

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAGNOLIA MOUND PLANTATION

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Magnolia Mound Plantation located in the City of Baton Rouge in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. It gives me great pleasure to announce that as of May 10th, 2010 the Plantation has achieved national accreditation by the American Association of Museums, joining an impressive and elite group of only 778 institutions around the country to achieve this distinguished accreditation.

Magnolia Mound Plantation has successfully demonstrated that it meets the high standards established by the accreditation program and the museum field. It has done this through its completion of a rigorous process of self study and reviews by a visiting committee of its peers and the Accreditation Commission. The accreditation process certifies a museum's commitment to excellence and professional standards of operation.

Located in Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, Magnolia Mound Plantation is a rare survivor of architecture influenced by early settlers from France and the West Indies. This landmark is unique in southern Louisiana not simply because of its age, quality of restoration, or outstanding collections, but because it is still a vital part of the community. Through educational programs, workshops, lectures, festivals, and other special events, Magnolia Mound's mission is to illustrate and interpret the lifestyle of the French Creoles who formed the fascinating culture which still influences and pervades life in southern Louisiana today. With this accreditation, I can only hope that Magnolia Mound Plantation will continue to be an asset to our community.

A GENOCIDE SURVIVOR STORY: HAROUTIOUN ANDONIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to memorialize and record a courageous story of survival of the Armenian Genocide. The Armenian Genocide, perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923, resulted in the death of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children. As the U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau documented at the time, it was a campaign of "race extermination."

The campaign to annihilate the Armenian people failed, as illustrated by the proud Armenian nation and prosperous diaspora. It is difficult if not impossible to find an Armenian

family not touched by the genocide, and while there are some survivors still with us, it is imperative that we record their stories. Through the Armenian Genocide Congressional Record Project, I hope to document the harrowing stories of the survivors in an effort to preserve their accounts and to help educate the Members of Congress now and in the future of the necessity of recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

This is one of those stories:

(Submitted by Nareg Krumian, the grandson of Haroutioun Andonian)

"Haroutioun Andonian was born in Gurun, Turkey in 1909 and grew up with his father, mother, grandmother and younger sister. At the age of 6, his father and mother were separated from him, his sister and his grandmother. His father was arrested by Turkish soldiers and his mother was taken away. He still remembers a line of people bound to each other at their wrists and being marched away from his village. Among them was Haroutioun's father, whom he never saw afterwards. He never saw his mother again either. He was rounded up with his sister, grandmother and other neighbors by another group of soldiers and taken away to various cities and villages. By the time they reached Aintab (presently called Gaziantep), his sister and grandmother were too weak from hunger and the forced marches that they lost their lives as well.

"In Aintab, various Armenian, American and European aid workers tried to contain the situation of children left without family. The orphans were disbursed to various Armenian and Turkish homes throughout the villages of Aintab. Haroutioun remembers the name of Balaban Khoja, a teacher, who was instrumental in placing the orphans with families who wanted children. After going through several homes, Haroutioun lived with a lady who would later become his mother-in-law.

"Around the time he was 10 years old, American and Danish missionaries began taking the children to orphanages in Lebanon and the U.S. Haroutioun was sent to Jbeil, a city in northern Lebanon, where he stayed until around 1925 when he was sent to France through the aid of the American charity Near East Relief. For a few years, he worked on a farm and later went to Paris to work at the Renault factory where he was responsible for chroming metal components.

"In the early 1930s, Haroutioun found out that the lady who had cared for him last as a child in Aintab had herself been forced to evacuate her village with her family and was living in Aleppo, Syria. He went to Syria, began working in various fields such as trading in cloth and yarn, and managing Turkish baths that were still prevalent during that period. He also married his host mother's daughter, Marie, with whom he had one daughter, Alice.

"Haroutioun and Marie left Syria for the last time in 1987 and came to Los Angeles to join their daughter and her family. In 2002, he became a U.S. citizen and shared a letter with the judge presiding over the procedure that he had kept for over 70 years. The letter was from the Near East Relief thanking Haroutioun for paying back funds he had borrowed during his journey to France. Though not obligated to do so, Haroutioun

had felt that re-paying into the fund would allow other unfortunate people with the opportunity to rebuild their lives. To this day, he maintains that the government of Turkey and its soldiers took away his ability to know what it was to have a family but that today, living in the United States at the age of 101 amid his two grandchildren and six great grandchildren, he has become a king who has everything."

TRIBUTE TO VIOLA AND SYLVAN MEILING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Viola and Sylvan Meiling of Forest City who will be receiving the USDA Rural Development's Housing Manager of the Year Award. The couple was recently chosen by the USDA to receive this award for their five outstanding years of performance as managers of Forest City's Community Plaza Apartments.

Community Plaza was built in 1986 as a 24 unit family property. The building was financed through the USDA's Rural Rental Housing Section 515 Direct Loan Program, which provides affordable housing to moderate, low and very low income households. Shortly after its construction, the complex was experiencing high vacancy rates and was in generally poor, rapidly deteriorating physical condition. Viola and Sylvan Meiling were hired under the current owner in 2003. The semi-retired couple, with no previous property management experience, immediately went to work to improve the lives of the property's occupants. The Meilings have earned the respect of residents through their commitment to provide the community with a clean, safe and well maintained environment for families in need of affordable housing.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Viola and Sylvan Meiling must be recognized and applauded for their sincere dedication to improving and maintaining a healthy community and for their positive impact on the lives of others. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress.

EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR NATIONAL GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman RAHALL, Chairman GRIJALVA and the hardworking staff on the Subcommittee on National Parks for getting this legislation to the floor today.

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Mr. Speaker, originally enacted in June 2004, the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act will help to expand and develop museum exhibits and educational programs honoring African Americans who have made significant contributions to the nation, but whose names, faces and achievements may not be well known to the average citizen.

This recognition can and will be accomplished and preserved with the expansion of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, a national treasure that is located in my district and hometown of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, the Great Blacks in Wax Museum was founded in 1983 by Dr. Elmer Martin and Dr. Joanne Martin, who started the museum with their own funds carrying a few wax figures and exhibit materials around the country in their car.

