

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CHARLES W.
MEYERS, SR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Meyers, Sr., a much beloved San Francisco community leader and public servant, who passed away on September 12. Charlie enthusiastically gave his energy in service of the city and the country he loved. He will be remembered for his big heart, generous spirit, and the unwavering devotion of his friendship.

A proud native son of San Francisco, Charlie discovered his passion for public service early in life. After enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving in World War II, he was elected to the State Assembly as a 28 year old—making him one of the youngest members of the legislature at the time.

As an Assemblyman for the next 22 years, Charlie vigorously sought to improve employer-employee relations. He is an author of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, which still stands as the state law regulating employee relations in the public sector.

Charlie's involvement in San Francisco life, however, went far beyond his work in the state legislature. He was a valued member and active supporter of many organizations, including the San Francisco Forum, Knights of Columbus, Disabled American Veterans, and the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2007, he was honored for his work in public service by his alma mater, the University of San Francisco.

San Franciscans have lost a beloved friend. I hope it is a comfort to his beloved wife Alene, his children Charlene Hansen, Chip Meyers, and Gerri Brown, and his many grandchildren that many San Franciscans join them in mourning his passing.

HONORING AMERICAN TROOPS
WHO DIED ON D-DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 1251, which recognizes and honors the United States troops who fought and died on D-day at the Battle of Normandy.

On June 6, 1944, the Western Allies landed in Northern France and opened up a major military offensive against the Nazi German forces. After 5 years of worldwide warfare, the Normandy invasion proved to be a critical turning point in pushing the United States and its allied forces to victory. D-day remains one of the greatest beach landings in world history, involving nearly 3 million troops crossing the

English Channel from England to Normandy in occupied France. The collective cost to the United States was terribly high, including more than 29,000 killed and 106,000 wounded and missing.

As a Member of Congress and the daughter of a World War II veteran, I believe I have a duty to honor the men and women who courageously served our country and gave their lives at the Battle of Normandy. Earlier this summer, I had the privilege of visiting the Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum during a congressional delegation and was able to get an up-close look at the strength and resilience of the Americans who served in the United States armed forces during the invasion of Normandy.

Our country owes all veterans of this conflict a great debt for their service.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. RONALD TAYLOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Ronald Taylor, a devoted father, grandfather, mentor, friend, entrepreneur, and United States Veteran, whose joyous life continues to be focused on family, faith, and service to community.

Born in Wichita, Kansas on February 10, 1930, Mr. Taylor was the only child of parents Russell and Mildred Taylor. He moved frequently with his family until settling in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents taught him the importance of hard work, family and faith. They guided him toward a solid education and supported all of his athletic endeavors. While attending Central High School in Cleveland, Mr. Taylor excelled in athletics and broke Jesse Owens' high jump record. Mr. Taylor's record still stands today. He continues to use the experiences of his youth to teach and guide his own children and grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor blazed a path of independence and achievement. He attained the level of Eagle Scout, only the second African American in Ohio to do so at the time. While attending Miami University of Ohio, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force ROTC. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, and served honorably during WWII. He later continued his studies and became an attorney and real estate broker. He owned several successful law, tax and real estate businesses in Chicago, Cleveland and Las Vegas. He continues to run a successful law practice, Ron Taylor & Associates, in Oak Park, Illinois.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ronald Taylor, who continues to serve as a leader and the foundation of his family. Mr. Taylor will join this Labor Day weekend with his children, Kevin, Rennie, Reginald, Leah, Michael, Ron Taylor, Jr., Ron II, Ronnetta, and Robin; his

grandchildren; and his extended family to celebrate faith, family and tradition. Mr. Taylor continues to be a source of strength and inspiration to his family and friends, and I wish him and the entire Taylor family continued blessings of peace and joy.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL GOLDING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Phil Golding, a World War II Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Phil Golding was recognized on Tuesday, August 24. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: PHIL GOLDING
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Not all military experiences are life-changing tales, fraught with peril and excitement. For former Boone County resident Phil Golding, his experiences in the military were rather mundane.

He was never shot at, "to my knowledge," he said. He never received, nor wanted, a Purple Heart. A Boone resident for nearly 50 years, Golding, however, recalls his times in the United States Army with fond memories, with his three most volatile army jobs being battery clerk, gas truck driver and ammo truck driver.

Golding was inducted into the U.S. Army at Camp Dodge from Glidden, Iowa, in Carroll County, assigned to active duty on July 3, 1943, "policing the camp grounds for cigarette butts" prior to the crowds of visitors swarming into the area.

"I was given a G.I. haircut, clothes and equipment, then sent to a tank destroyer facility at Camp Hood, Texas, for four months of infantry basic training before spending 4½ months on campus at the University of Illinois in the Army Specialized Training Program ostensibly to be an engineer," Golding recalled. "This changed when the war in Africa, Italy and Europe called for fresh blood."

Golding, along with hundreds of other "non-essentials," as he referred to himself, were transported by troop train to the Eighth Armored Division at Camp Polk, La.

Before long, they would be replacing armored units in combat zones, but first there were inspections.

"We spent the hot summer of 1944 being inspected to death before the Germans got a shot at us," Golding said. "We boarded a troop ship in early fall. Somewhere, mid-Atlantic, a couple hundred of us below deck playing cards, writing home or reading, when something big banged hard against the bulkhead only a few feet away! We never knew what, but one officer didn't wait to panic, he went bananas, bouncing up the stairway shouting, 'Don't panic . . . let me outta here! Let me outta here!'"

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It was a couple months later when the group ate their Thanksgiving turkey in what Golding referred to as "Jolly ol' England." After next celebrating Christmas with an English family, they finally received their equipment on New Year's Day: tanks, trucks, 105 mm howitzers, and more.

The soldiers were rushed across the channel to Europe, but the Battle of the Bulge was over by then, so the troops were held behind the front lines, in reserve, freezing in France for six long, cold weeks.

Golding recalls an incident next that happened in a muddy orchard.

"We then pulled our trucks, heavy with ammo, into a pretty Dutch orchard, just before the frost left, leaving our trucks axle-deep in sod, eight-wheelers spinning, wench cables straining and shear pins shearing," he said. "After the tank-retriever drug us out one by one, the poor Dutchman's grove looked like a plowed field. Even the road past his farm looked plowed, ready to plant."

He also recalls a spectacular site during his time overseas serving in the Army.

"Watching the bombers go east, then back west, with bomb bays open and parachute cords trailing was thrilling—we knew our paratroopers were on the other side of the river, waiting for us to cross the Rhine River on a pontoon bridge," Golding said. "The day after on the far side of the river was a different thrill when our captain circled our trucks on a hill, visible for miles, and we took a few German artillery rounds. Not much happened where we were, I hurried dressing and moved from the 200 rounds of steel cased white phosphorus 105 mm artillery shells in our truck, which was my bed the night before."

The end of World War II was a strange sight for Golding. He recalls that he was near the Elbe River when he awoke to the scene.

"I got up one morning and wandered out the back side of our barracks and there was a whole battalion with rifles stacked and lining up at a chow truck for breakfast, it took me a minute to realize this was a German battalion getting fed, with rifles stacked, apparently unconcerned that they were in the backyard of a bunch of American G.I.s, who also seemed unconcerned," he said. "More curious than concerned."

And so, the war ended, and Golding returned home to Boone, happy for his military experience, and happy for his safe return, albeit with a few more entertaining stories than when he left.

"Compared to most, my experiences in the U.S. Army were mundane, thank the Lord," Golding said.

I commend Phil Golding for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER
GENERATION AT EXELON
NUCLEAR'S DRESDEN GENERATING STATION

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the completed construction of Exelon Nuclear's Dresden Unit 1 facility, celebrating 50 years of safe, reliable, nuclear gen-

erated electricity at the Dresden site. Employees and guests will be celebrating this achievement on Wednesday, September 22, 2010.

On August 1, 1960, Dresden Unit 1 entered commercial operation and became the nation's first full-scale, privately financed commercial nuclear power plant. This feat alone marks a great accomplishment in human technological advancement, but also an incredible contribution towards the advancement of our society and the growth of surrounding communities.

Construction of Dresden Unit 1 began in June of 1957 on a site at the mouth of the Illinois River near Morris, just 60 miles southwest of Chicago, and began generating electricity on April 15, 1960. Dresden Unit 1's success was followed by the completion of Dresden Units 2 and 3 in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Although Unit 1 has since been placed in dormancy, Units 2 and 3 continue to generate electricity for our local communities.

Madam Speaker, I also rise to commemorate the approximate 950 employees of the Dresden generation facility, and congratulate all employees, past and present, for their hard work and contributions towards making our communities and our country a better place to live and for showing the world of the benefits of clean and efficient nuclear energy.

With Dresden's annual contributions to the local United Way, its sponsorship of the Grundy County Corn Festival fireworks display and other donations and sponsorships to community organizations and events, the Dresden Generating Station is a shining example of social responsibility and investing in the local community.

As the 11th Congressional District is also home to Dresden's sister-plants, Braidwood and LaSalle, I am proud to represent this facility in the United States Congress and I give thanks for all of Dresden's past successes and wish it the best in the future.

RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH
ANNUAL LA PLAZA'S FIESTA

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Annual La Plaza Fiesta Indianapolis, which is held in Indiana's 7th district. La Plaza's Fiesta serves as a celebration and representation of the Hispanic culture and its contribution to the fabric of this nation.

Since 1980, La Plaza's Fiesta has been the premiere Latino cultural celebration in Indiana. It is an outdoor event held during National Hispanic Heritage Month to educate and share the Latino culture through diverse mediums including art, music, dance, food and cultural activities. La Plaza's Fiesta also celebrates the Hispanic community's contributions in business, education, government and the arts.

Year after year, La Plaza's Fiesta provides an opportunity to enrich the lives of all Americans by providing an opportunity to explore the rich and unique Hispanic heritage and traditions. La Plaza's Fiesta is a great avenue for people from all walks of life to learn that our unique cultures and histories unify—not divide us. We all have life experiences that can help

each other and our next generations, regardless of our gender, ethnicity or race.

I want to congratulate La Plaza's Fiesta Indianapolis on their 30th anniversary. In your long history, you have enriched the lives of those who attend this event, the City of Indianapolis and our Latino community. It is an honor to represent a district as culturally diverse as Indianapolis, and our great city is privileged to host this event

A TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNETTE POLLY WILLIAMS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, a dear former colleague and mentor to new legislators and a great stateswoman, Rep. Annette Polly Williams. She is the longest serving woman in the history of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Rep. Williams is retiring from public office after 30 years of outstanding service to her constituents.

Affectionately known as Polly, she was born in the Mississippi Delta region of Belzoni, Mississippi and moved to Milwaukee when she was 10 years old. She is a product of the public school system and fellow graduate of North Division High School. Rep. Williams is committed to ensuring that all children receive access to a good education. Out of her passion to and commitment for education, she became the author/mother of the nation's first true Educational Parental Choice Legislation.

Rep. Williams has made her mark in other areas. She founded the Black Women's Network, the Milwaukee Parental Assistance Center; the Black Leadership Organization. Further, she was the co-founder of the African American Alliance providing political leadership to Milwaukee's African American community; founding member of the Wisconsin African American Women's Center; and served as the co-host for the "Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club" on a local radio station for many years.

Polly is a treasure to our community and will continue her service to those in need. Whether it is someone who has lost a loved one, experienced a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina or local flooding, Polly will be there providing compassion and support.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to Rep. Annette Polly Williams. We wish her well in a retirement that is full of new challenges.

HONORING SAMUEL TABLER FOR
USDA SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Samuel Tabler for his service, sacrifice and commitment to establishing stability and

security in Iraq. Tabler taught Iraqis the agriculture lessons he learned from his own experiences working for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Agricultural Research Service.

Tabler served in the Babil Province region of Iraq from 2009 to 2010. While in Iraq, he worked with the Babil Beekeepers Association and oversaw the construction of a honey processing and breeding facility. Tabler also worked to develop and introduce new technologies to area farmers that increased agricultural productivity.

By empowering Iraqis with knowledge and best practices to improve their agriculture industry Tabler has helped create opportunities for development and long-term economic viability in Iraq. Tabler's devotion to helping others in need is a great example of selfless Arkansas values. I am so proud of his accomplishments and the opportunities he helped create for Iraqi citizens.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER
PALM BEACH AREA CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award from the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center for the work of chapter volunteers in their community outreach programs. This is the top honor awarded by the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, a national clearinghouse for persons seeking the fates of loved ones missing since the Holocaust and its aftermath.

The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has been delivering lifesaving services for over ninety years, providing relief to victims of disasters at home and abroad, teaching lifesaving skills, and supporting military members and families. This chapter, which covers most of the 23rd Congressional district, serves the counties of Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, and Palm Beach, and reaches a population of 1.5 million residents. The Red Cross has operated this specialized tracing service for the past 19 years.

I commend the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter's leadership, staff and volunteers for their commitment to engage the community and diligently manage the influx of new requests to the Red Cross Holocaust Tracing Center. The Tracing Service offers to search for information about missing and deceased family members through personal services that are comprehensive, confidential and free of charge. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has engaged the local Jewish communities, agencies and volunteers through notable educational outreach programs.

The Outstanding Chapter Award will be presented to volunteer leaders from the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at a special luncheon celebrating the Tracing Center's 20th anniversary in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 27, 2010, featuring keynote speaker Gail McGovern, the

President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross provides an exemplary paradigm for providing support and answers to Holocaust survivors and their families. The Tracing Center is seventy percent successful in its tracing cases, having reunited 1,500 families and provided documents such as birth certificates and concentration camp records to others.

Madam Speaker, I am especially pleased with this Chapter's award because, in a sense, it brings my involvement with the Tracing Service full circle. Years ago I, along with several of my colleagues, was a strong advocate for opening the Tracing Service's archives to the public and worked with the German government and the International Committee of the Red Cross to do so. In opening the archive in 2007, Germany and the ICRC provided an invaluable service to humanity. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter award demonstrates the extent to which thousands of Holocaust survivors and their families in South Florida have benefited from this service.

Madam Speaker, the Center for Information on Holocaust Restitution estimates that five to ten survivors die each day. The urgency of affected family members initiating tracing services cannot be overstated. My local Red Cross has shown true dedication in assisting families in telling the stories of those who perished in the Holocaust, in discovering names and dates that have long been thought to be lost, and in giving families the necessary information so that they may pass on legacies and the truth. The Tracing Center's motto says it best: "Every Answer is a Gift."

Again, congratulations to the Greater Palm Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross on gaining national recognition for their enduring commitment to Holocaust survivors, their families, and the memory of those who were lost.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, this week the House pauses to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our nation some nine years ago. My district suffered casualties that day, including Cranbury, New Jersey businessman Todd Beamer. Todd's words, "Let's Roll", were the prelude to the first act in striking back against the terrorist who had hijacked Flight 93. His sacrifice and that of the other passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 undoubtedly save many lives that terrible day. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, and his children, David, Drew, and Morgan Kay, and to all the other families who lost loved ones on that day.

Nine years later, the memory of that terrible day remains fresh for those who lost someone dear to them. At the memorial service in Middletown in my district, we recalled the names of the fallen, including Stephen Cangialosi, Kathleen Hunt, Robert Parks, Edward Desimone, and Brendan and Roseanne Lang—just some of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. My thoughts also turned to Richard Guadagno, formerly of Tren-

ton and the manager of the Humbolt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, who perished on Flight 93. We owe debt of gratitude to the families of the victims for pressing for an investigation into how the attacks happened and how to prevent future tragedies. Kristin Breitweiser, Nikki Stern, Ginny Bauer, and other affected families from across the country demonstrated the power of citizen action. We will never forget these people, nor the courage and dedication of those they left behind and who continue to remind of us of the need to honor their memory and their sacrifice.

I've spent many of my years in Congress since the 9/11 attacks working to prevent a repeat of that tragedy. We are safer today in many ways than before 9/11, but there is still much for us to do. The best way we can honor those Americans who lost their lives on that day is to continue working to make our country safer still. Osama bin Laden and his band of murderers inflicted great physical harm on our country and our citizens, but neither he nor terrorists like him will never be able to break our spirit or cause us to walk away from our friends around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CARNEGIE WEST
LIBRARY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie West Library, a cornerstone of the Cleveland Public Library system, located in the heart of Cleveland's historic Ohio City neighborhood.

Named after American visionary and leader in the advancement of libraries, Andrew Carnegie, the ornate building was designed by internationally renowned architect Edward Tilton. Built by artisans, craftsman and stone experts, the restored exterior of the building is graced with the beauty of terracotta, red brick, limestone, intricate floral motifs and medallions. The interior is highlighted with original painted murals that reflect scenes from classic children's literature.

Throughout the past century, the programs and services have expanded, yet the mission of the library has remained the same: to provide a creative environment where imagination is inspired and where learning flourishes. The Carnegie West Library offers numerous programs and services to patrons of all ages—including computer classes, film festivals and workshops. Additionally, the Library has a legacy of strong neighborhood bonds and community outreach. The Carnegie West Library provides free lunches and reading clubs for children after school and during the summer months.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the founding members, dedicated staff, volunteers and every patron of the Carnegie West Library. For an entire century, this library has inspired and enriched the minds and hearts of tens of thousands of visitors of all ages. Their vision "to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of

knowledge, and enhancing the quality of life for all who use the library” continues to enrich our community—and is a critical part of the educational and social advancement of our entire society.

TRIBUTE TO GALEN WILEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Galen Wiley, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Galen Wiley was recognized on Tuesday, July 27. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: GALEN WILEY
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Galen Wiley, 93, nurtured a passion for flight in his time in the Army Air Corps. It would help shape the rest of his life and give him a pursuit that would eventually include an airport bearing his name.

Wiley grew up on a farm near Jordan, Iowa and attended school in a building that is no longer standing. Wiley's father died when he was eleven, facilitating the family's move to Boone. Wiley has spent the rest of his life in the community.

Wiley was a paperboy in his youth. He graduated from Boone High School and worked as a salesman in the J.C. Penny's and J.C. Peterson stores, where he was employed when he was inducted into the army.

Wiley entered the Army Air Corp and was originally placed in mechanic school. He soon opted for an officer training program, however, and took wholeheartedly to the training. Wiley was sent to England to fly a B-17 bomber, and he flew bombing runs over France, Holland, and Germany during his time in the service. Wiley's B-17 once suffered an equipment failure while flying over Holland, but he managed to land the plane with the left landing gear jammed. It was a harrowing experience, but the crew would survive and celebrate Wiley's achievement. "I came out okay on it," Wiley said with a smile.

Wiley once flew a mission on which he saw the plane of a fellow Boone pilot, David Mondt.

Wiley flew many of his missions with English pilots, and went into London several times during the war. "We flew an awful lot, day after day," Wiley said of routine life in the Air Corps. The King of England and (at that time) Princess Elizabeth once visited the air base where Wiley was stationed.

