# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PUTTING THE GULF OF MEXICO BACK TO WORK ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1229) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1229.

H.R. 1229 is important because while the moratoria on shallow water drilling and deep water drilling were lifted on May 28, 2010 and October 12, 2010 respectively, since that time, BOEM has only issued 51 permits for new shallow water wells and only a handful of permits for deepwater activities that were subject to the moratorium. This is in comparison to an average of 10 permits issued per week prespill.

While I support the safety requirements that the Department of the Interior has put into place since the Macondo Spill, I continue to hear from companies that the BOEM is rejecting drilling applications without providing adequate guidance as to what is needed to get the application approved. This is getting us nowhere. We need this production.

America's offshore, primarily the Gulf of Mexico, supplies 30% of American oil and 10% of American natural gas. Yet, a recent study done by Wood Mackenzie concluded that nearly one third of American deepwater production would become uneconomic if the Department of the Interior increases the time spent reviewing and permitting drilling permit applications. Based on these figures, some estimate as many as 125,000 jobs could be lost in 2015.

That is why I support H.R. 1229 and why it is desperately needed. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

## HONORING ANNE FULTON

### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne Fulton from Greeley, Colorado.

Anne's story reminds us that out of tragedy, opportunity is born. One August 16, 2003, Anne lost her 19-year-old son Judd Fulton in a fatal automobile accident. Judd was an exemplary student and athlete. He was a graduate of the inaugural class at Northridge High School in Greeley in 2003. Not only did Judd excel in the classroom, he was a phenomenal student athlete. It was his skill on the football field that earned him a scholarship to Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota. Judd was returning to the University from his home in Colorado at the time of the accident.

Out of this horrible tragedy Anne Fulton, Judd's mother, saw opportunity. In 2005, Anne started a Memorial Scholarship Fund in her son's name. The Judd Kazuto Fulton Memorial Scholarship is a dedicated scholarship fund for Northridge High School students and Black Hills State University football players.

Every year, Anne holds a fundraiser for the scholarship by holding a Golf Tournament in Eaton, Colorado. This tournament happens every May and raises money and increases awareness for this memorial scholarship. Anne describes her son as unassuming, dedicated, hard working team player, with a willingness to do whatever it took to get the job done. Students who receive this scholarship exemplify the same characteristics.

It is my honor to remember Judd Fulton today, and to recognize Anne Fulton for her never-ending dedication, hard work, and for improving the lives of students in Greeley, Colorado. She has provided many with opportunities they could have only dreamed about. Thanks to Anne's generosity and tireless effort, the dream of these students has become reality.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUTER RELIEF ACT

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Commuter Relief Act, legislation that will expand the popular transit benefits program to provide commuters with options to avoid high gas prices, make it easier for companies to provide transportation benefits for all employees, and spur public-private partnerships for commuting purposes.

Americans have made it clear that they want transportation options. In a recent study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, 52 percent of Americans support increased funding for bike, pedestrian and public transportation programs. On average, transportation costs are now Americans' second largest expense after housing. As gas prices increase, many Americans are already changing their daily behaviors to decrease fuel costs: taking fewer trips, keeping their cars tuned, even trading in their gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient models. As we search for solutions to our congested roadways, increasing gas costs and expanding waistlines, it's time for the federal government to become more aggressive in helping to provide choices.

For too long, the federal government has supported commuters who drove to work, but has not helped those who use other methods of transportation. Through the incentives in this bill, the federal government can support consumers who wish to use environmentally friendly, active transportation modes that save them money in the long run, such as public transit, carpooling, biking, walking and telecommuting. This not only makes environmental and public health sense, it makes economic sense: at $4 a gallon gasoline, American families can save $5.6 billion each year on gasoline costs by using transit. Bicycle commuters annually save an average of $1,825 in auto-related costs, conserve 145 gallons of gasoline, and avoid 50 hours of gridlock traffic.

The Commuter Relief Act will provide consumers with commuting choices, and make it easier for companies to implement commuting programs that benefit all employees. It ensures that the federal government is a better partner as we work to provide Americans with transportation choices, reduce congestion and decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to support businesses in their effort to provide choices for commuting employees.

## ELEVATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues legislation I am introducing to amend the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA), including reauthorizing the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). Religious freedom, often referred to as the first freedom, is of central import to the American experiment. As such it should feature prominently in U.S. foreign policy.

Recognizing that this critical issue and other human rights related issues are often relegated to the sidelines within the State Department, I authored legislation more than ten years ago, in 1998, to establish the International Religious Freedom Office at the State Department, headed by an ambassador at-large, and to create the USCIRF—an independent, bipartisan commission charged with monitoring the status of freedom of religion or belief abroad and providing policy recommendations to the President, Secretary of State, and Congress.

Since the passage of this legislation, religious freedom has been elevated within U.S. foreign policy. But it still does not enjoy the preeminence it deserves. And sadly, a strong U.S. voice on this critical issue has arguably never been more needed.

According to a Pew Research Study released in December 2009, one-third of all nations, containing 70 percent of the world's population, severely restrict religious freedom. We need look no further than the daily newspapers to know that these statistics are not

mere numbers. Rather, they are sobering realities for millions of people of faith around the globe. Consider the following headlines from recent weeks alone: ''Chinese Christians Face Tense Easter in Beijing,'' ''Egyptian Copts, Reeling From Violence, Want Protection,'' ''Baha'i Citizens Are Forced to Leave Iran,'' ''Pakistan's Other Blemish: Anti-Religious Violence,'' ''Indonesia Pressured Over Ahmadiyah Muslim Sect Killings,'' and ''Thousands of Cameras Watch China's Uighurs, Inhibiting Discourse.''

The bill I introduce today will make a number of strategic improvements to the Religious Freedom Office at the State Department. To start, it places the ambassador-at-large in the office of the Secretary of State as opposed to burying it within the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. This change is more in keeping with the original intent of the legislation that Congress passed. Over successive administrations this critical position has not been treated with the seniority it deserves and this revised language will help rectify this problem.

The legislation also provides the ambassador with oversight and management authority of the IRF Office and other religiously oriented positions and programs at the State Department and carves out funding in the larger Human Rights and Democracy Fund to enable the IRF office to promote religious freedom through advocacy, reporting and programming. The legislation requires the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, the Treasury and the U.S. Agency for International Development to issue a one-time report to Congress on the best uses of foreign assistance to promote religious freedom and religious engagement.

In addition the legislation requires religious freedom training for every Foreign Service Officer (FSO) and states that USCIRF must be involved in that training. American embassies abroad must be islands of freedom. Whether in Vietnam, China, Pakistan or Iraq—every FSO should be trained and committed to advocating for those whose voices have been silenced by their own governments. This mandatory training will help ensure that our diplomatic corps is equipped in this regard.

My legislation also strengthens the ''Countries of Particular Concern'' (CPC) designation process and effectiveness. CPCs are countries whose governments are found to have engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom. The amended language will require that CPC designations are made 90 days after the issuance of the State Department's annual religious freedom report. One hundred and twenty days after a country has been designated a CPC, the Secretary of State must submit a report to Congress that identifies the action taken, the purpose of the action, and an evaluation of its effectiveness and impact. Also included is language tightening the President's waiver authority, so that indefinite waivers are not an option.

Very significantly, this legislation will reauthorize the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom until September 30, 2018. USCIRF, unlike the State Department, is unencumbered by the impulse to maintain good bilateral relations above all else—an impulse which sadly can result in critical issues of religious freedom being sidelined in the pursuit of broader foreign policy goals.

USCIRF, as an independent, bipartisan Federal Government commission, has been a reliable voice for the world's persecuted people. It monitors and reports on religious freedom abroad and makes informed policy recommendations to Members of Congress, the President and the State Department, based in part on information gathered during extensive travel and meetings with senior foreign officials.

USCIRF regularly holds briefings and hearings for interested parties on and off the Hill and is frequently called upon to provide expert witness testimony to Congress.

Just in the last year the Commission has taken a leadership role on a series of key issues. It was quick to recognize the strategic importance and courageous voice of the late Shahbaz Bhatti, Pakistan's federal minister of Minorities Affairs, an outspoken critic of his nation's draconian blasphemy laws. During a critical time for the people of Sudan, it also issued special recommendations on the implementation of the historic Comprehensive Peace Agreement. It has made a series of policy recommendations aimed at preserving and protecting Iraq's besieged religious minorities. It also has actively worked with dozens of Hill offices on combating the ''defamation of religions'' resolution before the United Nations.

In short, ensuring that the commission is reauthorized is of paramount importance. In a Constitution Day speech, President Ronald Reagan famously described our founding documents which enshrine basic liberties, among them religious freedom, as a ''covenant we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind.'' Passage of this legislation will go a long way in helping us keep that covenant. I urge my colleagues' support.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE IOWA ENERGY

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Iowa Energy, the 2011 Champions of the National Basketball Association's Developmental League and pride of Iowa.

The Energy captured the crown on Friday, April 29th, before an enthusiastic home crowd at the Wells Fargo Arena, where they defeated the defending NBA D-League champions the Rio Grande Valley Vipers by a score of 119–111.

This is the first league championship for the Iowa Energy, which is affiliated with the Chicago Bulls and the Phoenix Suns. The team's establishment took place in 2007, inspired by the vision of Jerry Crawford, Gary Kirke, Sheldon Ohringer and Paul Drey to bring quality basketball to the heart of the heartland. The franchise has continually grown in stature and success, culminating this year with not only the team's first championship of many to come but also the D-League's MVP, Iowa State University Alumni Curtis Stinson. The Energy can also boast that the two largest crowds in the entire NBA D-League's history are solely the product of this franchise and the incredible basketball sporting event just concluded in Des Moines.

There can only be one champion at the end of any sport's season, and I am honored to represent the great state where the Iowa Energy play and win. This feat marks years of unwavering commitment by the players, management and fans of the team and represents the best of Iowa's people and their well known work ethic.

Mr. Speaker, all Iowans should take heart in MVP Curtis Stinson's proclamation after the championship game: ''We're certified; we're champions. They can't ever take this away from us.'' I know that all members of this body join me in congratulating the Iowa Energy and the tradition of basketball excellence that I expect to continue well into the future.

## TRIBUTE TO RIDGECREST ARMED FORCES DAY 2011

### HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. McCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts by many in the community of Ridgecrest to honor our service men and women on Armed Forces Day 2011.

The City of Ridgecrest is home to the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake. NAWS China Lake was established during World War II for the purpose of weapons testing. Since then, NAWS China Lake has become the premier weapons development laboratory for the United States Navy. Many of my constituents living in Ridgecrest work at NAWS China Lake and take great pride in the support they provide to our Nation and they are properly recognized for their efforts on this day.

The 2011 Armed Forces Day is especially significant to the community of Ridgecrest because this year marks two significant anniversaries for NAWS China Lake and the United States. This year marks the centennial anniversary of Naval Aviation. In this anniversary, the Navy will be commemorating 100 years of Naval Aviation and honoring a century of mission-ready men and women and their many aviation achievements. Additionally, this year is significant for veterans of World War II because it will mark the 70th anniversary of our Nation's entry into that war.

There have been many significant achievements by the scientists and engineers at China Lake. For example, they developed the air-intercept missile 9 Sidewinder in 1950. This has become the world's most used air-to-air missile technology. Additionally, other rockets and missiles developed or tested at China Lake include the Mighty Mouse, Zuni, Shrike, Joint Stand-off Weapon and Joint Direct-Attack Munition.

Considering these two significant anniversaries and their importance to the City of Ridgecrest it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Ridgecrest community and their efforts there to pay tribute to the dedicated men and women who devote their lives to military service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on May 5th, I missed Rollcall vote numbered 295 because I was unavoidably detained in an Energy and Commerce hearing.

Rollcall No. 295 was a vote on the Holt Amendment to H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON ''REPUBLIC DAY''

## HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 93rd anniversary of Republic Day on May 28th. Later this year, Azerbaijan will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the start of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Located in a geopolitically dynamic region between Europe and Asia and sandwiched between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan is a secular county with a predominantly Muslim population that has also been home for more than a millennia for vibrant Christian and Jewish communities.

Azerbaijan has opened Caspian energy resources to development by U.S. companies and has emerged as a key player for global energy security. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline project is the most successful project contributing to the development of the South Caucuses region and has become the main artery delivering Caspian Sea hydrocarbons to the U.S. and our partners in Europe. Notably, in 2009 Azerbaijan provided nearly one quarter of all crude oil supplies to Israel and is considered a leading potential natural gas provider for the U.S. supported Nabucco pipeline.

On the security front, immediately after 9/11 Azerbaijan was among the first to offer strong support and assistance to the United States. Azerbaijan participated in operations in Kosovo and Iraq and is actively engaged in Afghanistan, having recently doubled its military presence there. Azerbaijan has extended important over-flight clearances for U.S. and NATO flights to support ISAF and has regularly provided landing and refueling operations at its airports for U.S. and NATO forces. Also, Azerbaijan, as highlighted by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, plays an important role in the Northern Distribution Network, a supply route to Afghanistan by making available its ground and Caspian naval transportation facilities. Moreover, Azerbaijan provides vital support for U.S. nonproliferation efforts.

Again, as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 93rd anniversary of Republic Day and to recognize the valuable bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan. I also encourage my colleagues who are interested in supporting Azerbaijan to join me as a member of Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, a bipartisan group of nearly 40 Members of Congress working to help foster the growing partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan and to advance U.S. interests in this pivotal region.

