

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, one of our Nation's most core beliefs is that everyone is equal before the law. From the richest men and women, to the poorest we are all subject to the laws of our country. Today though, we have gathered to debate a bill, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, that would undermine that very principle and reward individuals who have broken our laws at the expense of those who have followed them.

The so-called "DREAM" Act, a bill that would establish a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants as old as 29, as long as they arrived before age 16, based on the promise that they will complete two years of college or serve in our armed forces. Importantly, for the first time ever, this bill would equate a willingness to serve in defense of our country with just two years of a college education. This vote is a slap in the face to the dedicated men and women in our military who have spent, in many cases, years working toward legal immigration to our country.

Moreover, it sends a mixed message to those one day hoping to call themselves Americans, effectively encouraging them to come to this country illegally and break our laws. Unfortunately, all too often we have seen the direct impact these mixed messages have had, which have put would-be immigrants at great risk. This includes the 72 would-be illegal immigrants who were murdered by drug cartels in Mexico this August as well as the human trafficking ring that was broken up in Phoenix last week where nearly a dozen smuggled children were being held for ransom.

The immigration system in our country is undoubtedly broken. Today, there are more than 12 million illegal immigrants residing in the U.S., but this bill does nothing to address the underlying causes of illegal immigration or create a single job during the largest economic recession in more than a generation. Instead, this bill proposes a massive amnesty for what the Congressional Budget Office projects will be 1.1 million individuals at a time when we already have 9.8 percent unemployment.

I suppose it is fitting then that the House had to break its own rules to even begin debate on the DREAM Act. Earlier today, the House passed a resolution that exempts the DREAM Act from the rules that we obey in the House of Representatives in order to bring this bill up with less than one day's notice and without any opportunity for amendment. Beyond that, this Congress has failed to even hold a hearing on the DREAM Act over the

last 2 years. And now, we have been asked to vote on this legislation in the dead of night and in the waning days of this Congress and let me be clear: this is unacceptable. The American people deserve better than this. They deserve an open debate before the people where there is an opportunity for amendments to be made. They deserve the rule of law to be followed.

As the proud son of an Australian immigrant, I firmly believe that we are a nation of immigrants, but we are also a nation of laws. For that reason, I strongly oppose the DREAM Act and the circumstances in which it was brought up for debate. Going forward, I will do everything in my power to ensure Congress focuses on real immigration reform that enforces the rule of law and addresses the root causes of illegal immigration: employers who hire illegal labor.

HONORING JAMES A. RAFFETTO

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary young man from Devon, Pennsylvania, Navy Corpsman James A. Raffetto. James went off to war for his country and came back home missing three limbs and part of his fingers. He not only rushed in to save lives on the battlefield, but shines even brighter with his inspirational life and his remarkable recovery. With the help of his lovely wife Emily, his recovery is beyond words.

I ask that this poem, penned in honor of him by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD. Rescue me!

On battlefields of honor bright!
Are but all of those fine souls, who but bring their light!

Who rush in, where Angels so fear to tread . . .

As all around them so lies, the face of hell . . . the face of death so said!

For all in these most precious moments, which now so lie!

As all in, as when who will live . . . and who will die?

But, comes all of those most courageous souls who bring such tears to eyes!

As but from where does courage come, so rise?

For only this, our Lord God knows up on high!

As when on battlefields of honor bright, all in that this the darkest fight . . .

As a Corpsman so brings his most, his most Angelic light!

As have you Raffey! As have You James, all on battlefields of honor bright!

All because of you, families remain whole on this night!

Little boys and little girls,
Who will not have to grow up without their best friends, in the world!

Rescue Me, before I die!

As upon these scene's of death and gore,
James you gave the gift of life so high!

All in those most precious moments, which lie!

Rescue me, before I die!

As somewhere across a world a Mother cries . . .

As some how, she knows . . . her son or daughters life, upon you relies!

Rescue Me, for James you are but a hero in our Lords eyes!

As it was on that fateful day, as when you too almost died . . .

As you lie there, waiting for an Angel just like you . . . to save your life . . .

As on that morning after and you awoke, and saw what this war had invoked . . .

And you so began to cry . . .

As you asked, the Lord, I have a wife . . . Rescue me? . . . Don't let me die!

And what's when Corpsman, it all kicked in! And you began your most courageous climb!

As all in just, a few short months James . . . you have come so far . . . so fast . . .

So high!

Rescue me before I die!

With but your most magnificent heart, on the rise!

Almost all in a blink of an eye, as your recovery has so climbed!

As we stand here, all in disbelief . . . All in what before us now so lies!

Oh yes James, you and your beautiful wife . . . You both bring such tears to our eyes!

With your faith, as now you Rescue Us . . . All in your lives!

As James you so Teach Us . . . So Beseech . . . And to us, such hopes give rise!

For you are the kind of Son, The Signers knew, upon all of our hopes were won!

With that smile, with your light . . . Making me wish, for a son so bright!

As you Rescuer Me, James . . . with all of your magnificent light!

As ever in my heart, I will carry you throughout my life . . .

James, Rescue Us . . . Before We Die!

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 1751, the American Dream Act.

Each year, thousands and thousands of exemplary students graduate from high school and find their dreams of securing a job or attending college deferred because of their immigration status.

These kids worked diligently through high school just like their peers, often taking Advanced Placement classes to give themselves a leg-up in the college application process.

But through no fault of their own, these students face an unsurpassable obstacle: their status as an "undocumented" American. In honor of each of these ambitious young people, I am proud to support the DREAM Act tonight.

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This bipartisan legislation provides undocumented young people in the United States with conditional residency and a pathway to citizenship if they came here before the age of 16 and maintained a continuous residency for 5 years. These young people must also graduate from high school or obtain a GED, have no criminal records and either serve their country in the military or attend college for at least two years.

Since the first introduction of this legislation in 2001, an untold number of accomplished and determined immigrant students have been denied the right to citizenship, at severe cost to our nation economically and socially.

I am proud to not only count myself among DREAM Act supporters, but also as an active recruiter to convince some of my more conservative colleagues to sign their name on, too.

Tonight is a wonderful night for countless talented young people across our nation. I will proudly vote "yes" on the American DREAM Act.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, today we take the last few steps in the decades-long fight to finally update our nation's food safety infrastructure.

When you consider that the current food safety system has remained largely unchanged since it was first adopted in the 1930s, it is no wonder that each year thousands of Americans fall ill and even die, as a result of tainted food. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that food contaminations cause 76 million illnesses in the U.S. each year, including over 300,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. And the economic cost is equally astounding. A recent report estimates that in Colorado alone over \$2.3 billion is spent on the health-related costs of foodborne illness. And of course, the cost to our nation's food industry—from the farmer to the producer to the community supermarket—is often even greater. From Salmonella in eggs to E.coli in cheese, the last few months alone have proven that every day we have waited to pass food safety legislation was one day too many.

As we evaluate this final bill today, I still stand by the stronger traceability provisions I fought for in the bill this Chamber passed last year. While this bill marks an improvement to our current regime, I still believe over the next few years Congress will have to maximize the traceability pilot projects called for in this legislation in order to develop the tools we need to pull tainted products from the shelves or prevent unsafe food products from even getting into our stores and homes. Nonetheless, the mandatory recall authority in this bill means we no longer have to rely on corporations to act in good faith. And greater inspection of imported goods means we can ensure that they are just as safe as what is cultivated and produced domestically.

But the benefit of these changes won't come overnight. So I look forward to working

with the FDA as they put this new law to work. This bill could overcome years of intransigence and partisanship that have needlessly exposed people throughout my state of Colorado and across the U.S. to foodborne illness.

Food safety is both a public health issue and an economic issue. This bill represents the best of what the American people sent us here to do—work together on a bipartisan basis to keep their families safe and healthy, while securing the key industries that help drive our economy. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation, and I look forward to the Senate finding a way to send this to the President.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, as our economy continues to recover we need to do everything we can to help struggling middle class families. That's why I supported the extension of the 2001/2003 tax cuts which provides meaningful tax relief for 97 percent of families and small businesses. I'm also pleased that this legislation complies with PAYGO and will add some much needed certainty to Oregon families and small businesses as they budget for next year.

However, I'm uncomfortable making these tax cuts permanent and would prefer a temporary extension to protect middle class families. We need to have a real debate on overhauling our tax system and its long term effects on our economy and National Debt next session. Without controlling our deficit issues we will be unable to fund our schools, health care for seniors, public safety and national defense so we must keep all our options on the table. I'm also disappointed we did not include the bipartisan estate tax fix, which passed the House last December, in this tax relief package.

WARD MCGINLEY

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I offer my delighted congratulations to Matthew and Lauren McGinley on the birth of their first child. Born on December 2, 2010, Edward (Ward) Joseph McGinley weighed in at a respectable 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches from stem to stern. His parents are understandably overjoyed, as are all who know and love them.

I wish every blessing upon young Edward as he charts his course of success and love of liberty.

RECOGNIZING THE ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Argyle High School Band from Argyle, Texas for their recent outstanding achievement in winning the 2010 Class 3A UIL Texas State Marching Band Championship.

Argyle swept the state competition in San Antonio with a unanimous decision from all judges for a perfect score of straight 1's, besting their closest competitor by a significant margin. The band's stellar performance of "Inside Out" earned them their fourth state title.

The accomplished members of the Argyle High School Band deserve praise for their hard work and dedication. I commend Argyle's Director Kathy Johnson, Associate Director Michael Lemish, Superintendent Telena Wright and Principle Jeff Butts for their leadership of these exemplary students.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to commend the Argyle High School Band. I am proud to represent the administrators, teachers, staff and students that comprise the Argyle Independent School District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the DREAM Act, which is common-sense, bipartisan legislation that will strengthen our country.

The DREAM Act will allow millions of young people who have grown up in America the chance to develop their talents and contribute to our nation's success by serving in our Armed Forces or pursuing a college education. It is targeted legislation that ensures many of our best and brightest young people can earn their legal status, but only after going through a rigorous and thorough process.

By allowing these students to achieve their full potential, we strengthen both our economy and our national security. Additionally, this bill allows us to do the right thing for millions of young men and women living in America—people who were brought here as minors, through no fault of their own, and most of whom know no other home.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote.

HONORING WILLIAM W. MILLAR

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has greatly served

the transportation industry of this nation, William, Bill, W. Millar, the president of the American Public Transportation Association, APTA.

A well-known expert in the field of public transportation policy, planning, and operations, Bill's illustrious career spans nearly 40 years. Bill has been at the helm of APTA for the last decade and a half, during which he expanded APTA's reach and effectiveness, achieved many legislative victories, and worked to dramatically increase federal investment in public transportation. He has published numerous articles, spearheaded important transit initiatives and events, and has testified frequently before the U.S. Congress, including many cherished appearances before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Bill lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife and two children and commutes to work on Washington's Metrorail system.

Bill began his career in public transportation as the county transportation planner in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after having earned a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.A. from the University of Iowa majoring in urban transportation planning and policy analysis. In 1973, Bill joined the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, PennDOT, where he developed and managed Pennsylvania's Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens and led PennDOT's rural public and community transit efforts.

The bulk of Bill's career was spent with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, the principal transit operator serving Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here, Bill served in various positions for nineteen years, most notably as its executive director from 1983–1996. During his tenure, Bill oversaw the development and operation of bus, busway, light rail, paratransit, and inclined plane service. He founded Pittsburgh's award-winning ACCESS paratransit service, and in 1987 he received APTA's Jesse Haugh Award for Transit Manager of the Year.

