

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ON THE PASSING OF JOHN
KING, SR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a much beloved San Francisco community leader and decades-long advocate for our elderly and physically-disabled residents: John King. Until we lost him on June 8, John was the Godfather of Visitacion Valley, bringing hope and dignity to the elderly.

Born in Texas, John King moved to San Francisco in 1948, where he worked for many years as a butcher. He also worked for nearly two decades as a Merchant Seaman, circling the globe seven times.

Upon retirement John King turned his attention to his underserved neighborhood, Visitacion Valley, especially the safety and well-being of its elderly population. He started Visitacion Valley Escort Services to provide transportation for the elderly, frail and physically challenged.

The crime-ridden, dilapidated Geneva Towers apartments had been demolished creating a critical low-income housing shortage for the seniors and families who had lived there.

Working together, John and I helped to secure funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build the John King Senior Center. It stands today as a testament to Mr. King's vision, knowledge and perseverance. In his lifetime, John was proud to witness its growth and success.

The John King Senior Center is an oasis in our city: its beautiful garden is tended by seniors, meals are an opportunity for celebration, and holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas are made special for the residents.

This multi-purpose, multi-ethnic neighborhood center provides a safe haven for seniors, including transportation services, social opportunities, hot nutritious lunches, health and nutrition education and housing assistance. In John's name, it offers love and care to those who need it most.

John will be remembered by its residents for his secret, and mouth-watering, barbecue recipe, but also for the concern he showed to every member of the community.

John King's contributions to Visitacion Valley and the City of San Francisco demonstrated remarkable generosity, and we all benefitted from his vision, leadership and service.

I have lost a wise and cherished friend. I hope it is a comfort to his beloved wife Violette, his sons John 'Subiani' King, Jr. and Jerome King, and his grandchildren that countless San Franciscans join them in mourning John King's passing.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND
CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010, H.R. 5297. I would like to thank Chairman BARNEY FRANK, co-sponsors of the bill, and the Members of the Committee on Financial Services for supporting this important legislation. I believe this bill is critical to the continued economic growth and stability of the nation. Small businesses represent one of the most important segments of the U.S. economy. The health of the nation's small businesses is directly tied to the health of the U.S. economy. The latest Census Bureau data for small businesses indicate that over 4 million small businesses employ more than 20 million employees. Small businesses accounted for approximately 18 percent of private sector jobs in 2006, but nearly 25 percent of net employment growth from 1992 to 2005. The contribution of small businesses to the national economy, particularly during the economic recession, was crucial to creating jobs and promoting economic recovery in many parts of the nation.

This bill recognizes that there has been a dramatic decline in lending to small businesses, as a result of the worst recession in our history. According to a February 2010 report of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), total bank loans and leases declined for the sixth straight quarter, with total loans to commercial and industrial borrowers declining 4.3 percent and real estate construction and development loans declining by 8.4 percent. These are not positive indicators for the small business sector, because without access to credit and working capital it is virtually impossible for small businesses to grow or to hire. Jobs must continue to be our number one priority and small businesses create jobs.

As liquidity in U.S. financial markets evaporated during the economic recession, many businesses, particularly small businesses, found it difficult if not impossible to secure loans to keep their businesses operating. Meanwhile, banks have imposed more stringent lending requirements and eliminated or decreased substantial lines of credit, even when the businesses are up-to-date on their loan repayments. Of course, the nation's minority-owned and women-owned businesses, which have always cited access to capital and

credit as their number one problem, have only had their problems compounded by the lack of small business lending in many parts of the country.

According to Treasury Secretary Geithner, "banks have been told to maintain capital levels in excess of those required to be considered well capitalized. Some banks say they have little choice but to scale back lending, even to creditworthy borrowers, and the most recent Federal Reserve data shows banks are continuing to tighten lending standards for small business." Given this type of assessment by our Secretary of the Treasury, it only makes sense for Congress to take radical steps to reverse the trend and to stimulate the most important sector of the economy—the small business sector.

Others have documented the small business lending dilemma. For example, the TARP Congressional Oversight Panel's May 13, 2010 Oversight Report ("COP Report") addressed the issue of small business lending. "The COP Report concluded 'small business credit remains severely constricted', and also noted the difficulty smaller banks have had in providing small business credit due to exposure to commercial real estate and other liabilities." Whether small business credit liquidity is a supply problem, or a demand problem, no one can really say. What is clear is that small businesses in every part of the country, including my 18th Congressional District, are strapped for the financial resources necessary to run their businesses. Now the oil spill in the gulf region has worsened matters for small businesses in many gulf coast communities and my 18th Congressional District, where businesses rely on seafood from the gulf for their survival. Many of these businesses were crying out for help before the crisis and will only cry louder for help because of it. The Jackson Lee-Cao amendment will make sure the small business lending is targeted to these gulf coast communities.

The Houston District SBA office serves 32 counties in Southeast Texas where there are over 340,000 small business establishments. The leading categories are Health Services, Business Services, Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods, and Food and Beverage Establishments.

At the beginning of 2006, the State of Texas reported 706 banks and thrifts. There are 231 participating lenders belonging to the SBA Houston District. However, many of these SBA lenders are not lending to small businesses.

Among the 10 most populous metro areas, Houston ranked second in employment growth rate and fourth in nominal employment growth. Much of this growth can be directly attributed to small businesses. In 2006, the Houston metropolitan area ranked first in Texas and third in the U.S. within the category of "Best Places for Business and Careers" by Forbes. Small businesses made these rankings possible.

However, I would submit to you that each of these indicators, particularly the one documenting the number of small businesses in the

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Houston District, will not improve if the small business lending crisis continues. Small businesses in every category in Houston will be eliminated permanently, resulting in the loss of jobs, incomes and economic stability. Of course, the administration acknowledges this problem, and proposed establishing the \$30 billion lending fund and the State Small Business Credit Initiative to allocate funding to states to support Capital Access Programs. The Obama administration also supports expansion of many of the current SBA programs, as well as tax incentives to stimulate the small business sector. Any comprehensive package of initiatives designed to support small business is the best solution to keep the small businesses of our Nation generating jobs and creating income. H.R. 5297 is one element of the comprehensive package we need right now to provide much needed capital to small businesses and the fund has enough safeguards to ensure the lending truly benefits small businesses.

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe we have reached an impasse when it comes to small business lending in our country, and the only way to send a strong signal to the small businesses and the banks that lend to them is to pass legislation that will help to ease the liquidity crisis. This bill is a timely well-crafted measure to assist the Nation's small businesses. I urge you to support H.R. 5297.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATIE
SCHOOLS

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today in recognition of my constituent, Katie Schools, who is serving as an "intern for a day" here on Capitol Hill.

Katie first realized her passion for public service and our Nation's democratic process in 2003, when she met with staff members from my office and the office of Senator John Warner. With the steady support and encouragement of her parents, Susan and Chris Schools, Katie has developed a deep interest in politics and she has made a lasting impact in my office.

Katie Schools impresses all who meet her with her perseverance and her passion for serving her community in the face of adversity. Born on October 25, 2000 in Henrico County, VA, Katie was diagnosed at the age of one with a tumor which was located in the middle of her brain. Today, Katie bravely continues to battle this disease. While receiving radiation therapy at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Katie volunteered to be interviewed in 2007 for the St. Jude's Kids Radiothon by K95 Country Cares to share her story. This radiothon occurs every February and benefits the children of St. Jude's and Katie has continued to participate in two more radiothons to help raise support and awareness for the work of St. Jude's.

In addition to her many other interests, Katie is also developing her promising skills as an artist. Her art work has been displayed in the Bone Marrow Transplant unit in the Chili's

Care Center at St. Jude's and in 2008, Katie was recognized as the youngest artist to create an ornament for the White House Christmas tree. Katie has also proudly served as a Girl Scout for the past four years, recently attaining the rank of Jr. Girl Scout.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues in the House, please join me in recognizing Katie Schools and commending her for being such a tremendous example of courage and grace to all who have the benefit of knowing her.

HONORING THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1
OF PAOLI

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 1 of Paoli, Chester County as they celebrate their 99th anniversary.

Generation after generation, the Scouts of Troop 1 have developed and exhibited exemplary character, values and leadership skills and have volunteered thousands of hours to clean up streams, build parks and take on countless other projects aimed at improving the quality of life throughout the Paoli area. As a result, the Troop has established itself as one of the premiere Scouting programs in the Nation.

A major reason the tradition of Scouting has thrived in Paoli and throughout the Nation is due to dedicated volunteers and Troop alumni, who graciously commit countless hours and endless effort to mentoring young men in their communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Boy Scout Troop 1 on reaching this very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE DANGERS AND
DRAWBACKS OF AMERICA'S
ADDICTION TO OIL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dangers of America's continued dependence on harmful fossil fuels and the urgent need to usher in a new era of clean, green energy. In his 2006 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush poignantly noted that "America is addicted to oil," an extremely destructive habit that continues to threaten our environment, national security, health, and economy. In light of the ongoing catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, it is imperative that we recognize the dangers of our oil addiction and strive to actively break away from this costly and destructive dependence.

Burning almost 20 million barrels of oil a day, the United States, which possesses a mere 2.2 percent of the world's oil reserves, consumes more than one quarter of the world's oil supply. This unrivaled compulsion to consume an increasingly limited oil supply has made the United States dependent on importing oil from foreign nations and producing environmentally destructive fuel sources.

Most recently, our country has witnessed the growth of the Canadian tar sands industry. Tar sands are a combination of clay, sand, and bitumen that are found in great quantities under the boreal forest of Alberta. Through the use of large mining operations as well as extremely inefficient underground heating and production methods, companies are able to transform tar sands into a form of heavy oil that travels via pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico to be further refined for use in transportation fuels.

The destructive effects of exploiting tar sands and building pipelines are varied and far reaching. These projects provide the United States a highly polluting fuel that when burned emits two to three times more carbon than the dirtiest fuels we use today. Widespread usage of tar sands will further ensure our dependence on fossil fuels that will pollute and contaminate our air and water. Furthermore, permitting tar sands mining and pipelines will significantly detract from the necessary drive to develop cleaner and more efficient fuel sources—sources that will not weaken our economy, threaten our national security, or harm the environment.

Should tar sands pipelines be built, thousands of miles of land will be irrevocably scarred and poisoned. The pipelines required to transport the oil cut through sensitive ecosystems, cross rivers, and invade ranches and farms, which threaten water supplies, displace and endanger local wildlife, and put farmland out of production. Such pipelines also lead to a near inevitability of spills and leaks, the economic and environmental repercussions of which would be tremendous.

In addition to the risks that arise from pipeline construction, the tar sands mining and production facilities will irreversibly devastate the environment. By creating a demand for tar sands, the Canadian Government will be encouraged to continue removing the boreal forest, destroying the natural habitats of countless animals and polluting both the air and water. Moreover, the growth in tar sands production facilities will necessitate the increased use of United States refiners which create far more air and water pollution in their surrounding communities.

The construction of these pipelines should be immediately canceled, effectively taking a stand against the proliferation of this dirty fuel. Congress should also pass comprehensive climate and energy legislation that will hold the oil companies and similar corporations accountable for their pollution. Instead of building pipelines, we need to invest in American ingenuity and create a clean, green American energy economy.

We must do everything in our power to end this oil addiction, and endorsing tar sands pipelines is a step in the wrong direction. Such a project would only continue to fuel the fires of our dependency. Now more than ever, we must take a stand.

HONORING NANCY J. REED

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nancy J. Reed of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Nancy is active in the community and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Nancy is a truly outstanding individual and has been a volunteer and leader extraordinaire her entire life. She is respected for her leadership and passion for doing what is right for mankind. She broke ground in 1964 as a savvy political wife helping elect her husband to the Missouri House. She then participated in city, county, state and national elections. She was elected to the SJSJ school board in 1976 and was president in 1980–1982. She served at a difficult time, closing four schools—including her own children's school. She has served for United Way, InterServ, the Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Francis Street United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Nancy J. Reed. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

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OF TEXAS

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Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman BARNEY FRANK and Members of the House Financial Services Committee for supporting the "Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010", and for the opportunity to explain my amendment, No. 12, to H.R. 5297. I also want to thank Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO from the Louisiana's Second District, one of the Gulf Coast communities affected by the oil spill for co-sponsoring the amendment.

My amendment would require the Secretary of Treasury to confer special consideration in the allocation of funds to states in the Gulf region, and to eligible financial institutions in the areas where the local economy has been adversely affected by the recent Gulf Region oil spill. Local communities that rely on the natural resources and the related business activity of the Gulf have been devastated. If economic action is not taken, they will continue to see layoffs, increased unemployment, and significant declines in economic activity. This

amendment will help resolve the negative impacts of the oil spill by ensuring that credit is extended to small businesses in these areas.

Madam Chair, given the enormous economy created by the natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico, the economic effects of the oil spill will be massive. In 2008, over 620,000 were employed in the tourism and recreation markets and 210,000 in commercial fishing industry in the Gulf Region. Secondary job markets also rely on business related to the natural resources of the Gulf. These include boat maintenance companies, fishing equipment suppliers, and cleaning companies to name a few. These markets are, and will continue to be adversely affected by the oil spill.

Estimates of the exact economic repercussions of the spill have yet to be determined. However, the University of Central Florida predicts that in Florida alone, 40,000 jobs and \$2.2 billion could be lost as a direct result. President Obama has recently stated that the American people should be prepared for an ongoing economic impact, resulting from the oil spill.

In my recent visit to the impacted communities of the Gulf Coast region, I had an opportunity to visit with oystermen, fishermen, watermen, shrimpers, boat owners and others to listen to their personal stories of lost dreams, lost revenues, and disruptions to their way of living caused by the oil spill. This bill represents a small step towards returning their lives to some sense of normality by requiring financial institutions in these devastated communities, to begin lending again to small businesses, which generate jobs and incomes.

Again, I would like to thank my colleague, Representative ANH CAO, for joining me as a co-sponsor of this amendment. He too understands the importance of this bill as a vehicle to provide small business lending to aid in the recovery of those communities affected by the oil spill. This amendment to H.R. 5297 would provide a major impetus in the sustained efforts towards recovery from this unfolding crisis. If small businesses are able to obtain credit, they would again gain the ability to grow, expand, and thus create new job opportunities in the regions affected by the oil spill. This would greatly offset the economic catastrophe that is already emerging in these areas; one that no one could have anticipated less than 57 days ago.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to make my amendment in order.

HONORING EDWARD MOFFAT II**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edward Moffat and his service to the community. Judge Moffat passed away on January 16, 2010 at the age of 63.

Judge Edward Moffat II was born on December 20, 1946 in Denver, Colorado, to Edward and Josephine Sansone-Moffat. In 1963 the family moved to Oakland, California. Upon graduating from Bishop O'Dowd High School, he attended St. Mary's College at Moraga, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history. He attended Golden Gate University

and graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree in 1972. Later that year, he was admitted to the California Bar.

Judge Moffat moved to Madera, California to become an assistant district attorney. Over the next 12 years he gained broad experience in both criminal and appellate law with successive positions with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, Tulare County Public Defender's Office, as well as private practice. In 1986 Judge Moffat ran for Madera County Superior Court and was elected. He was re-elected in 1992, 1998 and 2004. Judge Moffat served as the Presiding Judge in 1989, 1991–1992, 1996 and 2002–2004. During his career, Judge Moffat also served as Presiding Judge of Appellate Division, Judge of Appellate Division for Madera Superior Court, Judge of Appellate Division for Mariposa Superior Court and Associate Justice pro tempore of the Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District.