HONORING ASTON PARK HEALTH CARE CENTER OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

## HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Aston Park Health Care Center of Asheville, North Carolina during this year's National Nursing Home Week.

For over 30 years, Aston Park Health Care Center has treated residents and their families with respect, support, and friendship. They recognize that these values, along with high quality medical care, ensure the dignity of life for their residents. The Aston Park Health Care Center has earned a five star rating from the U.S. News & World Nursing Home Rankings for their holistic approach to Alzheimer's care, adult home care, assisted living, skilled nursing care, and short-term rehabilitation. That is how they do their part to carry out this year's National Nursing Home Week theme, ''Fulfilling the Promise.''

I would like to commend and thank all of the skilled and trained staff members at Aston Park Health Care Center who strive to ensure a proud life for Aston Park residents. Their warm, friendly, sincere, and comfortable atmosphere allows their residents to continue to live life to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of their excellence in care, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the staff and residents of Aston Park Health Care Center.

RECOGNIZING YOM HA'ATZMA'UT, ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

## HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Israel on their Independence Day. On this very special day, we recognize and celebrate 63 years of Israel's independence as the national homeland of the Jewish people. This is a time to commemorate the rich history and journey from a scattered and persecuted Diaspora to the thriving modern nation we see today in the state of Israel.

Throughout their challenging history and against all odds, Israel has become a prospering democracy whose groundbreaking contributions in technology, medicine, agriculture, and environmental innovation have truly been a beacon to the world.

Since 1948, when the United States became the first country to recognize the Jewish State of Israel, we have always stood by her side as a strong ally and friend. As each day brings a new set of complex changes to the Middle East, it is more vital than ever that we protect and strengthen that friendship. I am deeply committed to ensuring that Washington's steadfast support of Israel will continue to grow over the years, and I am honored to serve as a Member of Congress so I can bring my unwavering support for Israel to work every day.

This Congress must continue to show Israel the love and support that we have provided for more than six decades. There is much to rejoice on this momentous anniversary. Mazel tov, and may you continue to go from strength to strength.

IN CELEBRATION OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

## HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Israel's Independence Day. For 63 years and counting, Israel continues to be a valuable ally and friend. From fighting global terrorism, to containing the threat of Islamic radicalism, to impressive scientific research, Israel and the United States have developed a unique bond that is based upon shared visions, democratic values, and foreign policy goals.

Still, significant challenges remain for our close ally. Citizen uprisings in nations such as Egypt, Libya, and Syria have changed the political landscape of that region. While there is potential for positive political change, as citizens speak out and demand their rights, there is also increased uncertainty that threatens the stability of the already volatile region.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Israel's independence this year, let's give them a gift they surely deserve—the full-faith assurance that this Congress will continue to robustly aid and assist its most trusted ally in the region.

I wish President Peres, Prime Minister Netanyahu, and the people of Israel all the best on this very important occasion.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 4, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3, the ''No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.''

The title of this bill is misleading. This is not about funding abortions; it's about restricting a woman's right to choose. This bill is not necessary—the Hyde Amendment already prohibits federal funds from being used for abortion. This bill also raises taxes and penalizes individuals and small businesses that chose health plans that include abortion care.

The majority is using this bill as a tool to push the abortion debate into the tax code. H.R. 3 would increase taxes in order to prevent women from obtaining abortion care. Under the confines of the bill, rape victims could be subject to invasive IRS audits to

prove that their assault qualifies for abortion care. The same lawmakers who campaigned on growing our economy and cutting taxes are now trying to impose new tax penalties on individuals who happen to choose a procedure that they do not agree with.

The majority campaigned on a promise of job creation. Instead the majority is pushing H.R. 3 which would make it more difficult for women to obtain reproductive healthcare services. Judging by the number of this bill, it is the third highest priority for the majority. At a time when America is digging itself out of a recession, and nearly 14 million people are out of work, we should not be prioritizing bills that limit and restrict a woman's access to health care services. We should be focusing on growing the economy and creating jobs. I am ready to get to work and move legislation that would create jobs and revitalize the economy, not restrict women's healthcare coverage.

This bill is nothing more than a mean-spirited attack on women's healthcare. It targets women, many of whom are low-income and women of color, and seeks to permanently deny them coverage for a pregnancy-related healthcare benefit. Then, under the misleading guise of protecting tax-payer dollars, it manipulates the tax code to advance the majority's ideological agenda.

I cannot vote for a bill that punishes women for making their own private healthcare decisions and subjects them to government intrusion.

Madam Speaker, I strongly oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to do the same.

## A TRIBUTE TO JOAN BALLANTYNE

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of one of my constituents, Joan Ballantyne of Cherokee, Iowa. Joan was recently honored by the National Association of Realtors with their ''Meritorious Service Award''.

The National Association of Realtors is America's largest trade association with more than a million members nationwide. The Association developed the Meritorious Service Award as a way to provide recognition to those who go above and beyond in their service to NAR. The presentation of this award to Joan embodies the long-standing tradition that its recipients are not only experts of their industry, but also effective educators for me and other Members of Congress on the issues of concern to realtors across this great nation.

This national award is only bestowed upon two Realtors in America annually. This achievement requires a demonstrable history of dedication and commitment to the Association while understanding, and advocating for, the most important issues facing the real estate industry and realtors in Iowa and across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know and to work with Joan and I am proud to represent such an exemplary and dedicated Iowan. Her passion has taken her all around Iowa, and all around the country, to promote the ideals in which she believes. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating Joan on her well deserved recognition of a job well done. Again, I thank Joan for her continued, unwavering commitment to her passion, her career and her fellow realtors and I offer her my best wishes for continued success in the future.

## DOMESTIC FUEL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 2011

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the bipartisan Domestic Fuel for Enhancing National Security (D–FENS) Act of 2011, which will allow Civilian Agencies and Military Agencies to extend multiyear contracts from the current limit of 5 years to up to 15 years for the purchase of advanced biofuels. I thank my colleague Mr. JONES of North Carolina for working with me on this issue, which will increase our national security and help build an American industry.

Accounting for about 2 percent of U.S. energy consumption, the Department of Defense is the largest single consumer of energy in the country. According to Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ''[the Department of Defense] is using 300,000 barrels of oil every day. The energy use per soldier creeps up every year. And our number-one import into Afghanistan is fossil fuel.''

U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Maybus has outlined several goals to lead the Navy toward a more energy-secure fleet. By 2015, the Navy will reduce petroleum use in the commercial fleet by 50 percent. By 2020, the Navy will produce at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources and 50 percent of total energy consumption will come from alternative sources.

No one knows better than the Department of Defense that energy supplies are critical to combat troops and our national security. To ultimately realize these goals, we must dramatically scale-up advanced biofuel production in the United States. With added Congressional authority to purchase longer-term contracts, our defense sector could adopt domestically produced sustainable fuels for the security of our troops.

Companies already have developed technologies to produce ''drop-in'' ready fuels, meaning our military could use these fuels in existing infrastructure, aircraft and ships. The longer-term contracts provided by this bill will not only increase our energy security, but can ultimately help unlock private investment for construction and development of large advanced biofuel refineries in the United States. In states like Washington, North Carolina, California, Montana and others, interests from the private sector, universities, ports and major airports are already working to bring the first generation of biofuels to the market, and their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation.

Washington state and the Pacific Northwest are well-positioned to commercialize aviation biofuels—all elements of the supply chain are feasible, and the region has come together to map out a strategic and sustainable path to bring advanced bio-based jet fuels to market. Already in the Northwest, 40 public and private stakeholders from academic research institutions, environmental advocacy, and government, and the aerospace and aviation, biofuels, and agriculture and forestry industries have formed the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Northwest (SAFN) initiative. This effort was convened by regional aviation leaders Boeing, Alaska Airlines, the region's largest airports—Port of Seattle, Port of Portland and Spokane International Airport—as well as Washington State University, a center of advanced biofuels research. Stakeholders include fuel producers, farm and forest managers, non-governmental organizations and key government leaders, including representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Defense Logistics Agency. This diverse group representing all points along the supply chain is working to create a ''flight path'' that will overcome challenges to deploying advanced aviation biofuels. This legislation will support Washington's effort to make the Northwest region a market leader in the advanced biofuel industry.

With our nation's security and energy independence in mind, I urge my colleagues to support the Domestic Fuel for Enhancing National Security (D–FENS) Act of 2011.

## VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 17th anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day.

The inspiring images of young people fighting for democracy in the Middle East remind us of the ongoing struggles around the world for the basic human rights that we've enjoyed in America for so long. It's a struggle that has been going on in Vietnam for far too long. Journalists, bloggers, whistleblowers, and religious communities face harassment, abuse, and imprisonment for speaking out.

Pro-democracy activists are arrested and jailed under draconian and wide-reaching anti-propaganda laws, often without due process. The U.S. Commission on Religious Freedom (USCIRF) released its 2011 Annual Report two weeks ago, on April 28, and it states that ''[t]he government of Vietnam continues to control religious communities, severely restrict and penalize independent religious practice, and brutally repress individuals and groups viewed as challenging its authority.''

Despite consistent pressure from Congress and human rights organizations, the Vietnamese government continues to violate its international human rights obligations, silencing the voices of its citizens through repression.

On this May 11th, I ask my colleagues to reflect on the struggles of the courageous Vietnamese citizens who are striving to implement change in an authoritarian society. I would also ask my colleagues to urge the State Department to redesignate Vietnam as a Country of Particular Concern, as USCIRF has recommended every year since 2001.

## IN HONOR OF DR. JANOS HORVATH AND THE WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Janos Horvath and the William Penn Association for the tireless work they do on behalf of Hungarians and the Hungarian-American community in Cleveland, Ohio and across the nation.

Dr. Janos Horvath was born on November 7, 1921 in Hungary. He studied economics at the Palatine Jozsef University of Technology and Economic Sciences. In November of 1956, he left Hungary. While in exile in Strasbourg, he became a leader of the Hungarian Revolutionary Council in 1957. Later, while in New York, he became a founding member of Kossuth Foundation. He received his PhD from Columbia University in 1966. He taught at various American universities until he moved back to Hungary in 1997, after 41 years. In 1998, Dr. Horvath became the Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee of Fidesz—Hungary's Civic party. He has been a Member of Hungary's parliament since 1998 and is currently the Doyen of the Hungarian Parliament.

The William Penn Association was founded on February 21, 1886 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania by thirteen Hungarian coal miners under the name ''Verhovay Aid Association.'' The goal of the founders was to extend a helping hand to each other and to the many Hungarian immigrants who worked and suffered in the mines and industrial centers of America. The Verhovay Aid Association has grown into the largest of all the Hungarian American fraternal organizations. In 1972 the organization's name was changed to ''William Penn Association.''

The Hungarian American Coalition is a Washington based non-profit organization founded 20 years ago to coordinate the talents and resources of its members in promoting the interests of the Hungarian American community. Its goals include: to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the history, culture and scientific achievements of both the United States and Hungary through cultural and educational exchanges; to protect and preserve the human and minority rights and cultural heritage of Hungarians throughout the world; and to support democratic institutions and economic development in Hungary. Every year the Coalition honors outstanding members of the Hungarian-American community in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to both Hungary and the United States.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Janos Horvath and the William Penn Association and the work they do on behalf of the Hungarian and Hungarian-American community.

## HONORING MARTIN ''CHIP'' DOORDAN

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Martin ''Chip'' Doordan for his nearly forty years of outstanding service to the people of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, culminating in his leadership role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Anne Arundel Health System. Chip first joined Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) in 1972 as a graduate student, became President of AAMC in 1988 and, in 1994, the Board of Trustees named him president and CEO of the Health System. Under Chip's leadership, this downtown Annapolis hospital was transformed into a regional medical center on a 100-acre campus.

The center boasts a highly qualified staff and has grown to include a diagnostics and imaging company, a foundation, a research institute, a freestanding substance abuse inpatient treatment center and many other centers of excellence. Chip also positioned AAMC as a leader in Maryland on joint replacement and started an affiliation with Johns Hopkins for cancer services. In April 2011, Chip opened a new patient tower that expands the emergency department, adds more private beds and has a dedicated pediatric emergency department. All of these achievements are the culmination of many years of hard work and Chip's strong dedication and commitment to the people of Maryland and improving our health care system.

Throughout his career, Chip has been recognized as a quiet and thoughtful leader who strives to find new and creative ways to give back to his community. You can often find Chip walking the halls of AAMC day and night, ensuring that patients are getting the care that they need and staff have the tools to carry out their critical mission. Chip has made an enormous impact on Anne Arundel County and has changed the lives of countless families in the State of Maryland and beyond. I am proud to call him a friend and I thank him for his vision, leadership and commitment to public service.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PRE-APPRENTICE AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING ACT OF 2011

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the Pre-Apprentice and Apprenticeship Training Act of 2011 requires states to use the one half of one percent of funds now available under 23 USC 140(b) for federal highway construction training, which is necessary to combat a serious skills shortage as the current cohort of journeymen and other skilled workers is retiring, and also counters the effects of past discrimination in the construction industry. The current surface transportation law, TEA–21 (23 USC 140), permits states to use one-half of one percent of highway funds to administer highway construction training, but the states are not required to do so. In fact, most states do not commit transportation and infrastructure funds to training, and training that does occur is spotty. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has already set an important precedent for my bill by specifically including training funds, at my request, in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), with $3 million specifically targeted for training in the General Services Administration section of the bill. Also included in ARRA was $20 million for federal highway training programs.

