EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HARVEY TEYLER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Harvey Teyler, manager of the Alamosa Mosquito Control District. Mr. Teyler has been awarded the Special District Association of Colorado's 2011 Distinguished Manager of the Year Award.

Presented in September at the SDA's annual conference, this honor recognizes managers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication and service to their district. The SDI is an association consisting of over a thousand members who promote the effective and economical operation of special districts in Colorado. These districts function as a form of local government that provides basic services and public needs.

Mr. Teyler was recognized for increasing the Alamosa Mosquito Control District's quality of service under the motto ''Effective and Efficient.'' He is well respected for his leadership style, a commitment to thoroughly educating and training his employees, and for never asking them to do something that he has not done himself.

Mr. Teyler leads the District's efforts to protect public health through the surveillance of mosquitoes, counting and identification, various methods of extermination, and West Nile Virus testing, all while adhering to environmentally sensitive practices. After humble origins in a shed with no utilities, the District now operates out of a fully furbished 5500 square foot facility. The citizens of Alamosa, known in the past to be overrun with mosquitoes, are certainly grateful for Mr. Teyler's dedication.

Mr. Teyler is also an active member of the Alamosa community, where he has been a part of the Kiwanis Club, the Blue Peaks organization for the mentally challenged, and the Ranch Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Harvey Teyler. I rise today to thank him for his public spirit and devotion to the health of Alamosa's Citizens.

HONORING BRIAN HUDSON OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, Pennsylvanians in need of affordable housing, and those of us who advocate for quality, safe housing accessible to all, have a quiet superstar in our midst.

Since 2003, Brian A. Hudson Sr. has served as Executive Director and CEO of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the agency that turns the portfolio of affordable housing programs into brick and mortar. His ascension to leadership is well deserved: he has worked at the agency for three decades.

Brian Hudson's work frequently brings him into Philadelphia where PHFA has accomplished near-miracles in public-private-nonprofit partnerships and Brian Hudson is legendary for the art of the deal. Those deals provide affordable housing for seniors, for young families, for veterans, for low-income families, for individuals facing substance abuse and Philadelphians with disabilities.

Brian Hudson may not be well-known by the public but those who work with him and his agency hold the man in awe. Mr. Hudson's presence at a ribbon-cutting or turnkey dedication or groundbreaking is a welcome sight, and I've been pleased to share that podium with him on many occasions as an advocate in Congress for these critically needed programs. When Brian Hudson is on the scene, it means the hard work has been done, and it's been done right.

Most recently, on October 31, Mr. Hudson and I, joined by Mayor Michael Nutter and a ''who's who'' of business and community leaders as well as older residents who were already in residence, dedicated The Apartments at Cliveden in Philadelphia's Germantown neighborhood. The NewCourtland Network's latest development is a $14.6 million project, launched with major help from Brian Hudson and PHFA, to provide 62 units of affordable, dignified, modern living for seniors 62 and older.

Brian Hudson's list of credits—and responsibilities—in the housing field is long and impressive. He has been a Director of the federally chartered Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh since 2007. He has served as Vice President and on the board of the National Council of State Housing Agencies. He is a member of the Consumer Advisory Council at The Federal Reserve System.

Since its founding in 1972, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency has financed more than 130,000 houses and 54,000 apartment units while assisting 40,000 homeowners threatened with foreclosure.

In recent months Mr. Hudson's PHFA performed an astounding feat of public service under extreme deadline conditions. PHFA was able to administer and distribute more than $100 million made available to Pennsylvanians under the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program (EHLP) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—within less than six months.

I sponsored the EHLP program in Congress and secured its inclusion in the Wall Street Reform Act. This emergency assistance was based on an earlier program, the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP) that I developed as a young legislator in the Pennsylvania General Assembly in the early 1980s. That's just about the time a young housing whizkid named Brian Hudson came to work for PHFA, helping that agency turn HEMAP into the nation's premier state-based emergency mortgage assistance program.

Over a quarter century HEMAP provided more than $433 million in emergency mortgage assistance loans. Nearly 90 percent of Pennsylvania homeowners receiving this assistance have avoided foreclosure. Those clients were Pennsylvanians who had been making their mortgage payments until, through no fault of their own, they lost a job or other income stream and tumbled toward default. Thanks to HEMAP, 17,000 Pennsylvania families were able to stay in their homes, get back on their feet, and even to repay HEMAP for that home-saving loan. In fact, over its lifetime, HEMAP actually turned a modest profit for the taxpayers!

That outstanding track record was worth duplicating, and it became the model for the EHLP program I introduced. This federal program provided up to $50,000, or 24 months, of continuing financial assistance, to families who were in danger of losing their homes due to lost income from involuntary unemployment, under-employment or medical expenses. Unfortunately we were able to fund EHLP only for FY2011. Faced with the rapidly approaching Sept. 30, 2011, deadline and a complex set of regulations for homeowners in need of emergency assistance, Mr. Hudson oversaw the processing and approval of 3,056 applications in Pennsylvania, with distribution of $108 million in emergency home-saving aid in less than six months. That's more than 10 percent of the EHLP funds made available coast to coast.

We will be working to bring EHLP back to life. Meanwhile, Brian Hudson and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency have plenty of work to do. They've been funding a housing locator service for state residents dislocated by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. They are expediting affordable housing developments everywhere in the Commonwealth involving a myriad of municipal, state and federal programs.

The record builds, and tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians are already saying thank you. Through it all, the simple formula for success remains: Brian Hudson = Affordable Housing.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 384, which will reauthorize the sale of the highly successful Breast Cancer Research Stamp. I am a proud cosponsor of House companion legislation.

Breast cancer has or will eventually touch all of our lives. According to the National Cancer Institute, more than 230,000 women in the

United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and nearly 40,000 will die. Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among women. It is also the second leading cause of cancer-related death among women.

Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland and illustrated by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore, Maryland, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp was first issued in 1998. Since then, it has raised over $74 million for cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. By renewing this stamp today, Congress is reaffirming its deep commitment to increasing awareness and finding a cure for this terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan, lifesaving legislation.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF CAROL FIXMAN OF THE PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION FUND

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, on December 16, advocates for educational excellence in Philadelphia will be celebrating the service of a dear friend of mine, Carol Fixman, the soon-to-retire Executive Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund. Together, Carol and I have worked to make the dreams of Philadelphia's school children a reality and to brighten the future of our city.

Under Dr. Fixman's direction, the Ed Fund has been actively engaged in issues of school reform, teacher quality, college access, and community engagement in support of public education. Prior to her appointment at the Ed Fund, Dr. Fixman was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Philadelphia University, where she provided leadership for more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs in business, design, architecture, engineering, science, and health.

She has held positions directing international programs at Temple University and at the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. She has also served as Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund's College Access Program and the Philadelphia Scholars, a citywide initiative to improve access to and success in postsecondary education for Philadelphia public school students. Dr. Fixman has played a critical role in GEAR UP, the nation's premier early college awareness and readiness program and CORE Scholars, a place-based scholarship program serving students in Philadelphia—two programs that I am proud to have launched, nationally and locally.

Dr. Fixman has a distinguished academic record in addition to her achievements in the field of education. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in German literature from Brown University and a B.A. in Russian literature from Indiana University (Bloomington).

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Carol Fixman's dedication and perseverance toward improving the quality of public education in the Philadelphia region so that underserved youth are prepared for college and careers and thank her for making Philadelphia a better place.

As she retires from the Philadelphia Education Fund, she will surely be missed by all. I urge this body to recognize her contributions and continue to support her work.

CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID HALTIWANGER

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. David Haltiwanger for his tireless efforts on behalf of the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. In his work as a clinician, administrator, teacher and advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has demonstrated a deep well of compassion, a vision for true inclusiveness and a commitment to using his voice and organizing the voices of others to improve the lives of those in Baltimore, in Maryland, and across the United States.

Dr. Haltiwanger has been involved in the fight against AIDS from the very beginning, first as support to friends and later as a therapist, clinical supervisor and administrator overseeing a range of mental health, substance abuse, health promotion and case management services at Chase Brexton Health Services, Maryland's largest community-based provider of healthcare services to people living with HIV/AIDS. At Chase Brexton, he served as Mental Health Director and later as Director of Clinical Programs and Public Policy. Even as his other responsibilities increased, Dr. Haltiwanger continued to see patients, giving him keen insight into the challenges on the ground and enabling him to be an especially effective advocate in Annapolis and here on Capitol Hill, where he has been a valuable resource to members and staff alike.

