

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GEORGE P. SHULTZ

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of a great leader, a true public servant, and a proud resident of San Francisco: George Pratt Shultz.

Secretary Shultz has lived by the mantra he set forth during his decades of service: "You've got to dream a little bit if you're going to get somewhere." Throughout his life, he dreamed more than "a little bit"—and his dreams led him to the height of academia, government, and business.

His dreams led him to the Marine Corps during World War II. They led him to become a celebrated and decorated professor of economics at some of our most prestigious institutions of higher learning. And they certainly drove him to "get somewhere" in the public square: serving as an advisor to Presidents; as a Director of the Office of Management and Budget; as the Secretary of the Treasury, Labor, and State.

In the closing years of the Cold War, as our leading diplomat, Secretary Shultz was a powerful, passionate voice for American values around the world—negotiating when possible to advance the interests of the United States; standing firm when necessary to defend our country; striving for peace among nations and advocating on behalf of our strong moral leadership worldwide.

In recent years, Secretary Shultz brought his experience and wisdom to two critical challenges facing our country and our planet: climate change and nuclear non-proliferation.

He understood that global warming is a threat to our national security, our economy, and our environment. And in California, he joined the campaign to halt efforts to weaken environmental protections—and fought to strengthen our clean energy future.

Forever a statesman, he issued a clarion call to build a world free of nuclear weapons, recognizing that these instruments of war are no longer necessary in this day and age, and represent a threat to global security now and in the future.

Known for his dynamic partnerships over the years, Secretary Shultz has no greater partner than his wife, Charlotte Maillard Shultz. When Charlotte served as Chief of Protocol for the city and county of San Francisco, and for the state of California, Secretary Shultz supported her with his own diplomatic acumen. Today, their partnership, in both the public and private spheres, continues to enhance our city.

Secretary Shultz has always been, and will always remain for Paul and me, a patriot, a dedicated public servant, and a friend. An economist, a business leader, and a statesman: George Shultz followed his dreams. And on his 90th birthday, we honor his service.

SENIORS PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of the Seniors Protection Act of 2010, I rise to express support for this important bill.

Last week, the House had the opportunity to provide relief for millions of seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals.

For 75 years, and through numerous recessions, Social Security has been a steady source of income. Since 1975, Congress has implemented automatic cost-of-living-adjustments for Social Security to guarantee that Social Security benefits are protected against the effects of inflation.

The cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security is calculated automatically using data on inflation published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is not a deliberate decision by Congress. I support a fairer cost-of-living calculation for Social Security in order to keep pace with the actual increases in the true costs of living for seniors. That is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 2365, the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act of 2009, which would change the calculation of the cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security to reflect consumption patterns which are typical for seniors.

For the first time ever, there will be no automatic cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security for the second consecutive year. Since there was no cost-of-living-adjustment increase for 2010, the formula used to calculate the adjustment required a comparison with 2008 costs, a year when prices were historically high. Even through the average costs of health care, food, and other essentials did increase this year compared to 2009 that was not considered by the formula. Unfortunately, this resulted in no increase in monthly benefits for millions of Americans who depend on Social Security, SSI, VA Pension and Compensation, and Railroad Retirement for the second year in a row while their real costs of living have gone up.

American seniors, disabled workers, and survivors or spouses and children of retired or disabled workers rely on Social Security benefits. For example, 60 percent of American seniors rely on Social Security for a majority of their income and 30 percent of seniors rely on Social Security for more than 90 percent of their income. With Social Security benefits being modest, only \$14,000 for the average retiree, the lack of a cost-of-living-adjustment is troubling.

The Seniors Protection Act of 2010 would provide Social Security beneficiaries with a one-time payment of \$250 to offset the lack of a cost-of-living-adjustment. This bill would provide relief for 54 million seniors, veterans, and disabled individuals. In my state of New Jersey, this bill will provide assistance to over 1.5 million individuals.

Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has provided a guaranteed benefit to hundreds of millions of retired and disabled workers and their families. For seniors, Social Security has provided financial security, independence, and dignity in their retirement years. I believe that Congress has a duty to ensure that their benefits are protected.

Congress had a chance to provide relief to millions of Social Security beneficiaries with a one-time \$250 payment. Unfortunately, Republicans blocked this measure that would have provided much needed relief to our seniors, veterans, and disabled Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 611 on H.R. 5987, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Seniors Protection Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 612 on H. Res. 1717, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, congratulating imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 613 on H. Res. 1540, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and calling on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 614 on H. Res. 1531, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 615 on H. Res. 1752, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Same Day Consideration Rule, Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 616 on H.R. 6495, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and

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Pass, Robert C. Byrd Mine Safety Protection Act of, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 617 on H. Res. 1402, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, and expressing support for designation of February 16, 2011, as "Citizen Diplomacy Day", I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 618 on H. Res. 1704, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 619 on H.J. Res. 1755, On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 620 on H.R. 4501, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Guarantee of a Legitimate Deal, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 621 on H. Res. 1746, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Recognizing and supporting the efforts of Welcome Back Veterans to augment the services provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans' Affairs in providing timely and world-class care for veterans and members of the Armed Forces suffering from PTSD and related psychiatric disorders, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 622 on H.R. 3082 House Amendment, On Motion to Concur and Amend to H.R. 3082, Continuing Appropriations/Food Safety Act, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 623 on H. Res. 1756, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 5281) to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 624 on S. 3998, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 625 on H.R. 5281, On Motion to Concur in Senate Amend-

ments #1 and #2, and in #3 With Amendment, To amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "nay."

HONORING RONALD G. YELENIK

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald G. Yelenik, Assistant General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Mr. Yelenik is retiring after 35 years of distinguished service at the CPSC.

Mr. Yelenik began his career at the CPSC in 1975. Prior to joining the CPSC staff, he was a Law Professor at Antioch School of Law, a Director of East New York Legal Services, a staff attorney at Brownsville Legal Services, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica.

Mr. Yelenik has held various legal positions at the CPSC, chiefly within the Office of Compliance and Field Operations, and most recently in the Division of Compliance within the Office of the General Counsel. He currently manages a staff of 12 attorneys, providing leadership in devising legal strategies to ensure that manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers of dangerously defective and hazardous products are held responsible for harm caused to consumers. Over the years, he has been an excellent mentor to staff attorneys and legal interns.

Over the course of his long and distinguished Federal career, Mr. Yelenik helped negotiate numerous major product recalls with such firms as Wal-Mart, Cosco, and Fisher-Price. The Fisher-Price recall involved ten million battery-powered Power Wheel ride-on cars that presented a fire hazard to children. This toy recall was one of the largest and most expensive recalls in CPSC's history.

Mr. Yelenik has also served as lead counsel in some of the largest monetary civil penalty cases in the CPSC's history for reporting violations under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act. The cases include a \$4 million civil penalty against the McDonald's Corporation in 1999; a \$1.75 million penalty against Dorel USA (Cosco/Safety 1st) in 2001; and a \$1.1 million penalty against Fisher-Price in 2001. In 2009, he negotiated a \$2.3 million civil penalty against Mattel for multiple violations of the lead paint ban in children's products. The Mattel violations were one of the catalysts that led to the passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.

During his tenure at CPSC, Mr. Yelenik has played a major role in protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury posed by consumer products. He has demonstrated inspiring leadership and has been a valued employee at the CPSC.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to thank Ronald G. Yelenik for his honorable service to

our Nation and I wish him a rewarding retirement.

HONORING JILL K. DUFFY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jill Duffy for her 8 years of distinguished public service on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

Born in Los Angeles, Ms. Duffy moved to Humboldt County at a young age. She completed her education at Humboldt State University, where she studied Environmental Engineering. After serving for 15 years as an Environmental Compliance Analyst for the City of Arcata and 4 years on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board, she was elected to represent Humboldt County's 5th Supervisorial District in 2002.

Throughout her two terms, Jill has been a capable and enthusiastic voice for the citizens of Humboldt County. She has provided competent leadership on a variety of issues, including protection of our rich natural resources. She was appointed by the governor to sit on the Statewide Watershed Monitoring Advisory Committee and was the county representative for Klamath River dam removal negotiations. She was also a stalwart advocate for securing county access to water rights on the Trinity River.

Jill has been active on numerous committees and boards, including the California State Association of Counties Working Group for Compact Negotiations for Indian Gaming, Northwest California Resource Conservation & Development Council, California Water Environment Association, North Coast Pollution Prevention Committee, Humboldt Bay Shellfish Technical Advisory Committee, McKinleyville General Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee, Redwood National Park Association, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Humboldt County Code Enforcement Task Force Sub-Committee, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Arcata-Eureka Airport Terminal Building Decoration and Advertising Committee, and the Humboldt Transit Authority.

Whether through her efforts to safeguard our region's unique environmental assets or champion the rights of towns to participate in the county planning process, Ms. Duffy has been a proven relationship builder and diligent representative.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to acknowledge and thank Jill Duffy for her 8 years of commendable leadership and unwavering commitment to the citizens of Humboldt County.

HONORING JOHN TROUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Trout. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy

Scouts of America, Troop 45, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has earned the God and Country award and represented the United States at Peak 2010, an international Scout Jamboree in Darby County, England. John has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John built an outdoor patio for the Juda House, a long-term homeless shelter in St. Joseph, Missouri. John also designed a playground and ornamental flower garden for the Juda House.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Trout for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association. This Association was instrumental in reforming the flood and navigation system along the Mississippi River after the 1927 flood, which was one of the greatest peace-time disasters our nation has seen. This disaster wrecked the levee system and devastated over 12 million acres and drove 600,000 people from their homes. Losses were estimated at \$400 million.

A shining star in this disaster was the quick work of this Association by organizing a congressional tour at the height of the flood by special train and boats. This effort paved the way for legislation developing the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project to build a levee system to tame the Mississippi River's forces. Today, this levee system still protects hundreds of thousands of families from flooding and facilitates transportation in our inland water ways system.

The Association still lives on under the great leadership of Mr. George Grugett. Mr. Grugett's career is an example for all of us to follow. He has served as the Executive Vice President of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association since 1980. During his service to this Association, he has successfully brought together Members of Congress, senior officials within the Army Corps of Engineers, and levee boards along the Mississippi River in order to promote and develop the flood and navigation system that is so important to our economy.

I can confidently say that with Mr. Grugett's leadership we have made numerous strides in the areas of flood control and water naviga-

tion. I ask the entire House to join with me to commend Mr. Grugett for his leadership and dedication to this Association as it marks its 75th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF PAT LOE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pat Loe, on the occasion of her retirement from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. It has been a pleasure working with Pat on various projects and she will be missed by many.

Pat is a lifelong resident of San Benito County. Prior to her service on the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, she worked for Tiffany Motor Company for 34 years.

Pat first began her career in politics when she was appointed to the San Benito County Planning Commission where she served for 10 years. Her leadership on the Commission prepared her to run for a seat on the Hollister City Council. Pat served on the council for four years and made some momentous advancements for women. She became the first woman to break the glass ceiling and serve as Mayor for the City of Hollister allowing many other councilwomen to follow suit.

On March 5, 2002, Pat was elected to the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, District 3. The County district seat is unique, wholly within an urban area, geographically in central Hollister, defined by its established homes, and its population is dominated by longtime Hollister residents. Pat was reelected on June 6, 2006 to serve a second term of four years. She was Chair of the San Benito County Supervisors in 2006 and also served as Vice-Chair in 2010.

Pat served on various committees including the Council of Governments, Local Agency Formation Commission, Veterans Park Commission, Children and Families First Commission, Community Action Board, Intergovernmental Committee, Juvenile Justice Commission, Local Task Force, Behavioral Health Board, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, City Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Gang Prevention Task Force, and National Association of Counties. She also served on various sub-committees: Community Development Block Grants, Ethics, Library Vision Committee, Governance, Redevelopment, Agency Revolving Loan Fund Board, and New Courthouse Project. She also served on other community organizations such as the Homeless Task Force, Emmaus House and Relay for Life.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our Nation's deepest gratitude to Pat Loe for all of her years of service. I wish her well and hope she enjoys the time with her family and friends. This is not a goodbye for I know that Pat will continue to serve the County of San Benito on other capacities. Pat clearly loves the County of San Benito, and she's changed

it, for the better—with her unique brand of gentle persistence.