Outside of the court room, Judge Moffat was a member of the California Judges Association, Cow County Judges Association, California State Bar, La Raza Lawyers Association of Fresno, Madera County Bar Association, and the California Public Defenders Association. Judge Moffat served as a Madera County Law Library Trustee for twenty-four years. He was also involved with many community organizations, including the Young Men's Institute, the Italo American Club, the Italian Catholic Federation, the Knights of Columbus, the Pan American Club, Madera Elks Club and Madera Noon Lions. He also worked tirelessly with local youth and the Boy Scouts of America. For his contribution and service, Judge Moffat received many awards and honors. He was named "Man of the Year" by the Young Man's Institute and the Pan American Club and the Dad's Can Cook 2003 "Father of the Year". Judge Moffat was honored by the Madera County Office of Education in 2001 when he was awarded the "Golden Apple Award", and again recently when they named the Mock Trial program in his honor.

Judge Moffat spent his free time golfing with his children and friends at the Madera Golf and Country Club, at home baking with his grandchildren or playing penny slot machines at the casinos with his wife, Veronica. He was a sports enthusiast, always finding opportunities to discuss major league baseball and the Denver Broncos; he read the sports section of the San Francisco Chronicle often.

Judge Moffat is survived by his wife of 35 years, Veronica; their children, Gina, Edward III, Sarah and Matthew; brothers John and Joe; sister Marie Capri; grandchildren Kobe and Devon. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, a tireless community leader and a great friend to many.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Edward Moffat. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

IN MEMORIAM: GEORGE HODDY**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, today, my district laid to rest a local hero, a man who truly

embodied the community spirit that makes our country so great.

George Hoddy, an extraordinarily accomplished businessman, booster, and philanthropist in Owosso, Michigan, died on Sunday at the age of 105. His life is an example for all Americans.

He moved to Owosso in 1936 as an enterprising young man, driven by a truly American spirit to provide jobs and help Owosso recover from the Great Depression.

He founded Universal Electric Company in Owosso, becoming a community icon and providing steady employment for thousands. George was a constant innovator, developing ideas and obtaining 32 patents in the small-motor field.

Not content with simply being a business leader, George was also icon in many-community organizations. A run-down of just a few of those include Memorial Healthcare, the Rotary Club, the Boy Scouts, Shiawassee YMCA and YWCA, Shiawassee United Way, Owosso-Corunna Area Chamber of Commerce, Owosso Industrial Development Corporation, the Shiawassee Foundation. His service truly was life-long: he was a Mason for more than 80 years.

And there are many more. George's involvement illustrates how working together and giving back can better one's community.

One of his crowning achievements was to encourage Baker College to come to Owosso. He served as the original Board of Regents chair for Baker College of Owosso. Most recently, he donated his home and four other buildings to the school, and established a scholarship in his and wife Lois's names there.

He has been, rightly, called an "honorary founding father" by Owosso's Mayor. George Hoddy's belief in and commitment to the founding strengths our nation; free enterprise, limited government, and involvement in his community made him a giant among men. I valued his friendship and counsel. His life was one to be truly celebrated.

HONORING JENNIFER SOPER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jennifer Soper of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jennifer is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Emerging Leader.

As managing attorney for the local office of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Jennifer leads the largest individual unit within the organization. She has dedicated her career to assisting the underprivileged and victims of abuse, and serves on several councils and committees that further the interests of the less fortunate and minority groups. Some of her accomplishments include developing educational brochures in multiple languages to inform clients of their rights and obligations, facilitating programs to disperse that information, teaching a course in family law, and recruiting interns.

Jennifer demonstrates excellence in her various roles as a volunteer. Her impact has been extensive, both to the individuals she is working to serve and to her co-workers whom she serves alongside.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jennifer Soper. Her achievements and selfless acts of service have impacted countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2142, The Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act. This legislation will force federal agencies and Congress to confront a crucial question: does the government we have operate as efficiently and responsibly as possible? By requiring agency heads to set measurable goals, subjecting identified programs to frequent assessments, and by enhancing transparency, this bill goes a long way towards creating an accountable, results-oriented government.

Before coming to Congress, I was a scientist and a businessman. In both science and business, data, clear metrics, and measurable goals guide any successful endeavor. The same should be true of the federal government. Whenever taxpayer dollars are spent, the American people deserve to know whether they're getting their money's worth. This means identifying which agencies are working, and which are not.

With deficits on an unsustainable long-term course, we must have a mechanism in place to ferret out wasteful spending and not hesitate to slash underperforming programs. This bill not only puts in place that mechanism, but it also allows the public to participate in the process. Agencies will be required to consider public input on program goals and the criteria by which they are assessed.

This bill is a victory for accountable government and the American taxpayer. Those who oppose it will say that it does not go far and fast enough, but they will not dispute that it is a step in the right direction. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

MEDIA HELPS ATTORNEY GENERAL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the media recently covered a meeting between Attorney General Holder and police chiefs who oppose Arizona's new immigration enforcement law. The stories left readers with the impression their views were representative of law enforcement officers.

That's not the case, as Investor's Business Daily has pointed out:

The meeting was "staged by a liberal Washington lobby group . . ." that "describes itself

as a 'progressive' organization 'challenging traditional police practices.'"

They are "partnered with the ACLU and [have] lobbied against even federal enforcement of immigration laws."

If a group of self-described "conservative" law enforcement officers had met with Attorney General Holder, the media would have mentioned their bias in the news coverage—if they bothered to cover the story at all.

HONORING LONG-TIME LABOR LEADER, ACTIVIST AND UCLA SCHOLAR MR. JOHN DELLORO

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. John Delloro, who passed on the morning of June 5, 2010, at the young age of 39. My heart goes out to his wife, Dr. Susan Suh, their two young children, Mina and Malcolm, and the rest of John's family and friends.

Delloro was an extraordinary citizen, a powerful advocate for social justice in Los Angeles, our Nation and beyond. He helped improve the lives of many people in his short yet fulfilling life, becoming a nationally recognized labor leader, educator, organizer, teacher and mentor well before the age of 40.

A Bruin through and through, John earned his master's degree in Asian American Studies and his bachelor's degree in Psychology at UCLA. He worked as a lecturer at UCLA's Asian Studies Department for three years, inspiring countless students to become involved and active in their community.

During his tenure as a faculty member at Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Delloro helped groomed a new generation of union leaders, teaching classes in politics and labor, labor leadership and strategic planning for labor unions.

John will always be remembered as a tireless advocate for working men, women and families. He served as manager of the southwest California area of the 90,000 member SEIU Local 1000, the Union of California State Workers and as staff director for the acute care hospital division of SEIU Local 399. He was a dedicated labor leader, spending countless hours organizing workers of all backgrounds, from cooks in Las Vegas to court employees in Los Angeles.

He was also a leading advocate for his own Filipino American and APA community, co-founding the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California and serving as National President of the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, the largest and only national organization dedicated to representing the interests of Asian Pacific American working families.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring my friend John Delloro for his remarkable service and contribution to our country. He has made a true impact on lives of many, and will be sorely missed.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTION
PARTNERSHIP OF GREATER
SAINT JOSEPH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Community Action Partnership of Greater Saint Joseph. This agency is active in the St. Joseph community through their work and have been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Community Action Partnership has a 45 year history of empowering women and opening doors of opportunity, through assistance to young mothers in achieving college dreams to providing development opportunities to help maintain employment for mothers in need. Many staff members began their careers as program participants and have become supervisors and leaders in the organization, all expressing a passion for their work and the agency. With benefits that include flexible hours, work-from-home options, healthcare for both full and part-time employees, and time allotted each week to attend classes, this agency is building a brighter future for 145 individuals and their families. This employer is empowering its staff by encouraging involvement in community organizations, local boards, and leadership programs at the local, state and national level.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Community Action Partnership of Greater Saint Joseph. Their empowerment and dedication to their employees has impacted countless individuals in and beyond the Saint Joseph Community. I am honored to represent this agency in the United States Congress.

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chair, today I rise in strong support of Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. Small businesses are the engine of economic growth where nearly two out of three jobs are created. A recent study found that 39 percent of small businesses were struggling to access credit. Today's legislation will address this issue by providing capital to community banks who will lend to these job creating small businesses.

The Small Business Lending Fund Act would establish a \$30 billion fund to lend to small businesses looking to hire and expand their operations by providing additional capital

to community banks. Today's legislation will also create the State Small Business Credit Initiative that would partner with state based programs to lend up to \$20 billion in new lending. This is critical because many state-based programs are being forced to slash funding due to severe budget shortfalls.

Mr. Chair, small businesses will be the catalyst to bring America out of this severe recession. Providing assistance to our small businesses is a necessary and urgent priority. I urge my colleagues to support today's legislation.

HONORING ALAN W. MENDELSON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan W. Mendelsohn of the Department of the Navy, who is retiring after more than thirty-two years of faithful service to our Nation, culminating in his role as Deputy Counsel of the Military Sealift Command.

During his more than thirty-two years of federal service, twenty-five of which were spent as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel supporting the Military Sealift Command, Mr. Mendelsohn has consistently demonstrated the highest level of leadership and commitment to his country.

In support of the ongoing war on terror, Mr. Mendelsohn provided distinguished legal services to ensure the award of numerous significant and complex procurements, and to resolve force protection and international law issues related to civilian mariners. In particular, Mr. Mendelsohn was instrumental in the award of the heavy lift contract to return the USS COLE to the United States for repairs following its damage from a terrorist attack. Mr. Mendelsohn also demonstrated outstanding initiative in serving as a business advisor to the Military Sealift Command in the implementation of a significant realignment that has ensured that the MSC can meet the increasing needs of the warfighter at a reduced cost.

Mr. Mendelsohn established himself as a respected expert in the maritime industry and was frequently asked to conduct briefings for Members of Congress and their staff on issues associated with the maritime industry, including overseas ship repair and maritime labor practices. Mr. Mendelsohn also drafted a number of legislative proposals that were enacted into law.

Alan Mendelsohn has exhibited integrity, vision, dedication and civility throughout his career. The commitment and sacrifice of Americans like him enrich our Nation. I am proud, Madam Speaker, to thank Alan Mendelsohn for his honorable service to our Nation. I wish him fair winds and following seas as he concludes a distinguished career of public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall 339,

340, 341, and 342. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures.

JUNETEENTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am delighted to acknowledge Juneteenth. I am pleased to be with you this afternoon. I would like to thank you for your commitment to seeking solutions to one of the most pressing challenges facing our community: ensuring that everyone receive all the rights guaranteed under our civil rights laws. I believe that one of the most important violations of civil rights are hate crimes and racial profiling. I also believe that equal access to health, education, housing and health care, are all civil rights. But I will focus on hate crimes and access to adequate health care.

HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH

For those of you who ask, "What is Juneteenth," I will tell you. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that the Union soldiers, led by the courageous Major General Gordon Granger, landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. The Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1, 1863. Nevertheless, people held in bondage in Texas had to wait two and a half years after President Lincoln's proclamation, to hear the news of freedom.

It gives me great pleasure to speak about Juneteenth and I would like to share with you the letter that Major General Gordon Granger read to the emotion filled slaves. It reads as follows: "The People of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Prior to June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops available to enforce the new Executive order. Thanks to the meritorious Major Granger and the arrival of his troops, there were forces strong enough to overcome the resistance and to free the slaves.

Many stories have been told about the actual reason for why it took so long for the news of the Emancipation to reach Galveston, but it is very difficult to say which one is true. The fact still remains that the news did not come to the enslaved Texans soon enough. The reactions to the profound news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation.

Upon hearing the news, many of the newly freed slaves went north and others went to neighboring states, such as Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. For those freed men and women, recounting the memories and festivities of that great day in June of 1865 served as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their new territory.

The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and it grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring one another,

for praying and for gathering with family members. This still holds true today because African Americans continue to face many challenges that call for prayer and gathering together with one's family and community.

When the celebration of Juneteenth originated, a range of activities were offered to entertain the masses, many of which continue in tradition today. Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and baseball are just a few of the typical Juneteenth activities that one may witness or participate in today. This is an historic and important commemoration for Texas but also for the Nation. This Holiday equals freedom. I applaud all of the events sponsored by Houstonians that seeks to inspire and educate our children and to respect the former slaves of Texas who suffered so much.

HONORING LYDIA ZUIDEMA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lydia Zuidema of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Lydia is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in the Workplace.

Lydia is the superintendent and a teacher at St. Joseph Christian School. She instituted the school's National Institute for Learning Development program and has traveled to Afghanistan and South Africa to train other teachers. In Afghanistan, she helped staff and faculty prepare to receive accreditation; in South Africa, she trained early childhood educators. She never wavers from her sense of peace and calm, which comes from her great love for and dedication to the Lord.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lydia Zuidema. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 1422, Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary. I would also like to commend Representative SENSENBRENNER for his commitment to recognizing the department for its many accomplishments.

The Department of Justice officially began operations on July 1, 1870 and has been responsible for the enforcement of law and administration of justice for 140 years. The Department of Justice was a major advocate and protector for voting rights in the Southern United States and Georgia during the Civil Rights Era. The Department used its litigators to fight racial injustice throughout the Southern

United States. The work of the Department of Justice served in part as inspiration for President Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into law.

The Department of Justice is innately close to my heart. My father worked for many years in the Bureau of Prisons, a subdivision of the Department of Justice, and was the director of classifications and paroles. He was at that time the highest ranking African-American in the bureau. Today the department is headed by Attorney General Eric Holder, the first African-American man to hold this position in the departments 140 year history. It is ironic that the Department charged with justice for all people took more than a century in order to name an African-American citizen as its leader; however his nomination serves as an indication of progress and change.

The Department of Justice has championed many successful initiatives including Project Safe Neighborhoods, Project Safe Childhood, and the Presidents Corporate Fraud Task Force. Together these initiatives have resulted in increased protection and safety for our nation's children, as well as record convictions for financial crimes. The Department of Justice has made a significant impact in the state of Georgia through the Southeast Regional Fugitive Force operating out of offices in Atlanta and Macon, Georgia. The SERFTF is recognized nationwide as a leader in fugitive investigations.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to applaud the accomplishments of the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140' anniversary and I urge my colleagues to do the same. I challenge the Department of Justice to continue its mission of pursuing the administration of justice for all people in the United States.

HONORING PATRICK CREER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patrick Creer upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol, Oakhurst Area Office. Officer Creer will officially retire on June 30, 2010 after 28 years of service.

Officer Creer graduated from Simi Valley High School in 1972. He served in the United States Air Force from 1976 through 1982. After completing his service in the military, Officer Creer was appointed to the California Highway Patrol academy in 1982. Upon graduating from the academy, he was assigned to the Santa Cruz Area Office.

In 1988 Officer Creer was transferred to the Fresno Area Office. After serving 6 years in Fresno, he was transferred to the Central Division, where he worked in the recruitment unit for 9 years. In 2003, Officer Creer was transferred to the newly opened Oakhurst Area Office.

Officer Creer has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 34 years. They have 1 son, Matthew.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Patrick Creer for his tremendous service to the State of California upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer Creer many years of continued success.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT REYNOLDS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Lieutenant Robert Reynolds of the Worcester Fire Department. Lieutenant Reynolds is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Worcester.

