EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chair, I would like to submit the following exchange of letters:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, May 4, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to you regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I am aware that there are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously with consideration of this important legislation, I am waiving the Committee on Homeland Security's jurisdiction pertaining to a sequential referral. However, I do so with the understanding that the committee's jurisdictional claims over subject matters contained in this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 1540 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

PETER T. KING,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. PETER KING,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Ford Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Homeland Security is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This legislation contains subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee. However, in order to expedite Floor consideration of this important legislation, the Committee will not markup this bill.

The Committee takes this action with the mutual understanding that the Committee's jurisdiction over this, and similar legislation, is in no way diminished or altered. That understanding includes the agreement reached with the Armed Services Committee on the provisions provided under separate cover.

However, of particular concern to the Committee is Section 1034: Affirmation of Armed Conflict with al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and associated Forces.

The Committee agrees to the language in this provision. The Armed Services Committee has recognized, and reaffirmed in this exchange of letters, that the War Powers Resolution and associated Authorizations for the Use of Military Force, such as those contained in Public Law 107–40 (post-9/11) and Public Law 107–243 (Iraq), are within the primary jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Clause 1(i)(9) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives states that the Foreign Affairs Committee is assigned jurisdiction over ''Intervention abroad and declarations of war.'' Authorizations for the use of military force (such as H.J. Res. 64 and H.J. Res. 114 in the 107th Congress) have been referred by the Parliamentarian solely to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Foreign Affairs Committee therefore requests that it be included in any briefing by any Executive Branch agency, including the Department of Defense, relating to the Authorization for the Use of Military Force, including operations or activities conducted pursuant to the Authorization of Use of Military Force.

The Committee reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation, and requests your support if such a request is made. I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration H.R. 1540 on the House Floor.

Sincerely,

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Foreign Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Foreign Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing concerning H.R. 1540, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.'' There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means under Rule X of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over part A of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.), and a provision in H.R. 1540 concerning the transition of future Medicare eligible Uniformed Services Family Health Plan enrollees to TRICARE for life would fall within that jurisdiction. Additionally, a provision requiring the assessment of the national security risk of the United States' debt owned by the People's Republic of China would fall under the Committee's jurisdiction over the issuance and sale of bonded U.S. debt. Lastly, the Committee has jurisdiction over matters related to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and a provision amending grants made in lieu of tax credits under Section 1603 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 would also fall under the Committee's jurisdiction.

In order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, I am willing to waive this Committee's right to a sequential referral. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means' jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of conferees to any House-Senate conference and requests your support if such a request is made.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1540, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives, Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Ways and

Means has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 1540 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. BUCK MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In recognition of the importance of expediting the passage of H.R. 1540, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012,'' the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hereby waives further consideration of the bill. The Committee has jurisdictional interests in H.R. 1540, including intelligence and intelligence-related authorizations and provisions contained in the bill.

The Committee takes this action only with the understanding that this procedural route should not be construed to prejudice the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence's jurisdictional interest over this bill or any similar bill and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to the Committee in the future. In addition, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will seek conferees on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation.

Finally, I would ask that you include a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter in the Congressional Record during the House debate on H.R. 1540. I appreciate the constructive work between our committees on this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to confirm my understanding regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This legislation contains subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this legislation, the Committee waives consideration of those provisions in the jurisdiction of our Committee where we reviewed your language and reached an agreement on the wording. The provisions where we waived our right to a referral include:

The travel, transportation, pay, and bonus provisions for uniformed service members (Title VI);

Assessment of High-Performance Computing (Sec. 31); and,

An amendment allowing utilities to pass through tax benefits to ratepayers in a lump sum.

For these negotiated provisions, the Committee on Energy and Commerce takes this action only with the understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. For any other provision that falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and where our mutual Committees have not come to a resolution, I reserve the right to seek a referral of H.R. 1540 to consider those provisions.

The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made. Finally, I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 1540 on the House floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. FRED UPTON,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Financial Services in an amendment to be offered by Rep. Walter Jones at your scheduled mark-up of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Rep. Jones' amendment would allow the military exchanges to have access to credit available through the Federal Financing Bank. As such, the amendment clearly falls within the Committee on Financial Services' jurisdiction over banks, banking, money and credit pursuant to rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1540 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while the Committee on Financial Services has jurisdiction over the subject matter of Rep. Jones' amendment under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I do not intend to request a sequential referral of the legislation if it includes the amendment. By agreeing to waive its right to a sequential referral of the bill, the Committee on Financial Services does not waive its jurisdiction over H.R. 1540 if Rep. Jones' amendment or other similar amendment is adopted. In addition, I make this commitment with the understanding that this will not prejudice the Committee on Financial Services with respect to its prerogatives on this or similar legislation. Further, the Committee on Financial Services reserves its authority to

seek conferees on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation. I ask your commitment to support any request by the Committee on Financial Services for conferees on H.R. 1540 or related legislation.

Lastly, I request that you include this letter and your response in your committee's report on and in the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

SPENCER BACHUS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. SPENCER BACHUS,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Financial Services has valid jurisdictional claims to a certain provision in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Financial Services is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing concerning the Committee on Natural Resources' jurisdiction interest in H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

To allow the Armed Services Committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, the Committee on Natural Resources will waive its right to a sequential referral of H.R. 1540. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on Natural Resources does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill that fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I also request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee named to consider H.R. 1540.

I would appreciate you including this letter in the Armed Service Committee's report on H.R. 1540. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you and your able staff have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives, Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Natural Resources has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Natural Resources is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in matters being considered in H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1540 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Education and the Workforce Committee also asks that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN KLINE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. JOHN KLINE,
Chairman, Committee on Education and the Workforce, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Education and the Workforce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Education and the Workforce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This legislation contains subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the committee waives consideration of the bill.

The Committee on the Budget takes this action only with the understanding that the committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered.

The committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made. Finally, I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 1540 on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN,
Chairman,
Committee on the Budget.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on the Budget has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Budget is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write concerning H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, as amended. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration, I am willing to waive the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 1540 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. MICA,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. JOHN MICA,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year of 2011.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1540 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This is, of course, conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of Science, Space, and Technology Committee conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest be placed in the legislative report on H.R. 1540 and the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill.

I look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

RALPH M. HALL,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. RALPH HALL,
Chairman, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within Rule X (p) of the Committee on Small Business.

In the interest of permitting the Committee on Armed Services to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive the right of the Committee on Small Business to sequential referral as a result of the agreement to address my concerns with respect to section 804 of the bill. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on Small Business does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall with its Rule X (p) jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 1540 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this issue and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. SAM GRAVES,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Small Business has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Small Business is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This legislation contains subject matter within the jurisdiction of House Veterans' Affairs Committee. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the committee waives consideration of the bill.

