

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 OLHSA, 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	Value
None	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Net Worth	\$10,136,669.34

2011 DISCLOSURE

Statement of 2010 Taxes Paid	Value
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