I am proud to report that the museum currently occupies part of a city block in East Baltimore and includes more than 200 wax figures. It is America's first wax museum of Black history. The museum now receives well over 200,000 visitors per year—more than half of these visitors are school children.

Several members of Congress and their staffs have visited the museum and relayed to me the awesome nature of their visit—how the figures and exhibits both moved and informed them, resulting in a truly enriching experience. Enactment of H.R. 3967 makes certain that the Museum can continue its mission to preserve a great part of our nation's history.

Lastly, this legislation authorizes assistance in establishing a Justice Learning Center as a component of the expanded Museum complex. The Justice Learning Center will include state-of-the-art facilities and resources to educate the public, especially at-risk youth, about the role of African Americans in our nation's judicial system. It will include a special focus on the civil rights movement, and on the role of African Americans as lawmakers, attorneys and in the Judiciary.

Federal dollars used will be spent efficiently and effectively. This is an issue that is critical to assess when we ask citizens for funding any program. This expansion will provide jobs, but it will also create a link for our children to a past that is so often forgotten.

Learning is enhanced when all of the senses can be engaged. This museum will bring the past to life, not just in the minds of the students, but in front of their eyes. Funding this educational opportunity is another critical step in creating an appreciation and understanding of history in our young people.

These gains are well worth the cost. This is simply a technical measure to reauthorize legislation that was enacted by Congress in 2004.

Again, I thank Chairmen RAHALL and GRIJALVA for their support, and encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO KIDNEY DISEASE
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Nephrology Nurses As-

sociation as well as all those involved in the annual Kidney Disease Awareness Week, which will take place this year from August 9th through August 13th.

There are over 400,000 Americans who have irreversible kidney failure, and the only treatment for this disease is dialysis or kidney transplantation. However, transplants are limited due to the shortage of donors, and the majority of patients who suffer from this forgotten ailment must undergo regular dialysis treatments.

The leading causes of end-stage kidney disease (ESRD), a disease that 24,000 New Yorkers suffer from, are hypertension and diabetes. An additional 15,000 people in my State suffer from these two ailments and are at risk of ESRD. Despite these staggering numbers, debilitating kidney diseases are typically forgotten.

Our area nephrology nurses play a fundamental role in providing our sick with dialysis and related treatments in my community and across the entire country. I applaud them for their efforts to contribute to the overall health of our nation.

Madam Speaker, I thank the American Nephrology Nurses Association for their work to treat these diseases and urge every American to observe Kidney Disease Awareness Week this August.

HONORING THE OPERATION LOBSTER
DINNER AND OUR MILITARY
PERSONNEL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary event and the many people and organizations that have helped make it happen. This year in Groton, Connecticut, Grossman's Seafood will host its second annual "Operation Lobster Dinner" on July 18, 2010, for military personnel and their families.

This event provides local military families with 600 lobster dinners free of charge. These families will enjoy not only the dinner, but entertainment and a variety of activities for the children in attendance. The event is also a fundraiser for Work Vessels for Veterans, an effective organization that seeks to help returning servicemen and women start or restart their careers after fulfilling their military duties by donating boats and other vehicles to be used for those purposes.

"Operation Lobster Dinner" is a sterling example of the true sense of community in the Groton area for the military families who are based in our state. These brave Americans spend countless weeks and months away from their loved ones and put their lives on the line in defense of our freedom. We can never do enough to thank these true patriots, but "Operation Lobster Dinner" provides a unique opportunity for these folks to sit back and enjoy a delicious meal.

I also want to highlight the role of Captain Marc Denno and the Sub Base New London in contributing to this special dinner. I look forward to attending this event and joining with the sponsors and countless volunteers who help make it possible. I ask my colleagues to

join me in honoring Grossman's Seafood for their generosity.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA, HON-
DURAS AND EL SALVADOR

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Central America Caucus, I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to the people of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for their suffering as a result of the devastating effects of Tropical Storm Agatha. Beginning on May 29, 2010, Tropical Storm Agatha left a wake of death and destruction in its path through Central America, leaving more than 200 people dead and almost 100,000 people displaced into shelters by this devastation.

As a San Diegan, I am no stranger to how devastating natural disasters can be. In October 2007, 400,000 acres burned across our county while more than 1 million individuals were evacuated from their homes and more than 115 firefighters were injured while fighting to contain the fires. Any natural disaster tests the resolve of a community so our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by Tropical Storm Agatha.

In addition to affecting the long term functionality and prosperity of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, Tropical Storm Agatha has also severely affected the countries' critical and physical infrastructures, damaging buildings as well as water and sanitation systems, and agricultural stock.

It is a testament to the generosity of the American people as well as the innate goodness of human nature that so much aid from both American and international organizations have contributed to the relief efforts of Tropical Storm Agatha. I am proud to report that the United States has participated in providing relief supplies while governments and humanitarian organizations globally have contributed millions of dollars in relief funds.

I would like to reiterate the profound sympathy we have for those affected by Tropical Storm Agatha, as well as laud their perseverance and progress in recovery. I urge the United States to continue to assist their recovery efforts, both in the short as a well as the long term. Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected, and for these reasons I ask my colleagues to support the underlying resolution.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF FOOD BANKS AND FOOD PAN-
TRIES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of food banks and food pantries in the 10th District of Virginia and their hard work and dedication to serving their communities.

Serving Fairfax County are Food for Others, SHARE of McLean, and Reston Interfaith. In Loudoun County are Loudoun Interfaith Relief, LINK, Seven Loaves, Tree of Life, and Guilford Food Pantry. In Prince William County is SERVE Inc. In Fauquier County is Fauquier Food Bank. In the Shenandoah Valley is Lord Fairfax Food Bank. Without the devoted workers who generously volunteer their time and efforts to feeding the community, countless individuals would go hungry each day.

I commend all of the volunteers and staff for their tireless commitment and service to those who are unable to make ends meet and put food on the table. I also commend the partnership that has developed between local grocery stores and food banks and food pantries to make available leftover and unused food, and I also thank those in the community who donate food to fill food pantry shelves.

TRIBUTE TO GOLDIE MICHALEK HOLDEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Goldie Michalek Holden of Mason City, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday on November 18, 2010.