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee takes this action only with the understanding that the committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered.

The committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made. Finally, I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 1540 on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

JEFF MILLER,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. JEFF MILLER,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives, Cannon Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2011.

Hon. HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of Committee on the Judiciary in matters being considered in H.R. 1540, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.'' As a result of your having consulted with us on provisions in H.R. 1540 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, I do not intend to request a sequential referral in order that this bill may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 1540 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

I appreciate your including this letter and a copy of your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest on this matter in your committee report and in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 1540.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2011.

Hon. LAMAR SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. I agree that the Committee on the Judiciary has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Judiciary is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. ''BUCK'' MCKEON,
Chairman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, due to an incorrectly recorded vote on the Cole Amendment #27 to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, the record reflects a misrepresentation of my position. I would like the RECORD to show that I firmly oppose this amendment which would exempt federal contractors from campaign disclosure requirements.

I was disappointed by the Supreme Court's January, 2010, ruling on Citizens United v. the Federal Election Commission, which overturned provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 making it easier for big business and special interests to secretly finance political campaigns. As such, last year I cosponsored and voted in favor of H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act, which would promote transparency and disclosure in federal elections and counteract some of the most detrimental impacts of the Citizens United decision.

I believe that Congress must address the unsustainable demands of campaign fundraising and enact tougher laws governing the actions of both legislators and special interests. In keeping with my views on campaign finance reform, please let the RECORD show my opposition to this amendment.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES SUMMERS

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel James Summers on his retirement from the Arkansas Air National Guard. Col. Summers served as the Commander of the 189th Airlift Wing in the Arkansas Air National Guard at Little Rock Air Force Base in Little Rock, Arkansas from November of 2007 until his retirement on March 15, 2011.

Col. Summers joined the Armed Forces as a Marine Officer in 1979. During his time in the Marine Corps, he served as a flight line division officer for the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268, a United States Marine Corps helicopter squadron consisting of CH–46E Sea Knight transport helicopters. After his release from the Marine Corps in 1985, Col. Summers was commissioned into the United States Coast Guard where he flew a variety of aircraft, including the C–130, on training and operational missions.

Col. Summers joined the Arkansas Air National Guard in 1991 as an instructor pilot for C–130Es in the 154th Training Squadron. Throughout his 20-year service in the Arkansas Air National Guard, Col. Summers has been a tremendous leader. His successor Col. Steve Eggensperger, who served under Col. Summers as the 189th's Operation Group Commander, stated that ''Col. Summers was truly the Top Gun Pilot of the 189th Airlift Wing. Not only did he have vast flying experience and great stick and rudder skills, but he was a decisive leader who was respected by everyone in Team Little Rock, active duty and guard alike.''

During the recent tragic and destructive storms in Arkansas, Col. Summers and other members of the Arkansas Air National Guard responded to the call of their communities to help with search and rescue, security, transportation, and road clearing. I thank Col. Summers for his hard work and leadership during this time when the Arkansas Air National Guard was seamlessly assisting with the needs of our State while also deploying Airmen overseas to support the war effort.

On behalf of all Arkansans, I thank Col. Summers for his service to our nation and to our great State. Col. Summers's leadership and experience were vital to the 189th Airlift Wing, and I know that he will be missed. I wish him and his family—his wife, Tina, and their three children Matt, Meredith, and Andrew—well in his retirement.

NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION'S SANTA BARBARA DECLARATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Santa Barbara Declaration, drafted February 17, 2011.

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, a nonprofit and non-partisan organization based in Santa Barbara that has worked for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons since 1982, hosted a conference in February 2011 on the dangers of nuclear deterrence. The statement, drafted by experts from around the world, outlines many reasons to work toward the eradication of nuclear weapons.

I urge my colleagues to read the Santa Barbara Declaration and strive to build a more peaceful world.

REJECT NUCLEAR DETERRENCE: AN URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Nuclear deterrence is a doctrine that is used as a justification by nuclear weapon states and their allies for the continued possession and threatened use of nuclear weapons.

Nuclear deterrence is the threat of a nuclear strike in response to a hostile action. However, the nature of the hostile action is often not clearly defined, making possible the use of nuclear weapons in a wide range of circumstances.

Nuclear deterrence threatens the murder of many millions of innocent people, along with severe economic, climate, environmental, agricultural and health consequences beyond the area of attack.

Nuclear deterrence requires massive commitments of resources to the industrial infrastructures and organizations that make up the world's nuclear weapons establishments, its only beneficiaries.

Despite its catastrophic potential, nuclear deterrence is widely, though wrongly, perceived to provide protection to nuclear weapon states, their allies and their citizens.

Nuclear deterrence has numerous major problems:

1. Its power to protect is a dangerous fabrication. The threat or use of nuclear weapons provides no protection against an attack.
2. It assumes rational leaders, but there can be irrational or paranoid leaders on any side of a conflict.
3. Threatening or committing mass murder with nuclear weapons is illegal and criminal. It violates fundamental legal precepts of domestic and international law, threatening the indiscriminate slaughter of innocent people.
4. It is deeply immoral for the same reasons it is illegal: it threatens indiscriminate and grossly disproportionate death and destruction.
5. It diverts human and economic resources desperately needed to meet basic human needs around the world. Globally, approximately $100 billion is spent annually on nuclear forces.
6. It has no effect against non-state extremists, who govern no territory or population.
7. It is vulnerable to cyber attack, sabotage, and human or technical error, which could result in a nuclear strike.
8. It sets an example for additional countries to pursue nuclear weapons for their own nuclear deterrent force.

Its benefits are illusory. Any use of nuclear weapons would be catastrophic.

Nuclear deterrence is discriminatory, antidemocratic and unsustainable. This doctrine must be discredited and replaced with an urgent commitment to achieve global nuclear disarmament. We must change the discourse by speaking truth to power and speaking truth to each other.

Before another nuclear weapon is used, nuclear deterrence must be replaced by humane, legal and moral security strategies. We call upon people everywhere to join us in demanding that the nuclear weapon states and their allies reject nuclear deterrence and negotiate without delay a Nuclear Weapons Convention for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons.