The bill is also necessary to finally afford minorities and women the opportunity to gain a first foothold in the high-wage construction industry, as part of the cohort replacing retiring construction workers. Although deliberate exclusion has largely receded, a significant training deficit in the skilled construction trades remains.

As the large cohort of baby-boom construction workers begin to retire, the bill will help meet the nation's need to train a new generation, from every race and background. At the same time, the bill also will ensure compliance with the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bar discrimination in the use of government dollars.

## 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONTRA COSTA CHILD CARE COUNCIL

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize the tremendous work of the Contra Costa Child Care Council as the organization celebrates its 35th anniversary of invaluable service to our communities.

With its inception on August 11, 1976, the Contra Costa Child Care Council began to develop and promote quality child care through a multitude of nonprofit programs and services. Over the years, the Council has increased public awareness of the benefits and significant impact of early care and education to the success of our children, the economic vitality and well being of families and neighborhoods, and the future promise for California.

This organization reflects the well known fact that early childhood education and quality run child care are important and integral parts of Contra Costa's economy, contributing at least $2.66 billion value added to the gross product of the County and generating $225 million in direct tax revenues, as well as supporting 35,600 jobs. This service has also been proven to be an essential component of the infrastructure of the entire State of California.

Since its inception, the Child Care Council has been true to its mission to ''Help Parents Put the Pieces Together''. Over 265,000 parents have accessed the free referral service of the Council to find care that meets the specific needs of their families and tens of thousands of Contra Costa early educators and child care providers have received free training, technical assistance and support through the Council's

many programs. Throughout the county, thousands of low income families have received financial assistance from the Council to pay for child care so parents can work, knowing their children are not only in good hands but are truly thriving.

We salute the tireless work of the members of the Council's Board of Directors, Administration, and staff, both past and present and thank them for the enormous contribution to our community their efforts have made.

Today, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring the Contra Costa Child Care Council on its 35th anniversary and on behalf of our children, families and communities, wish all continued success.

## INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ALLOWING INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF UNPASTEURIZED MILK

### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation that allows the shipment and distribution of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption across state lines. This legislation removes an unconstitutional restraint on farmers who wish to sell or otherwise distribute, and people who wish to consume, unpasteurized milk and milk products.

Hard as it is to believe, the federal government is actually spending time and money prosecuting small businesses for the ''crime'' of meeting their customers' demand for unpasteurized milk! Recently the Food and Drug Administration conducted a year-long sting operation targeting Rainbow Acres Farms in Pennsylvania. As a result of this action, Rainbow Acres' customers will no longer be able to purchase unpasteurized milk from this small Amish farm.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans who the government wishes to deny the ability to purchase unpasteurized milk have done their own research and come to the conclusion that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk. These Americans have the right to consume these products without having the federal government second-guess their judgment about what products best promote health. If there are legitimate concerns about the safety of unpasteurized milk, those concerns should be addressed at the state and local level.

I urge my colleagues to join me in promoting individual rights, the original intent of the Constitution, and federalism by cosponsoring my legislation to allow the interstate shipment of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption.

## NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 4, 2011*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, today Members of this House took part in a debate that addressed the issue of using taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I commend Mr. SMITH from New Jersey for his conviction in bringing this bill to the floor and for his leadership in the pro-life movement. Today, our debate extends the legacy of Congressman Henry J. Hyde, who was passionately pro-life and helped lay the foundation for the victory we celebrate today with the passage of H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

In light of this debate, I think we should all take time to reflect on a bold statement made by Mr. Hyde, a statement that was printed in the program at his funeral. I attended Congressman Hyde's funeral and was touched by the wisdom of his words. He said, ''When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God, and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world, and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him because he loved us,' and God will look at you and say not 'Did you succeed?' but 'Did you try?'" I hope we find comfort in knowing that yes, we are trying. We are fighting to defend and protect innocent human life, and we will not stop until every life—born and unborn—is protected.

## DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

### HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD regarding the 63rd anniversary of the State of Israel. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

The 63rd Anniversary of the State of Israel is celebrated against the backdrop of the monumental eruptions of Biblical proportions in the Arab world, further highlighting the uniqueness of the Jewish state in the Middle East where the historical Jewish people came to make a difference for the entire human family, through its transforming gifts of the spirit and unparalleled endurance.

The unfolding events make it amply clear that Israel is a flourishing and enviable democratic oasis surrounded by a vast wilderness that is crying for change. We are witness to an amplified echo of the ancient Israelites' inspiring saga of the Exodus, ironically from Egypt's House of Bondage, instructing humanity through the ages to uphold freedom and responsibility as non-negotiable divine gifts worthy of sacrifice.

This most noble mandate of replacing degradation with dignity is reverberating throughout a troubled and stagnant Arab world that has for so long been lagging behind the West's progress, suffering from long-standing neglect manifested in poverty, illiteracy, and the lack of economic and social mobility, under authoritarian rule of fear and intimidation with corrupt leaders unaccountable for the public welfare. All that is being challenged in a world becoming an interconnected and interdependent global village with sophisticated communication that can mobilize the masses like never before.

However, there is a looming threat that extreme groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaeda will take advantage of the unrest for their own purposes, for they loathe a representative democracy and the West as a whole, rejecting the idea and presence of a Jewish state. After all, democracy thrives best with well-developed democratic institutions requiring time and experience, which rely upon progressive education that respects and fosters human rights as well as women's rights anchored in law.

The peace treaties that Israel established with both Egypt and Jordan should be enhanced and fortified by responding to Israel's yearning for closer cooperation in all endeavors in a context of a''warm'' peace. This historic crossroads is an opportune and urgent time for all Arab and Muslim states to finally join Israel in peace to transform in tandem the Middle East, that the cradle of Western civilization may be renewed as a flowing source of Shalom's blessings. Let the campaign cease to de-legitimatize and demonize the only sovereign Jewish state in the world through economic and culture boycotts, utilizing the twin evils of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. The attempt to thus divert attention from the Arab states' dire predicaments of bankrupt regimes has pointedly proven fruitless and counter-productive.

It should be amply clear now that Israel is the only democratic and stable ally that the United States enjoys in a critical part of the world, through a special bond reflecting shared values and commitments, and whose steadfast preservation and cultivation is essential for both model free nations with heroic legacies leading pluralistic societies.

In the present complex scenario Iran's dangerous role should not be lost as it is poised to take advantage of the transitional uncertainty of the Arab world. Iran's tyrannical theocracy, whose leaders are Holocaust deniers, remains a mortal threat to the free world, still insisting on acquiring a nuclear capability to conclude what Pharaoh began and Hitler almost accomplished.

Iran's proxy, Hamas, refusing to release Israeli soldier Gilad Shallot who is both an Israeli and French citizen, after more than five years in isolated captivity, the cold-blooded murder of five members of the Fogel family in Itamar, including an infant, the bombing in Jerusalem, and the relentless rocket and mortar, also on a school bus, from Gaza, do not reflect peaceful Palestinian intentions. Let Hezbollah, Iran and Syria's proxy in Lebanon, know along with all of Israel's adversaries, that the Jewish state will fight to ensure that its divine promise of survival is never withdrawn, even as it struggles for Shalom's sake of healing, hope and harmony.

## IN TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE HALEY AND NORMA LAGOMARSINO

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Norma Lagomarsino and the late Katherine ''Kay'' Haley, who were honored recently by the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association for their decades of philanthropic work in Ventura County.

Norma Lagomarsino is the wife of former U.S. Rep. Bob Lagomarsino and a true force in making Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties strong, vibrant communities. I am blessed to have Bob Lagomarsino as one of my trusted mentors and to have Bob and Norma count as among my wife, Janice, and my closest friends.

Norma Lagomarsino has been a member of the Congressional Club in Washington, D.C., since 1974 and served as its president from 1981–1983. Among her many community activities, Norma Lagomarsino serves on the Santa Cruz Island Foundation Advisory Council, is a long-standing member of the Assistance League, is a member of the Board of Directors for Interface Children and Family Services and the National Institute of Mental Health, and was honored as a ''Champion of Mental Health'' by the Turning Point Foundation.

Norma and Bob also are major donors to California State University, Channel Islands, where they created the Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino Archives. They also co-chair the San Buenaventura Mission School Building Campaign.

Kay Haley, another longtime friend, was born in the Ventura County city of Oxnard to Walter H. Hoffman Jr. and Edith Hobson Hoffman, who owned Rancho Casitas, a thoroughbred breeding farm. As an adult, Kay Haley raised champion shorthorn cattle and quarter horses on her own ranch, Rancho Mi Solar. Her most famous horse, Mr. Spats, was Ronald Reagan's favorite mount.

Kay Haley had a long relationship with President Reagan, having raised funds for him during his campaigns for California governor and president. In addition to raising funds for President Reagan and other Republicans, Kay raised many thousands of dollars for the Ventura County Museum of History and Art and served on Community Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees for 30 years.

In 1986, she was given the Milton M. Teague Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. She was grand marshal of the Ventura County Fair parade in 1987.

When Ronald Reagan was governor, Haley was appointed vice chairwoman of the California State Fair Board, vice president of the board of directors of Cal Expo and served as founding chairwoman of California's Racing Hall of Fame. After eight decades of life and service, Kay passed away in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and me in honoring the philanthropic and voluntary contributions of Norma Lagomarsino and Kay Haley and in thanking them for making our community vibrant and strong.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded as voting for final passage of H.R. 3 on May 4, 2011. I am a cosponsor of this bill and would have voted for final passage of the bill.

## HONORING SHARON K. FAWCETT

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sharon K. Fawcett, the Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, who is retiring after more than 34 years of outstanding public service to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

On February 28, 2011, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to highlight the importance of our presidential libraries to our nation's history. Following the hearing, I was pleased to host a luncheon and symposium to further discuss how we can ensure these national treasures can be preserved efficiently. Ms. Fawcett was instrumental in helping to make that day productive and successful and her insight at the symposium added a tremendous amount of knowledge to our discussion.

Her love and commitment to the Presidential Library system developed at an early age: she was born in Abilene, Kansas in a house that is now part of the campus of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. In 1969, Ms. Fawcett started working at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. After raising her young children, she returned to the National Archives in Washington, DC, to be Chief of the Reference Service Branch and later the Director of User Services. In these jobs she was responsible for the overall planning, development, direction, coordination, staffing and control of all research rooms in both the National Archives building in downtown Washington, DC, and at Archives II, NARA's state-of-the-art facility in College Park, Maryland. She returned to the Office of Presidential Libraries in 1997.

Ms. Fawcett has served as Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for the past seven years and as Deputy Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for seven years before that. In both roles she led the Library system in the development of award-winning educational programs, web sites, and exhibits. Under her leadership, the Libraries continued to open key Presidential materials—such as the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon tape recordings—that help the public understand Presidents and Presidential decision-making. The multi-library conferences on such topics as Vietnam and the Nuclear Age have become a mainstay of C–SPAN programming. She also developed innovative initiatives to start staffing early for a Presidential Library, and to add additional staffing for the newer Presidential Record Act Libraries to try to meet the growing demand for their records. When she returned to Presidential Libraries in 1997, there were no women serving as library directors and almost no representation by minorities in library positions. She pursued a goal of building a more representational work force in the libraries, hiring a more diverse and representative workforce.

I congratulate Sharon K. Fawcett for her dedication in building strong and productive relationships with a variety of stakeholders that includes the White House, Congress, and Presidential Library foundations. I thank her for her service to the National Archives and to the Nation and I wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

## NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 4, 2011*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3 and the ongoing Republican war against women's health care in America. H.R. 3 continues the Tea Party Republican's extreme social agenda to pursue unprecedented attacks on women's health and economic security.

The Republican majority passed H.R. 1 and slashed billions of dollars from programs that allow women to provide and care for their families such as Head Start, Women, infants and children (WIC), Community Service Block Grants (CSBG), and the Maternal and Child Block Grant. Clearly their efforts targeted vulnerable women and their children—people who do not have high-paid, high-powered lobbyists, as the victims of budget cuts.

Their bill H.R. 2 repealed the Affordable Care Act, which ensures women have greater access to affordable health coverage and recommended preventative care. The Republican repeal of the Affordable Care Act would strip 32 million Americans of health insurance coverage, again making families vulnerable.

Now, H.R. 3 seeks to place unprecedented restrictions on a woman's ability to receive and pay for a legal medical procedure. This Republican bill places the federal government directly between a woman and her doctor.

H.R. 3 is not about ''codifying the Hyde Amendment'' as my colleagues have stated. Federal law already prohibits even a single federal dollar from being used to pay for abortion services, except in the cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Instead, this legislation furthers a radical agenda that seeks to limit a woman's right to access comprehensive reproductive medical care.

Exploiting the federal tax code for ideological purposes, this bill enacts new restrictions on a woman's ability to pay for legal medical services with private insurance, a health savings account, or private funds. A responsible small business owner that includes comprehensive reproductive care in their company's insurance policy will be denied their federal health care tax credit. A survivor of rape or incest may have to prove to an IRS agent with a detailed account of her brutalization in order to use her health savings account to pay for the procedure or qualify for an itemized medical deduction on her taxes.