As with any public service profession, the nobility inherent in fire fighters should not be overlooked. These brave people, bound by duty and honor, risk their own health and safety in order to protect the lives and property of others. This sense of duty was undoubtedly felt by Mr. Reynolds when he joined the department at the age of 34, and certainly it continued to grow even after being promoted to Lieutenant.

Not only has Lieutenant Reynolds served his community during his career as fire fighter, he has served his country as a U.S. Marine. The leap from Marine to firefighter is not difficult to imagine; to be effective in either profession requires strength of character of immeasurable quantities. It is Lieutenant Reynolds's character that led him to his distinguished career, and it is that character that I would like to honor as he enters a well deserved retirement among his family—his wife Elizabeth and two children, Margo E. (Reynolds) Clark and Bridget J. Reynolds.

I know all of my colleagues join me in thanking Lieutenant Reynolds for his service to the City of Worcester and its citizens.

HONORING KARLI SAMPLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Karli Sample of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Karli is active in the community through her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Karli has held several leadership roles, has been involved in athletics and fine arts programs, is committed to being a volunteer, and has maintained a weighted GPA of 4.5, ranking second in her class. Karli's honors include being selected homecoming queen, a Drug Free Super STAR, a Cotillion for Achievement finalist, a DAR Good Citizen, and a Wendy's Heisman state finalist. She won six state engineering competitions and qualified for nationals each year.

Karli's nominator states, "Karli Sample has made the most out of her four high school years by staying actively and consistently involved in school and community activities. . . . Karli's spirit and positive attitude have inspired many to follow in the same footsteps, whether it be on the court, in the classroom, or out in the community."

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Karli Sample. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING JONATHAN K. PENEY

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Jonathan K. Peney, a citizen-soldier who gave his life June 1, 2010, during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

As a member of the U.S. Army Rangers, Jonathan distinguished himself. After graduating from high school, Peney enlisted in November 2005 from his hometown of Marietta, Georgia. For more than two years, he served as a combat medic in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He was an expert in advanced medical treatment and selflessly dedicated to the care of others—even at the risk of his own life.

Sergeant Peney was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on July 1, 1987, but called Georgia home. He is survived by his wife Kristin E. Peney of Savannah, Georgia, and his mother Sue L. Peney of LaGrange, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I honor Sergeant Peney's sacrifice on behalf of our nation today. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow soldiers. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Peney family and all our military families whose selfless dedication to this nation is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING NEWSWEEK RANKING OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE TALENTED AND GIFTED AND THE SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT YVONNE A. EWELL TOWNVIEW CENTER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School for Science and Engineering at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center for receiving the extraordinary honor of being ranked as the number one and number four public schools in the nation by Newsweek.

Each year, Newsweek ranks the top public high schools out of a possible 27,000 schools. This year, only the top 6 percent of schools made the final list, placing these two schools in the top four out of the 1,600 schools listed. For 2010 the Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted ranked number one, with the Magnet School for Engineering and Science ranking number four. I am delighted that these two schools have achieved such a distinction, placing them among the elite public institutions in this country.

Located in my district of Dallas, Texas, Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse

schools in the state, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Given the diverse nature of the City of Dallas itself, and the increased globalization of most industries, the students attending these two schools will have the opportunity not only to impact the future of the Dallas area, but on a worldwide scale as well. With this quality of education, Americans will be able to compete for success in this growing global economy.

This marks the fourth time in five years that the School for the Talented and Gifted has been ranked number one in the nation by Newsweek.

This honor shows the values of a good educational environment, as many of the students attending these two schools will have opportunities to be the future leaders of this country. This honor will serve as an inspiration to the faculty, staff and students of Townview Magnet School to maintain a high level of work. I extend my appreciation for the hard work of everyone involved in achieving this honor, and lend my support to the future success of Townview.

Madam Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of Townview Magnet School for the Talented and Gifted and the Magnet School for Science and Engineering on honor.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010. First I want to thank President Barack Obama for his foresight and recognizing the crucial function small businesses serve in our economy. I also want to thank Speaker NANCY PELOSI and the Chairman of the House Financial Service Committee, Mr. BARNEY FRANK, for their leadership on this issue. This piece of legislation embodies a certain commitment to increase access to capital investments by a vital sector of the economy.

As a major source of employment, increasing lending to small businesses is essential to achieve full economic recovery. Data shows that small businesses created about two out of every three new jobs across the country and I am pleased that small businesses in the Territories are eligible for the Federal programs created under H.R. 5297.

Under Title I of H.R. 5297, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to establish a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund (fund) to make capital investments in eligible banks. Eligibility is limited to community banks with total

assets equal or less than \$10 billion and according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) call report data for banks in American Samoa, ANZ Amerika Samoa Bank (AS Bank), with \$132.884 million in total assets is a potential candidate.

Based on criteria specified in the legislation, the AS Bank is eligible to receive up to 5 percent of its risk-weighted assets, or about \$5 million. Instead of the 7 percent London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), AS Bank will pay a lesser rate of 5 percent, to be reduced further to 1 percent if AS Bank increases its small business lending by 10 percent or more.

In addition, under Title II of H.R. 5297, the American Samoa Government (ASG) is eligible to apply for a grant of no less than \$18 million to create a capital access program for small businesses in the Territory. As part of the grant application, ASG is to submit a proposal to the U.S. Treasury for approval that includes designs of a loan program and also designate a local agency to administer the program.

Mr. Speaker, as our economy continues to slump under the strains of unemployment and the loss of revenue, this piece of legislation will provide much-needed capital investments to increase lines of credit available to small businesses across the country.

I am pleased that the Federal programs will inject critical capital into the economy for small businesses to capitalize on. This legislation will go a long way to open up the flow of credit for small businesses that will help create more jobs not only across the country but also in the territories.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 5297.

HONORING KIM ULMER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kim Ulmer of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Kim is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Kim has been an administrative assistant for 20 years, working with the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce for five years. In a responsible, efficient way, she has helped her organization become recognized as one of the best in its industry in this nation. She is always looking for ways to improve the process, makes sure projects get done, and works to see that everyone in the office succeeds. This fun-loving team player is known as the "resident counselor" who draws others to her as a listening ear. She creates a welcoming atmosphere for both co-workers and volunteers. Kim also inspires co-workers as she oversees care for a stepson who was severely injured in an accident. She is married, has three children, two stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Kim Ulmer. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

COMMENDING THE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Army Signal Corps and join them in the celebration of their 150th anniversary. Major Albert James Myer, who saw the need to create a separate military signal service, created the Signal Corps on June 21, 1860.

The Signal Corps has a long and storied history of providing our Army with the most advanced technology to ensure victory on the battlefield. The list of technological achievements are unmatched by any other military in the world. The Signal Corps first aided our efforts in the Spanish-American war where they ensured our victory by providing vital signaling, telephone and telegraph communications, combat photography, and balloons for intelligence gathering. Innovations by the Signal Corps early in the twentieth century lead to the creation of the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System, the first wireless communications system in the Western Hemisphere, the first Army radar system, and the tactical FM radio.

Their dedication to stay on the forefront of communications technology by unceasingly developing advanced systems provided the U.S. with an unparalleled advantage during World War II. The Signal Corps also assisted the Air Force in launching the first communications satellite, paving the way for world-wide communications, and they continued to play a pertinent role to U.S. efforts during Vietnam where they deployed a tropospheric-scatter radio as well as the SYNCOM satellite communications service. This drastically improved the speed and viability of communications in combat zones.

Today we honor the Army Signal Corps by recognizing their irreplaceable contributions to the United States Army. The results of their innovative developments are evident in the premier fighting force that protects us and our freedoms. In fact, it is the innovations by the Signal Corps that provided a foundation for subsequent communication technologies have been built. The importance of this transcends the military into the private sector by reducing both the time and cost of global communications.

The Army Signal Corps, who are headquartered in my district at Fort Gordon, trains more military service members than any other training center in the U.S. Army. I am honored to recognize their service to the American people. They have not only improved the lives of service members, but also the citizens our servicemen and women are sworn to protect. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Army Signal Corps for their irreplaceable role to the United States Army over the last 150 years.

HONORING BOB BURKE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my friend Bob Burke of Forestville, California, who passed away suddenly on June 10, 2010, at his home. Bob was both a true conservationist as a champion of the local environment of Sonoma County's Russian River Area and a true humanitarian as the creator of Bob Burke's Kids, which offers support and outings to children with serious health problems.

Born in 1947, Bob remained in his hometown of Forestville where his parents had started a successful business, Burke's Canoe Trips, a resort on the Russian River. He and his sister Linda later became co-owners and co-operators of the resort, a popular fixture for tourists and locals in the community.

The Burkes understood the key role of the Russian River not only for the recreation business but also for the health of the whole ecosystem. They worked especially closely with Russian Riverkeeper on fishing and flow issues.

Bob was best known for his community volunteering and charitable work, especially Bob Burke's Kids, an organization he established in 1974 after meeting a young girl with cancer who lamented her lack of playmates and opportunities for fun. Bob knew he could do something to make life better for children with serious illnesses and for their families.

Bob Burke's Kids grew from an initial Russian River fishing trip for a small group to a year-round program of activities and outings from barbecues and outdoor games to bowling nights and Halloween parties serving hundreds of families. The organization thrived as much on Bob's love as on the money it raised from a supportive community and local organizations.

Bob also personally knew the families and frequently visited the children when they were in the hospital. "He gave so much love," his sister Linda says. "He was the best brother anyone could ever have."

Don McEnhill, Executive Director for Russian Riverkeeper says of him: "Bob Burke always had a funny story or a joke to tell to cheer me up after a contentious hearing or meeting, but it was the kids who faced cancer or other ailments that he always saved his best cheer for and devoted his life to. Bob spent his entire life on the Russian River and clearly understood the recreational value of the Russian River to families who could not afford to go on vacation. Bob always supported our efforts to keep the River clean and healthy so it was available as the community pool for the less fortunate. His passing has left a hole in our community and the Russian River, and we will all miss him."

Madam Speaker, I have attended some of Bob Burke's Kids events and seen the warmth and passion that animated the charitable fundraisers as much as the family outings. Losing Bob has indeed left a hole in our community, one that we can fill by remembering Bob's legacy and carrying on his work.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1422, "Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary," as introduced by our distinguished colleague from Wisconsin, Representative SENSENBRENNER.

Since its establishment in 1870, the Department of Justice has taken the lead in enforcing Federal laws, furnishing counsel in Federal cases, and providing interpretations of the laws under which other executive agencies act. The DOJ's mission has grown as well, meeting challenges that could hardly have been envisioned in 1870. It now has seven separate, specialized divisions, covering Antitrust, Civil, Civil Rights, Criminal matters, Environment and Natural Resources, National Security, and Tax, as well as agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Central Bureau-International Criminal Police Organization, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Office of Justice Programs.

DOJ's work is as important now as it ever has been. It is one of the leading agencies involved in the protection of our national security; its work has led to the disruption of multiple terrorist organizations in the last decade alone.

The Department plays a key role in the protection of our citizens' intellectual property, helping protect their interest in work they pour their energies into. Since 2004, the Department of Justice has led the 2 largest multinational law enforcement efforts ever directed at online piracy, involving simultaneous efforts in 12 countries, more than 200 searches and arrests in more than 30 States, more than \$100,000,000 in seized pirated works, and a total of 112 felony convictions to date.

DOJ's Antitrust Division is responsible for protecting consumer interests from anti-competitive practices in all sectors of the economy. As industries move further and further towards consolidation—in printing, in broadcasting, in the airline industry, and throughout our economy—DOJ has the responsibility to make sure that actions taken in the name of efficiency don't lead to the dangers of monopoly.

Through its Office of Justice Programs, DOJ has partnered with state and local law enforcement agencies to provide guidance and funding for important initiatives. Violent Crime Impact Teams have arrested more than 14,100 gang members, drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and other violent criminals, including more than 2,800 identified as the 'worst of the worst' criminals. Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) is a series of nationwide fugitive apprehension operations coordinated by the Department of Justice, and has resulted in the collective capture of more than 55,896 dangerous fugitive felons since its inception in 2005.

For almost a century and a half, the Department of Justice has been a critically important part of the Federal government, and it has an equally important role to play in the next decades. I join Representative SENSENBRENNER in honoring the Department on its 140th anniversary, and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

HONORING GRACE DAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grace Day of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Grace is active in the community through her work as an attorney and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award for Woman in the Workplace.

Grace graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School in 1949. As the only female in her class, Grace constantly had to work harder than her male peers to earn the same level of respect, which was accomplished by graduating third in her class. She was admitted to practice law in South Dakota in 1949 and in Missouri in 1950. In 1963 she was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court.

A pioneer for women in the profession of law, Grace opened her own practice in 1950, where she practiced solo until 1996. Grace was president of the Association of Women Lawyers, and in 1960–62 she served as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri. In 1972, she was the first woman president to be elected to the St. Joseph Bar Association. Grace served as International President of B'nai B'rith Women from 1980–82, traveling the world. In 2005, Grace was awarded the alumni Achievement Award from the University of South Dakota. In addition, she has held numerous leadership roles, remained active on foundations, boards, and committees, and has assisted with several fund drives.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Grace Day. Her achievements and selfless acts of service have impacted countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING WASCO TRIBAL CHIEF NELSON WALLULATUM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nelson Wallulatum, chief of the Wasco Indians, who died on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at age 84. His tenure on the Warm Springs Tribal Council lasted 50 years, during which he oversaw many major tribal undertakings including the construction of a key hydro project, fishing rights litigation, and habitat restoration. His knowledge of the tribal way of life earned him the respect and honor of all who knew him. I found repeatedly that his presence at a meeting added dignity

and perspective, to the benefit of everyone around him.

Chief Wallulatum was an expert in Tribal government and the Constitution, and a scholar of the 1855 Treaty in which the Wasco and Warm Springs Tribes ceded most of their lands to the United States. He served in the U.S. Navy from November 1943 to June 1945. He was also founder of the Museum at Warm Springs and educated younger tribal members in ceremonial customs and prayers. As an advocate of returning the sacred condor to Oregon, Chief Wallulatum named the first chick born in the Oregon Zoo's condor recovery program.

Chief Wallulatum, defended Tribal sovereignty, fishing rights and way of life, and inspired the next generation of tribal leadership and stewardship. His legacy is written in the land, water, and people that he loved.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, although my vote was not recorded by the electronic voting system, I intended to vote for H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act of 2010.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF FRANCES CORY HOEHN

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on the morning of Monday, June 14, 2010, Frances Cory Hoehn passed away at her home in Jeffersonville. She was 100 years old. An avid musician, teacher, and active member of her community, Frances' influence and contributions can be felt and seen throughout Jeffersonville and Southern Indiana as a whole.

Frances Cory was born on November 12, 1909, in Kingman, Indiana, and her love for music and natural talent were apparent at a very young age. She and her parents moved to Jeffersonville in 1925 and she graduated from Jeffersonville High School in 1927. From there, Frances continued on to the Louisville Conservatory of Music and later DePauw University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Public School Music degree in 1931.