Throughout his career, Bill Millar has been a strong supporter of transportation research, and is the recipient of the Founding Father Award for his leadership in establishing the Transit Cooperative Research Program, TCRP. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board, TRB, for many years, served as its Chair in 1992, and received TRB's W.N. Carey, Jr. Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Bill also serves on advisory committees of several university transportation research institutes, and is a recipient of many awards, including the Pattison Partnership Award from the Intermodal Passenger Institute, 2001, and Railway Age's Graham Claytor Award, 2006.

Thus, Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to and with gratitude for Bill Millar's service to the public transportation sector and the American people. All of us in the transportation community congratulate Bill on his prestigious career, and wish him and his family the best in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING PENZEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Penzel Construction Company in Jackson, Missouri on their 100th anniversary.

Penzel Construction has earned a strong reputation as an honest, reliable and loyal company. Over the years, Penzel Construction has constructed homes, schools, churches, roads, bridges and factories. More recently, Penzel Construction has done more highway work and also taken on more prestigious building projects like the 13-story Hirsch Tower housing KFVS Television in Cape Girardeau. It has been impressive to watch as Penzel has worked to attract new industry enabling them to expand and create new opportunities.

The high standard set by earlier generations as they built Penzel Construction Company has been maintained and improved upon by today's generation. Penzel Construction has provided an example to all entrepreneurs on how a successful company should operate. They operate with the highest integrity when dealing with their customers and their own employees. Their success and commitment to community has had a profound effect on the entire Southeast Missouri region.

Madam Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Penzel Construction on their 100th anniversary. I congratulate the entire Penzel family on this occasion and wish them many more years of success.

CONGRATULATING MRS. JANICE ZIMMERMAN UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement at the conclusion of the 111th Congress, I proudly rise today to thank Mrs. Janice Zimmerman for over 15 years of dedicated federal government service within the U.S. House of Representatives. Janice began her service on March 1, 1993 with the Honorable Dick Armey and subsequent service in my office beginning January 6, 2003.

In her position of Constituent Services Director for the 26th Congressional District, Janice Zimmerman has served capably and compassionately. It is with regret that I have accepted her decision to retire to spend more time with her family. Janice has been the conduit through which hundreds of constituents in the 26th Congressional District have been provided valuable assistance regarding their concerns with federal entities. Janice has been the consummate and caring professional whose recommendations and opinions I have confidently sought after and held with the highest regard.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to celebrate Janice's many years

of outstanding service, and I am joined by her colleagues and the constituents of the 26th District in wishing her well upon her retirement. It is a privilege to represent a committed public servant who has had such a positive influence on the lives of her peers and those she has tirelessly served in the United States House of Representatives.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, we talk a lot about the American Dream—how we're going to help people achieve it; keep it; pass it on to their children. But, there is a group of young adults in our country that is denied any real shot at the American Dream.

Today we have the chance to change that.

We're not giving anyone a free pass. These kids live here, they go to school here. They are active in their communities and they contribute to society.

But then we say to them:

You want to take out a student loan, or get work-study, and go to college? Too bad.

You want to serve your country in the Armed Forces? Sorry.

You want to better your community and society? Not interested.

Some people might think they win cheap political points by attacking this group of people.

But the truth is, we all lose if we allow politics to get in the way of a bill that benefits our economy, our national security and our society.

We all lose if we allow politics to get in the way of the American Dream.

HONORING A LEGACY OF FUNERAL SERVICE BY THE 100 BLACK WOMEN OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND RECOGNIZING THE 2010 AFRICAN AMERICAN FUNERAL HOME HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a legacy of funeral service by the 100 Black Women of Funeral Service and recognize the 2010 African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame inductees.

Funeral service has been a proud and distinguished tradition in the African American community for over a century. Throughout segregation in the United States, the funeral service industry was often the only sector that provided African Americans with entrepreneurial opportunities. The 100 Black Women of Funeral Service proudly continues that legacy today by serving their respective communities with great compassion and professionalism.

Founded in San Antonio, Texas, in 1993 by Ms. Eleanor "Mama Starks," the 100 Black Women of Funeral Service provides African American mortuary students and funeral service professionals with an excellent opportunity to work together and learn from each other. Its membership has grown to include the United States, Canada, and various African and Caribbean nations. Among the many honors that 100 Black Women of Funeral Service members have received are The President's Award and The Living Legend Award. Networking, sisterhood, scholarship, mentoring, leadership, service, and professional development are the tenets of the 100 Black Women of Funeral Service as it continues to provide support to those entering the funeral service profession.

Every 5 years, the African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame recognizes the important work performed by African Americans in the funeral service industry. This year, 26 funeral homes from across the country were inducted into the African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame. These inductees have been serving their communities for over 100 years and are still operated by third to sixth generation family members. This is truly incredible.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following funeral homes on their recent induction into the African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame: Joseph Locks Funeral Home of Baltimore, Maryland (founded in 1837); Carl Miller Funeral Home of Camden, New Jersey (founded in 1861); JW Wilkerson Funeral Establishment of Petersburg, Virginia (founded in 1874); Gertrude Geddes-Willis Funeral Home of New Orleans, Louisiana (founded in 1879); Berry and Gardner Funeral Home of Franklin, Tennessee (founded in 1882); Charbonnet-Labat Funeral Home of New Orleans, Louisiana (founded in 1883); Rhodes Funeral Home of New Orleans, Louisiana (founded in 1884); Jarnigan and Son Mortuary of Knoxville, Tennessee (founded in 1886); Hutchings Funeral Home of Macon, Georgia (founded in 1895); Grays Funeral Home of Cape Charles, Virginia (founded in 1895); Davenport and Harris Funeral Home of Birmingham, Alabama (founded in 1899); Mrs. JW Jones Memorial Chapel of Kansas City, Kansas (founded in 1899); James E. Churchman, Jr. Funeral Home of Newark, New Jersey (founded in 1899); Cox Bros Funeral Home of Atlanta, Georgia (founded in 1900); Elliott Funeral Home of Albany, Georgia (founded in 1900); Stewart Funeral Home of Washington, DC (founded in 1900); Collins Funeral Home of Jackson, Mississippi (founded in 1903); Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Service of Columbus, Ohio (founded in 1905); EF Boyd and Son Funeral Home and Crematory in Cleveland, Ohio (founded in 1905); Marion Daniels and Sons Funeral Home of New York City (founded in 1905); Larkin and Scott Funeral Home (founded in 1905); Larkin and Scott Funeral Home of Demopolis, Alabama (founded in 1907); Murray Henderson Funeral Home of New Orleans, Louisiana (founded in 1909); Lewis Funeral Home of San Antonio, Texas (founded in 1909); and Scott's Funeral Home of Richmond, Virginia (founded in 1910).

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate the rich history of African Americans in the funeral service profession, I would like to thank the 100 Black Women of Funeral Service and the 2010 African American Funeral Home Hall of Fame inductees for all that they have done,

and continue to do, for their communities and the funeral service tradition.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO
VICTIMS OF FIRE IN ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join my colleagues in mourning the devastating losses Israel suffered in the Carmel fire. It is a human tragedy and an environmental tragedy.

As we pay tribute to those who gave their lives in an effort to save others, we can at least find comfort in the wave of international support and assistance that enabled Israel to extinguish the massive fire within days. The United States is proud to have played a leading role in these efforts by procuring and delivering the massive quantities of firefighting materials that were used in multiple sorties over the affected areas.

We rallied to Israel's side because she is a close ally and friend. And so many other countries eagerly responded as well because, quite frankly—Israel is among the first to offer aid when others are in need.

After earthquakes in Haiti, Chile, Colombia, Turkey, China, Pakistan and Iran, Israelis were among the first to join the rescue missions or send supplies. They have helped Cyprus and Greece in battling forest fires and provided aid in the aftermath of Central American floods, Asian typhoons, and the tragic 2004 tsunami. An Israeli team arrived in Louisiana shortly after our own Hurricane Katrina.

Sadly, one casualty of the Carmel fire is Yemin Orde, a youth village founded in 1953 to accommodate orphans who immigrated to Israel after the Holocaust. Today, the campus is home to more than 500 children from ages 9 to 19 that have been resettled from Russia, Ethiopia, and elsewhere where they lived in orphanages, had no family to care for them, or experienced traumatic life events. While the children and staff were safely evacuated as the fire broke out, more than 40 percent of the village's facilities were destroyed by the flames and many children had to relive the trauma of being suddenly uprooted from their familiar world. I have been to Yemin Orde. I share their sorrow and their conviction to ensure that these vulnerable children and the school's vital mission continue to be cared for now and in the future.

U.S. teams are already on the ground working with Israeli experts to stabilize the area and make sure that the forest can be successfully replanted. Today, communities across the United States are mobilizing through the Jewish National Fund and other organizations to help Israel preserve, replant and restore. The blue box of the JNF was a permanent feature in my parents' home, collecting coins to plant trees in the budding state of Israel and its mission continues in earnest. With partnership and determination we can look forward to a day when the Carmel forest will flourish again.

As Israelis survey the devastation in Carmel, they can take solace that they were not alone at a time of crisis and that they will not be alone in the rebuilding effort.

RECOGNIZING TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY JACK AND JO WILLA MORTON FITNESS CENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the opening and dedication of Texas Wesleyan University's Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center. The new fitness center will serve to enhance the quality of student life on campus by providing a place where students can gather and meet friends, while achieving their own personal fitness goals.

Initial support provided by Texas Wesleyan University alumnus, Jack and Jo Willa Morton, was used to leverage additional private funds necessary for construction of the \$3 million, 9,900 sq. ft. fitness center. The facility will include a 2,317 sq. ft. Weights and Cardio Room with free weights, weight machines, cardio machines, treadmills, recumbent bikes, and other resistance machines; two aerobics/dance classrooms that can be used as clinical spaces for the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP); a front lobby lounge area for student socialization/relaxation; student and staff locker rooms; offices for the Center's staff and faculty of the Athletic Training Education Program as well as a front desk check-in area and various storage and facility management areas.

The new Center will serve the 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students as well as services for employees and alumni. Additionally, the facility will serve over 300 school-age children who visit the campus each summer for Wesleyan's Summer Chemistry Camp and Tex-PREP programs and additional community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to the improved health and quality of life for the campus students and other communities the Center will serve, the new facility will also be a new resource in recruitment of students to Texas Wesleyan University, retention of current students and as a resource for improved athletic training and preparation for student athletes. The facility will also serve as a significant benefit in enrollment for the Department of Kinesiology and the ATEP and further accreditation by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

It is a great honor to recognize the contributions of the visionaries whose commitment has made the Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center a reality for the Texas Wesleyan University community. I am proud to represent these visionaries and Texas Wesleyan University in the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN FANNON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor John Fannon for his remarkable service to the town of Hillsborough, California.

John was—and is—never afraid to speak his mind, and that trait has proven invaluable

to the various causes and constituencies for which he has fought. First as a councilmember and then as Mayor of Hillsborough, he has prided himself on promoting precision and efficiency—as all proud Marines do—and always ran city council meetings in a strict and timely fashion. John began his tenure on the board of directors of the Bay Area Water Users Association in 2004, and was elected that body's chairman in 2009. His creativity, leadership, and determination proved vital during negotiations with the City and County of San Francisco on an agreement that dealt with the future of the Peninsula's water supply. He also served as the town's Building and Planning Commissioner during a time in which the municipal code was successfully improved.

It should also be noted that, in spite of his hundreds of hours on the clock working for the people of Hillsborough, John remains a dedicated family man to his charming and spirited wife, Georgeann, his seven children, and his many grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, John Fannon is a fearless and determined public servant, and it is only fitting that this House give him special recognition for his unique contributions to the town of Hillsborough and his 12 years of service on the Town of Hillsborough City Council.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF RUSSELL R. CHARD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Russell R. Chard from the Presidency of the Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters Local 1375 in South Florida.