Goldie has made a resounding difference in her community. For over forty years, Goldie was a first grade teacher in Mason City where she worked with many disadvantaged children. Goldie also taught Head Start, a program set up for students who learned English as a second language. When she retired, she left as principal at McKinley School.

She was married for the first time at the age of 71 to Arthur Holden. Although Goldie does not have any children of her own, she is surrounded by many loved ones: five step children, 14 step grandchildren, and 2 step great-grandchildren, four nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Goldie's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Goldie has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I congratulate Goldie Michalek Holden for reaching this milestone of a birthday. I am extremely honored to represent Goldie in Congress, and I wish her happiness, health and many more dances in her future years.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ARMANDO AND BETTY RODRIGUEZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Armando and Betty Rodriguez of

Fresno, California, as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Over the course of their journey of the past 60 years, Armando and Betty have demonstrated a loving devotion and enduring partnership that continues to make their marriage a true inspiration for others.

Armando and Betty Rodriguez were both born and raised in Fresno, California, and were traditional high school sweethearts, having eyes only for each other. They attended Edison High School and graduated in 1947. Three short years later, they were married and in 1952, Armando joined the United States Air Force, serving our Great Country for four years, including a tour of duty in Korea, where he served as a Morse Code operator.

After being discharged, Armando and Betty resided in Fresno, while he completed his studies at Fresno State. Always true partners, when Armando decided to pursue his Juris Doctorate degree, Betty supported both of them by working in a number of part-time jobs. Armando became an attorney and, in 1972, went on to become the first Hispanic elected to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. With Betty's unwavering support, Armando helped open the judicial doors for many other Latinos when he was appointed by then Governor Jerry Brown as a Fresno County Superior Court Judge in 1975. Armando would go on to serve in his judicial capacity for twenty years.

Armando Rodriguez is known to be proud of the many "firsts" in his life—his first marriage in its 60th year; first lawyer to work for the California Rural Legal Assistance; first in his family to graduate from college; and one of the first to be elected as an adviser with el Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior during Mexico President Vicente Fox's administration.

Betty Rodriguez has been equally active in their beloved Fresno community by helping to found the League of Mexican American Women, and participating in the Ladies Aid to Retarded Citizens, the League of Women Voters, the Mexican-American Political Association, Friends of the Library, and countless other organizations. Despite her seemingly endless commitments to the community, Betty has also been and remains, a devoted caretaker of the Rodriguez home throughout their 60 years of marriage.

Armando and Betty have become known as local Latino icons and continue to have a tremendous impact on their families, friends and fellow community members. Furthermore, each has been a recipient of La Medalla Ohtli, the highest recognition that the Mexican government bestows on non-Mexican citizens and both were honored for their work with the Mexican Consulate, with Fresno's Sister City Torreon and with youth from Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Armando and Betty Rodriguez on celebrating their 60th year of marriage, and expressing our hope that they are blessed with many more joyous years together.

RECOGNITION OF AUGUSTA L. BEVERLY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Augusta L. Beverly, a citizen of Neptune Township, New Jersey, who on July 25, 2010 will celebrate her 100th birthday. As her Representative, I would like to honor her remarkable life and her upcoming birthday.

"Gussie Louise," as Mrs. Beverly is affectionately known, has been an influential member of Neptune Township since 1982. She is an active member of the Neptune Senior Center where she participates in the Forever Young Club, the Neptune Seniors Club, ceramics classes, and many special events. Mrs. Beverly is one of the original members of the center and helped create many of the center's activities and groups.

Mrs. Beverly was born in 1910 in Jersey City, New Jersey to Otto and Katy Ludwig. She was taken from her parents in 1915 and separated from her two sisters, Ann and Barbara. An orphan by the age of six, Augusta had a difficult early life. She worked on a farm in Locktown and then served as a maid in Matawan and had little opportunity for education. After six challenging years, young Augusta was taken in by the Bennett family where she served as a companion for the elderly Mrs. Bennett. The family allowed young Augusta to go to school and travel with them. Augusta stayed with the Bennett family for 10 years.

In 1932, Mrs. Beverly met her future husband, Joseph Beverly, on the bridge next to the Old Grist Mill in Tinton Falls. After their marriage, the couple eventually settled in Eatontown where they had three children—Joseph, Norman, and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly were happily married for 12 years until 1945 when Mr. Beverly lost his life fighting at the Battle of the Bulge. During the war, Mrs. Beverly epitomized "Rosie the Riveter" and worked at the Steiner's Factory in Long Branch and then worked the night shift for the Bendix Corporation. She remains very proud of this part of her life. After residing in Florida and then Pennsylvania, Mrs. Beverly moved back to New Jersey in 1981 where she could be near her children and grandchildren. She has made a lasting impression on all of their lives and now has nine great-grandchildren who love her very much. She is an adored family member and is an inspiration to her community. It is wonderful that Mrs. Beverly will be celebrating her 100th birthday at the place that means the most to her, the Neptune Senior Center.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging the extraordinary longevity of Augusta Beverly. She is a highly valued citizen of the state of New Jersey, and I am honored to commemorate her life today.

HONORING THE LODI ELECTRIC
UTILITY FOR 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lodi Electric Utility.

On July 1, 1910, Lodi Electric Utility began providing power to the residents of Lodi, California. Over the last century, their operations have expanded over thirty-fold. The department now provides power to 68,000 residents located in a fourteen square-mile area, an area which I am proud to represent.

What began in 1893 as the Bay City Gas, Water and Electric Works has become Lodi Electric Utility and has flourished under the auspices of the Lodi City Council to become one of the City's most significant departments and a member of the Northern California Power Agency. Lodi Electric Utility has grown over the last century and is a valued local service, with over 200 miles of distribution lines, 28,500 electric meters, and four electrical substations to serve the energy needs of the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lodi Electric Utility for providing service to the Lodi community for the last 100 years.

RECOGNIZING IOWA CENTRAL
FUEL LABORATORY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for being designated the first BQ-9000 testing laboratory for biodiesel fuel in the nation.

The goals of BQ-9000 include promoting commercial success and public acceptance of biodiesel and to help ensure that biodiesel fuel is produced to and maintained at the industry standard level. BQ-9000 also helps companies improve their fuel testing and helps reduce any chance of producing inadequate fuel.