Dr. Haltiwanger has channeled his expertise and commitment into the work of two very important national organizations. He served for six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, a leading national voice for the treatment and care needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, and also as a Board Member and Co-Chair of the National Coalition for LGBT Health, which is committed to improving the health and well-being of LGBT individuals through federal advocacy focused on research, policy, education, and training.

In his work as an advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has been especially committed to educating others in his community about the importance of participating in public policy issues and mentoring them in those efforts. Throughout his career, Dr. Haltiwanger has made an enormous impact on Baltimore and has changed the lives of countless individuals and families in the State of Maryland and beyond. As he retires from Chase Brexton, I would like to thank him for his many years of service and his visionary leadership.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THOMASENNIA AMOS OF THE PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION FUND

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia's educational advocacy community will be losing one of its most respected and versatile leaders with the retirement of Thomasennia Amos.

Thomasennia Amos is stepping down as the Director of the College Access Program at the Philadelphia Education Fund, where she has served the cause of public education since 1999. Ms. Amos also has directed the Student Success Centers, a partnership between the College Access Program and the School District of Philadelphia to create a sustainable college-going culture within local neighborhood high schools. In addition, she has supervised the Scholarship Coordinator of the Ed Fund's Philadelphia Scholars.

Among her earlier assignments at the Ed Fund, it is noteworthy that she served as Director of the GEAR UP Initiative (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). GEAR UP, which I developed and guided into law in 1998, has been a national as well as local success story, impacting the educational prospects, jump-starting the higher education opportunities and improving the life chances of 12 million young people in 49 states plus U.S. territories. The GEAR UP partnership of the Ed Fund and the School District of Philadelphia has been a particularly fruitful one.

The Philadelphia Education Fund is simply the latest stop for Thomasennia Amos in her rich and varied career throughout my home town. Before joining the Ed Fund, Ms. Amos served as an instructional supervisor in the School District of Philadelphia. Throughout her career, she has worked in professional development, supporting new teachers and introducing and coaching instructional best practices to school communities. She served under several superintendents in a central office capacity.

Ms. Amos is a dedicated educator who has supported students and teachers in every region of the School District of Philadelphia. She has served as an Adjunct Faculty member at Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Arcadia University, Drexel University, and Chestnut Hill College. She is also certified as a Principal, and has a strong personal commitment to improving education for Special Education students.

Ms. Amos holds an M.Ed. in Special Education from Arcadia University, and a B.S. in Elementary Education and K–12 Special Education from Pennsylvania State University. She has won countless honors for educational achievement and advocacy, including, in 2010, an award from the Philadelphia Alliance of Black School Administrators.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Thomasennia Amos on a lifetime of hard work, dedication and success instilling generations of Philadelphia's young people, especially those from underserved communities with the tools, the will and the incentive to succeed. For an educator as talented as Ms. Amos, transitioning to retirement, this is the highest honor of all.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. PHYLLIS CAUSEY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend and remarkable Kentuckian, Mrs. Phyllis Causey. In January, after over 39 years of honorable and selfless public service, she will retire.

Her Lewisburg High School yearbook in 1968 contained a prophecy for her, saying, ''Phyllis will be in President Nixon's Cabinet in ten years.'' And although Nixon resigned while she was at basic training for the Army Reserve in 1974 and she never did make it to the White House, lucky for us she still decided to follow her passion for politics and public service.

Phyllis graduated from Hopkinsville Community College in 1970 and received her Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University in 1972. Upon her graduation, Phyllis worked for WKU for the following 23 years.

In 1995, she was hired as a field representative for Congressman Ron Lewis and when I was elected to replace Congressman Lewis upon his retirement, Phyllis was kind enough to continue working for me.

While traveling as a candidate for Congress, I met so many individuals whose first question to me was, to ask if I was keeping Phyllis on staff if I was elected. Their question was a testament to Phyllis' compassion, hard work, and dedication to the individuals in the counties she served. She was, and still is, irreplaceable.

Phyllis grew up on a farm in Logan County, where her parents taught her the value of hard work and the importance of giving and caring for others. And throughout the nearly 20 years I have known Phyllis she has exemplified these values every day.

She has been such an inspiration to me. She has always been devoted to the causes she believes in—church, family and friends. Phyllis is an incredible wife, daughter, sister and mother. I know her family, especially her husband Larry, will be happy to have her around more often.

Although I will miss her, I know this is in no way a goodbye. I am positive she will continue to be active and touch the lives of those of us who have had the privilege of calling her a friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Phyllis Causey, who exemplifies what it means to be an American, a Kentuckian, a Christian and a public servant.

REMEMBERING MARY BOYCE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Mary Boyce, who passed away on the morning of Thursday, December 1, 2011. Mary was the mother of my good friend Barry Boyce; my thoughts and prayers are with his family. She was a wonderful woman who lived life to the fullest and always knew the importance of love and family. Therefore, on behalf of the family and friends of Mary, I would like to include her obituary, which appeared in the Public Opinion on December 2, 2011, in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

MARY T. BOYCE OBITUARY

Mary T. Boyce, 97, of The Village of Laurel Run, Fayetteville, died in the early morning on December 1, 2011. Mary was born in New York City, on January 15, 1914, to Cornelius (Neil) Gibbons, a New York City Police Sergeant, who was killed in the line of duty in 1924, and Mary Calhoun, both from County Donegal, Ireland. She graduated from Cathedral High School in Manhattan, 1932. She and her future husband, Donald C. Boyce, Jr., met while they were both working at the 1939 World's Fair, and they were married in New Orleans in 1941. Mary and her husband moved to Chambersburg, where he became personnel manager of T.B. Woods' Sons Company. Mary lived in Chambersburg from 1947 to 1949, and again from 1956 until 1982, shortly after Donald's death. Mary returned in 2006. In addition to raising her children, Mary worked at Sears & Roebuck and as a real estate and economic data gatherer for the Census Bureau.

During her time in Chambersburg, Mary was active in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She took part in the Red Stocking Revue and the garden club and was a dedicated member of the Chambersburg Country Club and played golf until age 88. She was a voracious reader and bridge player, a diligent letter writer, and an excellent cook. She kept track of the activities of her far-flung family on a daily basis until her final days. In April 2009, a video interview with Mary reflecting on her early life and memories of the Great Depression was featured on the New York Times website. The video may be viewed at the site's ''The New Hard Times'' section. Mary was predeceased by her eldest son, Donald, of New York City. She is survived by six children: Brian, of Virginia Beach; Neil, of New York City; Robert, of Fayetteville; Mary Jane, of Fairhope, Alabama; Margaret Anne, of Ashland, Oregon; and Barry, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday December 12, 2011, I missed four recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye'' on Rollcall 913, ''aye'' on Rollcall 914, ''aye'' on Rollcall 915, and ''nay'' on Rollcall 916.

MONI PIZ WILSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Moni Piz Wilson for her outstanding service to our community.

As owner and operator of Grandma's Frozen Egg Noodles, Moni carries the entrepreneurial spirit necessary to keep her business successful. Moni bought the business in 2001 without formal business training or experience running a company. She took her business from a small shop to one that delivers 200,000 cases of noodles each year.

Moni tackles all tasks with a get-it-done-today attitude. Her spirit for success is not constrained to her business, but extends to the Arvada community as well. Moni not only serves as Vice President of the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) board of directors, but was instrumental in the Foothills Animal Shelter ''Raising Capital'' campaign to fund the construction of the new animal shelter.

Moni's success and community outreach won her the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Moni Piz Wilson for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 916, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted ''no.''

CHRISTINE COOK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christine Cook for her outstanding service to our community.

Christine is CEO of INGATHER Research, where she has been a huge influence on the market research industry, developing the first residential home in market research called ''The Reality House.'' Several facilities across the Nation have mirrored her model and efforts of thinking outside the box. With Christine's help, INGATHER Research received BBB's Gold Star Award for Excellence for the past 4 years and has also been chosen as a ''Colorado Company to Watch'' by Colorado Biz Magazine.