President Chard has more than 30 years of distinguished service working on behalf of Hollywood, Florida's firefighters, paramedics and local safety community. For the last 20 years, Mr. Chard has served as President of Local 1375, overseeing the welfare of its membership, fighting for the professional standards and ensuring the safe working conditions that are befitting of the service of these men and women.

Known as a coalition builder, President Chard has served a critical role as liaison to all associated areas for the Local, as well as outside groups such as the AFL-CIO, Florida Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics, International Association of Fire Fighters and Paramedics, and Maritime Trade Council.

This commitment to the betterment of the community was second only to his dedication to his brothers and sisters in the Union. He was a powerful role model and mentor for many new recruits over 20 years, always emphasizing the unique bond that all fire fighters share.

In 1980, Mr. Chard was first appointed to the negotiation committee for Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters Local 1375, where he was quickly recognized for his grit and passion. He was quickly elected as a Trustee and has served Local 1375 ever since. His legacy of fierce advocacy, candor and friendship will not soon be forgotten or lost.

I am proud today to honor President Chard's distinguished career and leadership in

the South Florida community and wish him and his family well on their future endeavors.

THE AMERICAN MICROTURBINE
MANUFACTURING AND CLEAN
ENERGY DEPLOYMENT ACT OF
2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce "The American Microturbine Manufacturing and Clean Energy Deployment Act of 2010."

This legislation will help Congress continue to address two of our nation's primary needs: creating jobs and promoting clean, reliable energy. My bill would raise the investment tax credit for microturbines from 10 percent to 30 percent, putting it on par with other clean energy innovations. This simple and low-cost change in our tax code will lead to many clean energy jobs, increase deployment of clean energy technologies, reduce harmful CO₂ emissions, and increase American exports.

Microturbines are small, ultra low emission gas turbines that produce usable efficient thermal energy and clean electrical power. They are primarily used in commercial, light industrial, and multi-family residential building but have a wide range of applications, including renewable power, hybrid electric buses, trucks, and cars.

Over 90 percent of the world's microturbines are manufactured right here in the United States by American workers. However, most of these systems are exported because our own incentive structure has failed to encourage domestic adoption. My bill would strengthen a homegrown, domestic industry that will create good jobs while giving us cleaner air.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the general goals and ideals of the DREAM Act.

I agree with the principles of giving aspiring students the ability to follow their dreams, complete college, and contribute to our society and economy. Ultimately, America will benefit from their ambition and hard work as they earn their degree and citizenship.

However, I believe passing the DREAM Act outside of comprehensive immigration reform is ill advised.

Our immigration system is terribly broken. As a small business owner and farmer, before coming to serve the people of Oregon's Fifth Congressional District as their Representative, I know the current system does not work for the economic engines of Oregon.

It is not fair to small businesses to ask them to act as the focal point for enforcement; that

is the job of the Federal Government through Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The current system is especially unfair to our farmers, who do not have enough access to legal migrant workers to work the land. I support re-vamping employment verification and the AgJobs bill which, like the DREAM Act are vital to any successful comprehensive immigration reform package but do not work on their own.

In 2008, the Coalition for a Working Oregon released a report prepared by a professor at Oregon State University. The findings suggest the loss of undocumented workers in Oregon would lead to the loss of an additional 76,000 jobs for legal workers in Oregon. This drop in economic activity would cost the State of Oregon as much as \$656 million in revenue and lower small business income by eight-point-five percent. Oregon's economy and state government cannot sustain such losses. We must look at the broader economic impact of policy decisions and do what is best for the United States and the American worker.

Our immigration system needs to be reformed, no question, but reformed in the right way. If we are to approach immigration reform in a piecemeal manner we will actually be making it harder to accomplish comprehensive immigration reform. Adding complexity to a broken system already in need of reconstruction will not make our job any easier.

The problems with our immigration system are so large and significant that they need to be addressed immediately and together. We need to figure out how to address all undocumented people in our country, we cannot cherry pick certain groups and advance them ahead of those who have followed the rules to obtain citizenship. There is a human face to and national interests to address in the problems each group faces.

Border control, employer verification, exit controls, keeping family units intact, protecting our economy and many others are tough issues to resolve effectively and fairly. They deserve our time and attention. I am not interested in just kicking the can down the road by not taking tough votes on immigration reform. My "no" vote is a request for urgency. The whole immigration system needs to be fixed, not just part of it.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL REGAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Paul Regan for his remarkable 25 years of public service to the town of Hillsborough, California. Throughout every step of his career, Paul has provided strong leadership, insightful financial guidance, and an unwavering commitment to his community and his country.

Through 35 years of thoughtful, diligent work in the field of forensic accounting, Paul has become a world-renowned expert who is widely acclaimed for his skill in researching complex financial scandals and disputes. Most would agree that he is the leading forensic accountant in the United States. He has lent his expertise to the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and has testified as an expert witness before the

United States Congress as well as the World Court.

Alongside this remarkable work in the private sector, Paul has an equally impressive record of public service to the town of Hillsborough. His expertise in financial matters during his years of service has been critical to the town's success. He joined the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees in 1985, and served as that body's President from 1986 to 1987 and then again from 1993 to 1994. Paul has also been a member of the Town of Hillsborough City Council since 1998, and served as mayor from 2002 to 2004. In addition, he chaired the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force, served on the Recreation Commission, the Central County Fire Board, and is currently our Finance Commissioner.

In addition to all of this, Paul is a loving husband to his equally involved and gifted wife, Barbara, and a devoted father to their three children.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the dedication and leadership of Paul Regan, and I encourage other members to join me in wishing him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, over the past several months I have thought quite a bit about what I would do if the DREAM Act came to the floor for a vote. I have studied the legislation and how it affects our current immigration laws. I have looked into how the DREAM Act would affect things like student loans, grants and other Federal subsidies. I have spoken with constituents, both for and against, about the legislation. I have considered the affect of the DREAM Act being signed into law on the prospect of comprehensive immigration reform—I asked, most importantly, does this simply allow us kick the can on that matter down the road for yet a few more years?

Today, Madam Speaker, I rise in favor of the legislation. As I mentioned, it has taken me some time to come to this conclusion, as I am tired of throwing patches at the immigration problem. Ultimately, we need a comprehensive immigration reform bill, and Madam Speaker, we need it desperately. However, I cannot in good conscience hold hostage young people who were brought to this country by their parents to a comprehensive reform bill. The DREAM Act is a small patch for a problem that has eluded our Nation for decades. Our country needs comprehensive reform, not piecemeal fixes.

All of this said, the DREAM Act will provide opportunity and hope to young immigrants brought to this country by their parents who, through no fault of their own, cannot be a meaningful part of our society without this Act. Most of these individuals speak English as well or better than their native tongue and they consider the United States their home, but they cannot realize their dreams because of their immigration status.

The DREAM Act is no “get-out-of-jail-free card,” however. For individuals who meet minimum qualifications, such as being in the United States for 5 years before enactment and under 16 years old before coming here, the DREAM Act requires that its beneficiaries participate in one of the two most enduring institutions of American society: military service or higher education. In addition, DREAM Act beneficiaries must be in a conditional immigration status for a decade before becoming legal permanent residents. In so doing, the DREAM Act only gives legal status to those who really want to be here and at the same time creates new horizons for an untapped and eager group of young people to contribute to the country's long-term well-being. Indeed, improving our military readiness, increasing the number of college-educated workers, and expanding the Federal, State, and local tax base are among the bill's virtues. And the DREAM Act will not allow a “chain migration” as some opponents of the law have been saying. In fact, only after a DREAM Act beneficiary waits the full 13 years it would take to become a U.S. citizen are they able to petition for immediate family to gain legal status in the United States. Immediate family would have to wait in family immigration lines before being able to immigrate. And family members already here illegally face additional barriers under current law that will continue to make it difficult to obtain legal status. That is not a “get-out-of-jail-free card.”

As I stated earlier, I do not vote for this bill without reservations. The DREAM Act is just a temporary fix to a serious problem. It is my sincere hope that within the year period required by the bill for individuals to apply, we will be able to consider, in a bipartisan manner, a comprehensive bill that will fix our broken system.

THANKING MS. MARION PACIC FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement September 23, 2010, we rise to thank Ms. Marion Pacic for outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives. For the past 35 years Marion has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Throughout her career with HIR, Marion has held many positions of increasing responsibility. She began her career at the House in November 1975 as an Administrative Assistant for HIR. Marion joined the Digital Equipment Corporation “Office Automation Project” as an applications analyst helping to develop user requirements and teaching Member and Committee staff to use software designed to keep track of constituent correspondence, office accounting, personnel management and committee calendar publication. Marion's technical, analytical and communications skills served her well in her efficient management as Deputy Manager of the Member Services Division in 1989. She became Manager of the Technical Support Representatives in 1994 and

held that position until accepting the position of Acting-Director of Client Services in 1997. She assumed the position of Manager, HIR Telecommunications in June 1999 and during her tenure of 11 years, wireless service expanded almost ten-fold from 1,700 to over 11,000 customers in the House. Marion's unending commitment to opening the first wireless kiosk in the House has made wireless support more available to Members and their staff. Her peers and co-workers will miss Marion's professionalism and friendly manner.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Marion for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Marion many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

HONORING MS. TONI L. WATTS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and philanthropic contributions of Ms. Toni L. Watts, and to acknowledge our pride in the legacy she left with the Tampa Bay Community.

Toni began her career at Tampa Methodist United Center in February 1990. In September 1993, Ms. Watts was hired by the Founder and President of the Corporation to Develop Communities, CDC, of Tampa, Inc., Chloe Coney and Audrey Spoford, as the first full-time employee. She then attended Saint Leo University and graduated in 1995 and continued her education at the Bank of America Leadership Academy and graduated in 2001. By successfully completing these endeavors, Toni gained a thorough understanding of finance, marketing, and real estate development that she could apply to her job at the CDC of Tampa.

Toni's perseverance and successes have most recently been recognized as she retires after four years as the Chief Executive Officer of the CDC of Tampa. Prior to being named CEO, Toni served as the agency's administrative assistant, grants manager, finance director, and chief operations officer.

During Toni's 17 years in the CDC of Tampa, the corporation has provided career counseling, business planning, job training and placement, youth empowerment programs, and home ownership programs. In nearly two decades, the agency has raised more than \$35 million in public and private ventures. The corporation is also responsible for building affordable housing in East Tampa and currently owns eight foreclosed homes that will be repaired and sold to low-income families. In 2009 alone, CDC of Tampa helped about 3,000 low-income families. Under her leadership, the CDC of Tampa successfully constructed the Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center, a new 10,000 square-foot center that will host most of CDC's operations.

The philanthropic contributions of Toni Watts have unquestionably improved the lives of many Tampa Bay residents on the path to homeownership in safe communities.

The Tampa Bay community is proud to recognize Toni Watts, her daughter Tiffani, her son Keena Watts, Sr., and the entire Watts

family for their outstanding contributions towards developing safe communities in Tampa. Toni's determination and hard work have made her an inspirational leader within our Tampa Bay community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MITCH
KATZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Mitch Katz for his 13 years of remarkable service as director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Mitch has worn many hats since he joined the public health department in 1991. He has served as the director and chief of research for San Francisco's AIDS office, director of the Emergency Medical Services Agency, and director of the department's health and safety branch. In 1997, he took the helm of the department as its director, and has been building a stunning record of achievements ever since.

In each of these capacities, he has been a champion for progressive, forward-thinking policies and programs designed to improve the health of all of San Francisco's citizens. As director of the Department of Public Health, he fought tirelessly alongside Mayor Gavin Newsom to create Healthy San Francisco, a groundbreaking, first-in-the-nation effort that provides a universal health care program to the city's uninsured. He has advocated labeling menus with calorie counts, banning the sale of cigarettes in pharmacies, and compelling employers in San Francisco to provide sick leave and health care to their workers. He has also overseen the mammoth reconstruction of the Laguna Honda Hospital & Rehabilitation Center and started the process of rebuilding San Francisco General Hospital.