Blase Bonpane, Ph.D.*, Director, Office of the Americas; Theresa Bonpane*, Founding Director, Office of the Americas; John Burroughs, Ph.D.*, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; Jacqueline Cabasso*, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; Ben Cohen, Co-

Founder, Ben & Jerry's; Kate Dewes, Ph.D.*, Co-Director, Disarmament and Security Centre, New Zealand; Bob Dodge, M.D.*, Coordinator, Beyond War Nuclear Weapons Abolition Team; Dick Duda, Ph.D.*, founding member, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation—Silicon Valley; Denise Duffield*, Associate Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility—Los Angeles; Richard Falk, J.S.D.*, Chair, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation; Commander Robert Green (Royal Navy, ret.)*, Co-Director, Disarmament and Security Centre, New Zealand; David Krieger, Ph.D.*, President, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation; Robert Laney, J.D.*, Secretary, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation; Kayo Maeta, Chair, Women's Peace Committee, Soka Gakkai; Kenji Shiratsuchi, Chair, Youth Peace Conference, Soka Gakkai; Diane Meyer Simon, Founder and President Emeritus, Global Green USA; Dr. Jennifer Allen Simons, C.M., Founder and President of The Simons Foundation; Steven Starr*, Senior Scientist, Physicians for Social Responsibility; Hirotsugu Terasaki, Executive Director, Peace Affairs, Soka Gakkai International; Rick Wayman*, Director of Programs, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation; Bill Wickersham, Ph.D.*, Adjunct Professor of Peace Studies, University of Missouri.

*Initial signer from The Dangers of Nuclear Deterrence Conference, hosted by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Santa Barbara, February 16–17, 2011.

WILLIAM COORS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Colorado's most successful businessman, William Coors. A native of Colorado, Mr. Coors took the small brewery that his grandfather founded and turned it into a nationwide product and one of the largest beer producers in the world.

Mr. Coors earned his bachelors and masters degrees in chemical engineering at Princeton University. Following his graduation, he returned to Colorado and joined Coors' management team, rising quickly through the ranks. He eventually became Chairman and CEO of the company and led it through its greatest period of growth.

What is now the Molson-Coors Brewing Company, has been one of the great success stories among Colorado businesses. The company, nestled in the city of Golden, employs thousands of workers and has led the industry in innovation. Bill Coors is proud to mention that he oversaw the invention of the recyclable aluminum can, which is now a staple among all beer producers. He is also intensely proud that a relatively small, specialty brewery could grow to its current size and lead the industry for so long.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to a man who revolutionized business in Colorado, and the country at large. Bill Coors was an exemplary leader, and I admire his business acumen. I have no doubt that Colorado will feel the imprint left by Mr. Coors for many years and that his company will continue to thrive under his blueprint.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. CAROLYN PRICE'S HONOR OF RECEIVING THE 2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FROM THE LAMBDA RHO ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carolyn Price, my friend of many years, who is being honored by the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta with the 2011 Community Service Award for her decades of volunteer work with the residents of Pontiac, Michigan.

Carolyn's professional career has been marked by scores of years of service—service to Pontiac and to residents across southeast Michigan. As an employee of the United States Postal Service for 39 years, Carolyn spent much of her day-to-day work directly assisting residents. Following her work with the Postal Service, Carolyn worked with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) as a regional investigator, working to ensure fair treatment for federal employees across the thirteen States in the region. Through her hard work and dedication, Carolyn eventually rose to become the manager of the EEOC's Detroit district. After her work with the EEOC, Carolyn continued to work with residents in Michigan, working as a community organizer in 2010 for the U.S. Census Bureau in Pontiac, creating a dialogue with area residents to ensure maximum participation in the Census.

Carolyn's service in her professional work is mirrored in her volunteer commitment to the residents of Pontiac. Carolyn, herself an 8 year survivor of breast cancer, serves as Coordinator of survivor participation for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Pontiac and Auburn Hills. Carolyn also volunteers a significant amount of time volunteering on behalf of the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's Riley Foundation Sister and Sister Free Mammogram program, which educates minority communities on the importance of early detection in maintaining good health. In addition, Carolyn also served as a tutor for the Oakland County Literacy Program and as board member for Jay Shop, an organization dedicated to assisting persons with disabilities with rehabilitation. One area where Carolyn has left a profound mark is in her work with area seniors, as President of the Pontiac Golden Opportunities Club, which provides programming and events tailored to seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mrs. Carolyn Price's unique and substantive contributions to the residents of Southeast Michigan. Her passion for advocacy on breast cancer awareness and her spirit of giving to the residents of Pontiac have undoubtedly touched the lives of so many area residents. I wish Carolyn many years of continued service to the Pontiac community.

HONORING OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. KENDALL L. BAKER

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding contributions of Dr. Kendall L. Baker. Dr. Baker is retiring after more than 11 years as president of Ohio Northern University.

Dr. Baker was chosen to serve as Ohio Northern's tenth president in 1999. From the earliest days of his tenure, he earned the respect of students, faculty, and staff for his dedication to their success. In the last 11 years, he has overseen the addition of several academic degree programs, implemented plans that have resulted in steady enrollment increases, and helped undertake a $100 million construction and renovation campaign. ONU has benefited greatly from his passion and his managerial skills.

Prior to his time at ONU, Kendall Baker was president of the University of North Dakota for 7 years. Previously, he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Ohio's Bowling Green State University and subsequently as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Northern Illinois University. A graduate of the University of Maryland and Georgetown University, he began his teaching career as a political science professor and department head at the University of Wyoming.

Dr. Baker's commitment to academics and collegiate athletics is a shining example to everyone in the field of higher education. He is past chairman of the board of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Ohio, current president of the Ohio Athletic Conference, and co-chairman of the Ohio Foundation for Independent Colleges' Marketing Committee.

Ken has long been recognized as an expert in the field of comparative politics. He is the author of several books and papers on German politics during the Cold War. Additionally, he has moderated televised political debates for a local network station.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my congratulations to Dr. Kendall Baker on a long and distinguished academic career. I wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING DR. ADELE T. MACULA ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Adele T. Macula, a lifelong resident of Jersey City, New Jersey, for three decades of devoted service as an educator. Dr. Macula is retiring as Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Jersey City Public School District after having touched the lives of countless students and colleagues throughout her tenure.

Adele Macula was born and raised in Jersey City, where she would go on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Jersey City State College (now known as New Jersey City University) and a Master of Arts in Education in Computer Science/Data Processing from Saint Peter's College. She also earned her doctorate in Educational Administration from Seton Hall University. Dr. Macula began her career as an elementary school teacher in the Jersey City Public School District in 1978, was promoted to District Supervisor for Programs that Maximize Potential in 1993, then to Special Assistant for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in 1999, and finally to Associate Superintendent in 2000. She has also taught as an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in the Masters in Teaching Program, and at Seton Hall University in the Executive Doctorate in Education Program. Dr. Macula has served on many district and state-wide education committees and has presented at local, state, national, and international conferences.