Following her graduation, Frances continued pursuing her passion for music and accepted a teaching position for six Jeffersonville elementary schools. During the Depression, she also helped her father in his automobile business and worked as a social worker in Evansville. Soon after the flood of 1937, she accepted the choral teaching position at Jeffersonville High School, where she met her husband, Elmer Hoehn.

Throughout the next twenty years, Frances was actively involved in the lives of her children as well as other activities. From Girl Scout leader to piano accompanist, there was no role Frances wasn't up to fulfilling. As her children got older, Frances went back to

teaching music, this time at Jeffersonville Junior High in 1959, and retired from Parkview Elementary in 1967. Following retirement, Frances and her husband moved to Washington, DC, where Elmer accepted a position in the Johnson administration, and eventually returned to Jeffersonville in 1990.

From brushing shoulders with John F. Kennedy to giving tours of the Capitol to visiting Hoosiers, participating in bridge clubs to being actively involved in St. Augustine's Church, Frances Cory Hoehn's life was full of unique experiences and giving back to the community. The impact she has had on the countless lives she has touched is undeniable and her contributions will not be forgotten. Her legacy will continue not only through her life's achievements but through her family as well. We honor the life of Frances Cory Hoehn to recognize her outstanding citizenship and lasting presence in Southern Indiana, and our condolences go out to her family.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 1389, which recognizes the importance of fathers to the development of children, support responsible fatherhood, and encourage fathers to be involved in the lives of their children.

This Father's Day, we should all contemplate the great value of conscientious fatherhood. Healthy relationships with their fathers help children to grow into confident, successful adults. Thus, the actions of each of America's millions of fathers have a direct impact on the future of our nation.

Aside from all of the intangible benefits to children of strong connections with their fathers or father figures, there is also significant evidence that shows the much-improved likelihood of success in school and society of those children whose fathers actively support them and provide a positive example for them.

I want to read a quote from author Kent Nerburn, who wrote that there is a certain "sense of honor that makes a man want to be more than he is and to pass something good and hopeful into the hands of his son." I encourage all American fathers to take this charge into their hearts, on this Father's Day and every day.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

HONORING JUDY TROUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Judy Trout of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Judy is active in the community through her generous acts of service and has been chosen to receive the

YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Judy has been a licensed dental hygienist for more than 50 years, 49 of them served in the St. Joseph community. Judy started out in private practice, but later moved to the Social Welfare Board where she served some of St. Joseph's poorest citizens. In 1963 she worked tirelessly to advocate adding fluoride to the drinking water to establish healthy teeth for babies and children. Her most recent contribution was the establishment of a dental hygiene program at Hillyard Technical School, for which she was recognized by the State Dental Association.

In addition to her efforts as a hygienist, Judy has maintained an extensive presence in the community. She has served on the admissions committee of United Way, chairing it for two years. She has been involved with Girl Scout troops, PTA, Student Exchange Program, Cub Scout den mother, volunteer for Each One Teach One, Meals on Wheels and with Missouri Western State University Ambassadors. She has also taken on leadership roles with St. Joseph Junior League, InterServ, PEO, and Ladies Union Benevolent Association.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Judy Trout. Her achievements and selfless acts of service have impacted countless individuals in and beyond the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING MAYOR GERARD C.
MOREAU, JR.

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Gerard C. Moreau, Jr., for his many years of service and dedication to the Bunkie, La. community.

A man of many dimensions, Moreau's career includes 30 years in the banking business as well as a volunteer fireman. Over the past few decades, he has been heavily involved in citizenship activities and community organizations. Among his many civic accomplishments, Moreau was elected to the Bunkie City Council in 1990, where he served until October of 1999. That same year, Moreau was elected mayor of the City of Bunkie, and he continues to serve in this capacity today.

Additionally, Moreau was the past president and member of the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce and the Bunkie Lions Club. He is currently the senior vice president of Sabine State Bank in Bunkie.

Beyond his professional career, Moreau is the devoted husband of Carla. They are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters and two lovely grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Gerard C. Moreau, Jr., a truly faithful public servant. His commitment, compassion and leadership warrant this laudable recognition.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN WATER AGENCIES (NACWA) ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. NACWA is a dynamic national organization involved in all facets of water quality protection. As a key stakeholder in the legislative, regulatory, and legal arenas, NACWA has built credible collaborative relationships with members of Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency, the federal courts, and other governmental entities.

The emergence of NACWA as a nationally-recognized leader in environmental policy and a technical resource on water quality and ecosystem protection issues has paralleled one of the nation's most successful environmental laws—the Clean Water Act. NACWA was established in 1970 by a group of individuals representing twenty-two large municipal sewerage agencies in order to secure federal funding for municipal wastewater treatment and to serve as a forum for discussing the best methods for improving the quality of our nation's waters.

Over the past forty years, NACWA has expanded its member base and issue platform. It has changed its name, replacing the word "sewerage" with "clean water" to better reflect the end-product of its members' treatment services—clean water. The organization also partners with diverse stakeholders while always advocating for sound science in advancing water quality protection. Today, as a leading clean water association, NACWA represents nearly 300 member organizations.

Recent years have reflected heightened involvement for the association in a broadening array of complex 21st-century water quality issues including: green infrastructure, climate change, watershed-based approaches, and clean water funding and financing. Over the past 40 years, I have observed an organization that is successfully working towards the goals that its founders established. NACWA continues to pursue every opportunity to develop and implement sound water quality policies that advance clean water and promote a healthy environment.

I extend my congratulations to NACWA on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. During this time, NACWA's strategic input has been a valuable resource to me and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and undoubtedly will continue to be as we shape the course of environmental protection for our nation's waters.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF MR.
CHARLES SEGAL

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of

Mr. Charles Segal, a dedicated public servant who has made immeasurable contributions to forging close ties with America's most important ally in the Middle East, the State of Israel.

Throughout Mr. Segal's years of service, he has dedicated himself to protecting the human rights of Soviet Jewry and the critically important mission of exposing Nazi war criminals who escaped justice. His work has earned him the deep appreciation not only of strong supporters of the U.S.-Israeli friendship, but also of the State of Israel. I am proud to recognize Mr. Segal and submit a letter from the Israeli Consul General, honoring his exemplary work on behalf of Israel.

CONSULATE GENERAL,
OF ISRAEL IN NEW YORK,

May 5, 2010.

DEAR MR. SEGAL, I recently learned from Rabbi Paul Silton of your longstanding commitment and service to the State of Israel and therefore it is my pleasure to extend these heartfelt wishes of mazal tov to you.

As the State of Israel celebrates its 62 anniversary, you have had the privilege of watching our small State take root, grow, and blossom before your very eyes. While some easily dismissed its hidden potential and true value, you took every opportunity available to fight for its existence, knowing that the Jewish people had earned the right to return to their homeland.

As a foreign correspondent, you used the power of your words to mobilize the American and Canadian communities in support of Israel as we struggled to become a free and democratic state. You served the Jewish people by fighting for our rights in Washington, DC and representing our goals and aspirations to President Truman. You used your political clout and influence to establish ties and build a solid friendship between America and the State of Israel. Your important work to expose Nazi war criminals and to protect the rights of Soviet Jewry depicts the true character of a man who has always put the wellbeing of others at the forefront of his agenda. The foundation you built has lasted for decades, and we are so grateful for all you have done.

On behalf of the State of Israel, I thank you for all of your efforts. I have no doubt that even after all these years of service we will be privileged to see many more incredible things from you.

Sincerely,

ASAF SHARIV,
Consul General.

HONORING KATHLEEN GARABED

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kathleen Garabed upon her retirement as the founder and Executive Director of Stone Soup in Fresno, California after almost twenty years of dedicated service. Ms. Garabed will be honored on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

In 1992, Ms. Garabed was working as a resettlement officer for Church World Service; the office was located in a foursquare block of Fresno that was notorious for high crime. One day, an eight year old Cambodian boy visited Wesley United Methodist Church where her office was located and placed a pistol on her desk. He told her he was supposed to shoot

someone to join a gang; he had come to her in search of help and hope. Ms. Garabed immediately jumped into action with faith and a vision for the community. Without a building, program or money, she started a summer program for children on the church lawn.

Ms. Garabed worked tirelessly and continued to knock on doors that remained closed for many years. She was determined to gain support and cultivate good will for this young boy and many others like him. She found a few volunteers that were willing to share their time, skills and talent to replace their violent activities with role models and productive programs. Over the years, the original summer program grew into Stone Soup Fresno, a multi-million dollar community center, offering health services, education, cultural preservation and leadership development.

Stone Soup Fresno, under Ms. Garabed's leadership, has impacted a number of lives. The literacy rate of almost one thousand children served by the organization has shown dramatic improvement, based on pre-post test scores from standardized tests. More than one hundred and twenty young leaders from the neighborhood have graduated from the Stone Soup's leadership program, increasing leadership in the community. There are two hundred new Hmong refugee families in the process of becoming new Americans who have participated in civic activities through Stone Soup. Ms. Garabed also helps to empower young Hmong women to become advocates in their community.

Since the conception of Stone Soup Fresno, Ms. Garabed has been recognized for the exemplary work she does. The organization has received the "Presidential Points of Light Award", "Distinguished Public Service Award" from Delta Gamma Chi State chapter, the Fresno Police Department's "Outstanding Citizen Award", "Temple Beth Israel Social Action Award", "Spirit Award" from the Volunteer Bureau, and "Leadership Award" from the Central California Forum on Refugee Affairs. HUD has recognized Stone Soup's stewardship as a "Best Practice" in developing the community center.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Kathleen Garabed upon her dedicated service to, and retirement from, Stone Soup Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Garabed many years of continued success.

COMMENDING MAYOR RICHARD
ROY MICHEL

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commend Mayor Richard Roy Michel, who has devoted over 28 years to serving Marksville, La.

Michel was Marksville High School's valedictorian in 1950. He received his B.S. degree in 1953 from Louisiana State University (LSU) of Baton Rouge, and continued his education at LSU Medical School in New Orleans graduating in 1957.

After marrying the former Margaret Bennett in 1956, Michel served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1960. He was a cap-

tain and head of the OB GYN medical division at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. He also worked as the Assistant Hospital Administrator.

In 1960, Michel returned to his hometown to practice medicine at Marksville Hospital where he continues to work today.

For nearly three decades, Michel has been a businessman, politician, cattleman, and the Marksville Mayor. He is credited with turning Marksville from a town to a city by his notable undertakings. He was instrumental in encouraging the expansion of the Super Wal-Mart and assisting the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe in establishing the Paragon Casino. In addition, the Marksville City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, City Courtroom and Marksville Water System buildings were constructed under his leadership as mayor.

Among his impressive list of endeavors, Michel served as a charter member of the American Academy of Family Practice, board member of the Council on Aging, Cottonport Bank, Airport Authority and Marksville Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he was the first president of the Avoyelles Mayor's Association and the first chief of staff at Avoyelles Hospital.

Beyond his professional career, Michel and his wife have two daughters, Margaret Suzone Alfred and Donna Renee Lemoine, two granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Richard Roy Michel. His unwavering commitment and compassionate service to the Marksville community deserve our gratitude.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE VILLAGE OF ODIN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the village of Odin, Illinois, as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

The village was founded in 1860 near the construction of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad and the Illinois Central Railroad by Thomas Deadmond, Silas Barr, Samuel McClelland, James Adams, Thomas Pigg and John Hill. The strong character, respect and honesty possessed by these founding fathers are traits still held by Odin's citizens today.

The village of Odin has made a significant impact in the history of Illinois, despite its small size. This thriving mining community has supplied coal that powers the state of Illinois and specifically University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It has also produced teachers, doctors, attorneys and leaders benefiting both the village and the state.

I would like to congratulate the village of Odin and all of its citizens as they mark 150 years of accomplishments and wish them continued success and prosperity in the years to come.

HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS
101ST ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 242, to honor and praise the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on its 101st Anniversary. The NAACP was founded in New York City on February 12, 1909, because of America's pressing need for a large, coordinated civil rights organization. Today, the NAACP holds true to its initial values.

The objectives of the NAACP are:

To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens;

To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States;

To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes;

To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights;

To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination; and

To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

For 101 years the NAACP has remained committed to ensuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The organization was originally founded out of the dire need for civil rights among African Americans in the United States. Today however, the NAACP is determined to advance the cause of civil rights not only for African Americans, but for all American people, regardless of color.

The NAACP has aided in achieving the passage of several important pieces of legislation throughout their 101-year existence. These include the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act. The NAACP has also influenced several groundbreaking legal cases that have advanced the causes of civil rights in our nation, such as the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* case. The NAACP has and continues to serve as a beacon to those who want to make a difference. They have proven that progress can be made in the face of oppression through non-violence and political action.

The NAACP claims over 360,000 members and it continues to grow. Heading into its second century of service, the NAACP is focused on disparities in economics, health care, education, voter empowerment and the criminal justice system as is also continues its role as a legal advocate for civil rights issues.

The organization remains just as committed today to continuing the fight for political, social, educational and racial equality as it was over a century ago when it was first conceived. For this reason that I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 242.

HONORING JOEL L. DERETCHIN

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Joel L. Deretchin, a great community leader and a dear friend. Mr. Deretchin has held numerous leadership roles throughout the community in The Woodlands, Texas. Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Deretchin has served several executive positions with many respected organizations in the Woodlands area. He held leadership positions at The Woodlands Development Company, served as a board member of The Woodlands Community Association, and served as President and sitting board member of both the Woodlands Association and the Woodlands Commercial Owners Association.

Mr. Deretchin has strived to keep the community focused on improving education in The Woodlands by supporting and establishing The University Center, The John Cooper School and the Academy for Lifelong Learning at Montgomery College—all which have given valuable opportunities to students in and around The Woodlands community. The Conroe Independent School District has recognized and honored Mr. Deretchin's achievements by naming one of their elementary schools in his honor, the Joel L. Deretchin K-6 Elementary School.

As you can see, he has truly impacted innumerable lives in The Woodlands community. His servant leadership on the Interfaith of the Woodlands Board and the South Montgomery County/Woodlands Chamber of Commerce Board are clearly evident as he continuously volunteers his time and lends a hand to organizations and non-profits.

For his countless service efforts, Mr. Deretchin was awarded "Citizen of the Year" by the South Montgomery County/Woodlands Chamber of Commerce in 1990. He was also honored in 1999 as a "Hometown Hero" during the Woodlands 25th Anniversary Celebration. While these awards and honors are significant, nothing can truly commemorate the extent of service Mr. Deretchin has provided for his community. His leadership and commitment to The Woodlands is selfless and something that merits applauding.

His compassionate heart as well as his desire to help others has continued to drive him to remain active throughout the community—he never expected to say he is one of our residents. The Woodlands has more than benefited from his leadership, knowledge and philanthropic focus.

Madam Speaker, it is such an honor to recognize Joel Deretchin as a significant part of The Woodlands' community and pay tribute to his contributions to the people of The Woodlands as he retires, however there is no doubt in my mind that he will continue be heavily involved! I urge you to join me in recognizing Mr. Deretchin and his achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STEWART WINSTEIN

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in sorrow at the news of the death of Stewart Winstein, from Rock Island, Illinois in my Congressional District.

Stewart was one of the most respected and admired leaders in my community and built a strong reputation for local activism, public service and the belief that politics could be a driving force for positive change in the lives of everyday Americans. It is a legacy that will be sorely missed in Rock Island, the city that Stewart loved and called home.