In addition to this tremendous record, Mitch still finds time to teach and care for patients as Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, and to be a loving and devoted father to his two sons.

Dr. Katz practices what he preaches, commuting everywhere by bicycle or by transit. The access to health care that all San Franciscans enjoy is because Mitch Katz was at the helm. He leaves a lasting impact on the City by the Bay.

Madam Speaker, you and I share representation of the city and I know we share great admiration for one of San Francisco's greatest health care leaders. I ask that the members join me in saluting Dr. Katz for his years of service to San Francisco, and extend our best wishes to him and his family as he assumes the directorship of Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health next year. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOAN CLARA
BERTRAND OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a friend and great

family woman, Mrs. Joan Clara Bertrand who made her heavenly transition on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Mrs. Bertrand love of music, education, and helping young people achieve their dreams served as her constant companion throughout life. She developed her passion for reading at an early age when in the 5th Grade, she wrote a winning essay "Why I want to See Marion Anderson".

Mrs. Bertrand attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier and subsequently the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, graduating in 1954 with a degree in Physical Education. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and served as president her senior year. Married on July 6, 1957 to the late Joseph Bertrand, Sr., the first African American to be elected citywide as City Treasurer of Chicago, she was blessed with 6 children; Joseph Jr., Joan, Jason, Justin, Jeffery, and Julian.

Though Joan held a variety of jobs in her early days upon her graduation from the University of Illinois she completed her practice teaching in Elgin, Illinois and served as a Y.M.C.A. Assistant Secretary, Social Worker, and taught for 12 years at the Chicago Board of Education's Jefferson Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, throughout her life, Joan was a member of countless community and civic organizations which centered on the education of young people including the University of Illinois Alumni Association, the University of Notre Dame, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Illinois Teachers Association, St. Dorothy Catholic Church, St. Francis De Paula Catholic Church, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Operetta Workshop, and Washington Park YMCA.

Joan began her spiritual life at Woodlawn A.M.E. Church where she served in the music ministry alongside her mentor, Ms. Robbie Terry, who had a profound effect on her. In her later years, she was an active member and strong supporter of St. Phillip Neri Church, Big Buddies Youth Services, and the Alfreda Wells Duster Civic Club.

Madam Speaker, I want to encourage Mrs. Joan Clara Bertrand's children, her sister Gwen, the entire family and many friends to always remember to look to the hills from which comes all of their help, trusting that their help will surely come from the Lord. I am truly blessed to have known her. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding gentlewoman and privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE BISHOP HARTLEY
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bishop Hartley High School football team. I am proud to recognize a school that not only excels in academics but also distinguishes itself on the football field. The Bishop Hartley football team is the 2010 Ohio Division IV state champions. The Hawks'

victory in the championship game capped a successful season.

Led by head coach, Brad Burchfield, Bishop Hartley finished the season with a 34-13 win over Chagrin Falls, making this the Hawks' first championship win since 1986. The entire Bishop Hartley community should be proud of this momentous occasion.

I offer my congratulations to Coach Burchfield, Principal Michael Winters, the Hawks football team, students and supporters. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them for this truly great achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FULTON
SCIENCE ACADEMY MIDDLE
SCHOOL'S FIRST PLACE FINISH
AT THE GEORGIA STATE MODEL
UN

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I'm so very pleased to congratulate the Fulton Science Academy Middle School on its victory at this year's Georgia State Model United Nations, UN, Competition in Savannah, Georgia. For the past 4 years Fulton Science Academy has achieved the honor of a second place trophy at this prestigious event. This year, the FSA Model UN Team showed that perseverance and hard work pay off as the team was rewarded by winning the State Model UN Competition for the first time in the school's history.

As part of the competition, students play the role of spokesperson for nations and organizations. They are asked to craft in-depth responses to different proposed resolutions and engage with other representative countries in addressing questions and issues that may arise. This requires the students to collaborate with their teammates and do extensive research on current events and policy positions for their assigned country.

The students of Fulton Science Academy Middle School are just the latest evidence of the continued success of Georgia's charter schools. They have demonstrated their ability to cultivate diplomatic responses with exceptional public delivery as well as develop challenging questions for the other participating nations. It is a great privilege to commend all the students and their coaches, Courtney Downs and Alexandria Conn, at Fulton Science Academy for expanding their knowledge and interest in international affairs. Their commitment to understanding and respecting other cultures throughout the world will undoubtedly prepare these students as they become strong leaders for our great Nation.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERTA
STEINBACHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Roberta

Steinbacher, Ph.D., for her life's work as a Professor of Urban Studies at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

Dr. Steinbacher received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from St. Louis University in 1967. She taught at Marillac College and St. John's College, as well as St. Louis before coming to Cleveland State University, where she was appointed to the Psychology Department and the Institute of Urban Studies. After becoming Director of the Institute, she was instrumental in establishing the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. While she was the Chair of the Department of Urban Studies, she helped create the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. programs in Urban Studies at the College.

Dr. Steinbacher also served the people of Ohio as the Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. After her tenure as administrator was over, she took the position of Director of Undergraduate Programs, where she established many new programs, including 4 new undergraduate majors, 20 degree completion programs with local community colleges, and a credit-for-life-experience program.

The benefits of Dr. Steinbacher's scholarship to the field of urban studies are undeniable; her research has been published in a number of scholarly journals, and she is the co-author of both *Introduction to Urban Studies and Man-made Women, An Analysis of New Reproductive Technologies*. As a result of her work and research, Dr. Steinbacher has been honored with awards from several local organizations, including the Greater Cleveland YMCA, the City Club of Cleveland, Northern Ohio Live magazine, and Cleveland Magazine.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Roberta Steinbacher for her dedication to the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. She has touched the lives of countless students with her work in the classroom, and her continuing research and work as Director of Undergraduate Programs will allow future students to study in the important field of urban studies.

IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY SHERIFF
ODELL McDUFFIE, JR.

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a veteran sheriff's deputy in Liberty County, Texas, with longstanding ties in the Cleveland Community, Deputy Odell McDuffie, Jr. Deputy McDuffie was tragically killed on October 25, 2010, in a single car accident. He was just 43 years of age. Deputy McDuffie was returning from transporting a juvenile to the Hardin County Detention Center when his patrol car left the roadway and struck a tree. There was a car fire and Deputy McDuffie was not able to escape.

Deputy McDuffie's family has a history of service. His brother, Cedric, currently works as an officer for Liberty Police Department. Cedric is also a City of Cleveland Councilman. His sister, Monique, is the former mayor of Cleveland.

Deputy McDuffie was a 17-year veteran with the Liberty County Sheriff's Department as-

signed to the Civil Division. He consistently performed as an outstanding officer serving in many different capacities. While working as a patrol deputy, mental health officer, correctional officer, court bailiff and jailer, he was always well respected throughout the community and amongst his peers. Deputy McDuffie will be remembered as a dedicated lawman, an active community leader, as well as a loving, devoted father and husband. According to his fellow officers, Deputy McDuffie served the citizens of Liberty County with pride, honor and commitment. He is described as a gentle giant who always managed to keep order even in the most difficult situations.

I express my sincere condolences to Deputy McDuffie's wife Emily, his three daughters as well as their friends and family throughout the great State of Texas. I commend them for persevering over the difficult job of their loved one serving as a law enforcement officer. Many of our dedicated successful officers have a significant family support system behind the scenes. The citizens of Liberty County have been touched by Deputy McDuffie's generosity, service, duty and commitment to his community.

On October 30, 2010, hundreds of citizens, friends, family and law enforcement officers filled Cleveland's Christian Life Center to pay tribute to Deputy McDuffie. For miles along the procession route, civilians and officers stood on the roadside to salute Deputy McDuffie. They came to honor a devoted public servant who touched the lives of all the citizens he served.

Police officers dedicate their lives to keeping our streets and communities secure. They selflessly venture into dangerous situations every day and put their lives on the line so that the rest of us can live in a safe environment. Deputy McDuffie was one of those officers who put his life on the line. He will be remembered as one of those elite individuals, who dedicated their entire career to protecting the people of Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, thank you for bringing my bill to the floor today. The "Removal Clarification Act of 2010" will enable federal officials to remove cases filed against them to federal court in accordance with the spirit and intent of the federal officer removal statute.

Under the federal officer removal statute, federal officers should be able to remove a case out of State court and into federal court when it involves the federal officer's exercise of his or her official responsibilities.

However, some courts have found that federal officers cannot remove to federal court when pre-suit discovery motions are made.

This bill will clarify that a federal officer may remove any legally enforceable demand for his or her testimony or documents, if the basis for contesting the demand is related to the of-

ficer's exercise of his or her official responsibilities.

When I brought this bill to the House floor in July, I explained that the bill will not result in the removal of the entire case when a federal officer is served with a discovery request.

The language added by the Senate strengthens the premise on which we had been operating: that this new law will not create a vehicle to unnecessarily drag entire cases into federal court when the only hook is that a federal officer has been served with a discovery request.

I would be remiss if I did not also express my support for the DREAM Act.

Mr. Speaker, this bipartisan legislation addresses the tragedy our young undocumented people face when, through no fault of their own, their lack of status may prevent them from attending college, joining the military, or working legally in the only home they have known—the United States of America. This bill will give hard-working, English-speaking, young men and women a chance to fulfill their aspirations by contributing to America's economic prosperity and security.

The DREAM Act ensures that no child in America is denied his or her dream of having a better life if he or she is willing to work hard for one. Each year, about 65,000 undocumented students, raised in the United States, graduate from high school. These graduates are young people who have lived in the United States for most of their lives. They are honor roll students, athletes, aspiring teachers, doctors, business owners, and soldiers. Unfortunately, these graduates face a roadblock to their dreams—they cannot enroll in college, legally work to spur economic growth and pay taxes to contribute to our society, or join the military to defend our country. In some instances, these youth grow up here without even knowing they do not have legal status until they find out that they cannot attend college, work, or enlist in the military.

I am pleased that Congress is moving forward with this bill which is the solution to these problems. The DREAM Act is a narrowly tailored legislative remedy for a specific population—undocumented students who were brought to the United States as minors, and have attended and completed elementary and secondary education in the United States. It is a great first step towards the overall goal of comprehensive immigration reform.

It is important to understand that the DREAM Act offers no incentive for undocumented individuals to enter into the United States. It does not provide any benefit for undocumented individuals who are not already here at the time of its passage. It does not require states to provide any benefits to undocumented students, nor does it make these students eligible for federal financial aid. The bill gives states the option to offer in-state tuition to students registered under the Act, but it does not guarantee cheaper tuition. The DREAM Act allows undocumented students to access in-state tuition, but only if they would otherwise qualify for such tuition, and if state law permits undocumented students to receive in-state tuition. This bill would not require states to change their laws to permit undocumented students the right to receive in-state tuition.

Specifically, the DREAM Act would allow undocumented students a pathway to citizenship if they were brought to the United States

before they turned 16, and are below the age of 35; have lived here continuously for five years; graduated from high school or obtained a GED; have good moral character with no criminal record; and complete at least two years of college or military service.

The benefits to our country's economy and budget will be enormous with the passage of the DREAM Act. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that this legislation will reduce the deficit by \$1.4 billion over the next decade. The increase in authorized workers would affect individual and corporate income taxes. These changes would increase revenues by \$2.3 billion over ten years according to the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation. Additionally, a 2010 study by the UCLA North American Integration and Development Center found that DREAM Act beneficiaries would earn between \$1.4 trillion and \$3.6 trillion over the course of their lives.

