

of the World Dredging Association; and as a member of the National Waterways Conference.

Even with such an extensive business and volunteer portfolio, Bobby also made it a priority to find the time to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce; as a member of the Mobile Economic Development Council; the Mobile Industrial Development Board; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama; the Geological Survey of Alabama; and the Navy League of Mobile.

In 1999, the U.S. Coast Guard bestowed upon Bobby one of its highest honors, the Meritorious Public Service Commendation. In addition, he received the Alfred F. Delchamps, Jr. Award and the National Rivers Hall of Fame Achievement Award. In 1990, the Propeller Club named him Maritime Man of the Year.

While many would have been more than satisfied resting upon this exemplary record of accomplishment, Bobby Guthans—along with his loving wife, Barbara Ann—believed that real fulfillment in life came about by helping others.

As a result, Bobby and Barbara Ann's generosity of spirit and goodness to one and all made them one of Mobile's most beloved couples.

On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, I will always cherish the time I spent with Bobby—learning from him and watching as he used his wealth of contacts and his heart of gold to open doors and help others chase their own personal dreams. Not only was he generous with his time and talents, but Bobby was also a genuine and gentle man, someone Mobile will sorely miss.

During this time of loss for his family and friends, I wish to extend my own condolences to his loving wife of more than 50 years, Barbara Ann, their two wonderful children, Robert A. Guthans, Jr. and Jean Guthans Wilkins; and their five grandchildren, C. Richard Wilkins, Jr., Christopher Wilkins, Michael Wilkins, Robert A. Guthans, III, and Taylor Lynn Guthans. You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the life of a man we all loved and respected.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chair, I am concerned about the devastating impact that the underlying legislation will have on the clean energy economy. H.R. 2354 is a disappointment to those working to advance the clean energy economy because it slashes investments—by 40 percent from the President's request—in the new clean energy jobs of the future, ranging from solar to biomass to wind, and new

technologies for more energy efficient cars and buildings.

Today, more than ever, we need investments in clean energy research, innovation, and manufacturing—investments which can grow new industries, create American jobs, reduce U.S. oil dependence, and increase our national security. H.R. 2354 abandons efforts for a new American energy economy that would lower electricity prices for families, reduce our reliance on foreign energy, and increase energy independence.

While I understand the fiscal situation we are in, H.R. 2354 cuts programs that can be targeted to actually grow our economy. The bill slashes Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EERE, by 27 percent, cuts the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, ARPA-E, by 44 percent, cuts Weatherization Assistance Grants and associated training programs by 81 percent, all the while increasing funding for fossil fuel research and development. I believe that this demonstrates that the priorities of H.R. 2354 are aligned with outdated 20th century energy policies that will not recharge our new economy. A 21st century Energy and Water Appropriations Act should include measures to increase funding for renewable energy and clean technology and these increases should be offset by dollars from fossil energy research and development.

To help strengthen our economy and create new jobs, we must rebuild America. In a report released this week by the Brookings Institution entitled "Sizing the Clean Energy Economy: A National and Regional Green Jobs Assessment," it is reported that 2.7 million Americans are now employed in the clean technology economy. The report found that in the State of Washington, there are 83,676 clean energy jobs, with an annual wage of \$46,457. The report showed that median wages for clean-energy workers are about 13 percent higher than median U.S. wages. The clean technology economy has created export intensive jobs; on average, twice as much value is exported from clean tech jobs than the national average. The potential for future job creation in the clean energy economy is endless and targeted investments in this new economy make sense.

As the House of Representatives considers amendments to H.R. 2354, I urge my colleagues to consider the opportunities for economic growth and job creation embodied in the clean energy economy and oppose the misguided priorities in this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
ETHIME EMONINA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great Alabamian and resident of the Seventh Congressional District, Mr. Ethime Emonina who passed away July 10, 2011 at the young age of 34. Mr. Emonina was a remarkable educator, mentor, musician and inspiration to all who encountered him.

As a band instructor in the Tuscaloosa City Schools system, he inspired students to excel in their musical craft and to pursue their dreams of becoming musicians. He encour-

aged countless students to attend college, many on band scholarships. His unique style and spirit warmed the hearts of many, and his trademark smile could not help but solicit a smile in return.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 18, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Godwin and Lucy Eldridge Emonina, he displayed an early love for music. His multitude of talent led him to play the trumpet and piano, among many other instruments.

