

responsible for an oil spill, it can declare bankruptcy and not sell its assets, in which case the parent company would not inherit cleanup liabilities.

This is a realistic scenario, given the high cost of oil spills. Even a well capitalized company worth several billion dollars could be responsible for an oil spill that costs tens of billions of dollars to clean up. The Exxon Valdez spill cost over \$2 billion just to clean up 10.9 million gallons of oil. As of late June, the Deepwater Horizon spill had already cost BP \$2.65 billion with total cleanup cost estimates as high as \$100 billion. Moreover, if Congress increases the cap on private liability under the Oil Pollution Act, oil companies could be responsible for much greater costs. The fishing industry in the Gulf is worth \$5.5 billion annually. Just losing 50% of western Florida's tourism would cost the state \$10 billion. If Congress eliminates the private liability cap under OPA then an oil company responsible for a spill could be responsible for tens of billions of dollars to reimburse property owners and workers for lost property and wages. Given the extraordinarily high cleanup and private liability costs of oil spills, we must close the loophole that allows parent companies to escape liability by letting subsidiaries go bankrupt.

I have introduced legislation, the Stand by your Oil Pollution (STOP) Act, to prevent oil companies from shedding liabilities of subsidiaries. This legislation is necessary to ensure that BP doesn't escape its cleanup responsibilities in the Gulf and to prevent oil companies from setting up subsidiaries to avoid liability for spills in the future.

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HONORING TAIWAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO OIL RESPONSE

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Taiwanese government for their efforts in assisting the ongoing response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

More than 70 days have passed since the Deepwater Horizon platform sank on April 20, 2010. During this time, the United States has received assistance from seventeen countries and four international bodies in the form of equipment, expertise and general assistance.

Particularly worthy of mention is Taiwan's offer of 600 feet of fire boom to the Gulf.

When the government of the Republic of China received the request for boom from the International Spill Control Organization and British Petroleum, officials in Taiwan cut all the red tape and immediately airlifted the boom to the Gulf for use.

Efforts like these, when the United States is truly in a time of need, should not go unnoticed, and Taiwan's latest offer is another genuine example of Taiwan being a responsible member of the international community.

I believe Taiwan has a vital role to play in this and many other areas.

We thank Taiwan for its offer of assistance. Taiwan is a true friend of the United States.

A TRIBUTE TO SECOND LIEUTENANT McMAHON

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Second Lieutenant John E. McMahon of the U.S. Army Air Corps, and his distinguished service in World War II as a Radar Navigator flying the B-24 Liberator.

Volunteering for service on November 2, 1942, Second Lieutenant McMahon underwent training in the United States. He was then assigned to the 528th Squadron of the 380th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and reported for duty in the Western Pacific. Second Lieutenant McMahon flew 27 missions from airstrips on New Guinea, Luzon, Mindoro, the Philippines, and Okinawa. His campaigns included the Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Air Offensive Japan, and the China Offensive Campaign. His decorations and campaign awards include the Air Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with silver star), and the Philippines Liberation Medal (with one bronze star). Through his bravery and selfless service in direct combat actions, he helped take the fight to the enemy and bring the war to a decisive and victorious close.

After his service in World War II, he chose to settle in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Texas Christian University and married the former Willie Mae Wittie, his wife of 60 years.

This Nation should always remember how much we owe the Greatest Generation. The service and sacrifice of John McMahon and his brothers in arms is a manifestation of all that makes this country great. We are honored to have such men walk among us, and must always remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and are no longer with us.

I wish to extend my greatest appreciation to Second Lieutenant John E. McMahon for his gallant service to our Nation in World War II.

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SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Seminole Community Library is one of the greatest educational resources of the City of Seminole, Florida I have the privilege to represent. Later this month, the library, its staff and its thousands of patrons will celebrate its golden 50th anniversary.

Founded by a dedicated group of volunteers in 1960, the library has outgrown its facilities on a number of occasions before locating at its present site on the campus of The St. Petersburg College. Now named the Dennis L. Jones Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, after my good friend and Florida State Senator, the partnership between the library, the city and the college makes this one of the most unique facilities of its kind in our entire area.

Madam Speaker, one thing has transcended the history of this great library, from its early days in the "cottage" to its present operations in a state-of-the-art educational facility, and that is service to people of all ages.

It is a real honor for me to have the library as a valuable neighbor to my Seminole Congressional District Office and to visit with folks there as they come and go. Please join me in congratulating those early leaders who had a vision that has grown into this great library and to thank all those who provide support to the current facility. This includes the City of Seminole, The St. Petersburg College, the library's professional staff and dedicated volunteers, the Friends of the Library organization, the Library Advisory Board and the Library Youth Advisory Board.

As the library embarks upon its next 50 years of service to our community, it remains focused on its goal to remember the past, serve the present and plan for the future.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF SISTER ANN BRAWLEY, RSM

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR-**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise today to recall the generous, self-giving life of Sister Ann Brawley, of the Mercy Order of Roman Catholic sisters in Lima who in 2010 has passed from this life into the next. Sr. Ann spent 77 of the 94 years of her life on Earth serving in Christ Jesus' name. She put into practice His words to live by—to "remain in my love." Her joy was complete, as was the joy she conveyed to others.

Sr. Ann's imprimatur on our community is large. Starting as a bookkeeper for Mercy and St. Charles Hospitals in Toledo, she befriended all people who worked and visited the hospitals in which she worked. Of deep and committed social conscience, she was key in the establishment of the Toledo Catholic Diocese's Central Development Office. She offered accounting services to several area schools, the Migrant Information Office, Aurora Shelter for Women, and Bittersweet Farms community for adults with autism. She was invited to help in the development of Lima, Ohio's Kibby Corners Neighborhood Project.

In addition to Sr. Ann's accounting skill, she had a gift and a passion for the course of the Nation and politics. I came to know her when she offered her counsel, prayers and talents to me during my first campaign in 1982. Her humor, wit, and acumen were sharp and appreciated by all whose lives she touched. Not all business, Sr. Ann also had a passion for sports.

Sr. Ann had a compassionate heart and open arms, and the source of her hope was the unconditional love of Jesus. As Sister Joan Nemann, RSM noted in her eulogy, "More than ten years ago when she asked me to give the homily at her funeral she emphasized these words repeatedly, remain in my love. This was such good news for her—and for us. Today, in her room I found a piece of birch bark that Ann had kept for a number of years. I recall that some years ago I came to the Pines to make a retreat. At that time the birch trees were shedding their bark. I found