EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, from April 10th to April 16th our nation is celebrating National Library Week. This one week each year we take time to honor and thank our nation's libraries and their dedicated staff for the vital role they play in our communities.

Today, I rise to support the work at the Library at Kansas State University. As part of the land-grant mission, the Library at Kansas State University serves not only the campus and students at K-State, but the good folks of Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth and many other communities in the 2nd District and across Kansas. Whether it is internet access, academic research, or just finding a good book, the Library at Kansas State serves our friends and neighbors in an important way. I am proud to represent them in Congress and humbled to honor them today.

FRANCISCO ALVARADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisco Alvarado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Francisco Alvarado is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisco Alvarado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Francisco Alvarado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EIGHTH GRADERS OF FRAZIER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN PERRYOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the eighth graders of Frazier Middle School from Perryopolis, PA and their achievements in the national March Math Madness Competition.

More than 1,400 schools from 30 states took part in the March Math Madness Competition sponsored by Apangea Learning. Students were challenged to complete hundreds of thousands of math equations in a competition designed to mirror the college basketball March Madness championship. The group of 74 students from Frazier Middle School, led by math teacher Susan Szelc, completed 132,023 math problems and worked 2,175 hours since March 1, 2011. A majority of that time, 1,161 hours, was spent solving equations outside of the traditional school day. These are committed students who put in the extra effort to complete a challenge and stimulate their minds.

The eighth graders from Frazier Middle School first qualified for the Sweet 16 on February 28, 2011; later advanced to the Elite Eight, the Final Four, and then to the national championship round. The students' hard work has brought them the coveted March Math Madness Trophy and a banner to proudly display in their school gymnasium. They also had the distinguished honor of having one of their own peers, Alex Lyons, be named the MVP of the East. Alex was able to pass the most math equations, 530 units, without failing.

Our country's future is dependent on the hard work and intellect of students like these. It is encouraging to see such talent and ambition being nurtured in our public school system. Outstanding educators, such as Susan Szelc, must also be commended for her efforts in this challenge.

These students have displayed a true aptitude for learning and should be properly recognized for the great champions that they are. Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to honor these students for their hard work, dedication, and commitment towards their education.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is $14,267,760,539,191.89.

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 $3,629,334,792,898.00 since then.

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

ELIJAH QUINTANILLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Elijah Quintanilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Elijah Quintanilla is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Elijah Quintanilla is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elijah Quintanilla for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEAM B ACT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Team B Act to confront the growing challenge of domestic radicalization and homegrown terrorist attacks. I believe that we must take a fresh look at how we can thwart domestic radicalization.

I have been concerned about and been following the issue of radical Islamic terrorism for nearly 3 decades. I visited the Marine barracks in Lebanon following the 1983 bombing that killed 241 American servicemen.

I closely followed the issue of terrorism with the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 and throughout the 1990s with the deadly attacks against our embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, where yet another of my constituents was killed.

As a result, in 1998 I authored legislation creating the National Commission on Terrorism, also known as the Bremer Commission, and highlighted the threat from Osama bin Laden in my introductory remarks—years before many in our government fully understood the danger he posed.

I was the chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that funds the FBI and Justice Department on September 11, 2001, and I worked closely with Director Mueller and his leadership team from 2002 to 2006 to transform its mission to deal with the terrorist threat.

I am now again chairman of that subcommittee and receive regular briefings on terrorism and the new and growing threat posed

by domestic radicalization and frequently visit the National Counterterrorism Center, which is located in my district.

According to the Congressional Research Service, there have been 43 ''homegrown jihadist terrorist plots and attacks since 9/11,'' including 22 plots or attacks since May 2009.

Director Mueller and the men and women of the FBI should be commended for their exceptional work in intercepting would-be terrorists before their attacks. They work tirelessly to protect our country and their record over the last decade speaks for itself.

But despite the FBI's success at disrupting plots under way, the U.S. does not have an effective or coherent policy to prevent domestic radicalization. According to a recent report by respected counterterrorism experts called Assessing the Terrorist Threat:

> ''The American melting pot'' has not provided a firewall against the radicalization and recruitment of American citizens and residents, though it has arguably lulled us into a sense of complacency that homegrown terrorism couldn't happen in the United States . . . By not taking more urgently and seriously the radicalization and recruitment that was actually occurring in the U.S., authorities failed to comprehend that this was not an isolated phenomenon . . . Rather, it indicated the possibility that even an embryonic terrorist radicalization and recruitment infrastructure had been established in the U.S. homeland.

That is why I am introducing this legislation to create a ''Team B'' to bring fresh eyes to U.S. domestic radicalization and counterterrorism strategy. The team would represent a new approach, which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intelligence, but to rethink the nature of threats to stay a step ahead in understanding how to break the radicalization and recruitment cycle that sustains terrorism, how to disrupt the global terrorist network and how to strategically isolate it.

During the Ford administration, then-CIA director George H.W. Bush created a ''Team B'' composed of outside experts to reexamine intelligence relating to Soviet capabilities. Their conclusions were markedly different than those reached by agency officials. Many of their assessments were used in the Reagan administration to deal with the Soviets—ultimately leading to the end of the Cold War.