According to the Immigration Policy Center, there are an estimated 2.1 million undocumented individuals in the United States who might be eligible for legal status under the DREAM Act. In my home state of Georgia, there are 74,000 undocumented young people who could potentially benefit from the passage of the DREAM Act.

This legislation is of the utmost importance to me because Georgia is one of the top ten states with the largest number of DREAM Act beneficiaries. The time to act on this bill is now; the students in Georgia cannot afford to wait any longer. South Carolina has banned undocumented youth from attending public colleges and, unfortunately, it looks like Georgia might follow suit. Earlier this year, in October, Georgia's state board of regents voted to ban illegal immigrants from the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Medical College of Georgia, and Georgia College & State University.

Undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children should not be penalized for a decision that was not theirs. In the long-run, the acceptance and inclusion of young immigrants who arrived as children is a decent and just goal.

As a Member of the Armed Services Committee, I know the importance of having an adequate military to protect our freedoms at home and abroad. Our military would benefit from the passage of the DREAM Act. Millions of talented youth will be ready to serve our country, and would assist the military in its recruiting efforts. In fact, the DREAM Act was included as part of the Department of Defense's 2010–2012 strategic plan by the Office of Personnel and Readiness.

By providing undocumented youth with the opportunity to enhance their education and career readiness, our country will reap enormous economic and cultural benefits.

Yesterday, I spent a good part of my day helping a potential Dreamer beneficiary in my district: Allison Hernandez Sanchez. His parents brought him from Mexico in 1994 when he was five years old. This young man attended Miller Grove High School and graduated in 2009. He was an athlete and played the saxophone in the band.

Like many other undocumented talented young men and women, he had plans to continue his education. However, on October 11, 2010, due to a minor traffic incident, he was detained for not having proper documentation.

He was immediately placed in deportation proceedings.

This young man had no criminal background. Not only was he a student, but a son, friend and brother. Because of the state of current laws, Allison is unable to follow his dreams and attend college. Allison, like many other undocumented youth, calls the United States home, because it is the only home he knows.

Unfortunately, Allison is not alone. Young men and women across the United States belong in colleges, the workforce, and the military—not in detention centers. They are ready to serve their country, to become productive citizens, to offer their talents and skills to make the United States a better country for all of us. They should not be treated as criminals. No child should go through this experience when they did not make the decision to come to this country. They should not be held accountable for a choice that was never theirs to make. They deserve an opportunity to stay and invest in the United States of America.

I am proud to have joined more than 130 Members of Congress in cosponsoring this legislation that will help Allison and millions of other undocumented youth across the country. The DREAM Act was initially introduced in 2001, and it is definitely time to do what is right by bringing this bill to the floor for final passage. The time to pass this bill is now. Our military cannot afford to reject another qualified recruit. America's economy cannot afford to turn away a new entrepreneur to bring economic prosperity, a good teacher to educate our children, or a medical researcher that could create a cure for cancer or HIV.

I am glad that Congress is acting now so that today's dream can become tomorrow's reality. I thank Representatives BERMAN, DIAZ-BALART, and ROYBAL-ALLARD in their leadership in moving this bill forward. Speaker PELOSI, I thank you for working tirelessly to bring this bill to the floor for a vote.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRLS INCORPORATED OF THE ALBEMARLE

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to honor the 60th anniversary of Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

North Carolina's first Girls Club was founded in Elizabeth City in 1950. It was the culmination of over a year's effort on the part of a local group of women to organize a club to provide recreation and training for the city's girls.

In 1951, the club affiliated with Girls Clubs of America. When the Girls Clubs of America voted to change its name to Girls Incorporated in April 1990, the Elizabeth City Girls Club's Board of Directors followed the requirements of affiliation, changing the local club's name to Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle in May 1990.

Today, Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle continues to actively pursue its mission: to meet the needs of girls; to develop their self-worth and emotional maturity; to develop their

capacity to be self-sufficient responsible members of their community; and to serve as a vigorous advocate for them.

Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle's staff and volunteers are superior role models for our youth and deliver a wide variety of wonderful after-school and summer camp programs.

Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle also collaborates with our local communities and corporate partners to allow girls to interact with other women in various professions and experience hands on activities and events that they may otherwise not have exposure to. These partners include Museum of the Albemarle, United States Coast Guard Base, Elizabeth City State University, Hopeline, 4-H, Circuit Court Judges and Attorneys, Port Discover, NC Cooperative Extension Service and the Tobacco Cessation Coalition.

This is the only organization in northeastern North Carolina that offers such comprehensive programming designed specifically for girls.

To their credit, the organization's goal is to reach all girls regardless of socio-economic status, and they recognize that girls in at-risk communities have greater need for their programs. Of the girls they serve, 65 percent come from families earning less than \$25,000 a year and approximately one-half are from single-parent homes headed by women.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Girls Incorporated of the Albemarle on their 60th anniversary and for the great service they have provided the community over these many years.

IN HONOR OF POLICE CHIEF
MARTIN LENTZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker I rise today in honor of Martin Lentz, Police Chief of Cleveland Heights, as he celebrates retirement after 51 years of service.

Martin Lentz served on the Cleveland Heights police force for 15 years before being appointed Chief of Police. Mr. Lentz worked tirelessly to improve the safety of Cleveland Heights. Some of his accomplishments include obtaining federal grant money to apply computer analysis to crime statistics, staggering shifts to handle times of increased demand and allowing officers to park their cruisers in front of their homes to deter crime.

In honor of his dedicated service and accomplishments while working for the city of Cleveland Heights, the Cleveland Heights Police Academy will be renamed the Martin G. Lentz Police Academy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Cleveland Heights Police Chief Martin Lentz, whose dedication, expertise and concern for the people of the City of Cleveland Heights has helped to protect our community. I am grateful for his service. I wish Chief Lentz, his family and friends health and happiness.

DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the passage of the DREAM Act by the House of Representatives on December 8, 2010. I am a longtime supporter of the bill, and I am thankful that we finally have the opportunity to move forward with this significant and life-changing legislation. With the passage of the DREAM Act, an estimated 800,000 young people that have been kept in the shadows and overlooked by this country would be given what they never had before: a chance.

Currently, there are young people in this country who know no other home, yet they do not have access to the opportunities that make this country strong. They are unable to resolve their immigration status and therefore can offer little to the country that they love. The DREAM Act would make it possible for those brought to this country as young children who have grown up in the United States to contribute to the United States and achieve their full potential.

This bill is carefully constructed to target only those people most deserving of this opportunity. To earn conditional immigration status, these young people must demonstrate that they have graduated high school, obtained a GED, or been accepted to an institution of higher learning. They must also have arrived in the United States before they were 16, have lived in the United States for at least five years before the bill's enactment, and be under 29 years of age. After a minimum of thirteen years and if additional requirements are met, those eligible can apply for U.S. citizenship.

The contributions of these young people would benefit our country and our economy, and I would like to thank my colleagues who supported this extraordinary legislation. This bill would allow young people throughout the country to pursue the kind of futures that they deserve. It would also allow our country to take advantage of the talents that these bright young people have to offer.

The enactment of the DREAM Act would give young people the chance to better themselves and in turn would make this country a better place.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES E. THODE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class James E. Thode, who was killed in action on December 2, 2010.

A resident of Tucson since the age of 6, James graduated from Catalina Magnet High School before attending the University of Ari-

zona. A decorated combat veteran, he was assigned to Detachment 1 of the 118th Engineer Sapper Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion based out of American Fork, Utah. He was on his third combat deployment with the Army National Guard in Sabari District, Khowst Province, Afghanistan when he was killed by insurgents who attacked his convoy with an improvised explosive device. In his civilian life, James served as a police officer in Farmington, New Mexico, having joined the department in 1996 and working as a field training officer and member of the SWAT team.

Among his many decorations, he earned the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Purple Heart. He was one of our Nation's most elite, best and bravest, and he will be remembered always.

We remember James and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that James made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe James and his family a debt of gratitude, and it is vital that we remember him and his service to this country.

Sergeant First Class James Thode is survived by his wife, Carlotta; mother, Evelyn; father, Ernest; daughter, Ashley; son, Tommy and sister, MaryAnn.

HONORING WILSON H. PARRAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilson H. Parran, a member of the Calvert County Board of Commissioners since 2002 and president of that commission from 2006–2010. It is my distinct honor to share his story of commitment, dedication and public service to Calvert County, to our great State of Maryland and to our Nation.

Commissioner Parran was born and raised in Calvert County, where he still resides today with his wife Deborah. The youngest of ten children, he grew up on a tobacco farm where his parents were sharecroppers. Wilson grew up under segregation. At the age of six, he had to walk a mile to catch the school bus every day, even though some buses stopped on his street. Wilson learned at an early age, as he watched his mother go before the County Board of Education to get a her son a bus ride to school, that you must be an advocate and in so doing you can see government in action. Twenty-five years later, Wilson was serving on that same Calvert County Board of Education, motivated by his experiences to give back to his community and support education for the betterment of all students.

Following his parents' model of hard work and high expectations to reach for your dreams, Wilson worked his way from entry-level technology positions to a top tele-

communications executive. In 1969 he went on leave to join the military, serving in the Air Force for 4 years during the Vietnam War era. Wilson had been out of high school for 12 years before he received his first degree. While serving on the school boards he was going to school himself, and became the first member of his family to graduate from college. An advocate of lifelong learning, Wilson served on the Calvert County Board of Education for 6 years and the Maryland Board of Education for 5 years. Commissioner Parran is past president of the Maryland Association of Counties, MACo, and represented Calvert County on the MACo Legislative Committee. He has served on numerous civic organizations including being on the Calvert Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and president of the Maryland Association of Board of Education, MABE. He is a member of the NAACP and was the recipient of the MABE 2007 Charles W. Willis Award for outstanding School Board Leadership.

Mr. Parran was elected to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners in 2002, and achieved re-election in 2006. Following his re-election, board members crossed party lines to elect him as president, a position in which he has demonstrated courage, judgment, and integrity.

Calvert County has been well served by Commissioner Parran's two decades of dedicated public service. He has been an ardent advocate for maintaining Calvert County's quality of life, assuring a balance between its rich agricultural heritage and its expanded economic base. We are indebted to his service and leadership and know that his parent's would be so proud to see that the foundation they set of strong family values and commitment to community have reaped many fruits.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Commissioner Wilson H. Parran for his years of public service, dedicated work and commitment to excellence on behalf of the people of Calvert County.

IN HONOR OF MS. JEAN VELORIA GIORDANO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ms. Jean Veloria Giordano, a generous spirit and a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and friend. Even during the hardest parts of her long struggle with cancer, she lived life with uncommon joy and appreciation for those around her.

Jamie, as her friends knew her, was born in Dededo, Guam, on February 6, 1962, to David and Juanita Veloria. She moved to Ohio as a young adult and soon became well-known in Cleveland as a vivacious hairdresser who always saved an open ear and an open heart for her clients. She had a special connection to the natural world and frequently visited Bridal Veil Falls in Walton, Ohio to reflect and renew her spirit.

Even during her final days, Jamie always put her best face forward. On her way to chemotherapy sessions, she made sure to stop to pick up coffee and donuts for the hospital's parking attendant. According to a close

friend, "her life was constructed around kindness and caring. She was always ready to help anyone in need."

Jamie's life philosophy is faithfully expressed by two verses of the Linda Ellis poem, "Dash," read at her memorial service. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real.

And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile . . . Remembering this special dash might only last a little while . . .

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Ms. Jean Giordano. I offer my condolences to her sons, Joey and Brandon Giordano, her parents David and Juanita Veloria, and her siblings David, Mercy, Ana, Tina, Dyna, Dulcie, Chris, David Jr. II, Sinder, and Mark. Ms. Giordano inspired all those around her with her deep appreciation for all of life's miracles. She will always be remembered for her grace and generosity.

