

was the deadliest month in the war thus far, when 102 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is also hard to justify supporting this legislation with billions more for war when the Senate stripped out \$10 billion for an Education Jobs fund that the House provided to help our school districts retain and develop their teaching workforce. I cannot cast a vote for war funding when we can't find the resources to invest in our schools and students.

Most importantly, the President said our mission in Afghanistan must be definable and winnable. I believe it is neither, and I will vote against funding for it.

CONGRATULATING TEAM WASHINGTON AT LAST WEEK'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Team Washington on an outstanding performance at last week's Special Olympic National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I'm proud to say that Washington's team took home eleven gold, twenty-two silver and fifteen bronze medals. Two of these medalists are from my district: Jason Raymond from Spokane won one gold and three bronze medals in swimming, and Scott Tobin of Cheney brought home three gold and one silver medal in Track and Field.

Our athletes also won medals in bowling, weight-lifting, shot-put and aquatics—and they were extraordinarily successful in many other events, too.

So today I'd like to congratulate the twenty-seven talented, brave and hardworking athletes from my home State of Washington.

They have inspired us with their strength and determination—and are paving the way for a brighter future for my son Cole and all those with special needs.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, congratulations, Team Washington. Thank you for making us proud.

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw my colleagues' attention to recent positive developments in the domestic automobile industry. Two-and-a-half years ago, at the onset of the current recession, such good news would have seemed improbable, yet thanks to constructive engagement by the best workers in the world, reinvigorated management, attractive product design, and, in the case of Chrysler and General Motors, timely and thoughtful intervention by the federal government, the United States' automakers are back on track to become industry leaders.

Such leadership is already manifest in three measurable areas. First, after consistent losses for the past 5 years and record low levers of U.S. aggregate demand for the sale of light vehicles, Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors have all reported positive operating earnings and cash flow for the first quarter of 2010. Second, according to the 2009 Harbour Report, all three major U.S. automakers now match or exceed Toyota North America's labor productivity levels in major manufacturing operations in North America. Third and finally, according to the most recent JD Power Initial Quality Survey, the Ford Motor Company is now the highest quality mass production automaker based on consumer rankings, beating out Honda, Toyota, and Nissan.

Indeed, these accomplishments merit praise and confirm the wisdom of the Federal Government's role in nursing the domestic auto industry, whether through loans or tax credits, back to health. This in mind, however, we in Congress and the Administration must continue working together to protect the nascent recovery of Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors and the millions of American jobs they support. We must direct Federal support toward the manufacturing sector to rebuild our dwindling supply base. Further, we must enact initiatives to improve the flow of private credit to consumers, suppliers, and automakers alike, so that they can grow and put more Americans back to work. We must also stridently oppose lop-sided trade agreements and unfair foreign trade practices that put our domestic industries at a competitive disadvantage. Finally, we must ensure our automakers and suppliers have the requisite support to meet future technical challenges, for which foreign companies will surely receive state-financed aid.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the domestic automobile industry for its most recent achievements, wish it continued success, and help it compete in the future by creating a level playing field with our trade partners.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL RUPERT H. BURRIS

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero who was a respected and dedicated officer in the United States Air Force. On July 13, 2010, our State and Nation lost a great patriot when Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris of the U.S. Air Force, aged 84, passed away at his home in El Dorado.

General Burris was born in Whelan Springs, Arkansas, to his late parents Thomas and Estelle Burris and attended high school in El Dorado. General Burris graduated from Jackson College in Honolulu, Hawaii.

General Burris enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II and served as a crew member of a B-17 bomber in the European theater of operations. He completed more than 30 bombing missions over Germany and France, serving as an armorer and gunner.

Following the war, General Burris re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1947, eventu-

ally entering Officer Candidate School in 1948. What followed was a long and distinguished military career. General Burris held numerous commands in the United States and overseas, becoming the first nonrated officer ever to head an Air Force major command.

During his highly decorated career, General Burris received many military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with "V" device; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnamese Honor Medal, First Class; Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm; and the Republic of China Meritorious Service Medal, Class A, Second Degree.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his daughter and son-in-law Clarice and Chris Long; his brother, Thomas; sister, Jane; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I know I, along with all Arkansans, will sorely miss General Burris' presence and will try to find solace in the fact General Burris defined what it meant to be a true patriot—dedicating your life to the service of our great Nation and to leave your community better than you found it.

Our Nation is safer and stronger because of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to military service like General Burris. Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris and his legacy, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces who gives the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country.

CONGRATULATING THE PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION ON THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW HEAD-QUARTERS IN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I take great pride in the fact that Virginia is home to the Patient Advocate Foundation and that the Nation's most vulnerable citizens have such a great group of people working diligently on their behalf. I cannot mention health care in Virginia or the Patient Advocate Foundation without telling you how proud I am to know and have worked with its founder, Nancy Davenport-Ennis. Not only is she an incredible force for health care in Virginia and the Nation, she is also a constituent and a friend.

Nancy's efforts embody the struggle of her friend and mentor, Cheryl Grinnel. Cheryl's battle with cancer and her frustration with the insurance industry inspires Nancy and all of us to do what we can to correct the egregious context in which a patient has to operate in trying to obtain the level of medical care needed to address a serious health condition. Drawing on that inspiration, Nancy and her husband, John Ennis, founded the Patient Advocate Foundation. Nancy and John have worked tirelessly to get laws on the books in Virginia, and she is now at the forefront of the effort to close the health disparities gap and

secure more funding for research and clinical trials.