Today, our intelligence community and federal law enforcement are so inundated with reports and investigations that they do not have the time or capacity to step back and strategically reevaluate the threat before us.

I believe a ''Team B'' would provide a tremendous service to both the agencies and the Congress in making recommendations on how we can disrupt domestic radicalization.

For more than a year, I have written numerous letters to the President and members of his national security team urging them to implement this proposal. They have not.

As respected Georgetown University professor Dr. Bruce Hoffman wrote for The National Interest in October 2010:

> The logic behind Congressman Wolf's idea is simple and makes eminent sense. Since both the U.S. intelligence community and our national security and law-enforcement agencies are overwhelmed with data, information and a multiplicity of immediate ''inbox''-driven issues that continually challenge their ability to think both strategically and in terms of a patently evolving, dynamic, multidimensional threat, the red team concept would represent a new approach to counterterrorism that would potentially enable the United States to stay one step ahead of our adversaries' own strategy and tactics.
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> First, it would have a broader remit than the red team exercises currently employed by individual agencies. Congressman Wolf's idea is that this red team would have a strategic counterterrorism mandate and would therefore look at general, global patterns of terrorism rather than the use and effects of individual tactics.
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> Second, it would be composed of nongovernment specialists and experts representing a broad array of different perspectives, backgrounds and opinions—the type of ''glorious amateurs'' described by General Donovan who once populated the OSS but who would now be enlisted in the war on terrorism.
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> Under Congressman Wolf's formulation, these persons would advise and help inform the assessments of both the National Intelligence Council (NIC) and Office of the Director of National Intelligence by providing broad strategic analysis of terrorism trends and patterns and their possible future implications. In this manner, alternative assessments and strategic counterterrorism analysis could be provided to the Intelligence Community that would also help to avoid ''group think.''

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I believe this legislation would be a constructive step to address the evolving terrorist threat and I urge my colleagues to support it.

EMILY BURTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Burton for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emily Burton is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emily Burton is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emily Burton for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN MEMORIAM OF CAROLYN JACKSON HERRING

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carolyn Jackson Herring, who died on April 12, 2001 at the age of 46. Ms. Herring was a selfless mother, sister, daughter, and friend. She was also a dedicated public servant in the Tampa Bay community. Ms. Herring stands apart as an ideal citizen and was a living testimony of resilience, patience, and love.

Ms. Herring was born on July 26, 1954 to Johnnie and Mildred Jackson in Jasper, Florida. In later years, the Jackson family relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida. Ms. Herring later graduated from Lakewood High School in 1973, where she was a member of the first integrated graduating class. In 1977, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. While attending the University of Florida, Ms. Herring was an active member of the Crossroad Christian Organization, as well as several advocacy groups for those suffering with sickle cell anemia.

For over fifteen years, Ms. Herring dedicated her life to assisting the lives of the mentally ill. She served as a Counselor and Residential Director for Boley Centers for Behavior Health Care, Inc. After her passing, Boley Centers dedicated their main lounge area in her honor in recognition of her steadfast commitment to public service and advocacy for the mentally ill. Prior to working with Boley Centers, Ms. Herring was a headstart teacher in the Pinellas County School System.

Ms. Herring was also an active member of Bay Vista Church of Christ, where she served on the Board of Directors for several years.

Survived by her daughter, Oneshia Herring (Washington, DC); her parents, Johnnie and Mildred Jackson (St. Petersburg, Florida); sister, Thelma Jackson-Burns (St. Petersburg, Florida); and brothers, Johnnie Jackson, Jr. (St. Petersburg, Florida) and Alonzo Solomon (Atlanta, Georgia), Ms. Herring was known throughout her family, colleagues, clients, and community as a compassionate leader with a peaceful, virtuous, and generous spirit. While her presence is truly missed, her legacy continues to live on in the hearts of all the many people she touched.

Mr. Speaker, Alphonse de Lamartine once said ''To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.'' For her angelic spirit and unconditional love to her family and community, it is with great privilege that I celebrate the life of Ms. Carolyn Jackson Herring. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family.

DOMINIC PANICUCCI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Panicucci for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Panicucci is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominic Panicucci is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominic Panicucci for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH A. FALCONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a great man, Hon. Joseph A. Falcone, who is retiring after twenty-five years on the bench from his position in the trial courts of his home county of Passaic, New Jersey. He will be honored on April 12, 2011 by his friends and colleagues for his service to his profession and his community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication, commitment and integrity.

Judge Joseph A. Falcone was born in Newark, New Jersey and is a product of that city's public school system. He received a B.A. degree from Rutgers University and went on to receive his J.D. degree from Rutgers-Camden School of Law in 1968. Judge Falcone commenced his legal career as a law secretary before being admitted to the Bar on November 27, 1968.