TARGACEPT'S GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH WILL IMPROVE COUNTLESS LIVES

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, during these difficult economic times, it is rare to find stories of business success as strong as that of Targacept, a pharmaceutical firm based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

I recently attended a Targacept event on Alzheimer's that highlighted the breakthrough research Targacept is doing on this debilitating condition. Targacept is making great strides towards helping those who suffer with Alzheimer's and I am confident that their work will one day enable senior citizens with Alzheimer's to live with independence and great dignity.

It is not just groundbreaking research that makes Targacept a standout company. It has been named one of the top 10 best employers in North Carolina and was ranked in the top 30 places to work in industry by "The Scientist" magazine.

Targacept's innovation and strong leadership have made it one of the finest businesses in North Carolina and I am proud that they are investing their considerable human capital and research prowess in Winston-Salem.

As this fine company continues to grow and expand, even in the midst of an economic downturn, I am sure that it will continue to bring great jobs to the Triad and make progress towards improving the lives of those who suffer with chronic diseases like Alzheimer's. Targacept is a real asset to Winston-Salem, our state and the scientific community—their success reflects the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to make our nation great.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. STUTZMAN. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 624, I was unavoidably detained, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting due to a family emergency on Wednesday, December 8. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following roll-call votes: rollcall vote No. 611, rollcall vote No. 612, rollcall vote No. 613, rollcall vote No. 614, rollcall vote No. 615, rollcall vote No. 616, rollcall vote No. 617, rollcall vote No. 618, rollcall vote No. 619, rollcall vote No. 620, rollcall vote No. 621, rollcall vote No. 622, rollcall vote No. 623, rollcall vote No. 624, rollcall vote No. 625.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Incarnate Word Academy.

On September 11, 1935, the school opened for 33 pupils. In December of 1940, a new building was dedicated to the church to act as a convent and boarding residence for students. The school has been using the current convent and boarding facility since 1952. Seventy-five years after the first students enrolled at the Incarnate Word Academy, enrollment today has reached 467 students.

Inspired by the teachings of Jeanne Chezard de Matel and her Sisters of the Incarnate Word, the Incarnate Word Academy community nurtures the spirit, intellect, creativity, values and social consciousness of children for the benefit of society. The Incarnate Word Academy provides a positive learning environment for all of its students. It is a school committed to excellence in all things as an expression of their devotion to their faith.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of all students, staff and administrators of the Incarnate Word Academy of Parma Heights, Ohio, past and present, as we celebrate their 75th Anniversary. The Academy exists as a vital source of opportunity through academic achievement, and also as a springboard of personal strength, confidence and integrity for every student who has ever entered its doors—brightening their futures, and ultimately, strengthening the foundation of our entire community.

SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SECTION I. SANGRE DE CRISTO AREA STUDY

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem, which extends from Santa Fe, New Mexico, through southern Colorado, to the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, includes a number of thirteen and fourteen thousand foot peaks, diverse and abundant wildlife, and a rich diversity of ecotypes.

(2) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range provides a wide range of recreational activities, including fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, and other activities.

(3) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain range contains numerous areas of cultural and historical interest, beginning with the earliest Native Americans in the area, spanning the periods of Spanish and Mexican rule, and including the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico within the United States of America.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize a study to determine the most effective ways to preserve, protect and interpret the natural, historic, and cultural resources associated with the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range ecosystem in northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a special resource study of lands within the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the San Luis Valley in the State of Colorado and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby communities in the State of New Mexico, north of the city of Santa Fe, including any federal lands adjacent to the mountains or within these areas to determine whether any such lands may be suitable for inclusion in the National Park System.

(d) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national and international significance of these lands, including

(A) the Native American history of the area before the founding of the City of Santa Fe in 1598;

(B) the history of communities under Spanish rule from 1598 through 1821;

(C) the history of communities under Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date of conclusion of the Mexican American War; and

(D) the post-1848 history of the area under United States' rule including the first non-native American settlements, and the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of these lands as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of the lands by federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, including

(A) coordination of land management among federal agencies in the area; and

(B) cooperative voluntary conservation efforts with private landowners;

(4) consult with interested federal, State, or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

- (1) the findings of the study; and
- (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

(e) APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

HONORING EMILE MILNE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a talented and important member of my staff, Emile Milne, who has retired after more than two decades of service on the Hill as my Press Secretary and Legislative Director.

Born in the Republic of Panama, Emile grew up in New York City and studied at Georgetown University here in Washington. Prior to that, he worked for 20 years as a newspaper and magazine reporter and editor in San Francisco, New York and Atlanta. His insight into domestic and foreign policy comes not only from his professional experience but his personal travels throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. His expertise comes from not just covering important episodes of our history like the civil rights movement, but also knowing the people who participated in those movements, some famous, some nameless, but all important to laying the foundation of social change and justice.

In a place full of policy wonks and personal agendas, Emile has been a trusted friend and colleague who dispensed wisdom on how public officials can make a difference in the lives of everyday Americans. Whether it is speaking to advocates lobbying for legislation or members of the media covering a story, he has the uncanny ability to get to the heart of issues and clearly communicate not just my position, but the position that should be taken.

His professionalism, his sense of humor and skillfulness with both people and the pen have served as an example to both veteran staff members and young interns. His daily presence will be missed, but after years of long legislative nights and weekends, he surely does deserve more time off the Hill to spend with his lovely wife Claudette, and his family, and to explore other ways to utilize his God-given talents. Besides, I still have his cell phone number and know that all I have to do is pick up the phone to get a bit of the wisdom and good counsel that he has passed along all these years.

IN HONOR OF PARK
COMMISSIONER FRED RZEPKA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the contributions of Park Commissioner Fred Rzepka, a twenty-two-year servant to Cleveland Metroparks, on the occasion of his retirement. A local developer, Mr. Rzepka is credited with ferreting out the corruption and nepotism that plagued the park system in the years before his appointment.

When he joined the all volunteer board over two decades ago, Mr. Rzepka had his work cut out for him. Overspending, questionable hiring practices, and dubious budgeting had taken their toll on both the reputation and the quality of the parks. But Mr. Rzepka was no stranger to adversity. According to the Plain Dealer, the Commissioner was just a young child when his parents moved him and his three brothers from their comfortable home in Rozan, Poland to northern Russia to escape Nazi death camps. For over six years, the family moved from shelter to shelter, at one point taking refuge in a stable in Siberia. After successfully evading both the Nazi and Soviet regimes, Fred and his family finally escaped war-torn Europe and made their way to the United States. All four brothers have enjoyed successful careers and contributed to the prosperity and character of the Cleveland community.

Since Mr. Rzepka took office, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration has three times named Cleveland Metroparks the best-run park system in the country. Over 21,000 acres in size, the park features children's activities, hiking trails, environmental science classes, and multiple conservation programs. The staff is dedicated to preserving biodiversity by protecting the park's natural ecosystems and educating visitors about the importance of a healthy environment.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in applauding Fred Rzepka for his outstanding service to the Cleveland community. The talents and the dedication of citizens like him are essential to preserving the character of our government, from the local level, up. Native violets, yellow iris, and white trilliums will bloom each year as a testimony to his integrity and good work.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTIVIST,
NURSE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER
AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER
MRS. KATHERINE TELLEZ
ANDRADE

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mrs. Katherine Tellez Andrade, who passed away on November 25, 2010, at the age of 85. My heart goes out to her daughters, the Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler and Vibiana Andrade;

her sons Adrian Andrade and Robert Andrade; her grandchildren Sean Andrade, Esq., Pilar Andrade, Emilio Andrade, Julian Andrade, Joaquin Andrade, Ramona Andrade Stadler and Katherine Andrade Ortiz; and the rest of her dear friends and family members.

Katherine was an extraordinary citizen, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a role model for community activism. Her selfless and just nature was cultivated in childhood, being one of 13 children raised by Ramona Ochoa and Florencio Tellez in the hard-scrabble mining town of Clifton, Arizona. Growing up during the Great Depression in a small town divided by race and privilege fueled her lifelong commitment to fighting injustice.

After high school, Katherine moved to Los Angeles to help in the war effort, assembling auxiliary gas tanks at a plant during World War II. While living in Boyle Heights she would always pass by General Hospital, vowing to one day work there as a nurse. After the war she returned to Arizona to pursue her dream, entering a federal nursing program at St. Mary's Hospital and eventually returning to L.A., where she worked as a nurse for many years at General Hospital and many other hospitals.

After her marriage to Arthur Andrade, she raised her four children as a single parent, instilling in them her own work ethic and sense of social justice. She led by example, fighting against an English-only movement and other anti-immigrant measures in her longtime hometown of Monterey Park. She was a founding member of the Committee for Harmony in Monterey Park, which was formed to counter the anti-immigrant forces in the community, and she went on to a long involvement in grassroots activism, volunteering as a poll inspector and fighting for many Democratic causes.

She cared deeply for her community, working to involve the Spanish-speaking Latino community in her local church and even offering her home to a homeless woman whom she found sleeping at the local post office.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman for her remarkable service to our community.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO
VICTIMS OF FIRE IN ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 1751, a resolution mourning the loss of life and extending condolences to the families affected by the fire in northern Israel. Thank you to my colleague, Representative RON KLEIN, for offering this resolution.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the families and loved ones who have lost their lives in the fires in northern Israel. We stand by Israel during this difficult time and pledge our assistance in the wake of this tragedy.

On December 2, 2010, a massive wildfire broke out in the northern region of Israel, near the city of Haifa. The four day fire ravaged the

Carmel mountain forests, forcing the evacuation of over 17,000 residents. One of the worst forest fires in Israel's history, this inferno claimed as many as 40 lives.

The fire damaged about 5 million trees and 12,000 acres. In a country where only 7 percent of the land is forested, the loss of precious woodland was felt as a national loss. In total, the fire caused about \$74 million in damages, including 250 homes.

In response to this tragedy, the United States and the international community stepped in to help Israel battle the flames. The U.S. answered Israel's request for assistance by providing much needed supplies, technical expertise, and equipment.

I applaud the individuals, businesses and philanthropic organizations across the United States and throughout the international community who have responded to the devastation in Israel with an outpouring of generosity and support.

With help from the United States and our friends worldwide, Israel will overcome this challenge. We pledge our continued support as Israel works to restore damaged communities, replenish wildlife, and plant new forests.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT
BRONISLAW KOMOROWSKI'S
VISIT TO CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the visit of Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski to Cleveland, Ohio. Since his recent election following the tragic death of former President Lech Kaczynski, President Komorowski has already become a powerful voice for peacemaking, reform, and cooperation in the world theatre.

In just a few short months, President Komorowski has taken steps to facilitate integration of Poland into the European Union, has proposed a plan for eliminating government corruption, and has met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to rebuild the political and economic relationship between the two countries. He has also continued former President Kaczynski's tradition of celebrating Hanukkah with Warsaw's Jewish community.

I am honored by the President's visit, and I know that my constituents deeply appreciate his efforts. Cleveland is home to a thriving Polish community, which has held together in the face of adversity and today enriches our culture with festivals, films, concerts, and exhibitions. His visit to our city acknowledges this community's success and marks yet another laudable effort toward strengthening international relationships and spreading good will.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of President Bronislaw and Cleveland's Polonia. May this visit enhance the ties between Poland and the United States, and bring Cleveland's Polish community the recognition it deserves.

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today to extend my heartiest congratulations to Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in College Park in the 13th district of Georgia. This exceptional school has been granted a 2010 National Title I Distinguished School Award by the State of Georgia. I am proud to represent the hard-working students, dedicated teachers and strong administrators that made this achievement possible.