Since 1996, the Patient Advocate Foundation has advocated for patients who are working through the complexities of a serious illness while navigating through health insurance red tape, selecting the right treatment options for them and their family, while dealing with possible financial problems that arise due to the chosen method of treatment and addressing care giver stress. The Foundation gives hope to many patients and their families on a daily basis. Its number one goal is to get patients the necessary treatment after they are diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Through the Virginia Cares for the Uninsured program, VCUP, the Patient Advocate Foundation provides assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness but do not have health insurance to pay for treatment or cannot afford treatment. The goal of the Foundation is to connect these individuals with doctors and facilities that will donate treatment services or accept reduced fees while ensuring the patient gets all necessary treatment. The advocacy efforts and community connections of Nancy and John, the executive board of directors, staff and volunteers at the Patient Advocate Foundation are often critical in making this happen.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nancy Davenport-Ennis, president and CEO, the executive board of directors, the staff and volunteers of the Patient Advocate Foundation on the opening of the Foundation's new headquarters in Hampton, Virginia. The Patient Advocate Foundation's executive board of directors includes directors from Virginia as well as national directors including Admiral Deborah Parham Hopson, appointed to serve this year on the Federal Coordinating Council. Three national non-profit patient advocacy organizations are represented on the executive board of directors by Dr. Lovell Jones, co-founder of the Intercultural Cancer Council; Dr. Alan Balch of the Preventive Health Partnership, a collaborative of the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society; and Venus Gines, executive director and founder of the Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc. The Foundation's support is partially derived from national non-profit organizations in the United States including the American Cancer Society, Lance Armstrong Livestrong, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Support over the years has also come from the Centers for Disease Control, the federal appropriations process, the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the Foundation's annual fundraiser in Hampton Roads, where it receives strong support from the business community.

Madam Speaker, with the assistance of 180 full-time employees in their national headquarters in Hampton Roads, a corporate foundation office in San Diego, California, and with satellite locations in Iowa, Florida, North Carolina, New York and Nevada, the Foundation successfully closed 55,364 cases of patients diagnosed with chronic, debilitating and/or life-threatening conditions just last year. The Foundation provides services in both English and Spanish with special national outreach programs to underserved populations, specifically, the African American community and the Hispanic and Latino communities. Additionally,

the Foundation serves the Asian population and Pacific Islanders.

Madam Speaker, access to quality, affordable health care is critical to the well being of our country, today and in the future. While we have accomplished a tremendous feat by passing the health care reform bill this year, we still have much more work to do in Congress and on Main Street U.S.A. I believe the work that the Foundation does is key to fixing our health care system not only in Virginia, but nationwide. It is imperative that we have organizations like the Patient Advocate Foundation to assist the chronically ill through the health care system by helping them get insurance coverage, medical assistance and medication.

Again, I commend the Foundation for all of the work that it has done for the citizens of the 3rd district of Virginia and wish it continued success in its new home.

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HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAPLEWOOD CARE CENTER, AND THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOMESTEAD ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Volunteers of America on the 40th anniversary of the Maplewood Care Center, and the 15th anniversary of The Homestead Assisted Living Center. These centers provide a caring community through assisted living housing, short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and dementia care for senior citizens.

The Volunteers of America are a national, non-profit organization that has been active in Minnesota for 114 years. Providing quality community programs and services to those in need for over a century has made them a leader among Minnesota's human service organizations.

A dedication to caring for Minnesota's seniors led the Volunteers of America to open the doors of its Maplewood Minnesota Care Center in 1970. This quality center has provided my community with skilled nursing care for individuals with chronic diseases and for those recovering from illness or injury. In addition to participating in both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Joining the Maplewood Care Center, on what is now known as the Volunteers of America Maplewood Campus, in 1995, The Homestead Assisted Living Center provides care and an atmosphere of independence for seniors. An on-site Dementia Support group provides support for families with loved ones with dementia.

I commend Volunteers of America for their commitment to Minnesota seniors and for their dedication to providing compassionate, quality care, and housing for those in need.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Volunteers of America, I am pleased to submit this statement.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M. CUNNINGHAM

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Edward M. Cunningham. On July 19th, 2010 the cause of justice in America and Arkansas lost one of its faithful servants, Edward M. Cunningham of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

After completing special agent training in the FBI, Edward Cunningham dutifully served for over 30 years in law enforcement. He was also a United States Navy Veteran following his service in World War II. His stations would take him to San Francisco in 1951, Little Rock in 1964, Blytheville in 1967, and Jonesboro in 1971. These cities were made safer and their futures brighter by his work and dedication.

He would employ these many years of expertise in his tenure as Chief of Police in Jonesboro from 1979 until his retirement in 1987. Even after his retirement he continued his work by helping to educate the next generation of law enforcement agents by teaching Criminology at Arkansas State University.

A cancer survivor of 51 years, he pledged his time and efforts to encourage and support those battling cancer through his work with the St. Bernard's Auxiliary. Edward Cunningham was a magnanimous individual and a beloved member of his community.

I send Edward's family my deepest condolences for their loss, and hope they can find some comfort in the thought of the powerful and positive mark he left on the communities he served. I ask today of my fellow colleagues that we stand and honor the legacy of Mr. Edward Cunningham.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,258,280,104,675.66.

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 \$2,619,854,358,381.86 so far this Congress.

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

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COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and continuing occupation of the