's assembly line and the American consumer.

The automobile dealership industry is a vital part of the national economy. Virtually all new cars and light trucks are sold through franchised dealers. Dealers represent the largest retail business in the United States, with approximately \$693 billion in revenues in 2007. Franchised dealers employ over 1,100,000 people, comprise nearly 20 percent of all retail sales in the United States, and, in total, provide billions of dollars annually in tax revenue.

Madam Speaker, automobile dealers also play an important role in local communities across the country. Auto dealers have deep roots in local communities and have helped manufacturers with long-term customer relationships that create brand loyalty and maintain customer convenience. Dealerships across the country provide jobs, give direct investments to local economies, and supply tax revenue to State and local governments.

The economic downturn of the last two years has put thousands of jobs at risk, including those at automobile dealerships and automobile manufacturers. I have witnessed the effect of the recession on car dealerships in my district. That is why I recently introduced H.R. 4897, the Drivers AID Act of 2010. By making interest payments on new car purchases deductible, this bill will help consumers

in buying cars, dealers in selling cars, and auto manufacturers in making cars.

Madam Speaker, we must take action to help auto dealers play a key role in the revival of the United States' economy. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res 713.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
POLISH ARMY VETERANS,
KOSCIUSZKO POST 152

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Army Veterans, Kosciuszko Post 152, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Post 152 of the Polish Army Veterans was initiated on May 9th, 1935. On January 18, 1968, Post 152 selected Polish General T. Kosciuszko as the patron of their organization. They elected their first Post Commander, Joseph Lecznar Sr., in 1982. Shortly thereafter, the Post petitioned former Cleveland Bishop Anthony Pilla to appoint Reverend Lucjan Stokowski as their Chaplain.

In 1988, the Post purchased a building on Warner Road in Garfield Heights, Ohio. A monument was built on that site, and every Memorial Day, members return to the site to pay tribute to the memory of fellow veterans. They also acknowledge and honor other veterans' organizations such as the American Legion Post 304 and the VFW Post 4545.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Army Veterans, Kosciuszko Post 152, of Cleveland, Ohio. We honor the memory of departed members and celebrate the accomplishments and service of Polish Veterans.

NATE BOECK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

IN HONOR OF LINDA FRANK

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Linda Frank, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Throughout her 20 years with RSVP, Ms. Frank has given more than twenty hours a month performing specific duties and functions at Lourdes Medical Center in Willingboro, New Jersey, by working together with the hospital personnel to increase the effectiveness of the hospital's human and physical resources and providing quality care and services that benefit patients and visitors. She performs her volunteer duties at the Information Desk, in the Thrift Shop and in the maternity department.

Madam Speaker, today I invite you to join me to honor Ms. Frank on her twenty years of dedicated, community service.

RECOGNITION OF THE CENTEN-
NIAL OF THE MASON COUNTY
LOGGING NO. 7 LOCOMOTIVE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Roots of Motive Power and the Mendocino County Museum as they celebrate a rare achievement, the 100th birthday of an operating steam locomotive, the 1910 Baldwin Locomotive Works Mason County Logging #7. I would also like to recognize the 25th anniversary of Roots of Motive Power.

The story of Mason County Logging #7 mirrors the history of logging in the Pacific Northwest. Logging locomotives were designed especially for their girth and flexibility to operate on spurs penetrating steep hillsides and deep canyons with their valuable loads. Locomotive #7 started out with the Black Hills and Northwestern Railroad, a subsidiary of Mason County Logging Company, operating in the dense Douglas fir forests near the Washington State capital of Olympia.

It remained in Washington for 80 years. A workhorse for more than 40 years, it stood idle for 45 years and may have been lost forever to scrap metal. In 1984, however, with foresight Willits resident Chris Baldo began years of negotiations that culminated with his purchase of No. 7 in 1990. The old locomotive was placed on a lowbed and trucked to Mr. Baldo's Willits Redwood Company yard, arriving on September 24, 1990.

Preservationists like Mr. Baldo are not daunted by such a task as restoring what was at the time a rusty, nearly forgotten antique and bringing it back to life. His perseverance, tenacity and dogged determination turned the steam powered locomotive into a piece of living history. It took 11 years from Mr. Baldo's original purchase for No. 7 to complete restoration back in Washington until its return to California. In 2001, after a brief stint pulling Si-

erra Railroad coaches outside of Oakdale, California, No. 7 was moved back to Willits to its new home at Roots of Motive Power adjacent to the Mendocino County Museum in time for the Roots' Steam Festival on September 8 and 9. The completion of a two-thirds mile track allows the engine to let off steam on special occasions.

As we commemorate the significance of this locomotive, one of only a few hundred left in the United States, I also salute the Roots of Motive Power, an organization associated with the Mendocino County Museum and "dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of logging and railroad equipment representative of California's North Coast Region from the 1850s until the present." With more than 300 members Roots of Motive Power produces The Highline, a beautiful magazine-like newsletter and educational events. They also hold "steam-ups" four times a year, one of which will celebrate the 100th birthday of No. 7.

Madam Speaker, it's not often we pause to recognize a restored steam engine but the 1910 Mason County Logging No. 7 and the dedication of those who wanted to preserve its historical significance for the enjoyment of future generations deserve our praise. In addition, I am proud to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Roots of Motive Power in Willits, California, the "heart of the redwoods" for their dedication and long lasting contributions to preserving the best of times gone by.

HONORING MARGIE J. CLAYTOR
SMITH

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long and productive life of my constituent, Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 19, 2010.