These restrictions allow politicians and IRS bureaucrats to influence medical decisions that should be made by a woman, her physician, family, and often with support and guidance from a spiritual leader. I strongly oppose any effort in Congress that creates government interference with private decisions that should be made between a doctor and a patient. I strongly oppose this war on women in America that threatens our freedoms and our rights.

Instead of focusing on this divisive agenda, we should be focusing on policies that will improve the lives of America's women and girls such as addressing the quality of women's health care, fighting gender discrimination, increasing economic opportunities, and providing them with the education and support to succeed.

I encourage my colleagues to oppose this bill and fight to keep safe, comprehensive reproductive and family planning services accessible to all Americans.

## IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MAYOR RALPH J. PERK

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk, the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland, as he is posthumously inducted into ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame.

Mayor Perk was born on January 19, 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio to Mary and Joseph Perk. He attended elementary school at Our Lady of Lourdes School. After earning his high school diploma, Mayor Perk studied history, political science and mathematics at Case Western Reserve University and St. John College. Throughout his adolescence Ralph worked as a pattern maker and later an ice peddler with his brother, George, at Perk Coal & Ice Co. In 1940, Perk married Lucille Gagliardi; they had seven children and were together for 59 years.

At the age of 20, Perk joined the 13th Ward Republican Club and in 1953 was elected as the ward's council member. During his five terms as the Broadway-E.55th Street councilman, Perk organized the American Nationalities Movement, an agency that represents 35 ethnic and nationality groups. Mayor Perk was an outspoken proponent of human rights and is well known for his celebration of cultural diversity. In 1962, Perk was elected as Cuyahoga County Auditor, and became the first Republican elected to county office since the 1930s. He was reelected twice and served as a county official until 1970.

Mayor Perk became the 52nd mayor of the City of Cleveland in 1971 and was reelected in 1973 and 1975. While in office Mayor Perk was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, the Office of International Trade at Cleveland's City Hall and the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Republican Mayors caucus. After serving as the Mayor of Cleveland, in 1978, Mr. Perk began a consulting business, Ralph Perk & Associates Inc. Mayor Perk was a political figure and prominent businessman in the City of Cleveland until his death on April 21, 1999.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mayor Ralph J. Perk as he is celebrated at ClevelandPeople.com's International Hall of Fame ceremony.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENT A. D. CLARK'S 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Clark will retire from active military duty in May 2011 after 24 distinguished years of service to the United States Army and of those years over 43 months were spent in combat.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark is a resident of Florida and entered the United States Army in April 1987. He entered the Army and while serving his first enlistment decided to pursue a career in the United States Army by entering the Special Forces. He has served in every enlisted leadership position through the rank of Sergeant First Class and then pursued a career as a Commissioned Officer by attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, It has been a pleasure to work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Kent Clark over the last several years of his career. He has proven himself to be a tremendous wartime leader who demonstrated unselfish devotion to the Nation and the soldiers he led. He has been a friend and trusted advisor to my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee as he worked tirelessly to restore balance to a force stressed by the demands of the war on terrorism. He was instrumental in significantly improving our Armed Forces equipment modernization and funding of critical systems affecting the Department of Defense while he served here on Capitol Hill. In 2010 Kent went back to the United States Army and Represented the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army as a liaison officer with the United States Congressional Appropriations Committees for Defense and Military Construction. Prior to his retirement he was the principal point of contact for Members of Congress and staff on matters concerning the Wheel Track Combat Vehicle Program, Brigade Combat Team Modernization, and Other Procurement Army One & Three Appropriations; He provided direct interface between Congress and the Army; Integrated the Office of the Chief Army Reserve staff and Congress for all United States Army Reserve related issues and questions; Gathered information, prepared strategies and recommended Army positions for corresponding with the Congress on appropriation issues; Organized briefings and responded to requests for information across all appropriations for Congressional Members, their staff and Professional Staff Members; Coordinated Congressional travel for fact-finding opportunities and education on Army programs. The impact of his efforts will benefit the United States Army for decades to come.

Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark's observations and advice to the Army leadership have impacted the decisions to implement the most comprehensive transformation of the Army since World War II, building versatile and modular units capable of conducting a full-spectrum of operations. This Commissioned Officer has continued the traditions of the United States Army and is an American hero who has been selfless in his service to the Nation through war, peace, and personal trial. His performance and accomplishments throughout his long and distinguished career have left a legacy of trained, disciplined professional leaders at all levels and care for families that is without equal. When history looks back at this leader and his legacy it will be clear that his abilities as a trainer, leader, advisor, Commander and Soldier produced the best Army in the world.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Lieutenant Colonel Kent A. D. Clark for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Nicole, and his daughter Kaitlyn Grace all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

## ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge St. Raphael Catholic School, located in Garden City, Michigan, as they celebrate 75 years of commitment to the education of the youth of our community and our country.

Established in 1936 upon land generously donated by Ms. Florence Cowperthwithe, the meeting hall which became the first school was built using primarily donated materials, contributions and volunteer labor. The original windows were donated by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent. Undoubtedly, this demonstrates a literal truth; it is the people who build a parish.

Father Anthony Kirchner, the second pastor of the fledging St. Raphael the Archangel parish, led the effort to convert the hall into a four-room school. Again, the labor and materials used were largely donated. The IHM sisters could no longer stay on and the Sisters of St. Francis agreed to take on responsibility for the school. They have remained diligent in their commitment. As the parish and the community grew, additional school buildings were built in 1950 and 1956. In its 75-year history, St. Raphael's School has grown from a converted hall serving a handful of students to a campus with a capacity of 500.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years St. Raphael School has provided a Catholic education for students ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students, parents, faculty and alumni of St. Raphael Catholic and in recognizing their years

growing in friendship, knowledge and God's spirit as part of our community and our country.

## HONORING DR. JAMES P. COMER AS HE IS RECOGNIZED WITH THE NAACP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker I am deeply honored to rise today to join the Greater New Haven Branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People as they recognize the invaluable contributions of an outstanding member of our community, Dr. James P. Comer. Dr. Comer is an internationally renowned psychiatrist, social scientist, and author whose work in early childhood development has changed the way that we, as a society, have approached early learning and education. This year, the Greater New Haven NAACP has named Dr. Comer the recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award—only the second time in its history that such a recognition has been bestowed.

Like so many of us, the importance of education was instilled into Dr. Comer at a young age by his parents. His mother had less than 2 years of formal schooling and his father only six, but they understood that their children's future success would depend on a quality education. They worked hard and ensured all five of their children had the opportunity not only to finish their elementary and secondary education but to attend college as well. Indeed, in a recent interview Dr. Comer remarked that ''they gave us the developmental experience we needed''—a lesson that has guided his career.

Dr. Comer is currently the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center and he has been a faculty member since 1968. Over the course of his career, his focus on child development as a means of improving schools has earned him a distinguished reputation as well as international recognition. He is perhaps best known for founding the Comer School Development program—a concept that promotes the collaboration of parents, educators, and community to improve social, emotional, and academic outcomes for children that, in turn, helps them to achieve greater success in school. This model has become a national model, implemented in more than five hundred schools across America where its goals of improving the educational environment and student achievement have exceeded expectations. Its remarkable success has impacted the lives of millions of our young people—providing them the educational building blocks that have allowed them to realize their dreams.

A prolific writer, Dr. Comer has published nine books and countless articles on children's health and development as well as race relations. He has also served as consultant to the Children's Television Workshop, the producer of Sesame Street and The Electric Company, as well as to the Public Committee on Mental Health, a group chaired by Roslyn Carter. He has been a member of the National Commission on Teaching and America's future since 1994 and a myriad of other national committees and commissions which have led to changes in how our country crafts public policy concerning education. In addition to all of this, he has also somehow found the time to serve on the boards of a multitude of educational institutions and community organizations.

Dr. Comer's work and scholarship has been recognized across the country with forty-seven honorary degrees and innumerable awards, commendations, and honors including the John P. McGovern Behavioral Science Award from the Smithsonian Institution and the prestigious Heinz Award in the Human Condition from Heinz Family Philanthropies. His visionary leadership and exceptional contributions have changed the face of education in America. There are few have had such an extraordinary impact on our way of life which is why I can think of no one more deserving to receive the NAACP's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Over my years in Congress, I have had the unique opportunity to work closely with Dr. Comer and I could not be more proud to stand today to recognize him for all of his good work and congratulate him on this very special occasion. His is a legacy that will continue to make a difference in the lives of our young people for generations to come. I wish him, his wife, Bettye, and their family many more years of health and happiness.

## RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTON MALE CHORUS

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the Norton Male Chorus of Flint, Michigan will celebrate 90 years of singing together by holding an anniversary concert on May 14th in Flint.

In 1921 a group of men affiliated with Buick Motor Division organized the Buick Male Chorus under the direction of Dr. W.W. Norton. Two years later the Industrial Mutual Association became the sponsor and the group was renamed the IMA Glee Club. This relationship lasted until 1939 when the Chorus became an independent organization named the Norton Male Chorus. Dr. Norton continued as the director until 1951 when he left for a new position in California. The group has had 3 directors since that time, Arthur McCombie, C.L. Bergman, and currently, Dan Hill. The group has performed throughout the United States and Canada including a performance at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. The group annually awards a scholarship to a male vocal student and the 2011 winner, Matthew Mitchell, will also perform at the anniversary concert.

Currently the group includes: director, Dan Hill; accompanist, Margaret Meade; first tenors, Terry Powell, Matt Brown, Matt Jackson, Jack Smith; second tenors, Don Chambers, Mike Dumanois, Paul Brown, Jim Segar, Don Wagle, Don Hetherington; baritones, Don Gerger, Sam DeLorenzo, Jerome Wolbert, John Roach; bass singers, Dennis Cavanaugh, Bob Maupin, Don Russell, Don Coolich, Adam Coolich, and Len Posio.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Norton Male Chorus for 90 years of music and goodwill. I wish them the best in the coming years and many, many more years of performing and entertaining audiences.

## RECOGNITION OF PHILIP T. INGLIMA—2011 JOHN CARROLL AWARD RECIPIENT

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on April 30th in San Francisco, the 2011 John Carroll Awards were presented to five exceptional individuals whose achievements exemplify the ideals and traditions of Georgetown University. Named after the University's founder, Archbishop John Carroll, the John Carroll Award was established by the Georgetown University Alumni Association in 1951 and is the highest honor awarded by the alumni association. Recipients have distinguished themselves through achievement and unparalleled service to Georgetown University, and the 2011 recipients embody the true meaning of Magis. Magis is a Jesuit phrase that means ''the more.'' It is taken from Ad majorem Dei gloriam, a Latin phrase meaning ''for the greater glory of God.'' It is an expression of an aspiration and inspiration. Magis reflects the Jesuit concept of a continuous commitment to excellence, grounded in gratitude.

The 2011 John Carroll recipients are Mary Taylor Behrens, Philip T. Inglima, the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, Paul F. Pelosi, and Michael L. Vespoli. I congratulate them all on their achievements. All five of them are esteemed members of the Georgetown community, but today, I rise to give special recognition to Philip Inglima, known as Phil, to his friends.

An exemplar of the Jesuit tradition of women and men for others, Phil Inglima has found no shortage of ways to give back to the alumni community. It would be hard to find a volunteer post at Georgetown that Phil hasn't occupied. As an undergraduate, he served as the co-chair of his senior class gift committee. He has chaired many of his undergraduate and law classes' reunion committees, served on the board of regents and worked as vice chair of the law annual fund. A member of the board of governors since 1997, Phil served as president of the alumni association and was a well-respected member of the board of directors for two years.

After graduating in 1984 with a degree in English, Phil remained at Georgetown as an assistant to the Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., then president of the university. He spent two years working closely with Father Healy while studying at the Georgetown University Law Center. His dedicated work for the Juvenile Justice Clinic earned him the honor of being named ''Outstanding Advocate.''

Phil began his law career as a clerk to the Honorable June L. Green of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before entering private practice with criminal defense legend Plato Cacheris (F'51, L'56). Since then, he has amassed more than two decades of experience as a litigator specializing in white

collar criminal law, including two years as a special prosecutor.

Now a partner at Crowell & Moring LLP, Phil defends criminal and civil matters in trial and appellate courts. He has been recognized repeatedly in the premier legal review guide, Chambers USA, as well as in Super Lawyers and The Best Lawyers In America, as a leading lawyer in white collar criminal defense.

Georgetown University with its rich, Jesuit tradition runs through Phil's veins. In addition to serving the alumni community, Phil teaches a course in federal white collar crime at the university's Law Center.

Phil met his beautiful wife, Elizabeth Wieser (C'86, L'92), at Georgetown. They have three children—Joseph, Rosalia and Paulina—who were all born at the Georgetown University Hospital. Phil Inglima is a great friend, father, husband as well as one who excels professionally. He makes those individuals and institutions that he touches better.

## HONORING JUDGE HENRY HAYWOOD TURNER, III

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Henry Haywood Turner, III, a man of many talents and interests who sadly, passed away on May 8, 2011 at the age of 67.

Judge Turner was born in El Paso, Texas, on May 3, 1944. His father served as a Navy Corpsman physician in the South Pacific during World War II. Judge Turner graduated from Columbus High School in 1962, and earned a BA in math and history from Mercer University.

Inspired by his father, he served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman for the USS Charles R. Ware, DD–865 Destroyer. After completing his naval service, he managed the Texas Native Inertia Nutcracker Company, a business started by his father that held several U.S. patents for their inventions. He later went on to teach math and physics at Columbus Technical College.

