

47th district of California, I will continue to strive for increase and advancement of opportunities for women all around the world. And I challenge young women everywhere to do the same and continue with even greater strength and force into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 11, 2011*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 163, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 570, the Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2011, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD OF AUSTRALIA TO CONGRESS

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 11, 2011*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that this poem by Albert Carey Caswell, commemorating the historic address by Prime Minister Julia Gillard of Australia, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the great friendship between our two countries.

ACROSS THE GREAT OCEANS

Across the great oceans  
Over the deep blue seas  
And all of the most distant shores  
And throughout the miles we see  
But lies . . .  
But lies, such a great love, a bond between  
America and Australia so indeed!  
For when we look into the mirror, a mirror  
image we so see  
For we are so much alike, are but you, are  
but so you and me  
As such a great bond, so very special across  
those seas  
So very strong, so very deep  
That even time and distance, cannot so de-  
stroy.  
As is such a great bond between Australia  
and America,  
That our hearts of love have so received  
For we are such fine friends, so are all of we!  
And throughout the generations, and  
throughout all of those wars  
All throughout all of those dark storms  
As we have so stood together, as one, as one  
have all of we!  
As throughout all of those dreadful wars  
As we have sent our fine son and daughters,  
off together, off to die, off to death and  
war  
And 'Oh, what a burden bore!  
To lose all of our most precious loves, that  
which we have all so adored!  
All of those tears, those heart broken tears,  
that together we have so poured!  
As all together we've so stood, so stood  
throughout the generations as one so  
for very sure!  
For Down Under, no greater loves adorned!  
Then, that bond between Australia and  
America  
From all across those most distant shores  
As we even speak the same language, all the  
more  
And on this day, a prayer we say as so sent  
across those most distant shores

That this great bond, that this warm love  
and so friendship, as will live on for ever-  
more!

And together as one, as out into the future  
we walk hand in hand, as we have done  
before!

'Oh across those great oceans, "It's a good  
day" . . . all because of our love that  
we have so poured!

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 11, 2011*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, an engineering marvel that is celebrating its centennial of service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own District.

When Federal engineers built Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River in the beginning of the 20th Century, they did not have the conveniences of a nearby town, an existing power supply or a locally skilled labor force. Several engineering feats needed to be accomplished even before construction could begin at the site 80 miles east of Phoenix.

A road was cut into the sides of mountains so supplies could be hauled from the Phoenix area to the dam site. Members of local Apache tribes helped build the road, and they continued with the construction effort for the dam. Federal engineers also constructed a 20-mile canal to develop hydroelectric power at the dam to power a cement mill, aerial trams and cableways, and other equipment.

Stone masons cut massive blocks from the sides of the canyon. Cranes were used to lower the stones, some weighing as much as 10 tons, to the riverbed. They were laid in a stair-step fashion, which gave the dam a distinctive appearance.

Federal engineers ensured the strength of the dam by requiring the mortar joints on the upstream face not to exceed 1 inch in width. Following the laying of the cornerstone in 1906, crews worked nearly nonstop, with strings of electric lights suspended above the site allowing men to work through the night. Five years later, Roosevelt Dam had risen 280 feet high, with a base 184 feet thick that narrowed to 16 feet at the top. On the day of its dedication on March 18, 1911, it was the largest rubble-masonry thick-arch dam in the world.

Due to its engineering and construction excellence, Roosevelt Dam stood nearly unchanged for more than 80 years. In the 1990s, a new generation of engineers needed to address dam safety, regulatory water storage and flood control in central Arizona. During this construction effort, the entire face of the dam was overlain with concrete, ranging in thickness from 10 to 50 feet. The concrete extended upward to create a new crest and spillways were constructed deeper and narrower, allowing for greater water releases during floods. Renovations used nearly 450,000 cubic yards of cement, enough to pave a two-lane road between Phoenix and Tucson. The additional 77 feet of height effectively doubled the capacity of the reservoir, enhancing its role in managing water supplies for the growing greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, as Roosevelt Dam embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for its engineering marvel and being an economic engine for central Arizona.