Margie J. Claytor was born in Basham, Virginia on March 19, 1910, the sixth child of Harvey and Lena Claytor. She married George W. Smith on December 26, 1929 and enjoyed 37 years of marriage until her husband's death in 1966. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children, Gerald W. Smith and Marie Smith Wise. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Smith lived with her son and helped to raise her five grandchildren: Gerald W. Smith, Jr., Susan R. Smith, David T. Smith, Scott W. Wise, and Cecelia Wise Howard. Mrs. Smith now also has four great-grandchildren: Jon B. Howard, Bryan F. Smith, Aaron T. Smith, and Clo'e M. Smith. She became fond of camping and, in fact, she and her family have camped in 38 states and three Canadian regions. Her efforts throughout her life were honored by being named the National Council of Negro Women's first "All Star Senior."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith and the contributions she has made to her family and to her community.

NHICAM HANNAH NGUYEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

DEPUTY BRIAN LAMAR
MAHAFFEY**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched the life of this one man . . . who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey has served five years in the Rockdale County Sheriff Department and gave his life in the line of duty; and

Whereas, this giant of a man thought there was never a job too small or too big; he would provide professional service with the intention to always serve and protect our community; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, he just wanted to do what was right and he was committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Rockdale County; and

Whereas, Deputy Mahaffey was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was our warrior, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting and service of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of the Rockdale County Sheriff Department for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby attest to the 111th Congress that Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of Rockdale County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention";

Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District;

Proclaimed, This 12th day of May, 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I regret missing two evening votes from the House on May 24th, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 292 and 293.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRIST THE KING
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Christ the King Regional High School's boys and girls basketball teams on the occasion of the New York State Federation Class AA championships. Christ the King has made history in New York State by becoming the first high school to win both boys and girls Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions titles in the same year. This is an extremely difficult feat that deserves our recognition.

Christ the King's Royals and Lady Royals are renowned basketball teams not only in New York City, but throughout the country. Some of the National Basketball Association's and Women's National Basketball Association's best players, such as Lamar Odom, Tina Charles, and Speedy Claxton attended this fine high school located in Middle Village, Queens and played on its great basketball teams. The Class AA championship was the third for the Royals. First they won the Brooklyn-Queens diocesan crown and then swept the city championships. The Lady Royals have won a record 14 championships.

I would like to recognize this season's champions. Maurice Barrow, Roland Brown, Omar Calhoun, T.J. Curry, Corey Edwards, Terrel Hunt, Optimystic Kinard, Justin Kirkland, Dominykas Milka, Khadim Ndiaye, Edson Silva, Kareem Thomas, Mike Thompson, and Aaron Williams led the Royals to a record of 26–5. Ariel Page, Tara Rock, Jacqueline Michel, Nia Oden, Jacqueline Mullen, Lauren Nuss, Ariel Edwards, Sasha Santamaria, Bria Smith, Sarah Shanderson, Jessica Wasserfall, Rayne Connell, and Quincey Martin-Chapman led the Lady Royals to a record of 26–5. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Joe Arbitello and Bob Mackey, the coaches of the Royals and Lady Royals.

Christ the King opened its doors in 1962 and has set a record of excellence not only in athletics, but also in academics. In its 48-year history, it has provided thousands of Queens' youth with an exemplary education. Additionally, its commitment to serving the neighboring communities of Middle Village and Glendale has made Christ the King one of the most esteemed institutions in New York City.

I am pleased to congratulate the Royals and the Lady Royals on the occasion of their championships and wish them many successful seasons to come.

NADIA SOLANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,987,796,841,336.51.

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 \$ 2,350,669,663,237.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,298,568,194.50 just since yesterday

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

LIFE OF GEORGE B. VASHON

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an exciting event that occurred this month bringing long overdue recognition to an accomplished African American: George B. Vashon. Growing up in St. Louis, I learned of Mr. Vashon's legacy as my high school was dedicated to him as he was a person who committed his life to help educate countless African Americans. While George Vashon himself never lived in St. Louis, his widow relocated to the city after his death and raised their family in Missouri. Vashon High School was named in 1927 and is one of the few monuments to a man who was a distinguished educator, lawyer, abolitionist, and poet who lived from 1824 to 1878.

Mr. Vashon's life was one full of numerous "firsts." Raised in Pittsburgh by parents who

were leaders in the anti-slavery efforts there, he was the first African American to graduate from Oberlin College. He studied law under the Honorable Judge Walter Forward in Pennsylvania and applied for admission to the Pennsylvania bar in 1847 and again in 1868. Both times, he was denied admission because of his "negro descent." Not to be held back, Mr. Vashon went to New York to take the bar and became the first black lawyer in that state. He later went on to be the first African American in New York to run for public office when he was a candidate under the Progressive Party for Attorney General. A close friend and associate of Frederick Douglass, Mr. Vashon penned many columns for Douglass' paper, *The North Star*.

George Vashon was one of the first black college professors in this country, a founder and the first black professor at Howard University and was president of Avery College in Pennsylvania. As an abolitionist, he also led many anti-slavery conventions and was central in the lobbying efforts to pass the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution. For years he was active in helping escaped slaves find freedom on the Underground Railroad when they made their way through Pennsylvania and New York.

Despite his many contributions and achievements, Mr. Vashon encountered discrimination and barriers to achievement. Being denied entrance into legal practice in his native Pennsylvania was a deep disappointment for him and a terrible injustice. I was thrilled, however, to hear recently that after two of his descendants petitioned the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Mr. Vashon was posthumously admitted to the bar 163 years after his first attempt. While it was long overdue, I join with the Vashon family and my fellow Vashon High School graduates in marking this important event and celebrating the life of this outstanding figure in American history.

IN RECOGNITION OF RANDY
COLLINS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker I rise today to recognize Randy Collins who is retiring after 30 years in fire services in California, the last seven of which have been as Chief of the Healdsburg Fire Department.

