

have voted "yes" on rollcall votes No. 627 and 628.

Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2011, I missed rollcall votes No. 630–631 and I would have voted "no" on both votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of one of our nation's most pristine national parks and a favorite attraction in Massachusetts—the Cape Cod National Seashore.

On August 7, 1961, one of the most famous residents of Cape Cod, President John F. Kennedy, signed into law the bill designating the Atlantic shorelines of Chatham, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown a protected national treasure. The Cape Cod National Seashore was the second coastline to be adopted into the National Park Service, and remains one of only ten coastal areas to receive the same honor.

Since then, the Seashore has attracted millions of visitors from all corners of the world—boosting our local economy and helping to define Massachusetts as a top destination for both domestic and foreign tourism. In today's volatile job climate, the Cape Cod National Seashore serves as a stable employer to 100 year-round employees and nearly 200 additional seasonal employees.

Under the protection of the National Park Service and the care of the towns lining the outer Cape, the images most recognizable of the Cape Cod National Seashore have remained intact—lighthouses atop rocky jetties, rolling dunes of white sand and shells, the vivid scent of wild cranberry bogs. Today, as it was in 1961, local residents and visitors still find leisure and exploration in the forty miles of peaceful seaside trails and beaches.

As President Kennedy eloquently said some fifty years ago, ". . . this Act makes it possible for the people of the United States through their government to acquire and preserve the natural and historic values of a portion of Cape Cod for the inspiration and enjoyment of people all over the United States." A foreshadowing of years to come, President Kennedy's message of the critical importance of environmental conservation has never been more pertinent than today.

And so, it is with pride that I recognize the Cape Cod National Seashore for fifty years of ecological and historic preservation, and with sincerity that I look forward to another fifty.

HONORING EUGENE "SALT" SMITH ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Salt Smith as he retires from the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa. I congratu-

late him on his outstanding career and extraordinary service to his community.

Over the course of his education and career, Salt has worked tirelessly to better his hometown of Aliquippa, PA. A graduate from Aliquippa High School in 1956, Salt went on to attend Geneva College, Duquesne University, and Robert Morris College.

A licensed barber, a licensed insurance agent, and a licensed real estate agent, Salt is a man of many talents. He put his degrees to good use working for LTV Steel Corporation, Prudential Insurance Company, and, finally, as the General Manager for the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa.

In addition to his career, Salt is an entrepreneur. Thirty years ago, he began what has proved to be a successful real estate company, E & J Smith Real Estate, in Aliquippa. His company has sponsored a little league baseball team for the past 30 years and has won the championship five times.

As a member of the Aliquippa School Board for 32 years, Salt dedicated his time to improving the local school system. Additionally, Salt was the first African-American ever to be elected as a trustee of the Community College of Beaver County.

As an active member of the community, Salt is the Chairman of the Aliquippa Democratic Party and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Beaver County Hospital Authority.

Salt and his wife, Jackie, have been married for 51 years and still call Aliquippa their home. They have three children and six grandchildren.

I commend Salt for the work that he does, making him an invaluable member of the Aliquippa community. It is with great joy that I pay tribute to him on his well-deserved retirement.

BEN PARMENTIER: A TRUE
ADVOCATE FOR VICTIMS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary staffer, Ben Parmentier, Congressman JIM COSTA's Victims' Rights Caucus Coordinator.

As co-founder and co-chair of the Victims' Rights Caucus with Congressman COSTA, I have appreciated Ben's consistent hard work and enthusiasm on behalf of victims.

He always made the Victims' Rights Caucus a priority, ensuring that projects were completed in a timely manner and events ran smoothly.

As Ben heads off to graduate school, we will miss his commitment to the Victims' Rights Caucus and passion for victims' rights.

The Victims' Rights Caucus was fortunate to have a dedicated staffer like Ben.

I wish him success in all his future endeavors and know he will excel as he did in his work on Capitol Hill.

And that's just the way it is.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE
BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing an important piece of legislation, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act with my colleagues Mr. MEEKS, Ms. LEE, and Mr. SERRANO.

The benefits of breastfeeding, to both mother and child, are significant. Scientific studies show babies who are breastfed the first six months of life have a greatly reduced risk for acute and chronic disease, yet only 10 percent of all infants in the U.S. are breastfed.

A 2001 USDA study found that if just half of the babies in the U.S. were exclusively breastfed for six months (as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics), our Nation would realize a savings of \$3.6 billion in health care costs for the three leading childhood illnesses alone. According to the United States Breastfeeding Committee, if we replicate that study based on current breastfeeding statistics, the savings could reach nearly \$14 billion in health care costs for all childhood illnesses in a single year.

I was so proud to partner with Senator JEFF MERKLEY (D–OR) to pass into law a provision of our bill, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act (H.R. 2819, S. 1744), in comprehensive health care reform legislation signed by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The provision requires that employers provide breastfeeding employees, who are hourly workers, with "reasonable break time" and a private, non-bathroom place to express breast milk during the workday, up until the child's first birthday.

Our bill will build on our past successes and encourage and promote breastfeeding by removing common obstacles to breastfeeding and expressing milk in the workplace that many women face by: (1) amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding in the workplace, and (2) expanding the requirement under current law for employers to provide break time to express breast milk, as well as make reasonable efforts to provide a private place for them to do so, to salaried workers in traditional work or office environments.

Public opinion and awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding continue to grow, and the momentum we've recently gained presents the perfect opportunity to build on that progress in achieving our goals.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
NEWMAN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and congregants of the Newman African Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of Pontiac and to celebrate with them as the Church commemorates its sesquicentennial.