Upon returning from the war in 1946, Wiley and his wife Marian were wed. Wiley was hired as a treasurer at city hall and soon promoted to a city clerk. He also joined the National Guard, and greatly enjoyed the chance to fly again. Wiley split much of his attention between his job with the city and the airport, and drafted the original paperwork to create the airport after the war. For many years Wiley served on the airport commission, even after his retirement from city hall, until resigning on his 90th birthday. On his 91st birthday, the airport commission renamed the airport 'Galen Wiley Field' in honor of Wiley's dedication to the airport through the years. He has also been pre-

sented with a display of his service medals that friends from the airport crafted for him.

Wiley served in the National Guard for 31 years after the war, and was able to fly on some weekends as part of his guard duty. He still enjoys going to the airport to watch the planes take off and land, maintaining his passion for flight.

Wiley's son Bill died in a car accident when he was 23, but the family has persevered. Shirley Wiley, Galen's daughter and a retired nurse, lives in Boone to this day and assisted with this article.

Wiley still stays in contact with the other three surviving members of his crew. Two of his crewmates live in California and one lives in Texas. The men still call and stay in touch, and have met up for reunions in the past.

I commend Galen Wiley for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SPECIALIST JUSTIN B.
SHOECRAFT

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedicated service of Specialist Justin B. Shoecraft, a native son of Elkhart, Indiana, and a proud member of the United States Army. SPC Shoecraft died on August 24, 2010 in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device in Kakarak, Afghanistan.

Justin graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2001 and worked for the United Parcel Service for seven years before enlisting in the United States Army. He was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment out of Vilseck, Germany. His regiment had assumed control of Tarin Kowt in July of 2010. Justin was five weeks into his first deployment when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit.

Justin was posthumously promoted to the rank of Specialist. His awards include the Bronze Star medal (posthumous), the Purple Heart Medal (posthumous), the Army Good Conduct Medal (posthumous), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge (posthumous), the Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Expert Rifle Bar, and the Overseas Service Bar.

Justin loved working on old cars and motorcycles, and was a fan of stock car racing. He had always wanted to drive tanks for the Army. He will be remembered by his friends, family, and fellow soldiers for his generosity, work ethic, and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, whom he married the day before he left for basic training, his parents, Carroll "Blue" and Donna, his grandfathers, Walt and Floyd, his grandmother, Helen, his brother Michael and sister Sherry,

extended family and many friends. He will be missed by all.

It is my solemn duty, and humble privilege, to honor the life, service, and memory of Specialist Justin B. Shoecraft, which stand as a testament to the great honor possessed, and sacrifices made, by our men and women in the armed forces, and by their families. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

HONORING LYNN T. GREER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, Lynn T. Greer started his career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1975 working briefly as a Substitute Teacher and Youth Program Coordinator, and then for the Governor's Office of Budget and Administration in Philadelphia. His tenure with the Department of Transportation began in 1979 where he worked in the CETA Program and Equal Opportunity Development in the District, eventually moving on to an Assistant County Maintenance Manager Trainee position in the Delaware County Maintenance Organization.

In 1983, Lynn transferred to the Montgomery County Maintenance Organization where he supervised night operations on the Schuylkill Expressway for several years as a Highway Foreman.

In 1986, Lynn became an Assistant County Maintenance Manager with the Philadelphia County Maintenance Organization, where he served the Department for twenty years in that capacity, which included External Focus Manager for Agility. In 2006, Lynn became the County Maintenance Manager for Philadelphia, where he has served for the past four years.

Lynn holds a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Temple University, a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Virginia State University, where he was on the "Dean's List," and an Associate Degree in Computer Programming from Camden County College, receiving the "Secretary's Award for Excellence".

Lynn is looking forward to spending his well-earned retirement spending time with his family, being involved as an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, coaching basketball in the greater Philadelphia area, playing tennis as a member of the Philadelphia Tennis Team, for which he has competed nationally, and of course, traveling.

Lynn's lovely family includes his wife of 33 years, Alma, son, Lynn II, daughter Kelli, and grandson, Lynn III.

HONORING DON AND DIM
SAMBUESO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Don and Dim Sambueso for receiving the 2010 Lifetime

Achievement Award. They have lived long and distinguished lives, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

The Sambueso brothers were born in Madera, California in 1940. At the age of 15, the brothers went to work for the family business. They have stayed with that business since then, taking from a simple slaughtering company to a business that handles catering, barbecuing and has a full service meat counter.

Don and Dim are well connected within their community. They have been involved with the Young Men's Institute, St. Joachim's School Sports Banquet, Madera Elks, 4-H and Holy Family Table.

Don and Dim are both proud husbands, parents and grandparents. Don and his wife Sharon have three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dim and his wife Julie have two children and two grandchildren. It is clear that they will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Don and Dim Sambueso for lives well-lived and in wishing them the best of luck and health as they continue setting the standard.

HONORING SECOND LIEUTENANT
MARK NOZISKA

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Nebraskan who will be laid to rest tomorrow—a brave soldier who paid the ultimate price defending our freedoms and liberties.

2LT Mark Noziska, 24, a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry was taken from us by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Afghanistan.

Mark joined the Army after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He was a true friend to those who knew him—a man full of life and someone who always had a smile. He loved his country and felt it was his duty to protect those dearest to him.

In a way, it is fitting we pay our respects to Mark on a day we observe the signing of our Constitution. The ideals and freedoms which we so often take for granted have been protected by young men such as Mark and his brothers and sisters in arms for generations. The words which define our country—written so long ago—are his legacy for us all.

My heart and prayers are with Mark's family during this difficult time. Words cannot express the depth of their loss—nor can they convey the debt our country owes this brave man. We can do no less than live up to his ideals.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1610.

We must never forget the events of September 11, 2001, the victims, the responders, or the survivors.

September 11 was a horrifyingly destructive day of national tragedy. Innocent men, women and children of all ages, ethnicities, religions, and nationalities were killed that day by narrow minded, hateful men bent on a worldview of ignorance and oppression.

In that darkest hour, however, were revealed some of the brightest lights of the American community.

Our firefighters, police and other first responders bravely sacrificed their lives in an effort to save as many people as possible.

Individuals from communities around the country raced to New York and Washington, DC to provide whatever help they could.

And men and women from every state stepped up to defend the nation and joined the Armed Forces.

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11 our country came together with one voice to fight against the ideology of hatred embraced by the terrorists that attacked us.

We continue to fight around the world to oppose the advocates of terror and advance for all people the rights that our founders first articulated: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE HONOREE,
MANUEL ACTA, MANAGER OF
THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Hispanic Heritage honoree of 2010, Manuel "Manny" Acta, Manager of the Cleveland Indians and keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies at Cleveland's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Manuel Elias Acta was born on January 11, 1969 in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. His career in Major League Baseball began at the young age of 17 when he was signed by the Houston Astros as a first baseman. Also a talented outfielder, he played with the Astros organization for six years and then began his coaching career. Before signing to manage the Cleveland Indians in 2009, he was manager of the Washington Nationals. He also managed the Tigris del Licy of the Dominican Winter League, leading them to victory in the 2003 Caribbean Series. He has also worked for the New York Mets and the Montreal Expos as third base coach.

Beyond his successful career in professional baseball, the foundation of his life continues to be his family, faith and community. A devoted husband and father to two daughters, Mr. Acta and his wife Cindy continue to volunteer their time and efforts in reaching out to the children of our Cleveland community and to the people of his Dominican homeland. Mr. and Mrs. Acta founded the ImpACTA kids Foundation, which provides children with opportunities to achieve their dreams through college scholarships and outreach programs. ImpACTA has also funded and organized the development of an athletic/education facility for youth in Consuelo, Dominican Republic.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 2010 Hispanic Heritage honoree, Manuel "Manny" Acta. Mr. Acta's integrity, professionalism and willingness to help others in need, especially our children, continues to make a positive impact within the lives of children from Cleveland, Ohio to Consuelo, Dominican Republic.

TRIBUTE TO KENNY BARNES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kenny Barnes, a World War II Army Air Corps veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Kenny Barnes was recognized on Tuesday, August 3. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KENNY BARNES

(By Alexander Hutchins)

Joseph Kenneth "Kenny" Barnes, 85, was born in Boone and flew 51 missions over a period of three months. His children have kidded him, calling him 'the general,' and he lives today in a house that he built 51 years ago.

Barnes was born in Boone in 1925, the second son of Elmer and Nellie Barnes. In a history of Barnes' life written by his wife, Helen, he recalls "My childhood in the depression years was like many others—we were poor, but always had food and shelter and a loving family with two sisters, Wilma and Joanne, and two brothers, Charles and Jimmy, a father who was an engineer on the railroad and a mother who took care of the family, making sure we kept clean, nourished, did our chores and all went to church on Sunday."

Barnes had a paper route delivering the Des Moines Register, using the money to buy some of his own clothing. Barnes' father served in World War I, and during Barnes' childhood the second World War was fast approaching. When he went to collect his papers for delivery on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, his circulation manager, Sam Lyon, predicted the young men would be involved in the upcoming war before it concluded as the news played out over the radio in the shop.

Barnes completed his high school requirements in January of 1943 and was drafted before the graduation ceremony took place in the fall. Barnes took basic training in Salt Lake City and was placed in the Army Air Corps. With no slots open for flight school, Barnes was trained as a gunner and attended armament school.

Barnes was trained to fly in a B-24 Liberator bomber, and when his crew of ten was formed and received its B-24, they christened it Paperdoll. While flying between Florida, Trinidad, Brazil, Africa and Italy, the crew crossed the equator and became members of the "Hyper Terrestrial Order of Equator Hoppers," for which Barnes has retained his certificate.

The crew was based in Foggia, Italy, and had to delay their landing until bombers returning from a mission had landed.

"It was a rude awakening as we taxied down the airstrip to see a plane with the

nose turret shot off, and the wounded and dead airmen arranged on the ground covered in sheets. Hard sight for a 19-year-old airman to absorb," Barnes said in Helen's written history.

Barnes' first mission was May 18, 1944, where his squadron was assigned to bomb a Romanian oil refinery. Barnes weighed only 125 pounds, and as the smallest member of the crew he was assigned to the ball turret on this and subsequent missions. Barnes would fly on four missions over the Ploesti oil refineries, as it produced a major amount of the fuel for the German military. Barnes said they were the toughest missions, as the refineries were heavily defended with "flak so thick you could walk on it" and enemy fighters menacing the bombers.

"I was pretty young. I'm 18 and I'm flying combat at 19," Barnes said.

Barnes flew regularly as he was able to fit into the cramped space of the ball turret, and due to this he racked up over 50 missions. According to Helen's written history: "On July 28, 1944, a Ploesti raid, we sent out 27 airplanes from our 756th Bomb Squadron and lost 14. My plane was badly shot up—elevators and ailerons gone and no control over the plane, just flying on automatic pilot. We all bailed out and fortunately it was over 'friendly' territory. The plane was lost, but the crew all survived. The emergency parachute jump earned me entrance into 'The Caterpillar Club,' awarded by Irving Air Chute Co."

Barnes said he thanked the Lord for bringing him through his missions unscathed and he prayed for the safety of the crew.

The Liberator would often have difficulty taking off due to its payload of 2,000-pound bombs. The aircraft would often skim the treetops on takeoff. It was cold in the plane due to the cruising altitude of 28,000 feet.

"More than once we came home on two engines," Barnes said. "On one occasion, with the brake system disabled, chutes were attached to the fuselage and deployed to slow down the landing speed."

Barnes' crew lost only one member, but as he was flying on a separate plane as part of a split crew, Barnes watched the other craft fall from the sky without any of the crew escaping.

"The army was good discipline, and it made a man out of me. I didn't have time to get a job or get into trouble," Barnes said in an interview with the BN-R.

Barnes said he has thought of the toll of the war he fought in, as well as the wars of today, and how war has never stopped being a tragedy.

Barnes received a Good Conduct medal, and Air medal with two clusters, and Army Air Force Pres. Unit with gold frame and two clusters, an Army Air medal with two clusters and a European Air Force MidEast medal with six Bronze Stars. Upon completing 51 missions on August 7, 1944, Barnes was scheduled to return to the U.S. for reassignment. After a two-week voyage back to the U.S. by a Navy ship, Barnes was moved about the country for about a year teaching mostly Aircraft Recognition. He was honorably discharged on September 10, 1945 and returned to Boone. Barnes enlisted in the National Guard upon returning home, and his military career ended with a medical discharge due to allergies three years later.

Barnes used the GI Bill to study pre-engineering at Boone Junior College. He received his degree in 1948 and was recruited by Iowa Electric Power Co. where he worked as an electrician and meter man until his retirement in 1984. Barnes has always been interested in technology and repaired television sets in his home from 1967 until the present.

Barnes will be aboard the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on August 19.

I commend Kenny Barnes for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH SMEED

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, the liberty movement lost one of its true champions on September 7, 2010 when Ralph Smeed passed away from pancreatic cancer. "Making Statism Unpopular," was not just the title of Ralph's website but the focus of all his efforts as a political activist, columnist, think tank leader, and supporter of numerous pro-liberty organizations and causes. Without Ralph's efforts, the movement to make statism unpopular would not be nearly as strong as it is today. I am honored that I was among the hundreds of freedom-lovers who were able to call Ralph a friend.

Ralph was born in Caldwell, Idaho in 1921. His family was in the ranching and meatpacking business. His first experience with what he referred to as the "mindless government bureaucracy" occurred when he attempted to register for military service after Pearl Harbor and was informed that he could not volunteer, he had to wait till he was drafted!

Following his military service, Ralph entered into the family business, becoming the manager in 1949. As a small businessman, Ralph had even more experiences with "mindless government bureaucracy," and useless government rules and regulations. Ralph's first hand experiences and his study of the freedom philosophy lead him to become active in efforts to try to change the direction of the country.

Ralph's interest in, and knowledge of, the freedom philosophy was enhanced by his association with the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), the nation's first free-market educational institution. Ralph attended a FEE seminar in 1965, where he met Leonard Read, the founder and President of FEE. Ralph was an enthusiastic supporter of FEE's mission to popularize the ideas of liberty and he worked closely with FEE, eventually serving as a member of FEE's Board of Trustees. Just recently, Ralph was involved in a special reprinting of Leonard Read's classic essay "I, Pencil."

One of the traits that made Ralph a great leader was that whenever he saw a task that needed to be done, or any opportunity to advance liberty that no one else in the freedom movement was taking advantage of; he would simply roll up his sleeves and do it himself. For example, in the early 1970s, there were not that many opinion writers providing an analysis of the events of the day from a pro-liberty perspective. Seeing this void, Ralph launched a successful career as a columnist in 1974. Years before it became commonplace to find free-market think tanks operating at the state and local level, Ralph started a public policy and education foundation, the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives. When the growth of the Internet opened up new opportu-

nities to promote the freedom message, Ralph not only supported the efforts of free-market institutions to establish a web presence, he established his own site.

Ralph served as a friend and mentor to many in the freedom movement. For example, he copublished a newsletter with Steve Symms, who went on to serve in Congress and the Senate. Ralph remained a close friend and adviser to Steve through his political career. The late Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hague and former U.S. Representative and current Idaho Governor Butch Otter also benefited from Ralph's friendship and counsel. In recent years, Ralph has been recognized as the philosophical godfather of the Idaho Tea Party movement. Fortunately, Ralph's influence over the freedom movement will continue thanks to the Internet and a collection of his essays that soon will be published.

As a writer, scholar, and activist for liberty, Ralph fought many ideological and political battles. Yet even Ralph's fiercest ideological opponents never had a bad word to say about him. This is because Ralph was something one rarely comes across in politics: a genuinely nice guy. Ralph had perhaps one of the best senses of humor of anyone I have ever known, and while he was quick to criticize anyone, regardless of position, power, or long-standing friendship, who was taking a course Ralph saw as detrimental to liberty, he never resorted to personal attacks.

Madam Speaker, as I reflect on the impact Ralph Smeed had on the freedom movement, I cannot help but feel sorry for those freedom lovers who will never have the benefit of Ralph's friendship, wise counsel, and wickedly delightful sense of humor. I can only hope that all of us who knew Ralph as a friend will honor his memory by taking advantage of every available opportunity to continue Ralph's work of "Making Statism Unpopular."

HONORING THE CELEBRATION OF SAN JOSE JAPANTOWN'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 120th Anniversary of San Jose's Japantown, located at the heart of my Congressional district and only a few short blocks from my district office.

At one time, there were 43 different Japantowns in California. Today, only 3 distinct and recognizable ones remain. San Jose's Japantown has escaped the fate of most of California's Japantowns and continues to thrive. It has grown beyond a strictly Japanese-American enclave into a community that has embraced Hawaiian, Cuban, Mexican and numerous other groups. Our Japantown is thriving due in large part to its openness to other cultures and the welcoming nature of Silicon Valley, San Jose in particular.

San Jose's Japantown was originally formed around the existing "Heinlerville" Chinatown settlement. During the Second World War the Japanese-American population was forcibly removed from Japantown and interned in camps. After the war many Japanese Americans resettled in the area after returning from internment camps in World War II.

The expansion and growth of Silicon Valley spread the Japanese-American community far and wide, but the culture and vitality of this community remains. The California State Legislature has paid special attention to the area, officially designating it a historical Japantown.

Japantown is the site of the newly rebuilt Japanese American Museum of San Jose, the famous San Jose Taiko ensemble, the world renowned Shuei-do Manju Shop, confectioners, the Nichi Bei Bussan Japanese goods store, handmade tofu at San Jose Tofu and a variety of restaurants, professional services, and community organizations, such as the Yu-Ai Kai Senior Center and the Japanese American Citizens League, and smaller retail shops. Japantown is also home to a number of non-Japanese businesses, including Mexican, Hawaiian, Cuban and Korean restaurants.

Among the numerous houses of worship in Japantown, two churches founded by Japanese Americans well over a century ago continue to thrive in the community, Wesley United Methodist Church and San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin.

San Jose Japantown's most unique and charming feature is the harmony between generations-old businesses and new ventures. A spirit of cooperation pervades the neighborhood, and merchants who might compete in business share a sense of friendship that leads them to strive for the betterment of the community.

A critical part of the Japantown community is the Japantown Community Congress of San Jose which partners with the City of San Jose to look after cultural preservation in the area. Each year brings many festivals, major ones include Obon, every July, Nikkei Matsuri, every spring, Aki Matsuri, every fall, and a newer festival: The Spirit of Japantown Festival (also in the fall). Japantown also features many street venues such as a year-round Certified Farmers Market run by the Japantown Business Association and events open to the public at the Art Object Gallery.

It is my honor to congratulate the Japantown community on its 120th anniversary. I am sure the partnerships and collaborations within and around Japantown will lead to many more years of prosperity and success.

CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, Constitution Day was Senator Byrd's Day.

Having just finished drafting our Constitution, Benjamin Franklin was stopped in the street as he left Independence Hall in Philadelphia where delegates from thirteen former colonies had been meeting the summer of 1787. "Dr. Franklin, what form of government have you given us?" a concerned citizen asked. "A republic, Madam," said Franklin; quickly adding, "If you can keep it."

Throughout Robert C. Byrd's life he was a proud keeper and guardian of two sets of laws, one laid down in our Bible (the King James Version), the other rooted in our federal Constitution.