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School was founded in 2003 to provide quality instruction and challenging learning experiences for students. Among its core beliefs are a commitment to put children first and an understanding that children must accept responsibility for their learning in order to improve their future. The teaching curriculum is centered on its children; the teachers meticulously track student progress and collaborate to structure each student's lesson.

As we consider the challenges that our education system faces, we should consider Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary an example of excellent student achievement. In addition to providing a welcoming environment for students and ensuring school safety, students are exposed to immersive, technology-rich lessons that will prepare them for the future. Detailed reports indicate not only the students that need individualized attention, but also the students who are excelling. Perhaps the best practices from this school, including the attention to detail and dedication to learning, can be used to aid students around the country to exceed expectations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to personally congratulate the principal of this great institution, Dr. Mabelle Matthews, who has led her school to new heights and helped her students to dream their own futures. Please join me in honoring the venerable Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School on their achievement.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN
ATTERHOLT ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and community advocate. After 16 years of faithful service, Kathleen Atterholt of my staff in Anderson, Indiana, will be retiring from public service at the end of 2010.

Kathleen was born to James and Margaret Steele on September 23, 1935, in Anderson, Indiana. She went on to graduate from Anderson High School in 1953, and she later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Viterbo College. While at Purdue, Kathleen was also an active member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Given her family's history of public service, it is no surprise that Kathleen has also dedicated her life to helping those in her community. Her late father, James Steele, served on the Anderson Board of Public Safety and the Board of Public Works. Her brother, Jim Steele, served as Controller for the City of Anderson and later for the City of Indianapolis. Lastly, her son, Jim Atterholt, served two terms in the Indiana General Assembly and is currently the chairman of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

After staying home to raise her two sons, Kathleen began her career in public service working as a Constituent Services Representative for Congressman David McIntosh in 1994. During those years, she also worked occasionally for the Madison County, Indiana Election Board. When I took office in 2001, Kathleen stayed on with my staff and continued to lend her expertise to the constituents in my district. For more than a decade, she has helped people navigate their way through the Federal Government and receive assistance from Federal agencies. Her kindness and compassion have undoubtedly helped to renew the people's trust in their government.

Over the years her particular areas of expertise have been advocating on behalf of constituents with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, United States Embassies and Consulates, the United States Passport Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Kathleen has said that some of her fondest memories have been when parents have brought their internationally adopted children by the office simply to thank Kathleen for her advocacy on their behalf. She has also been able to meet married couples, friends, and relatives whom she helped obtain proper immigration documentation in order to be reunited with their loved ones. Her kind heart has made Kathleen an invaluable liaison to my constituency, and she has shown an ability to relate to others with the compassion and empathy required of public service.

I offer my deepest gratitude to Kathleen for her years of tireless devotion and service not only as a member of my staff, but as a servant leader to constituents in my district. She has embodied the commandment found in the Good Book to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Though she will be sorely missed by myself, my family, and the rest of my staff, I wish Kathleen blessings and joy in the years ahead as she begins her retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN ARTUR
DAVIS FOR HIS SERVICE TO
WEST ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the exemplary service of my colleague, and friend, Congressman ARTUR DAVIS, who has represented Alabama's Seventh Congressional District since 2002.

A native of Montgomery, Congressman DAVIS graduated with honors from both Harvard University and Harvard Law School and

has equally distinguished himself in public service.

As a law student, he worked for the Southern Poverty Law Center and the late U.S. Senator Howell Heflin. After law school, ARTUR DAVIS compiled a near 100 percent conviction record as a federal prosecutor in the Middle District of Alabama. From 1998 to 2002, he worked as a litigator in private practice.

Congressman DAVIS was first elected to Congress in 2002 and has served four terms representing his west Alabama district which encompasses twelve counties, spanning from Birmingham and Tuscaloosa to the Black Belt.

Congressman DAVIS and I both represent portions of Clarke County and it has been my personal pleasure to work with him and his staff during his 8 years in the House. We were both elected in the same class of 2002 and have labored together to help expand economic opportunity for southwest Alabama. I am particularly grateful for his support of efforts to enhance the Port of Mobile and the Alabama State Docks as well as his valuable assistance in ongoing major economic development projects for our region.

ARTUR made his mark in Washington as an effective legislator who has won national attention for his leadership on a range of issues. He serves as a member of the prestigious Ways and Means Committee, which oversees economic policy. Congressman DAVIS is only the tenth Alabamian in 190 years to serve on this committee, which is the only congressional committee actually described in the Constitution.

He was the chief advocate for legislation to save the HOPE VI program for revitalizing public housing communities. He has also been a strong voice for creative ideas that would expand health care and improve educational performance benefitting rural and urban areas alike.

ARTUR has garnered a variety of honors during his tenure on Capitol Hill, including being selected by Esquire Magazine as one of the 10 best Congressmen in America.

As they prepare to leave Congress, I extend my best wishes to ARTUR and his lovely wife, Tara, and thank them both for their honorable service and leadership for the people of Alabama.

HONORING DEAN HIRSCH

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Dean Hirsch for his distinguished career in serving others around the world. Dean recently retired as the long-time president of World Vision International, capping a 34-year career at the humanitarian organization.

World Vision International is a relief organization that serves tens of millions of people in need, in nearly 100 countries around the globe. World Vision is helping to improve the lives of the world's most impoverished people, with a special focus on children. Under Dean Hirsch's leadership, World Vision has worked to alleviate the suffering of those facing both the long-term challenges of endemic poverty,

famine and disease, as well as acute crises, such as the 2004 tsunami.

Throughout his tenure as President, Dean was instrumental in fostering greater cooperation between World Vision and other leading relief and humanitarian organizations, in order to better serve those in need. I had the opportunity to spend time with Dean at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where he offered an important voice on addressing the root challenges of poverty. Dean often said that his mission at World Vision was to "help create a world in which no child suffers or dies for lack of food, clean water, shelter or protection from exploitation or war."

I congratulate Dean on a very distinguished career, thank him for his great humanitarian work, and wish him and his wife Wendy all the best as they begin this new phase of their life together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on December 8, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 624. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 624: "yes"—To extend the Child Safety Pilot Program.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WESLEY
A. JAMES

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and memory of a remarkable civic leader who was recently called from us. The Rev. Wesley A. James never held an elected political office, yet his influence over his beloved Mobile, Alabama surpassed many who have.

A native of Mobile and a 1970 graduate of Central High School, Rev. James continued on to the University of South Alabama where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. In 1979 he graduated from Virginia Union University School of Theology where he received a Master of Divinity Degree. He was also active on campus as president of the student body, director of resident life, and an instructor of freshman orientation.

In 1981 he graduated number one in his class from Southwest Police Academy located at Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, Alabama. From 1990 to 1995, he was a fellow at Boston University School of Public Health. And, in 1997 he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree, with emphasis on community development from Virginia Union University School of Theology.

Rev. James took the helm of Franklin Street Missionary Baptist Church in Mobile in 1988, leading the church's ministry until his untimely passing last month. While his role as pastor and spiritual guide for his flock was central to his life's calling, Rev. James took an equally

active role in his community where he served on a wide variety of boards and coalitions.

He was both past chairman and member of the board of the Mobile Water & Sewer Service. He served on the MWSS for twenty years, overseeing a seventy million dollar budget. He also served three years on The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Board.

Leaning on his law enforcement and pastoral backgrounds, Rev. James was both an active member of the National Board of Directors of the Community Coalition For A Drug Free America and a founding member of the Coalition for A Drug Free Mobile County.

He was also moderator of the Mobile Baptist Sunlight Association where he oversaw programs for 87 Baptist churches in Mobile and Washington Counties.

Rev. James was noted for his unbending devotion to local schools and his ability to reach across the community to bring together different views for the common good.

His love of Mobile and its patchwork of communities no doubt inspired his dedication to serve the people on so many different levels.

Madam Speaker, we all mourn the loss of Rev. James and on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to extend my condolences to his wonderful wife, Gwendolyn, their children, Sophia, Wesley, Abron, and their extended personal and church family for their loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 622 and 625, I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO ISADORE BANKS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to Isadore Banks, a proud World War I veteran, important leader in the community, and someone I am proud to say made east Arkansas his home. In June of 1954, Isadore became the victim of a heinous racially charged murder for which his attackers were never found. I ask all my fellow colleagues to stand with me today to honor the memory of this great man and also to condemn such senseless acts of violence in the history of this Nation.

Although born in Georgia, after serving in World War I, Isadore Banks would come to call Crittenden County, Arkansas, home. As a place where racial tensions ran high at the time, Isadore made a name for himself as one of the most successful farmers in the area.

Isadore was acutely aware of troubles faced by the black community. He used his business savvy to help create a cotton gin business that helped to support other black farmers, and would often buy school supplies for black schools around town that were in need. He is

most notable for almost singlehandedly bringing electricity to the town of Marion in the 1920s.

In a time of heavy racial violence, Isadore Banks became an inspiration to the whole community, and something of a political leader. His strength and courage in the face of these challenging times, and his compassion for the plight of his fellow man will serve as a reminder to us all—that we should never carry hate in our hearts, but always love in our actions.

My blessings and prayers go to Isadore's family. We shall never forget him.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF
NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to recognize the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and its members for their outstanding community service, and to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization at its 52nd annual meeting, which will take place at the Bernard and Estelle Marcus Jewish Federation Community Building on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana is a local branch of the larger Jewish Federations of North America. The Jewish Federations of North America has directed its humanitarian efforts toward improving the social conditions of Jews and non-Jews throughout the world since 1940. Currently, this organization serves 155 communities across North America. The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, in conjunction with its national and international partners, puts forth significant support toward rescue, relief, and development programs that serve Jewish communities in need in over 60 countries, including Israel, the former Soviet Union, Latin America, Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe.

The Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana's long tradition of community service and involvement in the life of Northwest Indiana is to be commended. This organization continues to support many local organizations through its endowment program and is committed to charity work, helping many in need. The charity programs operated by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana, for which many members have been honored, include the Food Pantry Drive, Shelter Needs, the Holiday Gift Drive, the Adult Friendship Program, the School Backpack Drive, the Senior Retreat, the High School Prom Dress Drive, the JCY Camp, Movie Night, and K'Ton Ton, its preschool program. The people of Northwest Indiana certainly have been rewarded by the service and uncompromising loyalty displayed by the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and its members. I congratulate the community service award winners, as they are worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana for its exceptional service and dedication to not only the Northwest Indiana community, but communities worldwide. The

members of this truly outstanding organization continue to touch the lives of countless people, and for their unselfish, lifelong commitment, they are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN PARKER
GRIFFITH FOR HIS SERVICE TO
NORTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished service of my colleague and friend, Congressman PARKER GRIFFITH, who has tirelessly represented the people of Alabama's Tennessee Valley region during the 111th Congress.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, PARKER GRIFFITH spent much of his career in medicine before turning to public service later in life. In 1970, he earned his medical degree from the Louisiana State University Medical School and served in residency at the University of Texas' M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

His medical career includes the LSU Service Charity Hospital in New Orleans and the University of Texas Medical Branch, UTMB, in Galveston, Texas. Dr. GRIFFITH also served as a Medical Corps captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1970 to 1973, before later moving to north Alabama.

Dr. GRIFFITH was the first radiation oncologist in north Alabama and a pioneer in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer. He established the first Comprehensive Cancer Center in north Alabama to treat all types of cancer. As a physician, he provided free and discounted care to patients without insurance.

PARKER retired from medicine in December 1992, and with his wife, Virginia, he co-founded the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards cash grants to elementary school libraries in northern Alabama. Since its establishment in 2005, the foundation has donated over \$50,000 to area schools.

Dr. GRIFFITH'S political career began in 2006 when he won a seat in the Alabama State Senate, representing the 7th district, including the Huntsville area. During his term in the State Senate, he worked to improve Alabama's healthcare system, lower taxes and expand early childhood education programs.

