

men lived." For that reason, on July 14, 2010 we did not mourn Mr. Leo Earl Hollie Sr.'s death, rather we celebrated his life.

He left behind his wife of forty-two years and his two children, Constance Hollie-Ramirez and Leo E. Hollie, Jr. In addition to his wife and children, he leaves behind 6 brothers, 4 sisters and 7 grandchildren. He will rest in peace with his late mother Ella B. Mallard, his late brother Kent Hollie, his late brother Columbus Hollie, and his late brother Charlie Frank Hollie.

Mr. Hollie was a faithful member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist church and a proud twenty-year coach of the Oak Cliff Cowboys. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union Local #745 and had been recently re-elected as the Dallas county Precinct Chair of District #3302. Not only did he serve his community in the Dallas area, but he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War Era.

Madam Speaker, we are proud of our community leader and the accomplishments he has left behind. We will not mourn that he has left us behind; rather we will rejoice what he has left behind.

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HONORING BRUCE KERN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bruce Kern for a long career of public service and leadership on the occasion of his retirement. As Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), Mr. Kern led a local public/private partnership responsible for the retention and attraction of business and the promotion of sustainable development.

Native to California and born in the Bay Area, Bruce Kern has enjoyed a multi-faceted career for the State of California as an Economic Analyst, as well as for Alameda County as Director of Research and Planning for its Criminal Justice Planning Board and Director of Planning for the Alameda County Social Services Agency. Between 1982 and 1986, Mr. Kern also lectured part-time on social planning and public policy for the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley.

As a county employee in 1990, Mr. Kern was assigned with coordinating a County taskforce comprising 14 of its cities and private and nonprofit community leaders in re-

sponse to the significant impact of military base closures in the region. This taskforce became a committee of the County commissioned by the Mayors' Council of Alameda County, which eventually evolved into the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) and later expanded to include Contra Costa County.

Now with a membership of over 700, including leaders in business, local government, education, labor and community service, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance strives to maintain the East Bay as a world-recognized location attracting revenue, business growth and the creation of quality jobs. Under Mr. Kern's vision and leadership, the East Bay EDA has been a driving force for collaborative leadership in the region to strengthen local infrastructure and promote economic prosperity.

Additionally, Mr. Kern has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), the Technology Venture Corporation, the California Association for Local Economic Development (CalEd) and the Alameda County Work Force Investment Board. His many accolades include the 1998 Golden Bear Award from the California Association for Local Economic Development rewarding his vision, drive, enthusiasm, creativity and commitment to CALED and the economic development profession.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, Mr. Bruce Kern, we salute you. Thank you for your many contributions to our community, which will continue to influence local business leaders, economic development and working men and women for years to come. I am confident that the East Bay Economic Development Alliance will continue in your legacy of excellence and success. Once again, congratulations on your many achievements. We wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION  
EXTENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, Thursday the House took action to help nearly 2.5 million Americans with the very basic needs of putting food on the table and paying the bills by extending unemployment insurance. After weeks

of Republican efforts to withhold these benefits, we are sending a lifeline to families while sending a jolt to our economy because most of the aid will be spent quickly on food, rent, and other necessities.

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation, EUC, Program began to phase out at the end of May. This means individuals exhausting their 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits since that time, or exhausting any of the tiers of Federal EUC benefits, are not eligible for emergency unemployment benefits. H.R. 4213 retroactively restores those benefits and continues the EUC program through November.

Those in the Minority who are opposed to helping our middle class families often claim that providing unemployment insurance discourages Americans from seeking work. This couldn't be further from the truth. The Joint Economic Committee, which I chair, has just released its 2010 Annual Report. One of the findings is that extending unemployment benefits does not discourage job seekers from looking for work. The JEC report finds that unemployment benefits actually serve to keep some workers attached to the labor force who might otherwise shift to other more costly government programs.

By the end of the year, if no further action is taken, some 290,000 unemployed disabled workers will exhaust their unemployment benefits, and two-thirds of these workers will leave the labor force and move onto the Social Security Disability Insurance program. Shifting these workers from the labor market and onto the SSDI rolls would be a \$24.2 billion lifetime cost. Compare that with the \$721.3 million cost of extending unemployment benefits for these workers.

These numbers demonstrate that extending unemployment benefits is not only morally right, it is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 22, I was absent from three votes due to a stomach virus. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 466, "aye"; Rollcall No. 465, "yea"; and Rollcall No. 464, "aye."