A SALUTE TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD L. HUGHES FOR HIS 15 YEARS OF PRINCIPLED SERVICE ON THE 67TH DISTRICT COURT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me as I salute Richard L. Hughes upon his retirement from the 67th District Court in Burton, Michigan, after 15 years of proud and principled service.

Judge Hughes was first appointed to the bench in 1994. He ran successfully for the balance of the judicial term in 1996, and was twice re-elected to the position in 1998 and 2004. But his tenure on the bench was merely a capstone to his many years of formal public service. Dick's story is truly the archetype of "local boy makes good." Not many years after graduating from the Detroit College of Law in 1968 and practicing law in Detroit for a time, Dick and his wife Suzanne moved their young family to their long-time homestead in Otisville, just miles from where he was raised.

Dick practiced law in the community for 26 years before his appointment. During that time and continuing today, Dick was active in his church and as a Rotarian in the Davison and Burton clubs.

In formal service to the community, Dick truly carried on a long family tradition of holding public office. He was urged by community members to serve on the Lakeville School Board when the district was in the midst of challenging financial times. He served nearly a decade, and 6 years as president. True to his nature and sense of practicality, Dick successfully reduced the board member's compensation to just \$1 a year during the lean years.

When Dick was appointed to the 67th District Court bench in 1994, he was presented the gavel of our great-great grandfather Julian Peters who was Justice of the Peace for 24 years in Rochester, Michigan. We are all grateful that Dick has carried on our family's tradition of proud public service in the judicial branch of government.

I know that Dick's thoughtful expertise on the bench will be missed. The Burton community is fortunate, however, that Dick's son-in-law Mark Latchana will carry on Dick's tradition of proud and principled service after Mark's successful election to the seat this past November.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join my salute to my cousin, Dick Hughes, for his commitment to excellence on the bench, his dedication to community and family, and his tireless service to the public. I wish Dick, his wife Suzanne, their children Beth and Michael and their families the very best enjoyment of Dick's formal retirement. I have no doubt that although he is shedding the black robe, his service to the community will continue in earnest for many years to come.

“THIS LAND IS MY LAND”—CSM
ROCKY SHAPLA, UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American story, and patriot, Command Sergeant Major Rocky Shapla of Murray, Kentucky. CSM Shapla has lived the American Dream, arriving in the U.S. from Yugoslavia at the age of 15. With nothing but the shirt on his back he would rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army . . . because of his leadership and drive. He has fought in wars, just like all of our forefathers who wear the name Patriot . . . because of their service to country. With over 41 years in the service, his resume is an outstanding one to say the least. Rocky has been recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq. He loves the Army, and he loves this country. As he put it, “only in America can you come here without nothing, rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army, and have dinner at the White House with the President. Its time for this Kentucky Thoroughbred to come back home to that blue grass that he so loves, Kentucky and his family. I ask that this tribute penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND

This land is my land . . .
This land is our land . . .
All in this Country Tis of Thee so grand . . .
Are but born, such fine son's . . . such son's
of liberty who stand . . .
But, some sons come from far across the seas
. . .
To but live the American Dream . . .
So many of our future great Americans, new
daughters and sons . . .
Who but new lives have begun . . .
All in their fine pursuit, of most precious
freedom . . .
Who raise their hands and take that oath
. . .
With tears in eyes, as all in their hearts as
this means the most . . .
The ones who do it the right way . . .
But, with their own fine lives, are but will-
ing to pay!
As they assimilate, into this great melting
pot . . . as its for them we pray . . .
The ones who will so proudly, wear that uni-
form . . .
As in their fine hearts, their love of country
beats ever on . . .
Willing to face death, giving up all until
none lies left . . . as they march on . . .
Living the American Dream, raising a fine
family . . . daring to dream!
Rising up through the ranks, into a Com-
mand Sergeant Major . . .
As to him, Rocky we give such thanks . . .
From one war to the next, Rocky's fine life
for us has so been pledged!
Melding into, one of America's most finest
sons!
Yes land is your land, is our land . . .
Training and leading, all of our most coura-
geous daughters and sons . . .
Succeeding, for Rocky was a man on a mis-
sion!
Coming to this new world, with but his great
dreams and visions unfurled . . .
A man who fell in love three times . . .
With his Country, his Wife . . . and the
United States Army . . . double time!
And his children, and Kentucky make five!

To live a great life, all in that old Kentucky
Clay . . .
This great land of Lincoln, Ali, and most be-
loved Henry his dreams were made . . .
Doing it, doing the Right Way . . . the Amer-
ican Way . . .
Only in America, can one travel across the
seas, and a Command Sergeant Major
rise up to be . . .
And raise a fine family, and live the dream
. . . a shake the President's hand it
seems!
For hearts of courage full, and fine patriots
. . . who live by that golden rule . . .
Coming across the shores, with hearts of
dreams so very full . . .
This Land is my land, this land is our Land
. . . may live the American Dream so
true!

IN HONOR OF TONY CAMPOS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a model public servant who dedicated his life to the betterment of the Pajaro Valley on California's central coast. Tony Campos, a native of the Pajaro Valley, has served his community as a city councilmember, a mayor, and a county supervisor since 1987. His leadership and dedication has resulted in many successes. Moreover, his loyalty and compassion made him a dear friend to me and many others.

Tony was born and raised in the Pajaro Valley, graduated from Watsonville High School and attended Cabrillo College. He spent fourteen years working in the sprawling agricultural fields with his father. From this strong foundation, Tony sought to continue his success by becoming a small-business owner. However, the biggest success in his life came in March of 1977 when he married Becky Tegenkamp.

In 1987, Tony was elected as to the Watsonville City Council. He was the first Latino elected to the City Council since the city's incorporation in 1868. Two years later, he demonstrated exemplary leadership in the Loma Prieta earthquake and its aftermath. As Mayor of Watsonville, Tony led the city through one of its worst natural disasters when the Pajaro River overflowed, flooding large portions of the Pajaro Valley.

In June of 1998, Tony became the first Latino elected to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors since 1853. For twelve years, he fought tirelessly to improve social and health services in the county. Moreover, as Chairman of the Board, Tony has brought further attention to the needs of seniors, Latinos, young people, and farm workers. Recently, Tony accomplished his goal of equal access to the courts and other government services by playing an instrumental role in the construction of the new Watsonville Civic Center.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize this community leader and to applaud him for his tenure on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. As Tony begins the next chapter of his life, he will continue to be a strong advocate for the Pajaro Valley and the Central Coast. I wish my friend and his lovely wife all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 581 to designate the Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building; rollcall 582 to support the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day; rollcall 584 for the Claims Resolution Act 2010; rollcall 585 to honor and recognize the exemplary service of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California; rollcall 586 to honor and recognize the National Guard on the occasion of its 374th anniversary.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” for all votes. I am a cosponsor of the Lance Corporal Arredondo Post Office legislation and the resolution honoring the National Guard, and I have consistently voted to recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of our nation's servicemembers and military families. I commend the National Guard, which has served our nation with distinction and honor for 374 years and deserves the greatest respect and gratitude.

RECOGNITION OF HUGH DORRIAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COM- MUNITY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Dorrian as he is honored by the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation. He has been a man of honor in politics, something rare in these times. I cannot remember him ever running a negative ad or engaging in a personal attack on an opponent. He is recognized by the citizens of Columbus as someone who serves with great integrity and in whom they have placed their trust and confidence to safeguard public resources. In office, he does not play partisan politics. He may not give other officials the answer that they want to hear, but he can be counted on to give what he sees as the correct answer about public funds, the budget and spending.

Hugh Dorrian is a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, and his name is well-known in the Irish American community.

As Columbus City Auditor for over four decades, Hugh has seen many changes yet remained steadfast in his commitment to managing the City's fiscal resources. He was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 30 consecutive years.

Hugh has received numerous accolades throughout the years including the St. Charles

Preparatory School Borromean Medal for Distinguished Alumni Achievement, the Ohio State University School of Public Policy Outstanding Local Public Service Award, the City of Columbus Equal Business Opportunity Department Minority/Female Business Advocate Award, the Ohio Government Finance Officers' Association Ethics in Government Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. He served on the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund of Ohio Board of Trustees, was a member of the Investment Committee from 1973 to 1992 and sat on the advisory board at St. Charles Preparatory High School for several years.

A Certified Public Accountant and alumnus of the Ohio State University, Hugh lectured at the Graduate School of Public Policy and Management teaching Governmental and Non-profit Accounting from 1984 to 2006 while simultaneously holding elective office. In 1991, he taught an accounting and auditing seminar in Russia at the request of the Leningrad-St. Petersburg City Council.

Also distinguished in service to his church, Hugh was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (For the Church and the Pope) medal by Pope John Paul II, the highest honor given to a member of the laity. Hugh's many honors and awards have made him the subject of feature articles in several local publications and he is beloved in our community.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Hugh Dorrian as he is honored once more for his lifetime of public service and dedication to the people of Columbus, Ohio.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act, bipartisan legislation that would provide a path to legal status for undocumented youth who entered the U.S. as children, graduated from U.S. high schools, and attend college or enter the military.

I would like to thank Speaker PELOSI and Leader HOYER for bringing this important legislation up for a vote on the House floor today. I also would like to thank Rep. LUIS GUTIERREZ, who sponsored this bill in the House and has worked so hard for its passage.

Our nation's history is rooted in the strength of immigrants. As New Yorkers, my constituents have a special understanding of how America's melting pot can create a rich tapestry of ethnic, cultural and religious traditions that infuse vitality into the economic and social aspects of our communities.

I strongly believe that by protecting the rights of workers, securing the border, and modernizing our pathway to legal immigration, the hope that we can fix our broken system will become a reality.

Under the DREAM Act, qualified students would be eligible for conditional immigration status upon high school graduation that would then lead, after a period of 10 years and a rigorous process, to permanent legal residency if they go to college or serve in the military.

We cannot deny these students the opportunity to pursue education—especially when the alternative is often working illegally. Despite what some opponents of this legislation claim, the DREAM Act would not grant special benefits to qualified students. In fact, students may only access benefits they work for, or pay for.

This bill would allow a limited number of hard working students, who were brought to this country as children, to be rewarded for their success, and in the process, produce thousands of college graduates contributing to economic productivity and eligible youth ready to serve this nation through military service.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important legislation and urge my colleagues to support it.

IN HONOR OF RAFAEL REYEZ
DAVILA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rafael Reyez Davila of Cleveland, Ohio, on the occasion of his being honored by the American Nationalities Movement, and for his lifetime of service and commitment to his community.

Mr. Davila attended local elementary and high school and graduated from Cuyahoga Community College in 1965 with an associate's degree in accounting. He worked at the Lowe Marschalk Advertising Agency, where he rose to the position of Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration before leaving in 1986. By the end of his fifteen-year career with Marschalk, Mr. Davila was directly supervising fifteen staff members and was instrumental in hiring the entire office staff of about 100.

In 1989, Mr. Davila founded Davila and Associates Advertising Agency. His experience and knowledge of the Latino community gave him the expertise to start Ohio's first advertising agency with a specialty in the Latino market. Davila and Associates has been very active in the Cleveland community since its founding, hosting its First Annual Latino Business Seminar in 1992, first publishing its monthly Hispanic Entrepreneur Bulletin the same year, and currently working to publish "The Latino Entrepreneur Business Directory of Ohio" in 2011.

Mr. Davila has held many positions in Cleveland's Latino community; some of the local organizations in which he has served include the Hispanic AIDS Task Force, Esperanza, Image, the Hispanic Business Association, the Cleveland Hispanic Republican Party, Latino Entrepreneur International, and the Ohio Bicentennial Advisory Council. He has also been a member of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce from 1988 to the present, the president of the Hispanic Athletes Network, which he founded in 1991, and founder and current president of Latinos Unidos.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Rafael Reyez Davila for his lifetime accomplishments and service. His commitment to the Latino community and the greater Cleveland area shows in his clear

dedication to helping others, and his leadership in community organizations has changed the lives of countless people in a positive way.

HONORING BONNIE NEELY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Neely for her twenty-four years of distinguished public service on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

First elected to Humboldt County's 4th Supervisorial District on November 3, 1986, Ms. Neely has been an outstanding public servant with a reputation for astute knowledge of local issues, creative problem solving and compassion for people. She has proven herself as a skilled collaborator and tireless advocate for the citizens of Humboldt County.