In 2008, Dr. GRIFFITH was elected to Congress, representing Alabama's Fifth Congressional District. In the U.S. House, he was selected as a member the influential Energy and Commerce Committee, widely considered one of the three most powerful in the House of Representatives. He also served on the Oversight and Investigations, Energy and Environment and Communications, and Technology and the Internet subcommittees.

During his time in Congress, Dr. GRIFFITH advocated for NASA and the Marshall Space Flight Center, Redstone Arsenal and the TVA—all vital to his district. He also proudly voted to lower taxes, invest in education and create jobs.

As PARKER and his wife, Virginia, leave public service for now and return to Alabama full time, I thank them on behalf of the people of Alabama for their esteemed service and I wish both of them the very best.

SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL
HISTORIC PARK STUDY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

SECTION I.—SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK STUDY.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range-San Luis Valley region of Southern Colorado contains some of Colorado's oldest communities and examples of America's rich Spanish-Hispanic history, culture and traditions.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize a study to determine the most effective ways to preserve, protect and interpret the Spanish-Hispanic historic and cultural resources associated with the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range-San Luis Valley region of Southern Colorado.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a special resource study of sites along or within the vicinity of the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway in the San Luis Valley to determine whether any such sites may be suitable for inclusion in the National Park System. Sites for study may include, but not be limited to, the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center, San Luis, Costilla County, Colorado; the Sociedad Proteccion Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU) building, Antonito, Conejos County, Colorado; the Fort Garland Museum, Fort Garland, Costilla County, Colorado; and the Denver & Rio Grande Antonito Depot, Antonito, Conejos County, Colorado.

(d) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national and international significance of these sites, including—

(A) the history of communities under Spanish rule from 1598 through 1821;

(B) the history of communities under Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date of conclusion of the Mexican American War; and

(C) the post-1848 history of the area under United States' rule including the first non-native American settlements, and the creation of the States of Colorado and New Mexico;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating sites as units of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of these sites by federal, State, or local governmental entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

(4) consult with interested federal, State, or local governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations or any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives.

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

(1) the findings of the study; and
 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

(e) APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. STUTZMAN. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 625, I was unavoidably detained, and had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

HONORING CONGRESSMAN BOBBY BRIGHT FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished service of my colleague, Congressman BOBBY BRIGHT, who represented the people of Alabama's Second Congressional District during the 111th Congress.

A native of Dale County in the Alabama Wiregrass region, BOBBY NEAL BRIGHT brought to Washington a determination to look after both the rural and urban areas of his sprawling southeast Alabama district, and he did so very well.

Born into a large family and raised on hard work, Congressman BRIGHT attended Enterprise State Junior College and later Auburn University where, in 1975, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He later received a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Troy University and a Juris Doctor degree at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law in Montgomery.

After graduating from college, BOBBY wore many hats as a teacher, financial advisor, corrections officer, law clerk, and later practiced law for 16 years.

He first entered public service in 1999, when he was elected mayor of Alabama's capital city, Montgomery. He was subsequently reelected twice, serving nine years in office.

Under his leadership, Montgomery experienced unprecedented job growth, including the construction of Hyundai America's car plant just south of town. During his tenure, he initiated a downtown and riverfront revitalization project which re-invented Montgomery's tourism industry, bringing attractions such as the Renaissance Hotel and Spa and The Montgomery Biscuits minor league baseball team.

Upon being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008, Congressman BRIGHT leveraged his leadership skills for Alabama's River Region and the Wiregrass.

He quickly won a seat on the House Armed Services Committee in order to look after the district's largest employers, Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker.

Congressman BRIGHT also served on the Agriculture and Small Business committees

which enabled him to look after the other major pillars of the local economy, including Alabama's peanut and cotton farmers and the small businesses which dot the landscape from Deatsville to Dothan.

As this Congress draws to a close and Congressman BRIGHT prepares to return to Alabama, I wish him, his wife, Lynn, and their three children, Neal, Lisa and Katie, the very best of luck in their future endeavors.

SEX TRAFFICKING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, for years we have heard of the horrors of international sex trafficking of children. It is an abomination that young children around the world are forced into this degrading, humiliating life. No child should have their innocence stolen in this manner.

We're only just beginning to hear about the traffickers that prey on our own children, right here in America. The FBI's Innocence Lost Task Force calls domestic minor sex trafficking the “most overlooked and under-investigated form of child sexual abuse.”

Why aren't we paying closer attention to this in America? According to the FBI, it's because too many people believe that child prostitution is a victimless crime. How could a young boy or girl being forced into this lifestyle be victimless?

These children are abused and exploited. The horror of what they've been through in their young lives is almost too much to bear. Children are not willing participants in this trauma. This kind of thinking is wrong. These children are victims. The men that buy young boys and girls for sex are guilty of exploitation and abuse.

These sex traffickers and their customers are the filth of humanity. As one Texas Ranger told me, “Judge, when you see one, get a rope.”

Houston, Texas, is one of the main hubs for human trafficking in the United States. We have been dealing with this problem for a long time. However, in recent years the city has made tremendous strides towards addressing it.

In Houston, we have one of the 42 Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance groups in the country. Together with the FBI's Innocence Lost initiative, they have rescued over 140 domestic victims. Numerous traffickers have been prosecuted, several receiving life sentences.

Earlier this month, I met with the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance. Included in this group is Houston Constable Ron Hickman—a law enforcement leader in confronting the epidemic of trafficking in Texas. He and his officers told me that one of the biggest issues they face in combating trafficking is how to care for the victims.

More specifically, they told me that there is better care available to the international victims they rescue than there is for our own citizens. International victims are eligible to apply for a U-visa or a T-visa, which allows them to remain lawfully in the United States.

Immigrant service groups help them apply for free legal, medical, mental, housing and

educational services. Internationally trafficked children can receive care in a residential facility, or in a long-term foster home. Basically, we provide a wealth of care to internationally trafficked victims, as we should.

It is a great thing to have these services. We should be doing all we can to rescue all children from this scourge.

But consider the resources that are available to a victim of domestic trafficking in Houston. At the moment law enforcement agents come across victims of domestic trafficking, they are required to take them into custody. Once in custody, domestic minor victims can only gain access to services by being labeled as delinquents and charged with a class B misdemeanor of prostitution, obtaining a permanent criminal record.

That's right—to gain access to short term services, they have to be arrested first. And these short term services do not even begin to address the severe physical and psychological trauma that these girls have survived.

Without access to this specialized care, it has been shown that trafficking victims simply return to their traffickers and continue the cycle of abuse. They have nowhere else to go, so they go back to the only life they know.

What we need in Houston and throughout the nation is specialized, long term, residential treatment facilities to care for victims of domestic minor sex trafficking. Any legislation that addresses this issue must include this victim-centered component.

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 5575, introduced by my friends Congresswoman CAROLINE MALONEY and Congressman CHRIS SMITH, which pays close attention to the care and support of victims.

We have done a marvelous job caring for the victims that are trafficked across our border. We need to ensure that we are doing the same for our own children.

And that's just the way it is.

THANKING MS. LEA FOWLIE FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on September 30, 2010, we rise to thank Ms. Lea Fowlie for her 36 years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives. Lea has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources, HIR, within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, CAO.

Lea began serving the House of Representatives on January 7, 1974, as a Junior Computer Terminal Operator in the Bill Status Office, where she responded to as many as 100 telephone inquiries a day about the status of legislation from both the American public and the House community. She was appointed Quality Control Coordinator and contacted House committees, the Senate Bill Clerk, and the White House daily to ensure the accuracy of the data.

Lea was selected in the late 1970s as one of the first Service Representatives to inform Congressional offices of emerging computer technologies in the House and was appointed

in the early 1980s as an Office Automation Consultant to analyze mail flow in Member offices. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, she served as an Applications Analyst where she assisted in the design, testing, implementation, and support of the House's correspondence management service and several online databases. In the late 1990s, Lea worked to ensure a smooth technology Y2K transition and assisted with the conversion of online services from the mainframe to the Web.

Lea's coworkers and clients came to rely on her for her editorial, public speaking, and collaboration skills. She wrote, edited, and produced user documentation for classroom instruction, served as a member of the CAO Communications Team, had an article published in *Government Information Quarterly* in 1991 as part of a special symposium on legislative information, and served as Editor of the e-CyberCongress Connection Newsletter distributed to House staff. Lea also participated in several Congressional Research Service, CRS, District/State Institutes, delivered the "History of HIR and Technology" portion of the HIR CIO Vision briefing: Distinguished Service for a Digital World, and was a primary speaker at two Federal funding workshops in Congressional district offices.

Lea was appointed as one of the first classroom trainers for the House of Representatives in the 1970s and returned to the classroom environment three times while at the House. She spent the last 15 years with The House Learning Center instructing Congressional staff in a wide range of desktop software, BlackBerry, Web design, online research, and professional development skills. She consistently received high marks from her students. She was instrumental in the development of job-related training matrices and in forming a partnership with the Congressional Research Service, CRS, to advise staff on how to assist their constituents in finding Federal funds for district projects.

Lea was recognized by CAO and HIR leadership for her work in individual and team ef-

orts on the CAO Roll of Honor, as a CAO All Star, with a CAO/HIR "Pat on the Back", 107-111th Congressional Transitions Teams, and as a CAO ACE Excellence Award nominee. The Congressional Research Service (CRS) recognized her for her work on the Legislative Information System (LIS) project where she served as the House's representative. She was spotlighted in the January-June 2007 CAO Semi-Annual Report and in the 'Trophy Case' on the CAOnline internal web site. Lea received numerous notes and letters of appreciation from Members of Congress, Congressional staff, coworkers, and the public.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend our congratulations to Lea for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives. We wish Lea many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN FLOYD
MCGOWIN, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Norman Floyd McGowin, Jr., of Chapman, Alabama; a philanthropist, devoted steward of the land and expert aviator who recently passed away at the age of 79.

A graduate of Lawrenceville School in 1949, Floyd McGowin earned his undergraduate degree in International Relations from Yale University in 1953. After college, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps and Reserves, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant.

After returning to civilian life, Floyd became a principal in his south Butler County, Alabama family business, the W.T. Smith Lumber Company, one of the oldest and largest lumber operations in Alabama. When the com-

pany was sold to Union Camp in 1966, he remained at the helm, serving as President of the Rocky Creek Logging Company until his retirement in 1991.

Floyd was a distinguished business leader, serving on numerous boards of directors of forestry-related organizations and financial institutions. He was also instrumental in pioneering aviation mapping techniques for forest management.

In addition to his many business accomplishments, Floyd was also known as a skilled aviator. In 2009, he was honored with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. He completed over 50 years of flying with more than 13,000 hours in 58 types of aircraft, including flying for 10 years as a professional airshow pilot. He was inducted into the Alabama Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997. At the time of his death, he was the owner and operator of McGowin Field in Chapman, established in 1930, which is the second oldest active civil airport in Alabama.

He also served on nonprofit educational foundations promoting flight. He was Chairman of the Wright Brothers/Maxwell Field Foundation of Montgomery, Alabama and Vice President and Director of The Discovery of Flight Foundation of Warrenton, Virginia. He served proudly as a Director of the Alabama Archives and History Foundation. He completed a manuscript titled *The Forest and the Trees*, which is under contract with New South Books awaiting commercial publication.

Madam Speaker, South Alabama has lost a patriot and a pioneer with the passing of Floyd McGowin. We owe a debt of gratitude for his contributions to forestry management and the preservation of America's rich aviation history.

I wish to offer my condolences to his wife of 57 years, Rosa Tucker, his son, Dr. Norman F. McGowin, III, and his daughters, Tucker Slaughter and Lucy Moore, as well as his numerous grandchildren and other relatives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.