Senator Byrd was a largely self-taught man. He cherished learning, a process he continued

throughout his life, and he made sure that countless Americans would get an annual lesson, a civic reminder about our Constitution each September 17th. Senator Byrd authored the law that now requires all institutions receiving federal funding to celebrate the venerable document in a meaningful and instructive way.

Dr. Ray Smock, director of the Byrd Center, the repository for Senator Byrd's papers and a center for the study of Congress in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, recently shared some insights with me in advance of our celebration of the Constitution this September 17th, which serve to remind us that Senator Byrd's values are as timeless as his work for West Virginia was tireless.

At the Byrd Center, among the collection of thousands of pages of Senator Byrd's work, rests the Bible he held when he was sworn in as President Pro Tem of the Senate on Jan. 3rd, 1989. That Bible, like others that were in his possession, was heavily underlined on almost every page. Sometimes he would write in the margin: "Memorize This." He wrote two quotations on the inside front cover of this particular Bible:

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 22:28

And, "We speak much about what matters little; we speak little about what matters much." We are not sure of the source of this quotation, but the fact the Senator placed it here, shows us how important it was to him.

When you think about it, even a little bit, both quotations are relevant to Constitution Day. Certainly, to the Senator, one of the great ancient landmarks had to have been the U.S. Constitution. No one defended it better or more eloquently than Senator Byrd.

In the hard times we find ourselves right now, there are some prognosticators who argue that the Constitution needs to be overhauled. A recent article in Harper's magazine even suggested that the Senate is an anachronism and should be abolished.

Senator Byrd spent a lifetime defending the wisdom of our Founding Fathers and the government they created. He understood from his Bible and his Constitution that mankind was not perfect. And no government conceived by man is going to be perfect either. But he believed in the genius of the Constitution, which has served us well for more than two centuries.

He loved the Federalist Essays, and read them thoroughly from cover to cover, memorizing key passages. These 85 essays on the nature of the American government penned by James Madison, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton were collectively the single best source Senator Byrd used to form his understanding of the intent of the Founders when they penned the Constitution. He quoted the Federalist papers frequently.

Among his favorite passages was in Federalist 51, in which James Madison wrote:

But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.

The other quotation in the Senator's Bible, "We speak much about what matters little, we

speak little about what matters much" gets to the heart of a lot that is wrong with our public discourse these days. The 24/7 news machine, the Internet, and talk radio, devote vast amounts of time speaking about what matters little, and not enough talking about the things that matter most. We all feel that government could work better. The question is in how to make that happen. We must not surrender to bumper-sticker politics that entice one to believe that solutions to great challenges are simple and quick.

The legacy of Senator Byrd's life suggests that we all need to be more responsible in making government work. Citizens and those who are elected need to put aside the extremes of partisanship to effectively address the complex needs of the country.

Senator Byrd was in awe of the Founders for their ability to set aside their partisanship and work to build a nation. He admired the Framers of the Constitution for their understanding of history and of human nature. While he could play partisan politics with the best of them and while he was loyal and dedicated to West Virginia, he never forgot that his role as a Senator was to look out for the whole nation, not just one party, or one place. It is certain that he would agree that our Constitution does not need changing so much as our moral compass needs adjusting.

Let us "remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set," and let us all follow Senator Byrd's example of keeping our perspective on the things that matter much, and not get lost wasting our time on those that matter little. Senator Byrd is gone now, but our job to work to keep this Republic is an ongoing duty, one that each generation must take up so our Union can endure, and prosper.

I will be visiting Boone County to celebrate our Constitution and the invaluable lessons Senator Byrd left with us. Constitution Day was dear to Senator Byrd's heart because it was a day of reflection on the very thing that does matter much to the future of this nation.

To learn more about the Byrd Center, its collection and programs, please visit its Web site at: www.byrdcenter.org. Ray Smock is Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV, and is a former Historian of the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT J. WINCHESTER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE U.S. ARMY

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fellow Army veteran, Mr. Robert J. Winchester, who has served his Nation, the U.S. Army, and the military intelligence community with unwavering commitment and professionalism. This Friday, September 17th, his friends, colleagues, and fellow soldiers will gather to recognize 26 years of exceptional service to the Army.

Mr. Winchester began his distinguished public service career in 1969 as an Army intelligence analyst stationed in Vietnam. Honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in 1971,

he went on to attend law school and continued his military service as a JAG officer in the Army Reserves.

Later, Mr. Winchester joined the Central Intelligence Agency, where he was recognized for his significant contributions across an array of issues in his capacity as legal counsel. During his time at the Agency, Mr. Winchester dedicated much time re-establishing a relationship between the Agency and Congress, as well as coordinating legal initiatives to protect covered Intelligence Community personnel and to provide death benefits to the families of CIA personnel killed in the line of duty.

His talent for cultivating relationships across the Intelligence Community and on Capitol Hill led Mr. Winchester back to the Army family in 1984, when he served as Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs to then-Secretary of the Army Jack Marsh. Later he transitioned to the Army Office of Legislative Liaison and was responsible for managing the Army's intelligence programs and policies.

Most notably, throughout his 26 year tenure as a Senior Executive Service officer at Legislative Liaison, Mr. Winchester has fostered many important partnerships between the Intelligence Community and Congress. His tireless dedication to advancing the Army's intelligence mission and supporting the warfighter has earned him a great deal of respect and a great many friends on the Hill.

As he retires, Mr. Winchester will receive the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal and the Army's Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service to commemorate his accomplishments and exceptional public service career. More important, though, than these accolades, is the legacy that he leaves behind.

Bob Winchester is one-of-a-kind. The Army will have a hard time finding someone to fill the hole he leaves; but I know that his contributions will endure and his achievements will continue to serve as a solid foundation for the Army and its intelligence mission. The Nation is safer and the Army stronger as a result of his service. For that, I thank him, and I wish him great happiness in his retirement.

HONORING LIFE AND MEMORY OF
RICHARD KUSS

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional district and the citizens of Springfield, Ohio to honor the life and memory of Richard Kuss.

Dick was well known in our community as a generous philanthropist, family man and entrepreneur. Born in Springfield, Ohio on January 4, 1923 he lived a full and inspiring life, having graduated from Wittenberg University in 1945 and attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He served his country in World War II under the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant JG in the Navy Supply Corps.

In 1946, he joined the Bonded Oil Company and became president in 1967, retiring in 1983. Under his leadership the Bonded Oil Company became one of the top independent oil companies in the industry. Later he served as the first president of Emro Marketing, now Speedway SuperAmerica LLC.

He and his wife, Barbara, Deer, Kuss, together raised three sons and a daughter and were deeply involved their community. Dick remained active with his alma mater where he served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, and president of the alumni association for Wittenberg University. In 2003, the university dedicated the Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center in memory of his wife.

He was an active participant in many local and national organizations, including the local and state Freemasons, who awarded him with the Grand Lodge Rufus Putnam Award. As a 65-year member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Dick served as an Elder, Trustee and Deacon.

Dick Kuss, 87, was a business and community leader who took a personal interest in serving and improving the lives of those around him. His dedication to his family and the City of Springfield will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING ANNIVERSARY OF
LAW CREATING REAL ESTATE
INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS)

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as an original cosponsor of H. Res. 1595, I join Chairman LEVIN and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the passage of the Real Estate Investment Trust Act of 1960, which authorized the creation of real estate investment trusts, REITS.

Prior to September 14, 1960, investment in commercial real estate was largely reserved to big financial institutions and wealthy individuals. But thanks to the Real Estate Investment Trust Act, average American investors for the first time gained access to this distinct asset class. Over the past fifty years, REITS have helped Americans diversify their investment portfolios, earn dividend-based income, and enhance overall investment returns.

For REITS' contribution to capital formation in the real estate sector and retirement security for millions of Americans, it is fitting that we take a moment to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the landmark legislation that created them today.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH PFRIMMER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Keith Pfrimmer, a Navy veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Keith Pfrimmer was recognized on Tuesday, August 10. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KEITH PFRIMMER

(By Alexander Hutchins)

Keith Pfrimmer, 79, served as a radar technician on the USS *Frontier* from July 1951 to July 1955. Over the course of four years, he would travel to Japan, the seas of Asia, the West Coast and Japan.

The *Frontier* was a destroyer tender, providing support to the 7th fleet. Pfrimmer was assigned to the ship and sailed with it after it had been recommissioned. He served in O Division, or the Operations Division.

"When we were under way I'd stand radar watches, which helped a great deal in the maneuvers of the ship," Pfrimmer said. "The ship didn't see any action. It wasn't that kind of ship."

Pfrimmer's brother had served in the Navy in World War II, and had helped Pfrimmer decide on the Navy as his service. The ship carried a two-star admiral and would occasionally dock chained up to Destroyers in the fleet to service and resupply them.

"It [the ship] wasn't in a danger zone, other than we were in Korean waters," Pfrimmer said.

"If we went into dry dock, we had to completely unload all ammo and that type of thing. When we'd come out of dry dock, we'd go to the same place and reload ammo. The ammo was mostly for supplies; we wouldn't use it," Pfrimmer said.

During the first cruise to Japan that Pfrimmer served, the *Frontier* had to veer out to sea to avoid a typhoon. The anchor had to be severed in the storm and the ship returned to California and the state of Washington for repairs.

"We were in Korean waters when we went to Kobe, Japan," Pfrimmer said.

The *Frontier* serviced 146 ships on its third cruise and held an open house to the public in 1954 back in the U.S. Servicing ships and providing repairs for Destroyers that sailed in Korean waters during the war was the most common task on board.

Pfrimmer said his experiences in the Navy made him more punctual and gave him a better sense of responsibility.

"I chose the Navy and I got to do just what I wanted to do when I joined. I got to see a lot of places," Pfrimmer said. "It was a good experience, though I was away from home." He said he also appreciates the benefits he gets through the VA.

"I've got a lot of respect for the Navy," Pfrimmer said. "I think the technology is a lot different now. I bet I wouldn't even recognize radar today."

He is still interested in the Navy and researches naval history.

I commend Keith Pfrimmer for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORCA HOUSE, INC.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the founders, staff, volunteers and clients of ORCA House, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, which celebrates 60 years of healing, hope and renewal for thousands of individuals and their families seeking to break free from the chains of drug and alcohol addiction.

Established in 1950, ORCA House was founded by a small group of individuals who came together with a shared vision of providing help and hope to those who had neither. Basil F. Bailey, John L. Bailey, Johnnie Marshall, Ruth Hawkins, Gertrude Overton and Alfonso Holman became trustees of one of the first adult chemical dependency centers in the Nation to be founded by African Americans. The dedicated, compassionate and professional staff at ORCA House continues the mission they began 60 years ago: to provide comprehensive treatment to individuals and their families. Treatment programs at ORCA House are based on several phases of assessment, treatment and after care, and are reflective of highly successful programs implemented locally by United Way and other national organizations.

Moreover, ORCA House exists as a live-in sanctuary of recovery and hope for impoverished and homeless women and men, struggling to become healthy, productive citizens. Residential treatment programs, which can last up to 30 days, include in-depth assessments, and at least 30 hours of weekly alcohol and drug treatment services. These services include individual, group and family therapy, job development classes, anger management sessions, HIV/AIDS education, nutrition and health classes, and a 12-step group program.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the founding members, staff and volunteers of ORCA House, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio—past and present—whose unwavering dedication to lifting the lives of thousands of individuals and families onto a platform of safety, strength, recovery, hope and peace have strengthened our entire community.

HONORING MS. IRENE HORSTMANN HANNAN

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Main Line Chamber of Commerce and Devereux Foundation's selection of Irene Horstmann Hannan as recipient of the "2010 Helena Devereux Women in Leadership Award."

Helena Devereux once wrote "The Devereux aim must always be to innovate and build programs so forward-looking that they will never reach completion—but which will perpetually pioneer in developing improved insights and solutions." Just as that philosophy shaped one of the world's great schools, so too Ms. Horstmann Hannan's financial acumen has helped build countless small businesses and non-profits through her current position as Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank. Also, as a board member of both Temple's Fox School of Business' Center for Entrepreneurship and the Women's Investment Network, she supports the education of our next generation of women entrepreneurs. Finally, her service on the board of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania provides over 41,000 young women and girls of our region an outstanding example of everything that is right in our country.

As a father of a young daughter, I am an enthusiastic admirer of her work. Her remark-

able range of influence on young girls, graduate students, and successful business women is impressive in every sense. Few can claim to be as important a mentor and counselor across three generations of women.

Irene Horstmann Hannan embodies the inspirational spirit, passion, and determination of Helena Devereux. She has worked tirelessly to make our community more caring, prosperous and enlightened. I join all the good people of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, in saluting this extraordinary leader and deserving recipient of the "2010 Helena Devereux Women in Leadership Award."

IN HONOR OF GROTTO PIZZA

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize one of the great small businesses in the state of Delaware, Grotto Pizza, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. With over 18 locations throughout Delaware, Grotto Pizza has certainly put its stamp on our great state, not only as a successful restaurant, but as a community leader.

At the age of 17, Dominick Pulieri, with the help of his family opened the first Grotto Pizza in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware in 1960. Starting from humble beginnings, Dominick worked tireless hours to produce a unique product for the community. His efforts paid off as only three years after the initial opening, Dominick opened a second location. With growing demand and statewide popularity, Grotto Pizza opened as a year-round restaurant in 1974. As they celebrate their 50th anniversary, Grotto Pizza now employs over 800 individuals year-round swelling to 1,300 in summer months. This is a testament to the strong leadership Dominick provided, great customer service and most importantly delicious food! Not only has Grotto Pizza been a successful small business, their community service and loyalty to the state of Delaware have been second to none.

Throughout its 50-year history, Grotto Pizza has been a strong and active member of Delaware's community. The restaurant sponsors over 700 organizations each year including schools, fire and police departments, and sports teams. However, Grotto Pizza is quick to lend a helping hand outside of Delaware as they have participated and sent aid to the tsunami and Katrina relief efforts, as well as recently contributing over \$24,000 towards the earthquake relief in Haiti. Their many contributions to the local community and nation are strong examples of the positive impact a small business can make.

I am proud to represent a state where small businesses like Grotto Pizza reside. I consider Dominick Pulieri to be a friend of mine and I am proud of the many accomplishments that he and Grotto Pizza have had over the past 50 years. I wish them all the best as they celebrate this significant milestone.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY PFC ANDREW HAND

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Army PFC Andrew Hand, one of South Alabama's finest, who recently lost his life while defending his country in war-torn Afghanistan.

On July 24, PFC Andrew Hand, age 25 of Enterprise, Alabama, gave his life in service to America. He and three of his comrades were killed when their military vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in Qalat, Afghanistan.

A member of the 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, Private First Class Hand was serving his third deployment and preparing to return home in October when he was taken in the IED attack. He was a devoted soldier, father and son—loved by many and whose memory will never be forgotten.

A former resident of Birmingham, Andrew Hand moved to Enterprise with his family in 2001, where he was a star athlete on the Enterprise High School "Wildcat" football team. The Southeast Sun newspaper in Enterprise recognized him as the leading receiver and kick returner for the Wildcats. The paper quoted Wildcat coach Kevin Collins as saying Hand "single-handedly" beat rival Northview High School of Dothan.

PFC Andrew Hand was laid to rest on August 2, 2010 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

On behalf of the people of Alabama I wish to offer heartfelt condolences to the family of PFC Andrew Hand, including his wife, Amanda Kay Hand of Enterprise; two sons, Tristan and Gavin of Enterprise; mother, Phyllis Parris of Gulf Shores; father Kenneth Hand and stepmother Renne Hand of Birmingham; sister, Laura; and brother Robert, both of Birmingham.

You are all in our prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 30.

Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 513 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3534) and "no" on rollcall vote No. 514 (on passage of H.R. 5982).

CELEBRATING PASSAGE OF S. 1789,
FAIR SENTENCING ACT OF 2010

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate our steps towards restoring a single

standard within our criminal justice system. For too long, Federal sentencing guidelines have placed far harsher penalties on crack users and dealers than on the users and dealers of powder cocaine.

As crack cocaine use became prevalent and made headlines in the mid-1980s, experts suggested that crack was significantly more addictive and linked to greater urban violence than its powder counterpart. Congress came parachuting in with mandatory sentencing minimums and, for good measure, established an exaggerated 100:1 sentencing ratio.

But like so many well-intended Congressional actions, the disparate mandatory sentences have had a devastating effect on our urban communities and racial minorities. The 1986 law has contributed to skyrocketing incarceration rates of low-level, non-violent drug-offenders and even allowed these street-level dealers to be punished more harshly than drug-kingpins.

We need to punish crimes, but this unjustified disparity has tied up law enforcement resources. It has encouraged skepticism and resentment within our African-American community and undermined public confidence in our nation's anti-drug laws.

Former major league baseball player Willie Mays Aikens is a classic example of the sentencing disparity. Aikens faced a 20-year sentence for crack distribution and other crimes. Upon his release, Aikens commented that, had he been caught with powdered cocaine, he might have faced a single year's sentence, rather than the 12½ he faced for crack distribution. Aikens was grateful that the Sentencing Commission revisited his case and allowed for an early release.

A broad coalition of civil rights, criminal justice, community-based, and faith-based organizations have joined forces to rectify the disparity. With the passage of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 (S.1789), the sentencing disparity is corrected from the current 100 to 1 ratio to 18 to 1, while establishing stiff new penalties for serious drug offenses.

I am delighted that Congress has decided to act. Upon his release, Aikens interviewed with ESPN. His words capture my sentiment. "All I can say, it's about time."

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER
FLOODS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, thank you Chairman BERMAN for your leadership and for encouraging our government to help the people of Pakistan at this critical time.

Pakistan is suffering one of the worst natural disasters in recent history. The situation in Pakistan is dire. The United Nations estimates that more than 20 million Pakistanis have been displaced by the flooding, exceeding the combined total of individuals impacted by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2007 Myanmar Cyclone and the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

The U.S. Agency for International Development's, USAID joint endeavor with the U.S. military in Pakistan has already resulted in the evacuation of more than 10,000 people and the delivery of more than 2.7 billion pounds of relief supplies.

Like the tsunami that wreaked havoc upon northern Indonesia in 2004, the Pakistani floods threaten to propel Pakistan, a key ally, away from the successful economic progress and growth that it has made over the last decade.

This outcome would inevitably cost Pakistan thousands of more innocent lives and years worth of development and sustainability, further increasing both the humanitarian crisis domestically and the security threat worldwide.

Just two weeks ago, I personally wrote to Administrator Shah of USAID and commended his decision to use a portion of the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan funding towards relief aid. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I know how important a stable Pakistan is to global stability. Redirecting more funds provided through the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act will demonstrate to our Pakistani partners that the United States is truly committed and will not abandon Pakistan in her time of need.

Pakistanis must know that we are in this for the long haul. Our dedication is not a matter of encroaching on Pakistani autonomy or manipulating a nation's internal politics.

The United States seeks to renew its commitment to the people of Pakistan through this tragedy and combat those who dare to take advantage of the suffering of innocent Pakistanis to further their radical beliefs.