Chief Collins began his career in 1980 as a volunteer with the Arcata Fire Protection District while attending Humboldt State University. Upon graduation, he moved to San Jose and began work in the electronics industry and joined the Campbell Fire Department as a reserve fire fighter. He became a full-time fire fighter in 1987 when he joined the Healdsburg Fire Department. He moved up through the ranks from Fire Captain and Fire Engineer to Fire Marshall until he was named Chief in 2003.

While at Healdsburg, Chief Collins established the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, began a local fire academy to improve the skills and training for reserve staff, increased full-time staff and worked with neighborhood groups to develop fire safety counsels.

Chief Collins actively participated in the community as a member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, St. Paul's Church and North County Community Services.

In addition to his BA degree in Industrial Arts from Humboldt State University, Chief Collins holds an AA degree in Fire Science from Mission College in Santa Clara, California. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy and holds several advanced fire science degrees.

After retirement, Chief Collins plans to spend more time with his wife and two children and pursue his hobbies of kayaking, woodworking and hiking the great mountain peaks of the west.

Madam Speaker, Chief Collins has a distinguished 30-year public safety career and it is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge and honor him today and thank him for his service.

MONIQUE ULM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

SHAW LEAVES THE GEORGIA
HOUSE TO JOIN THE GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jay Shaw's appointment to the board of Georgia Department of Transportation after a successful 30 year career in state and municipal government.

Since the late 1970's, Jay Shaw has dedicated himself to a life of public service. At the age of 32, Mr. Shaw was elected mayor of Lakeland, Georgia. Although being a small town mayor is not an easy job with everyone in town expecting something of you, he took the job in stride, always vowing that he was there for his constituents.

In 1994, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He has fought for

the interests of small business owners and successfully ended long-distance phone calls within counties. His many bipartisan friendships demonstrate his congenial attitude. However, let this not be confused with his strong force and tireless effort to stand up for beliefs.

Jay Shaw grew up in a family of public servants. His mother, Dorothy Pafford Shaw, served as a state representative for 12 years before serving on the Georgia Public Service Commission for two decades; his father, Slaton Shaw, served on the Lanier County school board; and his son, Jason Shaw, is now running for his District 176 seat.

Mr. Shaw's hard work and unwavering loyalty are just two of the many attributes that have helped him to serve his constituency well. He is personable, outgoing and always has a good attitude. Aside from his outstanding work, the people of Lakeland and I find a good friend in Jay Shaw. That is why I warmly congratulate him on his appointment to the board of Georgia Department of Transportation and wish him the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING FRANK LAY UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a great man and a good friend. Mr. Frank Lay is the true measure of a man—through his humility, through his leadership, through his commitment to others; he is a shining example to us all. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am privileged and grateful to honor Mr. Lay on this day.

Mr. Lay has spent the last 21 years as the principal of Pace High School. During his years as principal, Mr. Lay has been a driving force for growth and improvement throughout the halls of Pace High School. To the students, he is a compassionate friend. To the faculty, he is an innovative visionary. To the community, he is a principled leader.

Mr. Lay is a committed and caring educator. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy University in 1970. He later then earned a Masters in Physical Education from Georgia State University and a Masters in Administration from the University of West Florida. During his career, he was selected as the Georgia Teacher of the Year, Track and Field Coach of the Year, and Principal of the Year. Most recently, he was honored with the God in Government Lifetime Achievement Award. These accolades are a true testament as to the character and commitment of Mr. Lay.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Frank Lay for his service to Northwest Florida. He is a dedicated educator and leader who will be sorely missed after his retirement. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for continued success to Frank and his wife Nancy, his children, grandchildren, and entire extended family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on May 24, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of rollcall Nos. 291, 292, and 293.

MONIQUE GALLEGOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

VISA SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, this week, the Senate Intelligence Committee released a bipartisan report that identified the State Department's failure to revoke Abdulmutallab's visa as one of 14 security failures leading to the attempted Christmas Day terror attack.

This attack is not the first time terrorists have obtained U.S. visas. Several of the 9/11 hijackers did so as well.

After 9/11, Congress created the Visa Security Program to increase the security of the visa process at U.S. embassies and consulates.

My bill, the Secure Visas Act, mandates that the administration expand the Visa Security Program to the highest risk consular posts. And it requires that in the event a visa is revoked after it has been issued, consular, law enforcement, and terrorist screening databases are updated immediately.

REDUCTION IN USE OF COAL AT CAPITOL POWER PLANT

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, on February 26, 2009, the Office of Architect of the Capitol (AOC) received a letter signed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader directing a reduction in the use of coal at the Capitol Power Plant, in favor of natural gas. In response, I wrote a letter to the AOC inquiring about the impacts of this proposal and the costs associated with it. The text of that letter and the Architect's response follow.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 4, 2009.

Mr. STEPHEN AYERS,
Acting Architect of the Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. AYERS: There have been several articles written about the Capitol Power Plant in recent weeks and I have had several groups in my office lobbying to stop using coal at the plant. I would appreciate your providing me some basic facts about the plant.

1. When was it constructed, what was its initial cost, and when did it begin operations?

2. What was/is the rated electrical capacity of the plant?

3. How much coal was burned at the plant during its peak years of operation?

4. When was natural gas first used as a fuel in the plant, and what was the cost to convert the plant so that natural gas could be used?

5. What is the mix of fuel used today at the plant, in percentages?

6. What has been the additional cost or cost-saving associated with the use of a mix of natural gas and coal, instead of coal only?

7. What is the timeline for converting the plant to natural gas only, and what will be the cost of the conversion?

8. What is the projected additional cost or cost-saving over the next five years, by converting the plant to operate only on natural gas?

9. What type of coal is presently burned at the plant, and where is it produced?

10. Does the plant produce electricity, or only steam and cooled water for the Capitol complex?

11. If electricity is produced, what amount of income does the sale of the electricity produce annually?

12. If electricity is not produced, why not?

13. If electricity is not produced, what would it cost to convert the plant so that electricity could be produced and sold, and what would be the projected annual income from those sales?