Dr. Macula has developed and implemented award-winning programs which have received recognition from the State of New Jersey as a Best Practice and national recognition by the American Association of School Administrators. She has also created collaborative professional learning programs for teachers and administrators, serving as a co-designer of the ECLIPSE! (Educational and Collaborative Leadership Institute for Principals and Supervisors Extraordinaire!) Program for new and aspiring administrators. Dr. Macula has written State and Federal grants which resulted in the Jersey City Public School District being awarded over $10 million.

For her career-long dedication to education in Jersey City, Dr. Macula has received numerous prestigious awards. She was the recipient of the Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County's Brian C. Doherty Community Service Award for 2011. The New Jersey Association for Supervision and Curriculum (NJASCD) awarded her the Dr. Ernest L. Boyer 2009 Outstanding Educator Award. In 2007, she was presented with both the ''Service Above Self'' Community Service Award by the Rotary Club of Jersey City Daybreak, and the Women's History Month ''Award for Contributions to Multicultural Education'' by the Jersey City Public Schools. In 2004, New Jersey City University granted Dr. Macula its Distinguished Education Alumni Award, making her the first-ever recipient of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Adele Macula on an impressive career, to honor her many achievements in the field of education, and to thank her for her many years of hard work on behalf of the students and teachers of Jersey City.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PETER G. LEFEVRE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Peter G. LeFevre. Mr. LeFevre has served in the Office of the Law Revision Counsel for 30 years, and has spent the past 7 years as the head of that Office. He will retire on June 1, 2011.

The job of the Law Revision Counsel primarily involves two tasks. The first is maintaining the United States Code. Mr. LeFevre determines what part of the legislation that Congress enacts every year is law of a general and permanent nature that should be written into the Code, finds the best place in the Code to put each enactment, and accurately restates the legislation as part of the Code. The second task is to revise the existing titles of the Code. Mr. LeFevre takes out obsolete provisions, corrects errors, clears up ambiguities, improves the structure, and prepares codification bills for the Judiciary Committee to enact the old titles as new positive law titles of the Code.

Mr. LeFevre's leadership has earned him regard by his colleagues as the master of the Code. His great attention to detail, ability to retain detailed information, and long experience have given Mr. LeFevre an encyclopedic knowledge of the Code. While being respectful of the practices of the Office, he has simultaneously encouraged his staff to rethink the way things are done in order to streamline the work without sacrificing accuracy. He has fostered a collegial atmosphere in the Office, where new ideas are welcomed and given thoughtful and fair consideration. Mr, LeFevre's dedication to the Office of the Law Revision Counsel and its staff has earned him the admiration of all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank Mr. LeFevre for his important contributions to the work of the House and wish him many happy and fulfilling years of retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF RANDY SCHOEN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Randy Schoen, chief of police for the City of Medford, Oregon. Upon his upcoming retirement from the Medford Police Department on June 20, 2011, I want to thank Chief Schoen for his service to the state of Oregon as he begins a new chapter of his life.

Chief Schoen began his law enforcement career in 1978 with the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety and later joined the Medford Police Department in 1984, where he earned the rank of chief in 2007. Throughout his career, Chief Schoen worked tirelessly to implement cost-effective police services, stand as a steward for public resources, and serve and protect the citizens of Oregon.

As chief of police he often referred to the police department as ''the only 24 hour broker of social services,'' and throughout his police career he operated under the motto that no call is too small.

Chief Schoen's career has been a history full of force improvements and innovative practices that improved the efficiency of the force. As a sergeant early in his career, he observed that sworn police officers were delivering court documents, enforcing minor city ordinances, and serving subpoenas. To better allow sworn police officers to focus on fighting crime, he began Medford's Community Service Officer, CSO. The CSO program primarily hires college students who aim to become police officers. This program provides an opportunity for the police department to review, monitor, and train a potential police officer's commitment to service, character, and work ethic.

In addition, then-Sergeant Schoen also developed Medford's first K9 and SWAT programs. Over the years, the K9 team has grown to five dogs and the SWAT team has developed into an interagency squad. Both programs have won numerous awards and have been recognized as among Oregon's premier policing practices.

In 1999, Schoen was promoted to deputy chief of operations, where he worked on a strategic plan to shape the future of the Medford Police Department. His plan improved service, saved money, and created an environment in which officers were encouraged to pursue excellence and continued professional improvement.

Among the successful programs in Chief Schoen's plan was the Medford Volunteer Program, which now has over 40 volunteers. In 2009, the labor provided by these volunteers was conservatively valued at $100,000.

Within the police department, Chief Schoen has improved the evaluation process and the availability of career resources. Officers can now refer to a career guide to help them set goals towards achieving their desired position within the department. In addition, the department now has a mentoring program available to any employee committed to self improvement. Chief Schoen strongly believes if you recognize and celebrate great performances, it encourages others to improve themselves. For this reason, he has also instituted a rewards program that includes a payday bulletin highlighting outstanding performances, an awards banquet, and the Master Police Officer program, which rewards an exemplary patrol officer to serve as an assistance supervisor to the sergeant.

In 2007, Randy Schoen was appointed chief of police and has continued his distinguished career with the Medford Police Department. While the City of Medford and the department will surely miss his leadership, Chief Schoen has helped build the Medford Police Department into a stronger organization that will continue to improve thanks, in no small measure, to the strong foundation he leaves behind.

Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2011, Chief Randy Schoen will retire from the Medford Police Department after 33 years of exemplary public service. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Chief Schoen all the best as he begins retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TREY GOWDY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 338, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted, ''yes.''

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 364, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. PATRICIA DOLLY AS ZETA PHI BETA'S LAMBDA RHO ZETA CHAPTER 2011 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Patricia Dolly who is being honored as the 2011 Woman of the Year by the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta for her many accomplishments in the community.

Dr. Dolly boasts an impressive resume of both professional and volunteer accomplishments over the breadth of her career. In her current role as President of Oakland Community College's (OCC) Auburn Hills campus, she has invested considerable resources into working with local school districts to bring the Achieving the Dream program to her campus. This program offers students in nearby school districts the opportunity to earn up to 35 college credit hours before graduating high school, giving them a competitive advantage as they seek higher education. During her tenure, Dr. Dolly has continued her successful track record of grant writing, which has resulted in 19 grants and over $11.7 million brought in to the institutions where she has worked. Included in this accomplishment is a $1.9 million grant she secured from the U.S. Department of Labor to fund new equipment, implement additional job training for 400 employees, curriculum development for OCC's nanotechnology program and faculty, which has improved the quality of the education of the over 8,000 students who walk through the doors of OCC's Auburn Hills campus each semester.