On behalf of my over 30,000 Pakistani-American constituents, I urge this body to support this measure and its message, as well.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD ERB

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Donald Erb, a World War II Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Donald Erb was recognized on Tuesday, September 14. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: DONALD ERB

(By Greg Eckstrom)

At 84 years old, Donald Erb might be considered one of the younger veterans of World War II, but still shares many characteristics with other WWII veterans of the time. He is disciplined, modest and sees military service as many did in his time . . . as more of a duty than an option.

Moving to Boone County with his family at a very young age in 1929, Erb graduated from Ogden High School and was immediately drafted into the Army as an infantry soldier in 1944.

"I graduated high school in 44 and went into the Army in 44," he said. "Just as soon

as I got out of high school. We went to a replacement depot and wherever they needed soldiers was where they sent you. I went to Camp Walters, Texas, for 16 weeks training and then we shipped to the Philippines."

Erb arrived in the Philippines just as the heavy fighting in Manila was finishing up and jungle warfare was going on outside the city. A machine gunner during his time stationed there, Erb recalls his fellow soldiers as being one of the best parts about his service.

"Buddies, friends," he said when asked about his favorite part of service. As far as what stood out to him most in his time overseas, however, the answer was the difficulty of fighting in the jungle.

"I think jungle warfare," he said. "All these supplies were brought in by water buffalo. Any injuries or anybody that was hit or killed was carried out by Filipino litter bearers. We didn't have any roads. As we took the jungle and got control of it, then bulldozers made roads."

As roads were bulldozed into the jungles, tanks were brought in to clean out the caves.

"They bulldozed a major road there and brought tanks in with flamethrowers and cleaned out the caves and stuff in there by using flamethrower tanks," he said.

Erb also recalls the final days of World War II, when atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Like many WWII veterans, he saw the bombs, and the resulting end of the war, as a Godsend.

"The atomic bomb, I would say, saved my life," he said. "Because every man, woman and child would have been armed in Japan. It probably saved the lives of a lot of people even though it killed a lot of people at the time. Every man, woman and child would have been fighting you otherwise. It would have been a bloodbath on both sides."

He also recalls the attitude among the soldiers upon receiving the news that the war had ended.

"The boozers, they went out and got drunk," he said. "But most of the soldiers just thanked God that it was over. Everybody was glad it was over."

Erb kept in contact with several of his fellow soldiers from the war, now good friends although their numbers have dwindled.

"I've got a buddy that was one day older than I am and lived in Eugene, Oregon," he said. "I've kept in contact with about 7 or 8 guys, but I think there's only three of us left. I was on the tail end of the war, and I'm 84, so these other guys are getting up in the 90s. This flight that we took up to Washington, D.C., one guy was celebrating his 94th birthday that day."

The flight Erb took, the Honor Flight, brought veterans to Washington D.C. where they had a chance to visit monuments, including the WWII memorial.

"It was a long day, but it was wonderful," he said. "We all had gold shirts on and these black hats. And when they dumped you out at the memorial, you had 305 guys out there with the gold shirts, and it was really kind of fascinating."

Being with other veterans, and seeing the World War II memorial, Erb said was a great experience. In his view, the war was difficult, but necessary.

"When you have to protect our country. . . World War II, we didn't have a whole lot of choice," he said. "We had both ends of the world moving in on us."

I commend Donald Erb for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MARGARET L. RAPP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Margaret L. Rapp, devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many. Mrs. Rapp was also a community activist with a lifelong dedication to making our community a better place.

Mrs. Rapp's life was framed by family and community. She was the devoted mother of Kathleen, Renee and Kurt, and the devoted mother-in-law of Jose and Deborah. She was also the adored grandmother of Conor, Erin, Kelly and Eric. She was very close to, and was an active participant in, the lives and special events of her children and grandchildren. They were a great source of strength and mirth for her. Mrs. Rapp was also a lifelong community activist who was involved in several causes and issues that served to improve our entire community.

Mrs. Rapp was known for her ardent opinions, kindness and good sense of humor. She served as a dedicated employee of the city of Parma for more than 20 years and was an unwavering volunteer and leader within the local political scene. She also served as a longtime precinct committeewoman for the Democratic Party and regularly wrote her elected representatives regarding her opinion on many issues that concerned her. Always inquisitive, Mrs. Rapp was an avid reader who was well-informed on issues affecting our community and our country. She was also passionate about genealogy and successfully traced and recorded her Irish, Welsh, German and French ancestry back hundreds of years.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of Mrs. Margaret L. Rapp, whose energetic spirit, service to others and joy for living reflected throughout her life. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, grandchildren, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends. The love she extended to her family, friends and to our community will be remembered and treasured.

CONGRATULATING TAOS PUEBLO,
ITS LEADERS AND ITS PEOPLE,
ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE RETURN OF THEIR SACRED
BLUE LAKE LANDS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the return of the sacred Blue Lake lands to the people of Taos Pueblo.

The people of Taos Pueblo have continuously occupied the Blue Lake lands since before Spain established rule over what is now the Southwestern United States. The lake and its surrounding mountains constitute the spiritual and religious center of Pueblo life and culture. After the Spanish conquest, the Pueblo was granted possessory rights over these

lands and those rights were honored by subsequent Mexican and United States governments.

In 1906, with the passage of the Antiquities Act, the U.S. Government unlawfully seized the Blue Lake lands and incorporated it into Carson National Forest. Upon the severance of the Pueblo from its spiritual homelands, the Pueblo's leaders began a 60-year-long struggle to reclaim its native lands. In 1965, the U.S. Indian Claims Commission affirmed that the United States had unjustly taken these lands; however, it was not until 1970 that a bipartisan Congress passed legislation to finally return 48,000 acres of scared tribal lands to the Pueblo.

On signing the legislation, President Nixon declared that "This bill indicates a new direction in Indian affairs in this country in which there will be more of an attitude of cooperation rather than paternalism, one of self-determination rather than termination, one of mutual respect." The Blue Lake lands are sacred to Taos Pueblo, but they are a vital symbol of the sovereignty and self-government for all of Indian Country.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedication of the leaders of Taos Pueblo as they celebrate the anniversary of the return of their sacred lands. The perseverance of the Pueblo to obtain justice when faced with decades of opposition is an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING NURSE JODY BOCK,
THE RECIPIENT OF THE HEART
FAILURE NURSE MAVEN AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jody Bock, the recipient of the Heart Failure Nurse Maven Award. Jody Bock is a registered nurse, a heart-failure care coordinator, and the director of professional practice at Banner Heart Hospital.

Heart failure is a leading cause of death in the United States, affecting 8 million Americans and their families. It is only through the efforts, technical expertise, and compassion of nurses like Jody Bock that those who struggle with heart failure can learn to accept and fight this terrible disease. The Healthcare Accreditation Colloquium awards the Heart Failure Nurse Maven Award to recognize these remarkable nurses for their essential roles in the lives of people with heart failure.

Jody Bock began her career in nursing in Illinois, but moved to Arizona soon after receiving her master's degree and becoming a nurse specialist with a focus on heart-failure care. Employed at Banner Heart Hospital for her specialization, Jody Bock was part of a group which contributed to the hospital's certification as an Accredited Heart Failure Institute.

As a recipient of the Heart Failure Nurse Maven Award, nurse Bock has demonstrated her talent and empathy for her patients and their families. The challenging work she does daily helps to improve the lives of those dealing with heart failure. For this, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this exceptional nurse, Jody Bock, for her service as a nurse in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010,

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 15, 2010, I could not be present for votes due to a commitment back in Michigan. Had I been present I would have voted the following.

House rollcall vote 521 on H.R. 2039—Congressional Made in America Promise Act, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 522 on H.R. 5873—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office", I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 523 on H. Res. 1522—Expressing support for designation of the last week of September as National Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week and the last Wednesday of September as National Previvor Day, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 524 on H.R. 5366—Overseas Contractor Reform Act, I would have voted "yes."

House rollcall vote 525 on H. Res. 1610—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, I would have voted "yes."

145TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a storied institution of faith in the Third Congressional District. This year, Queen Street Baptist Church is celebrating its 145th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contribution to our community.

The Story of Queen Street Baptist began in 1865 with a group of newly freed slaves. Originally members of First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, these freed men gathered in the Hampton Courthouse and took the name Second Baptist Church. Under the direction of Rev. John Smith, their first pastor, the church met in several locations until eventually erecting a building constructed with "used" boards on a plot of land between Holt and Victoria Avenues, now Settler's Landing Road. The church members saved funds and in 1875 had enough to build a new church at a cost of \$2,800. Upon Rev. Smith's death in 1881, Rev. Ebenezer Byrd assumed the pastorate for a brief period, until Rev. Thomas Shorts was called as third pastor in 1883.

Under Rev. Shorts' leadership, the church grew rapidly. Additional land was needed to build a larger church, and during Rev. Shorts' tenure, the site where the church now stands was purchased. It was also at this point that the church was renamed Queen Street Baptist, taking its new name from its new location. A fire in 1905 destroyed the church building,

but Rev. Shorts encouraged the congregation and led them in the rebuilding effort. Sadly, he died before the completion of the new church building, which still serves as the current sanctuary of Queen Street Baptist.

Fourth pastor Rev. J.A. Brown carried the charge to rebuild that Rev. Shorts began, and the new sanctuary was completed during his tenure (1918–1929). Fifth pastor, Rev. Berryman Johnson, oversaw the purchase of a parsonage on West Queen Street, which is still in use today. Rev. George Russell became pastor in 1935, and gave 31 years of progressive and innovative service to the church before dying in 1966.

Rev. Calvin Jones and Rev. Omie Holiday each served as pastor for four years in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 1978 Rev. Marcus Pierce was installed as the ninth pastor, and during his 10-year tenure, numerous members of the church were licensed to preach, a testimony to the Reverend's influence.

The current pastor of Queen Street Baptist, Rev. Anderson W. Clary, Jr., was installed in 1991. His priorities of teaching the Bible in a manner understandable to young and old, and teaching Christian doctrine in all aspects of life have been adopted by the Queen Street congregation.

As Queen Street Baptist Church gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future. I would like to congratulate Rev. Clary and all of the members of Queen Street Baptist Church on the occasion of their 145th anniversary.

HONORING ALBERT R.
MANISCALCO

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Albert R. Maniscalco, a longtime Southern California resident and friend to many.

Mr. Maniscalco was born April 11, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan.

He proudly served in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, from 1946–1949. Following his service, Mr. Maniscalco retired from the drywall and construction industry.

Although he never married he was regarded as a father figure and grandfather to many families whom he loved as his own. His closest friends and relatives would say that he was the kindest man they had ever known.

Mr. Maniscalco was called home to the Lord on August 10, 2010 at the age of 81 in Garden Grove, CA. On September 2nd he was laid to rest at the Riverside National Cemetery with Military Honors.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that this Congress join me in honoring the life of Mr. Albert Maniscalco for his service to our country and community.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL HEREDITARY BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER WEEK AND NATIONAL PREVIOR DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1522, a resolution focusing on the important health issues of breast and ovarian cancer. It is the obligation of this Congress to do everything that we can to support the individuals with these cancers and to lead the fight to find a cure. The lives of too many Americans are destroyed by these cancers—not only the individuals suffering from these diseases, but the family members and caregivers as well. I have been working to raise awareness of inflammatory breast cancer, a area and particularly deadly form of breast cancer. Many people may not be aware that there are different types of breast cancer. Even many physicians are unfamiliar with inflammatory breast cancer. That is why continuing to educate ourselves about these cancers and continuing to raise awareness is so critically important. This resolution will continue to raise awareness of breast and ovarian cancer and encourage continuing education. I want to thank Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for her work on this resolution and for being a leader on these issues and women's health in this Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH CALDERON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Joseph Calderon, a Navy and Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Joseph Calderon was recognized on Tuesday, August 17. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOSEPH CALDERON
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Joseph Calderon, 75, was drafted into the Army in 1959. It was a requirement for his naturalized citizenship, and he feels proud of both his native and adoptive countries to this day.

Calderon grew up in a poor, but educated, family in La Paz, Bolivia, the highest national capital in the western hemisphere. His father always stressed the value of education, and a lifetime of hard work helped Calderon earn entry into a La Paz university to study medicine. At the time of his studies, political instability gripped the nation. The government frequently shut down the university where Calderon studied, as the school was the source of much of the insurrection against those in power. Frequent interruptions to instruction influenced many medical students at the university to leave.

"Most of my classmates decided to go to other parts of the world," Calderon said.

"Some of them went to Argentina, many went to Brazil, a lot of them went to Europe, to Spain. And I, since I was so interested in and reading so much about the U.S., decided to come to the U.S. My father thought that it was a crazy idea, because he asked me "who do you know up there?"

Being 22 and adventurous was his impetus. "Ever since I was a child, for as long as I remember, I always wanted to be a doctor just to help people," Calderon said. "There was nothing else that interested me more than to wear my white coat some day and taking care of patients."

He applied to immigrate to the U.S. and moved to Nebraska. Calderon was drafted into the Army in 1959 after working in a mental institution in Hastings, Nebraska. While in the Army, Calderon worked in a hospital as a medic and was stationed in bases around the nation.

"The irony of my life is that, even though I had no idea that I was going to be drafted into the Army, the moment I put on that uniform I felt so proud because I used to see in movies in my hometown John Wayne and other actors wearing their uniform, and I'd dream that I'd get to wear a uniform some day in my life," Calderon said.

Having recently immigrated, his English was very limited. Calderon said he followed the example of the men around him at first, and with attention and practice he became much more proficient in English. He met a good friend, Jerry Butler, in 1959. The men struck up a friendship, and Butler mentioned he was from Eldora, Iowa, before the men were deployed. Butler went to Korea and Calderon went to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. They would be separated for some time, though not indefinitely.

After serving as a medic in Ft. Gordon, Calderon was discharged from the Army and worked to complete the medical studies he had begun in Bolivia. He returned to Omaha after being discharged and worked as an orderly and then a surgical technician. Due to financial issues and age limits, Calderon was not able to attend medical school in the U.S. He applied to a medical school in Mexico, was accepted and applied for his license to practice medicine upon graduating five years later. Calderon completed post-graduate training in Canada and returned thereafter to work in Saint Joseph's hospital in Omaha. In 1979, 20 years after first joining the Army, Calderon enlisted in the Navy.

"That was very, very, very rewarding," Calderon said of his 20 years in the Navy.

He had seen a billboard advertising the Navy as an adventure in Omaha, and after researching the service, Calderon decided the Navy fit his life goals. The recruiter was impressed with Calderon and appreciated his medical training, thus Calderon was soon shipped to the Naval hospital in Camp Pendleton. He served several tours at Pendleton, staying with the Marines each time thanks to the requests of the Marines themselves.

"I worked with the Marines for 15 years," Calderon said.

Eventually Calderon would be reassigned, and he traveled the world for a time, as well as directing a number of Navy clinics.

"I also had the privilege to participate in Desert Storm when Iraq invaded Kuwait. So I was the main medical planner for one of the large units on the east coast in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, which was a Marine Corps base," Calderon said.

He also provided humanitarian aid in Central America and received mandatory retirement from the Navy in 1999 at the rank of Captain.

"In essence, I had a wonderful time with the Navy. I enjoyed every day of my life working in the Navy," Calderon said. "I didn't want to retire because I was still active, healthy and very well liked."

Unfortunately he would have to retire, but it would open a new chapter of his life.

Calderon would leave the medical world after his tour in the Navy, leaving a field that has become very complex and burdened with paperwork. He and Mary Kay, his wife, moved back to Mary Kay's hometown of Boone.

"I always tell people that I have so many projects, I have no time to be busy," Calderon said happily.

He paints pictures, many on subjects pertinent to his home country. He reads non-fiction, collects stamps and international currency and he and Mary Kay travel frequently to Europe, Ireland, and next year they hope to travel to Bolivia. Calderon is also a member of the American Legion and the Marine Corps League.

Calderon retired to Iowa, much to the surprise of his colleagues. Both his sons, David and Roberto, live in California, but Calderon retired to Iowa because of the people. He said he has never felt at a disadvantage in the U.S. because he endeavors to act with respect and intelligence.

"I want to show and I want to tell people that immigrate from a different country that once they come into this country, they need to dedicate their lives to the county that has given them tutelage, so to speak, or the ability to be successful," Calderon said.

He feels strongly that the work and service he has given to the United States is the reason he has been rewarded with success and kindness.

"I still care for Bolivia, but Bolivia hasn't given me anything. The United States has helped me, and I have given back to my country. I'm proud to fly a U.S. flag at my house, and mainly to respect the laws of this country," Calderon said.

Calderon still follows some of the traditions and ideas of his native country, but he strives to act as an American in public. He also presents a booth about the culture and history of Bolivia at cultural fairs in Iowa.

Calderon said the legal process for immigration may be strict, but it is the law and it should be followed and respected. Federal laws on immigration should be enforced to ensure that people entering the country can contribute to society, he said.

"The demands are difficult and numerous to get into this country, but while it takes work, it can be done, and it's the way I and others have come here," Calderon said.

Calderon recently contacted Jerry Butler, his friend from the Army in 1959. Calderon and Butler met on Butler's farm in Eldora. The two men had a reunion, and after all the years and miles apart their friendship showed to be just as strong as it was fifty years ago.

I commend Joseph Calderon for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING HIS HOLINESS THE
GYALWANG DRUKPA ON HIS
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome and friendship to His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa during his visit to the United States. His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa is the su-

preme head of the Drukpa Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism and the founder of Live to Love International—a global non-profit organization.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding humanitarian and leader for his commitment to service. His projects embody the profound spirit of compassion and action expressed through the collective works of Live to Love. This week, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Awards Committee in conjunction with the United Nations Millennium Campaign and the United Nations Office for Partnerships recognized this remarkable spiritual leader and his work through Live to Love at the tenth anniversary of the Millennium Development Goals Awards Ceremony.

The mission of Live to Love is to blend traditional Himalayan philosophy with innovative contemporary solutions to provide concrete solutions to humanitarian problems. Live to Love focuses on five areas: (1) education, (2) medical services, (3) relief aid, (4) heritage preservation and (5) environmental sustainability. The organization is headquartered in Hong Kong with support chapters in Bhutan, France, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

In furthering the five goals of Live to Love, the organization builds the world's greenest schools and educates young girls in remote regions empowering them with leadership skills and confidence. Additionally, these schools teach a sustainable way of life. Live to Love also combines the best of Eastern and Western medicine to deliver vital health care to underserved groups. Live to Love builds and operates urgently needed medical clinics that serve poor rural areas at little or no cost. These clinics perform eye surgeries, distribute medicine, aid burn victims, as well as administer health and wellness programs. They also train local volunteers to assist resident medical specialists, helping them gain valuable skills that are in strong demand in the workplace and increases their employment prospects. Also, in an effort to preserve traditional Himalayan heritage, Live to Love provides educational services that celebrate indigenous cultures; helps conserve and restore ancient art, artifacts, and structures; and trains community leaders to protect their culture and history.

His Holiness teaches that in serving others, we nurture ourselves. The example and actions of His Holiness and Live to Love serve as a clarion that can rouse the best and highest within us. Indeed, his life and the organization's mission are an inspiration from which we can all draw as we endeavor to lift and strengthen others, and this is why I am pleased to recognize him on this occasion and bring his work and the work of his organization to the attention of the U.S. Congress.