Mr. Emonina graduated from Central High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1995, where he left his mark as one of the greatest drum majors in the school's history. He went on to earn a B.A. degree from Jackson State University in 2000. Upon receiving this degree, Mr. Emonina began instructing the band at Eastwood Middle school where he remained until he was offered and accepted a position as director of bands at Paul W. Bryant High School in August 2007. He served in this position until his untimely death.

Mr. Emonina, with his love of learning, had just completed and was awarded a Master's degree in Instructional Leadership at the University of West Alabama and was looking forward to applying his degree as an administrator in the Tuscaloosa City School System.

He received numerous awards from childhood to adulthood for excellence in everything from school performance to instructing the band. Mr. Emonina was married to the former Chrisan Garraway and was the father of two children: Christian, age 9 and Ethan, age 2. He was the loving brother of Ovuke and Venedric Emonina, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Over the years, Mr. Emonina has impacted the lives of many students in countless ways. He built a well-deserved reputation as a strict disciplinarian, mentor, teacher, motivator, father figure and friend. He was a true gift to us all and will be missed. His band has a saying, "Love the band and the band loves you back." Mr. Emonina surely loved the band and the band, the community, his family and the people of the Seventh Congressional District, the State of Alabama and this Nation will greatly miss him.

Therefore I, TERRI A. SEWELL, Representative to the United States Congress from the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, do hereby honor the legacy of Mr. Ethime Emonina for his numerous contributions to the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama, and the Nation. I ask all to join me in honoring the life of a remarkable man and commending his many achievements on behalf of the State of Alabama.

IN HONOR OF MR. FRANK ZOLAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Zolar on the occasion of his ninth birthday.

Mr. Zolar was born on July 15, 1921 in Pickens, West Virginia. After spending his early life working in sawmills and coal mines, Frank enlisted in the U.S. Army only six days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He fought with the 1st Infantry Division, also known as the "Big Red One," as a rifleman in the invasion of Africa.

Following the war, Frank moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1946 and spent the next twenty-one years working at the Fairbanks-Morse Company. While living in Cleveland, Frank met and married Lois, who would be his wife of more than 50 years. The two moved to North Olmsted, Ohio in 1959 where they raised their three daughters, Theresa, Kathy and Karen.

Frank has been an active member of his community and serves as a Sergeant-at-Arms for the North Olmsted Democratic Club. Recently, Mr. Zolar visited Washington, D.C., for the first time in his life with Honor Flight Cleveland, a nonprofit organization which flies veterans to see the memorials on the National Mall.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the ninetieth birthday of Mr. Frank Zolar.

HONORING DR. DONALD LINKER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my friend, Dr. Donald Linker of Tiburon, CA, who passed away unexpectedly on June 16, 2011, after a fall. He was a spirited activist and colorful community character who livened up the many causes he took on.

Born and raised in Kentucky, Don Linker moved to northern California after completing medical school. He served as a physician in the Marines before settling for a number of years in San Francisco where he had a urology practice. He later earned a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley. Throughout his career, he was known as a compassionate physician and advocate for research on important public health issues like prostate cancer.

Don was married during his time in San Francisco and had three children, Kevin, Jodi, and Dana. He later moved to Tiburon and became active in Marin County. He was a founder of the local schools foundation and served on the boards of the Buck Center for Research in Aging, the Jewish Community Federation, AIPAC, and the Marin Community Foundation. He also found time to become a painter and had a show of abstract art in the works when he died.

Perhaps best known for his extreme athletic feats, Don Linker had his share of close calls whether windsurfing (where he was swept out to sea), mountain biking (where he garnered several speeding tickets) or skiing (including spending a freezing night on a chairlift because of his attempt to get in one last run).

He is survived by his three children as well as his brother Stephen, his son-in-law Richard Steele, and his two grandchildren, Lauren and Sarah Steele.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss Dr. Don Linker's bright wit and colorful sweaters and bow ties. But mostly I will miss his warm friendship and compassionate spirit. Please join me, his community, his family, and his many friends in mourning his passing.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

During this time of economic uncertainty it is important to invest in the future. High speed rail will play a vital role in modernizing our transportation infrastructure, and we must prioritize its further development. If we are to remain economically competitive with the rest of the world, we must invest robustly in our infrastructure and create a true, world class transportation system. High speed rail will revolutionize the transportation industry, and its development will add valuable jobs to our economy.