In September 1969, Judge Falcone was sworn in as an assistant Essex County prosecutor. He served in the appellate and trial section and as the Deputy Director of the City Council Organized Crime Strike Force. In September 1975, the judge was sworn in as the First Assistant Prosecutor for Passaic County. That same month he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

On April 2, 1990, Judge Falcone was given the task of reorganizing the criminal justice system in Essex County. It had been described as ''one of the slowest and least efficient of any urban county in the United States'' by the National Center for State Courts. The reorganization was an overwhelming success. Five years later, the Justice Management Institute's report said, ''Essex County, New Jersey is the scene of one of the most dramatic improvements in the handling of serious criminal cases that has taken place anywhere in the United States in the past thirty years.'' The feature article described Judge Falcone as ''the management wizard of the New Jersey judiciary.'' He was asked to ''repeat the miracle in Passaic County'' where he had been transferred in May 1996 to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. On October 3, 1996, Judge Falcone was appointed to serve as the assignment judge for the vicinage.

During this time he authorized the creation of the, Village Initiative, which was highly acclaimed. He also addressed and reduced criminal court backlogs and increased efficiency in the court system. A Herald News article of August 1997 noted that Judge Falcone had ''made the criminal court system in Passaic County a trim and responsive operation.'' In 1999, Judge Falcone assumed the position of Assignment Judge for the Essex Vicinage and again made his mandate to reduce backlogs and improve the efficiency of court operations. During his five-year tenure, both goals were achieved.

While serving as the Assignment Judge in the Essex Vicinage, two significant pilot programs were developed and implemented after approval by the Supreme Court; the Greater Newark Safer Cities Initiative and the License Reinstatement Program. In addition, he authored In re Fire at Seton Hall University, 368 N.J.Super. 269 (Law Div. 2003), a mini-treatise on grand jury practice and procedure, which in connection with the Seton Hall fire case, he approved publication of a Grand Jury Presentment, which led to legislation making it mandatory for residential colleges to install fire sprinklers.

From August 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005, Judge Falcone served the Appellate Division. In 2004, he was elected to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation and inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame. For many years of his twenty-five years on the bench, Judge Falcone served on the Model Criminal Jury Charges Committee as a member and Chair of the Conference of Criminal Presiding Judges, Chair of the Bail Forfeiture Judges Committee, Chair of the Judicial Council's IT Steering Committee, and a member of and in the 2003–2004 the Chair of the Judicial Council.

Since September 2005, Judge Falcone has been assigned to the trial courts; first in the Morris/Sussex Vicinage, and since September 2007 in his home county of Passaic. Judge Falcone resides in Wayne, NJ with Beverly, his wife and best friend for over thirty-two years, and their daughter Larissa.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of community leaders like Judge Falcone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Falcone's family, friends and everyone he has worked with throughout the years and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of the Honorable Joseph A. Falcone.

EDDIE THOMAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eddie Thomas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Eddie Thomas is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Eddie Thomas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eddie Thomas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST MR. JOE YING CHIU

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Joe Ying Chiu, who passed away on March 24, 2011 at the age of 76. My heart goes out to his wife, Marilyn; sons Steven and Edward; daughter Carolyn; his four grandchildren; and the rest of his family and friends.

Mr. Chiu was an extraordinary citizen, a role model for community activism and a powerful advocate for the Chinese American community. He was the living embodiment of the American Dream, having been born in China in 1934 and then emigrating to the United States as a ''paper son'' when he was just a teenager, first arriving in the San Francisco Bay area.

Like most immigrant children, he learned the values of hard work and perseverance at an early age. After meeting his wife Marilyn and marrying her in 1961, he went to work at his father-in-law's meat market in Pasadena, Southern California. It was there that his strong work ethic began paying off, and where he first honed his incredible business acumen.

With the help and support of his father-in-law, he eventually opened his own grocery store in Long Beach in 1967. That store, Hanson's Market, went on to become a fixture in the community and served the neighborhood for 25 years.

It was the beginning of a long career in the grocery business for Joe, who became a successful businessman and eventually owned and operated several different establishments.

After his retirement from the grocery business, Joe was able to focus his energy on a cause that had long been dear to his heart: advocating for the Chinese American community in Los Angeles' Chinatown. With his wife Marilyn, Joe became an active member of the Lung Kong Association, serving in several political offices in the organization.

He went on to become an avid and generous supporter of numerous civic, political and philanthropic events and charities that greatly benefited the Chinese community throughout the United States, China and Taiwan.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Mr. Joe Ying Chiu, for his remarkable service and contributions to our country.

FRANCISCO IBARRA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisco Ibarra for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Francisco Ibarra is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior

High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisco Ibarra is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Francisco Ibarra for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY, INC. AS IT CELEBRATES IT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Founded and still led by the remarkable Judith Stein, since its inception the Center has grown into an invaluable resource for Medicare recipients as well as legislators and I am proud to say that it all started in Connecticut.