HONORING DUANE IRVING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Duane Irving who passed away July 19, 2010, at the age of 75 on Halleck Creek Ranch, his family ranch, on which he established Halleck Creek Riding Club for

Handicapped Children. An iconic figure in West Marin, Duane was a hero to hundreds of children and community members who admired his unique blend of cowboy skills, sense of fun and adventure, and big heart.

Born on December 8, 1934, in San Rafael, CA, Duane grew up on his family's ranch in Nicasio. He excelled in athletics, and after San Rafael High School, he turned down an offer to join the San Francisco Giants minor league team to enlist in the Marine Corps where he excelled in both football and baseball. Despite an innate distrust of authority and a tendency for pranks, he was proud to be a Marine and remained loyal to the Marines and their ethics his entire life.

After his discharge, Duane returned to Nicasio where he married Nellie Woodard in 1959. The couple had three children, Peter, Jeannette, and Buck, before divorcing in 1985. Duane also coached Little League in Nicasio for twelve years, maintaining the baseball diamond by attaching a length of chain link fence to his belt and dragging it over the diamond.

Duane trained horses and managed several ranches in West Marin as well as working for Marin Municipal Water District for 12 years. Legendary West Marin Rancher Boyd Stewart enlisted his help in establishing the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, where Duane set up a breeding program and trained young Morgans to become ranger mounts throughout the national park system.

At the Morgan Horse Ranch, volunteer Joyce Goldfield was bucked off a horse named Dill Pickle and spent five months in a full body cast. While Duane was sympathizing with her inability to get out and enjoy the wilderness, he spoke of some of the children who came to the park confined to wheelchairs and were unable to join in tours or mount horses due to insurance issues. The two decided to use their gentle horses to take disabled children riding into the wilderness of Duane's Nicasio ranch. Thus, in July, 1977, Halleck Creek Riding Club for the Disabled began.

Since that time, thousands of youngsters and adults with any and all disabilities have been served, and many have had their conditions improve dramatically. Duane and Joyce expanded activities to include camping, rafting, snow trips, hose shows, parades, sailing, kayaking, and beach trips in which Duane pushed children in wheelchairs right into the surf. Since all this was free of charge, Duane became a prodigious fundraiser as well. Today over 300 disabled riders per week enjoy the benefits Halleck Creek offers—improved self-esteem, greater freedom and mobility, adventurous activities, and the therapeutic effects of horseback riding.

Duane received many honors for his work including President Bush's Thousand Points of Light award, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award, and Marin County's Volunteer of the Year. He was also active in helping Joyce collect and distribute clothing and bedding for the homeless and in an annual benefit for Heifer International.

Joyce became Duane's beloved companion, and for nearly 30 years they lived at Fairwinds Farm on Inverness Ridge with her children Cindy, John, and Danny. In Joyce's words, "Duane, the beloved native son of Nicasio and West Marin, shall be ever missed. This handsome, gentle, loving, immensely talented, free-

spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING PHILLIP T. EASTMAN

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman, who passed away on July 29th of this year.

Mr. Eastman was born on August 2, 1932 and worked on his family's dairy farm as a child. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Cornell University and his Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. Eastman honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and upon his return, became a teacher and guidance counselor. He retired in 1989 from the New Hartford School District as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Mr. Eastman was a tremendous asset to his community, as he dedicated his time and effort to helping others. He served as President of the New Hartford School Board, and as a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee. Mr. Eastman volunteered countless hours in assisting my office in evaluating hundreds of applicants for military academy nominations.

Mr. Eastman enjoyed playing golf and working in his wood shop, but he cherished nothing more than spending time with his family, especially at their camp in Cooperstown.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great life and contributions of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman. Our country and community is a better place because of Phil's character, kindness and commitment to helping others. He will truly be missed.

HONORING A CAREER OF SERVICE
AND SACRIFICE BY MR. ROBERT
J. WINCHESTER

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great friend, Bob Winchester, who has served our country in uniform and as a dedicated member of our intelligence community for more than three decades. Bob is officially retiring this week from his post at the Pentagon where he has served in many positions but most recently as the face of U.S. Army Intelligence.

Bob has distinguished himself and brought honor to the Army through his exceptionally meritorious service to the Defense Department, the Intelligence Community (IC), and the Nation during a career that has spanned more than 36 years. And in recognition for his service, he will receive our government's highest honors for civil service from the Defense Department and the Director of National Intelligence.

Bob has consistently epitomized the consummate Military Intelligence professional even through the last nine years of increasingly demanding and critical leadership challenges.

Though he recently culminated his career of service as the Military Intelligence Portfolio Manager for the Office of Congressional Liaison, that post tells only part of the story of Bob's long career.

Well known and well respected, Bob spent 26 years as the face of Army Intelligence on Capitol Hill and as a trusted confidante for ten heads of the Army intelligence branch.

His long list of achievements and contributions are as varied as they were crucial. In the wake of the Iran Contra scandal in the 1980s, Bob was a key architect in developing legislation that changed the way our intelligence apparatus operated. He was called upon again in the wake of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal to answer tough questions about our intel programs in Iraq and work with Congress to reshape our military interrogation program. He was at the forefront of Army and Defense Department intelligence policy and execution. His experience and intellect were recognized, sought, and leveraged as a subject-matter expert within the Army, DoD, and the broader U.S. Intelligence Community.

A lawyer and proud graduate of Temple University's Beasley School, Bob provided expert advice on Intelligence Law long before Congress fully considered the ramifications of conflicting intel priorities. He engineered the process of Congressional oversight of intelligence activities, worked intricately on the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and was frequently and regularly called upon by my colleagues for testimony at Congressional hearings. He has also served as advisor and support staff to numerous military commanders during their testimony before the House and Senate Armed Service and Intelligence committees.

But Bob was also a teacher and a mentor. For many years, the nation's youngest and brightest intel officers have studied under Bob's tutelage before taking up assignments throughout the Army staff or on Capitol Hill as Congressional Fellows.

Bob was also a professor who has shared his broad wealth of experience to better the whole of the Army. He has been a regular instructor at the Military Intelligence Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course that has shaped generations of Military Intelligence commanders and Command Sergeants Major. He has also been a frequent speaker at courses for young officers and enlisted personnel, preparing Military Intelligence leaders to succeed in engagements on the battlefield and in the halls of Congress. In this respect, Bob remains a strong and tireless professional.

Bob was instrumental in the establishment of critical intel programs which continue to pay huge dividends in the current fight. His efforts, particularly on Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence programs, include the introduction of advanced biometrics collection and establishment of the Human Intelligence Training Joint Center of Excellence that is housed at Fort Huachuca in my District.

As a result of Bob's vision and persistence, the Army has increased its Counter-intel and HUMINT capability by threefold, and that trend continues.

For more than a quarter century, Bob's tireless energy and enthusiasm has facilitated deep-rooted and trusting relationships between the Army and Congress. And through his hard work and determination, he has been an integral part of shaping the Army's most critical Intelligence requirements during wartime and peacetime.

As the Army seeks ways to fill the gap created by Bob's retirement, they have found it takes more than one young officer to keep up with the daily routine he so aptly maintained for so long. Bob's legacy of service and innumerable contributions to the Army, the Intelligence Community and the United States will be long-lasting and immeasurable.

I am proud to not only count him as a friend, but also honored to represent him as a constituent.

Thank you so much, Bob, and enjoy your retirement.

IN HONOR OF MR. DOMINIC
CALABRO

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Dominic Calabro of Tallahassee, Florida, who is in his thirtieth year of public service with Florida TaxWatch, the statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog and research institute that has served the taxpayers of my home State of Florida for more than three decades.

Mr. Calabro was first hired as a Senior Research Analyst for Florida TaxWatch in 1980, promoted to Executive Director in 1982, and has served as the CEO of TaxWatch since 1986. He has guided the growth of TaxWatch into a dynamic, influential organization dedicated to improving government productivity and taxpayer value through research and civic engagement. TaxWatch recommendations, approximately 70 percent of which have been adopted by Florida's government, have saved billions of dollars for Florida taxpayers.

In addition to identifying and working to improve government spending in the public interest, Mr. Calabro and TaxWatch are the key players in the annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards, a nationally unique public-private partnership that recognizes and rewards exceptional Florida state employees whose innovative work measurably increases productivity and saves taxpayer money.

Mr. Calabro's hard work and dedication has helped Florida TaxWatch earn and maintain the respect of the state's most highly regarded and influential leaders, as well respect of the citizens of Florida and the state and national media. Mr. Calabro has received numerous honors and awards, including being named by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1994, and during this same period, many Florida TaxWatch recommendations have served as the impetus for important changes to Florida budgetary and taxation policy, including the Taxpayers Bill of Rights of 1992, the Government Performance Accountability Act of 1994, the complete phase-out of the Intangibles Tax, and a recent Government Cost Savings Task Force that so far has saved the

state nearly \$3 billion to weather the current economic climate.

In addition to his many roles in government accountability, Mr. Calabro is involved in a number of community organizations, including the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of the Big Bend, the Knights of Columbus, and the Board of Directors of Florida House.

Mr. Calabro is also dedicated to improvements in public education. He is on the Board of Advisors for Florida State University's Graduate School of Social Work. Mr. Calabro also serves on the Florida Education Foundation and Communities in Schools of Florida.

Mr. Calabro has been supported in all of his endeavors by his loving wife of thirty-one years, Debbie. Mr. and Mrs. Calabro are devoted to their four children, Diana, Dominic, Christina, and Danny.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Calabro on his thirty years of service with Florida TaxWatch, and to wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER
FLOODS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus and co-sponsor, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1613. I am deeply concerned about the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Pakistan due to the recent historic floods and hope that this resolution will bring much-needed attention to the plight of the Pakistanis. I am always moved and inspired by the generosity of the American people when they hear about those in need around the world and I believe that the United States should do everything possible to help expedite the flow of U.S. and international aid supplies and workers into the region.

We must do everything possible to help expedite the flow of U.S. and international aid supplies and workers into the region. I believe that we should immediately reprogram funds from the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009, which were initially set aside for democracy building, into the relief effort. This way we can have an immediate impact without spending a single additional taxpayer dollar. While food shortages and instances of waterborne disease continue to spread, we must act quickly and decisively. The generosity of the American people has been commendable. Let's make it count by acting as swiftly and competently as possible.

We are currently fighting extremists throughout the region of South Asia, extremists who propagate the lie that Americans are out to destroy the Muslim way of life. Now we have an unprecedented opportunity to prove that this couldn't be further from the truth by helping the Pakistanis when they need it most. The U.S. response to the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan led to a short-term increase in positive public opinion of the United States in

Pakistan and I know that a similar response to this, a much larger tragedy, is sure to have an even greater influence in the hearts and minds of people.

PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CON
DAU

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to once again raise the issue of human rights. In January 2010, the Government of Vietnam sent police and government officials into a village to force parishioners and families to sign an agreement to sell their land. In April 2010, a 73-year-old parishioner named Le Van Sinh was hit with tear gas and fell unconscious. In May 2010, parishioner Mrs. Dang Thi Tan passed away and was met with extreme violence and 300 armed police officers and special anti-riot troops while her friends and family tried to bury her in the Con Dau cemetery. During the ceremony, the police attempted to seize the casket. The diocese of Da Nang also reported that Mr. Nam Nguyen, a parishioner of Con Dau was arrested, threatened and beaten to death.

Are these the actions of a country that respects human rights? The same country that committed these horrendous violations was taken off the Country of Particular Concern (CPC) list because the Department of State felt they had progressed in respecting religious freedom. The same country that detained these individuals for peacefully exercising their freedom of speech is a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

How can we identify Vietnam as an international partner when it is unable to respect and recognize the basic fundamental ideas of democracy and freedom? Vietnam must be put back on the CPC list and challenged by the U.S. government to improve and promote human rights in order to further United States-Vietnam relations.

I urge the Department of State to seriously address the human rights violations occurring in Con Dao. I also urge my colleagues to support the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Vietnam to investigate the ongoing human rights violations happening in Con Dau by becoming a cosponsor of House Resolution 1572.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this week's anniversary of independence of numerous Latin American countries, of our country's Hispanic Heritage Month, and in special recognition of Latinos in my district and throughout our country.

On September 15, five Latin American countries commemorate their independence, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala,

Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. I join these nations in mutual celebration of liberty, democracy and freedom, values which we share dearly.

I am proud that my district is the home of thousands of Hispanic or Latino descent. This community is comprised of individuals who cherish their various ethnicities and national origins. And yet, the Hispanic-American community is united by the importance that they place on faith, family, hard work, and the hope of sharing in a better America.

Madam Speaker, it is in this spirit of national unity that I join you in commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

HONORING BILL GRAFF

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Madam Speaker, last weekend, a shining light went out in the City of Norwood, Ohio when Bill Graff passed away.

Before he moved to Norwood eight years ago, Bill was one of the millions of Americans whose work formed the backbone of our nation. He retired from General Motors after a career that took him from his native Michigan to Tennessee.

It was after he retired that Bill brought his charisma and commitment to Norwood, and spent the last years of his life changing that city for the better. In the relatively short time he called Norwood home, Bill Graff wove himself into the fabric of that community. Whether carrying out a restoration that breathed new life into one of Norwood's magnificent older buildings, leading the charge to get new equipment for Norwood's police and first responders, or brainstorming about their next project with Vivian, his wife of 45 years, Bill was always looking for new ways to give back and strengthen the bonds that hold Norwood together.

Through his tireless actions, Bill showed us that community means more than just a group of people sharing a street or a neighborhood. He showed us that community is built upon service to one another, concern for our neighbors and our children, and a dedication to improving the lives of those around us as well as our own families.

Especially in these tough times, we look at Bill's life as an example of what a single person can do to lift up so many others. He will be dearly missed.

MEDIA GIVES FAR MORE MONEY
TO DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for a revealing example of the national media's liberal bias, just follow the money.

During the 2010 election cycle, journalists have given to Democrats over Republicans by

a margin of almost 2 to 1, according to a new report by the Center for Responsive Politics.

The list includes employees of news outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Reuters, among many others.

Furthermore, during the 2008 election cycle, 88 percent of campaign contributions from television network employees went to Democrats, according to The Washington Examiner.

It's no wonder only 8 percent of Americans trust the media, according to a Zogby public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not give Democrats more money.

TAN ESCO CAN TEACH US ALL A
LESSON OR TWO

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, Señora Escolastica Tudela Cabrera, more popularly and lovingly known as Tan Esco, is an icon to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands for her enduring entrepreneurial spirit and tenacity in overcoming adversity.

Born on February 10, 1930, Tan Esco grew up during the difficult days of the Japanese Administration of the Northern Mariana Islands. Her father had to leave his young family and go to Palau, working in the phosphate mines there to earn money for his family back home in Saipan.

Tan Esco attended a private, Catholic school, but later had to transfer to a Japanese school, where Chamorro and Carolinian children were taught the Japanese language and customs. Tan Esco remembered her Japanese teachers for their harsh manner in dealing with errant students and for the corporal punishment, which they meted out unsparingly. Despite such treatment, Tan Esco excelled at school. She was among the top ten in her class and was even put in charge of classes, when the teacher was summoned away.

The attitude of the Japanese Administration towards the local Chamorros and Carolinians hardened even farther, Tan Esco recalls, with the onset of World War II. And when American forces invaded Saipan, the Japanese military treated the local people almost as if they, too, were the enemy. Tan Esco hid in a small cave with over 40 natives for 19 days, while gunfire and bombs raged around them night and day. It was a nightmare for the 14-year-old Escolastica; and the memories of the war remain fresh to this day, memories she hopes no one in her family will ever have to experience.

After the war ended, Tan Esco worked hard to help her family rebuild their lives. With the knowledge of hairdressing she learned from an American lady and \$500 borrowed from her father, Tan Esco opened Saipan's first beauty shop in the village of Susupe. The budding entrepreneur was only 19 years of age. Then her business interests grew. Within a few short years, she expanded into retail, becoming the first post-war shopkeeper to sell shoes

and clothing. Tan Esco and her husband, the late Gregorio Camacho Cabrera or Tun Guru, next opened a gasoline station, began manufacturing charcoal, processing tapioca, and much to everyone's delight dishing up dessert at Saipan's first soft-serve ice cream shop.

Tan Esco's lasting legacy to her island community, however, and the business that would even make her name abroad, was the bakery. She did not even know how to make bread, when she started. But with a little advice from her mother to get things going, and lots of help from the rest of the family, Escolastica plunged into baking.

As always, Tun Goru was there by her side, nurturing his wife's enthusiasms and executing the business plans that she never seemed to run out of. The two would wake at 2 a.m. to bake and prepare food. They sold their goods from their snackmobile to the several hundred hungry students at Mt. Carmel School and Hopwood Junior High, who in those days had no school cafeteria. Tan Esco and Tun Goru also had a snack shop at the Saipan airport, which they would open when flights were arriving or departing. They baked 500 loaves of bread daily, delivering it Tanapag and San Roque in the north, often running out because of demand, but always assuring customers there would be more fresh bread tomorrow.

And in the midst of all this activity, Tan Esco and Tun Goru managed to raise a family—13 children in all, who themselves quickly learned the lessons of hard work and sacrifice needed to ensure the survival of the family. All the children's tasks were either directly or indirectly related to running the family business, Escolastica's Enterprises.

Admired for her work ethic and drive to succeed, Tan Esco also became involved in local politics and civic organizations. She was the first woman ever to serve on the municipal council of Saipan. She held key positions in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, with the Saipan Farmer's Market Association, the Micronesian Arts and Crafts Association, the PTA committees of Mt. Carmel School, the Kristo Rai Church parish council, the Vocational Education State Advisory Council and other organizations. She participated in the White House Conference on Aging. And in 1991, Tan Esco accepted the honor of being the first woman grand marshal in Saipan's Liberation Day parade and festivities.

Today, Tan Esco enjoys her days in full retirement, having handed over the reins of the business to her youngest daughter. Tan Esco reached the milestone of 80 years of life earlier this year. Her years of work have left her as vigorous and she could easily pass for a woman of 60. Tan Esco says she can hardly believe that she has lived for eight decades, marveling that time has flown so fast. Her husband Tun Goru passed away in 2006, but their 13 children, and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were on hand to celebrate Tan Esco's 80th birthday.

Biba, Tan Esco, and dangkulo na si Yuus Maase. You are a living lesson to the younger generations of the Northern Mariana Islands. God bless.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER
FLOODS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as an original sponsor of this resolution, I join Chairman BERMAN, Ranking Member ROS-LEHTINEN and my colleagues in strong support of H. Res. 1613, a resolution expressing our condolences and support to the Pakistani people as they face a humanitarian disaster of monumental dimensions.

Today, a fifth of the country of Pakistan is under water as the country endures the greatest flooding in a century. More than 1,750 people have lost their lives, over 2,700 people have been injured and almost 2 million homes have been destroyed—displacing millions of men, women and children. Hundreds of bridges have been destroyed, cutting off communities from relief supplies. And many communities lie vulnerable to cholera and other epidemics as access to clean drinking water diminishes. This disaster has impacted the lives of tens of millions of people.