Throughout her tenure as Supervisor, Ms. Neely has provided strong and resourceful leadership on community issues ranging from homelessness to natural resources. She was appointed by two Governors to sit on the statewide California Coastal Commission and California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. She has been active on numerous local committees and boards, such as the Humboldt County Children and Families Commission, Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Humboldt Bay Harbor Revitalization Advisory Committee, Redwood Empire Association, Redwood Community Action Agency, and the Rotary Club of Eureka.

A native of Humboldt County, Bonnie attended Humboldt State University and transferred to London, England to continue her education before returning home to complete her bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts.

Ms. Neely has a demonstrated passion for promoting our region's artistic culture and rich quality of life. She is Board President of Dell'Arte International, a founding member of the North Coast Repertory Theatre, and co-founder and board member of the Redwood Coast Music Festivals and the Humboldt Library Foundation. Along with her fellow board members, she also helped to establish the Headwaters Fund to support community development projects.

A dedicated champion for the citizens of Humboldt County, Bonnie has received numerous awards including the "Woman of Distinction Award" from the Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay, Award of Outstanding Service to Homeless from the Redwood Community Action Agency, Community Achievement Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Friend of Seniors Award from the Area 1 Agency on Aging, Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Foundation, and the Contributor to the Arts Award from the Humboldt Arts Council.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to acknowledge and thank Bonnie Neely for her 24 years of exemplary leadership and lasting contributions that have done so much to directly improve the lives of those she has so ably represented.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting due to a family emergency on Thursday, December 9. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 626 and rollcall 627.

COMMENDING YUVRAJ PURI FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Yuvraj Puri for his initiative in crafting a bill to reduce the amount of annual Medicare fraud and prevent future Medicare fraud. Yuvraj is 13 years old and attends Cooper Middle School in McLean, Virginia, where he is currently in the 8th grade.

As a second-generation Indian-American and in tribute to his Asian culture which teaches children to respect and take care of their elders, it has been Yuvraj's dream to work with senior citizens. In fact, for the past 3 months, Yuvraj has been volunteering at the Herndon Senior Center for 4 hours every week.

At the center, his primary duties are to update the database, set up bingo, clean up and lock down the center, type up the lunch menu, decorate, write the program board, and clean out the closet for recyclables.

This experience has instilled in Yuvraj a desire to take his work further and so he chose to research Medicare fraud and present a paper and draft a bill as part of an assignment at school. Although the school had each student partner with another, I am impressed that Yuvraj went beyond what he was required to do and, on his own initiative, sought to visit the U.S. Congress to see how bills are introduced, managed and eventually passed into law.

As an Asian-Pacific American, Yuvraj also requested a meeting with Members of the Executive Board of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), including the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary who serves as Chair of the CAPAC's Healthcare Task Force. Since its inception in 1994, CAPAC has continued its commitment to promote and secure equal rights for not only Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), but all Americans.

Through his research, Yuvraj learned that CAPAC fights to eliminate health care disparities and works to ensure that Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities are not left out of policy decisions. Recognizing CAPAC's importance and knowing that CAPAC can influence the passage or defeat of a bill, Yuvraj referenced CAPAC in his presentation and sought a meeting with us to present his bill, especially since he is a member of the AAPI community.

Today, it was our honor to personally meet Yuvraj and accept his bill, and I thank Congressman MIKE HONDA, Chairman of CAPAC,

and also Congresswoman MADELEINE BORDALLO, Chair of CAPAC's Healthcare Taskforce, for joining with me to commend Yuvraj for his initiative.

As Members of CAPAC's Executive Board, we join together in wishing Yuvraj much success in his pursuit to attend the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology (TJSST) in Alexandria, Virginia. We believe Yuvraj is a rare student who has the capability to become a leader of the 21st century and it is clear that his intellectual curiosity will serve him well on his road to study medicine at Princeton as he seeks to do all he can do to serve the elderly to the best of his ability.

Again, I commend Yuvraj for his self-motivation and aspirations, and I extend to him and his family my very best regards.

"TRUTH EMERGING IN KENT STATE COLD CASE HOMICIDE"
BY LAUREL KRAUSE**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, this prose by Laurel Krause is entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the request of Laurel Krause, whose sister Allison Krause was shot and killed as she protested the Vietnam War at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. Laurel is the co-founder and director of the Kent State Truth Tribunal.

TRUTH EMERGING IN THE KENT STATE COLD CASE
HOMICIDE

The government crossed the line in the killing of four young people in the killing of our Allison as she rallied against the war on May 4, 1970. A civil rights battle on U.S. soil in our times Kent State is personal for us yet important for all

Arthur Krause knew the importance of the Kent State Tape. My dad knew it held the truth of what happened at Kent State even though back in 1970 and until just recently truth from the Kent State Tape was locked up

in a jumbled maze of analog antiquity. Dad passed away over 20 years ago. He knew the truth in the Kent State Tape

A patriot and WWII soldier. Dad believed the American dream. When Allison his firstborn a freshman at Kent State University was protesting the Vietnam war on her campus

He never anticipated the American apocalypse. Our family would endure at the hands of our government

Like Sandy, Jeff and Bill our Allison was shot dead at Kent State. Homicide by national guard gunfire. Dad knew they got away with murder at Kent State University just after noon on May 4, 1970

Over the next ten years Dad sought truth and justice at Kent State demanding to know what happened to our Allison

Taking it to the courts yielded only road blocks, cover-ups and threats. Every effort to uncover and face the deadly inhumanity of Kent State was completely thwarted

A series of seamless stonewalls. Never examining the wrongs of Kent State. No accountability for the killings of Kent State. Not one person or group ever held responsible. Not one apology uttered. Yet governmental claims were consistent: There was no order to fire. The Guard reacted to sniper fire. The Guard felt under attack from the students

A government-fabricated pack of lies that has now transformed into the recorded history of the killings of Kent State. That is . . . until 2010 and the examination of the Kent State Tape 40 years after the shootings. The Kent State Tape that Dad held so dear that was evidence in his court cases finally examined using tools of state-of-the-art audio technology unlocking the true record of what occurred at Kent State on May 4, 1970

Sounds expertly analyzed by world-class forensic scientist Stuart Allen commissioned by the Cleveland Plain Dealer to explore the Kent State Tape for the very first time

Whether copy or original is moot. Truth is recorded in the Kent State Tape. A tape does not remember, forget or change its story

The Kent State Tape does not lie. At the Kent State Truth Tribunal in NYC October 2010 with Stuart Allen examining Hearing and unraveling the labyrinth of deadly sounds

including shots and national guard commands

and a violent altercation with FBI-paid Terry Norman all contributing to the shootings at Kent State 1970

The government denied orders to fire were isolated, heard and verified

orders of Guard, Prepare to Fire orders of Alright, Guard, Fiii—with the last word of the deadly order stepped on

by a barrage of 67 shots over 13 seconds. At unarmed students changing classes at noon

At unarmed students more than a football field away

At unarmed students rallying against the Vietnam War

At unarmed students rallying against the military occupation of their campus in a battle where American dissent was also slaughtered

HONORING TSgt WILLIAM
TIMOTHY "TIM" WYMORE**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor TSgt William Timothy "Tim" Wymore, an 18 year veteran of the Missouri Air National Guard and of Operation Enduring Freedom. I have the honor to count Tim Wymore as a constituent.

During a "Hometown Heroes Salute" on 4 December the Missouri Air National Guard paid special tribute to TSgt Wymore for his

service. I am grateful to the Guard for recognizing Tim's contribution to the security of our country.

In 2004, Tim deployed to Balad, Iraq, one of our largest air bases, with Missouri's 131st Bomb Wing. He was one of only five members of his unit sent to Iraq. While everyone who goes to war is affected, some return more affected than others. Tim Wymore is one such person.

Tim is one of thousands of our service members exposed to hazardous materials while operating in and around the burn pits in Iraq. Since returning, Tim's health has deteriorated to the point where he is unable to work. He's been in and out of the hospital and today cannot stand on his own and relies on oxygen to breathe.

Through it all, Shanna, his wife of 25 years has not only stood by his side, but fought to get the benefits and care he deserves from a system sometimes indifferent to his suffering. I got to know Tim and Shanna after they contacted my office seeking assistance with the Veterans Administration.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor TSgt Tim Wymore, so I won't take further time to elaborate on how the system has failed to support this warfighter. I will only say that I will continue to work to see that the Veterans Administration is held accountable for how it serves our citizen soldiers.

Despite his suffering, Tim Wymore remains a patriotic citizen and father. In fact, rather than try and dissuade his son from serving in uniform, he supports his youngest son Cody's decision to follow in his footsteps and enlist in the United States Air Force.

I pray God bless the Wymore family and the United States of America.

“STEVEN SOLARZ: A GREAT
MEMBER OF CONGRESS”

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, America lost one of the outstanding people to have served in this House. Steven Solarz was a Member of the House from 1974–1992, and no Member either in my personal experience or in my reading of history was a more effective and constructive leader in foreign policy as a Member of the House. Too often, Members of Congress, especially the House Members, distinguish themselves in the foreign policy field mostly in a negative way. Sometimes that is a very good thing because these Members are preventing things from happening that shouldn't happen. But there is a tendency to demagogue and to play to public dislike of foreigners. Steven Solarz was a role model for those who think that Members of the House have a constructive role to play in foreign policy. Without ever having risen to the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he made himself an extremely significant positive force in foreign policy, for human rights, and for constructive American relations with a wide range of nations. He understood the importance of our being strong when we had to be, and of our being open and generous when that was called for.

Madam Speaker, Steve Solarz was a personal friend of mine for many years, and I suppose that people could claim that I have exaggerated the greatness of the role he played because of that. So I was particularly pleased to see that one of the best students of Congress, Norman Ornstein, expressed eloquently and cogently the importance of the role Steve Solarz played in foreign policy as a House Member, in his December 8, 2010 article in Roll Call.

Madam Speaker, as an example that I believe all Members ought to aspire to, I ask that Norman Ornstein's deserved tribute to Steven Solarz's foreign policy leadership be printed here.

[From Roll Call, Dec. 8, 2010]

REP. SOLARZ WAS A LEADER WORTH
REMEMBERING

(By Norman Ornstein)

This is the season for farewell addresses from many lawmakers leaving at the end of the 111th Congress. Some speeches, such as those of Sen. Ted Kaufman (D-Del.) a few weeks back and of Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) last week, are particularly poignant, reflecting decades of dedication to the Senate and reverence for its traditions (if a touch too much deference to its existing rules and too little concern for how the contemporary abuse of the norms have distorted those traditions and call for modest but meaningful tweaks in those rules).

But their eloquence underscores how elections, while bringing necessary change for a democracy and reaffirming popular will, also result in the departure of some of the most solid citizens of the Congressional village. The loss of expertise, insight and institutional memory—not to mention fundamental decency—that comes with the departures, some voluntary and some not, of people such as Reps. John Spratt (D-S.C.), James Oberstar (D-Minn.) and Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) and Sens. George Voinovich (R-Ohio), Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) and Evan Bayh (D-Ind.), among others, is painful to those of us who care about Congress.

Then there are other losses. Former Rep. Steve Solarz (D-N.Y.) died last week at age 70, after a four-year battle with esophageal cancer. While he received prominent obituaries in the Washington Post and the New York Times, chances are many new and not-so-new Members of Congress who weren't around in the 18 years that Solarz served in the House, from 1975 to 1993, were either unaware of his passing or paid little attention to it. As a start, they should go back and read those obituaries, and then make a note to read his wonderful book, “Journeys to War and Peace: A Congressional Memoir,” which will be published next year.

I wrote a foreword for the book, in which I noted my striking experiences on visits to the Philippines and Cambodia; in each case, when I met with academics, high government officials and others, I was asked frequently, “Do you know Steve Solarz?” In the Philippines, actually, the question was, “Do you know Steve Solarz personally? He helped save my country from dictatorship.” In Cambodia, it was whether I knew the Steve Solarz who was instrumental in saving Cambodia from the murderous excesses of the Khmer Rouge.