As a child of the Great Depression, Stewart and his family faced great poverty. It was a powerful influence on him and I am sure informed much of his success as an attorney and a founding force of the Rock Island Democratic Party.

As one of the greatest advocates for working men and women that I knew, I think his legacy will be that he wanted to make sure that other families didn't have to face the economic hardships that he knew too well. And as many in the Quad Cities can attest, whether it was working people or the vast number of clients he represented through his law firm, it is a legacy of great success.

Stewart put much of his energy and drive into the legal practice he built. He started practicing law in 1938 and established an early reputation as a formidable attorney. In 1960, he founded the firm of Winstein, Kavensky and Wallace with his two partners. The firm thrived and grew through his drive and dedication.

Stewart was dedicated not only to the long-term growth of the Quad Cities but also to his mission of public service. His title and positions in the community and local government were numerous, including his long-time service as chairman of the Quad City International Airport Authority, his stint as President of the Rock Island County Welfare Information and Referral Services, and his role as the public administrator, public guardian and conservator for Rock Island County from 1974 to 1978.

The people he has inspired to pursue public service in West Central Illinois and throughout our state are almost too numerous to count, but all of them can testify that he was an inspiration and a mentor as they have pursued their callings. Stewart had a huge impact on my life and my career of public service. He was a valuable teacher who led by example and I learned by witnessing the contributions he made to the Democratic Party, numerous charities, and local government. Above all, I was proud to call him my friend. My thoughts go out to Stewart's family, especially his beloved son Arthur.

RECOGNIZING THE MT. VERNON ROTARY FOR 90 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of an important community service organization in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

The Mt. Vernon Rotary Club was founded in 1920 and has grown into a vital element of the community. For the past 90 years, the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, like Rotary clubs all across our nation, has brought together local business leaders in a friendly, casual setting, where they discuss ways to band together and serve the community. I applaud the willingness of these Rotarians to step forward and serve their community.

At the 90th anniversary celebration, this year's Rotary Club President Dan Boehmer summed up the spirit of the Rotary Club when he told the Mt. Vernon Register-News, "There's such a rich history of people who have done so many things in the community for the sake of service itself. When you get people together who know how to get things done, you get a lot done in the community."

I want to congratulate Mr. Boehmer and all the members of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, past and present, on celebrating their 90th anniversary, and to join with the other Members of this House in wishing them continued success for another 90 years and beyond.

HONORING GARY RAFFIA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose generosity and service to his community made this past Memorial Day an unforgettable one. Gary Raffia of Enfield designed and built a spectacular float for the town's Memorial Day Parade—one which served as a powerful tribute to our state's fallen heroes during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Gary's star-shaped float was draped in a banner displaying the name and picture of every Connecticut soldier who paid the ultimate price for their nation since 2001. The perimeter of the float was decorated with American flags.

Along with everyone present at Enfield's Memorial Day Parade, I was truly moved by Gary's tremendous act of citizenship. Not only did he design and build this float, but he paid for the entire project. Gary is a local farmer by trade and the son of a World War II veteran. It was his friend Teddy, also a veteran, and many others in the community that compelled Gary to build this float. His tribute to Connecticut's fallen soldiers was a selfless act that embodies the support and gratitude our troops deserve on Memorial Day and throughout the year. By creating this float and including it in the parade, Gary honored equally those soldiers who were fortunate enough to come home and those who were not.

Gary is a man with a history of making his visions become a reality—much to the benefit

of those around him. Once before, he built a shed with an opening where people in the community could come to drop off cans and bottles. All the money redeemed from the cans and bottles was donated to a local medical facility for children with cancer. Gary is quick to acknowledge his loyal friends who helped him with these projects and I too want to thank them for their hard work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gary and his friends as well as congratulating them for their service to the community.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND
CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. Small businesses form the backbone of our economy and this bill helps them get access to the credit that they need to grow and create jobs.

While there are strong signs that our economy has turned the corner and is beginning to heal, there are still far too many small businesses unable to get the capital they need to contribute to the recovery. H.R. 5297 creates a Small Business Lending Fund to deliver loans to small business on Main Street. This fund will be available to small and medium-sized community banks that specialize in lending to these institutions. H.R. 5297 includes strong incentives in the form of adjustable repayment rates to make sure that participating community banks lend this money out for its intended purpose. This \$30 billion fund can be leveraged to create up to \$300 billion in loans that small businesses need for growth and expansion. This is the kind of growth that will help continue our economic recovery and get us back to full strength.

In addition to this loan fund, H.R. 5297 provides funding specifically for new and existing lending initiatives that have been developed in several states. With increased funding, we can tap this local expertise and expand on their work to increase small business lending and create jobs.

Finally, as a supporter of budget discipline, I am pleased that this bill does not add to the deficit. These loans are required to be paid back in ten years with interest. In fact, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that this bill will actually reduce the deficit by \$1 billion by the end of the ten-year period.

I support helping businesses on Main Street access the credit they need to grow and expand. I support H.R. 5297, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for its passage.

THE RETIREMENT OF RONALD T.Y.
MOON, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE
HAWAII STATE SUPREME COURT

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon on his retirement. I know that I am not alone regretting that, due to Hawaii State law, he must retire from service on his 70th birthday this September. He will be missed.

C.J. Moon, as he is affectionately known, has served as Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court for seventeen years. C.J. Moon also has the distinction of being the first Korean-American to become Chief Justice of any Supreme Court in the United States of America.

As his time on the Hawaii Supreme Court bench comes to a close, it was interesting to learn that it was almost a fluke that C.J. Moon went into the field of law at all. He attended three different high schools in Hawaii and, apparently, took little interest in his studies. This attitude changed during his years at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It was there that he met a cousin who was attending law school. Meeting this cousin, combined with Ron's experiences of racial discrimination, piqued his interest in the law.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology from Coe College. Ron then graduated from the University of Iowa School of Law in 1965 and returned to Honolulu to clerk for United States District Court Judge Martin Pence.

His diligence on the job was evident even then. During his clerkship with Judge Pence, he once climbed into a trash bin outside the federal court building to look for a lost jury verdict form. The search was unsuccessful. He later learned that Judge Pence had another copy of the form in his office the whole time.

In 1966, Ron joined the staff of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, where he served as a deputy prosecutor until 1968. He left public service to become a partner in the law firm Libkuman, Ventura, Moon, and Ayabe, where he stayed until 1982.

It was from that firm that Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi appointed Ron Moon to the Hawaii State Judiciary as a Circuit Court Judge. He would serve in that position for eight years, earning the respect of attorneys, including myself, who came before him. He was particularly persuasive in getting plaintiff and defense attorneys to resolve cases fairly before trial.

Governor John Waihee then elevated Ron to the office of Associate Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court in 1990. In 1993, he was elevated to the position of Chief Justice.

As his retirement looms near, the people of Hawaii have begun to pay tribute to the incredible service of C.J. Moon. The County of Hawaii recently recognized May 7, 2010, as Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon Day. The Hawaii State Legislature has also recommended that the new Kapolei Court Complex be named after C.J. Moon, who spearheaded the project. The Hawaii Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association will

celebrate the career of C.J. Moon on June 23, 2010.

C.J. Moon has joked that he is "looking forward to joining [his] fellow retired judges and other judiciary employees at [his] neighborhood McDonald's." It will be a retirement that has been well-earned.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much), C.J. Moon, for your many years of admirable stewardship of our system of courts and laws. I would also like to thank C.J. Moon's wife Stella and his family for sharing C.J. with us.

RECOGNIZING THE METRO-EAST
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DANCE
TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the state champion dance team from Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Just three one-hundredths of a point separated the Dancer Knights from a clean sweep at state. They captured state championship honors in Class A Jazz and Class A Pom Dance, and narrowly missed the title in Lyrical. These were just the latest titles in the distinguished history of the Dancer Knights, who also won state championships in 2005, 2008 and 2009.

I want to join with the other Members of this House in congratulating coaches Kristen Reeb-Wardlaw, Mariah Scott and Stephanie McGovern for their work with this outstanding group of student-athletes. I especially want to congratulate the members of the Dancer Knights on their tremendous achievement: Katelyn Batty, Shanna Rull, Katie Miller, Leah Yurchuck, Haley Santen, Phoenix Helmkamp, Jessica Ross, Sarah Menk, Ashley Paskero, Alyssa Rupprecht, Allison Clessa and Becky Newton.

These young ladies have represented themselves, their school and their community in an exemplary fashion. I wish them continued success in both their academic and athletic endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll 347, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Waters of California Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 348, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Garrett of New Jersey Amendment no. 5 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 349, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Price of Georgia Amendment no. 7 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 350, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Turner of Ohio Amendment no. 9 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 351, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Edwards of Texas Amendment no. 12 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 352, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Maffei of New York Amendment no. 13 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 353, June 10, 2010: On Passage: H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 354, June 10, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: S. 3473, To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 355, June 14, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1368, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 356, June 14, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 357, June 14, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: H.R. 5502, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 358, June 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1383, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 359, June 15, 2010: On Agreeing to the Resolution: H. Res. 1436, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 360, June 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 365, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Con. Res. 242, Honoring the NAACP on its 101st anniversary, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 366, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1422, Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 367, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 1414, Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation's first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the North invaded the South, and continued till an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. As we all know, troops remain on the border today.

I have a special fondness for Korean veterans, as my father (Gene Shimkus of Collinsville, Illinois) served in Korea.

One and one-half million United States soldiers answered the call to arms during the war. 54,246 United States soldiers lost their lives while fighting in Korea. 103,284 United States soldiers were wounded; 7,140 were taken prisoner; and 8,177 were listed as missing in action while fighting in Korea. 131 Medals of Honor were received for exceptional bravery and courage by those fighting in Korea with 93 of those being awarded posthumously.

Today, the number of living Korean War veterans continues to decline each year, depriving them the opportunity to accept the appreciation of their service from a grateful nation. I honor those who so bravely fought and made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea. May God bless our Korean War veterans and may God continue to bless America.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JEFF THEERMAN

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Mr. Jeff Theerman, Executive Director of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Theerman is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward. He has dedicated his career to the improvement of the environment and public health in Missouri, and throughout the Nation. Without a doubt, he is ideally suited for this national leadership position with NACWA.

Mr. Theerman has served Missouri through his work at MSD for over 25 years. In October of 2003 he was named MSD's Executive Director, willingly and ably accepting accountability for all aspects of the utility's operations.

As MSD's Executive Director, Mr. Theerman leads one of the nation's largest wastewater and stormwater management utilities, providing services to approximately 1.4 million people in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Under his leadership the MSD currently operates seven wastewater treatment facilities, treating an average of 330 million gallons of water per day and maintaining 9,649 miles of sewers.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 40 years ago, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has benefitted from its active engagement with the organization. A member of

NACWA's Board of Directors since 2004, Mr. Theerman has served as the organization's Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. It is fitting that his election as President coincides with the 40th anniversary of NACWA's advocacy on behalf of the nation's clean water agencies—and the environment we all value so much.

When I hear the terms like "accountable" and "responsive," I think of public servants like Mr. Theerman. Under his able leadership NACWA looks forward to proactively and effectively addressing the complex 21st century water quality challenges we face as a nation.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Jeff Theerman on becoming President of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for St. Louis, Missouri, and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MASTER SERGEANT BUENALFLOR ROBLES, JR. FROM THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and achievements of Master Sergeant Buenalflor Robles, Jr. throughout his 28 years in the US Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

MSgt. Robles enlisted in 1983 and served on Active Duty until 1993, when he joined the Hawaii Air National Guard. For his service in the United States Air Force, MSgt. Robles received Air Force Achievement, Commendation and Meritorious Service Medals. MSgt. Robles served as a Knowledge Operations Management Specialist in the Hawaii Air National Guard, and held numerous supervisory positions in the Air Force. While serving full-time in the Hawaii Air National Guard, MSgt. Robles completed his Bachelor of Business Administration.

As a Captain in the Army National Guard, I understand the demands placed on guardsmen and I commend MSgt. Robles for his dedication to education and honorable service to the United States. I would also like to recognize MSgt. Robles' wife, Cheryl, his son, Andrew, and his daughter, Azia, each of whom supported his work throughout the years. I congratulate MSgt. Robles on his retirement from the Hawaii Air National Guard and thank him for his service to the state of Hawaii.

HONORING COLONEL J. MOTLEY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel J. Motley, the Grand Worthy Patron of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, Jurisdiction of Michigan. Mr. Motley is only the third person from the Royal Star Chapter No. 27 to hold this esteemed position

and he will be honored at an event in Flint, Michigan on Saturday, June 19th.

Colonel J. Motley was born the 7th child of 13 children. He graduated from CCTS High School in Alabama and moved to Michigan. He retired from General Motors after 35 years of service. He serves on the Usher Board #2 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and has been a member of the congregation for 46 years. He is a member of the Westwood High Block Club. Mr. Motley and his wife, Barbara, have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

He is a member of the Eureka Lodge No. 16 and has served as Worshipful Master for two years. He has served as Excellent High Priest with the Royal Arch Chapter No. 17, and he is the Past Patron of the Royal Star Chapter No. 27. He is also a member of the Saginaw Valley Consistory No. 71. In addition to his work with the Order of the Eastern Star, Mr. Motley helps senior citizens with their lawns, shovels snow in the winter, helps to keep our highways clean, does security watch in his neighborhood, and works with teenage boys through the Ushers Ministry.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to applaud the work of Colonel J. Motley. He is an individual dedicated to helping others in need. I congratulate him for the honor he has received from his peers and I commend him for his charity, fellowship and assistance to both friends and strangers. May he continue in his service to others for many, many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF COACH DAVE SHOJI

HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Hawaii Rainbow Wahine women's volleyball head coach, Dave Shoji. The American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame recently announced that Coach Shoji will be inducted in December 2010 for his work at the University of Hawaii and for the success of the Rainbow Wahine women's volleyball team.

Coach Shoji is only the second coach in NCAA Division I women's volleyball history to reach the 1,000-win mark. He achieved this feat in 2009 and he continues to lead his team to victory. Throughout his years with the University of Hawaii, Coach Shoji captured four women's volleyball national championships, three NCAA Division I Crowns, and an AIAW title. It is evident that Coach Shoji's leadership and devotion to his team contributed to the 18 seasons with 30 or more wins for the Rainbow Wahine. He, personally, received 10 conference coach of the year awards, two AVCA National Coach of the Year awards, and an All-time Great Coach Award in the Donald Shondell Contemporary Division by USA Volleyball.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Hawaii, I would like to extend my congratulations to Coach Shoji for his amazing achievements throughout his coaching career at the University of Hawaii.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIO SALINAS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julio Salinas for his commitment to excellence in business and contracting.

Julio Salinas is the owner of Mecca Contracting, Inc. located in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Salinas was born in Canton San Juan Bosco, Morona Santiago Ecuador and came to Brooklyn twenty years ago. He is married to Sonia Salinas and they have two children, Donna, age 12, and Emily, age 2.

Mr. Salinas likes to work with people, especially those that need encouragement to take a step in the right direction. From his early experiences in the United States as a laborer, he knows firsthand how difficult life can be. He draws strength from his upbringing and thanks his parents for showing him the right path to walk. His parents' guidance allowed him to become a man of great integrity and moral fortitude. He was educated at Rio Upano de la ciudad de Sucua, Ecuador where he obtained his Bachelor's degree.