I commend the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for achieving this honor. The work Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory does ensuring adequate, industry standard fuel is distributed is invaluable to the people of Iowa and to this nation. I am proud to have the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory located within my district and wish them well as they continue their work.

SALUTING STANLEY GOLD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute Mr. Stanley Gold for his outstanding achievements within the United States Postal Service. Mr. Gold is currently a member of Miami Branch 146 and has served

within the American Legion for decades. He is the highest Department of Florida legislative officer. Mr. Gold has also served in multiple legislative functions within the postal community.

In August 1966, as a member of the United Federation of Postal Clerks, Mr. Gold took the stand in front of the Civil Service and Post Office Committee. He laid out his support for H.R. 11434, which would provide for the immediate release of postal workers without loss of pay or leave should the Weather Bureau declare a hurricane warning. In addition, the bill required the Weather Bureau to provide appropriate notice when such a warning was lifted.

Alongside Pat Nilan, the then federation's national legislative director, Mr. Gold outlined how this legislation would protect not only postal workers in hurricane-ravaged Florida, but workers all across the nation. "We have to eliminate any kind of confusion within the postal work force," said Mr. Gold. "We must cut down on the unfair practices by some of our postmasters who do not take conditions in mind when leaving with the work force." Although the "Hurricane Bill" did not pass in the Senate, Mr. Gold continued to work continuously for the next 36 years to insure that there was some kind of movement with this critical issue. The victory Mr. Gold and others had long sought came in the form of a report inserted into the FY-02 postal appropriations bill. The report required the Postal Service to not have its carriers out in any kind of extreme weather. In addition, the workers would still be paid as normal, even though they would not necessarily be out on their routes. On January 2, 2002 President George W. Bush signed the bill into law. Mr. Gold's nearly 40 years of commitment and perseverance paid off in the long run.

Mr. Stanley Gold is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Mr. Gold for his many years of service with the United States Postal Service and the American Legion.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MATTHEW SCHWIND

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind, United States Army, on the occasion of his transfer to the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault, at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past three years that he has served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind enlisted in the United States Army in 1989, attended Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training, and served three years as an Aero-Scout Observer with the 101st Airborne Division, AASLT. In that time, he deployed with his unit to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991. After redeploying in 1991, he attended Officer

Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned a Field Artillery Lieutenant on January 30, 1992.

The next day he married the former Darlene Hendrix of Columbia, Tennessee. They have been married over 18 years and have a daughter, Jennifer, and son, Dylan.

Through the years, LTC Schwind's assignments have taken him to Kentucky, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Virginia, Texas, Kansas, New York, and Washington, DC.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind's deployments include Operation Desert Shield/Storm; Restore Hope, Haiti, IFOR, Bosnia; and Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Matt is a graduate of the Aero-Scout Observer Course, the Air Assault School, the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a Masters Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

During his assignment to the Army House Liaison Office, Lieutenant Colonel Schwind developed outstanding rapport with senior Members of Congress and their staffs—both personal and committee. He was often a by-name request from committee chairmen to plan, coordinate, and escort their fact-finding and oversight delegations. He served as the Army representative on 20 congressional and staff delegations to locations within the continental United States, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other overseas locations.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind leaves OCLL for Fort Campbell, Kentucky, this July. He will work on the staff of the 101st Sustainment Brigade, and then take command of the 426th Brigade Support Battalion in the summer of 2011.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind in serving the United States Army and the Nation.

HONORING FRANK KAPPELER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor and pay tribute to Frank Kappeler, one of eight surviving members of "Doolittle's Raiders" who passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 96.

Lieutenant Colonel Kappeler was one of 79 U.S. Army Corps aviators who volunteered to fly the daring bombing mission over Japan for months after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Sixteen B-25 bombers and the men aboard launched from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific on April 18, 1942 and headed for Japan, knowing that they did not have enough fuel to return and even if they could get back, the large bombers were not able to land on the American carriers.

Lt. Col. Kappeler was the navigator on the No. 11 plane and was forced to bail out over China when the plane's engines stopped at 11,000 feet. Chinese partisans helped Lt. Col.

Kappeler and his crew mates escape capture by Japanese forces.

He eventually escaped from China and spent the rest of WWII in the European theater, where he flew 53 combat missions.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

The Doolittle Raid was a significant episode in the war in the Pacific because it demonstrated to both the American and Japanese people that Japan was not invincible and that American forces could and would strike the Japanese homeland.

All of the planes participating in the raid were lost and 11 crewmen were killed or captured.

Lt. Col Kappeler is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Kappeler, his daughter, Francia Kappeler, and three grandchildren, all of Santa Rosa, California.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Col. Frank Kappeler is a true American hero who served his country with great distinction. It is therefore appropriate that we honor him today and send our condolences to his family.

IN HONOR OF FALLEN COAST
GUARD CREWMEMBERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to express my condolences to the families and loved ones of the three Coast Guard crew members who died on July 7 after their helicopter crashed off the Pacific Northwest coast. Lt. Sean D. Krueger, Petty Officers Adam C. Hoke, and Brett M. Banks fully embraced the Coast Guard's mission as America's maritime guardian and they served our nation with high honor and distinction.

These three men were deeply respected by their colleagues and were the recipients of numerous Coast Guard awards and commendations. Their deaths serve as a reminder of the many risks that confront the men and women of the Coast Guard each day and why we owe them our sincere gratitude for their bravery, service, and sacrifice.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of these heroic men as well as Lt. Lance D. Leone, the sole survivor of the crash.

During this difficult time, it is my hope that the families will find some comfort in knowing that their loved ones served their country with distinction and that they will be remembered in the hearts of the American people.

RECOGNIZING FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS' NUTRITION
PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fairfax County Public Schools on its nutrition program, which recently was named best in the country by the School Nutrition Association.

FCPS's Food and Nutrition Services Department is the largest child nutrition program in Virginia, serving approximately 140,000 customers each day at 238 schools and centers, 8 day cares and private schools, 15 senior citizen programs, 18 Meals-on-Wheels sites, 133 School-Age Child Care (SACC) programs, and 52 Family and Early Childhood Education Programs (Head Start).