HONORING SPECIALIST DAVID R.  
FAHEY

**HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 11, 2011*

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Specialist David R. Fahey, who lost his life on Monday, February 28, 2011, while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan. He was killed by an IED explosion. Yesterday he was laid to rest.

Specialist Fahey enlisted at the age of 20, in August, 2007. He was deployed to Afghanistan in June, 2010. He is mourned by family, friends, and fellow soldiers from Yorktown Heights, New York, to Washington State, Korea, and Afghanistan. He has been honored for his service with the Combat Action Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

Specialist Fahey's dedication to protecting his fellow citizens extended to his plans to join the New York City Police Department after the completion of his tour of duty. His sacrifice for our nation will be remembered through the family he loved and freedom he protected. I ask the House to keep in their thoughts and prayers Specialist Fahey and all the other brave men and women in our armed services who have lost their lives, as well as those who continue to serve abroad.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN  
THOMAS F. MCGOVERN, AS HE  
PREPARES TO RETIRE AFTER 25  
YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SER-  
VICE TO THE UNITED STATES  
NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 11, 2011*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Thomas F. McGovern, as he prepares to retire after 25 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. I have worked with Captain McGovern personally in his role as the Deputy Director of the Navy Appropriations Liaison Office, and I would like to share with you some highlights of this fine officer's career.

Captain Thomas F. McGovern received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1986, and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1988. He has served in operational assignments with Patrol Squadron Forty at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California, flying the P-3C Orion; Patrol Squadron Thirty-One as an Instructor Pilot; aboard both the USS *Constellation* and USS *Saratoga* as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. Captain McGovern also served with distinction as Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Pacific Fleet Patrol Wings and Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, at Naval Air Station Barbers

Point, Hawaii, and with Patrol Squadron One as the Senior Pilot and Operations Officer.

Ashore, Captain McGovern broadened his experience working in the Operations, Readiness and Mobilization Directorate of the Army Operations Center, Pentagon. During this joint assignment, he was assigned as an Operations Officer for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. His responsibilities included the logistical and administrative support for US personnel assigned to the United Nations Peacekeeping missions in Iraq, Kuwait, Israel, Egypt, Western Sahara, Guatemala and the United Nations Headquarters in New York. He also served with the Office of the Chief of Naval Personnel as the Enlisted Aviation Community Manager and as the Special Assistant for Manpower for the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Captain McGovern served as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron Forty Seven in April 2003. During his tour, the squadron deployed to the FIFTH Fleet Area of Responsibility in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Their outstanding efforts were recognized by being awarded the "Golden Wrench" award for maintenance excellence along with the Commander Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award.

Captain McGovern reported to his current assignment as the Deputy Director for Appropriations Matters in the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Financial Management & Comptroller in March 2007. During his time at Financial Management Budget & Execution, Captain McGovern demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engaging Members of Congress and the Appropriations Committee Staff, providing essential information and resources for the Department of the Navy to maintain its role as the world's dominant sea power. Captain McGovern worked through significant readiness and manpower challenges, providing essential support in shepherding three Navy budgets and multiple war supplemental requests totaling more than \$550 billion in Department of the Navy funding. I can assure you that my staff, the subcommittee staff, and my fellow Members have found him to be a pleasure to work with, and he is respected by all for his true professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Captain Thomas F. McGovern for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Navy and we wish him, his wife Katie, and his daughters, Rosemary and Lauren "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in his well-deserved retirement.

ASPEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor for me to rise and pay tribute to the fraternal spirit and charitable efforts that have been exemplified by the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department. The tragedy that befell our country on September 11, 2001, was met with a resound-

ing and galvanizing response from all citizens of the United States. The members of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department were especially moved to help their brothers from the Fire Department of New York in any way they could.