Mr. Salinas started Mecca Contracting, Inc. in 1997 and worked first as a subcontractor, and now as a general contractor. He works closely with the City of New York, Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). Mr. Salinas holds numerous certifications: NYC Department of Small Business Services (MBE), NY & NJ Minority Supplier Development Council (MBE), Empire State Development (Minority-Owned Business Enterprise), the Port Authority of NY & NJ (Minority-Owned and Small Business Enterprise), New York City MWSBE Housing Authority, NYC School of Construction Authority (MBE), and the Dormitory Authority-State of New York (MWBE). In 2002 he obtained a certificate from the Construction Management Institute sponsored by Jamaica Business Resource Center and New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors. In 2003 he completed the Construction Management Training Certificate Program, sponsored by New York City Department of Small Business Services and Turner Construction. And in 2006 he obtained a certificate in Construction Management Building Blocks Program, sponsored by Skanska USA, The New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors and Medgar Evers College. In 2008 he obtained a Certificate in Construction Management, sponsored by Pace University, Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, and The Port Authority of NY & NJ. In 2004 Mr. Salinas started another business called Broadway Supplies Lumber Corp.

Mr. Salinas has affiliations with the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors, The Association of Minority Enterprises of New York, Inc., NHCA Hispanic National Construction Association, League of United Latin American Citizens and Youth Organization JUVE Ecuador. He has also been a member of Community Board # 4. In his free time he enjoys watching documentaries on television and listening to sports and classical music. He enjoys his weekends greatly, often with a good meal.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Julio Salinas.

STATE COMMANDER OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF THE VET-
ERANS OF FOREIGN WARS EU-
GENE KIJANOWSKI

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand before you today to pay tribute to Eugene H. Kijanowski and to congratulate him on his upcoming installation as the State Commander of the Indiana Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Northwest Indiana is certainly indebted to Mr. Kijanowski for his tireless commitment to those who have crossed seas to fight for our country. In honor of Mr. Kijanowski, a celebratory reception will be held on June 20, 2010, at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 717 in Saint John, Indiana.

Eugene Kijanowski hails from a family with a great military tradition. All three of his brothers served in the armed forces—Thomas and Jerome in the Army, and Wayne in the Air Force. Eugene began his military career in Whidbey Island, Washington, as a member of the United States Navy, where he worked as a parachute rigger and specialized in aircraft hydraulics. He was then transferred to Miramar Naval Air Station to Light Photographic Squadron 63, where he became Aviation Hydraulics Mechanic Third Class as well as a plane captain for the squadron. On the morning of October 26, 1966, aboard the USS Oriskany off the coast of North Vietnam, Mr. Kijanowski was forced to show his true character as a disastrous fire broke out on the flight deck. Crewmen, including Eugene, valiantly fought the fire, jettisoning heavy bombs which lay within reach of the flames. Other men wheeled planes out of danger, rescued pilots, and helped to halt the fire. In the end, 44 sailors perished and 156 were injured. The USS Oriskany returned to Subic Bay on October 28, 1966; and Eugene was discharged on November 16, 1966. His courage and performance on the USS Oriskany earned him the Vietnam Service Medal.

Commander Kijanowski joined the VFW in 1976 and has since held every office in his post. He has garnered many accolades and is a perennial state award winner. During his service with the VFW, Eugene was awarded the prestigious Eisenhower Award for outstanding leadership. Eugene will continue his lifelong commitment to the VFW and will become State Commander of the Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars on June 20, 2010. For his truly heroic service to our nation and his outstanding dedication to the VFW, Mr. Kijanowski is worthy of the highest praise.

Eugene's devotion to the VFW is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Mary, for 42 years. They have two beloved children: Mary and Kevin.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Eugene Kijanowski for his service and dedication in the United States Navy and

congratulate him on his new position of leadership as State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana.

A TRIBUTE TO SHEILA STEWART-BETEGON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sheila Stewart-Betegon for her tireless service to her community.

Sheila Stewart-Betegon was born August 22 in Colon in the Republic of Panama to Cathleen and August Stewart. She is the youngest of three sisters; her older sisters are Maritza Austin and Diana Street. She is married to Porfirio Betegon; she has three children and one grandchild.

Sheila graduated from Abel Bravo High School in Colon and went to study law and political science in the University of Panama. She migrated to the United States in December of 1984.

Like many immigrants, Sheila took odd jobs such as fast food restaurants, and working as a messenger and mail clerk while pursuing the American dream. As a determined and ambitious woman with aspirations of growing professionally, she completed her undergraduate studies in criminal justice at John Jay College in February 1989.

Thereafter she began to work for Miracle Makers Inc., one of the largest minority non-profit organizations in the State of New York. For 16 years Sheila worked at Miracle Makers Inc. and served the community in numerous capacities: as a caseworker, supervisor and coordinator for permanency planning. Sheila monitored over fifty children annually in their foster homes and schools and assessed the goal of reunification of children and families.

In order to keep up with the increasing demands for high level professionals, Sheila returned to college and obtained a Masters degree from Long Island University Brooklyn Campus in 2001.

In 2005, Sheila carried over her experience and skills in social service and social work involving children and young adults to the Salvation Army, one of the oldest social services organizations in the United States. Sheila was hired as a recruiting officer to find foster and adoptive parents for children who could not remain with their biological family.

During this time Sheila volunteered her service at "Prouecto de Trabajadores Latino Americanos" providing instruction in English as a second language to immigrants. Sheila is a member of Free Will Church of God in Christ where the pastor is Eddie Lacewell. Sheila has been given the opportunity to bring forth the word of God.

In 2006, Sheila returned to Panama for six months to culminate her studies in law and obtain her degree as a lawyer. She is currently employed as a Probation Officer for the City of New York Department of Probation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Sheila Stewart-Betegon.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM FOR
SOUTHWESTERN RANDOLPH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to the Southwestern Randolph High School softball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State 3–A softball championship for the third time in 4 years. The Southwestern Randolph Cougars defeated Crest High School 6–1 on June 5, 2010, at Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina, to win the title.

The win did not come easily with the Cougars trailing 1–0 after the third inning. After re-adjusting to the Chargers' pitching style and hitting fewer pop-ups, the Cougars managed to score a run in the fourth inning. Cougars' pitcher Julia Calicutt was able to stop the Chargers from scoring additional runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Having played two seasons behind Southwestern Randolph's 4-year starter Anna Maness, Calicutt was finally given her chance to shine. Calicutt's athleticism and hard work gave the Cougars the opportunity they needed to claim the state title.

The Cougars ended the game tacking on three additional runs in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. "It's an awesome feeling," Calicutt told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune. "There were doubts at the beginning of the season. We had to do this to prove ourselves," added Calicutt.

The championship team members included: Cythnia Hayes, Hannah Hughes, Erin Billups, Olivia Hickman, Julia Calicutt, Kelsey Hoover, Victoria Hunt, Sydney Hyder, Sloane King, Ashia Nicholson, Kaylee King, Paige Parrish, Hayleigh Clapp, Brooke Hayes, Hagan Kiser, Felicia Brady, Braden Newlin, and Alexandria O'Connell. Assisting Head Coach Ricky Martinez were Brook Smith, Robert Hayes and Wendell Seawell.

Again, we would like to congratulate Southwestern Randolph High School's softball team, faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding championship season.

A TRIBUTE TO NATHAN BRADLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nathan Bradley for his continued involvement in his community.

Nathan Bradley was born and raised in Brooklyn, and educated in the New York City Public School system. He is a veteran of the United States Army and has studied advanced micro electronics technology, computer science and graphic design. Upon completion of his education, Nathan worked for an information technology company wherein he installed networks, was responsible for troubleshooting and repaired computers. He also worked in the Graphic Design Department where he was a Senior Project Manager.

In 1989 Nathan became actively involved in the Ronald Brown Democratic Club. Through

the years he has developed an extensive background in community relations from organizing faith based and community based organizations, youth groups and groups with varying ethnic backgrounds such as Jewish, Russian, Hispanic, Caribbean and African American.

Nathan has been involved in various electoral campaigns at the Federal, State, city and judicial levels. He has served in the capacity of Campaign Manager, Deputy Campaign Manager and Field Operation Coordinator throughout the borough of Brooklyn. In these various capacities, Nathan has been profoundly involved in grassroots organizing, voter registration drives, door to door canvassing, phone banks, and petition drives.

Nathan has served as a Chief of Staff to a member of the New York State Assembly. He is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Majority conference leader of the New York State Senate, the Honorable John L. Sampson. He is also the Chairman of Brooklyn Community Board #5, a member of the Community Advisory Board at Brookdale Hospital, a member of the Board of Directors of East New York Kids Power, and also a member of the Board of Directors of the True Worship Church.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Nathan Bradley.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Oregon's inaugural Honor Flight journey of 24 of Oregon World War II and Korean War era veterans to visit their memorials here in Washington, DC. On behalf of a grateful congressional delegation, state, and country, I welcome these heroes to our nation's capital where I am honored to host a special recognition event for them.

The veterans on this Honor Flight are World War II veterans: Jim Cate, U.S. Marine Corps; Don Daugherty, U.S. Navy; Russell "Gunner" Day, U.S. Navy; Al Grant, U.S. Navy; Bob Haskin, U.S. Army Air Corps; Hank Henson, U.S. Army Air Corps; Don Huebsch, U.S. Marine Corps; Anne Laraia, U.S. Air Force; Rocco Laraia Jr., U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force; Ed LeRoy, U.S. Navy; Dennis "Mac" McManus Sr., U.S. Army; Paul Miller, U.S. Army; Richard Miller, U.S. Army; Ed Morehead, U.S. Army Air Corps; Marvin "Bud" Morss, U.S. Air Force; Al E. Rogers, U.S. Navy; Ken Shideler, U.S. Army; Samuel "Smitty" Smith, U.S. Navy; Bill Spencer, U.S. Marine Corps; Don Spencer Sr., U.S. Army Air Corps; George "Vince" Stauffer, U.S. Coast Guard; Vyril "Ed" Sweeney, U.S. Army; and Ervin "Van" Van Blaricom, U.S. Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, these 24 veterans from Oregon join more than 35,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have traveled to our nation's capital to visit and reflect at memorials built here in their honor. This Honor Flight was made possible thanks to generous donations and contributions from the public to honor these American heroes.

We truly can never repay the debt we owe these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and our liberty and freedom. The sacrifices made by these outstanding citizens—and the families they left behind—are truly incredible. Without their honor, courage, commitment, and sacrifice, we would not enjoy the freedoms we cherish today.

Please join me in thanking these Oregon veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their dedication, commitment, and service to our great nation. May God bless them and may God Bless America.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ELIZABETH
WHITEHEAD CLARK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Elizabeth Whitehead Clark for her dedication to service and work as a community activist.

Mary Elizabeth Catten, the oldest of six children, was born on October 8, 1938 in Franklin, Virginia where her family owned and worked their land and grew fruits, and vegetables. After having her first child, Arlinda, saving her money and getting married to Jesse Whitehead, she moved her family to the East New York section of Brooklyn, New York. She and her husband have five other children: Jesse Jr., Jacqueline, Johnette, John and Juanita, and raised five of her husband's nieces and nephews.

Mary became Director of a daycare in East New York that employed 10 adults as well as 15 neighborhood youth during the summer. Through her strong leadership in the community of East New York, Mary played a key role in working with Community Board 5, and former Mayor of New York City, the Honorable Abraham "Abe" Beame, in mapping out the new housing developments that were built in East New York, currently known as the Nehemiah homes. Mary started a block association on Sutter Avenue to improve the conditions in the neighborhood of Community Board 5.

Mary's family outgrew their Sutter avenue apartment and later moved into a house in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. She gave birth to a second set of twins (Mary and Marty) that gave her and Jesse 13 children to raise.

Mary started another block association in her new neighborhood on Halsey Street. She was always involved in the schools that her children attended. Sadly, her beloved husband passed away in 1974. Shortly thereafter, Mary began attending the Macedonia Disciples of Church of God in Christ. She served as the pastor's aide and became a member of the usher's board. She also became involved with the church food pantry, which distributes food to individuals and families in the Bedford Stuyvesant community. The church was an integral part of Mary's life and helped to make sure that her entire family knew God. Mary is still an active member of the church to this day and continues to tirelessly run the food pantry. Mary continues to maintain a presence in the schools that her children attended and

served as President of the P.T.A. of P.S. 93, J.H.S. 258, and Boys and Girls High School. Mary inspires everyone she meets to make a better life for their families and communities.

As her children grew old enough to care for themselves, Mary went back to school and trained to become a home health aide. After successfully completing school and working for a while as a home health aide, she began teaching home health aide courses at the request of the directors of her school. Mary retired after many years of teaching, but her teaching days were far from over. Mary raised two of her many grandchildren, ran the food pantry and served as President of the Nurses Unite organization at her church. Mary was remarried to Mr. James Clark and moved to the Bushwick section of Brooklyn where she continues to be an active member of her block association. The Mary Elizabeth Whitehead Clark legacy of community activism is continued by her children who are all in some aspects involved in politics, and community activism.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Mary Elizabeth Whitehead Clark.

TRIBUTE TO LES RICHTER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Leslie Alan Richter, an accomplished athlete, successful businessman, outstanding community member and close personal friend of mine. On June 12, 2010, Les passed away at the age of 79. Though Les has passed on from this life, he leaves a lasting legacy of generosity and accomplishment that will never be forgotten.

Born in Fresno, California, on October 6, 1930, Les attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he played football and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1952. Before starting a career in professional football, Les served 2 years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1954, he started with the Los Angeles Rams, who traded a record 11 players in order to get Les. He played linebacker and place kicker for the Rams for nine seasons—eight of those being All-Pro. In 1982 he entered the College Football Hall of Fame, and he is still considered one of the greatest linebackers in professional football.

After retiring from football, Les' interests turned to auto racing, and from 1963 to 1984 he ran the Riverside Raceway in Riverside, California. He then moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, where he worked for NASCAR for 10 years, and was named executive vice president of competition in 1986, and the senior vice president of operations in 1992. He is largely recognized as one of three key race track executives that helped guide and advise NASCAR founder "Big Bill" France, who made NASCAR the success it is today. Les built various tracks around the NASCAR circuit and was influential in helping expand the sport's national appeal. After leaving NASCAR, Les returned to Riverside, where he oversaw the development of the Auto Club Speedway.

Aside from his professional endeavors, Les was known for contributing to the community

of Riverside. In fact, Les was an original member of the Monday Morning Group, a group of civic and business leaders who come to Washington every year to meet with legislators from southern California to further the goals of the Inland Empire region. Additionally, Les chaired the board of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and also served on the Riverside Community College District board of trustees.

Les is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Anne Guerrucci; and three grandchildren.

Although Les was known for his great success in his profession, he will be remembered for his gentle manner, humility and great sense of humor. I have personally been influenced by Les, and consider him one of my most valued mentors.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is an honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Les Richter. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JEFFREY A.
MCKOY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Jeffrey A. Mckoy for his dedication to educational pursuits and his work in the field of psychotherapy.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Mckoy was born in Kingston, Jamaica. He migrated to the United States and later moved to Brooklyn, New York to join his family. He attended several universities and obtained a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree and a Doctor of Science in Clinical Psychology.