Judy Stein dedicated her professional career to advocacy for the elderly from the very beginning. For 11 years, Judy was the Co-Director of Legal Assistance to Medicare Patients, LAMP, where she managed the first Medicare advocacy program in the country. Throughout her career she has developed and administered Medicare advocacy projects, represented Medicare beneficiaries, produced educational materials, as well as taught and consulted on a variety of Medicare issues. She has also served as lead or co-counsel in federal class action and individual cases challenging improper Medicare policies and denials. To be frank, there are very few in this country who have such a technical or personal understanding of the Medicare program and how it impacts our seniors.

Twenty-five years ago, Judy took all of her experience and passion for advocacy and founded the Center for Medicare Advocacy—an organization that would be dedicated to providing a voice for older Americans and those with disabilities as well as a resource to ensure that they have access to health care financing, necessary care and Medicare. What began as a one-person, one office operation has grown into one of the leading Medicare advocacy organizations in the country. Since it opened its doors, thousands of people have counted on the Center to make sure that they were receiving the benefits that they deserve. Still headquartered in Connecticut, the Center also has an office in Washington, D.C. where they specialize in Medicare and healthcare policy, a data unit in Maine, and attorneys in Arizona, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

Today, as they celebrate their first 25 years, the Center for Medicare Advocacy can be proud of how far the organization has come as well as the extraordinary impact they have had on our nation's health care policy and, more importantly, in the lives of the many who have sought them out for assistance. I have no doubt that the Center and its dedicated staff will continue in its innovative advocacy, working to both improve our Medicare system as well as the lives of those who turn to them for guidance and support. Happy 25th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

EMILY NEWMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emily Newman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emily Newman is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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THE DIVERSE TEACHERS RECRUITMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the effort to bring more diversity to our national teaching force.

Striking statistics compiled by the Department of Education show a lack of diversity among teachers. During the 2007–2008 school year, an estimated 7 percent of teachers were African American, 7 percent were Latino, and 1.2 percent were Asian. More than 83 percent of teachers were white. A total of 75.9 percent of teachers were female and only 24.1 percent male.

Some experts believe this lack of diversity leaves some students without an inspiring role model to whom they can relate. The result may be lower test scores and higher drop-out rates within some student demographics.

I am introducing the Diverse Teachers Recruitment Act of 2011 to address this lack of diversity. The legislation provides grants to school districts to create and implement recruitment programs to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into the classroom.

The grantee will track and compile data showing results of the program, including minority teacher recruitment rates. Data will also include the impact on student learning, growth, and attendance rates.

The Department of Education will analyze the programs and disseminate which were effective in recruiting teachers from underrepresented groups. Successful results could be replicated in other school districts.

It is a worthwhile effort to bring teachers from underrepresented groups into our classrooms. This legislation begins a national effort to build a teaching force that reflects the diverse population of the United States to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge consideration of the bill.

DOMINIC GIOVANINI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominic Giovanini for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominic Giovanini is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominic Giovanini for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPC. KEITH T. BUZINSKI

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 7, 2011 a Central Florida soldier lost his life in service to our nation from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Logar Province while assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, New York.

Specialist Buzinski joined the U.S. Army in August of 2006. Once he completed his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, then Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he deployed with his unit in October 2010 after previously serving in Iraq from September 2007 to November 2008.

Specialist Buzinski's impressive list of awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Valorous Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; two Overseas Service Ribbons; NATO Medal; and Combat Infantryman Badge.

We shall never forget the ultimate sacrifice Specialist Buzinski has given for his country. His actions will serve as an everlasting reminder of the dedication and sacrifice the members of our nation's armed services make every day.

Specialist Buzinski is survived by his wife, two children, sister, mother and father.

FRANCISCO AGUILAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisco Aguilar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Francisco Aguilar is a 10th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisco Aguilar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Francisco Aguilar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 204 I am recorded as not voting for H.R. 471, the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act. Despite my presence on the floor during the vote on this bill, the electronic voting system erroneously recorded my vote. I ask that the RECORD reflect my support for H.R. 471, including my vote in favor of this important piece of legislation.

DONOVAN NICHOLS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Donovan Nichols for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Donovan Nichols is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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I extend my deepest congratulations to Donovan Nichols for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 133RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRIGHT HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special occasion—the 133rd anniversary of Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church.

Early in 1878, a small group of men and their families conceived the idea of having a church in their community. They met from one family home to another for a short period of time. They searched the surrounding community and found a place they desired for a church. The land was located on the north side of Dickson Street in Laurinburg, North Carolina, which was a part of Richmond County at this time. On May 1, 1878, the men and their Chairman-Deacon and Trustee Adam Johnson met with the land owner, Mr. William W. McLaurin. An agreement was made to purchase the land for $50. The parcel of land was 100 feet by 125 feet. The agreement stated that the land was to be used for religious purposes, or it would revert to the McLaurin Family. Mr. Adam Johnson sold a bale of cotton to secure the money for the purchase of the parcel.

The men pulled a house upon the lot and the first church was established in May 1878. The land was deeded to Adam Johnson, Trustee of the Laurinburg Colored Baptist Church from William McLaurin and was recorded in deed book DD at page 45. A second deed written on Nov. 30, 1892 records the sale of a portion of land also on Dickson Street. The deeds indicated that Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Monroe sold the land to the trustees of the church. Their names appear on the deed as Adam Johnson, Hugh A. Gilchrist, Edmund Jones, and Riley Wall. The sale was made for $225. This land was secured for a parsonage. The church bought a frame house and moved it on this property and the parsonage was used for many years. The parsonage was torn down in 1964.