The School Nutrition Association recognized FCPS's ability to handle this demanding task, noting its commitment to excellence in creating nutritious and appealing meals, implementing innovative nutrition education initiatives, developing a strong professional development program, and exercising superior financial management.

Under Fairfax's nutrition program, students participate in surveys to assist in the planning of meals and attend various tasting parties to help establish customer preferences. The popular "Give Me 5! Colors That Jive" program introduces students to new and unfamiliar fruits and vegetables each month, such as jicama, butternut squash and sweet potato wedges. The district also provides easily accessible nutrition statistics with every prepared meal.

Partnering with teachers, the Food and Nutrition Services staff hosts hundreds of nutrition education sessions each year in our local schools. They also reach into the community, hosting monthly nutrition classes for parents and seniors. Further, the district offers cooking classes for students and their families to emphasize the point that healthy eating starts at home.

In addition to the award, the School Nutrition Association presented FCPS with \$25,000 to expand its innovative nutrition programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fairfax County Public Schools on this tremendous honor. As my colleagues know, providing our young people with nutritious meals and educating them about healthy eating habits provides them with the proper fuel for academic and lifelong success.

REMARKS ON THE ONE-YEAR AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF
MS. EVELYN COKE, A CHAMPION
FOR FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, "I worked for 20 years taking care of people—making sure they had a warm bath or a hot meal—so they could have a decent life at home. Isn't that work important? By the wages, you wouldn't think we do an important job, but home care workers help people stay at home, close to their families. In some cases, we are their family."

So said Evelyn Coke, an American heroine who passed away one year ago, on July 9, 2009.

The fact that she died a champion for humanity is not surprising; those who knew Ms. Coke witnessed her strength and compassion for the men and women she cared for. As a home care worker, Ms. Coke struggled for more than 20 years to make ends meet, often working 70 hours a week for a mere seven

dollars an hour. Despite her dedication, she was denied full compensation, including time-and-a-half for overtime.

Ms. Coke was among the more than two million workers, including many new Americans like her, who assist elders and people living with disabilities with activities of daily living such as getting in and out of bed, dressing and undressing, cooking and eating, toileting and bathing. Without people like Ms. Coke, many of our family members and friends would be unable to enjoy the autonomy and quality of life that we all hold dear.

Sadly, this essential workforce is excluded from the basic protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act. These poor working conditions hinder recruitment and retention which, in turn, negatively affect the quality of care that millions of Americans receive. Ms. Coke saw that in order to protect her family and the people she cared for, she had to stand up for change.

Driven by her belief that home care workers deserve the basic labor protections enjoyed by most American workers, Ms. Coke sued her employer for back wages. Unfortunately, in 2007, the Supreme Court denied her any compensation when it overturned the lower court's ruling. The Supreme Court held the Department of Labor's interpretation of "companionship" was reasonable and affirmed the exclusion of home care workers from minimum wage and overtime protections.

The Supreme Court also ruled that the Secretary of Labor had broad policy-making authority over the scope of "companionship" and could change its interpretation at any time. Given the anniversary that recently passed, I want to take this opportunity to stand up for workers and say: It is long past time to make that change.

There are several reasons why we must extend wage and overtime protections to home care workers: to help rebuild our vanishing middle class; to protect home care workers from exploitation; and, most importantly, to ensure that elders and individuals living with disabilities receive the highest quality of care.

Home care is one of the fastest growing workforces in our country, and we cannot afford to ignore the injustice facing these workers any longer. Last year, I led an effort, together with thirty-six of my congressional colleagues, to send a letter to U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, urging her to make this issue a top priority for the Department.

In honor of the anniversary of Ms. Coke's passing, I make that request again.

Though Ms. Coke is no longer with us, we can still make things right for the millions of other workers like her. Please join me in this effort to make fair labor standards a reality for all Americans, including home care workers. It's the only way that we truly honor the legacy of Evelyn Coke.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING
COACH TIM CAHILL FOR BEING
NAMED NATIONAL COACH OF
THE YEAR

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the contributions of

a Central Kentucky educator, Coach Tim Cahill. By promoting a positive attitude in his students, Coach Cahill has mentored countless high school students to excel in athletics, in education, and in life.

Coach Cahill started as a swimmer for Saint Xavier High School in Cincinnati. He received a degree in Special Education from the University of Cincinnati, and received a Masters in Education from Xavier University before choosing to be a swimming coach. He has pursued that passion for over thirty years.

Coach Cahill's record speaks for itself. He has coached 40 state champions, one National Champion, one U.S. World Team Member, seven Olympic Trial Qualifiers, and one Paralympic Champion. In 2005, he received the Balfour Coach of the Year award for all Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sports. He has been nominated for National Coach of the Year four times: 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2010. This year, he finally received that honor, becoming National Coach of the Year 2010.

In addition to coaching at an outstanding level, Mr. Cahill teaches in the College of Health Sciences at Eastern Kentucky University. He has also volunteered numerous hours with Special Olympics of Kentucky. He and his wife Judy have three children who all went on to swim at the collegiate level.

Coach Cahill was diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer in April of this year. True to his character, he is fighting the disease and working with the American Cancer Society to make a difference for others suffering from the disease. Thus far, Team Cahill has raised over \$13,500 dollars for the American Cancer Society.

Coach Cahill's passion for swimming extends beyond teaching his students to excel—he challenges all of us to make a positive difference in everything we do. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the great achievements, the generosity, and the resilient spirit of Coach Tim Cahill, truly an outstanding Kentuckian.

CONGRESS SHOULD SUPPORT
ETHANOL PRODUCTION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Members of Congress are working to remedy the current economic imbalance, immense unemployment, job creation and both domestic and international energy-based issues. As we look to the future; we must confront the many dimensions of these complex needs responsibly, to create solutions that will have a lasting positive benefit for America. I believe investing in renewable energy sources, including ethanol is an efficient and effective stimulus. Ethanol serves as an aid to meet energy policy goals by promoting domestic production of renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing financial support for the agriculture sector.