As a leader, Dr. Dolly has been involved in a number of community focused volunteer programs. In addition to her work at OCC, Dr. Dolly also serves as chairperson of the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce; working to provide local businesses the tools they need to thrive and become engaged participants within their community. Dr. Dolly also serves on the Board of Directors for Oakland Family Services providing crucial support to at-risk youth and families. As an ever ready advocate, Dr. Dolly has devoted significant energy and focus to advancing the principles of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, a topic on which she has written several papers and spoken at many events.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dr. Dolly's profound impact on the communities she has served. Her commitment to providing leadership and service are outstanding virtues which have impacted the lives of so many. I wish her many years of continued service to the community and many great family moments to come.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a strong strategic partner and ally of the United States, and congratulate them on celebrating their Republic Day on May 28. As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey, I have been particularly interested in the development of nations in the Middle East and Central Asia.

On May 28, 1920, Azerbaijan declared its independence from the rapidly disintegrating Russian Empire. In doing so, Azerbaijan not only adopted a democratic form of government, but it also granted women the right to vote and embraced many other integral cornerstones of democracy.

Sadly, their independence was cut tragically short when the Soviet Union invaded the nation in 1920 and ended Azerbaijan's dream of democracy in the 20th Century. That dream re-emerged in 1991 with the disintegration of the Soviet Union, and Azerbaijan declared its independence yet again and rejoined the world's community of democratic Nations. Having lived under Soviet rule, the people of Azerbaijan appreciate their role in a democratic civil society.

Azerbaijan's geographical location has made it a crossroads for interaction between a number of diverse nations and religious traditions. This position has given it a unique ability to serve as a cultural and political bridge between traditionally Western and Eastern viewpoints. It also has a proud history of influential writers and artists, and its people have made a tremendous impact on the rich cultural framework of the South Caucasus region.

I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan, and commend them on their continued efforts and commitment to build a strong and vibrant democracy in the critically important region of the South Caucasus.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on May 26th, I missed rollcall vote No. 376 because I was in Kansas for a funeral.

Rollcall No. 376 was a vote on the Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yes."

DON'T DELAY REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, last year, the House of Representatives approved historic legislation that repealed the Defense Department policy known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." For too long, this discriminatory policy forced many patriotic Americans who wanted to serve their nation to decide against military service, lie about their sexual orientation, or leave the military against their will. It was shameful that Don't Ask, Don't Tell was allowed to continue for so many years, and it gave me tremendous pride to support the policy's repeal last year.

I am very disappointed that H.R. 1540, the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, included section 533, which would add a further step on the path to final repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. It requires that each of the Armed Forces service chiefs approve repeal. While I believe that the input of the military is critical to a smooth transition to open military service, the current process that is already underway to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell includes significant input from the uniformed military personnel and Defense Department leadership. In fact, under current law, the policy only ends 60 days after the President, Secretary of Defense, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff approve a Defense Department report confirming that the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell will not harm military readiness. Section 533 is nothing more than an attempt to delay final repeal.

I supported final passage of H.R. 1540 because I strongly believe that the overwhelming majority of the provisions and policies in the legislation are good for our men and women in uniform and for the national security of the United States. However, I oppose the inclusion of section 533 or any other provision to delay the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell in a final conference report on the Fiscal Year 2012 Defense Authorization Act. At a time of global military engagement, we simply cannot afford to tell patriotic men and women that they are unfit to serve because of who they love.

NATIONAL CRITICAL CARE AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION MONTH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month and applaud the work of the nation's critical care medical professionals, including the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and pharmacists, among others, who provide care to the nearly five million Americans admitted into traditional, surgical, pediatric or neo-natal intensive care units each year. These patients require a specialized level of care that is technology-intensive, requires continuous monitoring, and involves a high use of tests, medications and procedures.

Critical care medicine consumes a significant proportion of our health care expenditures, representing 13 percent of all hospital costs, with the total costs of critical care services in the U.S. exceeding $80 billion annually.

Despite the significant role critical care medicine plays in providing high quality health care and its impact on health care costs, it is often not understood as a distinct specialty posing intense challenges in the health care system—from workforce shortages, poorly coordinated outcomes research and challenges in providing appropriate care at the end of a patient's life.

If we are to reduce costs and improve the quality of medical care, it is also important to consider and assess the unique demands of critical care medicine. That is why I have introduced the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2011, which would ensure our critically ill and injured patients continue to receive the highest quality care by identifying gaps in the current critical care delivery model and bolstering capabilities to meet future demands.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the dedicated professionals who care for the sickest patients and their families, and commemorate Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month by cosponsoring the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act.

TRIBUTE TO CEDRIC ALLEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cedric Allen, a leader in helping to support struggling families and an instrumental person in the battle against premature births, birth defects, and unhealthy pregnancies. Cedric lives in Allen, Texas, a suburb just north of Dallas, and serves as a security officer at the Trammel Crow Center in downtown Dallas.

During his high school years in Mansfield, Louisiana, Cedric had a brief interaction with the March of Dimes. Throughout the progression of his adulthood he saw many people that he knew personally have premature births. It was then that Cedric knew that he had to make a difference. He rose to become an advocate for the March of Dimes. Raising over $250,000 for the March of Dimes foundation, Cedric has become the top individual fundraiser for the March of Dimes Dallas Division for the past 14 years. Cedric has also been ranked as the no. 4 walker in the state of Texas and ranks 12th in the nation.

Cedric understands the importance of research for pregnancies and infant health. Prematurity is the leading cause of death before one year of age. 1 out of 7 babies are born prematurely in Texas each year compared to 1 out of 8 babies throughout the U.S.

Premature birth can have lifelong consequences including cerebral palsy, hearing, vision and breathing problems.

Cedric continues to work towards advancing research and community programs belonging to the March of Dimes. Hundreds have benefited from Cedric's tireless efforts at fundraising and his many other contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in joining his friends and colleagues to salute an extraordinary leader, Cedric Allen.

IN MEMORY OF LAURA KAVAZANJIAN

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of an outstanding young woman in my congressional district whose life was cut short in a tragic car accident on May 28th. Laura Kavazanjian of East Setauket, New York, was only 27 years old but already she was committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

Laura had recently completed a master's degree in international education policy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education that focused on access to education for marginalized girls. She valued her own education and was passionate about creating opportunities for young women in the developing world to have the same access to learning.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Brown University, Laura worked as a program officer for the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative in Mumbai, India designing and implementing a care and support program for more than 4,000 children living with HIV. She also conducted research in Malawi and worked for Save the Children and CARE for the Power to Lead Alliance, a program aimed at developing leadership among adolescent girls in six countries. Laura was on her way home from her five-year reunion at Brown with her fiancé, David Reidy, when the car accident occurred.