14. What emissions controls are in place at the plant, when were they added, and at what cost?

15. Is the plant presently in compliance with federal Clean Air Act regulations?

16. If the plant is not in compliance with emissions limitations, what additional controls might be needed to continue to use coal or a mix of coal and natural gas, and what are the estimated capital costs of those additional controls?

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. I will look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

ED WHITFIELD,
Member of Congress.

THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL,
Washington, DC, March 20, 2009.

Hon. ED WHITFIELD
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Capitol Power Plant. As a matter of background, Congress authorized \$1,545,975.65 for the design and construction of the Capitol Power Plant on April 28, 1904, and it was completed and began operations in 1910. Originally, the plant was constructed to produce electricity. However, since 1951 it has not produced electricity and only generates steam and chilled water for the Capitol Complex.

The Capitol Power Plant is currently capable of using three fuels; coal, natural gas, and fuel oil. In a series of projects starting in 1989, individual boilers within the plant have been modified to be capable of burning natural gas. In Fiscal Year 2008, the fuel consumed by the plant was 65% natural gas and 35% coal. The largest amount of coal burned during the last 20 years was in 1993, when the plant used 47,393 short tons. The plant currently burns low sulfur bituminous coal which is purchased through the General Services Administration and the Defense Energy Support Center. The following table provides details on the fuel usage and costs for Fiscal Year 2008:

Utility type	Energy (MMBTU)	Cost (\$)
Natural Gas	975,046	\$12,653,649
Oil	120	\$2,291
Coal	528,489	\$2,444,511
Heating Energy Total	1,503,655	\$15,100,451

The Capitol Power Plant operates in full compliance with current Federal Clean Air Act regulations. The plant utilizes two reverse air bag houses, installed in the early 1980's, to control particulate emissions. Emissions are further controlled via fuel specifications and combustion controls.

On February 26, 2009, the Office of Architect of the Capitol (AOC) received a letter signed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader directing a reduction in the use of coal at the plant, in favor of natural gas. Our preliminary estimates indicate that operating the plant using 100% natural gas will cost an additional \$5-\$7 million annually in fuel costs and will require a one-time capital investment needed to equip the plant. We are currently preparing preliminary designs with cost estimates for the capital investment requirement.

The AOC has undertaken a comprehensive strategic planning process for the Capitol Power Plant. Leveraging the skills of expert consultants and in-house staff, the AOC is analyzing a number of options for the plant, including several scenarios which utilize co-generation systems to generate electricity. Those options are also being reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences and later will be reviewed by the Department of Energy. We expect to publish a final report in Summer 2009.

Should you have further questions about the Capitol Power Plant or any of AOC's activities, please do not hesitate to contact me at 228-1793.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN T. AYERS, AIA,
Acting Architect of the Capitol.
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 25, 2009.

Mr. STEPHEN AYERS,
Acting Architect of the Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. AYERS: Thank you for your prompt and very helpful response to my letter to you of March 4, 2009, regarding the

Capitol Power Plant. I would appreciate your further response to these two additional questions:

1. You indicated that “in a series of projects starting in 1989, individual boilers within the plant have been modified to be capable of burning natural gas.” What was the total capital cost (or your best estimate) of those modifications?

2. In my previous letter I asked where the coal is produced that is burned in the plant, and you responded that the coal is purchased through GSA and the Defense Energy Support Center. Can you tell me which state(s) the coal comes from?

I appreciate your attention to this request, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

ED WHITFIELD,
Member of Congress.

THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL,
Washington, DC, April 2, 2009.

Hon. ED WHITFIELD,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2009 regarding the Capitol Power Plant. I appreciate your continued leadership on energy issues and your support of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). Your letter contained two questions addressed below.

You asked for an estimate of the total capital investment made in recent years for modifying boilers at the Capitol Power Plant to burn natural gas. We have completed several projects stretching over the past twelve years to convert individual boilers to burn natural gas. The capital investment for these projects was approximately \$1.5 million.

You also asked which state supplies coal used at the Capitol Power Plant. The AOC purchases coal through the Government Services Agency (GSA) and the Defense Energy Support Center. These entities are responsible for determining the source of coal supplied under their contract. It is our understanding, based on information from the GSA, that the most recent supplier of coal for the plant is located in West Virginia.

Should you have further questions about the Capitol Power Plant, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN T. AYERS, AIA,
Acting Architect of the Capitol.

MILANA ATENCIO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Milana Atencio for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the

same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS
OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1963, the “Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.” I voted for components of this bill and would have voted in favor of this bill if not home recovering from surgery. This important legislation will help us to meet the needs of the men and women who have courageously sacrificed for our country and those that now care for them.

This bill ensures that veterans and their families get the care and support they need after they have put their lives on the line defending our great country. We in Congress made a promise not to leave our veterans behind and this bill renews that promise. This bill addresses the unique needs of the families and caregivers of our wounded warriors, of returning women soldiers and those veterans who are catastrophically disabled.

This bill provides support services to family and other caregivers of veterans, including education on how to give better care, counseling and mental health services, and respite care for family and other caregivers of all veterans. It also provides health care and a stipend for caregivers living with severely wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom have had to leave a job to care for their veteran full-time.

This bill improves health services for nearly 2 million female veterans. The VA will be able to provide care for female veterans’ newborns for up to seven days for the first time in history and improve treatment for sexual trauma victims. It requires the VA to conduct a study of barriers to female veterans seeking health care and implement a reintegration pilot program.

This law ensures the VA can better treat veterans suffering from mental health issues and provides the VA with resources to learn more about the tragically high suicide rate among veterans. This bill also prohibits copayments for veterans who are catastrophically disabled and creates a pilot program to provide certain dental services to veterans, survivors and their dependents. It also expands grants that fund critical organizations offering transitional housing and other support for homeless veterans.