In December of 1905, the church asked its Deacons to purchase the lot of land east and north of the church lot. The men purchased the land on December 21, 1905 from the same William W. McLaurin for $200. The lot purchased by this deed was 50 feet of frontage extending 175 feet north, 150 feet west, and 50 feet south to the existing church lot on Dickson Street. The church property now measured 150 feet of frontage by 175 feet in the form of a rectangle. This second deed was recorded on December 23, 1905, in Scotland County.

Church Services were held the first and third Sundays of each month for a number of years. For baptisms, water had to be carried from a well in the church yard to a nearby outdoor pool. The outside frame for this pool could be seen behind the Dickson Street Church. Prior to the building of the outside pool, candidates for baptism were baptized in Roper's Mill Pond.

In 1917, a house east of the church was used as a parsonage. The church, which was rebuilt in 1917, was a wood frame building facing south on Dickson Street.

Prior to its remodeling, the frame building contained a belfry with a huge bell that could be heard from at least a mile away. The residents of Washington Park could distinctly hear the bell ring for Sunday School and eleven o'clock church services. They could also hear its toll when there was a death among its members. Two large sycamore trees were located on both sides of the front yard. The choir loft was located on the right side of the pulpit. During later years a pool was constructed under the floor behind the pulpit and an extension was added to the building on each side. Later, inside the back of the church bathrooms were added. A corner stone which was brick veneered many years ago was placed on the right front of the church to indicate the church was rebuilt in 1917. This cornerstone was installed in 1949 when some repairs were made in the old church.

From 1878 until 1900 the church was part of Richmond County. Scotland County was formed in 1899 and began functioning in late 1900. Around this time the members of the church also decided they wanted to use a name other than Laurinburg Colored Church. After 1900, and in the new Scotland County, they chose the name Bright Hopewell Baptist Church.

In 1938–39 the wood frame church was remodeled inside. The outside of the church was bricked all around by some of the students of bricklaying classes and their teacher from Laurinburg Institute. Most of the students were members and friends of the church.

Bright Hopewell became a stationed church in 1948–49. The parsonage became a meeting place for auxiliaries of the church. Plans were made and several hundred dollars were raised for the building of an education building. The parsonage was soon torn down to make room for an educational building.

In 1978, the church moved to a new location. Bright Hopewell purchased over ten acres of property on March 20, 1978 for $69,000 from the Caldwell Estate. The property was located on North Main Street. A new church building on North Main Street was begun in June of 1983 on the purchased property. The new church was finished, entered, and dedicated on March 25, 1984. The old church on Dickson Street was offered for sale and sold for $60,000 plus $6,500 for the furniture. The payments on the Dickson Street Property began in 1984 and were extended over a period of years. A new educational annex began on the church on North Main Street in early 1986 and was completed in November 1986. The education building annex was not dedicated until over a year later. The dedication program was delayed until 1988. In July 1999, the mortgage was paid in full. A Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held at The Highlands on Plant Road in Laurinburg. The new fellowship hall was completed in 2002. The fellowship hall is equipped with a commercial kitchen and is large enough to accommodate church and community functions.

Since 1878 the church has had more than twenty dynamic pastors and ministers and many trustees and deacons who have served well over the years.

Inspirational choirs have sung praises for Bright Hopewell. Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church has a glorious past of spirituality, perseverance, hard work, and determination. I have enjoyed each time I have worshiped at Bright Hopewell. It is by the Grace of God that it stands firm after all these years. With God's guidance the church looks forward to a brighter future.

I congratulate Bright Hopewell Baptist Church on their 133rd anniversary and wish the pastor, the Reverend Garland E. Pierce, and the congregation the best in the years to come.

HONORING CAPTAIN ROBERT J. HILLERY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements and honorable military service of Captain Robert J. Hillery in the United States Marine Corps. I offer Captain Hillery my sincerest thanks for his eight years of dedicated service in protecting our nation and safeguarding its future.

The son of a fellow Marine, beginning his military career at the U.S. Naval Academy, Captain Hillery graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduating, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May of 2003.

Following The Basic School and Logistics Officer Course, Captain Hillery was assigned to Truck Company, HQBN, 1st Marine Division in July of 2004. During this tour, he served as the H&S Platoon Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II–2 at Camp Blue Diamond in Ramadi. He and his platoon conducted hundreds of critical resupply convoys throughout the Al Anbar Province. Upon returning home from this deployment, he was reassigned as the 3rd Platoon Commander and deployed again during OIF III–2 in Haditha while being attached to 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. Following his second deployment, Captain Hillery served as the Commander of the Remain Behind Element and Company Executive Officer for Truck Company.

In June of 2007, he transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer for three months, Range Company Executive Officer for nine months, and H&S Company Commander for 25 months.