In addition to her academic prowess, Laura was also a leader on the athletic fields, and played field hockey at Ward Melville High School and at Brown. I had the pleasure of meeting her when she worked in my district office as an intern and later on my campaign for re-election to Congress in New York's first district.

Indeed, Laura was a young woman of great promise with the motivation and the ability to realize her laudable goals. She had accomplished much in her short life, and I am sure she would have realized many other achievements.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's first congressional district, I express my heartfelt sorrow to Laura's family, fiancé and friends following this tragic loss. We will always remember Laura Kavazanjian with love and appreciation, and her memory will live on in our hearts.

CONGRATULATING DECA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS FROM LIMA SENIOR HIGH PERFORMANCE BASED SCHOOL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding achievements of three high school students from my congressional district.

Earlier this month, Lima Senior High Performance Based School seniors Michael Fisher, Casey Reed, and John Willamowski won first place in the Financial Literacy category at the 2011 DECA International Career Development Conference. They joined more than 15,000 DECA students, advisors, and alumni at this four-day international competition—DECA's highest level of competition—in Orlando, Florida.

Their team project, Common Cents, was judged the best from among 160 entrants in that category. As part of their project, they partnered with Lima's Superior Federal Credit Union to teach financial literacy to area kindergarteners. They also coordinated financial education activities at their high school. Their project earned second place in statewide competition, qualifying the team for the international contest.

Michael, who serves as state DECA president, will attend the University of Mount Union in the fall to study sports medicine. Casey plans to continue his education at The Ohio State University, where he will major in business. John looks forward to studying political science and history at Ohio Northern University. I wish them every success in the future and commend them for their hard work—and salute the efforts of their advisor, Chrissy Frobose, who helped them prepare for the national competition.

Mr. Speaker, all of Ohio can take great pride in the performance of these three scholars, who are excellent role models for their peers. They are ideal examples of all that is right in our educational system today, and are to be commended for their outstanding achievement.

OPPOSING THE PATRIOT ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe the United States can secure our communities without sacrificing the rights and liberties that generations of Americans have fought so hard to protect. The PATRIOT Act fails this common sense test, which is why I have consistently opposed it and will vote against the extension of its provisions again today.

The reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act under consideration by the House today extends provisions that give the Federal Government sweeping authority to spy on United States citizens. One such provision allows the government to obtain "any tangible thing" in its anti-terrorism investigation—including library or bookstore records—regardless of its relevance to the case. Another provision allows Federal law enforcement to obtain wiretaps without being required to identify the person, building, or business being spied upon to a secret court. During the Bush Administration, the Justice Department used this authority to illegally wiretap American citizens. Evidence of past abuses demand that the Patriot Act be reformed with stricter oversight and better safeguards to ensure security does not come at the cost of our Constitutional freedoms. Regretfully, the legislation on the floor today does not fix these problem provisions.

The threat of terrorism is real and persistent. My first priority as a Member of Congress is to keep America safe. Be assured I will continue working with President Obama and my colleagues in Congress to ensure that all levels of law enforcement have the tools and flexibility they require.

IN RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to salute the dedication, hard work and tremendous service provided by Michigan's community action agencies throughout our state to its most needy citizens.

Community action agencies were created in 1964 through the Federal Economic Opportunity Act. In the past 47 years, community action agencies have promoted self-sufficiency and work to reduce the causes and effects of poverty. Annually, community action agencies serve more than 11.5 million low income, elderly and persons with disabilities. There are 1,100 community action agencies throughout the United States.

Michigan is home to thirty different community action agencies. One of these agencies, serving thousands annually in my congressional district, is the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. As one of the oldest community action agencies in Michigan, OLHSA provides crucial services to the citizens and communities of southeast Michigan since the enabling legislation was passed 47 years ago. OLHSA provides educational and economic resources to increase client self-sufficiency while advocating on its clients' behalf to provide more opportunities and fewer barriers. Additionally, OLHSA works with communities to foster citizen participation to initiate programs and improve existing service based upon local community needs.

Michigan and indeed our entire nation must continue to fight poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance. Community action agencies are the nation's largest network of organizations whose sole purpose is to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty. They have played a vital role in the lives of countless individuals and families of limited means in Michigan by providing innovative and cost-effective programming to improve their lives and their living conditions and ensuring that all citizens live with dignity and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize our nation's community action agencies and the dedicated individuals who engage to see their important mission fulfilled. In particular, I wish to recognize Michigan's thirty agencies, and OLSHA, for their commitment to working for a better tomorrow for Michigan's most needy citizens.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2011, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-two preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS

Real Property	Value
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at $1,350,288). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered)	$1,350,288.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)	140,200.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of $1,535,400.	872,386.36
Total Real Property	$2,362,874.36

2011 DISCLOSURE

Common & Preferred Stock	# of shares	$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	49.05	598,410.00
Alcatel-Lucent	135	5.81	784.35
Allstate Corporation	370	31.78	11,758.60
AT&T	6377.278845	30.61	195,208.51
JP Morgan Chase	4539	46.10	209,247.90
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	44.14	159,080.56
Centerpoint Energy	300	17.56	5,268.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	24.72	15,672.48
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	2160	49.13	106,120.80
Discover Financial Services	156	24.12	3,762.72
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	80.24	100,300.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	54.97	65,964.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	270	99.32	26,816.40
Eastman Kodak	1080	3.23	3,488.40
El Paso Corp.	150	18.00	2,700.00
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	84.13	818,416.64
Frontier Comm.	424.058978	8.22	3,485.76
Gartner Inc.	651	41.67	27,127.17
General Electric Co.	15600	20.05	312,780.00
General Mills, Inc.	11520	36.55	421,056.00
GenOn Energy	236	3.81	899.16
Hospira	1220	55.20	67,344.00
Imation Corp.	99	11.14	1,102.86
Kellogg Corp.	3200	53.98	172,736.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	16624	33.01	548,758.24
3M Company	2000	93.50	187,000.00
Medco Health Solutions, Inc.	8218	56.16	461,522.88
Monsanto Corporation	2852.315	72.26	206,108.28
Moody's	5000	33.91	169,550.00
Morgan Stanley	312	27.32	8,523.84
NCR Corp.	68	18.84	1,281.12
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	19.13	32,061.88
JP Morgan Cash	96567.41	1.00	96,567.41
PG & E Corp.	172	44.18	7,598.96
Pfizer	30415	20.31	617,728.65
Qwest	571	6.83	3,899.93
Sandusky Voting Trust	26	1.00	26.00
Solutia	82	25.40	2,082.80
Tenneco Inc.	182	42.45	7,725.90
Unisys, Inc.	16	31.22	499.52
US Bancorp	3081	26.43	81,430.83
Verizon	1704.427159	38.54	65,688.62
Vodafone Group PLC	323	28.75	9,286.25
Wisconsin Energy	2044	30.50	62,342.00
Total Common & Preferred Stocks & Bonds			$5,899,213.42