Solarz was not a secretary of State, a Senator or even the chairman of a powerful committee. He was a rank-and-file House Member who, by the force of his personality, a remarkable work ethic, a political savvy, an articulateness unmatched in contemporary politics, a commitment to democracy and human rights mixed with hard-headed sense of reality, and a willingness to work across

the aisle to accomplish mutual goals, had a greater effect on the world than most secretaries of State, Senators and chairmen of powerful panels.

Solarz traveled the world, but not with Congressional delegations; he went alone. American embassy personnel dreaded his arrival; they would not have to arrange trips to the souk or the rug store, but would instead have to keep up with 18-hour days choreographed by Solarz to include meetings with the foreign minister, the defense minister, the intelligence chief and the key opposition figures.

When he scouted out situations and found corruption, abuse of power and worse, he used his skills and connections to relentlessly push for change. Back in Washington, D.C., his office became a home away from home for dissident leaders from around the world who got short shrift elsewhere. As a consequence, to pick one example, Solarz probably had better ties with the Kurdish leaders in Iraq than any other American.

Solarz's shining moment, perhaps, was on the House floor during the stirring debate over whether to authorize the use of force against Saddam Hussein after his invasion of Kuwait, i.e., the first Gulf War. There were dozens of emotional and wrenching speeches as Members struggled with the decision about whether to send young Americans to war, and perhaps to death; at the time, there were predictions of potential mayhem in the desert. When liberal Democrat Solarz stood up and spoke in favor of the authorization, it was truly a riveting moment. Everyone stopped to listen. He was powerful and eloquent, and he did as much as anyone to shape the outcome. There are few examples in which an individual lawmaker has any effect, much less one that is consequential, from a speech on the House floor.

It is hard to imagine another Solarz emerging in a political system that is now so polarized that a powerful opinion leaders and statesmen like Sen. Dick Lugar (R-Ind.) cannot persuade his own party colleagues to vote for the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. It is even harder to imagine a House Member throwing himself into peripatetic travel to every corner of the globe and trying to shape events and outcomes in the world without being shredded by cable news and anonymously funded campaign attack machines, or finding ways to build unlikely and persuasive partnerships across every partisan and ideological divide. But it is not impossible to imagine some new Members of both parties persuaded by Solarz's example to take some trips abroad despite the predictable criticism of junkets and the equally predictable partisan flak, and to think about core values of freedom, human rights and America's national interest as transcending petty partisan interests. At least I like to think is not impossible.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF LONG
BEACH, CALIFORNIA

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fire Department of Long Beach, California. Specifically, I would like to thank and honor firefighter paramedics Chuck Hakopian, Mark Miller, Joyce Vanderweide, and Carston Sorensen for their heroic response to an apartment fire in Long Beach last week. These firefighters risked

their lives to save a young boy who was trapped in his bedroom as flames engulfed his family's apartment. Thanks to their bravery, 2-year-old Justin Aruomah is in stable condition and continues to improve daily.

We must never take for granted the men and women of the local fire departments across the country who courageously respond to emergencies on a daily basis, risking their lives to save those of others. Their willingness to face danger in order to serve and protect their communities affords us a peace of mind that too often goes underappreciated.

Madam Speaker, I am humbled by the firefighters of the Long Beach Fire Department, whose bravery and devotion to their community is nothing short of heroic. The events of last Monday, December 6, 2010 is only one of many moving examples of this heroism.

Just after midnight, firefighter Chuck Hakopian and Carston Sorenson rushed into a burning apartment. They ran up the apartment's stairs through billowing clouds of smoke and into a bedroom that was engulfed in flames. The floor in the room was so weakened by the fire that Mr. Hakopian fell through the floor to his elbows. After pulling himself up and out of the collapsed floor, he rushed into a second bedroom, where he found 2-year-old Justin Aruomah lying face down on the floor. As Mr. Sorenson battled the flames with a fire hose, Mr. Hakopian covered the boy's head and body and rushed him out of the burning house to awaiting paramedics Mark Miller and Joyce Vanderweide. Justin was unconscious, but alive. As he was rushed to the hospital, Ms. Vanderweide and Mr. Miller were able to revive his breathing. Justin was soon placed in critical condition. Thanks to these brave men and women he is alive and recuperating.

I do not share this story of bravery and sacrifice because it is any way uncommon. The firefighters of the Long Beach Fire Department, along with departments across the country, risk their lives every day to protect people who they have never met. These acts of selflessness are typically accompanied by little fanfare. These brave men and women simply return to work the next day to await the call of duty.

I share this story because it is a powerful reminder of the need to support the men and women who stand ready to serve our communities, day and night. We have an obligation to provide our firefighters—along with our police officers, paramedics, and all other emergency responders—with the resources that they need to do their job successfully and as safely as possible. This means providing enough funding for them to afford all the necessary training and cutting-edge equipment. This is the right thing to do for the men and women who dedicate their lives to serving our communities.

As the Chair of the Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, supporting our emergency responders is one of my top priorities in Congress. Emergency situations cannot always be prevented, but their effects can be mitigated by ensuring that emergency responders have all the resources that they need to protect us.

Again, I thank Chuck Hakopian, Mark Miller, Joyce Vanderweide, and Carston Sorenson of the Long Beach Fire Department and the emergency responders all across the country who risk their lives on behalf of their communities. Your courage and selflessness do not go unnoticed.

IN HONOR OF ALEX MACHASKEE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Alex Machaskee of Warren, Ohio on the occasion of his being honored by the American Nationalities Movement, and for his lifetime of service, commitment, and dedication to the greater Cleveland community.

Mr. Machaskee graduated from Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He worked at the Warren Tribune before joining the Plain Dealer in 1960. He moved up the ranks, becoming Publisher and President in 1990. In this position he initiated a large expansion program, in which the Plain Dealer improved the quality of its service by investing in a new facility, a redesigned distribution system, and expanded coverage of local news. He retired in 2006, capping a 46-year career at the Plain Dealer.

As a result of his prolific career in journalism, Mr. Machaskee has been recognized by many local organizations and institutions. He has received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Cleveland State University, the University of Akron, and Heidelberg College. Some of his honors and awards include the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition Organization, the Whitney M. Young Humanitarian Award from the Urban League of Cleveland, and the Nonprofit Board Executive of the Year Award from the World Trade Center Cleveland. He has also been inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business and Cleveland Journalism Halls of Fame.

In a further demonstration of his dedication and commitment to the Cleveland community, Mr. Machaskee has been welcomed into the boards of many local nonprofit organizations. Some of the cultural institutions whose boards he joined include the Musical Arts Association of the Cleveland Orchestra, the International Orthodox Christian Charities, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, the Cleveland Opera, and United Way Services.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Alex Machaskee for his decades of commitment and service to the greater Cleveland area. His leadership of the Plain Dealer and his efforts in greater Cleveland area nonprofit organizations demonstrate the strength of his character and the dedication he feels to his community. I commend Mr. Machaskee and wish him success in his future efforts.

RETIREED MAJOR GENERAL FRED-
ERICK HARWOOD "FRED"
FORSTER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Retired Major General Frederick Harwood "Fred" Forster passed away on November 18, 2010, after a long and very brave battle with cancer. I do not know another person who has met

such a challenge with more strength, faith, and grace.

Fred was a very patriotic American and one of the finest men I have ever known. He had an immeasurable impact on Blount County, Tennessee, and the United States in many positive ways.

Upon reporting the news of his death, The Daily Times newspaper in Maryville, Tennessee, referred to Fred as "a community treasure."

Fred's pastor at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church said Blount County has lost a "great man and friend to this community," and he continued on to say that, "(Fred) believed in prayer and accepted the will of God without complaint. Dignity, respect, honor, faith, love, commitment; these are the words that describe Fred."

Sharon Hannum, Chair of the Blount County Chamber Foundation, said, "I have met no stronger, dedicated and compassionate leader than in the person of Fred Forster."

Former Maryville Mayor Joe Swann said, "His steadfastness in the face of such adversity makes him the soldier we point to and say, 'I had the great privilege of knowing that remarkable man.'"

Senator LAMAR ALEXANDER, a native of Maryville himself, called Fred a friend and said, "Blount County and I will miss him greatly."

Fred is perhaps best known for his success in the military. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1968, his accomplishments as a pilot and natural leadership abilities propelled Fred to the rank of assistant adjutant general of the Tennessee Air National Guard at the time of his retirement in 2003.

During his 35-year service, he served as commander of the 134th Air Refueling Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard, and chief of staff of the Tennessee Air National Guard.

Fred's time in the military took him through the Air Command and Staff College, Army Command and General Staff College, and Air War College. He received countless decorations, including a Bronze Star, and served in Thailand and the United Arab Emirates, playing an important role in the liberation of Kuwait during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Fred also found much success in community development. He served as chief executive officer of the Blount Partnership, a venture made up by the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Board, Smoky Mountain Convention and Visitors Bureau and Blount Chamber Foundation.

His time at the Chamber is admired by all who were lucky enough to work with him until his retirement earlier this year.

As you would imagine, Fred's work did not stop with the military or his time at the Chamber. He devoted much time to other civic and private organizations too numerous to name in this space.

Fred was buried with full military honors at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, and I attended his graveside service along with many hundreds of other people. It was very obvious to everyone who was there how loved and respected he was in the community.

Recently, Fred's father-in-law, Garland DeLozier, also passed away. Garland was a community leader in his own right, and I offer my condolences to Fred's wife, Carolyn, who has lost her husband and father in such a short span of time.

Before his passing, Fred said of Carolyn, "She was invaluable. Couldn't ask for a better supporter and a partner and a helper and sustainer."

Fred's daughter Rebecca was one of my House Pages and is now a member of my staff, and her sister, Joy, interned for me in 1996. I know the pain myself of losing a father at about their age, but they should have much comfort in knowing how loved and admired their dad was by everyone and how proud he was of their own accomplishments.

Fred was very devoted to his family, and he will be greatly missed by Carolyn, Joy, and Rebecca, as well as his daughter, Katherine; grandchildren Drew and Caroline; mother, Harriet; and sister, Jane.

Madam Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life of Major General Fred Forster. His life and accomplishments are without comparison, and he will forever be an example to all those who knew him.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,848,017,156,749.09.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,209,591,410,455.20 so far this Congress.

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

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF CLEVELANDPEOPLE.COM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the developers and sponsors of ClevelandPeople.com on their recognition at the American Nationalities Movement's Christmas Luncheon. ClevelandPeople.com was selected for this honor because of the website's crucial role in supporting the social life and cultural richness of the city.

Founded in 1959 by Ralph Perk, the American Nationalities Movement consists of representatives of over 50 nationalities in the Cleveland area that come together to celebrate their unique heritages. Each year during its Christmas Luncheon, it recognizes individuals and groups that have contributed to supporting ethnic groups and celebrating diversity.

Debbie, Dan, and Pat Hanson formed ClevelandPeople.com in 2001 when they decided to condense information about local cultural events and support services onto a few web pages. Over the past nine years, it has

grown into a social hub connecting 64 different groups and receiving thousands of views each day. The website's developers explain that supporting Cleveland's distinct ethnic communities is important not only for maintaining the cultural wealth of the city, but for ensuring its economic prosperity. Cleveland has always been strengthened by its diversity.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating ClevelandPeople.com on their recognition at the American Nationalities Movement's Christmas Luncheon. Their creative and spirit and their devotion for their community continues to support for the cultural diversity that makes this city great.

HONORING CHARLES MENG OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles Meng, who is being honored this evening on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service on the Napa Valley College Board of Trustees. Mr. Meng is retiring from the board to serve as a commissioner on the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Charles has dedicated his life to serving his country and his community. He graduated from West Point in 1957 and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He went on to serve as a senior engineer manager in the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine program. He is completing his fifth four-year term on the Napa Valley College Board of Trustees and was also elected to the Association of Community Colleges Trustees Board in 2004. He has served on many community college accreditation teams and is an expert on community college governance. Charles was the NVC Board's representative on a number of critical college committees, including the Technology Plan Development, Napa River Flood Control project and Mare Island Naval Shipyard closure. He was also on the committees to hire three college presidents.