Judge Turner earned a law degree from the University of Georgia in 1977, and was one of nine students who former Secretary of State Dean Rusk advised. This was the start of a very distinguished legal career that would include practicing general law, doing appellate work for the city of Columbus, and most notably, serving as an Assistant District Attorney, and Judge of the Municipal Court for 20 years.

The great Irish poet Brendan Francis once said, ''If you have a talent, use it every way possible. Don't hoard it. Don't dole it out like a miser. Spend it lavishly like a millionaire intent on going broke.'' Judge Turner was a man of many diverse interests and talents, who went broke sharing them with the world. He rebuilt engines, made his own diesel fuel and knives, gardened, and became well versed in geology, history, and music composition. He was a well-read man who loved stray cats,, and spoke several different languages.

The last skill served him very well when people who were unable to speak English came to his court. Judge Turner could communicate with the common person, but he could also communicate with the most sophisticated of individuals. This made him respected and loved by those who truly knew him who have described him in recent days as a: gentleman, a scholar, a man of his word, and a man of honor.

Judge Turner understood the importance of service and helping other people as evidenced by his involvement in numerous community organizations. Judge Turner and my wife Vivian worked together for many years on the Municipal Court, and we are both thankful for his service and friendship over the years. Vivian and I extend our deepest condolences to his mother, Rebecca Sellers Turner, his daughter Clisby Cox and his many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, we are all put here for a season to try to make the world a better place to live. I can truly say that Judge Henry Haywood Turner, III used his season to make this world more hopeful and less fearful because he travelled here.

## HONORING ANNE MARIE BERGEN

### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne Marie Bergen of Oakdale, California. Ms. Bergen was selected to receive the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She has made outstanding contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science.

Ms. Bergen has spent 24 years teaching in Oakdale and has played an influential source in improving the education for students in Stanislaus County. She has served as the Gifted and Talented Teacher and Coordinator, Science Mentor, Science Olympiad Coach and District Science Fair Coordinator. As the District Science Teacher, she developed and created a laboratory and field-based science program. This program has helped to educate 2,000 students and train 120 teachers annually. Since 2009, Ms. Bergen has served as the chair of CalTAC, a STEM teaching advisory council.

Currently, Ms. Bergen is a Teacher in Residence at the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in the Biological Sciences Department. She works to train Liberal Studies undergraduate students, seeking to become K–12 teachers, on how to effectively instruct science classes and laboratory experiments. Additionally she is working to reshape the curriculum in several courses targeted to future classroom teachers.

Ms. Bergen's teaching philosophy is ''Active Learning, Meaningful Experiences, and Compassionate Teaching.'' The unique teaching style Ms. Bergen uses the natural connection students have with experiential learning and has incorporated it into successful education programs. Through using hikes, nature and the outside world, she has created an effective curriculum that has led her students to excel in the areas of science and mathematics. Additionally, Ms. Bergen actively works to share her successful educational methods so that other teachers can effectively teach their students using her experiential learning model. It is without question that Ms. Bergen is compassionate and dedicated to providing quality education for our youth.

In addition to receiving the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence, Ms. Bergen has been a recipient of many awards for her dedication to teaching. These awards include the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence in 2006, Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year in 2002 and Woman of Distinction in Education by Soroptimist International in 2002 and 2003. Additionally she was awarded the distinguished California Teacher of the Year Award in 2003.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Anne Marie Bergen on receiving the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

## SCIENCE EDUCATION IN FREDERICK COUNTY

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize The Frederick County Public School District for its pursuit of bettering its science education programs. I visited Sherando High School in Stephens City on April 19 and saw firsthand how the school and its students are improving and excelling the fields of math and science.

Kelley Aitken, the Frederick County Public Schools Supervisor of Science and Visual Arts, explained that ''the school division's science curriculum is moving from a fact/knowledge level of thinking to one which is based on conceptual understanding and application.'' The teachers have been provided with information from the University of Virginia's faculty on how to develop inquiry-based lesson plans.

The school district has also changed its curriculum requiring students in grades six through eight to complete inquiry-based science projects every year. It is the district's hope that by engaging the students in middle school they will be able to carry that understanding and passion for science throughout their education. Mrs. Aitken also explained a number of community partnerships that the school district has developed. These include DuPont, the Blandy Experimental Farm, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and Valley Health, which provide students with hands-on instruction in science.

After Mrs. Aitken's presentation I was honored to meet with and learn about the students who have excelled in the district's science programs. I heard from three high school students and one middle school teacher about their experiences. The first student was a senior who worked with the Pulsar Search Collaboratory (PSC), where he discovered a pulsar, a highly neutralized neutron rotating star. The senior along with the high school's Astronomy Club, analyzed data from the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia. The student is going to pursue his interest in science at James Madison University.

The next student, a sophomore, explained her project, which examined the effect of chemicals and pesticides on the regeneration

of planaria. The student will be competing in the International Science Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Los Angeles, California, in May. The next student, a junior, will also be competing in the fair for her second year in a row. The student used the Eratosthenes's Theory, to determine the diameter of the earth.

A sixth grade teacher in the district's Robert E. Aylor Middle School, in Stephens City explained the Discovery Education online science module, which is used throughout the district in the middle schools. He explained that the program is used to let the students interact and manipulate investigations as they are learning science material.

At the end of my visit, Superintendent Patricia Taylor was awarded the Discovery Education's Visionary District Award by the Vice President for Discovery Education. I am proud to have such an outstanding school in my district. I congratulate the school for recognizing the importance of providing our youth with the tools to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 10, 2011, I unfortunately missed a series of votes. If I was here, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 299, "no" on rollcall No. 300, and "no" on rollcall No. 301.

## U.S.-KOREAN RELATIONS

### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to represent the people of California's 33rd congressional district, which is a microcosm of America. The cultural and economic vibrancy of the communities in our district is possibly matched only by its vast diversity.

I am proud that the 33rd district includes Koreatown, the home to many Korean-Americans and recent immigrants from Korea. By some estimates, there are more Americans of Korean descent living in this neighborhood than anywhere else in the United States.

It should come as no surprise, then, that my constituents and I have strong concerns about U.S.-Korean relations. We celebrate the military and diplomatic alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea that has entered its seventh decade. We encourage Korean students who come to American colleges and universities to pursue their educational goals, and we welcome Korean businesses that invest in the United States and engage in trade with American businesses and consumers.

It was with great interest that I was able to travel to the Republic of Korea last month through their Congressional Member Exchange Program. Over the short course of three days, I participated in a packed itinerary of meetings with Korean government officials, business leaders, American diplomats, and members of the U.S. armed forces stationed in Korea.

One truly powerful moment came on my first full day, when I visited the Demilitarized Zone, DMZ, including the Joint Security Area. Gazing out over the barren border area into North Korea was a truly eye-opening experience for me.

In addition to meeting with Korean executive branch officials—including Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Sung-Hwan Kim, Deputy Minister for Trade Seok-Young Choi, and National Security Advisor Yung-Woo Chun—I was also able to meet with our legislative counterparts in the Korean National National Assembly, including the chairman of the Unification, Foreign Affairs, and Trade Committee (the equivalent of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs), the Honorable Kyung-Pil Nam.

All of these meetings were informative, productive, and educational. I learned so much about the history and the breadth and scope of the U.S.-Korea alliance partnership.

Meetings with business leaders were equally fruitful. It was my pleasure to attend a dinner hosted by AMCHAM, the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea, and I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with Amy Jackson, the AMCHAM president.

Similarly, a tour of the Hyundai Motors corporate headquarters and of the company's research and development facility in Hwaseong was particularly valuable. Hyundai has significant investment in the United States, including several engineering and design facilities in California, not far from Los Angeles, as well as in several other states. If one includes all their dealerships and repair shops, Hyundai employs over 30,000 American workers.

One of the topics that came up over and over during my visit to Korea was the much discussed trade agreement between our two countries. The Korean government officials and business leaders I met tried very hard to persuade me that the agreement should be ratified soon. It is an issue I continue to follow closely, seeking out insights and analysis from a wide spectrum of individuals within my congressional district and beyond. This visit to Korea further expanded my horizons and the knowledge gained was invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Korean Government for the opportunity to visit their country through the Congressional Member Exchange Program. Prior to my departure, I had the opportunity to have breakfast with Korea's Ambassador to the U.S., Duk-Soo Han, and our discussion was very insightful with respect to all the challenges and opportunities on the Korean peninsula. As I represent the congressional district with the largest Korean-American constituency in the United States, I also look forward to returning to Korea to continue building on the relationship with our great friend and ally.

## IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER DENNIS WEEZORAK

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Father Dennis Weezorak as the members of St. Mary's Parish gather to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Throughout his professional career, Father Weezorak has spiritually guided and mentored many parishioners. His honorable actions are worthy of this body's recognition.

Father Weezorak was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1986 in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Ogdensburg, New York by Bishop Stanislaus Brazana. He began his career as an Associate Pastor and Administrator in St. Patrick Parish in Watertown, New York. During his tenure, Father Weezorak also served as Associate Pastor at three different New York State Parishes: St. Peter, St. Mary and St. Thomas. Father Weezorak later served in the military chaplaincy for the United State Air Force at various locations including Lackland Air Force Base and the hospital chaplaincy at Wilford Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He was finally installed as Pastor at St. Mary Parish in South Amboy, New Jersey on October 26, 1997.

In addition to his parish duties, Father Weezorak is active with the Municipal Alliance for Drug Abuse for the Township of South Brunswick/Monmouth Junction, New Jersey. He also remains an active member of the Sayreville/South Amboy Chapter of Rotary International. Father Weezorak earned a bachelor's degree in business from Pennsylvania State University and attended St. John Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts. He is the son of Pauline and the late Robert Weezorak. He has one brother and sister.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Father Dennis Weezorak upon the celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and also for his leadership and service to the community.

## RECOGNITION OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Israeli Independence Day. Sixty-three years ago this week, the dream of so many Jewish people around the world became a reality. From desert and swampland emerged a nation that is now a leader in technology, medical advances and environmental research; and from the ashes of the Holocaust, a people was reborn.

Israel remains an important strategic ally and the only true democracy in a very unstable part of the world. In the wake of World War II and its tragic legacy for the Jewish people, the United States has considered the existence of Israel a profound moral and spiritual imperative and was the first nation to recognize the state of Israel in 1948.

Even sixty-three years later, however, there are ongoing threats to Israel's stability. It is critical that all parties in the region recognize Israel's right to exist as well as Israel's right to insist on the basic security of its citizenry. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor the men and women who have fought to defend Israel's independence year after year, to those who keep the hope for peace in the forefront

of our minds, and with a strong commitment to seeing that dream become a reality.

## HONORING DR. WILLIAM TONTI

### HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Vermonter, Dr. William Tonti of Essex Junction.

On February 1, 2011 Dr. Tonti celebrated an astonishing milestone: He earned his 250th patent making him one of the most accomplished inventors in Vermont and the country. This impressive accomplishment is worthy of recognition by this Congress.

Dr. Tonti is a graduate of Northwestern University where he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering. He continued his education in Vermont, first earning an MBA from St. Michaels College and then a Master's of Science and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Vermont.

In 1978, he began what would prove to be a distinguished career at IBM in Essex Junction, Vermont. Dr. Tonti's work focused on areas fundamental to the functioning of our society, including advanced DRAM semiconductors, nanotechnology, microprocessors and chip reliability.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Tonti has been an been an active community member and citizen. His commitment to IBM is only surpassed by his dedication and commitment to his wife, Debbie, and daughters, Janelle and Samantha.

Dr. Tonti was recently named an IBM Master Inventor for Life, a great honor that IBM bestows to only a handful of its most innovative employees worldwide. This is a fitting recognition for a lifetime of impressive accomplishments and for a Vermonter of high character.

As Vermont's Representative in this Congress, I ask that Dr. Tonti be recognized for his accomplishments and applauded for his contributions to the state of Vermont and this country.

## THE PUTTING THE GULF OF MEXICO BACK TO WORK ACT (H.R. 1229) AND THE REVERSING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OFFSHORE MORATORIUM ACT (H.R. 1231)

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, last week the majority rammed through an ill-advised measure requiring the sale of four specific offshore drilling leases even if appropriate workplace and environmental safeguards aren't in place. This week's bills continue the same reckless "pre-spill" mentality. In the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, more drilling with less safety is simply not a responsible energy policy, and it will do nothing to enhance America's energy security.

Let's be clear: There is no drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico. Since October, the Interior Department has issued 51 shallow water permits and 12 deepwater drilling permits—or roughly the same pace as before the Deepwater Horizon disaster. The major difference is that the Obama Administration is ensuring that future drilling be accompanied by safeguards reflecting the lessons learned from the Deepwater Horizon.

The so-called "Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back To Work Act" would deem drilling permits approved after sixty days with or without a completed safety and environmental review. While the intent of H.R. 1229 is to clearly to expedite permitting, the reality is that this kind of "drill first, ask questions later" approach could easily result in fewer drilling permits being issued as the Interior Department could in many cases simply be forced to reject permits that are still in process rather than having them "deem approved" without adequate safeguards in place.

H.R. 1231 proposes to expand the scope of this initiative's overarching recklessness by opening much of the outer continental shelf on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to drilling before Congress has enacted a single legislative reform to improve safety. Lost in all of the rhetoric is the reality that oil and gas companies are already today sitting on more than 60 million acres of public lands with an estimated 11.6 billion barrels of oil and 59.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas that have yet to be developed—or nearly as much oil and natural gas as could realistically be recovered by drilling up and down the east and west coasts.