Nationwide, ethanol has increased tax revenues for both State and local governments by over \$5 billion. Ethanol production and use today reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared to gasoline by 59 percent. Accord-

ing to the Congressional Budget Office report as of this July, the Argonne National Lab concluded corn-based ethanol produced 20 percent less greenhouse gas emissions in its life cycle compared to gasoline and petroleum diesel. Ethanol production contributed \$53.3 billion to the nation's Gross Domestic Product and created over 200,000 jobs in all sectors of the economy. The State of Illinois produces over 1.5 billion gallons of ethanol annually and is ranked third in ethanol production with 14 facilities. Just as ethanol has been a valuable tool for the State of Illinois, I strongly believe support for this renewable energy source can be a great benefit for the Nation.

Our current state of our economy is not sustainable. It is imperative we structure our energy infrastructure in a sustainable manner while simultaneously reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. Investing in ethanol and other renewable energy sources are an important piece of our Nation's economic and energy future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,239,903,754,450.73.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,601,478,007.93 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING BISHOP PAUL A.G.
STEWART, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I am honoring Bishop Paul A.G. Stewart, Sr. Bishop Stewart is the Presiding Prelate of the Michigan-Indiana Region, Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The 52nd Session of the Michigan-Indiana Regional Annual Conference and Leadership School of the Mighty Thriving Third Episcopal District Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is being held in my hometown of Flint, Michigan this week. St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Reverend William H. Bell, Jr. is hosting the event.

Bishop Paul A.G. Stewart, Sr. was elected the 50th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1998. Upon his election and consecration he was assigned to the Fifth Episcopal District covering the states of Alabama and Florida.

In 2002, Bishop Stewart was assigned to the Third Episcopal District, presiding over the Southeast Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin Region, the Michigan-Indiana Region and the

Kansas-Missouri Region covering 10 Midwestern States. He has provided the leadership to erect six new churches, purchase six parsonages, renovate numerous churches, enable eight ministers to obtain their Masters of Divinity Degrees, enable three ministers to obtain their Doctor of Divinity Degrees, employ a part-time Director of Evangelism and increase the growth and development of Church Ministries. Bishop Stewart is the Chaplaincy Endorsing Agent of the CME Church; the Chair of the Phillips School of Theology Board of Trustees; Chair of the CME Pastors' Conference; Chair of the CME Annual Convocation; Chair of the Board of Personnel Services; Vice Chair of the Conference of National Black Churches and active with many religious and civic organizations. Married to M. Earline Stewart, they are parents to three children and have three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the conference theme this year is, "From Good to Great: The Jesus Challenge to Make Christian Discipleship a Top Priority." I welcome the Presiding Elders, clergy, staff, congregants, family and friends of the Michigan-Indiana Region to Flint and I pray that under the leadership of Bishop Stewart, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will continue to thrive and grow in the blessings of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

RECOGNIZING CENTREVILLE, VA,
FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF
MONEY MAGAZINE'S "BEST
PLACES TO LIVE 2010"

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague Rep. FRANK WOLF, to recognize the community of Centreville, VA, for recently being named one of Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live 2010." Centreville ranked number 30 among 100 small communities named best for families.

Money compiled its list of "Best Places to Live 2010" after reviewing hundreds of small communities across the United States with populations between 50,000 and 300,000 for family-friendly qualities. Economic strength, the quality of the schools, availability of affordable housing, overall safety, and community spirit were among the factors used to evaluate each city's quality of life. As one of the top 30 cities on the list, Centreville passed four rounds of appraisal, including one in which appraisers visited the community to form personal impressions and to interview its residents.

Centreville ranked highest amongst the four Virginia communities named to the list. The others were Alexandria, VA, at number 47, Chesapeake, VA, at number 85, and Suffolk, VA, at number 91. Location figured prominently in Centreville's ranking, as its 54,000 residents are in close proximity to our nation's capital and local attractions such as the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport, Manassas National Battlefield Park and the Bull Run and Shenandoah Mountains.

Madam Speaker, we ask that our colleagues join us in congratulating Centreville on

receiving this designation and in encouraging its residents to continue upholding the high standards that earned them this honor. We also invite our colleagues to visit Centreville to see firsthand what makes this community special.

TRIBUTE TO IRIS DAVIS-WALKER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Ms. Iris Davis-Walker, a constituent in the Congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize her for the tremendous inspiration she provided to the South Florida community.

Born in Howells Content, York Town, Clarendon, Ms. Davis-Walker was the only child from the union of William S. Davis and Clara Gayle. She was the youngest of four siblings. She received her early formal education in Clarendon, Jamaica W.I. where she excelled as a seamstress and hairdresser. Before coming to the United States, Ms. Davis-Walker was an active political force in her native country of Jamaica. She often organized rallies and gathered support for various candidates.

Ms. Davis-Walker migrated to Brooklyn, New York, in the late 1960s. She began her professional career in the medical field and worked in several institutions such as the American Nursing Home and Cliffside Nursing Home. While in New York, Ms. Davis-Walker was a faithful member of the Church of God of Prophecy at Barby Street. She was in the inaugural graduating class of the Bible Training Institute, which was a three-year commitment. One of her proudest moments was becoming a licensed minister.

While in South Florida, Ms. Davis-Walker was a poll worker since 2000 and took immense pleasure in being on the ground floor of many Democratic victories in Broward County. She was especially proud when she witnessed the triumph of President Barack H. Obama, who she often called "My President."

Ms. Davis-Walker was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her three children, Juleen Grant-Castillo (James), Bridgette Felix (Denfield), Raymond "Rayzor" Davis and a host of family members and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the Members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Ms. Iris Davis-Walker. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives. While she will indeed be missed, her legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions she made to her church and the South Florida community will live on.

HONORING WILLIAM W. BACKUS
HOSPITAL AND DAY KIMBALL
HOSPITAL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional patient care and service exemplified by two eastern Connecticut hospitals, William W. Backus Hospital and Day Kimball Hospital.

Located in Norwich and Putnam, these two hospitals have been providing quality health care to the residents of New London and Windham Counties for over 100 years. Founded in 1893, Backus Hospital operates the only trauma center in eastern Connecticut, and has the only facility with a hangar for LIFE STAR to transfer patients by air. This capability is extremely beneficial for the critically injured, and expedites transfers to trauma centers across the state.