I believe this legislation offers comprehensive solutions to major, high-priority challenges facing veterans and their families. It brings hope to the men and women in uniform who have dedicated their lives to our country, and their families who have in turn dedicated their lives to caring for their wounded warriors at home.

TRIBUTE AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO MRS. EMMA ALLEN ON THE
OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Emma Allen who was born on June 2, in Bessemer, Alabama and now resides at Lexington Healthcare of Elmhurst, IL.

Mrs. Allen has lived a long and fruitful life; she is the last of twelve siblings, was married to her late husband Mr. John Allen for 68 years and has one (1) daughter, three (3) grandchildren, six (6) great grandchildren, and three (3) great-great grandchildren.

I also commend Lexington Healthcare of Elmhurst, IL for providing excellent care for individuals like Mrs. Allen so that they may be able to live and enjoy life even though they may have reached the age of 100.

I also commend and thank granddaughter Ms. Janice Meeks for bringing Mrs. Allen to our attention and I wish and hope that all grandparents would have grandchildren like her.

PERMANENTLY EXTENDING THE
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER TAX
CREDIT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to permanently extend the first-time homebuyer tax credit and to make the credit available to people whose homes have been destroyed by a natural disaster, such as a hurricane. The legislation also makes a number of changes to existing tax credits in order to enhance their usefulness to victims of natural disasters. Specifically, this bill makes the casualty loss deductions available to taxpayers who do not itemize and it makes the casualty loss provision available for five years after the disaster. This legislation also helps people who have lost their jobs because of a natural disaster by making unemployment payments provided under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act tax free.

Renewing the first-time home buyer’s credit will help Americans purchase a first home with their own money, instead of having to rely on government-funded or backed programs. The other sections of this legislation were inspired by conversations my staff and I had with constituents who had to purchase new homes because Hurricane Ike destroyed their prior homes. The first-time homebuyer’s tax credit could be of tremendous value to these people, yet the law denies them the credit because they are replacing destroyed homes. My bill not only reinstates that first-time homebuyer’s credit, it also corrects that oversight.

It is hard to think of a more beneficial or compassionate expansion of the first-time homebuyer tax credit than to make the credit available to those whose homes have been destroyed or damaged by natural disasters. In

addition, the changes to the casualty loss provision will help more taxpayers affected by natural disasters. Repealing the taxes on unemployment benefits provided to people affected by natural disasters will ensure those forced onto the unemployment rolls because of a natural disaster are not further burdened by having to pay taxes on their unemployment benefits. Providing tax relief to first-time homebuyers and to those affected by natural disasters should be one of Congress' top priorities. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

MICHAEL MORENO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

HONORING EDWARD VAN ES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Edward Van Es, a business leader and entrepreneur who recently passed away. Mr. Van Es served the community of Laredo, Texas greatly through his contributions and grand business sense.

Mr. Van Es was born in Amsterdam, Holland in 1931. During the war, at the young age of ten, he was put on a freighter across the water of Yesselmer to farmlands where he worked. As a young boy, he witnessed the German occupation of Holland and lost two years of school in that time, yet returned home after working for eight months. Eventually, his country recovered and Mr. Van Es was able to return to school and graduate. He also served his country by joining the Dutch Army for two years, as a mechanic on tanks.

By 1953, Mr. Van Es immigrated to the United States where he lived in Los Angeles, California. He was a sports car auto mechanic and worked at a Jaguar dealership, servicing cars for Hollywood stars. He received his Bachelor's from California State College and his Master's from California State University in Long Beach. He became an educator—teach-

ing high school and after receiving his Master's became a college professor teaching manual arts. While teaching, Mr. Van Es had aspirations to fulfill as an independent franchisee for McDonald's. He became certified for his future business career by attending and graduating from Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Illinois. He developed a franchise in Laredo, Texas where the store's popularity grew and attracted tourists from Mexico and further. The franchise in Laredo broke all time sales in the industry. Thirty seven years later, a total of 16 McDonald's stores opened.

Mr. Van Es became recognized as one of the top McDonald's Owner/Operators in the corporation and received numerous awards. He served as Board of Director and Advisor to McDonald's Owner Association and was a member of the Ronald McDonald House Children's Charities amongst other organizations. Laredo Chamber of Commerce named him the Business Person of the Year in 2000.

As a prominent rancher and savvy businessman, Mr. Van Es gave back to the community through his dedication and contributions to charitable organizations. His 37-year career not only employed thousands, but also came to be his extended family and a lifetime service for Laredo, Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the late Mr. Van Es.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM M.
KRAUSE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to William M. Krause who is retiring after 30 years of active duty and federal civilian service. He currently serves as the Director of Business Operations on Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.

In August of 1980, Mr. Krause began his service as an airman in the United States Air Force. After 10 years of active duty service, he started his career as a contract specialist for the Air Force. He distinguished himself early on as a leader and innovator in this field. For his superior performance and unique approach to the job, Mr. Krause was named the Director of Business Operations in 1993.

As Director, Mr. Krause mentored small businesses in Missouri through the Department of Defense Small Business program and during my annual Procurement Conference. His mentorship and expertise strengthened Whiteman's security, improved relationships with local businesses and communities, and bettered the lives of the servicemen and women who call Whiteman home.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Krause's tireless dedication and outstanding contributions to the Whiteman community will continue to be felt for generations to come. I wish him, his wife Peggy, and his son Josh the very best in the years ahead.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
STAMFORD AREA YOUTH PHIL-
HARMONIC

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic and its esteemed founder and musical director Salvatore Princiotti.

Fifty years ago, Mr. Princiotti imagined an environment where young musicians could grow as artists and individuals while learning to work together toward a common goal and enriching the local community. As conductor of the string ensemble of the Junior Schubert Club of Stamford, Salvatore Princiotti organized the Schubert Club Youth Orchestra, which quickly grew into the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic, an ensemble now recognized for both its musical excellence and community involvement.

The Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic provides students the opportunity to work with their peers and talented professionals to learn and perform challenging, exciting repertoire. These experiences motivate young artists to pursue with tenacity their own musical aspirations as well as to share that enthusiasm as leaders in their school music programs. The result is an ensemble acclaimed for its musicianship, style, and expression and a membership with a passion for excellence that carries over into all endeavors they pursue.

The Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic has not only continued to distinguish itself musically, but Maestro Princiotti and his students have also shown their commitment to the community. With performances throughout Southwest Connecticut, giving of their time and talent, these students and their teachers have distinguished themselves as both musicians and citizens.

While the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic is lucky to count such talented students as members, these achievements would not have been possible without the direction and commitment of their director and founder Salvatore Princiotti. In celebrating his 50 years as conductor, I am thankful for the Maestro's service and dedication to the community, music, and above all, the students. He has left an indelible mark on the minds of all those who have been given the opportunity to learn under his baton and reminded us all of the importance and value of musical education.

Congratulations to the Stamford Area Youth Philharmonic, Maestro Salvatore Princiotti, and the students, parents, teachers, and volunteers who have committed themselves to creating and maintaining the impressive ensemble. Good luck and we look forward to another 50 years.

MALEAH VELARDE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

Velarde who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maleah Velarde is an 8th grader at Everitt Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

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

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS—MAITLAND POST OFFICE RENAMING

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, as our country pauses to recognize National Missing Children's Day, I rise to remember one of our former colleagues, Paula Hawkins, who tirelessly championed children and children's issues and to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman by renaming the Maitland Postal Facility in her honor.

Former U.S. Senator Paula Hawkins authored and helped secure enactment of the Missing Children Act in 1982 which authorized the Attorney General to collect and exchange information to identify and locate missing persons, especially children. Having served as her Chief of Staff when the legislation passed, I can say with certainty there would not be Federal missing children's statutes or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children if it was not for Senator Hawkins' determination and tireless work.

On October 13, 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed the Missing Children's Act into law, and this year marks the 28th year in national recognition of the law's passage. It is appropriate that on this day, the entire Florida Congressional Delegation join with me in introducing legislation to rename the Maitland Postal Facility at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida to bear the name of Paula Hawkins.

Senator Hawkins, known as the "Maitland Housewife", began as a community activist in that city and went on to become the first female elected to the U.S. Senate without family connections. Paula Hawkins also has the distinction of being the first Florida statewide elected female when she won a seat in 1972 on the Public Service Commission. With her passing on December 4, 2009, we lost a remarkable public servant and trailblazer for women and all Americans in the state and national political landscape.

On behalf of the Hawkins family, a grateful home state of Florida and a thankful nation, this Post Office renaming is a humble tribute to our former U.S. Senator, Paula Hawkins.

WIND POWER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, an editorial was printed in the Paducah Sun by Ben Lieberman with the Heritage Foundation regarding wind power. This article highlights the negative impact a renewable electricity standard, RES, would have on our economy and energy sector as well as the inability of wind power to meet our energy demands.

[From the Paducah Sun, May 24, 2010]

WIND POWER TOO INEFFICIENT, COSTLY TO SOLVE ENERGY WOES

(By Ben Lieberman)

Think Washington can't get any more out of touch? Well, Congress is considering measures that would raise our electric bills and kill more than 1 million jobs.

Sounds like hyperbole. But that's exactly what a renewable electricity standard (RES) would do. An RES (imbedded in legislation already approved by a Senate committee and part of the House global warming bill that passed last June) requires that a set amount of the nation's electricity be generated by wind or other approved alternatives.

It stands to reason that an RES would raise electricity costs. After all, if wind energy could compete with conventional sources like coal, natural gas or nuclear, there wouldn't be any need for a federal law forcing us to use it.

We don't have to guess, however. A study by The Heritage Foundation looked at a hypothetical RES starting at 3 percent in 2012 and rising by 1.5 percentage points each year after that—reaching 15 percent by 2020 and 22.5 percent by 2025. This roughly coincides with the pending proposals in Congress.

Heritage projects that such a provision would raise residential electric bills by 36 percent, or about \$300 annually for an average household of four. Industrial electricity costs would be even harder hit, rising by 60 percent.

Wind turbines tend to be pricey relative to the amount of juice they generate, but that's only part of the cost of an RES. Since the best sites for wind are remote mountain ridges or plains far from the customer base, multi-billion-dollar transmission-line projects would be required—with customers (that's you and me) picking up the tab.

The biggest and costliest problems of all stem from wind's unreliability. The wind doesn't always blow, and it's least reliable during hot summer days when electricity demand peaks but the air is often still. In other words, unlike coal or natural gas or nuclear, wind power can't be relied upon, especially when it is needed most.

Since the wind can stop at any time, it must always be backed up by reliable non-wind sources, ready to step in and carry the load. Thus, utilities can't really cut back on conventional electricity sources when they add wind to the mix. For this reason, an electric system that's forced to include wind becomes a marvel of expensive redundancy. And make no mistake—every penny will show up in our monthly bills.

One big selling point of an RES is the "green" jobs created by it. President Obama has made numerous trips to wind turbine factories and boasted about the jobs at each. Granted, there will be employment among those who build, install and maintain wind turbines, but the expensive electricity that results will send many more to the unemployment line.

The Heritage Foundation projects net job losses reaching 330,000 in 2012 and exceeding 1 million in 2017 and thereafter. Overall, the hit to the American economy of an RES reaching 37.5 percent by 2035 would be \$5.2 trillion. That's right, America would be more than \$5 trillion poorer with a wind-power mandate.