Mr. Speaker, this country deserves better than carelessness masquerading as an energy policy. We need to end the billions in wasteful subsidies for the already highly profitable oil and gas industry and accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy alternatives that will power the 21st century.

## DOMESTIC FUEL FOR ENHANCING NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 2011

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the bipartisan Domestic Fuel for Enhancing National Security (D–FENS) Act 2011, which will allow Civilian Agencies and Military Agencies to extend multiyear contracts from the current limit of 5 years to up to 15 years for the purchase of advanced biofuels. I thank my colleague Mr. JONES of North Carolina for working with me on this issue, which will increase our national security and help build an American industry.

Accounting for about 2 percent of U.S. energy consumption, the Department of Defense is the largest single consumer of energy in the country. According to Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "[the Department of Defense] is using 300,000 barrels of oil every day. The energy use per soldier creeps up every year. And our number-one import into Afghanistan is fossil fuel."

U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Maybus has outlined several goals to lead the Navy toward a more energy-secure fleet. By 2015, the Navy will reduce petroleum use in the commercial fleet by 50 percent. By 2020, the Navy will produce at least 50 percent of shore-based energy requirements from alternative sources and 50 percent of total energy consumption will come from alternative sources.

No one knows better than the Department of Defense that energy supplies are critical to combat troops and our national security. To ultimately realize these goals, we must dramatically scale-up advanced biofuel production in the United States. With added Congressional authority to purchase longer-term contracts, our defense sector could adopt domestically produced sustainable fuels for the security of our troops.

Companies already have developed technologies to produce "drop-in" ready fuels, meaning our military could use these fuels in existing infrastructure, aircraft and ships. The longer-term contracts provided by this bill will not only increase our energy security, but can ultimately help unlock private investment for construction and development of large advanced biofuel refineries in the United States. In states like Washington, North Carolina, California, Montana and others, interests from the private sector, universities, ports and major airports are already working to bring the first generation of biofuels to the market, and their efforts can be greatly enhanced by this legislation.

Washington state and the Pacific Northwest are well-positioned to commercialize aviation biofuels—all elements of the supply chain are feasible, and the region has come together to map out a strategic and sustainable path to bring advanced bio-based jet fuels to market. Already in the Northwest, 40 public and private stakeholders from academic research institutions, environmental advocacy, and government, and the aerospace and aviation, biofuels, and agriculture and forestry industries have formed the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Northwest (SAFN) initiative. This effort was convened by regional aviation leaders Boeing, Alaska Airlines, the region's largest airports—Port of Seattle, Port of Portland and Spokane International Airport—as well as Washington State University, a center of advanced biofuels research. Stakeholders include fuel producers, farm and forest managers, non-governmental organizations and key government leaders, including representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Defense Logistics Agency. This diverse group representing all points along the supply chain is working to create a "flight path" that will overcome challenges to deploying advanced aviation biofuels. This legislation will support Washington's effort to make the Northwest region a market leader in the advanced biofuel industry.

With our nation's security and energy independence in mind, I urge my colleagues to support the Domestic Fuel for Enhancing National Security (D–FENS) Act 2011.

## IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTINA M. GOLEZ

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Police Officer Christina M. Golez, who is retiring after nearly 27 years of law enforcement service—24 years of service to the

City of Fairfield and a combined two years with the Yolo County Sheriff's Department and the Antioch Police Department. As her colleagues, friends and family gather together to celebrate the next chapter of her life, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding public servant and defender of peace and safety.

Christina started her law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the Antioch Police Department. She was then hired as a Deputy Sheriff by the Yolo County Sheriff's Department in November of 1985 and on August 18, 1986, she was hired as a Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department. Christina worked in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, Youth Services, School Resource Officer, Cadet Advisor, Gang Suppression, Police Probation Team, Crime Scene Investigator, and Property. She received numerous commendations for her performance including Police Officer of the Year for 1997.

Christina's two most significant contributions to the Police Department were her expertise as a composite sketch artist and her talent in mentoring youths within the community. Her artistic talent and ability to create like images of suspects has helped solve numerous crimes in Fairfield. Her work as a Cadet Advisor and Diversion Officer was also exceptional. She intervened at many different levels by confronting and challenging youths that were showing destructive behavior through the appropriate amount of counseling and intervention opportunities for them and their families. Christina's work has made a difference to the citizens of Fairfield.

Christina was a valued employee and leader and her commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. She was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for her hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to pay tribute to this dedicated public servant. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Christina M. Golez continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

## HONORING NORWALK, CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICERS

### HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the police officers who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of Norwalk, Connecticut.

Since its formation in 1913, the Norwalk Police Department has improved the quality of life for generations of citizens. Its officers' vigilant protection of the city's residents and their property has formed the foundation of public peace, order and tranquility that has allowed Norwalk to prosper.

Every day, Norwalk's police officers take on the responsibility of keeping the city safe. It can be a dangerous job. Five times in its history, the Norwalk Police Department has suffered the loss of one of its own in the line of duty. Sergeants Frank S. Stratton and Nicholas W. Fera, and Officers Sherrald Gorton, Marco Carias and Matthew Morelli each lost their lives in service to the community they sought to protect. We are forever indebted to them, and I join the people of Norwalk in honoring their memory today.

We also remember the retired officers of the Norwalk Police Department who passed away this year. All who serve today carry on a proud tradition inherited from those who wore the uniform in days gone by. We commemorate their service and we celebrate their lives.

Every officer deserves our praise. Their daily work makes it possible for each of us to enjoy the benefits of liberty, secure in the knowledge that our neighborhoods and places of business are safe. The dedication of Norwalk's officers to preventing crime and educating the public has spared so many families from experiencing unnecessary tragedy. And their collaboration with residents and business owners has promoted a sense of shared responsibility that makes the city an example to other communities nationwide.

To every officer who has served Norwalk with pride in years past, and every officer serving today, I offer my gratitude. And to the families of those men who gave their lives in the line of duty, I express the eternal thanks of a city, a state and a nation that can never say "thank you" enough.

## CONGRATULATING THE ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH ON THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. SEBASTIAN FEAST

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the St. Sebastian Parish as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the St. Sebastian Feast. This wonderful annual celebration has become one of Middletown, Connecticut's most beloved community events. This is a remarkable milestone and I am proud to have this opportunity to commemorate this very special anniversary.

The Feast of St. Sebastian is a blend of faith, culture, and tradition. The three-day event reconnects city residents to their Sicilian heritage. The tradition dates back to 1414, when it is said that a statue of St. Sebastian washed up on the shores near Melilli, a small town in Sicily. No one could lift the statue except for the residents of Melilli, and they carried it to a place where they later built a church in the saint's name.

In the early 20th Century, immigrants from Melilli moved in large numbers to Middletown and soon there were enough families there to form a vibrant and close-knit Italian community that desired its own place of worship. Through a massive fundraising effort, the donation of materials, and the labor of masons, plasterers and stone carvers, the Italian community realized the dream of its own church, a significant local cultural symbol and the only Italian national parish in the Diocese of Norwich. The Feast of St. Sebastian was first celebrated in Middletown in 1921 and proceeds from the feast's early years helped finance the building of the church.

Today, the Feast is run by a committee of dedicated congregation members and proceeds continue to benefit the church. Carnival rides, traditional Italian fare, and musical entertainment are part of the festivities, but the heart of the event happens Sunday, when, after Mass, the church's statue of St. Sebastian is carried in a procession and I Nuri, a group dressed in white with red sashes, run barefoot or in socks in a show of devotion for the saint. The procession has grown to include hundreds of people and, as you might imagine, it is an extraordinarily beautiful demonstration of faith and culture.

It is events like the Feast of St. Sebastian, those forged in the bonds of family and community, which allow generation after generation to understand and celebrate their shared heritage. They enrich our communities as well as renew our commitment to faith and family. I am honored to stand today to extend my warmest congratulations to the St. Sebastian Parish and its many families as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of their Feast of St. Sebastian. The Feast is a real community treasure and I wish them all the best for many more successful years to come.

## A TRIBUTE TO BETTY JEAN VERETT PEPPER

### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, Betty Jean Verett Pepper was born on April 28, 1931, in Crosby County, Texas, to Charley and Maggie (Fenoglio) Verett. She was the youngest of the family's nine children who were raised working on the family farm. Betty Jean graduated from Ralls High School and went on to graduate from Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Texas, in 1952.

At Texas Tech she met Herbert Leslie Pepper and they married in 1953. Leslie and Jean moved to the San Antonio area where their three sons were born and raised, also working on the family farm and in agriculture-related businesses.

Now back in Lubbock and known as Mama Jean to her own family and the expanded Verett families, she not only remembers the birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions of this group, but personally calls each one on those special days.

That is why we want to take this opportunity to remember her 80th birthday on April 28, 2011, and to wish her many more joyous celebrations with her sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HEALTH FORUM

### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the board and staff of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum on the 25th anniversary of their founding. They are guided by a mission to influence policy, mobilize communities, and strengthen programs

and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. As the largest national Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander advocacy organization in the country, they maintain strategic relationships to move sound policy forward that benefit our communities.

Founded in 1986, the organization came together in response to the federal government's first groundbreaking report on minority health. ''The Secretary's Report on Black and Minority Health'' erroneously concluded that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were healthier than other minorities despite the ''paucity of data.'' Community leaders, advocates and medical providers who served Asian American populations came together to challenge this ''model minority'' myth and formed the Asian American Health Forum, solidifying the visionary idea of a national organization that would grow into the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. Working out of a basement of the old Chinese Hospital in San Francisco Chinatown with few staff, the organization has now grown to be a national organization with over 30 staff headquartered in San Francisco, an office in Washington, DC, and a national network comprised of more than 15 groups.

Over the years the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum has reached several milestones. In the early '90s, the organization received funding from the Department of Health and Human Services to implement innovative outreach programs targeting chronic disease issues in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, like HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B. As the number of API individuals in the U.S. increased, the organization continued to grow to do work to improve the health of the community by developing tobacco cessation programs, cancer education and outreach programs and reducing domestic violence. In 2006, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum received the largest ever philanthropic investment in Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities through a $16.5 million grant by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which has helped build capacity across the country through the Health Through Action Program. Today the organization continues to advocate on behalf of our communities as the Affordable Care Act is implemented.

As the Chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I have had the privilege of working with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum to eliminate health disparities in this country. Their analysis and research have informed the work of policymakers for many years at the local, state and national level. The work produced by its programs and divisions are valuable resources for community groups, legislators, agencies and researchers in understanding the unique health issues that affect Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations.

On behalf of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I would like to once again congratulate the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum on their 25th anniversary and wish them the best in their work to achieve health justice over the next 25 years and beyond.

## OPPOSING GIVEAWAYS TO BIG OIL AND DRILLING OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to allowing drilling off the California Coast and dismantling basic oil drilling safeguards.

Barely a year after the worst environmental disaster in our history, Republicans have brought legislation (H.R. 1231) to the floor that shows they are suffering from amnesia. This legislation, when coupled with the two earlier drilling bills—H.R. 1229 and H.R. 1230—would mandate that vast swaths of the East and West Coasts be open to drilling, while fast-tracking new leases without sufficient safety or environmental review.

Under H.R. 1231, the Interior Department would have to make at least half of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) available to leasing, including the California Coast, regardless of state objections or safety, economic, or environmental concerns. This is on top of the two earlier bills that would actually make drilling safeguards weaker than they were before the BP Spill while destroying judicial review of leasing decisions.

This legislation does nothing to bring down gas prices. It is nothing more than a gift-wrapped handout to the oil industry. Republicans are not working to end the $4 billion in yearly taxpayer subsidies that go to the largest oil companies. They are not working to crack down on the speculation that we know is driving up the price of oil and gas. Instead, they are pushing legislation that would give these companies free reign over our oil reserves and put our coastlines and the jobs that rely on them at risk. The Energy Information Agency has estimated that even if the entire OCS were exploited for oil, gas prices would drop by only three cents—and not until 2030. The U.S. accounts for just 7% of world oil production and we have only 3% of the world's reserves. Despite the bumper sticker slogan of ''drill baby drill,'' we cannot drill our way out of high gas prices.

I urge all of my colleagues to oppose this misguided bill and focus on sustainable and responsible solutions to rising gas prices.

## HONORING LANCE CORPORAL BRANDON JOSEPH LONG

### HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Lance Corporal Brandon Joseph Long of the 3rd battalion, 5th Marines, ''Darkhorse'' Lima Company from my district in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. On September 27, 2010, while out on point in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Brandon stepped on a pressure plate which nearly cost him his life. He died four times on that day. He said the thought of Nicole and his child Clair kept him alive and that he left his body, but when he rose up to Heaven they told him that it was not his time. He has been part of one of the most courageous units, losing over 150 United States Marines. In a few short months he has come so far and a large part is due to his family. His lovely supportive wife and new born child have put a smile on his face and given him something to live for. Some people are put upon this earth to teach us and inspire us. Well, Brandon is one of those people. In honor of Brandon, I ask that this poem, penned by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

U . . . B . . . LONG!