Serving northeast Connecticut, Day Kimball Hospital maintains a unique partnership with UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA, which allows it to stabilize and transport heart attack patients hours faster than the national average. This partnership in concert with the level of excellence in cardiac care at Day Kimball Hospital are extremely advantageous for Connecticut residents. With such resources and capabilities, these two hospitals make achieving outstanding patient satisfaction a top priority.

Recent data published by the Department of Health and Human Services illustrates the hospitals' strong commitment to patient care, with data showing that both hospitals are performing better than the national average in a number of areas. In these hospitals, patients with chest pains or potential heart attacks receive electrocardiograms over thirty minutes faster than the national average, and over 98 percent of cardiac patients are given aspirin within 24 hours of arrival.

Both William W. Backus Hospital and Day Kimball Hospital strive to further improve their already excellent level of patient care and satisfaction. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the benefit these two hospitals provide to the residents of Connecticut, and the example they set for other hospitals across the country.

CELEBRATING THE TRANSFER OF
MAJOR CA-ASIA SHIELDS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize and pay tribute to Major Ca-Asia Shields, United States Army, on the occasion of her transfer to the Secretary of the Army's Strategy and Initiatives Group. I have had the great pleasure of working with her over the past three years that she has served with the Congress: first as my Defense Fellow and then as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Major Shields has had a varied and distinguished Army career. She enlisted in the

United States Army in February 1987 and served as an Administrative Specialist for 8 years in both active duty and reserve units. In May 1997, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps, a branch of the Army of which she has always been proud to be a member.

Some of her major duty assignments include Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 58th Military Police Company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; S-3 Operations Officer, Headquarters Command Battalion, Fort Myer, Virginia; Adjutant, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado; Company Commander, 984th Military Police Company; and Military Police Captains' Assignment Officer, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, VA.

Her combat experience included Operation Iraqi Freedom II, where she served as Company Commander of the 984th Military Police Company.

In 2008, she served as a Department of Defense Congressional Fellow in my office, primarily handling national security and veterans issues; but she took the lead in calling attention to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among returning troops; pushed for more contracting opportunities with the Department of Defense for service disabled owned businesses; and worked to form the Military Leadership Diversity Commission to promote the recruitment and development of minority officers in the Armed Forces. I was very impressed with Ca-Asia's intelligence and work ethic, qualities that were only exceeded by her dedication to our Country's service members and their families.

During her assignment to the Army House Liaison Office, Major Shields developed outstanding rapport with both members and staff in a variety of venues. She planned and escorted 11 congressional and staff delegations to locations within the continental United States and overseas. Her missions ranged from a two-day trip to Fort Lewis, Washington, with 40 staffers to a complicated two-week CODEL to China. She managed the Army-escorted trips for House members and staff to Walter Reed, personally escorting 25 delegations to visit Wounded Warriors. And, in coordination with the Congressional Black Caucus, she developed and conducted the first two Army-sponsored Black History Month events on Capitol Hill. Throughout all of these engagements, she has served as an outstanding representative for Soldiers and for Army values, and enhanced the Army's reputation with the United States Congress.

Major Shields is a graduate of Armstrong Atlantic State University with a BA in History and holds a Master's Degree in History Education from Old Dominion University.

I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Major Ca-Asia Shields in serving the United States Army and the Nation.

REMEMBERING REGINALD SMART

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Reginald Smart from Truckee, California.

Reg was born in Winnipeg, Canada in 1916. After immigrating to the United States and earning his U.S. citizenship, Reg enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country during WWII working for Pan American Airlines facilitating the movement of U.S. troops and officials. He moved to Truckee in 1947 with his wife, and opened his own business, the Good Fellows Grotto. Over the next 63 years, Reg was a prominent member of the Truckee community: opening a second business, serving on the school board and in numerous community organizations, including being the oldest living Mason in Truckee Lodge No. 200.

Reg Smart's life was a true American story of an immigrant who loved and served his adopted country and was devoted to his family and community. Through his hard work and tireless dedication, he achieved a better life for himself, and undoubtedly improved the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 23, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 384. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 384; "yes." Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

TRIBUTE TO DWIGHT D. THOMAS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dwight D. Thomas, who retired from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs on June 30, 2010. A gentleman from my home County of Winston who truly embodies the American principles of hard work, patriotism, dedication to one's family and service to one's community.

For the past twenty-two years and nine months, the veterans in Winston County, Alabama have had no better friend than Dwight Thomas. During that time he unselfishly served Winston County and the State of Alabama with great dedication and distinction. He worked tirelessly to ensure our veterans and their families received the benefits they had earned. His one driving goal was simply to help people.

Dwight was born in my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama in 1944. He is the son of the late C. D. and Vera Thomas. He is married to the former Trudy Gravit and has two sons, Craig and Chad. He and his wife are active members of the Haleyville First United Methodist Church.

Dwight graduated from Haleyville High School in 1962 and continued his education at Walker College, receiving his Associate of Science degree in 1965. After school, he entered the United States Army and served from 1966 to 1968, serving in Vietnam from January 1967 to July 1968. He was honorably dis-

charged in 1968 having reached the rank of Sergeant. While in the Army, he received the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal with "V" device, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Dwight has also been active with the local Boy Scout Troop 97, serving as Scoutmaster from 1969 to 1981 and is currently the institutional representative. He has served on the Haleyville City Council for two terms from 1980 to 1988. During that period he served as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Haleyville Fire Department and was instrumental in the construction of a new fire station. Currently, Dwight is the Commander of VFW Post 4543 and has held every office in the VFW at the local and district level.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to honor Dwight D. Thomas for his many years of dedicated service to our nation's veterans. He has had an enduring impact on his country, community, friends and family. He is a man of great dignity and character who takes pride in the accomplishments of those he has helped over the years. It is clear that he has been a friend and advocate to the veterans of Winston County. Madam Speaker, no doubt Dwight will be greatly missed in his position with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dwight is an inspiring role model for all of us and I join his friends, family and colleagues in wishing him God's richest blessings in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROBINSON WESTBROOKS FAMILY'S 100TH REUNION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Robinson Westbrooks family who will be celebrating their 100th family reunion on August 12-15, 2010.