Christine is a leader in the community. She has served as president of Colorado Chapter of BMA (Business Marketing Association), MRA (Marketing Research Association), Colorado Chapter of AMA (American Marketing Association), and Celiac Disease Foundation. In 2010 Christine was awarded the Communicator of the Year Award from the Business Marketing Association and the Colorado Ethics in Business Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christine Cook for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RICHARD L. COTTA

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard L. Cotta, a pillar of the California dairy industry, on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Cotta has spent virtually his entire career in all aspects of the dairy business; from dairy farming to dairy genetics and from dairy processing to dairy politics.

Mr. Cotta is a graduate, with honors, from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in dairy husbandry.

From 1980 to 1984 he was the CEO of United Dairymen of California, a producer trade organization, until it merged to form Western United Dairymen.

From 1984 to 1993, Mr. Cotta served as the CEO of Western United Dairymen, the largest producer trade association in California.

Since 2007, Mr. Cotta has held the title of President and CEO of California Dairies, Inc. (CDI). His career at CDI began in 1993 when he started as General Manager at San Joaquin Valley Dairymen, a dairy processing and marketing cooperative. In 1999, San Joaquin Valley Dairymen merged with Danish Creamery and California Milk Producers to form CDI. At this time, Mr. Cotta was named Senior Vice President of Producer Affairs and Government Relations, and held this position until he was named CEO in 2007. Under his leadership, CDI profits have reached record levels. Today, CDI is California's largest dairy provider and the 2nd largest in the United States.

Previously, Mr. Cotta worked as a sire analyst for American Breeders Service, a classifier for the Holstein Association of America and a principal in Genetics, Inc. For several years he was a dairy consultant with many successful dairies on feeding, breeding and management systems.

Mr. Cotta has testified before the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature on behalf of the dairy industry. At the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, he has participated in world trade missions to open foreign markets to U.S. dairy products.

Mr. Cotta currently owns and operates Cotta Farms and is a partner in Terra Bella Farms, both almond farming operations. He sits on the following boards: U.C. Davis Deans Advisory Council; California State University Chancellors Ag Advisory Council; Sacred Heart School Foundation; and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy. He is also on the Globalization Operating Committee for the U.S. Dairy Export Council.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Richard L. Cotta on his retirement from California Dairies, Inc.

DR. REBECCA WIEBE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Rebecca Wiebe for her outstanding service to our community.

Rebecca is a skilled surgeon and businesswoman as well as a wife and passionate community member. Rebecca dreamed of a facility where cancer patients could receive all medical needs under one roof. Her vision recently became reality when the Red Rocks Cancer Center in Golden opened its doors. Rebecca had her hand in every piece of the cancer center, from raising money to purchasing real estate and even outlining logistics on how the cancer center should run. Rebecca's vision not only is a beacon of light for cancer patients in Jefferson County, but has attracted several medical practices and helped create jobs in Golden.

Rebecca maintains a successful practice as a general surgeon. She is confident, compassionate and highly skilled. Rebecca is not only a leader in Jefferson County, but her leadership extends to the surgical community in Colorado as well where she is the chair of the Surgical Service Line at the Exempla Lutheran Medical Center.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dr. Rebecca Wiebe for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 12, 2011, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 913, "yes" on rollcall 914, "no" on rollcall 915, and "no" on rollcall 916.

KATHLEEN CURTIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathleen Curtis for her outstanding service to our community.

Kathleen is a woman that never rests. After losing her mother to cancer, Kathleen provides much sweat equity in fundraising for cancer treatment organizations by running marathons. She works a very busy daily schedule, but always has time to support the causes she cares for dearly.

Kathleen is a woman that never says no to a person in need. She and her husband have owned and worked for the Village Roaster for 28 years. Kathleen donates many products and services to nonprofits for special events, especially coffee.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathleen Curtis for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL COWGIRL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Coppell High School Cowgirl volleyball team for winning the 2011 Texas state championship title.

The Cowgirls finished the season with a 42–8 record and the program's first ever state championship. Coppell High School competes in the University Interscholastic League Class 5A, the most competitive athletic class composed of the largest schools in Texas. The Cowgirls have appeared in the state tournament three times in their 29–year history. Their last appearance was 14 years ago.

Coppell had an exciting 2011 season, finishing second place in District 7–5A. With their second-place district standing, the Cowgirls went on to the bi-district game where they defeated Flower Mound High School with match scores of 22–25, 25–22, 25–12 and 25–19. Following the bi-district victory, the Cowgirls played Colleyville Heritage High School in the area championship. Coppell won the game with the match scores of 25–11, 25–9, 18–25 and 25–16.

In the regional tournament, the Cowgirls defeated the defending state champions, Hebron High School, in a dramatic five-game match. Coppell lost the first two matches, and in an amazing turnaround, the Cowgirls won the next three matches to advance to the regional tournament. The match scores for the Coppell-Hebron quarterfinal game were 22–25, 23–25, 28–26, 25–21 and 15–10.

In the regional semi-final game, Coppell swept Arlington High School with match scores of 25–23, 25–16 and 25–13. Prior to the Coppell-Arlington matchup, Arlington had been on a 17–match winning streak. Coppell continued their sweep by defeating Marcus High School in the regional championship in three matches. The Coppell-Marcus match scores were 22–20, 25–20 and 25–15.

The Cowgirls made it through the regional tournament to the state semi-finals, where they played San Antonio Johnson High School in a dramatic five-game match series. The Cowgirls took the win with the match scores 14–24, 25–16, 21–25, 25–20 and 15–10. In the Texas volleyball state finals, Coppell defeated McKinney Boyd High School to take the state championship title. The Coppell-McKinney Boyd match scores were 25–22, 25–19, 20–25 and 25–19.

I am extremely proud of the Coppell Cowgirl volleyball team. I would like to recognize each player on this state championship team: Megan Kennedy, Kristen Dickerson, Sarah Arnold, Erica Bohannon, Cassidy Pickrell, Kierra Hoist, Kylie Pickrell, Jordan Jones, Bear Bass, Chiaka Ogbogu, Lindsay Stivers, Mary-Kate Marshall and Kate Dicken. The team was guided by an exceptional coaching staff that included head coach Julie Green and assistant coaches Megan Geeslin, Megan Boyd and Robyn DeArmond. Lastly, the Cowgirls were taken special care of by their student trainers, Makenna Hares and Erin Gillen.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Coppell Cowgirl volleyball team on winning the state championship title.

VIONA MAE HADER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Viona Mae Hader for her outstanding service to our community.

Viona is an inspirational and active member of the Golden community. She first moved to Golden in 1941 where she helped to establish and revitalize community events. In an effort to expand local trail rides, Viona helped revitalize the Buffalo Bill Days parade. She played an instrumental role in establishing the Foothills Art Center by purchasing the building and converting it into a gallery.

Viona is knowledgeable and observant. When she saw veterans receiving American flags for their service, she wondered how she could showcase these amazing soldiers' accomplishments. Soon after, she started the Flag Project at the Golden Cemetery. At the beginning, there were only eight flags, but now there are over 315 flags every Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

Viona is a pioneer. She was the first full-time employee of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and helped develop the first Golden tourist program. Among her many firsts, Viona is credited for writing the first History of Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Viona Mae Hader for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE PRESIDENT McKINLEY ''MACK'' WILLIAMS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Contra Costa College President McKinley "Mack" Williams and congratulate him as he approaches his well earned retirement.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Richmond, California, McKinley attended local elementary schools and graduated from Richmond High School. He earned his Masters of Science degree in Counseling from San Francisco State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. It was in Colorado that McKinley began his teaching career as a Professor of Ethnic Studies.

Upon his return to the Bay Area, McKinley worked as a marriage and family counselor as well as a Professor of Psychology at Merritt College. During his early career, McKinley served as a Director of Research and Planning and Dean of Instruction at Merritt College, as well as Dean of Instruction at the College of Alameda.

As a well-respected expert in his field, McKinley has presented professional papers at many conferences dealing with community colleges and conducted research on critical issues facing educators. In 1990, McKinley joined the administration of Contra Costa College as Dean of Instruction. In 2005 he was appointed Interim President until July of 2006 when he was named President of the college. The college faculty and staff as well as the students who attended Contra Costa College are justifiably proud of the development of programs under McKinley's leadership. He has assembled a staff of educators who day after day helped him deliver on the promise of a quality education for all. Dedicated to breaking barriers to education for all students, particularly African American males, McKinley Williams has made a decided difference in the lives of thousands of our Bay Area youth.