2011 DISCLOSURE

Life Insurance Policies	Face Value	Surrender Value
Northwestern Mutual #4378000	12,000.00	$91,934.38
Northwestern Mutual #4574061	30,000.00	221,133.26
Massachusetts Mutual #4116575	10,000.00	14,154.47
Massachusetts Mutual #4228344	100,000.00	365,289.27
American General Life Ins. #5–1607059L	175,000.00	42,282.09

2011 DISCLOSURE—Continued

Life Insurance Policies	Face Value	Surrender Value
Total Life Insurance Policies		$734,793.47

2011 DISCLOSURE

Bank & IRA Accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	$2,811.49
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	17,356.15
M&I Bank, Hartland, WI, checking account	7,390.76
M&I Bank, Hartland, WI, savings account	367.74
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	1,699.55
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	147,287.42
Total Bank & IRA Accounts	$176,913.11

2011 DISCLOSURE

Miscellaneous	Value
2007 Chevrolet Impala	$10,005.00
1994 Cadillac Deville—retail value	2,050.00
1996 Buick Regal—retail value	2,000.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	140,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	205,215.81
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	400,604.17
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	5,200.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	9,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	$962,874.98
Total Assets	$10,136,669.34

2011 DISCLOSURE

Liabilities	
None	
Total Liabilities	$0.00
Net Worth	$10,136,669.34

2011 DISCLOSURE

Statement of 2010 Taxes Paid	
Federal Income Tax	$125,502.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	$43,290.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	$2,506.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	$22,406.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	$13,335.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT KIRK LAWRENCE'S 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Robert "Kirk" Lawrence for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Colonel Lawrence will retire from active military duty in May 2011 after 30 distinguished years of service to the United States Army.

Colonel Lawrence was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery following his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1981. He has served in the 82nd Airborne Division, the United States Army Air Defense Artillery School, 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division, III Corps, V Corps, United States Army Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Colonel Lawrence assumed command of the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Giebelstadt, Germany in 2003. In 2005, he was hand selected to serve as the Executive Officer to the Commander, Allied Land Component Command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in Heidelberg. Afterwards, Colonel Lawrence was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff to the United States Army European Command. In 2008, he was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army European Command. Within these assignments, Colonel Lawrence has successfully commanded every unit from a Battery to a Brigade in the United States Army. He is a decorated combat veteran and has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

Mr. Speaker, It has been a pleasure to work with Colonel Lawrence over the last decade. Twice he has served as the United States Army Congressional Budget Liaison Chief. Both times while in this position, Colonel Lawrence has served the Army and Nation exceptionally well during a time of protracted war. He served first in 2002, after the initial attacks on September 11th 2001, Colonel Lawrence labored to man, arm and equip our Army Soldiers from one at peace to one committed in two separate wars. In January of 2009, he returned to this strategic assignment and has been instrumental in significantly improving our Armed Forces equipment modernization efforts and funding critical systems affecting the Department of Defense and the Combatant Commanders everyday.

As the Congressional Budget Liaison Chief, Colonel Lawrence gathered information, prepared strategies and recommended Army positions for corresponding with Congress on all appropriations issues. Additionally, he organized briefings and responded to requests for information across all appropriations for Congressional Members, their staff and the Committee Staff Directors and Professional Staff Members. Colonel Lawrence coordinated and traveled with Congressional delegations for fact-finding opportunities and education on a multitude of Army programs. The impact of his efforts will benefit the United States Army for decades to come. Throughout his time in the Capitol, Colonel Lawrence has been a trusted liaison to myself and my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Army had the resources it needed to fight and win our nation's wars.

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. 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 Colonel Robert "Kirk" Lawrence 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 Lisa and two sons, Jake and Adam, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

VOTE ON H.R. 1954, THE DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was disappointed when the Majority moved up the vote on the debt ceiling limit. I was in my hometown today, serving as a pallbearer for my uncle, Lyle Nesselroad, a Navy veteran of World War II. I grew up next door to Lyle, and he was like a second father to me.

While I regret missing this important vote, I don't regret my decision to be there with my family. Had I been present, I would have voted against the Debt Limit Extension.

I'm reluctant to raise the debt ceiling when we have no fiscally responsible plan to address our national debt. The American people have spoken loudly and clearly—they want us to take immediate action to rein in spending and find new revenues to get our deficit under control. Congress must develop a fiscally responsible plan that makes tough choices and reduces our debt.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, which provides $690 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy.

I thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their hard work in bringing this bipartisan piece of legislation to the floor.

Mr. Chair, I support this bill for three reasons: (1) it restores and enhances the readiness of our troops, equipment, and defense infrastructure; (2) it takes care of our military personnel and their families; and (3) it authorizes the needed investments to keep our nation strong, safe, and respected in the world.

Let me briefly highlight some of the key provisions. This legislation:

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Observes the President's request to provide a 1.6 percent pay raise for all service members.

Provides new rights and protections for victims of sexual assault in the military by ensuring that victims have access to a military lawyer and makes certain that conversations between victims and DOD Safe Helpline counselors are maintained confidential.

Allows sexual assault victims to transfer out of their base or unit.

Requires more training of personnel for sexual assault prevention and recovery at all levels of our armed forces.

This bill would also make students who are enrolled in a course of study that results in a degree in clinical psychology or social work eligible to receive a stipend.

Protects against disproportionate increases in TRICARE Prime fees by stipulating that the percentage fee increase in any future year may not exceed the percentage increase in military retired pay for that year.

PROTECTING OUR TROOPS AND SUPPORTING TROOP READINESS

Provides $2.8 billion for measures to counter IED activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Provides $3.2 billion for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles.

Provides an increase of $425 million for modernization of Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles.

Authorizes $23 billion for the training of all active-duty and reserve forces to increase troop readiness.

Provides $4.5 billion for Army and Marine Corps equipment reset and depot maintenance.

Authorizes $6.6 billion to fund Navy ship and aircraft depot maintenance for both the active and reserve components.

RICHARDSON AMENDMENT #1

I also support this bill because it includes an amendment that I offered to increase the effectiveness of the Northern Command ("NORTHCOM") in fulfilling its critical mission of protecting the U.S. homeland in the event of war and in providing support to local, state, and federal authorities in times of national emergency. Specifically, my amendment would ensure that NORTHCOM (1) develops and has in place a leadership strategy that will strengthen and foster institutional and interpersonal relationships with state and local governments and (2) develops an instructional program to train key personnel how to lead effectively in the event of a disaster when they do not have command authority to dictate actions.