That works out to \$2,400 per year per family of four. Know anybody who's got an extra \$2,400 just sitting around? At a time when Americans consider the economy to be Washington's top priority, Congress shouldn't be considering an RES. The last thing we need is a multi-trillion dollar anti-stimulus package that would harm struggling homeowners and businesses. Renewable energy may have a future, but Washington can't force it through costly mandates.

MEGAN VANCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

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

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

THE DREAM CHURCH DAY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, The dReam Center Church of Atlanta has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for their past four years; and

Whereas, Pastor William H. Murphy, III and the members of the dReam Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, The dReam Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past four (4) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, The dReam Center Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of

compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the dReam Center Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 4th Anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 16, 2010 as, The dReam Center Church Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 16th day of May, 2010.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I voted against H. Res. 1258 designating the month of May as National Mental Health Month to draw attention to the threat to liberty posed by proposals to perform mandatory mental evaluations of all schoolchildren without parental consent.

The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health has recommended that the federal and state governments work toward the implementation of a comprehensive system of mental-health screening for all Americans. The commission recommends that universal or mandatory mental-health screening first be implemented in public schools as a prelude to expanding it to the general public. However, neither the commission's report nor any related mental-health screening proposal requires parental consent before a child is subjected to mental-health screening. Federally-funded universal or mandatory mental-health screening in schools without parental consent could lead to labeling more children as "ADD" or "hyperactive" and thus force more children to take psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, against their parents' wishes.

Too many children are suffering from being prescribed psychotropic drugs for nothing more than children's typical rambunctious behavior. According to Medco Health Solutions, more than 2.2 million children are receiving more than one psychotropic drug at one time. In fact, according to Medco Trends, in 2003, total spending on psychiatric drugs for children exceeded spending on antibiotics or asthma medication.

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a federally-funded mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on

social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally-funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

In order to protect our nation's children from mandatory mental health screening, I have introduced the Parental Consent Act, H.R. 2218. This bill forbids federal funds from being used for any universal or mandatory mental-health screening of students without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of their parents or legal guardians. This bill protects the fundamental right of parents to direct and control the upbringing and education of their children. I hope all my colleagues will co-sponsor H.R. 2218.

IN HONOR OF JOHN KERRIGAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Kerrigan, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Mr. Kerrigan has volunteered for twenty-five years at Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services in Delanco, New Jersey. As a dedicated volunteer in their food pantry, he spends his time shelving and packing donated food items for families in need in Burlington County.

Thanks to John's steady, behind-the-scenes efforts, six to seven hundred families receive emergency food assistance from Emergency and Community Services each month. John's work is seen by only a few but appreciated by so many.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in congratulating John for his outstanding and dedicated service to the less fortunate in our South Jersey communities.

MATTHEW MCGEE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matthew McGee who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Matthew McGee is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because

his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

RECOGNIZING ST. CLARE WALKER
MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LOCUST
HILL, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to rise today to recognize St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA for their recent national accreditation as a "School to Watch".

In 1999 the National Forum introduced the "Schools to Watch" Program. This program is a national partnership that seeks to identify and recognize high-performing middle schools. A strict criteria and guidelines, set by the "Schools to Watch" Forum, help identify the high-performing middle schools. Schools that are distinguished as "high-performing" demonstrate academic excellence by challenging students, are sensitive to the unique developmental needs of early adolescents, and provide students with high-quality resources and educators. St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust Hill, VA was recognized for meeting and exceeding the criteria.

St. Clare Walker Middle School Principal Dr. James Lane spearheaded and succeeded in creating a school that helps students excel academically, socially, and developmentally. Dr. Lane's commitment to excellence has resulted in national recognition as one of the best middle schools in Virginia. I want to commend the entire faculty, staff and students of St. Clare Walker Middle School for their hard work. As the husband of a school teacher I understand the vital work and learning that takes place every day in classrooms across the Commonwealth. The educators at St. Clare Walker Middle School have helped to create a learning environment that positions their students for lifelong academic success. I also want to recognize Superintendent Donald Fairheart, school board members, and members of the board of supervisors for their support and dedication to the success of St. Clare Walker Middle School.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting St. Clare Walker Middle School. I was able to spend the day with the faculty, teachers, and students. I was impressed by the many dedicated teachers and faculty with a passion for educating our Nation's youth. I also enjoyed meeting and talking with many St. Clare Walker Middle School students who exhibited great enthusiasm for learning.

I want to take some time today, to congratulate St. Clare Walker Middle School in Locust

Hill, VA and wish them continued future success. Through their hard work and perseverance they have earned the national honor of being designated a "School to Watch".

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
BLAINE KRAUSS NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, as we enter high school graduation season, I am proud to let my colleagues know that Blaine Krauss, a senior in the arts program at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, has been named a Presidential Scholar.

Blaine is the only student in the Tampa Bay area and one of only four in the entire State of Florida to be so recognized for his outstanding academic achievement and artistic excellence. He will be honored at the White House next month along with a guest he has chosen to accompany him, Mr. Keven Renken, the Chairman of the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School and Blaine's acting teacher.

Following my remarks, I will include a story from The St. Petersburg Times by Luis Perez about this great national honor for Blaine.

Madam Speaker, Blaine will be attending the University of Cincinnati next fall where he will major in musical theater. As his teacher says, he is a talented individual, but I know that he did not achieve his success without a lot of hard work and preparation. Please join me in congratulating Blaine for a job well done.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, May 4, 2010]

GIBBS HIGH SENIOR RECEIVES RARE NATIONAL HONOR: PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

(By Luis Perez)

ST. PETERSBURG.—Blaine Krauss, a senior in the arts program at Gibbs High School, was sitting in acting class Monday when he learned he had been named one of the scholastic elite: a presidential scholar. In dramatic fashion, he spent a good while running around the school. "I screamed with my friend and ran out of the classroom," said Krauss, 18, of St. Petersburg. "It took me about an hour and a half to calm down."