As the first African American church founded in Oakland County, Newman A.M.E.'s celebration of 150 years in the community is a testament to the vision and determination of its founders, the Reverends Augustus Green and George Newman, and other determined congregants. Established during a time of great strife and adversity, the founders sought to create a congregation where the negative social and theological tenants of the day would be left behind as members came together in fellowship to worship and perform great deeds in their community. After many years of uncertainty, with services moving from house to house in Pontiac, the congregation acquired its first home on Auburn Avenue in 1872 and received its first full time pastor, the Reverend Benjamin Roberts, in 1882.

Throughout its history, the leadership and congregants of Newman A.M.E. have always heard and answered the call to serve their community, in spite of whatever adversity lay before them. In 1920, facing the challenges of a world where equality was still scarcely more than a dream, the Men's Club of Newman A.M.E. founded the Oakland County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to fight for greater equality. In the 1960s, even as the Church was displaced from its home, its leaders came together to establish the Newman Non-Profit Housing Corporation, devoted to making affordable housing available to area residents. Just five years after the Church was forced to relocate, the congregation was able to construct and pay off the mortgage on its new and current home.

Under the Church's current leader, the Reverend Lila Rose Martin, the congregation has continued its commitment to the principles of service and egalitarianism on which it was founded. Among its outreach programs, Newman A.M.E. has added a cancer survivor's ministry to help those who have been victims of this terrible disease, and re-instituted a summer program to provide area youth with the tools necessary to develop into productive members of the community.

Newman A.M.E.'s rich history is a true testament to the enduring success that can be achieved when strong bonds of fellowship are tested in the face of trial and tribulation. Even in moments of great challenge and sacrifice, the congregation of Newman A.M.E. has remained dedicated to serving Pontiac and the greater Southeast Michigan Community. The sesquicentennial of Newman A.M.E. is a truly momentous occasion and I wish its leadership and congregation many more years of success in spiritual fellowship and service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE, TO ENSURE THAT THE BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING IN EFFECT FOR A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IS NOT REDUCED WHEN THE MEMBER TRANSITIONS BETWEEN ACTIVE DUTY AND FULL TIME NATIONAL GUARD DUTY WITHOUT A BREAK IN ACTIVE SERVICE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a bill to amend Title 37, United States Code, to ensure that Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) or Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between Active Duty and Full Time National Guard duty without a break in active service. I thank my good friend and colleague, Congressman DAVE LOEBSACK of Iowa for working with me on this measure and for his continued commitment to our country's National Guard.

The bill would close an apparent loophole in the application of BAH and OHA pay to certain members of the National Guard. Specifically, this legislation ensures that a member of the National Guard, who is coming home from a deployment and into a Full Time National Guard duty assignment, would not lose BAH or OHA payments to which they are entitled. This fix is needed now because of a recent Per Diem Travel and Transportation Advisory Committee (PDTTAC) legal interpretation that states a member of the National Guard who is on Active Duty on Title 10 orders who then moves into a Full Time National Guard duty position under Title 32 orders must be paid the BAH or OHA based on their home of record and not their permanent duty assignment station. This decision could drastically reduce the amount of BAH or OHA that a servicemember is entitled to when transitioning assignments.

The rationale, or legal basis for this interpretation from the PDTTAC, is unclear; however, this legislation would rectify the situation. Our men and women of the National Guard have deployed in great numbers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, now Operation New Dawn; Operation Enduring Freedom and other contingencies. The National Guard, despite these unprecedented deployments abroad, were still able to meet mission requirements at home whether responding to tornado outbreaks, floods, ice storms, and even Hurricane Katrina. Yet, this recent decision by the PDTTAC seeks to treat our men and women in the National Guard without any parity. The PDTTAC effectively assumes that all National Guard duty is part-time whereas Full Time National Guard duty remains in support of the federal mission of the National Guard.

I ask my colleagues to support this measure and clarify, in statute, fair and equitable treatment for members of the National Guard who are on Full Time duty status under Title 32. Again, I thank my colleague Mr. LOEBSACK for his support and leadership with this matter.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN CARTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren Carter, who passed away on July 21, 2011. Warren was a family man and a respected community leader.

Warren grew up in McFarland and earned his bachelor's degree in 1958 from La Verne College (now the University of La Verne). He worked briefly as a teacher and later in the insurance industry. However, his true passion was farming.

In the 1960s, Warren planted almonds on 200 acres in McFarland, becoming one of the first to grow a crop that turned out to be one of Kern County's largest agricultural commodities. He was also active in almond production research.

His commitment to the agriculture industry extended beyond just farming. Warren served on the Almond Board of California from 1979 to 1992, including for two years as chairman and four years as vice chairman. Additionally, he served as president of the Kern County Farm Bureau, and shared his love of agriculture as chairman of the parent advisory committee for McFarland High School Future Farmers of America.

Warren also was involved in many community activities. For instance, he enjoyed working with the local youth, and was a past director and chairman of Kern County Youth for Christ. Additionally, he was a co-founder and past director of Kern County Student Leadership, a high school leadership program that is now on 20 campuses throughout the county.

Warren brought his leadership, charisma, and work ethic to the real estate industry when he purchased Watson Realty in 1980, eventually growing it from 20 agents to 100. His son, Ken Carter, is now president and owner.

Warren is survived by his son Doug and daughter-in-law Dena, son Ken and daughter-in-law Renee, daughter Karen and son-in-law Joey, 10 grandchildren, and his brother Wayne and sister Opal. His wife, Lenore passed away in 2009. Warren will truly be missed, but he will be remembered as a strong leader and a man dedicated to improving his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NANO-TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 1, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Nanotechnology Advancement and New Opportunities (NANO) Act.

The NANO Act is a comprehensive bill to promote the development and responsible stewardship of nanotechnology in the United States. The legislation draws upon the work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nanotechnology that I convened. The Blue Ribbon Task Force included nanotechnology experts with