U . . .
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As Brandon, as is your fine life's song. . . .
With but the greatest of all Americans, so very strong. . . .
All in our nation's history, who now so belong. . . .
Belong, to the defenders of the free!
As there is but such a list of most magnificent Americans, so indeed!
Who all for our Country Tis of Thee, would so die and bleed!
Ooo . . . rah Jar Head, As a United States Marine we see!
As Freedom Fighters, who but bring our liberty!
All to leave, a better world for you and me. . . .
Men and women, of such magnificent grace. . . .
Who one and all, the darkest of all evils so face. . . .
With tears in eyes, as they so watched their fine brothers die as still they kept pace. . . .
And still so valiantly marched onward, as their most heroic hearts so raced. . . .
The ones, such men of The Dark Horse who came home without arms and legs. . . .
All in their most amazing grace, teaching us all the meaning of courage and faith. . . .
And now comes another honored name. . . .
Lance Corporal Brandon Long, of Lima Co. as one in the same. . . .
For in our nation's history, have but come such Hoosiers so indeed. . . .
Such fine patriots of peace, sons and daughters who so believe. . . .
Who are a part of one of the greatest fighting machines, The United States Marines!
Who once upon battlefields of honor seen, so courageously fought all in green. . . .
As Brandon, as was your sheen!
And when, all out on point as an IED explosion almost took your life. . . .
Dying four times, but for his daughter and wife. . . . somehow your strength ignited!
At Heaven's gate, you said you were told it's not your time yet. . . .
As when you Marine, your new battle had just begun. . . .
As . . . The Walls . . . came tumbling down . . . tumbling down, you Indiana's son!
All in your most magnificent shades of green, all in what must be won!
As when you awoke, and you did not just step . . . but began to run. . . .
Running to recovery, as deep down inside . . . your fine heart shone like the sun!
Bringing you back from the dead, as you lifted up your head. . . .
And saw what you had left, take the hill Marine . . . as all of our lives you so bless!
As You So Teach Us . . . and So Beseech Us . . . and So Reach Us, oh so yes!
All with what that you so had left, as your courage began to crest!
All for his beautiful daughter Claire and his lovely wife Nicole so yes. . . .

As you so reached so deep down inside, your fine soul!
To find that kind of courage, that you can only find in hearts of gold!
And if ever I had a son, I wish he could be like you the one. . . .
Who such magnificent courage so holds. . . .
Who all in his most heroic shades of green, is but a fine champion so seen. . . .
For only so few in our Nation's history, have so lived so such lives so splendidly!
And took up that charge, and into that valley of death so marched. . . .
All so that we may be free!
All out on their most heroic course, to make a difference with it all and go forth!
And so answered out Nation's call. . . .
For only a few will know this song, for only a few to such heights will belong. . . .
Right at the top of that list! As America's greatest of all sons . . . their song!
Oh yes Brandon, that's U. . . .
U . . . B . . .
U . . . B . . . Long!

## U.S.-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (KORUS FTA)

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, I had the privilege of visiting the Republic of Korea through their Congressional Member Exchange Program. In just 3 busy days, I was able to meet and converse with top officials in the Korean Government, my counterparts in the Korean National Assembly, business leaders, Korean War veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

My father was a veteran of the Korean War, so it was particularly touching and meaningful for me that I was able to visit the Korean War Memorial and Exhibition, lay a wreath and to meet with officials at the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs. My visit to the War Memorial served as a sobering reminder of the cost of freedom that was paid 60 years ago through the service and sacrifice of all Korean War veterans.

I had similar chills the next day, when our delegation visited the Demilitarized Zone and the Joint Security Area. It is difficult, if not impossible, to describe the flood of emotions I felt looking out across the DMZ and realizing what life is like in North Korea, a country with one of the world's most oppressive governments and, because of that, one of the world's poorest populations.

While these two occasions were strikingly memorable, they provided an important framework for when I had the opportunities to meet with Korean business leaders about trade, investment, and tourism.

Prior to my election as a Member of Congress, it was my great privilege to serve as mayor of Corning, New York, and of course Corning is part of the 29th congressional district that I am honored to represent. Corning is home of Corning Incorporated, a Fortune 500 company with interests and facilities across the globe—including in South Korea.

While in Korea, I was taken on a tour of Samsung Corning Precision Materials and was given a very informative briefing about the company's activities which are critical to my district. I also had an opportunity to do one of my favorite things—talk about the great wines produced in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Korean consumers are quite discriminating wine drinkers and, as you might expect, have developed a taste for fine wine from the United States, especially from New York wineries.

Currently, however, American wine exports to Korea are subject to a tariff that puts them out of the reach of many potential buyers. There is a glimmer of hope on the horizon, though, once the Congress ratifies and implements the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA).

The KORUS FTA reduces Korea's tariff on U.S. wine imports to zero. That will be good for New York vineyards. There are more than 60 family-owned wineries in the area around my hometown, and many of them will benefit immediately from this new tariff-free situation.

In addition to the meetings with business leaders, I also had important discussions with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Sung-Hwan Kim, Deputy Minister for Trade Seok-Young Choi, and National Security Advisor Yung-Woo Chun, as well as with Kyung-Pil Nam, chairman of the Unification, Foreign Affairs, and Trade Committee of the Korean National Assembly. Additionally I met with U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens and President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea Amy Jackson.

All of these government leaders were strong advocates of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. They did not have to do much to convince me, as I share their advocacy and appreciate their leadership and efforts to consolidate our alliance partnership overall.

Today, Korea has the world's eleventh-largest economy, known for its high-technology industries. It is the seventh-largest trading partner of the United States, the fifth largest market for agricultural goods, and the third largest destination for U.S. foreign direct investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

Bilateral trade between the Republic of Korea and the United States averages about $80 billion each year. The KORUS FTA represents the largest and most commercially significant free trade agreement ever signed by the United States in over a decade and since the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

This free trade agreement will ultimately eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers, create better jobs, enrich consumer choice, boost industry and enhance overall welfare for both nations. It will immediately eliminate tariffs on almost two-thirds of U.S. agricultural exports worth over $1.9 billion.

Overall, the KORUS FTA is expected to boost the more than $80 billion in annual two-way trade between South Korea and the U.S. by $10 billion to $20 billion about 5 years after ratification. The reasons for swift approval by the Congress of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement are numerous and compelling.

In closing, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Government and people of Korea for their tremendous hospitality during my visit 2 weeks ago. In particular, I wish to thank and recognize Korean Ambassador Duk-Soo Han for all his help and support that paved the way for a successful and productive trip. He is a great advocate for his country and I appreciate our mutual friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I came away from my visit emboldened and excited by the opportunities that lay ahead with respect to benefits of the KORUS FTA. On this note, I respectfully urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important agreement. I hope to see it brought up for consideration very soon, so that it can be ratified and implemented at the earliest opportunity.

## RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR TONY HALL'S HUNGER FAST

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend my dear friend and our former colleague, Ambassador Tony Hall, for his devotion to those less fortunate. Ambassador Hall went on a 28-day fast after learning of proposed budget cuts for programs that help those less fortunate domestically and abroad.

Here are some comments that he made regarding his recent fast:

''Back in 1993, as a Member of Congress, I went on a 22-day fast to protest the lack of conscience of the U.S. Congress towards poor and hungry people. Now, almost twenty years later, the stakes are even higher. That's why on March 28, 2011—almost one month ago—I stopped eating and started fasting, calling on friends and colleagues from across the country and around the world to join me.

''This coming Easter Sunday I will stop fasting. The Hungerfast campaign is coming to an end, but the movement to ensure our leaders don't balance the budgets on the backs of poor and hungry people is only getting started.

''But before moving forward, I want to pause for a moment to look back on what we have accomplished together, and to express my gratitude for all the ways people have broken out of their normal routines—going above and beyond—in order to make the Hungerfast movement possible.

''Hungerfast has brought together a large and diverse coalition of partners; Meals on Wheels and the ONE Campaign. World Vision and MoveOn.org. Christian, Jewish and Muslim organizations breaking out of business as usual to call their constituencies to fasting, prayer and personal sacrifice.

''With over 36,000 Americans, including 28 Members of Congress, committed to fasting, prayer and other forms of serious personal sacrifice, the HungerFast movement will have repercussions long into the future; it has not only set the stage for our ongoing budget debate, it has moved all of us into deeper levels of solidarity with those who Jesus called, 'the least of these.''

As the Congress continues the budget process, we must carefully consider proposals that impact the most vulnerable. Scripture (Proverbs 19:17) tells us, ''He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord.'' And in the New Testament Jesus talks a lot about the poor. In Matthew 25 he says that if we ignore the poor and hungry it is the same as ignoring him.

It is imperative that we all work together rein in our nation's unfunded liabilities to ensure that resources are available to help society's neediest and most vulnerable members.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in the Chamber for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 299, the Polis amendment to H.R. 1229; "yea" on rollcall No. 300, the Garamendi amendment to H.R. 1229; and "yea" on the Markey amendment to H.R. 1229.

HONORING RUTH BURR POWELL

## HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ruth Burr Powell, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on September 24th. The Colonial Dames of the 17th Century are hosting a party in Ruth's honor on May 19th in Florida.

Ruth Burr Powell hails from Linden Michigan. She graduated from Linden High School, attended Flint (Mott) Community College, and the University of Michigan. After receiving her Master's Degree in Music and Art from Wayne State University, Ruth taught in the Detroit Public Schools.

A lifelong interest in history and genealogy led her to publish a book on the genealogy of her mother's family. Along with her husband, Harold F. Powell PhD, she inventoried the grave-sites and headstones of Fairview Cemetery. The Cemetery covers 29 acres in Linden and dates back to 1836. Together they wrote a reference book about the Cemetery still in use today. Ruth has served as the Regent of the Ezra Parker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; President of the Huguenot Society of Michigan; Elder of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan; State President of the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; Vice President of the Florida Genealogical Society; and she is a life member of the Linden Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has volunteered her time with several hereditary societies and with the Historical Collections at the Detroit Public Library and the Florida Genealogical Society Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in wishing Ruth Burr Powell much joy as she celebrates her 100th birthday and for many, many more years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

## HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and public service of all the brave men and women who gave their life in the line of duty.

As we celebrate National Police Week 2011, let us take time to recognize that our law enforcement officers risk their lives every day to protect our families and keep us safe. Every peace officer serving in Minnesota or any community across this country knows that wearing a uniform carries a special responsibility and exceptional risk.

Today marks nearly one year since Maplewood Police Officer Joseph Bergeron was killed in the line of duty after responding to reports of a suspected carjacking. This was a time of great pain and loss for the State of Minnesota. In the year since, the law enforcement community continues to heal from this loss and will ultimately do so because of their strength and resilience. The residents of the City of Maplewood will continue to have my full support during this time.

We must never forget the heroic sacrifice of our fallen peace officers. The valiant bravery of these brave men and women helps ensure the safety of our families and communities. This National Police Week, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the courage and sacrifice of all law enforcement officers who gave their life in the line of duty.

HONORING RABBI HERBERT N. BROCKMAN ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

## HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Congregation Mishkan Israel and the Greater New Haven community in paying tribute to the outstanding efforts of Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman as he celebrates his 25th year of leadership at the synagogue. Rabbi Brockman is not only an exceptional religious leader, but has earned a distinguished reputation as an advocate for social justice and interfaith understanding. His commitment to these issues have enriched the lives of his congregation and fostered better communication and understanding among various community groups. In doing so, he has helped to mold the character of our community—going a long way in creating an environment of mutual awareness and respect.

Though he originally came to Yale Medical School planning to become a psychiatrist, like six generations before him, Rabbi Brockman heard a call to another purpose. Upon completion of his rabbinic studies in the Reform tradition, he served two other synagogues before finding a more permanent home at Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Connecticut.

His experiences led him to a broader world view and it has been through this holistic view of humanity that he has taught and inspired not only his congregation but the community as a whole. Rabbi Brockman holds firm to the belief that in order to really learn you must be willing to listen to opposing viewpoints and while you may not agree, you must respect that there are opinions other than your own.

He is both renowned and beloved for his encouragement of the congregation at Mishkan Israel, and the community at-large, to challenge themselves by approaching political and current issues in different ways. In fact one of the members of Mishkan Israel was recently quoted as saying, "he has brought the congregation to a place of social participation and awareness that does not happen all the time." It has been through his strongly held view that everybody has something to offer and that everyone should be heard that he has become a community leader in interfaith relationships. Indeed, at his Silver Salute, he will be honored by an imam, a bishop, and several ministers—a testament to his advocacy and the respect he has earned throughout our religious communities.

Rabbi Brockman has inspired hundreds to not only talk about those issues that impact our community, but to act on them as well. Among those is Abraham's Tent, a program that Rabbi Brockman helped found which was created to address the problem of the many homeless men who are turned away from shelters because of high demand and limited capacity. Each week a house of worship is opened to these men so that they may have a warm place to sleep at night and volunteers from the congregation also provide them with a hot meal. This effort has not only provided shelter to many who might have otherwise been subjected to the bitter conditions of a New England winter, but has also kept the issues of homelessness at the forefront of our community's public discourse.

Through his spiritual leadership and advocacy for social justice, Rabbi Herbert Brockman has left an indelible mark on our community. His infinite compassion and commitment to service inspires others to make a difference—a gift that has and continues to make the Greater New Haven community a better place to live, learn, and grow. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to him for all of his good work and to join the congregation of Mishkan Israel in congratulating him on his 25th Anniversary with them. I wish him, his wife, Elin, and their children Harry and Jonathan all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING SISTER MARY ANN SMITH

## HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Sister Mary Ann Smith, President/Principal of Ladywood High School, as she receives the Helen Kern Morris Award from the Father Kern Foundation and Most Holy Trinity Church, located in Southwest Detroit. Each year the Helen Kern Morris Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a deep commitment in the Catholic faith and dedication in serving her community and the needs of the less fortunate.