As the current president and longest serving member of the board, Charles is admired and respected by the entire campus as well as the community at large. An engineer by trade, he is known as a highly intelligent, focused and analytical leader. He is a consensus builder but will not budge on his commitment to preserving access to higher education for all. One of the ways he has demonstrated this commitment is by serving on my service academy review panel, interviewing young people from my district seeking nomination to our Nation's service academies. As a West Point graduate himself, Mr. Meng's insights and experiences serving our country were invaluable in this process. Due to his guidance and support, many were able to fulfill their dream of serving our country as he has.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Mr. Charles Meng for the incredible work he has done on behalf of the students of Napa Valley College and for the work he will undoubtedly continue

to do. Napa Valley College is a premier institution for higher learning and will remain that way due in large part to his efforts. I join his family and everyone in the Napa Valley College Community in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION TRANSPARENCY ACT (H.R. 6484)

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Public Employee Pension Transparency Act, H.R. 6484, which I introduced on December 2, 2010, with the Gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. RYAN, and the Gentleman from California, Mr. ISSA. This legislation is designed to enhance the soundness of State and local employee pension benefit plans by providing them the incentives necessary for State and local governments to provide the American people with meaningful disclosure of the value of these plans' assets and liabilities.

State and local governments have promised pension benefits to about 20 million active public employees and another seven million retirees and dependents. According to the states, these pension promises are underfunded by about \$1 trillion. However, this enormous number fails to accurately convey the true magnitude of the cost taxpayers will bear to meet these obligations. Moreover, as a result of a lack of transparency and generous accounting standards, the vast majority of the American people are unaware that their State and local governments collectively owe trillions of dollars for generous public employee pension benefits.

Unlike private pension plans, public employee pension plans are allowed to use unreasonably high discount rates to calculate their liabilities. In fact, many use unrealistic expected rates of returns on their plan assets, the value of which is often inflated, to discount their pension liabilities. Many economists maintain that these practices are misguided and hide the fact that State and local government pension plans are collectively underfunded by more than \$3.8 trillion.

The Public Employee Pension Transparency Act would address this serious situation by requiring State and local government pension plans to disclose the true magnitude of their liabilities to the American people. The bill would condition the continuation of specified Federal tax benefits upon State and local governments' decision to file certain information regarding their pension plans with the Secretary of the Treasury. This information, which would reveal the true extent of public pension debt, would be available to the public through a searchable Web site.

Over the course of the past several years, we have seen trillions of taxpayer funds spent to bailout banks, auto companies, Wall Street, homeowners, and others. The American people are infuriated by these bailouts and are insisting that they end. State and local governments, with their trillions of dollars in hidden public employee pension debt, are next in line. It is time for them to reveal the true cost of their pension promises and to take that action

necessary including pension reforms—to meet their obligations. The Public Employee Pension Transparency Act would reaffirm that State and local pension obligations are solely the responsibility of those entities and proclaim that the Federal Government will not provide a bailout. Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join with me to enact this legislation.

H.R. 4853: THE MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2010

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4853, the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010. This legislation permanently extends the tax cut provisions passed in 2001 and 2003 for individuals with incomes below \$200,000 and \$250,000 for couples. It would permanently extend the 10%, 23% and 28% marginal tax brackets, as well as the 33% bracket as it applies to income of less than \$250,000. It would also continue the maximum \$1,000 child tax credit and the maximum 15% rate on capital gains and dividends where income is less than \$250,000. It would permanently reduce the tax known as the “marriage penalty,” and it includes a 2-year “patch” intended to prevent more than 25 million Americans from being subject to the alternative minimum tax over the next two years. It also permanently extends expensing rules for small businesses.

I am glad to see so much focus on the unemployed and underemployed during debate on the potential extension of the tax cuts. However, the myth that we must pass tax cuts to the wealthy in order to help those without jobs has been disproven several times over. If the concern is about the plight of the 15 million unemployed Americans, the estimated 12 million underemployed, and the estimated 6 million long-term unemployed, we should do the humane and economically efficient thing: extend and expand unemployment assistance.

Instead, the debate is about whether to extend tax cuts to the wealthy. Nearly a quarter of all the income in America today goes to the top 1% of Americans. In recent years, the highest-income Americans have received by far the largest pre-tax raises of any group. They have also had their tax rates drop by far more. Americans have said in polls that they want to see the Bush tax cuts on households making more than \$250,000 per year expire. For the wealthiest 3% of Americans, expiration would simply mean a return to 1990’s tax rates if that were to happen. Yet, many of the same advocates for passing a massive tax cut for the wealthy are bemoaning a growing budget deficit.

We must not ask the middle class, the working class, those who are not fortunate enough to make \$200,000 or \$100,000 or even \$20,000 a year, to pay so that the wealthiest Americans can enjoy the lowest income tax rates that any wealthy American has had since the 1960s. We must not tell the poor, the unemployed, and the underemployed, that we cannot help you, because we have decided that the wealthiest Americans need a tax cut more than you need a lift to get you

through these brutal times. Those that need our help must not hear from Congress: go and figure it out for yourselves.

S. 3307, THE HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This bill is a good first step in addressing childhood hunger and poor nutrition, which are two of the greatest public health challenges facing the United States today.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously. It contains the most significant improvements in 30 years to the child nutrition programs that serve millions of children across our country. This legislation expands access to healthy foods for kids, makes it easier for low-income kids to enroll in the school meal programs, improves the nutritional quality of school meals, significantly decreases the availability of junk food and sugary beverages from school vending machines, and expands access to after-school meals for low-income kids.

This is a vote that I do not take lightly. While I never questioned the need to improve child nutrition programs across the country, I did question the Senate’s choice to pay for this legislation with a reduction in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. SNAP benefits are an essential part of this nation’s nutrition safety net. More than 41 million Americans rely upon SNAP benefits monthly to put food on the table. According to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Data and Statistics Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Report, released in October 2010, the number of households in my home state of Georgia receiving food stamps jumped from 581,709 total households in July of 2009 to 716,749 households in July of 2010—an increase of 23.2% in just one year. Many SNAP recipients are children or seniors, and I had serious concerns that the SNAP reduction would be a classic case of robbing Peter to pay Paul. I was deeply concerned that reducing SNAP benefits to pay for this bill would hurt the people it was meant to help—children of low-income families striving to make ends meet during this turbulent economy.

After a long thought process, I stand here before you as a strong supporter of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. As a Member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, I joined a letter to the Obama Administration expressing opposition to reducing SNAP benefits to fund this bill, or any other legislative priority. The President and his Administration share these concerns and have assured Congress that it will work with us to restore this cut and use their current authorities to protect the integrity of SNAP benefits and further improve children’s access to nutrition programs.

This bill would be instrumental in helping to address the growing crises of child hunger and also of childhood obesity. In terms of child hunger, last year, more than 1.29 million Georgia students participated in the Free and

Reduced Price Lunch Program. Obesity is a national crisis, but it is of a particular concern in my home state of Georgia which has the second highest prevalence of obese 10–17 year olds in the nation. The provisions in the child nutrition bill that improve nutritional quality of foods served on school campuses throughout the school day and those that strengthen Local School Wellness Policies can help to combat the rise in childhood obesity we see here in Georgia. According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey report released in September 2010, 22.3% of Georgia’s children live in poverty—that’s more than half a million children under age 18.

I would be remiss if I did not mention two key individuals in my district that have worked hard to combat childhood obesity. Dr. Yvonne Butler founded Healthy Kids Smart Kids. Healthy Kids Smart Kids is an organization that fights childhood obesity and educates adults and children on healthy eating and staying active. She started the first sugar-free school program in Georgia at Browns Mill Elementary School in Lithonia. Ms. Pat “Shy” Haggans is a certified personal trainer and lifestyle coach who founded Generation Next Sports Performance facility in Lithonia where she specializes in getting kids fit to fight obesity. Like Dr. Butler, she has helped hundreds of kids shed pounds through exercise, planning and lifestyle changes to combat childhood obesity. She assists parents as well to ensure that the next generation will be healthier than ours.

It is important to recognize that this bill would not be on the floor now if it were not for Representatives GEORGE MILLER, ROSA DELAURO, and JAMES MCGOVERN. Their leadership in conducting negotiations with the Obama Administration was key to moving this bill forward.

I strongly support the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which would also help advance the Administration’s goal of solving the problem of childhood obesity within a generation, and urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. BARB DEMARCO’S DECADES OF ACTIVISM IN THE WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY AND HER NINE YEARS OF SERVICE TO ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Barb DeMarco, a member of the West Bloomfield School District Board of Education and lifelong local activist, on the occasion of her retirement. As a Member of Congress, it is both my honor and privilege to recognize Ms. DeMarco for her decades of service and work to build a better future for the West Bloomfield community and its youth.

For the past 25 years, Ms. DeMarco has been at the fore of many grassroots initiatives in West Bloomfield to improve the quality of life for its residents. Ms. DeMarco was often the driving force behind many of the millage initiatives that were directed toward acquiring and developing land for use as community

parks. It is with this same sprit of activism and bettering the community that Ms. DeMarco embarked on her journey to advocate for improving public education for our youth. As a concerned citizen, well before her tenure on the board of education, Ms. DeMarco spearheaded campaigns to pass bond initiatives to strengthen West Bloomfield schools and create an environment of academic excellence for its students.

Beginning in 2001 Ms. DeMarco took her passion for activism and advocacy to the West Bloomfield School District Board of Education, where she has served with selflessness and tenacity. Ms. DeMarco's initial work focused on improving school curriculum, where she fought for a rigorous academic program to provide students every opportunity to excel. After just 3 years on the Board, Ms. DeMarco was appointed to the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District Board of Education where she took that same zeal for fighting for public education to both a county and national level.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Ms. DeMarco's decades of advocacy on behalf of her students and her community. Her presence will surely be missed. It is with much gratitude for her service and dedication that I wish her many more years of advocacy and success in building a better community for our youth.

IN HONOR OF DR. EDWARD G.
KESHOCK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I am saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Edward G. Keshock. Dr. Keshock was Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Cleveland State University. He was also Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic for the State of Ohio since his appointment in 1999.

Ed Keshock received his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit in 1958 and began his career in July of that year with the NASA Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field in Cleveland. There, he worked as a research engineer in the Heat Transfer Branch of the Nuclear Reactor Division. He participated in some of the earliest studies dealing with boiling heat transfer processes in low- or fractional-gravity fields, relating to applications in the newly emerging field of space exploration.

In 1964, Ed began his studies at Oklahoma State University where he earned his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering in 1966 and 1968, respectively. After a distinguished career as professor at Old Dominion University, the University of Tennessee, and the Air Force Institute of Technology, Dr. Keshock returned to Cleveland in 1990. He was appointed Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Cleveland State University where he served until his death.

Throughout his academic career, Dr. Keshock focused on research while teaching graduate and undergraduate classes in Mechanical Engineering. His research on the ef-

fects of microgravity on heat transfer processes spanned his career of more than 50 years.

Dr. Keshock was actively involved with the Slovak-American communities of the State of Ohio and the country of Slovakia. Dr. Keshock served as President of the Cleveland Bratislava International Sister Cities organization for most of its existence. In 1995, Dr. Keshock was appointed to be co-host to a 35-member delegation from the Slovak Republic at the White House Conference on Trade and Investment, attended and sponsored by the U.S. Government, including President Clinton and members of his White House staff.

In 1999, Dr. Keshock was appointed the Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic for the State of Ohio. In this capacity, he not only represented the country of Slovakia in all official matters in the State of Ohio, but was involved in extensive community and international cultural programs that contribute to the improvement in the quality of life for citizens throughout the State of Ohio and Slovakia. He is also a member of the City of Cleveland Consular Corps, thus interacting with many ethnic and nationality communities.

Madam Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in mourning the loss of a deeply respected scholar and statesman, Dr. Edward Keshock. Our condolences go out to his wife Mary Jo, their three children Kathleen of Knoxville, Tennessee; Carolyn of London, England; and Michael of Mobile, Alabama; and their three grandchildren. He leaves behind a significant and memorable personal and professional legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SCOTIA
BAND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Scotia Band, a community band formed in Humboldt County, California in 1935. The Scotia Band is a living legacy of America's musical heritage and a fixture on the North Coast of California.

The 35-piece, marching Scotia Band was established in 1935 by employees of The Pacific Lumber Company, later welcoming other musicians of the community. Women were encouraged to join during World War II, with the first woman president, Alice Gunnerson, serving from 1950–51. Local students have also participated, establishing the Scotia Band as an important part of music education in the region. Over the years, the band has involved over 700 musicians and conducted over 3,600 rehearsals.