The purpose for NORTHCOM is to bring the capabilities and the resources of the U.S. military to the assistance of the American people during a catastrophic disaster. NORTHCOM leaders will be much more effective in saving lives, protecting assets, and enhancing resilience after the disaster has occurred if they are trained in the techniques of effective engagement with civilian leadership. My amendment would ensure that such training will be available.

RICHARDSON AMENDMENT #2

However, I am disappointed that a different amendment I offered to this bill was not made in order. This amendment would have instructed the TRANSPORTATION COMMAND (TRANSCOM) to update and expand the PORT LOOK 2008 Strategic Seaports study. This study remains a crucial tool to ensure that our ports are ready to respond in the case of an emergency. As we strive to improve our

infrastructure in and around our strategic ports, we must fully understand how the entire port area can serve our defense forces and what improvements are necessary.

Although this amendment was not made in order, I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that port infrastructure receives the support it deserves.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Chair, let me express my thanks to the Rules Committee for making the Richardson Amendment in order and to the Armed Services Committee for accepting it.

In conclusion, I support H.R. 1540 because it restores and enhances the readiness of our troops, equipment, and defense infrastructure. It takes care of our military personnel and their families. And it authorizes the needed investments to keep our nation strong, safe, and respected in the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the bill on final passage.

HONORING GOVERNOR BILL CLEMENTS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Governor Bill Clements. Governor Clements leaves behind a deep legacy as an entrepreneur, leader, and public servant. A true Texan, Governor Clements was known for his direct style, dedication and drive.

A native of Dallas, Governor Clements was a graduate and great supporter of Southern Methodist University (SMU). A proud Texan and patriot, he proudly served his country during World War II in the Army Corps of Engineers. In the 1940s, he helped found SEDCO, which at the time was one of the biggest oil drilling contractors in the world.

Governor Clements began his political career serving as Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1971–1977. Thought of as the father of Texas conservatism, Bill Clements became the first Republican Governor of Texas since Reconstruction when elected in 1978. He went on to serve a total of 8 years as the Governor of Texas. An indelible personality, Governor Clements certainly left his mark on Texas politics. He did what he felt was right for the State, and stood by those convictions.

Governor Clements never forgot his roots and remained dedicated to the Dallas community throughout his life. In 2009, he donated $100 million to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. This represents the largest civic donation in Dallas history.

Governor Clements passed away this weekend at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife Rita, and his daughter. I offer my condolences to them, and his many friends and family. His many contributions to the State of Texas and to America will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING ON THE OCCASION OF THE 52ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN SEPTEMBER, 2011 IN ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, CANADA, THE IMMEASURABLE ASSISTANCE GANDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, AND THE CITIZENS OF GANDER, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, PROVIDED TO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing and thanking Gander International Airport, the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador and the people and Government of Canada for the immeasurable assistance they provided to the United States on September 11, 2001.

Following the terrorist attacks and the closure of U.S. airspace, flights en route to the United States were rerouted to airports across Canada. The Canadian government instituted Operation Yellow Ribbon, closing their own airspace along with the U.S. for the first time in the history of both countries and safely landing 239 aircraft destined for the U.S. and Canada at 17 airports across Canada.

Gander International Airport, located in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, was one such airport to welcome flights bound for the U.S. The small community of Gander has a population of less than 10,000, and Gander International Airport was only scheduled to receive a total of eight flights that day. Yet it received the second most number of flights, 38, and the second most number of passengers, 6,600, out of all the Canadian airports during Operation Yellow Ribbon. What transpired over the course of the next three days in that small community will forever stand as an inspirational story of kindness and generosity during a time of enormous adversity.

As stranded passengers waited for the U.S. to reopen its airspace, the people of Gander responded by donating food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Citizens of Gander welcomed stranded passengers into their homes, held sightseeing and whale watching trips, and organized impromptu concerts to strengthen morale and provide emotional support. No request was too large and no call for help went unanswered.

The outpouring of kindness and support from the people of Gander was so remarkable and memorable for everyone involved that the stranded passengers have since sponsored scholarships for Newfoundlanders, donated computer equipment to area communities, financed a new conference room for the Gander area community of Lewisporte and held annual reunions to show their appreciation for the goodwill of the citizens of Gander.

The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States are well documented. However we must also officially recognize and acknowledge the tremendous assistance we received that day from the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Gander International Airport and the entire nation of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking the citizens of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador for their kindness and generosity during the most devastating terrorist attack in American history. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the people of Gander as well as the entire nation of Canada.

AMERICA'S YOUNG HEROES WINNERS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the twenty-six students from Florida schools that have been named winners in the America's Young Heroes contest to promote respect and prevent bullying. These students have admirably put forth concrete, practical, and creative solutions to prevent bullying in America's schools. However, even more important than the proposals is the contest's climate of acceptance and respect that is being spread to schools across Florida through the America's Young Heroes Program.

Founded by Vera Hirschhorn, the America's Young Heroes contest was created in 1999 to improve students' self-esteem through the submission of original stories, poems, music, short films, and artwork about their experiences with bullying. The America's Young Heroes contest has dedicated itself to remedying the bullying epidemic facing our schools by placing an emphasis on positive thoughts and actions to solve bullying situations.

I congratulate Vera Hirschhorn, the America's Young Heroes contest, and the twenty-six Florida students for their great work to end bullying in our schools. Their great work and advocacy on behalf of respect and acceptance is truly making Florida schools a safer place for our children.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1627

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1627, which establishes a new process for the placement of monuments at Arlington National Cemetery.

In particular, I am so pleased that this legislation contains the formal Congressional approval for a monument to Jewish military chaplains for Chaplains Hill.

For years, Arlington National Cemetery has showcased memorials for Catholic and Protestant chaplains, yet there has never been a monument for the Jewish chaplains who served in our military and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Last year, a dedicated group of Jewish war veterans set out to make sure that the Jewish spiritual leaders were similarly honored in our

Nation's military cemetery, and it is vital that Congress pass this legislation to make this memorial a reality.

In particular, I want to highlight the story of the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester* in World War II.

The ship suffered an explosion at sea while carrying more than 1,000 soldiers and workers, including four Army chaplains.

These four brave men, two Protestant, one Catholic, and one Jewish, gave up their life jackets to soldiers on board the ship.

They stood strong, sharing words of healing and peace with those on board, and they resolutely held hands until the ship went down.

This is a true story of faith and courage, and now, all four of these men will be honored together on Chaplains Hill.

It could not be more fitting that Congress has taken up this legislation during Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of American Jews to the dynamic cultural fabric of the United States.

Honoring these Jewish military chaplains this week, in time for Memorial Day, is a meaningful way to show our appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice of our brave and dedicated veterans.