Born in Bronson, Michigan, Sister Mary Ann is the third of four children born to Leo and Martha Smith. She completed her elementary education in Bronson at St. Mary's Assumption and responded to God's calling to enter the Aspirancy of the Felician Sisters. After attending both the Felician Academy in Detroit and Livonia's Ladywood High School, Sister

Mary Ann entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, Felician Sisters. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music/Education from Madonna University in 1972 and went on to Wayne State University where she earned a Masters in Music/Education in 1980. Impressively in 1987, Sister Mary Ann received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at the University of Dayton. From the State of Michigan she obtained Administrative Certification K–12 Building Level Leadership Improvement, a Secondary Certificate in Music-K–12 and in Music 9–12.

Sister Mary Ann Smith has served on numerous Boards and Committees in the academic community, is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and is a choir member and cantor at St. Monica Parish. She taught school in Detroit, Hamtramck, Wyandotte, Bay City and Livonia and served as Principal at St. Florian High School in Hamtramck before becoming Principal/President of Ladywood High School in my hometown of Livonia.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Mary Ann Smith has bettered the lives of countless students. Celebrating more than 40 years in Catholic Education, Sister Mary Ann Smith has been a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice for 44 years. As she receives this much deserved award for her tireless efforts on the behalf of the youth of our metropolitan area, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her legendary leadership, and in thanking her for her unfaltering service to our community and our country.

## INTRODUCING THE INDUSTRIAL HEMP FARMING ACT

### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Industrial Hemp Farming Act. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act requires the Federal Government to respect State laws allowing the growing of industrial hemp.

Nine States—Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Vermont, and West Virginia—allow industrial hemp production or research in accord with State laws. However, Federal law is standing in the way of farmers in these States growing what may be a very profitable crop. Because of current Federal law, all hemp included in products sold in the United States must be imported instead of being grown by American farmers.

Since 1970, the federal Controlled Substances Act's inclusion of industrial hemp in the schedule one definition of marijuana has prohibited American farmers from growing industrial hemp despite the fact that industrial hemp has such a low content of THC (the psychoactive chemical in the related marijuana plant) that nobody can be psychologically affected by consuming hemp. Federal law concedes the safety of industrial hemp by allowing it to be legally imported for use as food.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that prohibits industrial hemp cultivation. The Congressional Research Service has noted that hemp is grown as an established agricultural commodity in approximately 30 nations in Europe, Asia, North America, and South America. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act will relieve this unique restriction on American farmers and allow them to grow industrial hemp in accord with State law.

Industrial hemp is a crop that was grown legally throughout the United States for most of our Nation's history. In fact, during World War II, the Federal Government actively encouraged American farmers to grow industrial hemp to help the war effort. The Department of Agriculture even produced a film ''Hemp for Victory'' encouraging the plant's cultivation.

In recent years, the hemp plant has been put to many popular uses in foods and in industry. Grocery stores sell hemp seeds and oil as well as food products containing oil and seeds from the hemp plant. Industrial hemp is also included in consumer products such as paper, cloths, cosmetics, carpet, and door frames of cars. Hemp has even been used in alternative automobile fuel.

It is unfortunate that the Federal Government has stood in the way of American farmers competing in the global industrial hemp market. Indeed, the founders of our Nation, some of whom grew hemp, would surely find that federal restrictions on farmers growing a safe and profitable crop on their own land are inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of a limited, restrained Federal Government. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to stand up for American farmers and cosponsor the Industrial Hemp Farming Act.

## HONORING BRAIN CENTER HEALTH AND REHABILITATION OF HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation of Hendersonville, North Carolina, during this year's National Nursing Home Week.

Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation provides extended care and skilled nursing services to seniors with short-term and long-term disabilities. The center houses a dedicated staff that provides 24-hour continuous care throughout the year to 120 patients. Through associate partners, they are able to offer reliable and high-quality medical assistance to residents in multiple states.

In celebration of this year's National Nursing Home Week, the theme of which is ''fulfilling the promise,'' Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation Center will host events to recognize residents and staff that focus on maintaining the high level of care that helped it be named one of the only 5 Star centers in the region.

I would like to applaud and thank the skilled and trained staff members of Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation. Their focus on individualized care respects the rights and dignity of their residents and their philosophy of caring and curing provides quality results.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of their excellence in care, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the staff and residents of Brain Center Health and Rehabilitation.

## JOHN PANGELINAN GERBER POST OFFICE BUILDING

### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to rename the U.S. Post Office Building in Barrigada, Guam, the John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building. John Gerber, a former Marine and lifetime resident of the village of Ordot, Guam, passed away on May 4, 2010, at the age of 58.

John Vincent Pangelinan Gerber was born in Guam on May 31, 1951. The eldest son of Martin and Dolores Gerber, John attended Barrigada Junior High School, Father Duenas Memorial School and George Washington High School. On June 4, 1969, immediately after graduating from high school, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completion of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, John was deployed to Vietnam where he served with the Fleet Logistics Command in support of the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. After completing his tour in Vietnam, John was assigned to Marine Barracks Guam where he would remain until he was honorably discharged as a Corporal from the Marine Corps on June 3, 1975.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, John returned to Guam and became a radio disc jockey with his signature ''Wireless Rock'' program. He had the most popular radio show on Guam at the time, and he was a local celebrity. As his program's popularity soared, John showed his business acumen by opening a record store called the Wireless Rock Music Box. John was an entrepreneur and he combined his love of our island and our ocean with a business venture, establishing a charter boat tour company that offered visitors a tour of Guam's best diving and fishing spots and Chamorro fiesta food on board. He promoted the Chamorro culture in his tours and was one of the pioneers of what is now recognized as culture-based eco-tourism.

In 1992, John joined the Guam Chapter of the 3rd Marine Division Association. As a member of this organization, John devoted his time and energy to helping fellow Marines and veterans. He was active in promoting and preserving the history of the 3rd Marine Division and its role in the War in the Pacific and the Liberation of Guam during World War II. He was a history buff and he immersed himself in collecting memorabilia and military equipment from the World War II era.

John also promoted the idea of welcoming active duty Marines and other servicemembers who visited Guam on temporary duty or deployments. He teamed up with the Guam Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Committee and veterans organizations to host fiestas for visiting Marines, World War II veterans, and military units deployed to Guam. He hosted numerous fiestas each year and it is estimated that his hospitality was appreciated by nearly 20,000 servicemembers who visited his home in Ordot called ''Gerber's Ranch.'' Gerber's Ranch was a mini-complex of outdoor pavilions, cooking facilities, and a mini-museum of his collection of World War II memorabilia. John collected and restored many World War II armored vehicles, weapons and uniforms and artifacts. His collection

was known worldwide among Marines and his mini-museum was visited by many of the Marine Corps' senior leadership, including the Commandant.

John worked tirelessly to educate the public about Guam's significance during World War II and the Marine Corps' role in liberating the island. On July 21, 2008, the 64th anniversary of Liberation of Guam, John opened the Pacific War Museum, transferring his collection to a site more accommodating to the public. This facility, located below a bluff named after U.S. Navy Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, served as an appropriate display venue for John's collection of World War II-era memorabilia and military equipment.

In 2004, John was instrumental in an effort to rename Route 1 on Guam from Marine Drive to Marine Corps Drive to clarify that this highway honors the 1,548 Marines who lost their lives and the 6,000 Marines that were wounded during the Liberation of Guam, and that it is not named Marine Drive because it parallels Guam's western shoreline as many tourists believe. When the bill stalled in the Guam Legislature, John called attention to this issue by walking the entire 27 miles from Andersen Air Force Base to Naval Base Guam pulling a handcart with a billboard that demanded action. His walk, which occurred during the morning rush hour, captured the public's admiration and support for this audacious stunt. John went to this extreme to ensure that our community will always remember the heroism of the Marines who liberated Guam, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The following day, Route 1 was officially renamed Marine Corps Drive by an Executive Order of the Governor, overcoming the objections of the Legislature.

John was elated when the Department of Defense announced in 2005 that Marines from the 3rd Expeditionary Force would be transferred from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. He viewed the relocation of the 3rd Expeditionary Force as a homecoming for the Marine Corps and was always the first to defend the Marine Corps when members of the community made negative comments about "his" Marines.

After his passing, community leaders, family, friends, and John's fellow servicemembers spoke fondly of John's service and his dedication to honoring his fellow Marines and veterans. On April 16, 2011, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation posthumously awarded John Gerber the prestigious Colonel John H. Magruder Award in Quantico, Virginia. This national award recognizes an individual or organization for their excellence in depicting and perpetuating Marine Corps history.

Mr. Speaker, John Gerber was a proud son of Guam who dedicated his life to honoring his beloved Marines, veterans, and the people of Guam. Renaming the Guam Main Post Office Facility will serve as a permanent honor to the legacy and memory of John Pangelinan Gerber, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## INTRODUCTION FOR A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a resolution to honor the memory of 3,408 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders we have lost to AIDS, and to recognize the 9,000 whom are still living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. It supports the goals and ideals of National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, its observance, and, draws attention to the stigma and disparities that hinder proper treatment and prevention within these communities.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders comprise more than 40 different ethnic subgroups, speaking more than 100 languages and dialects. This resolution recognizes the importance of providing access to culturally- and linguistically-competent services, especially HIV testing. According to an analysis of recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were the only racial/ethnic groups with a statistically significant increase in new HIV diagnoses. The CDC estimates that 37% of the HIV diagnoses among these communities progress to AIDS in less than 12 months. Additionally, the CDC estimates that 1 in 3 Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders living with HIV/AIDS are unaware they are infected.

Yet, with increasing rates of infection, they continue to have the lowest rates of access to HIV testing services. Although there are a number of factors that contribute to increasing rates of infections, stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS has proved to be a leading factor in low testing rates and increased risk-taking behaviors.

The observance of National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was established by the Banyan Tree Project, and began as a national campaign to raise awareness of the impact of the HIV/AIDS-related stigma and how it contributes to lower testing rates and greater risk-taking behaviors.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing this need and advancing the larger cause of reducing HIV/AIDS-related stigmas and disparities in access to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment. I would like to thank my colleagues, Representative HONDA, Representative FALEOMAVAEGO, Representative WU, Representative PIERLUISI, Representative MALONEY, Representative CONNOLLY, Representative CHRISTENSEN, Representative LEE, Representative GRIJALVA, Representative AL GREEN, Representative ROBERT SCOTT, Representative SABLAN, and Representative MCDERMOTT for their support as original cosponsors to this resolution.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### MAY 17

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine strategic implications of Pakistan and the region.
SD–419

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine oversight and reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
SD–538

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 516, to extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements, S. 843, to establish outer Continental Shelf lease and permit processing coordination offices, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.
SD–366

Finance
To hold hearings to examine financing 21st century infrastructure.
SD–215

Judiciary
Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine improving security and facilitating commerce at America's northern border and ports of entry.
SD–226

10:15 a.m.
Appropriations
Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.
SD–138

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing the United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM).
SVC–217

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine addressing the U.S. Postal Service's financial crisis.
SD–342

2:15 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 618, to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, S. Con. Res. 15, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming United States leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria as a critical component of the President's Global Health Initiative, and the nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, and Mara E. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.
S–116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine strengthening medical and public health preparedness and response.
SD–430

3:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.
SD–562

### MAY 18

9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the state of the securitization markets.
SD–538

10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 772, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, and S. 792, to authorize the waiver of certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households since 2005.
SD–342

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine improving efficiency and ensuring justice in the immigration court system.
SD–226

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR–232A

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on improving Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration.
SR–418

2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy.
SD–192

Foreign Relations
European Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Administration priorities for Europe in the 112th Congress.
SD–419

Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 220, to provide for the reforestation of forest landscapes, protection of old growth forests, and management of national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 270, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 271, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, S. 278, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, S. 292, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 322, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 382, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other permits, S. 427, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada, from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials, S. 526, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range, S. 566, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 590, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and

American Samoa have in their submerged lands, S. 607, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, S. 617, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Elko County, Nevada, and to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, S. 683, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Mantua, Utah, S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, S. 667, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 729, to validate final patent number 27–2005-0081, S. 766, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, S. 896, to amend the Public Land Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service, and S. 897, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs.

SD–366

Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session.

SR–232A

MAY 19

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine evaluating goals and progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

SD–419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if intelligence reform is working, part II.

SD–342

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
African Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the next steps in Cote d'Ivoire.

SD–419

Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 201, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, S. 333, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch, S. 334, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 419, to authorize the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System, S. 499, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, S. 519, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and S. 808, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

SD–366

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH–219

MAY 24

9 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine al Qaeda, the Taliban, and other extremist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

SD–419

2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD–226

MAY 25

10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine how to save taxpayer dollars, focusing on case studies of duplication in the Federal Government.

SD–342

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on meeting the needs of service members and veterans.

SR–418

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD–192

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 233, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, S. 375, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and S. 730, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

SD–366

MAY 26

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing on the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) and United States African Command (AFRICOM).

SVC–217

JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SD–192

JUNE 16

10:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of PL 99–658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99–658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review.

SD–366