In 1960, Sewell Lufkin was appointed band leader. A local elementary school teacher and World War II veteran, he instilled his abiding appreciation for music in his students. After his death in 1978, the Scotia Band established the Sewell Lufkin Memorial Scholarship, which continues to support Humboldt County students pursuing music education.

The Scotia Band continues to perform traditional and contemporary concert music at annual events and one-time commemorations throughout the county. Under the leadership of

the current band leader, Michael McClimon, smaller ensembles have been formed, including the Scotia Dixieland Band, the Tijuana Brass Group, the Scotia Brass Choir, the Scotia Ragtime Band and the Saxophone Quartet.

Humboldt County is proud to be the home of the Scotia Band, an historic and cultural institution that over the years has enriched the lives of many thousands of people. From the Blessing of the Fleet to the Fortuna Apple Harvest Festival, the Scotia Band has performed at hundreds of community functions that celebrate the cultural richness of the region. Their music continues to touch new generations and remind us of the traditions that make America great.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to recognize the Scotia Band on the occasion of its 75th anniversary of outstanding musical performance and education to our community.

STRENGTH IN HONOR CPL.
TRAMPUS MILLER, A CO 1-21 INF
"GATORS", 25TH INF DIV THE
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American Hero, from my great state of Kentucky, Cpl Trampus Miller. A member of A Co. 1-21 INF "Gators" of the 25th INF DIV., The United States Army. On July 8th 2008, Cpl Miller was almost lost when a 900 lb bomb exploded in Nasar Wa Salam Iraq, killing his Brother In Arms Cpl "Doc" McMillian. Cpl Miller from Campton lost his leg and almost his life. But in a few short years he has already begun to his amazing most courageous life and recovery. He lives by a code of Strength In Honor!

STRENGTH IN HONOR

Strength In Honor
Men of might
Those brave hearts, who evil must fight!
Who but, with their most courageous hearts
. . . . so bring the light!
Kentucky born, men like Trampus with
hearts so worn so very bright!
Who all through the darkness of war, must
somehow endure and win that fight!
Yes, Trampus oh how your fine heart
so sounds, this night
For you live by such a fine code!
Of Strength In Honor, so!
As over the generations, such men as you
have so carried that load!
And bought and paid for, all of our Free-
dom's so!
Men who come back without arms and legs!
Who now so lie in such soft quiet graves
. . . .
Who all for God and Country, so gave!
For it was all in that moment!
That moment Trampus, as when you awoke
. . . .
And found what this war had so invoked!
While, close to death your fine heart so
spoke!
Spoke of Faith and Courage, which now all
of us so bless!
With but, your Strength In Honor yes!
As we watch you rebuild, as all of our hearts
you so nourish still
As you fight The Good Fight, and will not be
discouraged with but your iron will!

As you Teach Us, as you Reach So Us, as you
So Beseech Us!

With all of your fine worth
Showing us all, how Strength In Honor in
your fine life comes first!

And if I had a son, I would but pray he could
be like you this one!

Who lives and dies, with tears in eyes
By such a fine code, of Strength In Honor
. . . . all in hearts which lie!

Kentucky Strong, may you Trampus live
long!

As we watch your life's song
Of Strength In Honor!

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF FELLOWS
OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TRIAL
LAWYERS WHO REPRESENTED
DETAINEES IN GUANTÁNAMO

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing Mr. Michael Mone and his son, Mr. Michael Mone Jr.—two Massachusetts lawyers who ceaselessly fight for human rights and justice among detainees at Guantánamo Bay. I stand before you today to read to you a speech presented by Mr. Mone Sr. at this past September's American College of Trial Lawyers meeting. This discourse, written from Mr. Mone's perspective, recounts the compelling experience of his son, who selflessly represented a wrongfully accused and detained Uzbek man. The speech is as follows:

I want to thank the College for honoring those Fellows who represented Guantánamo detainees, and in particular, I want to thank Mike Cooper, who encouraged the Access to Justice Committee to become involved in securing detainee representation. I attended the spring meeting in Palm Springs when the subject was first discussed, and I came away from that meeting determined to take on a detainee's case. I want to thank the College for its encouragement and the moral support that it provided to those Fellows as they undertook to uphold the core values of the American College of Trial Lawyers—the right to counsel, a fair and independent trial to challenge their detention, and the Rule of Law.

I want to make it clear that I stand here in a representative capacity in that I am speaking for the Fellows who are here on the stage with me, for all of those Fellows who can't be here today who undertook representation of detainees, and to hopefully represent lawyers all over the country, in large firms and small firms, Republicans and Democrats, who answered the call to provide representation in this very unpopular cause. I also am here in a representative capacity because much of the real work of our client's case was done by my son, Michael, who is also my law partner, so in these remarks, when I say that we did something, in all probability, it means that Michael did something.

Too often the "detainees" are treated as a group like "illegal immigrants" as if they are all alike, but they are not. They were many different individuals who, under different circumstances, were confined at Guantánamo. Some, like our client, were simply at the

wrong place at the wrong time, and others were undoubtedly waging war against the United States. But all were entitled to the benefit of our Constitutional protections. Each detainee has a different story, but we represented one man, Oybek Jabbarov, and I want to tell you Oybek's story.

In 2001, Oybek Jabbarov was in his early 20s; he was a refugee from Uzbekistan, living in Afghanistan along with his expectant wife and his one-year old son. After being discharged from compulsory service in Uzbek army in 1998, Oybek could not find a job and like so many of his countrymen, he left Uzbekistan to try and find work elsewhere. Eventually, he ended up in northern Afghanistan. He was living amongst other ethnic Uzbeks, supporting himself and his family by selling chickens when the U.S. invaded to bring down the Taliban Government and to capture the leaders of Al-Qaeda, following the unspeakable September 11th attack on this country. You must understand that under the Taliban, Afghanistan, in essence, had no government, no borders, no checkpoints, and no one was even asked for a passport, and thus, it became a refuge for people from all over central Asia, such as Oybek. As we now know, Afghanistan is a tribal society and the only protection afforded to most persons in Afghanistan is the protection of their family and tribe, without which one is extremely vulnerable.

When Oybek made the mistake of accepting a ride from Northern Alliance soldiers, the U.S. was offering a bounty for "foreign fighters," who were supporting the Taliban in the war against the U.S. and its coalition allies. Brochures in the native languages of Afghanistan were widely distributed by the U.S. offering bounties for "terrorists" who were turned over to the U.S. authorities. One of these leaflets said "get wealth and power beyond your dreams; rid Afghanistan of murdering terrorists, you can receive millions of dollars by helping to catch Al-Oaeda and Taliban murderers. This is enough money to take care of your family, your village, and your tribe for the rest of your life." The Northern alliance soldiers, who offered Oybek a ride, thus, had a powerful incentive to consider him a "foreign fighter" to collect the bounty and for that reason Oybek was turned over to the U.S. forces at the Bagram Air Force Base in December 2001. He was held in U.S. custody at the Bagram Air Force Base, and then at a facility in Kandahar, until he was transferred to Guantánamo in the spring of 2002, despite assurances from U.S. civilian interrogators in Afghanistan that "we're trying to find Arabs; don't worry, we'll try to get you out." During his time in the US custody, Oybek, like many of the others, underwent "enhanced interrogation." I am not here to debate the definition of torture, but if it was being done to you, you would know it was torture. Following transfer to Guantánamo, Oybek was held for more than seven years where a substantial part of his time, as with most of the others, was in virtual solitary confinement.

In 2006, we were assigned to Oybek's case by the Center for Constitutional Rights that served as a clearing house to match counsel and detainees and Michael and I started our representation of Oybek Jabbarov. It took some time because of various U.S. court cases and congressional action restricting the Writ of Habeas Corpus for us to obtain the

classified documents which purportedly laid out the basis for Oybek's capture and continued detention. Before we ever had a chance to meet with Oybek, having reviewed that material, it was apparent to us that the case against Oybek was thin or nonexistent and Michael was armed with that information when he was finally allowed to visit Oybek in August of 2007. When I first discussed with Michael the idea of taking on a Guantánamo detainee, he said "so everyone else is going to get a goat farmer, but what happens if we end up with a real terrorist?" Before he visited Guantánamo, based upon the information we had, it was unlikely Oybek was a terrorist, and so when Michael returned from Guantánamo, the first thing he told me was "he's more Borat than he is Khalid Sheikh Mohamed." During the first eight trips to Cuba, he first met Oybek, who had been at Guantánamo for almost five years. Oybek presented as a gentle young man, with no apparent bitterness towards the U.S. Government that was detaining him, but was desperate for freedom. Unlike many other detainees, Oybek learned to speak English from listening to the guards and he was able to communicate with us directly without the necessity of a translator. His English, which I joked he spoke with a slight southern accent, greatly enhanced our ability to eventually relocate him.

In 2007, shortly before Michael's first meeting with Oybek, the Bush Administration cleared him for transfer, which in our view meant that they had determined that he did not constitute a threat to the U.S., a fact that we always knew to be true.

Following the Administration's determination that he could be transferred, we were confronted with the major problem in our representation of Oybek because he could not go back to Uzbekistan where he, in all likelihood, would have been imprisoned or killed. Uzbekistan is on our State Department's list of countries with grave human rights issues. The U.S. authorities fully agreed that he could not be returned to his native country, but had no other options. Even a successful Habeas Corpus hearing, which was years away, would not have accomplished his release from Guantánamo. As Michael said, we don't have a legal problem; we have a political and diplomatic problem obtaining his release to a third country, and we won't get much help from our Government. We had to convince a third country that, notwithstanding the U.S. having taken the position that the people at Guantánamo were "the worst of the worst," that they should offer asylum in circumstances where the U.S. was unwilling to do so. Because we knew that we would get little help from our government, Michael flew to Europe and met with human rights groups in Germany, Denmark, and Ireland in order to identify a country where we had some hope that Oybek would be accepted. Following his meetings in Dublin with Amnesty International, and representatives of Human Rights Watch, we focused on Ireland.

Why Ireland? We had four reasons. First, he spoke English, and we knew that would give him a tremendous head-start in terms of rebuilding his life. Secondly, Ireland remains, in part, an agriculture country, which was Oybek's background. We also knew that Ireland had a long tradition of the recognition of human rights, and lastly, we thought the Irish

government might be open to accepting a detainee for resettlement as a way to improve relations with the United States.

In the spring of 2008, Michael and I went to Guantánamo and talked with Oybek about Ireland and about our hope that we could secure his release there. He wanted to go to a free, democratic country and Ireland certainly qualified, but he did not even know where Ireland was and I wound up drawing a free-hand map attempting to locate Ireland in Western Europe. On our return from Guantánamo, Michael made additional visits to Ireland, and single handedly started a human rights campaign on behalf of Oybek. He talked to ministers in the Irish Government, who expressed interest in helping us, but had great concerns of political ramifications of taking a Guantánamo detainee. He had members of the Dail, Ireland's parliament, raise questions to the Government in debate and made Oybek's case a prominent public issue. Past President Ralph Lancaster kindly put me in contact with his friend Former Senator George Mitchell, who the Irish revere because of his work on bringing peace to Northern Ireland. Senator Mitchell hand delivered a letter to the Irish Foreign Minister that Michael had written asking the Irish government to consider accepting Oybek for resettlement. One of our honorary Fellows, the Former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, also spoke up in favor of Ireland's accepting Oybek. Senator Kennedy, Senator KERRY, and Congressman BILL DELAHUNT directly contacted the Irish government on Oybek's behalf. Many people from Boston visit Ireland and Michael had established such a presence there, that people returning to Boston called and told me that they had heard Michael on Irish radio discussing Ireland's role in helping to close Guantánamo.

By the end of 2008, with the change of administration in Washington, we had made a lot of progress, but then came the spring of our despair as the Obama Administration came into office and Congress prohibited any Guantánamo detainee from being brought to the U.S., which made it much more difficult to convince a third country to grant asylum to men to whom the U.S. would not accept. In the spring of 2009, with no progress, despair set in at Guantánamo and many of the detainees, including Oybek, began a hunger strike, which caused me great concern that a hunger strike would affect Ireland's interest in Oybek. My son, however pointed out that if anyone understood the despair of confinement leading to a hunger strike, it was the Irish. By late summer of 2009, it was clear that the Irish had not given up on Oybek and were prepared to grant asylum, not only to Oybek, but to one of the other four Uzbeks because they were committed to taking two detainees, not just one. Oybek and the other Uzbek, who we referred to as the "Uzbek to be named later," were eventually put on a U.S. military airplane at Guantánamo and flown into Dublin where they arrived over a year ago.