In addition to his commitment to higher education, McKinley has lent his time and talent to a wide variety of organizations in our community. He serves on the board of the Richmond Children's Foundation, on the Schools-To-Careers Advisory Board for West Contra Costa Unified School District, is a member of the Leadership Advisory Committee for El Cerrito High school and serves on the Executive Board of the National Consortium of Middle College High School. He is also one of the few honored male members of The Black Women Organized for Political Action and is a lead singer for the popular gospel group Consonance. He is active on both the Richmond and San Pablo Chambers of Commerce and an active member of the Richmond-Pinole Lions Club.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to publically recognize Costa Community College President McKinley Williams and thank him for his tireless work that has left an indelible imprint on our community. Through his leadership, he has ensured that students of all ages are well prepared for continuing education, new careers, and life. On behalf of our children, families and the communities served so well by his tenure I thank McKinley Williams, and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

BUNNY MALM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bunny Malm for her outstanding service to our community.

Bunny has been active in the Lakewood community since it was first incorporated. Bunny served as Lakewood's first Charter Chairman of the city's Board of Adjustment. Among Bunny's many board positions in the Jefferson County community, she served two years as chairman of the Jefferson County Planning Commission. Bunny currently serves as a Board member of the Lakewood Historical Society and the West Colfax Community Association.

Bunny's get up and go attitude has led her to become a volunteer ambassador for the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District. When Bunny isn't busy working on one of her many board duties or volunteering at a local charitable group, she can be found picking up trash on West Colfax. That's who Bunny is—compassionate, outgoing and always willing to lend an extra hand.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bunny Malm for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor on Monday, December 12. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 913, 914, and 915, and "no" on rollcall 916.

AMY SHERMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amy Sherman for her outstanding service to our community.

Amy Sherman is a woman of integrity, vision, and perseverance. While serving ten years as the President of the West Chamber, Amy founded and helped develop many organizations geared to help businesses flourish in Jefferson County. These organizations include the Jefferson County Business Resource Center, the Rooney Valley Association, and the Celebrate Women of Jefferson County Event. Amy also started the tourism initiative named Experience Jefferson County.

Amy sees the bigger picture and is willing to take the risks necessary for her projects to succeed. Due to her keen eye and purposeful spirit, Amy was awarded the Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year in 2008.

Awards and congratulations are not what drive Amy; she strives to make every person's life in the community better. Whether sitting on one of 14 boards throughout her ten years as the West Chamber President, or volunteering with the Twin Connection to mentor a meth-addicted mother of twins, or chairing events for her children's school PTA, Amy focuses on the betterment of her community for now and many years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amy Sherman for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 915, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

JENNIFER HERRICK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Herrick for her service to the people of Colorado.

Jennifer exudes the character of a caring citizen and passionate mother. She is a consistent foster mother to troubled, at-risk teens and rescue animals. As a foster mother, Jennifer cares for her foster children long after they have left her care, no matter where the children end up. As a rescue animal enthusiast, Jennifer is especially compassionate for larger breeds including Newfoundlands and Great Danes, and is a large contributor to Rocky Mountain animal rescue organizations.

Jennifer owns a small consignment shop in Evergreen named CRAVE. She is known for being environmentally conscious and community-friendly by donating unwanted items from her store to EChO (Evergreen Christian Outreach).

She is a large supporter of small businesses, by offering area retailers and organizations frequent discounts at her store. Jennifer also sends email notices to her customers asking that they shop locally and support their community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jennifer Herrick for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING BAKER COLLEGE'S 100TH YEAR OF EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Baker College as it celebrates 100 years of educational success.

Baker Business University, as it was known then, was founded by Eldon E. Baker of Flint, Michigan in 1911. Mr. Baker focused on creating a school that provided higher education and training that would enable graduates to have a successful business career. Eldon Baker's vision remains a guiding light for Baker College and its students.

After years of success Baker Business University received regional accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, its three campuses merged to form the Baker College System. The following year Baker Junior College was authorized to grant a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and became what is known today as Baker College of Flint. Following the accreditation, Baker College of Flint made an $11 million investment to renovate the former Mandeville School property. Today, that is the foundation for the state of the art campus that resides in Flint.

Presently, Baker College serves more than 40,000 students on 12 campuses, including Baker College Online, and in four satellite locations; grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education, human services, and various technical fields, as well as a doctorate of business administration. Baker College is a principal in the Greater Flint economy and tool for thousands to better themselves and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Baker College on 100 years of growth and success. I wish continued prosperity for the college, its employees, and most importantly the students.

MARIAN METSOPOULOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marian Metsopoulos for her outstanding commitment to our community.

Marian is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Lakewood and Jefferson County. As a dedicated historian, Marian looks to the future and the generations impacted by her efforts to save the past.

Her passion extends to the arts as well, where she served as coordinator of the Foothills Arts Center for twenty four years. Marian was a pioneer in making the Foothills Arts center a known name in the community. Her collaboration with local artists and business put the center on the map.

Marian's many accomplishments include support for heritage education, restoration projects for Lakewood's Heritage Center and the Buffalo Bill Museum and grave.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marian Metsopoulos for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne Grisham. From serving as a decorated combat pilot during World War II, to his public service as Mayor of La Mirada and later, as a Member of Congress, Wayne Grisham honorably served his nation, his state and his community.

After graduating from Jordan High School in Long Beach, California, Wayne Grisham joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II, he became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down on a combat mission over Germany. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart. After the war, Wayne completed his studies at Whittier College and the University of Southern California and went on to build a successful real estate company.

In 1970, Wayne began his political career on the La Mirada City Council and soon became the city's mayor. Wayne was elected to Congress in 1978 and was immediately known for his civility. President John F. Kennedy said in his inaugural address that "civility is not a sign of weakness." This was certainly true of Wayne Grisham. In 1982, Wayne and I found ourselves in the unfortunate circumstance of having our districts drawn together. I was honored to call Wayne Grisham, not only a colleague, but a friend, and while we engaged in a rigorous campaign, I will never forget Wayne's strength of character and enduring friendship. Wayne continued his dedication to public service through elected office in California and as the director of the Peace Corps in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to have served in Congress with Wayne Grisham and I am pleased that we are able to honor him today.

HONORING THE SOCIETY OF INNOVATORS CLASS OF 2011–2012

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 7th Annual "Spirit of Innovation" Induction Ceremony, in which twenty-three individuals and sixteen teams were inducted as members of the 2011–2012 class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Individuals were selected from these new members and inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals include: Mayor Jon Costas, Robert Johnson III, Julie Rizzo, Angela Hambling, and Janet Brown, Ph.D. Also honored was the Chanute Prize team recipient, IVDiagnostics at Entech, Valparaiso. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees were inducted during a prestigious event that took place in the Pavilion Ballrooms located at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on October 20, 2011.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "Culture of Innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The five Fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their remarkable

diversity of innovation and the impact of their efforts throughout the community of Northwest Indiana. The 2011–2012 individuals named Society Fellows are as follows: Mayor Jon Costas, of Valparaiso, has worked hard to ensure that the City of Valparaiso is an innovative leader. Revitalizing the downtown area, creating a new urban park, improving the city's infrastructure, and launching a citywide bus service, as well as a commuter bus to Chicago, are some of the many outstanding projects completed under the direction of Mayor Costas. Robert Johnson III is the President/CEO of Cimcor, Inc., Merrillville. Robert developed cutting edge information technology security software that takes real time change detection to the next level by offering instant remediation of unauthorized changes. This security software system is used by the United States Army and the National Nuclear Security Administration, among others. Julie Rizzo is the President of US Greenworks, LLC and is also Executive Director of My Choice Recycling, Saint John. Julie's network of granite recycling centers has saved an estimated five million pounds of granite and stone scraps from being dumped into landfills nationwide. Angela Hambling, Principal of Rolling Prairie Elementary School in La Porte County, created an offsite activities center that is used to improve the educational outcome of underserved minority students. Angela, along with school administrators and teachers, was able to help over 100 students this past year. As a result of this exceptional program, the school's status was raised to ''exemplary.'' Janet Brown, Ph.D. is the Dean of the College of Nursing, Valparaiso University. Under Dr. Brown's direction, the College of Nursing's enrollment went from 25 students to 350 undergraduate students, 45 master's program students, and 28 doctoral students. Dr. Brown also initiated the overseas ''cultural immersion'' experiences for nursing students.