Among his many achievements, Captain Hillery's personal decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Furthermore, I applaud his efforts to use his passion for distance running to raise $43,000 for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. Having completed 3 ultra marathons, 25 marathons, 18 half marathons, 2 Ultraman triathlons, 3 Ironman distance triathlons including the world championship in Kona, HI, in 2009, along with numerous shorter distance races—there is no question that Captain Hillery's triumphs are nothing short of remarkable. Accordingly, in August of 2010, Captain Hillery was selected for the distinguished recognition of Marine Corps Athlete of the Year.

I offer Captain Hillery my congratulations for his accomplishments and sincere gratitude for his military service. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring all the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and the admirable achievements of Captain Robert Hillery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, last week I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 250, 251, and 253 on April 8, 2011. If present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 250, 251, and 253.

HONORING GERRY HOUSE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gerry House on his induction into the National Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame. Gerry's contributions to broadcasting are celebrated in the country music industry. His talent has made a lasting impact on country music and radio.

For over three decades, Tennesseans have eagerly awakened to Gerry's voice on his early morning radio show, Gerry House and the House Foundation. Nashville radio loves Gerry House.

Not only a radio personality, Gerry is also a gifted songwriter. His songs have been recorded by George Strait, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rimes, Brad Paisley, Randy Travis and Pam Tillis among others. He has further released two comedy albums, The Cheater's Telethon in 1990 and The Bull in 1992.

Gerry's resume does not stop there. He has been voted Billboard's Radio Personality of the Year seven times and Country Music Association Personality four times. He is also a member of the Country Music DJ Hall of Fame, has won Radio & Records Country Format Personality of the Year multiple times and is a recipient of the NAB Marconi Radio Award for Large Market Air Personality of the Year.

On April 12, 2011 in Las Vegas, Gerry will become the first country radio personality to be inducted into the NAB Broadcasting Hall of fame.

Thank you Gerry House for bringing a smile to countless faces each and every morning. You truly are a staple of Nashville's culture.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe National Minority Health Awareness Month and to spread awareness on the disparities between the health of minorities in the United States and the general population.

Nationally, minority groups are disproportionately affected by many health conditions and diseases, many of which are preventable.

For example, minority groups have higher rates of infant mortality, low birth weight babies, and HIV/AIDS.

African Americans, in particular, suffer disproportionately from such chronic conditions as heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

Similar disparities exist between other minorities such as the Hispanic populations.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for example, reports that Latinos are twice as likely to die from diabetes.

Eliminating the causes of similar health and healthcare disparities must remain a priority in this Congress.

Additionally, we must continue to raise awareness of the need to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations across America and to develop health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR PAY ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the 1963 Equal Pay Act (EPA), the first of the great civil rights statutes of the 1960s, was successful for close to 20 years, but it is too creaky with age to be useful today. It is long past time to amend the EPA to reflect the new workforce in which women work almost as much as men. Every year, Representative ROSA DELAURO (D–CT) and I, along with scores of other Members of Congress, introduce the Paycheck Fairness Act, to amend the EPA to make its basic procedures equal to those used in other anti-discrimination statutes. I was an original co-sponsor of, and attended the signing ceremony at the White House for, the 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which further strengthens the EPA by restoring its original interpretation. However, the Fair Pay Act of 2011 (FPA), which Senator TOM HARKIN and I have introduced in prior sessions of Congress, picks up where the EPA and the Ledbetter Act leave off, by taking on workplace gender discrimination in which gender-influenced wages leave the average female worker without any remedy. I have long pressed for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act and the FPA, based on my own experience as the first female chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), when President Jimmy Carter moved the EPA and other civil rights statutes under the EEOC' s jurisdiction, as part of a historic reorganization.

Along with my indispensable Senate partner, TOM HARKIN, I again introduce the FPA on behalf of the average female worker, who is often first steered to, and then locked into, jobs with wages that are deeply influenced by the gender of those who have traditionally held such jobs. Much of the wage inequality women experience today is because of employer-steering and because of deeply rooted wage stereotypes, which result in wages being

paid by gender and not according to the skills and efforts necessary to do the job. I introduce the FPA because the pay problems today of most women stem mainly from the segregating of women and men in different jobs. Two-thirds of white women and three quarters of African-American women work in just three areas: sales/clerical, service, and factories. We need more aggressive strategies to break through the societal habits present throughout history, the world over, as well as employer-steering of jobs based on gender, which is as old as paid employment itself.

The FPA requires that, if men and women are doing comparable work, they be paid comparable wages. If a woman is an emergency services operator, for example, a female-dominated profession, she should be paid no less than a fire dispatcher, a male-dominated profession, simply because each of these jobs has been dominated by one sex. If a woman is a social worker, a traditionally female occupation, she should earn no less than a probation officer, a traditionally male job, simply because of the gender associated with each of these jobs.