When the plane with Oybek and Shakhrukh, the other Uzbek, landed in Ireland, they were shackled—hand and foot. When the representative of the Irish government got on the U.S. military plane and was told by the officer in charge that the guards were ready to escort Oybek and Shakhrukh off the plane, the Irishman said: "These men are not going anywhere until you remove the shackles and handcuffs. When they step off this plane onto Irish soil, they will do so as free men."

There was one last item left undone. During the course of our representation, Michael had tried, without success, to locate Oybek's wife and children. But without legal travel documents and afraid to return to Uzbekistan, they had lived as refugees in Central Asia since Oybek's disappearance. One day, Oybek's family was listening to the Uzbek service on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and heard Michael being interviewed about his efforts to get Oybek resettled in Ireland. Eventually, Michael was put in touch with people in Pakistan and Oybek's wife and two children were located in a refugee camp in Pakistan. Michael then worked with the Irish Government to bring his wife and his two children, one of whom he had never seen, to Ireland. This work is not over. Detainees remain at Guantánamo despite the fact that in nearly 70 percent of the cases that have been heard by Federal Judges, the writ of habeas corpus has been granted. We will continue to fight for human justice. Michael and I have filed an Appearance in another detainee's case and look forward to his eventual release.

Why did lawyers, including the Fellows of the College, undertake the representation of these men in a very unpopular cause? They did it because it is part of their DNA. It is the reason many of them went to law school. Who among you has not imagined yourself as Atticus Finch standing in that hot Alabama courtroom defending an innocent man? Every state in this country has a long tradition of lawyers providing pro bono representation in unpopular causes. When Michael and I each passed the bar, we signed a book that has the name of every lawyer who has ever practiced in Massachusetts. That roll contains the names of the lawyers who represented Sacco & Vanzetti. It has the name of Benjamin Curtis, a Massachusetts lawyer and member of the Supreme Court of the United States, who dissented in the Dred Scott case and then resigned as a matter of principle. Curtis returned to Washington in 1868 to represent the very unpopular President, Andrew Johnson, in the impeachment trial before the U.S. Senate. We all know the story of John Adams, who defended the British soldiers in the Boston Massacre, but his son, John Quincy Adams, who, after he had been President, represented the African slaves on the Spanish slave ship, the *La Amistad*, is also on that roll of attorneys. This is not just a Massachusetts tradition; it is the fabric of what it means to be an American lawyer. All of you have or will have an opportunity at some point in your career to undertake an unpopular representation. I would urge all of you to seize that opportunity because you will never forget it.

John Adams said that of all the things he did, which included not only the presidency, but being the driving force behind the Declaration of Independence, that the representation of the British soldiers was the best service that he had ever done for his country. Each of us standing here today would tell you that this is the best thing that we have ever done. Thank you and God bless the Constitution of the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBERT
CIMPERMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Albert Cimperman on his induction into the Legion of Honor by the President of the French Republic. The most prestigious award that France bestows, the medal of the Knight of the Legion of Honor is reserved for soldiers and civilians who have demonstrated remarkable talent and character. Mr. Cimperman fought bravely in World War II, displaying courage and discipline in some of the most grueling battles.

Napoleon Bonaparte conferred the first medals of honor on the civil servants of the French Republic. These first medals realized his vision of a merit based award that would spur soldiers and civilians alike to pursue endeavors that would do credit to their country. The Legion of Honor is the only remaining national order remaining in France.

Mr. Cimperman fought bravely in nine campaigns during World War II, including the battles of Normandy and Ardennes. He has received six awards from the United States government for his efforts, including the Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Today, Albert and his wife of 65 years, Zora, are active Parma residents. They were awarded the Joined Hearts in Giving Award in 2007 for their dedication to community volunteer work, and continue to teach a weekly line-dancing class at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center in Parma.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in thanking Mr. Albert Cimperman for his service. Without the sacrifice and perseverance of soldiers like him, the Allied Forces could not have prevailed and we would live in a much crueler, culturally impoverished, and oppressive world. It is my honor and my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Cimperman on his great accomplishment.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF IRVING GELLERT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Irv Gellert, a dear friend who passed away on November 1, 2010 at his home in Los Angeles, California.

Irv had a great sense of joie de vivre and lived his life to the fullest. He was born in January of 1917 and grew up in the rural coal mining region of Pennsylvania, where his athletic abilities and interest in sports led him to become an all-star high school football player. After attending Temple University in Philadelphia, Irv enlisted in the Army and served his country with honor and pride during World War II. When the war was over and his service ended, he enrolled in New York University Law School and graduated with a law degree in 1949.

Not long after graduating from law school, Irv married his beloved wife Harriet. In 1954,

their only child, a son Jay was born, and Irv took on one of the great roles of his life as a parent. He was a loving role model to Jay, who called him his most admired person. Just three years after Jay was born, Irv was admitted to the California Bar Association and he spent the next 30 years as a respected practicing attorney in both New York and California.

Irv's competitive nature and enduring spirit compelled his interests throughout his life. He had a passion for sports and was a dedicated Los Angeles Lakers fan. He also held a deep-seated interest in politics and closely followed elections and the political process. In the recent midterm election cycle, Irv made use of the latest technology to keep track of races across the country by following the elections on his new Apple iPad device. Each election cycle, Irv lent his support to candidates he felt would best serve his local community as well as the country he was so proud of.

Later in life, Irv's most rewarding experiences came from caring for his ailing wife during her ten-year battle with Alzheimer's. It was during the time he cared for Harriet that Irv's true nature shone through. His love, coupled with his optimism and interminable selflessness, provided comfort to Harriet, to Jay, to their family and to their many friends affected by Harriet's condition.

Irv had a genuine love for life and humor about every aspect of it. He was the most positive person I've ever known, a man who demonstrated very clearly what he believed in by how he lived. He was a man of integrity and intelligence, grace and goodness.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincere condolences to Jay Gellert, the light of Irv's life and the son of sons. In Irv's passing, we've lost a great friend and patriot whose dedication and service made our nation a better place. We mourn his passing, but take comfort in the knowledge that his legacy lives on through the wisdom he shared, through the humor and keen observations he displayed, and through all the people he touched throughout his long and extraordinary life.

RECOGNIZING CHAUNCEY POSTON

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Chauncey Poston to the City of Grass Valley, California.

Council Member Poston has a long history of service to others, beginning with his time with the United States Navy serving in Vietnam and Guam, following which he returned home to California where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources from California State University, Humboldt. Since 1978, Chauncey has lived in Nevada County, where he has served as President of the Nevada County Resource Conservation District, as a member of the Grass Valley Planning Commission and the Grass Valley Traffic Safety Review Committee and since 2006, as a member of the Grass Valley City Council. Chauncey is well known for his many accomplishments and contributions to our community, including his work to ensure the

fiscal solvency of the City's infrastructure programs, facilitating the cooperation between local government, businesses and interest groups and working to address each issue the City has faced as it has grown: from traffic congestion to public safety and economic development. It is a remarkable statement of Council Member Poston's service that every part of our community, from businesses to fine and performing arts groups to environmental advocates, felt they were well represented by his efforts.

Grass Valley City Administrator Dan Holler described Chauncey well: "Throughout his years on the City Council he was dedicated to building a better community by listening to residents and businesses, by being involved in civic organizations, by making hard decisions and by focusing on the long-term vision of the City of Grass Valley." Madam Speaker, in a time where localities across our country are struggling to find competent and effective leaders, Council Member Chauncey Poston has served as a fine example of the culture of service that ought to be reflected in all elected officials, and it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of that service.

COMMENDING BRO. STUART TOMS UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE- TIREMENT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I rise today to commend Bro. Stuart Toms upon the occasion of his retirement from the Sweetwater Baptist Church. His unwavering dedication and service to Jackson Parish is admirable and deserving of our appreciation.

At a young age, Bro. Stuart began his impressive list of endeavors. In 1959, he was named class valedictorian of Quitman High School. He went on to further his education at Northeast Louisiana University (NLU), which today is known as the University of Louisiana-Monroe. Here, Bro. Stuart excelled as a point guard on the basketball team. In 1961-1962, he helped direct his team to their first league title in the Gulf South Conference (GSC). He was named 1963 All-GSC First Team and was inducted into the NLU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

After graduating from NLU, Bro. Stuart continued sharing his love of basketball as a high school coach. In this capacity, he also worked as a math teacher and principal until he retired from the school system in 1984. His talents on the sidelines matched his impressive skills on the court proven by the numerous accolades he earned for his coaching abilities. At his high school alma mater, he coached back-to-back Class B State Championship basketball teams in 1970 and 1971. Among his honors, Bro. Stuart was named Class B Coach of the Year for the State of Louisiana in 1970, inducted into the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1989 and inducted into the Jackson Parish Sports Hall of Fame this year.

Bro. Stuart commenced his career service to the Lord when he was ordained as a Baptist minister in October 1983. Following his or-

dination, he began as the pastor of Sweetwater Baptist Church where he has continued to serve the congregation for the past 27 years. Through the years, he has addressed numerous revivals, presided over many weddings and funerals and has been on two international mission trips.

Beyond his professional career, Bro. Stuart has been married for 39 years to Johnette Pardue Toms. They are the loving parents of Stuart "Stu" Toms, Jr., Dr. Catherine Lucas and Mrs. Julie Nelson, and the proud grandparents of Ty and Kale Toms, Lily Lucas and Andrew Nelson.

I have been fortunate to have attended his worship services for several years. This truly gracious man is a friend to many, and it is his connection and involvement in his community for which we should all strive to model. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bro. Stuart Toms. His commitment, compassion and leadership warrant this laudable recognition.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL L. KERLEY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, on December 31, 2010, Michael L. Kerley, Esq. will retire from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors after 41 years of dedicated service.

It is a rarity in our Nation's Capital to find someone who has worked in one place for more than 10 years. For Mike to have been with NAIFA for over four decades is a tremendous achievement and a testament to his devotion and his character.

Many of us in Washington know Mike as a passionate advocate for the life insurance industry and those individual agents who work tirelessly to help Americans take the steps necessary to protect their loved ones and their employees from financial disaster in the wake of life's inevitable risks. Members on both sides of the aisle have had the pleasure of working with Mike and know him to be a man of high integrity and sincerity.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike on an incredibly successful career and wishing him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 626 on, H.R. 4994, On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments, The Medicare & Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 Agree to Senate Amendment, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 627 on, H.R. 6412, On Motion To Suspend the Rules and Pass, Access to Criminal History Records for State Sentencing Commissions Act of

2010, I am not recorded because I was absent because I gave birth to my baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
EXTENDERS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4994, the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act, which would provide a one year extension for Medicare reimbursement rates for physician services.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established a new way to determine Medicare physician payments: the Sustainable Growth Rate, SGR, formula. Since 2002, this formula has called for an automatic decrease in Medicare physician payments each year, potentially limiting physician access for Medicare patients. The formula goes beyond Medicare and also affects TRICARE, the insurance plan for active and retired military personnel and their families, and its reimbursements for civilian physicians.

According to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, there is a broad consensus that this physician payment formula is flawed. These parts of the Balanced Budget Act should not have been passed in the first place and should be repealed and rewritten anew. The health reform legislation passed by the House of Representatives last year, which I supported, included a provision that would have repealed and replaced the SGR formula with a new Medicare physician payment plan. Unfortunately, the final health reform bill that was signed into law did not include this provision, which would have been a permanent solution to the SGR formula.

Unless Congress acts, this formula would lead to a 25 percent cut in doctor's payments in 2011, discouraging many doctors from continuing to accept Medicare patients.

The Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act would freeze the current rates for physician services through December 31, 2011, giving Congress time to work on a permanent solution. Further, this piece of legislation would extend the 5 percent increase in Medicare payments for mental health providers that is set to expire at the end of 2010. This provision would expand access to mental health care for millions of Medicare patients.