Acting swiftly, the U.S. government joined forces with the Pakistani government to provide immediate assistance. American military helicopters were redirected to rescue efforts within hours of the Pakistani Government's request for help. American military aircraft began delivering hundreds of thousands of meals and millions of pounds of relief supplies to the affected areas. We have provided heavy-duty waterproof sheeting to construct temporary shelters for more than 100,000 people, rescue boats, construction equipment, water filtration units, and even prefabricated bridges. We are working hand-in-hand with the Pakistan National Disaster Management Authority to ensure this assistance is delivered expeditiously to those in need.

Additionally, the U.S. has pledged more than \$150 million toward emergency flood relief. Approximately \$92 million of that total is in direct support of the UN relief plan. USAID and the State Department are also working together to redirect \$60 million of the \$7.5 billion Pakistan development aid package to flood recovery and reconstruction efforts. And, in light of fast moving events on the ground, USAID Administrator Shah has expressed an intention to re-evaluate future uses of the Pakistan aid package.

This is a time of great crisis for the Pakistani people and they urgently need our help. This resolution expresses our support for the people of Pakistan as they face this unprecedented catastrophe and encourages the Obama Administration to re-examine its priorities for using funds under the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 in light of the crisis.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

CRUSH IT—IN HONOR OF A REAL
AMERICAN HERO, SGT MICHAEL
CAMERON, THE UNITED STATES
ARMY 984TH MP COMPANY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a strong son of the South, and a real American hero, SGT Michael Cameron of Atlanta. Another freedom fighter, from that great State of Georgia, who went off to war for his country. On April 1, 2007, Michael lost his leg in southern Iraq, and almost his life, but he's come back home even stronger in his quest to rebuild his life. With the support of his lovely wife and their beautiful daughter, they are living the American dream as he is back in college at Emory University embarking upon a new career. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell, who has grown to admire his strength and courage and determination over the years, be placed in the RECORD in honor of his courageous life

CRUSH IT

In times of war, Georgia Men . . .
Have but our Nation's burdens bore!
Men like Max Cleland, whose fine hearts
have soared!
As into That Darkness, they'd so moved
forth!
As there they Crushed It! Moved it, and ran
right through it . . .
All in the darkest of all evils, as Michael you
so pursued it!
As you so ran right up to it, as death you so
viewed it . . .
Built for speed! All in your heroes creed . . .
You Crushed It!
As you could not be stopped, as you would
not heed!
As deep . . . deep . . . deep . . . deep down in-
side, your great heart . . .
So began to beat!
To give you all that you so needed!
As a Hero, a Freedom Fighter . . .
As all for God and country you would so
bleed . . .
A bold Army Man, who now so stands . . .
As life and death, all so lie all in your hands
. . .
The kind of guy, A Band of Brothers . . .
wants by their side . . .
All in the darkest of all nights, who will so
stand . . .
While, all there in that moment of truth . . .
When, all seems so lost . . .
Your fine heart so shows us the proof!
As looking down, as you so found . . . your
strong leg not found . . .
And yet somehow, your fine heart will not be
reduced!
As you had to Crush It . . . as you must re-
build, all but with your iron will . . .
As you Crushed It . . .
As so much depends upon you Mike . . .
Pumping up, as once again it's all up to you
. . . my son!
To rebuild where none lies left,
as your fine heart so instills, for you to but
be only your very best!
As with your courage, you so Crushed It . . .
Oh yes . . . as all of us you have so blessed
. . .
As we watch you, when your courage comes
to crest . . .
All in your time life's reps, as an Army man
who so can . . .
To Be The Best!
As you will not wait, as you will not rest . . .

All in this, your life's most heroic quest!
You Crush It!
Surely, legs we can all live without . . .
But, heart's . . . we can not so surely live no
doubt . . .
As but where all of your courage so comes
from, is all about!
Watching you Michael, we so understand . . .
Just what the word Hero, is all about!
Whether, on battlefields of honor seen . . .
Or back home rebuilding your life, Michael
You Are Seen, Crushing It!
With but all of your, Most Heroic Dreams!
Teaching Us! Reaching Us! As all hearts here
so Beseeching Us . . .
Making dynamic gains, all in your life's
theme!
Chiseled, from the top on down . . .
Rebuilding, your life into a work of art so
profound!
As, there is nothing that's going to hold this
Army Man down!
A Freedom Fighter, who all hearts will so ig-
nite here . . .
Crushing us now, all with what's all in your
heart so found!
And if I ever have a son, I but hope and pray
he could be like this fine one!
Who So Shines, like this Southern Son . . .
For what your heart and life has won!
You've Crushed It!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, September 16, 2010, due to a meeting at the Institutes of Medicine. If I were present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 526, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 527, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 528, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments, H.R. 3562—To designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building.

H.R. 5827, PROTECTING GUN
OWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5827, the Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act. This legislation would provide a special exemption to allow gun owners to keep certain firearms during bankruptcy proceedings.

Bankruptcy is a difficult and trying time for all families who face it. The federal system is designed to protect some personal items from being seized, because they are essential to an individual or family's livelihood. Assets such as

clothing, household furnishings, retirement funds, and social security benefits are exempt from seizure—within certain limits—so that those struggling through bankruptcy have something to restart their lives with. While this bill may be a political victory for the American gun lobby, a special carve-out for guns would do nothing to help families emerge from the crisis of bankruptcy.

In these times of economic hardship, millions of working families are facing bankruptcy and foreclosure. They need real help, not carve-outs for special interests.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLYDE
MCQUEEN OF THE FULL EM-
PLOYMENT COUNCIL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Clyde McQueen, an individual who has dedicated his life to economic development and job training initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, the district that I am honored to represent. This week, during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, Mr. McQueen will be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame, an annual occasion held to honor the achievements of African Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri.

Mr. McQueen serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Full Employment Council—Missouri Career Center, a center that works to promote job training and placement in the Kansas City, Missouri and the surrounding areas. The Full Employment Council is a nonprofit organization tasked with providing career employment and training for the unemployed and the underemployed. In this position, Mr. McQueen, administers and directs funding towards job training, education, and economic development. The Full Employment Council is responsible for program activities that work to develop employment training programs in rural, urban, and suburban areas.

Mr. McQueen has served in this role for over 23 years, and has assisted over a half a million people during his tenure. While in this position, Mr. McQueen's commitment to unemployment has been recognized by a proclamation from the Missouri House and Senate, as well as from a letter of appreciation from former President Bill Clinton in recognition of support offered to the President during his 1996 visit to Kansas City. Prior to serving as President and CEO of the Full Employment Council, Mr. McQueen served as Division Director of Training and Employment Development for the Texas Department of Community Affairs. In this role, Mr. McQueen was responsible for directing the budget to fund units of government, business organizations, and community based groups for job training and employment initiatives.

Mr. McQueen received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech Communication and Political Science from the Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Currently, he is a board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Workforce Development Council, and was appointed to the Missouri Automobile Task Force by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. Mr. McQueen has been

awarded the "Professional of the Year" award by the Missouri Association of Workforce Development and a "Local Hero" award by Ingram's Magazine.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to recognize Mr. Clyde McQueen for his efforts to improve the workforce and advance job training in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. I know that Mr. McQueen will continue to fight for both the unemployed and underemployed in my district, and in this time when unemployed rates have plummeted, I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of Mr. McQueen. It is with great pride that we honor Mr. McQueen today for his commitment to the residents of Missouri.

HONORING THE 2010 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor the four schools in the Fifth Congressional District of Texas recently recognized for excellence in education. Fred Douglass Elementary School in Jacksonville, Lake Highlands Junior High School in Dallas, Scurry-Rosser Middle School in Scurry and West Side Elementary School in Jacksonville were named to the Department of Education's 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools list.

Their performance illustrates the commitment and dedication of the students, parents, teachers, and administrators to a quality education. Education is the backbone of a successful society, and I am proud to know that the students of these four schools are receiving a quality education that will provide a solid foundation for future academic success.

This is a great honor of which the school, its students, parents, and communities can be justifiably proud, and I offer my warm congratulations on this fine achievement.

Madam Speaker, as the representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commend these schools for their continued achievements in education.

EDMUND G. SCHMIDT OF HUTTO,
TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt of Hutto Texas. "Mr. Hutto", is what they call him. Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt has served the Hutto community in countless ways for decades. First being elected to city council in 1961, Ed served the city for 29 consecutive years, 9 as city councilman and 20 as mayor of Hutto. A World War II Veteran, and small business owner for over 50 years, Schmidt has also continued serving with several groups, including the Hutto Lions Club, where he is in his 54th year of perfect attendance as a charter member, and Hutto Lutheran Church where he

has served for more than six decades. Schmidt served as the first President of the Hutto Economic Corporation.

Schmidt grew up on a farm outside of Taylor. "God's country," he calls it. Looking for a way to a way to provide for his young family after returning from the war, some friends convinced him to open his own grocery store in Hutto.

Signing a 5-year lease for \$25 a month, Schmidt transformed a big, open building on East Street into his own grocery store, Red & White, with his wife Julia. They opened their doors on Friday, July 13, 1951, with three other groceries in the area to compete with. Ed proved himself to the community of Hutto and 2 years later, in 1953, he bought and expanded into the space next door. When his lease expired he purchased his first building. He owned and operated his grocery store with Julia on East Street until 1990. With the store closed, Schmidt had the opportunity to get in the insurance business with his son Dennis, so he sold some of his building space and kept enough for an office where he still works with his son. As an established resident, small business and property owner in Hutto, in 1961 Schmidt learned of a place on the council through a good friend from church who was also council member. When an opening came up mid-term, Schmidt filled it and then kept getting re-elected, never spending a cent on a campaign. "I never thought, and no one on council, thought of ourselves as politicians," he said. "We were serving the community. We just had to pitch in."

At this time, the city assessed and collected its own taxes; it had one elected marshal who was replaced with a one-person police department, a distant thought from the Hutto we see today, with a full police force, and new neighborhoods and schools being built to keep up with the rapid growth. On Friday, October 20, 2007, the city honored Schmidt, renaming County Road 119 after him, for his contribution to Hutto's growth. Ed Schmidt Boulevard links Hutto to Pflugerville's FM 685.

Though he continues to work hard every day without any sign of slowing down, Ed cherishes his time spent with Julia. Married 68 years, the Schmidt's have raised four children and now take great pride and joy in their 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who all live between Austin and Rockdale.

CONGRESSIONAL MADE IN
AMERICA PROMISE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2039, the Congressional Made in America Promise Act. This bill extends the provisions of the Buy American Act to the legislative branch. It is important that the Congress lead by example and support American manufacturers and businesses.

In the global economy, American manufacturers are being pressured from all angles. It is important for this Congress to pursue policies that ensure that our businesses are able to compete in the world economy.

There is much to be done, but this bill is a step in the right direction and allows for us to support our manufacturers directly. I look forward to working with the my colleagues to continue to support American manufacturing and a strong, vibrant workforce.

HONORING LARRY POWELL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Larry Powell for receiving the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America. Larry has had a distinguished career as the Superintendent in the Fresno County Office of Education, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Larry is a lifetime resident of Fresno County who has created a legacy in his 40 years of service in public education. He has served students and lead community educational endeavors in Sanger Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, and Central Unified School District.

Larry is also very involved and well connected within his community. He has participated in many civic and church activities, including membership on the Board of Trustees for Fresno Pacific University, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Break the Barriers, the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts, and many others.

Larry's educational leadership has been recognized by the California School Administrators of Region 9, who awarded him as Superintendent of the Year. He has been recognized by Fresno State as a Noted Alumni.

Larry is married to Dot, a former principal and Executive Director of SALT Fresno and READ Fresno, Inc. He has a daughter and two grandchildren. It is clear that Larry will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Larry Powell for his distinguished career and community service, and in wishing him the best of luck and health as he continues to set standards in Fresno County.

HONORING THE 300 ANNIVERSARY
OF GREAT VALLEY PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Congregation of Great Valley Presbyterian Church in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate the Church's 300th anniversary.

Recognized as the second-oldest Presbyterian church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, services originally were held in homes of various members. Rev. Malachi Jones delivered the first sermon in 1714 from a wooden pulpit inside the rough log cabin held together by iron nails forged on site and with windows made from imported glass.

Organized more than 65 years before our nation declared its independence from Great

Britain, Great Valley aided America's Revolutionary War effort by providing supplies to help troops encamped at nearby Valley Forge survive the brutal winter of 1777–1778.

While the Church and the area surrounding it has evolved immeasurably since the days when farmers and their families worshiped in a "little country church," the tremendous commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of members and strengthening the bonds between neighbors and families has remained constant.

A worship service to give thanks for 300 years of faith and service will conclude the Church's tercentennial celebration on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Congregation of Great Valley Presbyterian Church as they commemorate this memorable milestone and in extending best wishes for continued success and growth.

CONGRATULATING THE MOJAVE
AIR AND SPACE PORT ON ITS
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an airport in my community that has been at the forefront of aerospace milestones. Mojave Air and Space Port, located in Mojave, California, is celebrating 75 years of service and cutting edge innovation this upcoming September 18, 2010.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has a unique history. Starting as a rural airstrip in 1935, the Mojave Airport provided access to the local gold and silver mining industry. After seven years of serving the local mining industry, the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) shifted the focus of the airport and turned it into the Marine Corps Auxiliary Station (MCAAS) Mojave in 1942. In 1946, MCAAS Mojave was converted into a U.S. Navy airfield. In 1951, the USMC reopened MCAAS Mojave as an auxiliary field, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. In 1961, Kern County acquired the airport, and in 1972, and the East Kern Airport District was formed to direct the airport.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has three core focuses: flight testing, space industry development, and aircraft heavy maintenance and storage. With its convenient location close to Edwards Air Force Base, the Mojave Air and Space Port has been a leader in flight testing activities for over 30 years. Beginning in the late 1990s, the Mojave Air and Space Port became a hub for small companies seeking a place to develop space flight technologies, with the first flight tests starting in 1999. In 2004, it was the first spaceport certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to be licensed for horizontal launches of reusable launch vehicles in the United States.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is the home to the Rutan Model 76 Voyager aircraft, designed by Burt Rutan and piloted by his brother Dick Rutan, where they set a record-breaking flight around the world without stopping to refuel in 1986. Model 281 Proteus, a tandem-wing high-endurance aircraft designed by Burt and tested at the Mojave Air and Space Port, holds several altitude records.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is also home to SpaceShipOne. It is the first, and so far only, privately built, flown, and funded aircraft to launch and enter a man into space in June of 2004. This feat was acknowledged with the Ansari X Prize, and the 2004 Collier Trophy later that year, awarded by the National Aeronautic Association. Today, SpaceShipOne is displayed in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's "Milestones of Flight" gallery in Washington, D.C. SpaceShipTwo is now in development and will continue to transform the commercial space industry.

Today, the Mojave Air and Space Port occupies about 3,300 acres and serves as a world renowned flight resource center. The airport is home to over 40 companies, ranging from small industrial to highly advanced aeronautical design firms. XCOR is a small business that is building a spacecraft to take individuals to space. Recently, NASA awarded funding to tenant Masten Space Systems through the NASA Commercial Reusable Sub-orbital Research Program to finance the development and testing of the Xaero vehicle which will make four flights from the Mojave Air and Space Port to demonstrate reusable launch and small payloads going to near-space.

The Mojave Air and Space Port continues to break new ground and expand its facilities as it recently extended its largest runway to 12,500 feet and integrated a new commercial development taxiway system. The Mojave Air and Space Port not only is known for its revolutionary air and space technology, but it also boasts an extensive resume in film production. The airport has been the host to movies, television shows, commercials and music videos.

Today, the Mojave Air and Space Port is run and supported by the leadership of the East Kern Airport District. The East Kern Airport District encourages entrepreneurship and flourishes, existing by its mission statement to, "Foster and maintain our recognized aerospace presence with a principle focus as the world's premier civilian aerospace test center while seeking compatibly diverse business and industry." The Mojave Air and Space Port is under the forward-thinking leadership of the East Kern Airport District Board Members Jim Balentine, JoAnn Painter, Marie Walker, Dick Rutan, and Cathy Hansen and General Manager, Stuart Witt, along with his team of dedicated individuals.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is also home to the Intermediate Space Challenge. Through this program, the Mojave Air and Space Port opens its facility to young students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade, enabling them to work together in a team environment to choose a team name, create team banners, craft an essay, and develop and use their math and science skills to construct and launch a small rocket under appropriate supervision. Along with involving the community in this revolutionary program, the Mojave Air and Space Port also encourages teachers and administrators across the country to implement similar programs that stimulate students and infuse them with a love of engineering, mathematics, and science.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has given the community 75 years of exceptional service. It is a keystone of our aerospace achievements not only in California but around the nation and throughout the world. I applaud the Mojave Air and Space Port for its innovative

research and its service as a public airport and will continue to support its place in America's air and space development for years to come.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month, as we celebrate the members of this community and their invaluable contributions to the Greater Cleveland Area and to our country.

Hispanic Heritage month celebrates and illuminates the significant contributions that Americans of Hispanic heritage have had on American culture. Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably toward efforts to elevate the human condition.

Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways—as elected officials, teachers, musicians, physicians, veterans, community activists, and dedicated employees in virtually every sector of the economy. Their rich and diverse culture has touched the life of every American has been an invaluable addition to Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage month of 2010, as we recognize the great contributions made by Hispanic Americans in my district and around the country.

COMMEMORATING CONSTITUTION
DAY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, September 17th is Constitution Day, a time to show appreciation for the foundational and supreme law of our land that deserves special attention this year. The principles of the U.S. Constitution have successfully guided our Nation through times of both prosperity and challenge. The genius of our Constitution rests in the Founding Fathers' intricate system of checks and balances and the division of powers between the states and the national government. This has helped ensure that the people are the masters of their government, rather than its servants. The 10th Amendment was particularly prescient in recognizing that the most effective, responsive, and representative government is that which is closest to its citizens. It has long been my practice to distribute copies of the Constitution to the school groups with whom I meet, and I am greatly encouraged by the millions of patriotic Americans who are now dedicating themselves to reaffirming and restoring the principles of limited government and personal freedom. Public and personal readings of the Constitution are taking place throughout Alabama and our country in recognition of Constitution Day. All Americans should reflect on an enduring document that has given us the magnificent gifts of

democracy and freedom and remained relevant to providing guidance for our government despite the passage of more than two centuries.

LEGISLATION TO RESTORE THE
AUTHORITY FOR HHS TO GRANT
CHILD WELFARE WAIVER DEMONSTRATION
PROJECTS TO STATES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I introduced legislation with Representative JOHN LINDER (R-GA) that would restore the authority for the Department of Health and Human Services to grant child welfare waiver demonstration projects to States. Child welfare waivers will give some States additional flexibility in designing targeted interventions for at-risk children.

While I support providing opportunities for States to improve the outcomes of children through this authority, waivers are not a substitute for comprehensive child welfare financing reform or for additional investments in improving outcomes for at-risk children.

I will continue to work with all of my colleagues to develop proposals that build on the progress made with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act so that we can ensure the best outcomes for every child that comes to the attention of the child welfare system.