The recipient of the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation is: IVDiagnostics at Entech Innovation Center, Valparaiso. IVDiagnostics launched a new diagnostic tool to help in the fight against cancer by indentifying rare circulating tumor cells in vivo. This procedure is non-toxic and also helps to eliminate issues that arise in current methods, which calculate high false positives and negatives. Preclinical studies have been conducted at two medical centers which illustrate the effectiveness of this innovative technology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding innovators on being named Society Fellows and the Chanute Prize recipient. Their dedication and commitment to innovation is truly an inspiration. Their years of hard work have played a major role in shaping future development in Northwest Indiana and communities worldwide, and each recipient is worthy of the highest praise.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was unable to attend the first vote of a Point of Order for Unfunded Mandate on H.R. 3630 raised by Representative MOORE. The Chair then called a Question of Consideration to Rule for H.R. 3630.

As you know, the House was not scheduled to be in Session this week and Monday evening I held a listening event with concerned citizens in the town of Savoy. I could not, in good conscience, cancel on a group that had been on my schedule for several months. On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, I was traveling from my district to Washington, DC, when this unanticipated Point of Order was raised.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows: for Question of Consideration of the Resolution, I would have voted ''yea.''

REMEMBERING MRS. GRACE TYSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness but with great respect that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Mrs. Grace Tyson, of East Chicago, Indiana. Mrs. Tyson's many contributions to the Northwest Indiana community as a civil servant and as a leader within her church are worthy of our deepest admiration. Grace passed away at the age of 103 on Friday, November 25, 2011, but the impact and influence she has had on her community will surely live on for generations to come.

Grace Tyson was born in Unity, Illinois, to Mary and Dee McCondle. She attended elementary school in Unity, Illinois, graduated from high school in Sandusky, Illinois, and later attended college in Carbondale, Illinois. In 1940, she married Charles Tyson and they settled down in the city of East Chicago, Indiana. Grace graduated with distinction from Beauty and Cosmetology School in Gary, Indiana, in 1945. Her lifelong career as a licensed cosmetologist and beautician lasted 51 years, until her retirement in 1996. Grace joined Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in the early 1940s. She became a faithful member of the church and Missionary Society, holding the offices of President and Secretary.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Tyson gave of her time to serve those in need. She was very passionate about helping others, and her life was centered around this type of work. She was one of the very first individuals to serve as a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, a position she held for over five years. She was a member of the Women's Improvement Club of East Chicago, for which she served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Grace also became the area representative and delegate for senior citizens at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. For her truly impressive determination to improve the lives of so many, she was awarded the Governor's Proclamation for her years of service. Grace was known as a quiet, effective leader who served as a positive role model for many young men and women throughout the community of Northwest Indiana.

While Grace Tyson was always active in her community and her church, she cherished her time with her family the most. She leaves to cherish her memory her nieces, Mary Perry and Martha Brownlee; nephew, Tommy (Gwendolyn) Daniel; godson, Edward Williams; and special neighbor Anna Williams; as well as many grand nieces and nephews. She will also be greatly missed by her many friends, neighbors, club members, and caretakers.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Grace Tyson for her outstanding devotion to her community in Northwest Indiana. Her unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation. Grace's selflessness was an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to have represented her in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES MARK McNATT

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. James Mark McNatt, a remarkable Texan who died on July 31, 2011. James was born in Denton, TX to James Arby and Margaret Revell McNatt and in 1966 he married the love of his life, Judy Blankenship. James and Judy went on to raise three children in Carthage, TX and James was the proud grandfather to seven grandchildren.

As a young man, James served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. In 2007 he retired from East Texas Medical Center in Carthage after 25 years of service. James was a respected member of the New Life Baptist Church and The Gideons International, and was known to have the perfect scripture for any situation.

James loved his life in Carthage, where he resided for 28 years. All three of his children went to Carthage High School, where James and Judy could always be found cheering in the stands, working in the concession stand, or helping behind the scenes. James never stopped being an active community member—whether it was volunteer work or running his snowcone stand in the summer. Judy has worked for the local radio station for 20 years.

In 2002, James was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, but he never skipped a beat. James and Judy still continued to travel to see the grandchildren's dance recitals, cheer competitions, and soccer games and visit the Longview Fire Station where his son was a firefighter. James adamantly believed a cure for Parkinson's was possible and planned for guests of his memorial to make donations to the American Parkinson's Disease Association. James also served time on the board of the local American Heart Association chapter.

His family will remember James as a man of faith and perseverance. One who made it a priority to have the whole family together, making sure the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange was on the calendar and one who loved others unconditionally.

James is survived by his wife for 45 years, Judy McNatt, daughters Jennifer Mattingly and husband Chris, Jessica Huff and husband Bill, and son (James) Michael McNatt and wife Melinda. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Molly and Riley Mattingly; Baylee,

Kennedy, Cooper and Hadley Huff; and Lani McNatt. In addition, James is survived by sisters Fran Ryals, Sissy Frady Hamlin, and brothers Buster McNatt and Bill McNatt. Finally, James leaves behind a large host of family and special friends throughout Texas and beyond.

TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BEN ETTLEMAN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ben Ettleman, owner and Chief Executive Officer of Davis Industries and to congratulate him on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Mr. Ettleman moved Davis Industries to the Lorton area in 1970, and, under his leadership, Davis Industries continues to be an involved and active community partner. When asked what advice he would give to a person entering business, he replied: ''You must establish good relationships with your employees, your vendors, suppliers and manufacturers—but you must never forget to develop a good relationship with your community. That's vital!'' Mr. Ettleman's life has been true to this philosophy; his robust support for area nonprofits has been invaluable to the Lorton and greater Fairfax County communities.

Countless local and national programs and charities have benefited from Mr. Ettleman's leadership and direction. He allows his metal crushing site to be used in training the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in the ''Jaws of Life'' program. He also helped found the ''Police Unity Tour'' to honor fallen officers. In response to the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, Mr. Ettleman donated $25,000 to help provide care for children who were burned as a result of the tragedy. He has provided critical leadership and financial support to local high school all-night graduation parties, renovations of public parks, food drives, holiday celebrations at local shelters, educational scholarships, little league teams, art programs, and even spay-and-neuter programs. The Lorton Community Action Center, Boys & Girls Club, Jewish National Fund, Georgetown University Parkinson's Research Center, Fairfax County Police and Fire and Rescue Departments, United Community Ministries, South County Little League, and the Lorton Arts Foundation are just a few of the many organizations that have been able to provide assistance, education, and public safety services to thousands of residents thanks to the leadership and generosity of Ben Ettleman.

Mr. Ettleman recently celebrated his 90th birthday on August 11, 2011, and in recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed the day as Ben Ettleman/Davis Industries Day in Fairfax County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in congratulating Mr. Ettleman on this prestigious recognition and wishing him a very happy birthday. I also want to thank him for his selfless contributions, which have benefited so many in our community. I hope that his record of leadership will serve as a model of community service to future generations.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FARM DUST REGULATION PREVENTION ACT AND THE SYNTHETIC DRUG CONTROL ACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present last Thursday, I would have voted for the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, H.R. 1633, as well as the Synthetic Drug Control Act, H.R. 1254.

H.R. 1633 would prevent the EPA from issuing any new rule over the next year to regulate coarse particulate matter, or ''nuisance dust.'' While there is no such regulation currently pending, the concerns of my constituency with respect to the possibility that such a rule could be used to prevent coal mining or may interfere with farming or construction activities prompt my support of this bill.

H.R. 1254 would expand the list of Schedule I narcotics under the Controlled Substances Act to include cannabimimetic agents, the chemicals that are commonly known as synthetic drugs. The bill would prohibit the sale, distribution, or use of those chemicals without a permit issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Synthetic drugs, sometimes known by their street names as K2, Spice, and bath salts, imitate the hallucinogenic and stimulant effects of illegal drugs. Synthetic drugs can affect the brain in a manner that is similar to Schedule I drugs and are sold to consumers as harmless alternatives to marijuana, cocaine, or methamphetamines. There are numerous instances where the use of these drugs has resulted in agitation, anxiety, seizures, tremors, hallucinations, paranoia, and death.