Additionally, this bill would extend funding for the special diabetes program through 2013. Without this bill, the special diabetes program, which funds 35 percent of all Federal research on Type I diabetes and supports research and prevention diabetes programs for Native Americans and Alaska Natives would expire at the end of 2011.

This bill is completely paid for by making small changes to the health reform law.

I am frustrated by these continuing short-term extensions. This is unfair to physicians who must plan their office budgets and unfair to patients who face unnecessary anxiety about the availability of the doctors on whom they depend. I will continue to advocate for legislation that eliminates the broken SGR for-

mula and replaces it with a system that fairly compensates physicians for treating Medicare patients. Until we have a new system, we must pass this one-year fix to ensure that American seniors and military families have the access to their physicians.

HONORING J. DAVID COLFAX OF
MENDOCINO COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the civic accomplishments and dedicated public service of J. David Colfax who has served on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for the past 12 years.

As supervisor, educator and exemplary citizen his service has benefitted the ruggedly beautiful Mendocino County in northern California where he has lived with his wife Micki since 1973. He has served on many boards, committees and organizations including the Mendocino County Office of Education, First 5 Mendocino, the Economic Development and Finance Corporation, the North Coast Railroad Authority, the Criminal Justice Board Standing committee and the Local Agency Formation Committee.

David and Micki raised four sons whom they homeschooled on their Shining Moon ranch, where they built their own house and raised award winning goats. Their children went on to such universities as Harvard and Yale and all are working in professions that give back to others. David and Micki authored the book Home Schooling for Excellence which continues to inspire. And they wrote Hard Times in Paradise about their transition from their urban lives in the eastern United States to their rural ranch outside of Boonville not far from the Pacific Ocean.

During his three terms as a Mendocino County Supervisor, David has represented his geographically diverse district that ranges from the coast to 4,000-foot ridges to valleys and includes at least five watersheds. He has won the support of constituents who are entrepreneurs, fishermen and women, winemakers, brewmasters and mavericks of many persuasions. With a college professor style and animated discourse, David Colfax has served with passion and dedication.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, David Colfax has earned the admiration and respect of his peers, his community and his family. He is a friend and colleague whose legacy and contributions are long lasting in Mendocino County. For these reasons, it is appropriate that we honor J. David Colfax.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MICHAEL
BLANDINA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Blandina, a resident of Brick Township, New Jersey and dedicated

member of the community. On October 30, 2010, Mr. Blandina retired from his position as Manager of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in Lakewood, New Jersey. He is also recognized for his work with various political organizations in Ocean County, including the Brick Township Democratic Municipal Committee where he serves as Chairman. Today, I applaud Mr. Blandina, as his achievements should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Blandina began his professional career as a Special Police Officer with the Brick Township Police Department in 1983. He valiantly served the constituents of Brick Township for seven years. In conjunction with his service as Special Police Officer, from 1985 through December 1999, Mr. Blandina served in the Tax Assessor's Office. His outstanding abilities and commitment were evident as he soon rose to the position of Principal Assessing Clerk. After approximately fifteen years of service to the Tax Assessor's Office, Mr. Blandina soon accepted a position with the Administration Department where he assisted constituents with various local issues. His responsibilities also included coordinating media related events for the Township of Brick. During his tenure, Mr. Blandina also spent summers working in the Recreation Department, specifically assisting the Township Recycling Program. In June 2007, Mr. Blandina accepted a position as Manager of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in Lakewood, New Jersey. Throughout his professional experience, Mr. Blandina's generosity has undoubtedly touched many lives and has helped countless people throughout central New Jersey.

Mr. Blandina is also a valued member of various local and political organizations. Since 1983, he has proudly served on the Brick Township Democratic Committee, eighteen of those years as Municipal Chairman. He has also served as Democratic Finance Committee Chairman and has dedicated his time to assisting the Ocean County Young Democrats. Similarly, Mr. Blandina has assisted with the Ocean County Columbus Day Parade Committee, one of the largest parades and ethnic festivals in the state of New Jersey. His other affiliations include the Ocean County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, The Girls Scouts of the Jersey Shore Awards Reception Committee, Brick Township Democratic Club, among others. Mr. Blandina continues to mentor, exemplifying confident leadership and management skills.

As a result of his outstanding service, Mr. Blandina has been the recipient of numerous awards. He has received Brick Township Democratic Club's "1999 Democrat of the Year" award and the Columbia Civic League of Ocean County's "1999 Man of the Year" award. He has also been the recipient of the Heritage Festival Ball Committee's "2003 Outstanding Ethnic Leader" award and Brick UNICO Chapter's "2004 Italian American of the Year" award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in acknowledging Mr. Blandina's multiple years of service to the Ocean County community. His dedication and commitment are positive examples of what steadfast determination and hard work can accomplish.

HONORING THE HONORABLE
RONALD PANIOTO

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of the Honorable Ronald Panioto, who is retiring as a judge of the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. Judge Panioto leaves the courtroom some 35 years after he first ascended the bench of the Hamilton County Municipal Court.

Judge Panioto became presiding judge of the domestic relations division of the Common Pleas Court in 1981, and he quickly gained a reputation for fairness and sensitivity for families—especially the children—who came before him.

On the occasions in domestic cases when he had to interview children, Judge Panioto bought stuffed animals to give to the children to put them at ease.

Throughout his life, Judge Panioto has rightfully been proud of his Italian heritage and served as President of the United Italian Society from 1971 to 1993.

Judge Panioto's diligence, humanity and graciousness on the bench have won him the respect of the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Judge Panioto a long and happy retirement and thanking his wife Judith, his son Ronald Jr., his granddaughter Christine and great-grandson Andrew for sharing the judge with us over all these years.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
RON SANTO

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the passing of legendary Chicago Cubs third baseman and broadcaster Ron Santo, and to recognize his lifetime of achievement both on and off the baseball diamond.

Ronald Edward Santo was born February 25, 1940 in Seattle, Washington. Twenty years later, he made his professional baseball debut at third base for the Chicago Cubs. Over his 14-year major league career, the first 13 with the Cubs and the final season with the cross-town White Sox, Santo hit 342 home runs, had 1,331 RBIs, won 5 Gold Gloves, and appeared in 9 All-Star games. He is considered perhaps the greatest player not currently in the Hall of Fame. Nonetheless, his number 10 is immortalized on the North Side, hanging on the left field pole at Wrigley Field, which Santo referred to as "my Hall of Fame."

After a successful baseball career, Santo spent 15 years in business before returning to the Cubs as the color commentator for WGN Radio's Cubs broadcasts in 1990. He spent the next 20 years in the Cubs radio booth, and his passion and enthusiasm for the home team, which surfaced in disheartened groans as often as supportive exclamations, endeared him to a new generation of Cubs fans. Santo always seemed at ease in the WGN booth

and established himself as the rightful heir to Harry Carey's oversized throne as the king of Chicago Cubs commentary.

Away from the "Friendly Confines," Santo worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness for Diabetes through the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Diagnosed at age 18, his diabetes was unknown even to his teammates until 1971, when Santo decided to use his star power to draw attention to the disease. From 1979 until his death, Santo sponsored the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, helping to raise over \$60 million for research and advocacy. Santo's teammate Ernie Banks said of his fellow Cub, "Ronnie has handled his own ailment like the true champion he is. He is the most courageous person I've ever been around. I'm inspired by him and by his spirit. He is one of my idols, one of my heroes. I love Ron Santo."

Ron Santo passed away on Thursday, December 2. He will be sorely missed, but his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL JAMES L.
JONES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize an American hero, General James L. Jones, for his lifetime of public service. Having served more than 40 years in the United States Marine Corps as a diplomat in the Middle East and around the world, and most recently as the National Security Advisor to the President, he is a true public servant.

On October 8, 2010, the President announced that General Jones made the decision to step aside from his post as National Security Advisor and that his good friend and deputy, Tom Donilon, would succeed him.

Through the years, I have been honored to work with General Jones, and I have always trusted him to offer his best counsel on national security matters. A true patriot and strategic visionary, he has performed each and every mission with utmost dedication. The American public will forever be indebted to General Jones and his family for their service to our country and the many sacrifices they have made.

Madam Speaker, I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in paying tribute to General James L. Jones for his leadership and commitment to the safety and security of the American people. I wish him and his family the very best in the days to come.

ON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR
RICHARD HOLBROOKE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, after hearing encouraging news over the last few days, learning that my friend Richard Holbrooke had died last night felt like a sucker punch. A day later, it still does.

I suppose, in an ironic way, Richard would smile at the enormous impact he had on friend and foe alike. He was a life force, a force of nature—someone always operating on multiple levels, in high gear, and in more than three dimensions. I used to chafe when in the middle of a phone call he would put me on hold to talk with someone else—but I bet he did it to everyone.

He was a consummate juggler—the master diplomat. He knew precisely what he was prepared to tell someone, and what he was not. Though it takes years to settle on how history will view someone, my guess is Richard Holbrooke will be considered, hands down, as the best diplomat of my generation. Indeed, he will be in a small pantheon that includes Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Averell Harriman.

But the public Richard is not all of it: the private Richard was a generous and loyal friend. Before joining the Obama Administration, he chaired the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. For a time, one of our grandchildren was on its staff. He loved her, and forever after asked about her life, boyfriends, etc. No question the huge staff he built over his many careers over many years is devastated by his untimely death. Surely Megan Quitkin is. To Kati, whom he adored, and the extended Holbrooke family, we mourn your loss—and our country's loss.

I like to think that Richard has just put us all on hold while he takes another call...

2010 MILITARY FAMILY OF THE
YEAR

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kennedy family for being selected as the National Military Family Association's Coast Guard Family of the Year.

Commander John Kennedy has served in the Coast Guard for 16 years. He is supported by his wife, Bobbi, and their 3 children Olivia, Marissa, and Jack.

The Kennedy family has moved 6 times within 14 years, most recently to Atlantic Beach, NC.

Cmdr. Kennedy currently serves as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter *Elm*.

The Kennedy family is very active in the United States Coast Guard, and their community. They volunteer with Operation Christmas Child, and are active with numerous activities including a variety of athletics and the high school marching band.

Being a military family has shown them all how to be independent, and taught them what is truly important in life.

The Kennedy's admit they are not finished moving! They will continue to make friends wherever they go, which exemplifies the Coast Guard motto of *Semper Paratus*, "Always Ready".

I am proud to have the Kennedy family reside in the 3rd district of North Carolina. I thank all the men and women who have bravely served in our military.

Congratulations to the Kennedy family on 2010 Military Family of the Year!

OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY OF J. EUGENE QUINN**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest condolences to the family of J. Eugene Quinn following his untimely passing on December 7th, 2010. Gene was a beloved brother of Thomas, Paul and Francis, a devoted husband to Marguerite, loving father to Tara and proud grandfather of Andrew and Fiona.

A veteran of the United States Army, Gene had a long career in the Federal Government beginning with a position in the Reagan administration. Gene was a patron of the arts and founding member of the Anacostia Gracious Arts Program, an urban after-school arts program for underprivileged youth in Washington. I was always proud to call him my

friend. In short, his commitment to public service was truly remarkable. His life and contributions will certainly be missed by many.

HONORING RHODA VIRGINIA
HOFSTETTER ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Rhoda Virginia Hofstetter on her 100th birthday. This birthday of birthdays, we honor an entire century of dedication to family, friends, colleagues and students.

Rhoda made a tremendous difference and improved so many young lives because of her life-long career as an educator. In 1933, she graduated from Marshall College—now known as Marshall University—and went on to teach

mathematics at Lenore and Williamson High Schools in Mingo County, and at Lookout High School in Fayette County. From 1965 to 1973, Rhoda served as Supervisor of Mathematics for Fayette County. In 1973, she retired after 40 years as an educator and supervisor. Her beloved husband, Martin Hofstetter, passed away the same year.

Rhoda endlessly worked for the betterment of southern West Virginia, not only through her career as a teacher, but also through her active involvement—which continues to this day—as a Charter Member of the Ansted Garden Club.

Rhoda is a pillar of strength in her community of Ansted, where she has resided since 1946. Her devotion to education, family, friends and community is an example for us all.

I offer my personal congratulations to Rhoda, and wish her continued good health and happiness in the future.