

While we work here in Congress to invest more funding for Alzheimer's research to find a cure, we must continue to help the families who have been impacted by this devastating disease. This bipartisan legislation is a good step toward ensuring these important measures are taken.

The Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Foundation, Cure Alzheimer's Fund, and UsAgainstAlzheimer's have endorsed our legislation, which will increase the likelihood that Alzheimer's will be diagnosed sooner and help families plan for the necessary treatments and care. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on this important issue throughout the legislative process.

CONGRATULATING THE RESIDENTS OF PLUM LAKE, WI ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the residents of the Town of Plum Lake in Vilas County, Wisconsin, as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their town's founding. Plum Lake comprises the communities of Sayner and Star Lake, which have long been vacation destinations for Wisconsin residents because of their friendly people, magnificent lakes and forests, and abundant fish and game. Folks looking to escape the daily grind can retire to this beautiful area year-round to hunt, fish, ski, and hike along lovely nature trails. Visitors are often surprised to discover that the Town's slogan, "Birthplace of the snowmobile," reflects its invention there by Carl Eliason in 1924.

The Town of Plum Lake was officially formed by an ordinance passed by the Vilas County Board on January 5, 1911. The ordinance went into effect on April 1, 1911, creating the new town from territory detached from the Town of Arbor Vitae. The first town meeting was held in Sayner on April 14, 1911.

In the 19th century, Plum Lake was the center of a vibrant lumber industry, which eventually gave way to tourism. Two years before the founding of the Town, in the summer of 1909, Herb Warner and others began construction on the Plum Lake Golf Club, which opened in 1912 and is today one of Wisconsin's oldest golf courses. Plum Lake also boasts one of Wisconsin's oldest summer camps, Camp Highlands, which began when Harry O. Gilette, a University of Chicago Laboratory School Headmaster, brought ten boys to a remote point on Plum Lake for a summer in the wilderness in 1904.

Today, Plum Lake maintains both its majestic landscape and its place as a prime vacation destination. I am very proud to represent this community and I congratulate the Town of Plum Lake on this historic milestone. I join with all Wisconsinites in expressing pride in the treasures of our state.

PROTECT THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures.

Protecting our veterans and service members is important, but their families are an extension of our military families and affording them equal mortgage foreclosure protection is just as important.

The death of a servicemember while in service, can be hard for a spouse as they adjust to a new life without their loved one, this includes a single family income, which in many instances is not enough to provide for a family and make their mortgage payments. Extending these protections would allow grieving spouses 9 months to work on a resolution with their lender or sell their home, if necessary.

Servicemembers currently receive foreclosure protections for 9 months after the end of military service. These protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) are meant to allow a period of transition and adjustment after service. Unfortunately, this protection does not exist for spouses. That is why today I am introducing this legislation.

H.R. 1263 amends the SCRA by extending protection against mortgage foreclosure for 9 months to a surviving spouse of servicemember who died while in military service and their death is service connected and the individual is the successor of the servicemember's property. In conclusion, H.R. 1263 takes an important step toward protecting the families of our brave fallen heroes. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1263.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—CALVIN TSAY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when

giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

On the weekend of February 18-19th, I volunteered at the carnival at Shepard Elementary School. I spent time setting up the carnival, running the actual activities, and taking down all of the decorations. I had been to many school fairs when I was in elementary school, but I had never seen the behind-the-scenes action. Volunteering and working the carnival taught me to be more appreciative, as I learned of the efforts involved in running an event. The carnival benefited the community as children were allowed time to play with their families and enjoy time off school. As we finished up cleaning, I talked with many of the other volunteers and realized that many of them wished the carnival were not over. Many volunteers, including myself, enjoy spending their time helping others and having the satisfaction of bettering others' lives. More than two hundred volunteers were a part of the Shepard School Carnival, and I truly believe the carnival would have been impossible without their help. This experience taught me a valuable lesson in the importance of volunteering in the community, and I will definitely continue to serve my community to the best of my ability.

—Calvin Tsay

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,262,144,462,897.94.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,623,718,716,604.10 since then.

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