In the days following the September 11th attacks, the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department went to all the local businesses with a fireman's helmet in hand, asking for donations to provide assistance for the Fire Department of New York. Through the efforts of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Fighters over \$110,000 was raised in a span of less than ten days. To raise that amount of money in such a short amount of time is remarkable, but the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department thought there was more that could be done in support of the Fire Department of New York. The firefighters again took to the streets and urged the ski resorts, hotels and local businesses to provide their services to the Fire Department of New York at little to no cost. All the businesses obliged, and in February of 2002, seventy-seven members of New York City's Fire Department and their families were able to enjoy a trip to Aspen, Colorado. The relationship between the two fire departments has now blossomed into an annual tradition. Firefighters from New York City have been coming to Aspen every winter since the tragic 9/11 attacks as guests of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department. This bond forged in brotherhood came full circle this past Fourth of July when members of the Fire Department of New York made the long road trip to Aspen. They brought with them a unique and powerful gift; a refurbished piece of the World Trade Center Towers. The steel from ground zero is now the center piece of the newly built Aspen Volunteer Fire House. It also signifies the shared connection between the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Department of New York, and most importantly serves as a memorial to all who were lost in the September 11th attacks.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department have been truly remarkable. These firefighters have tirelessly given support to the Fire Department of New York for nearly a decade, and have no intentions of stopping their good works. It has been a stirring privilege for me to rise and pay tribute to the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR ED JOHNSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Johnson for his outstanding service as Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center and Mayor of Asbury Park, New Jersey. I would like to congratulate him for receiving the Louis G. Libutti Community Service Award presented on behalf of the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce.

Ed Johnson was first appointed to fill a vacancy on the Asbury Park City Council in January 2005. He was later elected to a four-year term in May 2005 and re-elected to serve a second term. Mr. Johnson held this position

until 2009 when he was sworn in as Mayor of the City of Asbury Park. Mayor Johnson admirably serves on several key committees and subcommittees including the Springwood Avenue Advisory Committee, Transportation Center Subcommittee, Neighborhood Preservation Program, Urban Enterprise Zone, Tax Subcommittee, Asbury Works and the Parking Advisory Subcommittee. Prior to joining the City Council, Mayor Johnson served four consecutive terms as Chairman of the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ). He is credited with the transformation of the Asbury Park UEZ into a productive organization ready to meet its program obligations and local commitment to strengthen and grow the Asbury Park business community.

Mayor Johnson currently serves as the Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center. He has been committed to promoting quality, affordable education and workforce development opportunities in Monmouth County. Mayor Johnson has also established a successful career as an educator. In addition to establishing a successful career as an educator, he has worked in the fields of Experiential Education, International Exchange, Scholarship and Academic Programs and Higher Education. Mayor Johnson continues to support and promote open access in education and building cross-cultural communication and diversity awareness through leadership development. He is highly commended for his continued service on behalf of the residents of Monmouth County.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my congratulations to Mayor Ed Johnson for his exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and congratulate him for the honor he received from the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce.

CECIL TURNER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Assistant District Attorney Cecil Turner of Pueblo, Colorado. As one of Colorado's outstanding attorneys, Mr. Turner had an exemplary record in the courtroom. The state of Colorado has lost a tremendous legal resource and his experience will be difficult to replace. Many members of the Colorado legal community point to Mr. Turner as both a teacher and resource who will be sorely missed.

Mr. Turner, a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, was an integral part of southern Colorado's legal system. Following his graduation, he joined Pueblo's legal department, where he quickly advanced. In less than a decade he rose from a department aide to chief trial deputy and eventually assistant district attorney. In 1976, he turned to private practice for several years, though he never ceased to offer advice and guidance to the district attorney's staff. He later rejoined the prosecutor's office, in 2005, and worked there for the remainder of his career.

A strong legal system is essential to the freedom of all Americans, and Mr. Turner worked tirelessly in that pursuit. Attorneys of