

A bust of Ignacy Jan Paderewski will be honored on July 16, 2011 at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens with a dedication speech by Poland's current Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Robert Kupiecki, as well as a concert.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me remembering the life and accomplishments of Ignacy Jan Paderewski. His dedication to his native country has been an integral part of Poland's history.

CONGRATULATIONS CUNNINGHAM  
FAMILY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and military fellow Marine Corps Major Samuel Cunningham and his wife Danielle on the birth of their son Dorin Samuel Cunningham. Dorin was born on Thursday, July 14, 2011, in Bethesda, Maryland. He is welcomed home by his sister, Aida.

Dorin Samuel Cunningham is eight pounds and eight ounces and twenty one inches of pride and joy to his loving grandparents, Carl and Josephine Cunningham of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Bob and Betty Fox of Butler, Pennsylvania.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Cunningham family and wish them all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2011*

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I was briefly absent from the House floor during two separate vote series on July 12, 2011. I missed rollcall votes 541 and 560. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 541 and "nay" on rollcall vote 560.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAMONA  
HAHN

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to rise today to inform the House of the death of Mrs. Ramona Hahn. The wife of legendary Los Angeles County supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Ramona was the proud matriarch of a family whose members have devoted their lives to public service. Ramona Hahn passed away on Monday morning at the age of 86—a mere day before her daughter Janice was elected to join us in this body, representing California's 36th Congressional District. My deepest condolences go out to our new colleague, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, and the entire Hahn family, as they mourn the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother. Ramona was a great lady; she was my friend.

Born to American missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, Ramona Hahn was a service-minded individual who committed her life to God and family. Ramona has been described by her children as the "driving force" behind their family of public servants. She worked hand in hand with her husband as he fought to improve the lives of his constituents. She provided strength and support as he took bold stands for civil rights, including the decision to greet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at LAX when he visited Los Angeles in 1961. He was the only elected official from California to do so. This act of political courage has never been forgotten, but is in keeping with the character and commitment that has been the hallmark of the Hahn family for more than a half century.

Ramona's community involvement and selfless attitude was a powerful example for her two children. Her son James Hahn has served as Los Angeles City Controller, Los Angeles City Attorney, and Mayor of Los Angeles, and is currently a judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Her daughter Janice Hahn has served in the Los Angeles City Council and on the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission, which modernized Los Angeles city government, making it more responsive to the city's diversity and challenges. In the coming days, she will be sworn in on the House floor.

I know that the entire Hahn family wishes that Ramona could have lived to see her daughter sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. For Janice, the loss of her mother must make this monumental achievement bittersweet. However, I hope that Janice and her family can take comfort in the knowledge that their mother's loving spirit lives on through the lives that she touched and the good works that Janice will do in this body.

I ask all Members to join me in a moment of silence in honor of the memory of the late Ramona Hahn.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

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:

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to the Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

Last week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that only 18,000 jobs were created in June and more than 14 million people are still looking for work—many for over six months.

As members of Congress, our focus must be on pursuing policies that will rebuild our economy by providing these Americans with opportunities to work hard and succeed—the very idea that underpins the middle class.

This legislation is a missed opportunity to respond to the jobs challenge in a serious

way. Instead of investing in our infrastructure and supporting innovative new job-creating industries in the renewable energy sector, this bill under-invests in both these areas.

For example, this bill reduces funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs by \$491 million—or 27 percent below the already abysmal FY2011 funding levels and 59 percent less than what President Obama requested.

The bill also cuts funding for the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) by \$88 million, which is 44 percent below current levels and 81 percent less than requested. ARPA-E is modeled after the successful Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) which has been a catalyst in technological innovation since its creation in 1958.

Together, these programs fund crucial research and development in a variety of renewable technologies with the goals of ending our national dependence on fossil fuels, more efficiently powering our homes and businesses, and lessening the cost of energy for families.

These types of investments are incredibly important in my home state of Hawaii. We are the most oil dependent state in the nation—we must import 90 percent of the oil products that fuel our cars, homes, and businesses. So when the world markets that set the price of oil gyrates—as it has in recent months—our economic growth and quality of life are significantly impacted.

So renewable energy isn't just a feel-good idea—it's an economic and national security imperative both for Hawaii and our nation's future. Cutting funds that provide incentives for the private sector to continue innovating and growing jobs in this sector may seem penny-wise; but it is most certainly pound-foolish.

I am also disappointed that this bill fails to make a real dent in our nation's water infrastructure needs. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has given our nation's overall infrastructure a grade of "D." ASCE also estimates that Hawaii needs \$1.97 billion to meet our water infrastructure needs. While I understand the need to carefully prioritize how we spend precious federal dollars, I believe that infrastructure should be at the top of that priority list. Infrastructure investments create jobs, strengthen our communities, and improve public health.

These are just two areas where this legislation fails to improve our economy, help rebuild the middle class, or lay the groundwork for our future prosperity. As a whole this bill is a disappointment, and I strongly oppose its passage.

THE STOP GUN TRAFFICKING AND  
STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce important legislation, the Stop Gun Trafficking and Strengthen Law Enforcement Act, with Representatives CUMMINGS, MCCARTHY, CONYERS, TIERNEY, CONNOLLY, CHU, NORTON, RANGEL, MORAN, LYNCH, SPEIER, FILNER, and ACKERMAN, which will put