Drug abuse is a serious health problem in southern West Virginia, one that threatens our communities, our homes, and our children. Too often, there is a misconception that these imitation drugs are not as dangerous as the Schedule I narcotics they seek to simulate. That's a gross distortion that this legislation seeks to correct. I believe we must be unrelenting in getting these designer drugs off the streets and out of the hands of our children. Passing this legislation will help us to send a clear moral message that these synthetic drugs carry with them deadly consequences—not just for the users, but for their families and communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE PAKIDIS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize George Pakidis for his years of service in the fight against drunk driving.

Each year thousands of people are injured or killed by drunk drivers. The numbers of accidents and fatalities skyrocket during holiday seasons, especially Independence Day and New Year's Eve. To help prevent these senseless tragedies, local business leaders worked with law enforcement and government agencies to develop programs that would keep intoxicated drivers off of our roads. George Pakidis is one of the leaders in this effort.

For 14 years, George has served on the Board of Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP). Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award winning public-private coalition that seeks to prevent drunk driving, drugged driving, and underage drinking in the Washington metropolitan area through innovative education programs and advocacy. As Vice President of Red Top Cab, a regional taxi service based in Northern Virginia, George recognized an opportunity to decrease the number of instances of drunk driving by spearheading a free cab ride service known as SoberRide, which functions as part of the WRAP program. In the 12 years that George has been its Chairman, SoberRide has grown to include nine participating taxi companies and has kept more than 52,000 drunk drivers off of our roads. His innovative approach to this problem has prevented countless accidents and saved thousands of lives.

George will soon be retiring from Red Top Cab as well as from his positions with WRAP and SoberRide. His leadership and foresight will be greatly missed. During his tenure the number of accidents has declined significantly, and the regional alcohol-related traffic death rate is consistently lower than the national average.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking George Pakidis for his immeasurable service to our community and for his efforts to eradicate drunk driving. Let us wish George continued success in his retirement.

HONORING OFFICER DERIEK WAYNE CROUSE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in memory of Officer Deriek Wayne Crouse, a loving father and husband and dedicated law enforcement officer. Officer Crouse was killed in the line of duty on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

My deepest sympathies are with the family of Officer Crouse, the Virginia Tech Police Department, and the entire Hokie Nation. A 4-year veteran of the Virginia Tech Police Department, Officer Crouse was devoted to serving and protecting the students at Virginia Tech. This tragic event is a stark reminder of the many dangers law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis.

He joined the Virginia Tech Police Department on October 27, 2007, and served in the patrol division. Officer Crouse received his law enforcement certification on February 12, 2008, from the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy. He was trained as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officer, General Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics instructor and most recently completed training for Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response and Mechanical and Ballistic Instructor. Since February 2011, Officer Crouse was a member of

the Virginia Tech Police Emergency Response Team. In 2008, he also received an award for his commitment to the department's Driving Under the Influence efforts.

Before joining the Virginia Tech Police Department, Officer Crouse worked at the New River Valley Jail and the Montgomery County Sheriffs Department. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army.

Officer Crouse, formerly of Galax, resided in Christiansburg, VA. He is survived by his wife, Tina Akers Crouse; son, Dustin Crouse; stepchildren, Logan and Hayden Schack, and Tyler and Peyton Robinette; parents, Tony Crouse and Bonita Arnold; and brothers, Darris Upchurch and Kevin Crouse.

I am honored to pay tribute to this great man. Officer Crouse will be long remembered throughout the Virginia Tech and law enforcement communities. My continued prayers are with his family as they grieve this tragic loss. Southwest Virginia has truly lost one of its finest.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KING'S PARK AND THE 4TH ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Kings Park Community, and the 4th Annual Potluck Dinner. The quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Kings Park is a testament to the strong community spirit that has existed for half a century.

King's Park is a community of 1100 homes located in central Fairfax County, in the heart of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. Although this is a very large community, it maintains the feel of a true neighborhood or small town. Within the Kings Park boundaries, there are two elementary schools, a large public park, and a community swimming pool. The residents are well served by the local civic association; King's Park Civic Association (KPCA). KPCA publishes The Gazette news letter, helps to ensure the safety of the residents through its Neighborhood Watch and Block Captain programs, and sponsors community events such as the Annual Yard Sale, 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Children's Holiday Party, Senior's Lunch, and Community Potluck Dinner. In addition, KPCA oversees several citizen committees which address residents' concerns, provide assistance, and facilitate communication with the county on local governmental issues.

Fifty years ago, in 1960, the total population of Fairfax County was 261,417; in 2010 the population had more than quadrupled to 1,081,726. Despite this phenomenal growth, King's Park has retained its unique identity thanks to the efforts of the volunteers and community activists. The success of the King's Park Civic Association can be attributable to its ability to provide tangible benefits to its residents, and to promote a spirit of collaboration and inclusion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of King's Park, and the 4th Annual potluck dinner organized by the King's Park Civic Association. I also thank the residents and members of the Kings Park Civic Association for their efforts to ensure that Kings Park remains a wonderful place to call home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 914, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 4TH ANNUAL LAFAYETTE VILLAGE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Arbor Day 2011 and to recognize the Lafayette Village Community's annual neighborhood cleanup and tree planting.

Founded by J. Sterling Morton, the first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska April 10, 1872. Arbor Day has since grown to be celebrated in more than 30 countries around the world. Arbor Day recognizes and celebrates the value and beauty of trees in our communities, and it is observed by planting a new tree.

Lafayette Village is a community of 313 homes in Fairfax County, Virginia. This is its fourth annual Arbor/Earth Day ceremony, and tree planting is a longstanding tradition for Lafayette Village. In conjunction with the annual tree planting, Lafayette Village conducts a community cleanup as well. Children are encouraged to participate, which helps to instill the values of community service and teamwork.

Environmental stewardship leads to beautiful communities such as Lafayette Village. Hundreds of trees have been planted over the years as an affirmation of their commitment to this stewardship.

Mr. Speaker, I express my gratitude to the residents of Lafayette Village. Their efforts prove that beautifying a neighborhood requires only a generous amount of time and community spirit.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was $4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is $15,054,018,277,569.01. We've added $10,252,613,102,274.73 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is $10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2011 LIFECIRCLE ALLIANCES KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winners of the 2011 LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Awards. LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit organization based in Fairfax County, Virginia, is a leader in promoting and enabling independent living for older and adults with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities, including our Wounded Warriors.

LifeCircle Alliances has created innovative public-private partnerships with its 45 members including businesses, individuals, educational facilities, philanthropic organizations and government agencies to showcase and raise money for creative and cost-effective long-term care solutions. The funds raised and the efforts of the LifeCircle partners help to create innovative long-term care initiatives, enhance existing programs, and address workforce, mobility and transportation issues. The goal of these efforts is independence for life; ensuring that our older adults and adults with disabilities are able to live independently and with dignity in their communities of choice.

The LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Award celebration recognizes the efforts of five outstanding caregivers, who provide dedicated care, day in and day out. The recipients of the 2011 Kudos Awards are:

Inas Eldarwish—For years, Inas and her husband Ayman provided care to their two disabled sons, Ahmed and Hazem. Sadly, Ahmed passed away several years ago. The grace with which Inas handled this tragic loss was remarkable. Through her mourning, she has remained a dedicated and selfless mom to Hazem supporting his interests and helping him reach his full potential.

The Belvoir Woods Healthcare Center Family Council at The Fairfax (BWHCC)—This council is comprised entirely of volunteer family caregivers of current or former BWHCC residents. Through their efforts, residents at Belvoir Woods enjoy guest speaker programs and quality of life resources such as dog therapy visits, loaner scooters, and wheelchairs. They also are able to keep in touch with out-of-area family and friends through the use of free Wi–Fi.

Linda Walthall and Family—Through considerable adversity Linda and Frank Walthall have provided exceptional care for the last 7 years to her elderly mother, who requires 24 hour supervision. It is this selfless devotion to family that warrants her recognition as an exceptional caregiver.

Colonel Christine Ingle (Rtd)—Col. Ingle has served as a volunteer mentor and caregiver to our Wounded Warriors at Fort Belvoir. She recently has started a program for Veterans who are interested in pursuing careers in the healthcare field after their discharge from the Warrior Transition Unit.