PERMITTING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ADMINISTER THE
OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO APPLICANTS FOR NATURALIZATION

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4862, which permits Members of Congress to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization. I strongly support this bill and am a proud cosponsor of this bill.

Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is granted to a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act. According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, more than 700,000 immigrants become U.S. citizens every year.

America is a diverse nation that was built on immigrants. As we all know, immigrants have made, and continue to make, lasting contributions to our society. In my home state of Georgia, immigrants comprise at least 11.9 percent of the state workforce. Thus, it is important to do all we can to create pathways for immigrants to become U.S. citizens. America is known for its rich diversity which is truly a source of strength and competitiveness.

At naturalization ceremonies, immigrants finally have the chance to become official citi-

zens of the United States. Becoming a naturalized citizen U.S. citizen is a process that can take years to accomplish. Individuals must not only be knowledgeable about U.S. history, but be very patient. Naturalization is a special moment in their lives when all of their hard work, determination, and persistence ultimately pays off and they become U.S. citizens.

I look forward to having the opportunity to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization. Immigrants have, and will continue, to make long-lasting contributions to the United States. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 4862 and urge my colleagues to do the same. I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE CENTENARY OF
MOTHER TERESA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Mother Teresa, born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhi and of Albanian descent, for over 45 years ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, first in India and then to other countries. She died in 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

On the centenary of her birth, we celebrate the great work of this wonderful woman, who gave so much as an advocate for the poor and helpless that she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

When she arrived in India, she became increasingly disturbed by the widespread poverty she saw in Calcutta. She began her missionary work in the slums in 1948, wearing a simple white cotton sari with a blue border. She began looking after the needs of the destitute and starving by begging for food and supplies.

In 1950, she received Vatican permission to start the congregation that would become the Missionaries of Charity with a mission to care for, in her words, "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone." It began with 13 members and today has more than 4,000 nuns running orphanages, AIDS hospices and charity centers worldwide, and caring for refugees, the blind, disabled, aged, alcoholics, the poor and homeless, and victims of floods, epidemics, and famine.

She went wherever there was suffering. At the height of the war in Beirut she rescued children and brokered ceasefires; she helped the hungry in Ethiopia; radiation victims of Chernobyl; and earthquake victims in Armenia. She even opened a center in the South Bronx.

Mother Teresa suffered a heart attack in Rome in 1983, while visiting the Pope. After a second attack in 1989, she received an artificial pacemaker. In 1996, she broke her collar bone, suffered a bout of malaria, and her left ventricle failed. In failing health, she stepped down as head of Missionaries of Charity in March, 1997, and died on September 5, 1997.

Mother Teresa showed what can be done through dedication and love. She is a shining example of one who rather than curse the

darkness, lit candles throughout the world to show us the way to help others.

NATIONAL AEROSPACE WEEK

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Aerospace Week.

At a time when there is so much discouraging economic news, we can look to the skies for some solace.

Los Angeles County's unemployment rate is hovering around 13 percent, worse than the national average. But my district, the 36th Congressional District, has an unemployment rate of less than half that—largely because of the cushion provided by the aerospace industry. It is our economic engine.

Our aerospace companies employ 819,000 Americans in high-skill, high-wage jobs—nearly 6,500 of them in California—who together contribute 3 to 5 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

The products produced by aerospace companies are in world-wide demand. Last year the U.S. exported \$81 billion in aerospace technology, responsible for the largest foreign trade surplus in the American economy.

Aerospace is not only vital to the American economy—it is vital to our national security. From the Mexican border to the Pakistan frontier, unmanned aircraft and other platforms provide eyes and ears to our military and law enforcement.

These are American jobs, and they are a cornerstone of our economy. For reasons of national security, nearly two-thirds of these jobs cannot be performed overseas. They are here to stay.

But our aerospace workforce is aging. Some 60 percent of aerospace workers are over age 50, and almost 26 percent are eligible for retirement this year. Not enough young scientists and engineers are signing up to take the place of the "gray wave."

It used to be that being a rocket scientist was synonymous with genius. Now that mantle seems to apply only to the inventors of Facebook, eBay and Google. We are graduating just 70,000 engineers a year. And U.S. students recently ranked 21 out of 30 in science literacy, and performed even worse in math literacy.

The only way we'll maintain our edge in aerospace is by inspiring kids and making it "cool" again to design air and space craft. Dean Kamen—the inventor of the Segway—does this through a nonprofit after-school robotics program. FIRST—For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology—is partnered with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to supply secondary schools with instructional materials, guidelines for starting robotics teams, and marketing support to interest children in studying the math and science behind construction of these devices.

Schools in my district participate in the robotics competition, and Dean Kamen has personally visited my district to take part in a panel on the need for more young people to pursue aerospace careers. Our economy and national security depend on it.

HONORING A FAMILY'S
DEDICATED SERVICE TO AMERICA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. —WOLF. Madam Speaker, this past weekend I had the privilege of visiting with the Piedmont Republican Women's Club (PRWC) which was celebrating its 50th anniversary. The PRWC, whose first president was Anita Brower, was founded in Fauquier County in 1960. They are a volunteer grassroots organization, with more than 80 members, affiliated with the National Federation of Republican Women and the Virginia Federation of Republican Women. Mrs. Patricia Rice was in attendance at the luncheon. She and her husband Scott Rice are the parents of six remarkable children who have served our country in immeasurable ways.

All six of the Rice children are currently serving or have served in the armed forces. Their commitment is extraordinary. The Rice family's story is one of unwavering strength and devotion to this country.

Rebecca L. Rice Johnson served five years in the Air Force during which time she attained the rank of senior airman. She also received the Air Force Commendation with Valor for her heroic efforts on the scene of a car accident. After serving in the Air Force she graduated from George Mason University and is now married to a Marine.

Sergeant Patrick McMahon Rice served as a radio tech from 1999–2003 and served in Iraq, fighting in the battle for An Nasiriyah for which he received a Presidential Unit Citation. After receiving an associate's degree he re-enlisted and is currently stationed at New River Air Station, North Carolina, with 2nd Platoon, Military Police Company, Marine Wing Support Group 2/7.

Mary Ann Rice was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps and is a second lieutenant currently stationed at Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii.

First Lieutenant Elisabeth Claire Rice, who was previously stationed at Tripler Army Hospital, was deployed to Afghanistan on a Forward Surgical Team. She has recently been treating many Afghan civilians—women and children—some in need of basic medical service and others who are victims of IED explosions.

Lance Corporal Christopher Scott Rice was diagnosed with an inoperable brainstem glioma at age 2, but fortunately had successful radiation treatments. After six months in Afghanistan with the Second Marines, Combat Logistics Group 6 in support of 1/6, he recently returned home. During his tour he provided convoy service in Helmand. He was involved in two separate incidents where IEDs went off but fortunately escaped without harm in a mine resistant vehicle.

Corporal Philip Kenneth Rice is a U.S. Marine who trained in intelligence at Cory Station, Florida. He is now receiving additional training in radio Recon.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to represent the Rice family of Warrenton, Virginia. This family has demonstrated unsurpassed devotion, leadership, and sacrifice in their service to our Nation. I

salute them for their unyielding patriotism and love of country.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH WALTER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kenneth Walter, a World War II Navy veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Kenneth Walter was recognized on Tuesday, September 7. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KENNETH WALTER

(By Greg Eckstrom)

History is best learned from experience.

Living through it, feeling it and seeing it from your own eyes.

As a former American history teacher, Kenneth Walter, who has lived in Boone for 50 years now and is a retired United administrator, would likely be the best teacher you can find for World War II history from the Pacific.

Learning about Kamikaze pilots? Walter's boat was hit by one. The flag raising on Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima? They came to Walter's boat first looking for a spare flag, and ended up getting the one from the boat next to him.

Walter's experiences brought him through some historic moments in World War II, but as far as sharing this in his classrooms after returning to the United States, he stuck to teaching rather than sharing stories.

"In my years of teaching I don't ever recall an instance of recounting the fact that I was in the service," he said. "Everybody had been in the service. You did it and never gave it too much thought."

Born in Keokuk, Walter graduated high school in Cincinnati, Ohio, before enlisting into the service.

"What choice was there for a young man, 16 or 17?" he recalled of signing up for the Navy. "You got in just as quick as you could . . . at least I did."

And once he was in, Walter took pleasure in the little things . . . the basic things.

"On most every occasion I had a bed. On most every occasion, somebody else prepared my meal," he said with a laugh. "And beyond that, I had a great job in the Navy. I was a quartermaster, which is not a quartermaster in the Army. A quartermaster in the Navy is the master of the quarter deck, which is the bridge. Quartermasters were in charge of navigation. As a quartermaster, you had to be able to do the same things a radio man did, the same things a signal man did. I also got qualified as a radar man. We had to do all sorts of things. We supervised the other enlisted staff on the bridge. But of course, we were always managed by officers. Navigation and communication were primary responsibilities."

Walter found himself aboard a Tank Landing Ship, the LST-477, a long ship—about 325 feet—used to carry massive amounts of cargo.

"We went to Guam and did landings there, landings at Gilbert Islands. Our major action was in Iwo [Jima] when we got into the ac-

tion big time," he said. "We had a kamikaze hit us. That's when I lost my place to sleep."

At the time, Walter's ship was carrying 25 tanks that were to be discharged on the first day of the Battle of Iwo Jima—a very heavy load.

"We were struck maybe 75 feet back from the bow," he said. "It was carrying a bomb in addition to itself as a missile, and it penetrated the side and we went down on our nose. We couldn't get in because of our bow being low. So we had to wait two days. Finally, on the fourth day, we made it in."

Another vivid memory for Walter was the flag raising at Mount Suribachi.

"We were one of the ships they came to looking for a flag to put up on Mount Suribachi on Iwo, and the ship next to us had a flag extra, and we didn't happen to," he said. "But we did get to see the event from our ship. We blew our horns and everything like that. The Marines let us know what they'd done, because we had Marines who were unloading tanks at that particular time."

Walter also recalled the final day of World War II. His ship had been remodeled to be a hospital ship for the invasion of Japan.

"We had doctors and nurses aboard," he said. "They put a couple operating rooms down where we usually carry tanks. So we were not unhappy to see the war be over. We were amongst those that were pleased that the atom bombs stopped the war. We knew what was going to happen to us."

After the war ended, Walter traveled to Korea with a construction battalion, and then back to Japan. His boat had been decommissioned, and he found himself as part of the group giving his boat to those they had previously been fighting.

"It was an odd feeling," he said. "There's nothing in any history book about the United States helping the Japanese in that kind of way. I think it's one of those typical things Americans do . . . give the beaten people a better chance to get by. And what happened to our ship, it was turned over to some Japanese fishermen. We gave them about two days worth of training on how to run the ship and gave it to them. On March 13, 1946, we did that. That's when I started my long trek home. I got out in July of 1946. I took a ship, another ship, back home."

After his service, Walter moved to Illinois, then Boone, where he has lived for the past 50 years. He most recently went on the Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Although he had been there several times in the past, it was the first time he had seen the World War II Memorial.

"That's spectacular," he said. "It really is."

When recalling the history he's lived through, Walter doesn't give the highlights typically heard of service men and women of their travels.

"Yeah, I went to Japan and Korea and Australia and so on," he said. "But it's not like being a tourist. You're not a tourist. There are a lot of places I was where I never stepped foot on the ground. You were just . . . it's like flying over Iowa."

For Walter, he recalls the friendships that were formed with those aboard his ship. Since World War II, they have held reunions, and he has had friends from the service visit him in Boone.

"Lasting friendship," he said. "Not deep friendship, just lasting. The service experience is something altogether different. There isn't anything to explain it."

I commend Kenneth Walter for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF KIRSTEN C. COTY

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 1st Lieutenant Kirsten C. Coty, a courageous American hero, who recently returned from serving her country honorably in Iraq. First Lt. Coty's military service first began in March 2007, when she joined the Security Forces of the U.S. Air Force. She went on to complete her Air Force Officer Training in San Antonio, Texas before being assigned to the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In August 2009, 1st Lt. Coty was deployed to Joint Base Balad in Iraq as part of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. In January 2010, she was reassigned to the United States Air Forces Central and extended her commitment of service through August 2010. Upon returning from Iraq, 1st Lt. Coty has been assigned again to the 90th Security Forces Squadron at the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Characteristic to her distinguished service, 1st Lt. Coty continues to exemplify the strong character and bravery of the men and women who have put their lives at risk to fight to keep our country safe and free.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing 1st Lt. Kirsten C. Coty for her bravery, dedication and achievements. The American people owe her a great debt of gratitude for her selfless service to our great nation.

HONORING ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH IN WESTERN SPRINGS ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the clergy, faculty, staff, students, and parishioners of St. John of the Cross Parish, a Catholic community in Western Springs, Illinois. This Saturday, September 18th, the parish is beginning a year-long celebration of 50 years as a faith community. My wife, Judy, and I will be participating in the first anniversary event which is a Mass celebrated by Francis Cardinal George followed by a parish family dinner reception.

Responding to a growing Catholic population in Western Springs in the 1950s, the Archbishop of Chicago, Albert Cardinal Meyer, authorized the founding of St. John of the Cross Parish in 1960. The original parish included 650 families. The church flourished under its first pastor, Reverend William J. Bennett, and opened a K-8 school of 595 students one year later.

Over the last 50 years, St. John of the Cross has been a pillar of the community in Western Springs. Its primary mission is feeding the spiritual needs of its 13,000 Catholic parishioners in 3,875 families. It is also one of the most generous faith communities in Chicagoland, including providing financial help

and cultivating personal relationships with five churches around the U.S. and one in Uganda, along with helping to serve the basic needs of countless people in the area and around the world. St. John of the Cross Parish also supports a school that currently enrolls 700 students and is one of the top schools in Chicagoland.

As a parishioner of St. John of the Cross Parish, I have been able to witness first-hand the dedication and hard work of current pastor, Reverend David P. Dowdle, and the previous pastor, Reverend Richard Hines. All of the priests and staff members of St. John of the Cross cultivate a culture of charity and community among the parish.

I ask you to join me in honoring the clergy, faculty, staff, students, and parishioners of St. John of the Cross on the parish's 50th anniversary. May they enjoy this year-long celebration and may they provide many more years of commitment and service to the community.

ESTABLISHING ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS VETERANS' CURATION PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5282, a bill that would create a Veterans' Curation Program at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist in carrying out curation and historic preservation activities.

I commend my colleague from Georgia, Mr. BARROW, for his work on this legislation. H.R. 5282 again shows the necessary commitment from the federal government to assist our veterans and military personnel through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

While I am supportive of H.R. 5282, I would be remiss if I did not take a few moments to discuss perhaps the biggest issue for the Corps of Engineers in the State of Georgia—updating the current manuals that affect both the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) Basins. Over the next 18 months before the court ordered deadline for negotiations to be completed, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida must develop a workable water sharing plan with the resources within these two basins.

Madam Speaker, one of the critical aspects of these negotiations will be how Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier are treated. I firmly believe that both of these lakes should be considered water supply lakes for the purposes of serving the local communities. Knowing that the negotiations are ongoing, it is my hope that common ground on the treatment of these lakes will be reached.

To that end, I applaud the leadership of both of Georgia Senators—SAXBY CHAMBLISS and JOHNNY ISAKSON—on these water issues. Specifically, both Senators have championed the notion of authorizing Lake Lanier and Lake Allatoona to be used for water supply and re-allocation of storage to meet the current and future needs of the surrounding towns and cities.

As for the governors of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, I hope that a compromise including the use of these lakes for water storage and further, that allows them to be part of the water supply for the State of Georgia is on the horizon.

Madam Speaker, I am supportive of the efforts of the bill that we have before us and believe that it is another way in which we can help those who have so bravely served our country through the Armed Forces. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 5282.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF U.S. MARINE CPL. JOE WRIGHTSMAN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember U.S. Marine Cpl. Joe Wrightsman for his selfless and valiant service to our nation.

On July 18, 2010, our country lost a Marine, and Jackson Parish lost a native son. However, as long as the American flag continues to fly over the sands of Afghanistan and the piney hills of Jackson Parish, Wrightsman's contributions to protecting the freedoms we hold so dear will never be forgotten.

A 2005 graduate of Jonesboro Hodge High School, Wrightsman was serving his third tour overseas—an exemplary achievement of a young man of 23 years old. In a generation where so many men and women have answered freedom's call to duty, his example of heroism and devotion embody what has truly made America a great nation for over two centuries.

Today, our words seem futile in comparison to Wrightsman's service, but as written in 2 Corinthians 1:3, our prayer is "that the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations, may be able to comfort those in troubling times."

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to U.S. Marine Cpl. Joe Wrightsman and extending thanks on behalf of a grateful nation.

KYLE VANOCKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Sheriff Kyle Christine VanOcker. Ms. VanOcker passed away August 19, 2010 after a heroic battle with lung cancer.

Kyle's career in law enforcement began in 1986 as a police dispatcher for the Wheat Ridge Colorado Police Department. In 1989 Kyle joined the Jefferson County Sheriffs Department. During her years of service to the community, which spanned 24 years, Kyle received many awards and touched several lives by seeing the good in everyone.

Kyle was a model for outstanding service to her community and in honor of her memory, her family sponsored a K-9 dog for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The Department is naming the dog Kyle.

Kyle had a very large support group from many walks of life which is a testament to the values she possessed. She will be remembered as a dedicated friend and committed to making her community better for all of us.

FINDINGS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET RELATING TO EFFICIENCY AND REFORM PURSUANT TO H. RES. 1493

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the Budget Enforcement Resolution that the House passed on July 1, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an outline of changes within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction to help achieve deficit reduction by reducing waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, by promoting efficiency and reform of government, and by controlling spending.

While the Budget Committee does not have jurisdiction over specific government programs, it does maintain a broad oversight role over the federal budget as well as budget process.

This year Congress enacted statutory pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) legislation, a measure under the Budget Committee's jurisdiction. The legislation was the culmination of years of work on the part of Congressional Democrats to restore statutory PAYGO after the previous statute expired in 2002. That version of PAYGO reined in new entitlement spending and required new tax cuts to be offset in the 1990s, with the result that the federal budget returned to surplus. The new law likewise will help set budgetary priorities and restore fiscal responsibility. Since its enactment in February, Congress has passed and the President has signed legislation into law with PAYGO provisions reducing the federal deficit by a total of \$58.4 billion over the next five years and a total of \$43.1 billion over the next ten years, according to the most recent OMB scorecard.

The passage of statutory PAYGO built on the internal House PAYGO rule, adopted during the opening week of the Democratic majority in 110th Congress—along with a rule that fast-track budget reconciliation procedures cannot be used for legislation that increases the deficit. The Budget Committee works continuously with other House committees to ensure that legislation coming to the House floor for a vote meets the requirements of these deficit-reducing rules.

One of the critical roles that the Budget Committee plays each year is to set the overall level of discretionary spending for the annual spending bills produced by the Appropriations Committee. This year, the appropriations cap is \$7 billion below the comparable level proposed by the President, and follows a similar reduction of \$7 billion below the President's request last year. Approving these more disciplined spending levels encourages Congress to find efficiencies and reduce wasteful spending while providing enough room to fund critical services and investments at a time when the economy is still recovering from the worst recession in decades.