The FPA, like the EPA, will not tamper with the market system. As with the EPA, the burden will be on the plaintiff to prove discrimination. The plaintiff must show that the reason for the disparate treatment is gender discrimination, not legitimate market factors. Corrections to achieve comparable pay for men and women are not radical or unprecedented. State employees in almost half of the state governments, in red and blue states alike, have already demonstrated that you can eliminate the part of the pay gap that is due to discrimination. Twenty states have adjusted wages for female state employees, raising pay for teachers, nurses, clerical workers, librarians, and other female-dominated jobs that paid less than men with comparable jobs. Minnesota, for example, implemented a pay equity plan when they found that similarly skilled female jobs paid 20 percent less than male jobs. There may be some portion of a gender wage gap that is traceable to market conditions, but twenty states have shown that you can tackle the gender discrimination-based gap without interfering with the market system. The states generally have closed the discrimination gap over a period of four or five years at a one-time cost of no more than three to four percent of payroll.

In addition, many female workers routinely achieve pay equity through collective bargaining, and countless employers provide it on their own as they see women shifting out of vital female-dominated occupations, as a result of the shortage of skilled workers, as well as the unfairness to women. Unequal pay has been built into the way women have been treated since Adam and Eve. To dislodge such deep-seated and pervasive treatment, we must go to the source, the traditional female occupations, where pay is linked with gender and always has been.

The best case for a strong and updated EPA, with at least the Paycheck Fairness Act, occurred here in the Congress in 2003, when female custodians in the House and Senate won an EPA case after showing that female workers were paid a dollar less for doing the same or similar work as men. Had these women not been represented by their union, they would have had an almost impossible task of using the rules for bringing and sustaining an EPA class action suit. The FPA simply modernizes the EPA to bring it in line with subsequent civil rights statutes. From my tenure as EEOC chair, I know all too well the several ways that this historic legislation needs a 21st century makeover.

Let us start with the Paycheck Fairness Act so we can be prepared to go further with the FPA we introduce today. Let us start now to make the pay worthy of the American women we have asked to go to work.

HONORING CHEF THOMAS ALOYSIUS KELLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chef Thomas Aloysius Keller, of Yountville, California on the occasion of being honored by French President Nicolas Sarkozy as a Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor.

Chef Keller was born at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California to Elizabeth and Edward Keller on October 14, 1955. He is the youngest of five boys. Chef Keller's experience in the restaurant business began when his family moved to Florida. He was studying psychology and working as a dishwasher when his mother asked him to take over as a replacement chef at the restaurant she managed.

One summer he was discovered by French-born Roland Henin, who taught Chef Keller the fundamentals of French cuisine. After working at a small French restaurant in the Hudson River Valley in Catskill, New York, he moved to France where he refined his skills through working at Michelin-starred restaurants, including Guy Savoy and Taillevent. He soon returned to the U.S. and opened his first restaurant, Rakel, in 1986.

In 1994, Chef Keller took ownership of The French Laundry in Yountville. Built as a saloon in the 1900s and converted to a French steam laundry in the 1920s, the restaurant has commandeered world-wide recognition, having been named "Best Restaurant in the World" in 2003 and 2004. It has been awarded three Michelin stars every year since 2006. In 1996 he was named Best Chef in California and in 1997, Best Chef in America by the James Beard Foundation. He now has 8 restaurants and two bakeries in the U.S., among those Bouchon, Ad Hoc, and renowned New York City restaurant, Per Se. Chef Keller's work ethic knows no bounds and the professionalism of his staff is legendary—two of the reasons why his ventures are successful.

Chef Keller is also the author of various award winning books, including, "The French Laundry," "Bouchon," "Under Pressure," and the best fried chicken recipe in "Ad Hoc At Home," which was on the New York Times Best Sellers list for 6 weeks.

Chef Keller is also very giving of his time to organizations and causes which benefit the Napa Valley. He helps with March of Dimes, City Meals on Wheels, Share our Strength and Auction Napa Valley. He is on the Board of Trustees for the Culinary Institute of America, and is the President of Bocuse d'Or USA.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge my friend Chef Thomas Keller for his extraordinary work and for being only one of three Americans who have been bestowed the honor of Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor.

HONORING COKER TIRE

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding husband, wife, and son team who run a vibrant small business right in my hometown of Chattanooga, TN. From a humble beginning in 1958 Harold, Lil, and their son Corky Coker have developed Coker Tire into a model small business and another great success story in the revival of the city of Chattanooga.

Coker Tire was founded in 1958 in Chattanooga by Harold and Lil Coker. From the beginning, Coker Tire was no ordinary tire store. Harold's interest in classic cars led him to create a shop that could supply tires for vintage and antique cars as well as normal tires for everyday vehicles. No one, least of all Harold and Lil, had any idea how the market for vintage car tires would play out over time.

In 1974, Harold and Lil's son Corky was given control of the antique division of the business. At the time, the antique division occupied just 500 square feet of space and was only a small part of the business. Corky worked hard to aggressively expand his business, traveling the world to find molds for antique tires, and using old blueprints to create tire molds that he couldn't find. He then built these tires to modern standards and partnered with some of the world's largest tire manufacturers to license and distribute his products.