At the age of 15, Dr. Mckoy began to realize the importance of education and by the time he was 17, he migrated to the United States. He enrolled in an alternative program night school and worked part-time. He found out quickly that a minimum wage job was not going to get him through college. This created a need to fund his educational pursuits. In 1980, he joined the Board of Education as a Family Paraprofessional, where he was able to gain valuable experience and support for his education. In the years in the Department of Education, he was able to attend college and graduated in 1989. He did not stop there; he later enrolled in Brooklyn College.

In 1989, he joined the family District Council 37, Local 372 and served as Released Time Representative for approximately 8 years. It was there that he met and fell in love with his wife Gloria. He later reentered the Board of Education in 1996 as a teacher. He taught Social Studies and various subjects in middle school and High School. His wife has been supportive of his efforts through the years.

Dr. Mckoy is a psychotherapist; he currently owns and operates the mental health clinic Visionary Mental Health Counseling Service, P.C. in Brooklyn. The clinic offers counseling and psychotherapy treatments, evaluations, treatments for ADHD, ADD, ODD, anxiety, grief and loss, work and career issues, stress, and autism and Aspergers disorders.

Dr. Mckoy is a Diplomat and Board Certified member of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is also a member of American Psychological Association and a clinical member of American College of Counselors. He is a Lion and a member of the F & A.M., New York, and served as a worshipful Master of Publicity Lodge 1000.

His youngest daughter, Sheria, is 30 years old. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Naval Academy. She is now pursuing a medical degree. The oldest, Melissa, is 32 years old. She is a graduate of New Jersey Technical Institute. She is an Army Reservist, with a degree in finance and marketing. She is currently pursuing her dreams.

Dr. Mckoy has always placed a great importance on education. He would like to see his children continue their educational interests. He has lived a life based on hard work, education, and responsibility. It is these principles that he believes can have the greatest impact on anyone's success.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Jeffrey A. Mckoy.

HONORING JULIA J. NOBLE, RECIPIENT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CITATION AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a young woman who has risen above very challenging circumstances, has attained an outstanding achievement, and serves as an example for other young people to follow.

I want to recognize Ms. Julia J. Noble, a 19-year-old Chinese-American, who recently graduated from the University of California-Berkeley this past May. Julia remarkably completed her prestigious English honors program in less than 2 years and was presented the Departmental Citation Award, or the Mark Schorer Prize, as the most outstanding English major to graduate from the University in 2010. As an Asian Pacific Islander and an alumnus, I am proud of her accomplishment which is eminently remarkable and considered impossible given her young age. The Departmental Citation Award was conferred by Dr. Samuel Otter, Chair of the English Department at University of California-Berkeley.

As an infant, born in California, Julia moved with her family to many countries in the Pacific, including Taiwan, Australia, and Japan. Through her diverse upbringing, she has always displayed a generous and noble compassion towards others. At age 13, a deep love for her homeland brought Julia back to the United States to pursue her education. Having spent the majority of her life attending Chinese- and Japanese-speaking schools, Julia had to be tutored by family friends for even the most basic reading skills. Thus her aspiration during high school to study English literature at a premier university was always met with derision and doubts. Yet Julia was undeterred, and through her determination and hard work she excelled at her high school and

gained admission to the University of California-Berkeley, where she pursued a rigorous course of study in English Literature.

Julia continues to believe that one can do anything as long as one is determined and motivated by a heartfelt cause; her phenomenal success is a model for every aspiring young person. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Julia for this singular superior academic accomplishment; and I personally hope this tribute may reach other young people and serve as inspiration for their future achievement as well.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSE ANTONIO
ZAPATA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jose Antonio Zapata for his dedication to his community and excellence in his field.

A personable and dedicated retail bank professional, Jose Antonio Zapata is the oldest of three sons raised in Bronx, New York by proud parents Honoria Guaba and Antonio Zapata. Jose's parents left their native country of the Dominican Republic and migrated to the United States with the hope of giving their children a better life. His parents instilled in him that dedication, hard work, higher education and motivation will lead to success in life.

Graduating from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science, Jose immersed himself in becoming a noteworthy athlete in Track and Field. He also volunteered throughout the Bronx, through such deeds as helping in the clean up project at Van Cortland Park.

With his mother's relentless support for academic advancement, Jose earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Baruch College in Real Estate and Metropolitan Development. He chose this field in hopes of filling the need of affordable housing in underserved communities. However, he soon realized that having a solid understanding of financial services would enable an individual to go much further than being provided affordable shelter. Ever since then he has focused his efforts on the financial industry.

Mr. Zapata is now a highly accomplished bilingual management professional with expertise in retail banking and an interest in micro-finance. Jose joined Citibank, a leading global financial services company, in 2004 and quickly became an award-winning employee, earning the 2005 CitiStars Top Sales Producer Award. He also became Chair of the Community Outreach and Professional Development Committee for the Citigroup Hispanic Network and Editor of the Citibank Management Association newsletter. His hard work continued to pay off as he was selected to work on high-profile initiatives for the previous chairman and C.E.O. of Citibank North America.

Jose quickly moved on to becoming Branch Manager of Citibank's Liberty Avenue branch where he has had great success. Through his management, Citibank's Liberty Avenue Branch is intensely focused on serving its clients, customers, and community through branch involvement in events such as the Bangladesh Festival, the Mobile Mexican Con-

sulate, Community Board Meetings, and various customer appreciation initiatives.

Prior to joining Citibank, Jose provided marketing support for Gala Resources LLC and Powerhouse Mortgage and Funding and sale support for the Unicasa Realty. When he is not working, he loves playing basketball, and nurturing his younger brothers' affinity for the sport. He is also a boxing aficionado. Jose now hopes to continue his educational endeavors and entering a graduate program of study in the near future.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jose Antonio Zapata.

CONGRATULATING BERNARD
"BERNIE" BEHREND'S ON HIS
89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bernard "Bernie" Behrends, an exceptional philanthropist with a passion for education. He will be celebrating his 89th birthday on July 27, 2010. His passion and dedication for providing charity to others is inspiring and commendable. Bernie's mother was widowed and raised Bernie and his sister Anna with the help of their grandfather. At an early age, they were inspired by a philosophy of charity. They were taught to help others whenever possible and to view their successes as opportunities to help others in the future. These values were the foundation on which Bernie started his volunteer and charity work and why he continues to do so to this day.

Bernie was born in Lincoln, Illinois on July 27, 1921. He completed his primary and secondary education in Lincoln, through the Lincoln public school system. In 1946, after three years of service during World War II, Bernie was honorably discharged from the United States Navy.

Bernie attended Lincoln College from 1946 to 1948 and Bradley University from 1948 to 1950, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from Bradley University. After completing his post-secondary education with assistance from the GI Bill of Rights, Bernie began his successful career working as a civil engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation. After thirty two years of service, he retired in 1982.

Throughout the years, Bernie Behrends has been an invaluable asset to our community in central Illinois by volunteering countless hours of his time and expertise. Between 1958 and 1963, Bernie served as Vice President of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Logan County Selective Service Board. Through this position, he was assigned to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1973. This experience was followed by membership on the Logan County Election Board for eight years. Eventually in 1992, Bernie was elected to the coveted Board of Trustees at Lincoln College, a position he has now held for eighteen years.

Through his position on the Board of Trustees, he has worked to provide financial assistance to high school students seeking to attend

college but do not have the means to do so. In 1998, with the help of his sister Anna, Bernie established the Anna and Bernard Behrends Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship has provided more than forty students with the opportunity to go to college since its creation. He has also been a pioneer for education through the founding of Logan County Voiture 985 of the Forty and Eight Nurses in Training Scholarship, which has helped over 150 students pursue careers in nursing through financial assistance.

All of these accomplishments are examples of Bernie's fervor for service and leadership to the Peoria community. Not surprisingly, Bernie is also a lifetime member of many recognizable organizations such as the American Legion, Forty and Eight, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 91, Lincoln Masonic Lodge, Springfield Consistory, Ansar Shrine, Logan County Shrine, and the Legion of Honor.

As of today, there are no signs of Bernie curbing his service to Peoria. He continues to dedicate his time and energy to educational service by working with his sister to provide the necessary resources to the people of our community.

In summary, Madam Speaker, Bernie Behrends is an exceptional example of service and leadership in our community. His charity and commitment to serving those less fortunate than himself has been a hallmark of his life dedicated to being a man for others. Because educational opportunities are the foundation for future success, I believe Bernie's incredible charity to the people of central Illinois is something to be cherished and celebrated. I wish Mr. Behrends a very Happy 89th Birthday, and congratulate him on his continued legacy as a community leader.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE V.
NARINE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jacqueline V. Narine for her many achievements in the health field.

Jacqueline V. Narine is a born and bred Brooklynite. She is the youngest daughter of the late Theodore and Marion Holmes. Educated in the New York City Public School system, she nurtured a desire to work in a hospital community. Jacqueline began in high school as a hospital volunteer and then moved onto an outstanding professional career within the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation.

In 1977, Jacqueline joined NYC Health and Hospital Corporation with the Finance Department at Cumberland Hospital as a Hospital Care Investigator. Her work style and commitment were soon acknowledged and she was promoted to Systems Analyst in Outpatient Billing. This phenomenal experience led to her position as the Assistant Director for Clinical Operations, with responsibilities in several different capacities at this North Brooklyn Health Network, including the oversight, management and budget for Ambulatory Care Services. However, the most significant aspect for Jac-

queline and the key to great hospital care was always the effective and responsive care given to patients. Her impact was noticed by patients and staff.

Over the 32 years of service to the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation there have been challenges to patient care. Jacqueline and her colleagues have had to adapt to changing healthcare/managed care, decreased resources and the perpetual needs of the patients. The importance of working with the community you are serving to maintain efficiency has always been significant to Jacqueline. She has worked with the Community Advisory Board, the Auxiliary Board and the Reach Out and Read Program of Greater NY. Over the years she planned and coordinated many events. The community based event in 1996 "Bedford-Stuyvesant Resource Family Day" earned Jacqueline recognition from former New York City Public Advocate Mark Green.

Jacqueline is a fourth generation member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn. She is active in the Business and Professional Women of Cornerstone Baptist Church. She is the Financial Secretary for the Bedford Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc., member of the Senior Umbrella Network of Brooklyn, Unity Democratic Club and a lifetime member of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Brooklyn Chapter. Retirement will allow her the time to give generously to her family and her community.

Jacqueline has been a devoted wife for 36 years to Peter Narine and is the mother of Seth Ramjit Narine and Danielle Melissa Narine. It is scripture that guides her (Luke 12:48) "To whom much is given much is expected."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jacqueline V. Narine.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
RETIREMENT JEFF KIMPEL

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I am here to congratulate Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, on his retirement after 13 years of federal service as director of NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory, NSSL, in Norman, Oklahoma. He has been active in advancing the Geosciences and Meteorology Program in the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation.

His career spans not only the academic community, but government service as well. After graduating and earning graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Kimpel joined the meteorological faculty at the University of Oklahoma, where he earned the rank of full professor and held several administrative positions which include dean of the College of Geosciences and provost and senior vice president of the Norman, Oklahoma campus and having the title of senior vice president of the Norman campus. He chaired both the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for Atmospheric Sciences and the Board of Trustees of the University Corporation for the Atmospheric Sciences.

Some of the prestigious positions that have been held by Dr. Kimpel include Assistant Pro-

fessor for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus where he was granted tenure. He later became the Associate Professor for the School of Meteorology followed by having the title of Emeritus Professor of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus. Before coming to the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Kimpel held positions as research assistant at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and as a lecturer.

The NSSL is responsible for creating Doppler weather radar technology that has opened many doors and eventually led to the creation of the national NEXRAD, NEXt generation weather RADar, network which consisted of more than 160 radar systems. This has greatly reduced the number of fatalities that have been caused by tornados. During Dr. Kimpel's time there, NSSL conducted scientific and technological research that upgraded NEXRAD's systems.

Dr. Kimpel worked vigorously to launch the Multifunction Phased Array Radar initiative as a possible replacement in the future for NEXRAD. He has worked with the NWS Storm Prediction Center and the Norman Weather Forecast Office to create a Hazardous Weather Testbed to speed up the transition of new science into operational warning and forecasting decision processes. He has also expanded the NSSL's radar-based flash flood forecasting and water management programs into areas near the coast where inundation from land falling tropical storms, hurricanes and other inclement weather is possible.

Dr. James Kimpel has had a major impact throughout the state of Oklahoma, and I am proud to be from a state where he has contributed so much to protecting the lives of so many Americans through his work at the NSSL. I thank him and all Oklahomans and Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVIS GAYLE, JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Davis Gayle, Jr. for his contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Davis Gayle, Jr., the proprietor of Tropical Paradise Restaurant and Tropical Paradise Ballroom, is one of the most outstanding businesspeople in the Brooklyn area. Affectionately referred to as Junior, Gayle has distinguished himself and his establishment. With fierce entrepreneurial will and a genuine love for people, Junior has taken the business of restaurants to new heights and has transformed the Tropical Paradise franchise into a veritable cultural center.

Tropical Paradise Restaurant and Tropical Paradise Ballroom are located in the heart of the Utica Avenue metropolis. The restaurant opened on September 8, 2001 and offers a wide range of West Indian dishes. In addition to being frequented by top artists, Tropical Paradise is now well known in the community as a nurturing ground for new artists. The Tropical Paradise Ballroom opened on November 8, 2008. The large ballroom with its mirror walls and beautiful chandeliers has

quickly become the “In place” for weddings, birthday parties, and community events.

Junior, American born of Honduran parentage, started in business in 1979 working in his father’s meat market. He continued to learn and absorb all that he could about the business from his father while pursuing his own career path. In 1988, he joined the New York City Department of Corrections. As a corrections officer for 13 years, Junior worked the night shift at the Anna M. Kross Center, which is the largest correctional facility on Rikers Island. By day, he continued to help his father build one of the best known meat markets in Brooklyn.

By 1994, Junior was ready and fully prepared to take on business ownership for himself. Taking a leave of absence from the Department of Corrections, he opened the Avenue D Meat Market. This business continues to be one of the most successful in the area.

His love and concern for his community was evident in 1983 when Junior became an Auxiliary Police Officer at the 67th precinct. Now, as a restaurant owner, he continues to give back to the community. He does so by graciously supporting cultural events in the area by providing courtesy backstage catering. Every Christmas, Junior and Tropical Paradise produce a cultural show that has become a calendar event in the Brooklyn West Indian Community.

As a role model, Junior willingly shares his personal credo with young people. “Anything you desire in life can be achieved with hard work and education,” he says. Junior’s commitment to excellence and community service has been recognized and rewarded with several awards including the “Men of Distinction Award” from former State Senator Mary Markowitz in 2001 and a Community Service Award from New York Tabernacle Church.

Junior is married to Joanne Gayle and is the proud father of two daughters, Leonie and Jasmine.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Davis Gayle, Jr.

HONORING TODD DENBESTE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Todd DenBeste upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol, Oakhurst Area Office. Officer DenBeste will officially retire June 30, 2010, after twenty-eight years of service. A party will be held in his honor on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Oakhurst, California.

Officer Todd DenBeste graduated from West High School in Torrance, California. Upon graduating from high school, he worked in the private sector until he was appointed to the California Highway Patrol academy in 1982. Upon completing the academy, he was immediately placed in the South Los Angeles Area Office, where he was later assigned to the motor squad. Officer DenBeste served in South Los Angeles for nine years.