In addition, on May 28 of this year, I introduced H.R. 5454—the Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010—that will enhance fiscal discipline by allowing the President to sign spending bills into law while culling out unneeded or wasteful items and proposing that Congress rescind them. "Expedited rescission" under this bill requires Congress to consider the President's recommendations as one package, without amendment and on a fast-track basis, guaranteeing an up-or-down vote within a specified time frame. While expedited rescission will not eliminate the federal deficit, it will be one more tool to control spending. Forty Democrats have joined me in cosponsoring this bill, including five Budget Committee members.

Finally, in light of the Budget Committee's broad oversight role on the federal budget, four Committee members have been appointed to the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. With representation on both sides of the aisle from the House, the Senate, and the private sector, the Commission is charged with building consensus on ways to wipe out the deficit and improve the long-term fiscal sustainability of major entitlement programs. The House Democratic leadership has pledged to vote this year on any legislative recommendations reported by the Commission and approved by the Senate, and agrees that deficit reduction as a result of the recommendations cannot be used to offset costs of future legislation. The deficit-reduction proposals of the bipartisan commission will be issued in December.

The Budget Committee will continue to examine ways to reduce the deficit and increase efficiency in government spending. I look forward to working further with all Members of Congress to address the long-term budget challenges facing the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 14th, I was not present for rollcall vote 519. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE RAY A. CONNER AS 2010 CHESAPEAKE FIRST CITIZEN

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Honorable Ray A. Conner as he receives the distinguished designation as First Citizen of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia for the year 2010. This prestigious honor is bestowed annually by the Chesapeake Rotary Club to an individual whose record of service and reputation of excellence and integrity exemplify the Rotary motto: "Service above self."

Ray has an extraordinary record of public service that extends from his professional po-

sition as Chesapeake's Commissioner of the Revenue to his tireless efforts on behalf of a broad spectrum of community life.

Demonstrating a lifelong commitment to excellence, Ray, an honor graduate of Great Bridge High School, received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Old Dominion University and entered public service as a Magistrate for the City of Chesapeake, Virginia. Rising quickly to the position of Chief Magistrate, Ray then became Commissioner of the Revenue—a position to which he has subsequently been re-elected eight times by the citizens of Chesapeake.

Ray earned certification as a Master Commissioner of the Revenue from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, and his high professional standards have earned him positions of leadership as president of the Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association and president of the Virginia Association of Locally Elected Constitutional Officers. Ray has also served on the Advisory Committee of the Virginia Institute of Government and the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Retirement System.

Ray's impressive and extensive record of service to the community includes leadership roles as president or as an officer of the Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation, the Chesapeake Rotary Club and its Foundation, the Chesapeake Crime Line, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, and the South Norfolk Ruritan Club. Ray also serves on the boards of directors of the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation and Towne Bank.

Ray attributes his accomplishments and community spirit to the work ethic and personal values instilled in him by his parents, Dorothy Conner Payne and the late Clarence E. Conner, and to the loving support of his wife, Gretchen Maurer. Ray Connor has managed, through the force of his passion for his hometown and his profound commitment to serving others, to build a lifelong career of making Chesapeake, Virginia, a great place to live.

Madam Speaker, I feel privileged to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and commending the Honorable Ray A. Conner as 2010 First Citizen of Chesapeake.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELLEN NOËL ART MUSEUM

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ellen Noël Art Museum on its 25th Anniversary. For a quarter century, this institution has brought world class art to the dusty roads of West Texas. It is a beacon of knowledge and culture that shines across the Permian Basin.

Through the museum's art classes, workshops, and collaborations, a generation of Texans has been afforded a window on the wider world that rivals those in Dallas, Austin, and beyond. Just recently, the museum was selected to be an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution because of its "well deserved reputation for its collections, exhibitions, and educational programming." This opportunity will give the museum access to the vast collections of the Smithsonian Institution and allow

the citizens of West Texas to see some of man's finest artistic achievements in their own back yard. It also serves as an exclamation point on 25 years of exceptional educational opportunities.

Of course, without curators, teachers, maintenance staff, donors, and volunteers, a museum is just a building. As we celebrate the museum's 25th anniversary, we must also extend our gratitude to the hundreds of people who have worked over the years to build this institution into the community treasure we have today.

For 25 years, the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Ellen Noël Art Museum has served the students and families of their community. From nothing more than an idea, they have built a lasting legacy for every citizen of West Texas to enjoy and be inspired. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

On behalf of the citizens of the Permian Basin, who I am privileged to represent, I extend my congratulations to the Ellen Noël Art Museum on its 25th Anniversary and my deepest thanks to the citizens who have worked to create this institution. Our community is made better because of your hard work.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
NORBERT M. BANGAYAN, MD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Norbert M. Bangayan, MD, whose lifelong commitment to his patients, family and community made a permanent impact on countless lives throughout the northeast Ohio region.

Dr. Bangayan was a dedicated internist who led a family medical practice for nearly 40 years. Beyond his superior medical expertise and knowledge, Dr. Bangayan was known for his caring, patience and kindness. He treated every patient with dignity and respect, and frequently went above and beyond the call of duty to assist a patient in need. A gentle soul, Dr. Bangayan practiced from Deaconess Hospital in Cleveland for nearly 40 years, where he served in several leadership roles, including the hospital's Chief of Medical Staff. Dr. Bangayan served on several committees at Deaconess Hospital, and volunteered his time within several community organizations.

The center and foundation of Dr. Bangayan's life was always his family. He was the beloved husband of Ofelia and the loving father of Shirley, James, Maribe, and Michele. He was the devoted grandfather of Eric, Jack, Leo, Max and Kristin, and the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved father-in-law to Ermir, Dr. Kieo and Steve. Along with his wife, Ofelia, Dr. Bangayan taught his children and grandchildren the significance of family, faith, heritage and giving back to community. He was deeply connected to his Filipino heritage, and was very active in the Filipino community of Greater Cleveland. For several years, Dr. Bangayan served as the President of the Association of Philippine Physicians of Ohio.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Norbert M. Bangayan,

MD, whose joyous life was framed by love for family, devotion to friends and dedication to the wellbeing of the patients he so lovingly served. Dr. Bangayan's generous heart and love for others will forever exist within the hearts and memories of his family, friends and every patient who knew and loved him—and he will never be forgotten.

OVERSEAS CONTRACTOR REFORM
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5366, the Overseas Contractor Reform Act. The Overseas Contractor Reform Act will keep any person found to be in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 from receiving a government contract or grant. It is important that we ensure that any individual that receives a contract from the Federal Government, and therefore is a de facto representative of the people of the United States, is of the highest moral standard and complies with all applicable laws. Improving our ability to effectively oversee our foreign contractors will yield numerous benefits. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to improve our contractor system and curtail abuses and excesses when they are found.

RECOGNIZING THE 91ST ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICAN LEGION
DAY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion for the outstanding work they do on behalf of and for our nation's veterans.

Today we celebrate American Legion Day, the 91st anniversary of the date that the American Legion received their charter from the U.S. Congress. Over the past nine decades, the American Legion has never wavered from their commitment to support our veterans, our country and our communities.

The American Legion is a tremendous advocate for war-time veterans through their legislative outreach. Over the years, the Legion helped write and successfully advocated for the original "GI Bill of Rights" during World War II and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, among other important accomplishments. In addition to working directly with and for veterans, the Legion has also played an important role providing community support in areas such as mental health, children's welfare, and disaster relief.

As the House sponsor of the 21st century Post 9/11 GI Bill, I am particularly grateful to the work the American Legion once again put forth to advocate for improved and enhanced education benefits for today's veterans. From helping to craft language and whipping support among lawmakers and the public, the Le-

gion was an irreplaceable partner in this great step forward. Thanks to the Legion's grassroots efforts, today there are more than 330,000 veterans across the country now enrolled and using GI Bill benefits.

I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to work with the Legion on both the national and local level.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing American Legion Day and honoring the decades of service to our veterans, and the vital work they continue to perform for our country.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON
ITS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Mauldin, South Carolina, on its Municipal Association of South Carolina Achievement Award for improving relations between the Mauldin Police Department and youth community. Through four innovative youth initiative programs, Mauldin police officers interacted with the young people in a positive, hands-on way.

The Mauldin Youth Court puts first-time juvenile defenders in a student-run trial. The jury of high school students hands out sentences typically consisting of community service, tutoring, or an essay. The program has seen success evidenced by a recidivism rate 5 percent lower than the rest of the state.

The Youth Academy program targets middle-school students who have met the police department in negative circumstances. Together the Mauldin police department and other community members interact with the students for four weeks in circumstances not involving disciplinary measures. After the four weeks have concluded, each student is delegated an officer for a year-long mentorship program.

Mauldin's police community also has made an effort to create a more formative relationship with adolescents through the Fifth Quarter program. With the help of the local high school and churches, the program hosts students at the local skating rink after school sporting events to prevent swarming and loitering. Officers serve free food and hand out prizes throughout the night. The program successfully has eliminated juvenile delinquency after football games, leading to a possible expansion of the program after basketball games.

The Mauldin Youth Academy and Explorer programs give youth community a chance to interact directly with the police department through hands-on activities and mentorship. These programs not only teach adolescents about law enforcement but also give the police department a desired pool of potential candidates when hiring new officers.

I am honored to see the City of Mauldin's novel youth programming with these four initiatives. The Mauldin Police Department is giving students the opportunity to interact with officers to proactively address juvenile crime

and garnering interest in law enforcement while serving and protecting the entire Mauldin community.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD ROTCH,
LONGTIME PRINCIPAL AND
COACH AT T.R. MILLER HIGH
SCHOOL, BREWTON, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I join the people of Brewton and Escambia County, Alabama in mourning the loss of a beloved community leader whose life was suddenly taken during a tragic auto accident on August 11, 2010.

Donald Wayne Rotch, or "Coach Rotch," as he was affectionately known to his former players and students and many in Brewton, was an institution in Escambia County. Originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Coach Rotch came to Brewton in 1974 from Jackson, Alabama, joining the T.R. Miller High School coaching staff.

Coach Rotch was a fixture in Tiger athletics for the better part of 18 years as the football offensive line coach while also coaching the baseball team.

T.R. Miller is a sports powerhouse in South Alabama and Coach Rotch was a major force behind the Tiger's success. As a coach, he helped the team attain two championships in 1984 and 1991, before transitioning to the role of high school administrator in 1992. He served as assistant principal and then principal at T.R. Miller for the next 20 years.

As a school administrator, Donnie Rotch also witnessed the Tigers achieve football championships in 1994, 2000 and 2002. Just one month after his death, his beloved Tiger football program scored their 600th victory—a milestone not matched by any other Alabama high school football team.

Coach Rotch was tragically taken from his family and his students in August when his vehicle was struck by another during a police chase. Ironically, the person driving the vehicle which took Rotch's life was a former T.R. Miller student. The police officer who was pursuing the other vehicle once played baseball under Coach Rotch. In a very real sense in this wonderful, small South Alabama town, this accident was a tragedy in every imaginable way.

Coach Rotch was the friendly face who greeted T.R. Miller students each morning as they arrived at school and he was the steady hand that guided his school through many decades of excellence—urging everyone from students, teachers and parents to "do their best."

It has been reported that Coach Rotch was planning to retire from his leadership post at T.R. Miller in the coming year. His untimely passing has left T.R. Miller and all of Brewton with deep and profound sadness. There was no bigger believer in his students and no bigger role model to his school than Coach Donnie Rotch.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family of Coach Rotch and to the people of Brewton and Escambia County who were all influenced by his remarkable pres-

ence. Our prayers especially go out to his wonderful wife, Jane; his daughter, Jayme; his son, Richard; his mother, Jean Rotch Bonneau; his three brothers, Greg, Ray and David; two sisters, Kathy and Connie, and other family. You are all in our prayers.

CONGRATULATING GREGORY
APPLEGATE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gregory Applegate on his retirement from his position as city administrator of Sonora, California, where he has served since 1990. His work and service has made a permanent mark on the community and he will be missed.

Greg has been married to his wife, Deborah, for 31 years, and they have 2 children, Caleb and Cassie. Prior to his service as city administrator in Sonora, Greg worked for the city of Dos Palos and the city of Merced in his successful career in public administration. Greg was involved in many local and federal associations such as the Tuolumne County Economic Development Board, the Historic Downtown Chamber of Commerce, the League of California Cities, the California Redevelopment Association, and the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management, where he was past president.

Aside from industry and municipal organizations, Greg spends much of his time and energy serving the community through school initiatives, measures to improve children's health, Rotary Club, and mentoring youth at his church. Greg was involved in the Tuolumne County Healthy Children's Project as well as served on the Summerville High School Bond Committee.

You don't have to walk far through the streets of Sonora to see for yourself the hard work and tireless effort that Greg has put into the city. He has played a pivotal role in the following projects: the Sonora Opera Hall, creating the Sonora Redevelopment Agency, the Rother's Corner Fire Museum, the new fire station, the renovations of City Hall, the Mono Way Pedestrian Facility, the Sonora Crossroads Project, among countless other valuable projects.

Greg has been awarded a number of accolades throughout his time as a city administrator. These include the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Government Award, which he received in both 1991 and 2006, the Tuolumne County "Top Hand" award in 2002, and was named President of the city managers section of the League of California Cities, Central Division. He was also President of the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority from 2004–2006.

After a long and full career of helping communities by developing and managing cities in the Central Valley, Greg is leaving the world of city administration, but his legacy will forever stay with the city of Sonora through the continuation and development of projects he has worked on and implemented through his 30-plus years of service. I rise today to thank Greg Applegate for his hard work and congratulate him on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MCGOVERN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John McGovern, a Vietnam War Army Ranger and Studies and Observations Group veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. John McGovern was recognized on Tuesday, August 31. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN MCGOVERN

(By Greg Eckstrom)

John McGovern worries about sounding like he's bragging when he talks about his time in the military.

After all, with a resume of experiences like McGovern's, it's hard to share them without this concern crossing your head.

The man once briefed John Wayne. He's been part of the most difficult military training in the country. He's seen shrapnel come within inches of hitting him, walked through an ambush by himself and cheated death more than half a dozen times.

And so he recalls these experiences in a quiet, modest voice. He's proud of his time in the military, but quickly dismisses any comments that even tread on being complimentary with a quick statement.

"I've been lucky," he said. "That's all."

Coming from a large military family, McGovern was born in Oceanside, Calif., and raised in several states around the country—Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Alaska—as his father was in the military.

The decision to join the military was made by the young McGovern when he was 16 years old.

"I was ready to get out on my own," he said. "I told [my father] I wanted to join, and he told me he'd sign for me. I took all my tests and everything and when I had my 17th birthday, they flew me out for Fort Carson, Colo."

McGovern originally wanted to enter the infantry, but was given the offer to become an Army Ranger and jumped on the chance.

Once in Florida, McGovern ran into two sergeants—Pierre and Lehw—who took him under their wing.

"I ran patrols with him for six months at night, and then doing my job in the daytime. Finally they said I was ready," he said. "So I put in for Ranger school, passed it, and then they kept me as an instructor. Oh, it was rough. That's actually probably one of the roughest schools other than Special Forces."

Ranger school started with 275, graduated 70, and only 57 had enough points to receive the tab.

After passing Ranger school, the three went to Scuba school, then Airborne school, then Special Forces school.

Around 50 people were enrolled in Special Forces school. After its completion, only McGovern, Lehw and one other person remained.

"I've been lucky," he said. "I would pick out the worst man, and I'd say, 'I'm going to be here longer than him.' And if he failed out, then I picked the next one. The main thing with all these hard schools . . . if you set your mind that you're going to pass it,

you'll pass it. But if you have any doubts, you're going to fail."

After training, McGovern went to the 7th Special Forces group and Lehew, the 5th.

Stationed in Vietnam, at one point, McGovern's unit was having problems with ambushes, so they called up an additional force to help. Among them was Lehew.

"Naturally, I wanted to go out with him, but my team sergeant told me no," McGovern said. "They wanted to keep me on the airfield with the reserve company."

A while later, they got a radio call that the team had walked into an ambush and had one American and a couple Vietnamese wounded. McGovern asked if they wanted him to come out, but they declined, saying they were coming back in.

A couple hours later, they received another radio message that another ambush had hit them, this time with casualties. McGovern asked again if they wanted him, but they declined, and asked him to call in helicopters to transport the dead and wounded.

When the dead and wounded arrived back via helicopter, McGovern helped unload. Reaching up to grab a boot, he pulled and found his comrade, Lehew, was one of the dead. After helping load Lehew into the helicopter, the team sergeant ordered McGovern to round his company up and go escort the team back to camp.

That was during his first tour in Vietnam, which lasted about 13½ months. Upon returning to the U.S., he became an instructor in the Special Forces course before volunteering to go back. This time, he ended up in the Studies and Observations Group, or SOG.

"The main mission for SOG was . . . you take two or three Americans and about three

or four Vietnamese or Montagnards and they'd drop us off in North Vietnam, Leose or Cambodia," he said. "And we'd sneak around out there and try and gather intel or call in air strikes or whatever."

During his second tour, McGovern shared his wife's, Janet McGovern, favorite story from his service.

Shortly before heading home, McGovern was asked if he wanted to run one more mission, which he readily accepted. He was told to gather a team together and that a helicopter would arrive in two hours.

"So I got a bunch of MCO's together and we got out there, and when the helicopters came in, we jumped on and took off," McGovern said. "Well, the target area was clouded over so we couldn't get in, so we had to turn around and come back. They told us to be ready to go the next morning when the helicopters got there.

The next day, when the helicopter arrived, a Major notified McGovern that he was taking over. He was taking out a team that was closer to the target area, so McGovern said, 'OK,' and stood down.

"That afternoon at 1 o'clock, we got a radio message that they had been shot down and all of them killed," McGovern said.

Following his service, McGovern had a chance to meet up again with many of the men he served with overseas in Las Vegas for an SOA reunion. When asked what it's like to see these guys again, after going through so much with them in the service, McGovern's response is short and to the point.

"Oh God," he laughed. "Great."

For those joining the military, McGovern heartily endorses going through jump school and entering Special Forces . . . based on one condition.

"If possible, put in for jump school and special forces. If you're single," he said. "Married men do it, but we had a 95 percent divorce rate and a 100 percent re-enlistment rate."

McGovern's loyalty to his service, and his country, is unquestionable. Would he do anything differently if he could go back? "No." What's been his favorite part of his military career? "All of it." Do you ever miss it? "Oh yeah."

He's not being evasive in the questions . . . for McGovern, the shortest answer is the most accurate one. And he absolutely means it.

"You have to really experience it to understand it," he said. "Unless you're in combat, the rest of it's just like having a job here in civilian life. You've got your job to do."

Dedication . . . it's what's required for military service, and it's what McGovern has in spades. If he was called up today, Janet McGovern summed up what the response would be.

"If they called him today and said, 'Can you report tomorrow to do something?' he'd be gone," she said. "And I'd have to let him go, because that's who he is. That's just what would happen. That's who he is. He loves his country more than anything."

And that's not bragging . . . for McGovern, just like with his stories, that's just the truth.

I commend John McGovern for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.