I am firmly against this bill, which would rescind unobligated funds from high speed rail projects. While I fully support our disaster recovery efforts, there is no reason to do this at the expense of our rail infrastructure. This is merely a ploy by Republicans to cut off funding for a priority area for President Obama.

As a country we cannot afford to ignore this opportunity to create millions of jobs and develop a comprehensive high speed rail system. These cuts would drastically affect the State of Missouri, putting plans for a St. Louis-Kansas high speed rail corridor in jeopardy. We would also lose almost 8,000 jobs and nearly \$300 million in funding for high speed rail projects, including \$3 million in the 3rd District which I represent.

There is no question that we must curtail excessive government spending, a process that will require some belt tightening. But it makes no sense to cut funding for programs, such as high speed rail construction, that will foster sustained, long-term economic growth for America.

I urge all of my colleagues to consider the numerous benefits the high speed rail program will bring to all Americans and to vote against cutting the program's funding. We cannot allow our current fiscal challenges to prevent us from investing in the future while simultaneously helping to kick start our economy.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ALICE SHIPP

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a faithful public servant, a dedicated civil rights activist, a devoted mother and wife, and a personal friend, Mrs. Mary Alice Shipp.

Mary Alice Shipp was born on November 30, 1927 in Alamo, Georgia, one of six chil-

dren to the late Aaron O. Cook, Sr. and the late Abbie Hall Cook Steward.

Mary Alice Shipp had a thirst for knowledge and throughout her life continued her pursuit of education. She graduated from the Twin City High School in Telfair County and went on to Albany State College, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She later attended Fort Valley State College, where she became certified in Guidance and Counseling. In addition, she became certified in Career Education at the University of Georgia and became a Master Cosmetologist at the Madam C.J. Cargo Beauty School in Savannah. As the years progressed, she completed advanced training in Christian Education at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

Her love of education led her to teach elementary school in Telfair, Bleckley and Bibb Counties for 28 years before retiring. In addition to teaching, she was an accomplished business woman, owning and operating the Debutante Beauterette in McRae, Georgia for 20 years and was co-owning and managing the Shepard Funeral Home in Sylvester, Georgia.

Mary Alice Shipp served her community, as well. She was appointed to the Georgia Board of Corrections, Georgia Hunger Coalition, Member of the Sylvester City Council, President of the Worth County NAACP, and Director of the Worth County Save the Children. She and her husband, the late Curtis Shipp, were dedicated to the citizens of Worth County and the surrounding area.

For more than 40 years, she was a part of the struggle for civil rights. She was a faithful believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the advocacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Because of her efforts, she was recognized by numerous organizations for her selfless efforts to help the poor, aged, and less fortunate. She donated many of her awards and memoirs to the Albany Civil Rights Museum. The Mary Alice Shipp Senior Center, named in her honor, also ensures Mrs. Shipp's lasting legacy.

Mrs. Shipp was a woman of great faith. She was converted at an early age and was a devout member of Corinth C.M.E. Church in McRae, Georgia, where she served in numerous capacities for many years. After moving to Sylvester, she became affiliated with Jones Chapel A.M.E. Church and later united with the Brown's Chapel C.M.E. Church, where she served faithfully until her death.

She was blessed with a loving family, including her late husband, Curtis Shipp, two beautiful daughters, Lynette Edwards and Paula Adams; son-in-law, Virgil Adams; grandson, Xavier Omar Edwards; sister, Annie Pearl Little; a sister-in-law, Delores Cook; devoted step-son, Ricky Shipp; nieces, Beverly Burks, Regina Daniels, Antoinette Smith, Judith Cook, Sara Shields and Nekia Daniels; nephews, Charles Little, Jr, Philip Burks, Kelsie Daniels, Jr., and Jason Smith.

Mr. Speaker, through Mrs. Shipp's endeavors to educate and improve her community, she touched many people. She leaves behind a lasting legacy of dedicated service, and I was fortunate to have her as a friend. My heartfelt sympathies are with her family, as it is always difficult to lose a loved one, but there is comfort knowing that today, heaven has a new angel and Mary Alice Shipp is with God.