Deborah Dodge—Despite personal obstacles, Deborah has gone above and beyond in single-handedly providing care to her adult son for the last 12 years. Deborah's son is severely ill, and requires 24/7 care. She has served on the Northern Virginia Mental Health Board, and is an exceptional caretaker and maintains her positive and cheerful attitude despite the hardships that she faces.

I congratulate today's winners and recognize each of them for their devotion and personal sacrifices. These individuals are examples of the many thousands of caregivers who put the needs of their families, friends and colleagues above their own. I also would like to applaud the efforts of LifeCircle Alliances. As a strong advocate for public-private partnerships, I commend LifeCircle Alliances for its creative approach to addressing these very important challenges within our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to today's awardees and in thanking the volunteers, staff, and partners of LifeCircle Alliance for their efforts in providing assistance to not only those in need of care, but to those who provide the care here in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 904, the RECORD indicates that had I been present, I would have voted "no." This is a mistake. The RECORD should indicate that had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

COMMENDING ANTHONY GRIFFIN FOR RECEIVING CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Anthony Griffin and commend him for receiving the International City/County Management Association's Award for Career Excellence in honor of Mark E. Keane. After a career as City Manager for Falls Church, Virginia, Tony came to Fairfax County in 1989.

In 2000 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, of which I was a member, appointed Tony as County Executive. As County Executive, Tony Griffin managed the day-to-day operations of a jurisdiction with more than 1 million residents and more than 11,000 employees. Tony provided over Fairfax County during some of its more challenging times including 9/11, the 2001 anthrax attacks, the Beltway Sniper, Hurricane Isabel, the flooding of Cameron Run in 2006, the 2007 recession, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. Throughout it all, he has continued to provide outstanding leadership to Fairfax. During his tenure, Governing Magazine named Fairfax County its Best Managed County in the Country. Fairfax has won numerous e-government awards including the Digital Counties Survey and the Best of the Web. Time Magazine referred to Fairfax as, "the economic success story of our time."

I was pleased to work with Tony Griffin during my 13 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and I know the value he brought. I urge my colleagues and the residents of Fairfax County, Virginia to join me in commending Anthony Griffin for receiving this Award for Career Excellence, and thank him for his years of dedication to making Fairfax a safe and vibrant community to live and work.

HONORING THE SHORT LIFE OF ANGELO ZOLTAN SCHWARTZ

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I am honored, yet saddened today to come to the floor to honor the short life of Angelo Zoltan Schwartz. The son of Lawrence Sanson Schwartz IV and his wife Allison, Angelo suffered from a rare bone disease, Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI). He was born on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 11:29 a.m., just one minute after his twin sister Cecilia Anne Schwartz. Angelo was 4 pounds 15 ounces and was delivered at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in Virginia.

OI, which is a condition causing extremely fragile bones, was the main cause of Angelo's shortened life. Due to this condition his rib cage was fractured in utero and he succumbed to respiratory failure on December 1, 2011 at 3:45 a.m. Over his 64 hours of life, Angelo made a huge impact on everyone who met him, including the nursing and hospital administration staff, who worked together to modify hospital policy to ensure that the Schwartz family could spend as much time together as possible.

Angelo is loved and will be missed by his entire family including his grandparents, Debrah and Barry Shulman of Fayetteville, New York; Joanne and Lawrence Schwartz III of Anaheim Hills, California; and his parents Allison and Lawrence Schwartz IV, and his sister Cecilia Anne Schwartz of Alexandria, Virginia.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MANTUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Mantua Elementary School. For half a century, Mantua Elementary has provided its students with a superior education and a solid foundation for lifelong learning and becoming productive and responsible citizens.

The school and community have a shared vision for elementary education based on Ernest Boyer's "Basic School" philosophy paired with tenets from DuFour's Professional Learning Communities. As part of the Basic School Network, Mantua focuses on proven elementary best practices; the school as a community, a curriculum with coherence, a climate for learning, and a commitment to character. Teachers and specialists at each grade level work in professional learning teams to assess their students' needs and design integrated curricula using the Basic School's eight commonalities: life cycle, use of symbols, group membership, time and space, the aesthetic, nature, producing and consuming, and living with purpose.

In addition, Mantua Elementary School offers programs in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Special Education for students who need additional assistance, Advanced Academics for exceptionally gifted and talented students, and Total Communication for students who are deaf or hearing impaired. These specialized programs when combined with the school's core educational philosophy ensure that every student is given access to a quality education. The result has been an award winning school and a vibrant, academically charged atmosphere that has enabled the children of our community to excel.

Mantua Elementary School has greatly benefitted under the leadership of its principal, Ms. Jan-Marie Fernandez, who has held this position since 2000. Ms. Fernandez is credited with applying brain-based research to instruction methods in order to improve literacy development for students with learning disabilities, and focus and attention issues. This innovative approach was one factor in Ms. Fernandez being named the 2010 Distinguished Principal by the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals. As the parent of a child who attended Mantua Elementary School, I have personally witnessed her effectiveness as an administrator and an educator. She has led this large, very diverse school to great success and I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the students and to the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mantua Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and in congratulating the students, educators, administrators, and parents on working together as a team for the benefit of all.

HONORING JUDGE ELMER DAVIES, JR.

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, There are citizens making up this great country who never cease to explore, to learn, to grow. Skilled in multiple crafts, these men and women add much to our communities and the quality of our lives. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of one such Renaissance man, Judge Elmer Davies, Jr. Patriot, master of the law, and passionate culinary artist, Judge Davies left an indelible mark on his family and our community.

After receiving his law degree from Tulane Law School, and serving as a Reserve Colonel with the United States Marine Corps, Davies began his public service in the legal field and followed in the footsteps of his father, Judge Elmer Davies. President Roosevelt appointed Davies, Sr. to the United States District Court and he became the first Chief

Judge of the Middle Tennessee District. Davies, Jr. served as District Attorney General from 1972 to 1982 and then as Circuit Court Judge from 1982 to 1989. Serving Tennesseans from Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson Counties, Davies cultivated a pristine and upstanding legal reputation.

Judge Davies certainly followed his passions; never settling to look from the outside onto a subject he loved. Wanting to learn more about the art of food, Davies went to France to study the culinary arts. Then seeking to serve folks in a very different way, Davies purchased a hotel in the South Pacific and lived his later years in service to one of his many dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Judge Elmer Davies, Jr. and I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring his legacy. May his life teach us all to serve with greater nobility and live out our dreams in service to others.

TO CONGRATULATE SANDI QUALLEY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sandi Qualley, Executive Director of the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area (HACA), on the occasion of her retirement following 21 years of dedicated service to those individuals who suffer from bleeding disorders and their families.

HACA is a nonprofit organization that provides many needed services to people with bleeding disorders such as hemophilia and von Willebrand disease and their families. HACA serves more than 250 families in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and it is a chapter of both Hemophilia Federation of America and the National Hemophilia Foundation, the two leading national hemophilia patient organizations. HACA's mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals suffering from bleeding disorders and their families through education, advocacy, and member services in order to promote research and to raise the resources needed to achieve these goals.

Sandi has been instrumental in ensuring that HACA continues to deliver on its mission. It sends children with bleeding disorders to camps that are equipped to address their specific medical needs. HACA offers educational programming to members of the bleeding disorders community at all stages of life: Families with newly diagnosed infants, school-age children, adolescents, adults, and those now confronting the additional complications that advancing age can pose for an individual with a bleeding disorder. HACA also helps provide financial assistance to needy families and resources to other nonprofit organizations that work with the hemophilia community in an expanding global network.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Sandi Qualley for her years of service and in congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement. Her distinguished service has greatly contributed to the advancement and improvement of care and treatment available to individuals suffering from bleeding-related afflictions.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3648, THE HARBOR FAIRNESS ACT OF 2011

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation to ensure that future expenditures for the maintenance of commercial harbors are equitably distributed, so that all communities—large and small—may optimize the economic benefits of their inland and coastal ports.

Over the past few administrations, far more funds have been collected by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund than have been expended on an annual basis—and unfortunately, the adverse signs of underfunding are becoming apparent. Year after year of insufficient maintenance dredging resources for coastal and inland ports has resulted in reduced depths at countless port facilities, and has all but passed over the dredging needs of moderately sized or smaller ports, such as Lake Montauk, in the New York's First Congressional District.