In December 1991, Officer DenBeste was transferred to the California Highway Patrol Resident Post in Oakhurst, California. When

the Oakhurst Area Office was formed in 2003, Officer DenBeste was assigned to that office.

Officer DenBeste has been married to his wife, Leisa, for thirty-three years. They have two children, Justin and Melissa.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Todd DenBeste for his tremendous service to the state of California upon his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer DenBeste many years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. MARK V. C. TAYLOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor for his dedication to his faith and tireless service to his community.

Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He was licensed in 1978 and ordained in 1979 at the Living Hope Baptist Church in Chicago under the leadership of Rev. James F. Jordan. From 1978 to 1981 he attended the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop Carliss L. Moody, who was one of the participating ministers at Dr. Taylor’s ordination in 1979.

Dr. Taylor received his B.A. in History from Northwestern University, Master’s of Divinity in Theology and Church History, Master’s of Philosophy in Church History and a Ph.D. in Church History from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Taylor is currently the Pastor at The Church of the Open Door in Brooklyn, New York where he has developed several new programs; a Council of Ministries, including nine ministries specifically addressing the needs of the community and Black Male Emphasis Sundays. He has developed an extensive outreach ministry through outdoor services. He works closely with the youth and conducts a monthly bible study where the youth of the church openly discuss pertinent issues of the day and how they relate to the Word of God.

Recently he has formed a Bible Institute, which seeks to provide a pleasurable and informative encounter with the Word of God. He has sponsored a new church school curriculum and a new summation of the Church’s Doctrine called the Doctrine of Christian Wholism. He is very active and can often be found at public hearings and in community meetings.

Dr. Taylor has published many articles and his dissertation was titled “Godless Spots in Paradise: Social Christianity and Public Housing 1932–1955”. His most recent publication titled, “In Times Like These: Sermons of Christian Power for Post-Modern Urban America”, is an uplifting collection of his sermons dealing with today’s issues.

Dr. Taylor also is an evangelist. In addition to outdoor services in the community surrounding the church, he preaches at many local congregations and has preached in churches from New York to Los Angeles. Dr. Taylor defines the focus of his ministry as “Progressive Pentecostalism,” the attempt to

link the best of western rationality and the democratic tradition to the need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Reverend Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN BAKER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren J. Baker, an educational leader from San Luis Obispo, California, which I represent, on his retirement after nearly a half century of service to higher education, including the past 31 years as the President of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly.

A geotechnical engineer by training, Warren has had many experiences that helped enhance his leadership abilities before joining Cal Poly as President, including teaching at the University of Detroit as a Chrysler Professor, and later serving as Dean of the College of Engineering and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Warren became the Cal Poly President in 1979. Throughout his tenure, he initiated many improvements at the University, raising Cal Poly’s profile, particularly in the fields of Architecture, Agriculture and Engineering. Under Warren’s leadership, the educational opportunities of students significantly expanded with the addition of 20 new majors and 72 minors and 15 new master’s degree programs. In addition, over this period Cal Poly established the Irrigation Training and Research Center, the Environmental Biotechnology Institute, the Dairy Products Technology Center, the Collaborative Agent Design Research Center, and the Brock Institute for Agricultural Communication. Throughout his tenure, Warren and his team found creative ways to support student success, including funding \$1 billion in state-of-the-art laboratories, buildings and other facilities establishing Cal Poly as one of the nation’s premier comprehensive polytechnic universities.

Always seeking to provide for Cal Poly’s future, Warren’s leadership of the University’s first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign was the most successful in the history of the California State University system. Cal Poly has the largest endowment among the CSU’s 23 campuses. He also created the President’s Cabinet where leaders from industry, government, and community act as an advisory board to help the University determine strategic educational and financial plans.

Perhaps Warren’s most enduring contribution to Cal Poly’s excellence has been his steadfast support for—and careful nurturing of—the University’s renowned “learn-by-doing” educational experience, which attracts students from all around the country. This learning approach requires students to apply classroom theory to real-world problems. Employers from a broad array of America’s most prestigious companies aggressively recruit Cal Poly students because they graduate with real-world experience and can contribute innovative solutions to complex problems.

It's no wonder that under Warren's leadership Cal Poly has been recognized as one of the best public universities in the United States for 17 consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report.

Educational advancement is a central priority for Warren, even in his private life. He is one of the longest serving members of the California Council for Science and Technology. He also co-chairs the Business Higher Education Forum's Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative that is responsible for two significant reports on K-12 science and math education. Additionally, Warren co-chairs a California STEM education planning initiative and is a member of the Board of Governors of the U.S.-Mexico Science Foundation, which promotes programs in technology, research, science, math and engineering education for both countries. President Ronald Reagan appointed him to serve on the National Science Board and the U.S. Agency for International Development Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

Dedicated to serving his community, Warren's leadership at California Polytechnic State University will be sorely missed and difficult to replace, but his well-deserved retirement will give him the ability to spend more time with his wife Carly Fitzsimons Baker, their family and their friends. Warren's level of dedication to higher education continues to be exemplified through his commitment to remain active at Cal Poly and in the California State University System. I commend his service in San Luis Obispo, and I know that Warren will enjoy this next chapter of his life.

HONORING AMY R. TAYLOR FOR
HER SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Amy Taylor and thank her for her tremendous service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District. After serving as my executive assistant for 4 years, Amy is leaving for a new position on Capitol Hill.

Amy first came to my office as a summer intern in 2005 when she was still an English major at Middle Tennessee State University, my alma mater. It was clear to me and to my staff that she was bright, capable and eager to learn more about the inner workings of Congress.

When her internship ended, we didn't forget her skill for the work of the congressional office and her loyalty to her Middle Tennessee roots. When a position became open in the office around the time Amy was graduating, I was happy she accepted and made the move to Washington. Throughout her time here, she has brought remarkable capability, talent and good humor to a challenging job.

Madam Speaker, I simply can't say enough about the outstanding job Amy has done while working in my office. Her knowledge of the district has been a great asset, and her positive attitude has enabled her to have a good

and quick rapport with constituents, her co-workers and virtually anyone she meets.

It's been a pleasure having Amy on our staff. While my staff and I are sad to see her go, we're fortunate that she won't be going far. Amy will be moving on to the office of my colleague Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District, where she also has family roots. I hope Mr. DAVIS and his staff appreciate how lucky they are to have her.

Amy, I thank you for your hard work and good advice, and I wish you all the best in your continued service to the Volunteer State.

HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS
101ST ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 242, Honoring and Praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 101st anniversary. I would also like to commend Representative GREEN, the sponsor of this resolution, for his commitment to recognizing the accomplishments of this historic organization. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution praising this venerable institution.

In 1905, a group of Jewish and African-American leaders came together to discuss the injustices faced by African-Americans and possible solutions. The group led by renowned scholar and sociologist W.E.B. Du Bois was known as the Niagara Movement. Du Bois said at that time that, "[t]he problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line". The goal of the Niagara Movement and its successor the NAACP was to erase that color line.

In its earliest years the NAACP fought against the racist Jim Crow laws of the south and campaigned for equal access to voting, housing, and education. The organization's dedication to overturn the "separate but equal" doctrine culminated in the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, which declared state-sponsored segregation of elementary schools to be unconstitutional. During the Civil Rights era the NAACP's unrelenting appeals for voting reform culminated in the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Civil Rights Act into law.

Some critics of the NAACP now see the organization as unnecessary and ineffective in today's post-racial world. I respond to that criticism with these words: the color line that W.E.B. DuBois fought against 101 years ago, still exists today. Yes, we are living in a time when our country has its first African-American president; but we are also living in a time when African-Americans are on the whole underrepresented in governmental leadership positions. We also live in a time in which African-Americans account for nearly 51 percent of all new HIV/AIDS cases. Progress has clearly been made, but we have a lot of work to do and the NAACP continues to champion better life for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker it is imperative that we recognize this landmark organization for its contribu-

tions to this country. Many of us would not be here without their efforts. For 101 years the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has consistently and effectively pressed for total racial equality and inclusion and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and recognize the 101st anniversary of the NAACP.

A TRIBUTE TO VERNART JENKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vernart Jenkins for his dedication and service to his faith and community.

Vernart Jenkins was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He was educated in the New York Public Schools and graduated from Tilden High School and New York Technical College.

Mr. Jenkins is the oldest of three sons to Eddie and Victoria Jenkins; his two brothers are Curtis and Ronald Jenkins. He is married to the love of his life, Althea Walls Ronald Jenkins, and he is the father of two daughters, Zetorea and Aleshia.

Mr. Jenkins was born and raised in the Berean Baptist Church and has been a member for fifty years. He has been a member of the Sunday School Department most of his life, and is presently the Superintendent of the Adult Department. He has been a part of the Usher's Ministry for almost fifty years. He is presently a Supervisor of the Junior Usher Board. Additionally, for the past five years, he has served as one of the worship leaders at the Berean Gardens Wednesday noonday prayer service.

He has spent 15 years in finance and loan companies. He has been employed by the New York City Transit Authority as a conductor for 23 years. In 1998, he was ordained as a deacon at the Berean Church.

Finally, he accepted Jesus Christ into his life and began to travel a road less traveled, committing himself to be a good husband and father and follow his favorite verse, Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Vernart Jenkins.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MARSEILLES, IL

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Marseilles, Illinois as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary this month. Marseilles, founded in 1835 by settlers on little more than a dream and a few acres of land, commemorates a history of growth and prosperity that has turned it into the beautiful community that it is today.

The city's history began in 1835 when a man named Lovel Kimball saw the great potential of the city, naming it Marseilles after the city in France that embodied the industrial

center that he wished to establish. Founded on the banks of the mighty Illinois River and later near the Illinois Michigan Canal, the early settlement was full of promise with the capacity to become a center of manufacturing and industry. Today that same river still plays an integral part in the industrial and recreational life of Marseilles.

Always a center for innovation and promise, the men and women who have called Marseilles home have gone on to make great contributions to their country and their fellow man. Solomon Bell, the inventor of the original reaper that transformed the agricultural industry worldwide, began his career in Marseilles and today this community is well equipped to nurture the next generation of inventors, scientists and leaders.

The people of Marseilles have a rich history of service to their country. Soldiers and war heroes from nearly every major war in the past century have spent their time in Marseilles and many have found their final resting place here. Mothers and fathers have sent their sons and daughters to fight for our country's freedom for generations and the community of Marseilles has shown a unique dedication to honoring our veterans and remembering our fallen heroes.

On June 19th, 2004, Marseilles became home to the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall. This Wall is the only memorial in the United States dedicated solely to honoring the servicemen and women who have lost their lives fighting in wars in the Middle East since 1979. As an ardent supporter of all veterans, I am especially proud of Marseilles for this fact.

Since its founding 175 years ago, Marseilles has become a community that takes pride in its schools, its beautiful churches, its hard workers, and its atmosphere of friendliness and family. This character is what brings Marseilles into its 175th year as a thriving, vibrant community and I am confident that it will continue to carry on this legacy for many years to come.

STANDING IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to express my strong support for the State of Israel, adding my voice alongside that of the millions of Americans who support the State of Israel.

On May 31, Israeli forces took military action and boarded six ships in a flotilla that was attempting to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza. No matter how regrettable the loss of life may be in this incident, it does not change the underlying fact that Israel has a right to defend herself, and in this case was exercising it.

When Hamas seized control of Gaza, this terrorist organization used it as a base of operations from which to commit acts of terrorism against Israel and her citizens. In re-

sponse, Israel imposed a blockade of Gaza to prevent weapons from reaching the hands of terrorists to be used to maim and kill innocent Israeli citizens. By implementing this policy and stemming the ability of Hamas to carry out acts of terrorism, Israel not only saved lives in Israel, but also has saved lives in Gaza.

Had this flotilla truly been about providing humanitarian aid to Gaza, why did they not accept Israel's offer to let the ships dock at an Israeli port, be inspected, and then proceed over land to Gaza? Based on the flotilla's actions, it seems the political mission of attempting to break the Israeli blockade was of higher priority than the humanitarian mission of providing aid to Gaza.

The State of Israel is one of the United States' staunchest allies, and our two nations have enjoyed a special relationship since the founding of the State of Israel over sixty years ago.

Over the course of this relationship, the United States has proudly and unwaveringly stood by our friend and ally, Israel. We should and must continue to do so now.

CONGRATULATING BALLET MEMPHIS ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ballet Memphis for their invitation to perform as part of "Ballet Across America II" at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. on June 17 and 19, 2010. This will be Ballet Memphis' debut performance at the Kennedy Center and it will be the first Tennessee dance company to perform on the main stage. Ballet Memphis joins eight notable dance companies from around our nation to take part in the second installment of this week-long production.

Dorothy Gunther Pugh founded Ballet Memphis in 1986 as Memphis Concert Ballet and currently serves as Artistic Director. Ballet Memphis began as a company with two professional dancers and an operating budget of \$75,000. Now in its 23rd season, it employs 16 dancers, trains 700 students, tours local schools and has an operating budget of \$3.3 million. The company performs at various venues in Memphis including the Orpheum Theatre, the newly renovated Playhouse on the Square and their own award-winning studio in East Memphis.

Ballet Memphis has had the distinct honor of performing at various festivals around the world. They have performed as part of the Inside/Out Series at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket, Massachusetts, Spring to Dance in St. Louis and the Joyce Theater in New York. Ballet Memphis has performed in productions in Paris and Quebec as well. Recognized by the Ford Foundation as a "national treasure," the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded Ballet Memphis a grant to explore

opportunities for redefining midsize ballet companies in the nation. Ballet Memphis' performance this week at The Kennedy Center will bring nationwide attention to dance companies of similar size and talent.

Ballet Memphis will take to the Kennedy Center main stage performing their 2007 original piece "In Dreams" choreographed by Trey McIntyre and set to music recorded at Memphis' Sun Studio by Roy Orbison. Mrs. Pugh's choreographers reflect the musical and literary history of Memphis and merge both rock-and-roll and soul music to bring to the forefront the importance of all humanity living together. Mrs. Pugh stated "this is a really good piece for us to perform because it sets us apart in terms of the different ways we create work to reflect the community."

Through their commitment to hard work and outstanding performances, Ballet Memphis has built a distinguished name of which they can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Ballet Memphis for their many accomplishments and for being invited to perform in "Ballet Across America II."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dedication of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Located within the predominantly African American "Stop Six" Neighborhood of Southeast Fort Worth, the Center will help meet challenges in relation to social, educational and cultural service needs of the community. The new 15,000 square-foot structure is named to honor two former Pastors of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Reverends Houston and Lockett, and will serve as a multi-purpose center. With the efforts of non-profit organizations, the Center intends to develop programs to address challenges such as illiteracy, job assistance programs and health needs such as the high infant mortality rates and other needs faced by the surrounding community.

The Family Life Center will help improve the quality of life across a multi-generational spectrum. The area's children will find education in Art, Music and Dance. Seniors will find it a place of assistance, and families as a whole can participate in recreational activities to enjoy quality time together.

I am honored to congratulate Reverend Bruce Datcher and the Congregation of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church for their new addition and commitment to South East Fort Worth. It is my pleasure to extend my best wishes for success in their mission as they seek to meet the physical, mental, social and emotional needs of the community.