The Robinson Westbrook family is the oldest ongoing registered family reunion in the United States. It all started with Mr. John Bolin Robinson, Mrs. Dora Anne Westbrooks Robinson and their youngest child, Leonard Wilbert Robinson, who all share a birthday of August 16. The coinciding birthdays led to a tradition of getting the family together every third Sunday in August. The first official Robinson Westbrooks Family Reunion was held in August 1910, making this year the 100th celebration.

The Robinson Westbrooks family makes the most out of their annual family gatherings. They are registered at the United States Library of Congress and are a non-profit foundation that raises money for the Robinson Westbrooks' Educational Scholarship Funds.

All of us east Alabamans are deeply proud of the family's legacy and hope the tradition continues for another 100 years and beyond.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5729, THE STOP THE DROP HOUSES ACT OF 2010

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of bipartisan legislation I introduced earlier today with my colleague Rep. BRIAN BILBRAY of California: the Stop the Drop Houses Act.

Border States continue to pay a heavy price for the Federal Government's failure to secure the border and fix our broken immigration system. Arizona has been especially hard hit. More than half the illegal crossings across the U.S.-Mexico border happen in our State.

But this isn't just a crisis for communities along the border. This is a crisis in the interior—in places like Phoenix, where smugglers and Mexican cartels have set up vast networks of drop houses, which operate as way stations for criminal smuggling enterprises.

It has been estimated that there may be as many as 1,000 such drop houses in the Phoenix metropolitan area alone.

The crime associated with these drop houses is brutal and alarming. Phoenix now experiences upwards of 300 kidnappings a year.

I had the opportunity to visit a drop house in Phoenix yesterday, and I saw where smugglers had kept victims behind barred doors and windows while they extorted money for their release. I also visited another home in the same neighborhood, the site of a drug-cartel kidnapping, where smugglers had begun digging a grave for one of their captives, right there inside the house.

These violent thugs put innocent, law-abiding citizens at risk as well, when fights between rival cartels over smuggled cargo devolve into gunfire.

And these drop houses are everywhere. Living in an upscale neighborhood doesn't immunize you from their threat.

If there is anything more disturbing than these drop houses, it is the fact that we still have a loophole in Federal law that stops Federal authorities from using civil forfeiture to seize homes that are used as drop houses.

Under current law, civil forfeiture can be used to seize all kinds of other property used to facilitate smuggling crimes, such as vehicles or even airplanes. However, civil forfeiture cannot be used against the actual drop house, itself.

This just doesn't make sense.

That is why Rep. BILBRAY and I have introduced bipartisan legislation to fix this. Our bill would close this loophole, and allow Federal prosecutors to use civil forfeiture to seize homes used as drop houses.

This is, of course, no substitute for the kind of comprehensive fix we need for border security and our broken immigration system. But this is one obvious, and vitally important step that Congress can take, right now, to make our communities safer.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass the Stop the Drop Houses Act.

STAND WITH THE CYPRIOTS ON
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
CYPRUS INVASION ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker and colleagues. I rise today to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkey. On July 20, 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus in flagrant violation of international law.

The continuing presence of the occupied areas of Cyprus and the human rights violation of the Cypriot people is unacceptable! A solution cannot be achieved without the removal of all Turkish troops and settlers, and the return of all Cypriot citizens to their ancestral homes. Despite numerous U.N. resolutions calling for the return of the refugees to their home and properties and for the withdrawal of

Turkish troops from Cyprus, Turkey continues to illegally occupy the northern part of Cyprus.

We should honor the Cypriots who continue in their fight for justice! Cyprus and the U.S. share a deep and abiding commitment to upholding the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. The international community has a moral and ethical obligation to stand with the Cypriots to reunify their island and end the military occupation.

I ask my colleagues to stand with me and Cypriots to mark this important anniversary and take a stand for human rights and freedom.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 22, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for Rollcall Nos. 376–378. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 376: “yes”—Supporting National Men’s Health Week.

Rollcall No. 377: “yes”—Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future.

Rollcall No. 378: “yes”—Supporting the goals and ideals of High-Performance Building Week.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 21

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine empowering rural communities, the status and future of the Farm Bill's energy and rural development programs.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improvements to the post-9/11 Government Issue (GI) Bill.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine an update on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine treating rare and neglected pediatric diseases, focusing on promoting the development of new treatments and cures.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Homeland Security Department's Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and Bottom Up Review.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ensuring effective clean up and restoration in the Gulf.

SR-253

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To receive a briefing on Chechnya and violence in the North Caucasus.

340, Cannon Building

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SD-G50

Aging

To hold hearings to examine continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), focusing on if CCRCs are a secure retirement or a risky investment.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act reauthorization, focusing on our nations infrastructure.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Judith R. Fergin, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, and Paul W. Jones, of New York, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, all of the Department of State, Robert M. Orr, of Florida, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, and Nisha Desai Biswal, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-419

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Second Chance Act, focusing on strengthening safe and effective community reentry.

SD-226

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine lessons from the 2010 Tennessee flood.

SD-192

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine disaster medical preparedness, focusing on improving coordination and collaboration in the delivery of medical assistance during disasters.

SD-342

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for Federal implementation plans to reduce interstate transport of fine particulate matter and ozone.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine workplace safety and worker protections at BP.

SD-430

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patrick S. Moon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Luis E. Arreaga-Rodas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Daniel Bennett Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, and Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2956, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and S. 3290, to modify the purposes and operation of certain facilities of the Bureau of Reclamation to implement the water rights compact among the State of Montana, the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, and the United States.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, focusing on ensuring a financially responsible recovery.

SD-342

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the plight of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi refugees and Iraqi allies.

SR-385

JULY 27

9 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine social security disability fraud, focusing on case studies in Federal employees and commercial drivers licenses.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine progress improving Department of Defense supply chain management.

SR-418

JULY 28

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

JULY 29

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities.

SD-342

AUGUST 5

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

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POSTPONEMENTS

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion.

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9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, focusing on presumptive disability decision-making.

SR-418

JULY 21

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on strengthening our domestic defenses.

SD-342