Krauss is among 141 students nationwide—four in Florida and the only one in the Tampa Bay area—to receive the honor this year for exceptional academic achievement and artistic excellence.

Each scholar gets to invite his most inspiring or challenging teacher to a White House reception this June. Krauss selected Keven Renken, chairman of the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs and his acting teacher for three years.

"Blaine is an amazingly talented student," said Renken, who has taught for 21 years. "He is just one of them. He has it. You can just tell. He's a great singer, a great talent. He's just one of the special ones."

Krauss, who aspires to sing on Broadway and a career in the political stage, said he was glad to be part of good publicity for the high school. This fall, he is entering the University of Cincinnati to major in musical theatre.

"I am happy to be a product of Gibbs and to say that our school is generating great kids," he said.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL JACK COLLEY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Colley who passed away on May 16, 2010. He was the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS), Division of Emergency Management.

Prior to joining TXDPS, he served in the United States Army from 1970–97 and retired as a Colonel. He was a valuable member of TXDPS and changed the field of Emergency Management. During his tenure, Colonel Colley was involved in the response and recovery of some of the largest incidents and disasters in Texas, such as the Space Shuttle Columbia crash in 2003, Hurricane Rita in 2005, and Hurricane Ike in 2008. Learning from the fallout of Hurricane Katrina, he began efforts to evacuate and shelter companion animals, emphasizing that no one would be left behind because they could not bring their pet.

He sought to make disaster response quicker, faster, and smarter and utilized innovative methods to make the Division of Emergency Management more effective. Among his many initiatives, Colonel Colley pushed for an Interstate Emergency Response Support Plan (IERSP)—partnering with Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, the first of its kind in the nation. Under his leadership, the Division of Emergency Management also focused on Re-Entry Task Forces that provided critical care and security and restored infrastructure within the first 72 hours after a storm. He was a visionary, a great leader, and a dedicated public servant. The great State of Texas has suffered a great loss; Jack Colley will be missed by all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Colonel Jack Colley. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL MAXWELL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman GEORGE MILLER and Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, to recognize Paul Maxwell, Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Chief Deputy Executive Director and most recently its Interim Executive Director, and congratulate him as he approaches his retirement.

Paul joined the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) in April 1990 as its first Deputy Director for Projects bringing a wealth of knowledge of transportation planning, programming, and funding, having previously served 13 years in the region at the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission. As Deputy Director for Projects at CCTA, Paul has been responsible for the Authority's participation, project management and delivery of over two billion dollars of capital improvements. His service to Contra Costa County residents has included oversight and manage-

ment of the development of state highway expansions, local street improvements, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District rail extensions, transit centers, bicycle bridges, trails and other facilities. Further, as part of his responsibilities with CCTA's Congestion Management Agency, Paul advocated for state and federal transportation funds for crucial Authority projects and worked closely with staff in the development of those project priorities, including State Route 4, BART, and the Richmond Parkway, to name just a few.

Most recently he has worked tirelessly on the combined efforts of the CCTA, Caltrans, and the Alameda Congestion Management Agency to deliver the Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore project; the largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded transportation project in the United States to date. He has also worked with BART, Caltrans, Contra Costa County, and East County cities to deliver the expansion of State Route 4 East and the eBART extension. State Route 4 and the Caldecott Tunnel, located on State Route 24, are two of the major commute and freight corridors connecting the East Bay Area to the coast and the Central Valley. Their improvement is essential to the economic vitality of our region and I know my friends, Mr. MILLER and Mr. MCNERNEY, and I are very grateful for Paul's efforts on these major projects.

Throughout his tenure, Paul has maintained strong relationships with those involved in various CCTA projects and is well-respected by his colleagues, agency staff, Board members and stakeholders. In 1996, Paul was named Chief Deputy Executive Director where he oversaw the coordination of all Authority sections. And in December 2009, he was named and has acted as the Interim Executive Director until his retirement this month.

Prior to this distinguished record at CCTA, Paul served as the Manager of Planning and Programming at the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission where his responsibilities included transportation finance, air quality planning, multi-modal transportation corridor studies, and the Regional Transportation Plan. He served as the primary liaison between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the California Transportation Commission. He has also worked with the Metropolitan Washington, DC, Council of Governments and DeLeuw, Cather and Company, an engineering and construction firm here in Washington, DC.

Paul holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Newcastle University in the United Kingdom. He also achieved his Masters of Science in Transportation Engineering from the University of California—Berkeley.

Madam Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Paul for his tireless and dedicated service to the people of California, the Bay Area, and especially Contra Costa County. We also join his family, colleagues and friends in congratulating Paul on a successful and fulfilling career, and a very well-deserved retirement.

PASS H.R. 4213

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, before this week is over, we will vote to create jobs

in America. We will do this by discouraging the outsourcing of American jobs and supporting our nation's workforce and small businesses.

For too long, large corporations have exploited tax loopholes by slipping between foreign and U.S. tax codes. This system permits big businesses to evade their responsibilities and shifts the tax burden onto everyone else. It also encourages big businesses to move jobs from the U.S. to other countries. This

begs the question: Why would we perpetuate a system that encourages the outsourcing of American jobs?

This Democratic-led Congress is saying no more. Big businesses have to pay their fair share just like the rest of us. This Congress is lifting the tax burden off the middle class still struggling from the Bush recession. We are leading a recovery of shared prosperity. We are bringing jobs to America through targeted tax cuts and smart investments: this includes

tax credits for research and development, support for 250,000 summer jobs, and tax incentives for small businesses in low-income communities and in the hard-hit construction sector.

We should, hopefully with the support of the Republicans, pass H.R. 4213, close harmful corporate tax loopholes, and create jobs right here, in America, right now.