As Coker Tire developed over the years, they have gone from a small showroom with one employee, to a 200,000 square foot warehouse, numerous buildings in Chattanooga, and over 80 employees. Corky's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. In 1995 he was named Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Tennessee, and in 1998 the Specialty Equipment Market Association inducted him into their Hall of Fame. I hope you will all join me in honoring a remarkable American small-business success story and congratulating the Coker family on the 53rd Anniversary of their fine business.

EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as we argue the merits of various budget proposals, we must not forget that the wallets and savings accounts of our mothers, sisters, and daughters are not as heavy as they should be. Today, on Equal Pay Day, we recognize the discrimination women continue to experience each time they receive a paycheck.

Women earn roughly 77 cents to every dollar a man earns. This translates to almost an $11,000 reduction in annual female median

earnings. Over her lifetime, a woman will see a reduction in her savings for retirement, including Social Security and pension plans, and in her ability to save for lifetime goals such as buying a home and paying for a college education.

In the 111th Congress, I was the first female Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, and as such I made a commitment to look at women's current role in the economy through numerous reports and hearings. As a capstone, in December 2010, the Committee issued a comprehensive report compiling research done by the Committee, testimony from several hearings, and GAO reports assessing the detrimental gender wage gap for part-time workers and older Americans as well as wider discussions of women's continued under-representation in management level positions and the positive impact of health care reform and financial reform on women and their families. As I said in that report, ''The decisions we make today will have dramatic impacts on our nation's future economic well-being, and we must carefully consider what those decisions will mean for women, both as consumers and as producers.''

Regardless of demographics, industries, occupations or education, gender wage discrimination touches nearly every family. When you discriminate against a woman, you discriminate against her husband, her children, her entire family. In these economically difficult times, more than ever women find themselves to be the sole or primary household breadwinner, which means the wage gap undermines the economic security of our nation's families.

The persistence and stagnation of the gender wage gap is inexcusable. That is why I am proud to support the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill that provides women with the tools to fight wage discrimination and improve the economic security of working families. I urge my colleagues to stand up for the basic rights and fairness of 51% of the U.S. population.

CONGRATULATING JOE REAGAN AND JOE SWEENEY FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the promise of our great nation depends on each generation working to leave this country a better place than they found it. Men and women of great service dedicate their lives to the ideals of such a promise. I rise today to honor two public servants, Joe Reagan and Joe Sweeney, as they end their public careers in service to the citizens of Brentwood, Tennessee.

All across America, small towns and large cities depend on the leadership, vision, and service of their local elected officials. First elected as City Commissioner in 1992, Joe Reagan's dedication to the City of Brentwood extends far beyond his official title. Reagan's emphasis on community development and sustained growth assisted the city in attaining the highest city bond rating possible, ushered her into the new world of internet and social media, and facilitated the opening of centers of great commerce for Brentwood.

One person making a commitment to public service could truly make a difference. The dedicated work and service of Joe Sweeney embodies such a long-lasting truth. Beginning his service in 1972 to one of Tennessee's finest communities, Sweeney was elected to serve the three year old City of Brentwood. Under his 39 year watch, Brentwood grew from 958 households to over 40,000 residents; from a city staff of 15, to an expanded library of 55,000 square feet; and from 64.13 city road miles, to almost 1,000 acres of city parks. Serving several terms in city leadership positions, I am confident Joe Sweeney's fidelity to the City of Brentwood, as well as the higher calling to public service, is what helped to bring Brentwood into a position of prominence in the great state of Tennessee.

Dr. Joseph Warren, one of devoted Found Fathers, encouraged the patriots of the young colonies to ''act worthy of yourselves.'' Mr. Speaker, in an age where devotion to public service is not the norm, it is my privilege to acknowledge two public servants who live Dr.Warren's call. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joe Reagan and Joe Sweeney for their lasting example in devotion to the work of public service.

EXPLANATION REGARDING VOTE AGAINST THE SHORT-TERM CONTINUING RESOLUTION ON APRIL 9, 2011

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, at 12:40 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, I voted against the most recent short-term continuing resolution to keep government running for another seven days.

I was one of 42 Democrats who voted against this short-term extension, which passed 348 to 70. I voted ''no'' in protest of the irresponsible way the Republican leadership has handled these funding negotiations and to register my strong concern about what the next appropriation and budget bills will mean to the American middle class and poor.

I am on record in support of keeping government running. I voted four time during April 7th and 8th to allow a vote on a clean, straightforward short-term extension of funding at current levels to allow time for negotiation on a final deal for the balance of funding for FY2011. The Republicans would not allow this commonsense approach; instead we finally were given a chance to vote on a resolution that provided a short-term extension with another $2 billion in cuts. This time the cuts came from needed investments in transportation infrastructure and HUD Public Housing. This included cuts for airport facilities, transit programs, and rail projects. These are exactly the wrong kind of cut to make at this time, when we should be investing in infrastructure to help create jobs.

On Wednesday, April 13, we will be voting on a bill containing $39 billion in cuts to fund the balance of 2011. My priorities are to help the middle class and create jobs. I will be looking at the details on those cuts before making a final decision on how to vote on that bill.