In recent years, there has been a concerted effort in Congress to fully utilize harbor maintenance funds in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose they were collected. I am a strong supporter of these efforts because I have seen, firsthand, the adverse impacts of shoaled harbors on local and regional economies. When local harbors become filled with sediment, the corresponding reduction of commercial shipping can have a significant adverse impact on the national, regional, and local economies, as well as on the jobs that are directly and indirectly related to ports and shipping.

It is essential that Congress find a way to ensure that funds collected in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund be fully allocated—not only to ensure the viability of commercial shipping, but also to realize the jobs that can be created for port workers and dredgers, as well as through businesses that rely on local harbors for their livelihoods.

However, even if annual collections to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund were fully utilized, there is reason to believe that, under the status quo decision process for where funds are expended, the needs of many of the moderate-to-small harbors would remain unmet.

According to information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), there is a significant backlog of maintenance dredging activities necessary to restore fully authorized project dimensions of existing commercial navigation projects. According to the Corps, the estimated annual maintenance cost to restore authorized projects to their full widths and depths is $2.3 billion during the first five years. Once this backlog is addressed, the Corps estimates that annual maintenance costs (for year 6 and beyond) would average around $1.8 billion per year.

Based on the Corps' projection on maintenance dredging needs, it appears that the annual operation and maintenance needs identified by the Corps exceed the amounts that have been collected, annually, by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. This means that, even if annual collections to the Trust Fund are fully allocated, there will be an unmet annual maintenance dredging need far into the future. It is that unmet annual maintenance dredging need that makes the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 critical to mid-size and small commercial harbors, so that these harbors are not continually left behind.

Over the past few years, I have heard numerous examples of commercial harbors that were passed over for critical maintenance dredging funds from the Corps, in essence, because insufficient funds were made available for maintenance dredging needs. However, in my view, it has been the mid-size and small commercial harbors that have been disproportionally impacted by the lack of annual maintenance dredging funds.

For example, according to the Corps, the agency is currently responsible for maintenance dredging at 1,067 harbors, nationwide. Of this number, only 59 harbors (or 5 percent) are characterized as ''high-use'' harbors—on those that use at least 10 million tons of commerce annually. The remaining 1,008 harbors that fall under the Corps' maintenance dredging responsibility are characterized as ''moderate'' or ''low-use'' harbors.

However, when you look at the President's budget request for the past two fiscal years, it is easy to see the disparity in funding allocations among these categories of harbors.

For example, in the fiscal year 2012 budget request, ''high-use'' harbors received 66 percent of available funds, while ''low-use'' harbors received only 6 percent of the funds. This would mean that, under the status quo process for allocating maintenance dredging funding—which has been followed by both Democratic and Republican Presidential administrations—approximately 5 percent of eligible harbors received over 66 percent of the funds made available from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of a Congressional district with small commercial harbors, the status quo must change.

To my community, the benefit of small and mid-size commercial harbors to the local economy is not proportional to their size. As a witness from New York's First Congressional District, Ms. Bonnie Brady, testified before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, the small commercial fishing ports on Long Island are responsible for 99 percent of New York's landed seafood catch—worth over $49 million dollars at the dock.

That is why I am introducing the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011. This legislation attempts to balance the operation and maintenance needs of all commercial harbors, regardless of size, and to ensure that funding is equitably distributed between high-, moderate-, and low-use facilities.

First, the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 would require the Corps to assess, on a biennial basis, the overall dredging needs of those commercial harbors that it is responsible for, including harbors used for commercial navigation, fishing, subsistence, domestic energy production, recreation, the transport of persons, and navigation safety.

This legislation would require the Corps to report its findings on operation and maintenance needs to the authorizing Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, as part of the President's budget submission to Congress. This information would be critical for Congress to comprehensively understand the overall operation and maintenance needs of all commercial harbors, as well as that portion of the national dredging need that would

be deferred to future years due to lack of available funding.

In addition, the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 would require the Administration to identify future allocations of operation and maintenance funds, on a harbor-by-harbor basis. This information will allow commercial harbors to more accurately plan future operation and maintenance expenditures, both short-term and long-term, and more efficiently make critical decisions on the most efficient way to maintain safe commercial shipping at local harbors.

The central focus of the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 is the requirement that expenditures for maintenance dredging is equitably allocated among all eligible commercial harbors. To accomplish this, the legislation requires the Secretary of the Army: (1) to utilize the information obtained from the assessment of dredging needs; (2) to consider the national and regional significance of harbor operation and maintenance; and (3) to make allocation decisions on factors beyond simply the amount of cargo tonnage transiting through a commercial harbor.

While the Corps is completing its assessment of national maintenance dredging needs, this legislation establishes a short-term, minimum allocation for maintenance dredging at midsize and small commercial harbors. The 40 percent guaranteed allocation for mid-size and small commercial harbors for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 represents only a modest increase in the allocation for these harbors over the previous two fiscal years (33.7 percent in fiscal year 2012 and 33.4 percent for fiscal year 2011), in part to address the disproportionate backlog faced by mid-size and small commercial harbors.

In addition, this mandatory allocation of 40 percent is temporary, and will be replaced in fiscal year 2014 by an allocation based on the actual maintenance dredging needs of all harbors, as identified by the Corps.

Mr. Speaker, the Harbor Fairness Act of 2011 recognizes the fundamental importance of all commercial harbors to the national, regional, and local economies. It calls for fairness in the allocation of critical maintenance dredging funds among large-, moderate-, and small-commercial harbors. But, most of all, it recognizes the importance of the nation's ports to America and to American workers. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this very important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE 2011 ELLY DOYLE PARK SERVICE AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2011 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards. These awards, sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board, recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary contributions to our environment and public park system.

Fairfax County is regarded as one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and our nationally-recognized park system has played a key role in that distinction. Our community has a strong commitment to promoting and preserving our environment, including our public parks and outdoor spaces. Each year thousands of volunteers donate their talents and time to protect our natural and cultural resources and enhance public educational and recreational services.

The Elly Doyle Service Awards were established in 1988 in honor of former board member Ellamae Doyle's many years of outstanding service. In addition, recipients have also been named for the 2011 Eakin Philanthropy Award, named in honor of the Eakin family who donated the first parcels of parkland to the Park Authority over 50 years ago, and the 2011 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award, named after the late Sally Ormsby who was a champion of environmental stewardship. I congratulate each of the 2011 recipients of these prestigious awards.

2011 Eakin Philanthropy Award Recipients:

Craig and Belinda Stevens for their generous financial support of numerous Park Foundation projects; and

Cox Communications, for their ongoing funding of the Summer Entertainment Series.

2011 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award Recipient:

Stella Koch, in recognition of the central role she has played in many environmental issues including development of policies and preservation of our natural resources.

2011 Elly Doyle Service Award Recipients:

Friends of the Hidden Oaks Nature Center—For their exceptional efforts in supporting programs, activities, and facilities at the Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale.

Charles and Jacque Olin—For the establishment of the Analemma Society in 1998 and their efforts in creating Observatory Park at Turner Farm.

Chris Robichaux—For creating the Mason District Dog Opportunity Group in 2000 which worked with Park Authority staff to identify suitable parkland for an off-leash dog area.

2011 Elly Doyle Special Recognition Awards Recipients: Jim Franks, Lynne Glasser, John Hopkins, James Jamison, and Judy Kirby, and student honoree, Morgan Volpe.

I also commend the 18 individuals who comprise the Class of 2011 Outstanding Volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking these honorees for their demonstrated commitment to our open spaces and public parks. Fairfax County is able to enjoy a high quality of life because of the efforts of these individuals and they are deserving of our praise and appreciation.

HONORING DONNA GORITY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and mark the retirement of Blair County Commissioner Donna Gority. Donna is a friend and colleague whose work has left an indelible mark on her community. It has been an honor to work with her over her extensive career in the Commissioner's office to help improve the lives of our shared constituents. I join many other local elected officials, friends and neighbors in wishing her well in her retirement.

It is difficult to fit in all of the things Donna has accomplished over her 28 years in public office. First and foremost, Donna has the distinction of serving as the first female member of the Blair County Board of Commissioners. Donna has long been known for being a champion for children and health and human services issues throughout the county. Over her time in office, Donna developed a track record as a strong advocate for funding the county's Human Services Office, which provides support for homeless families and juvenile delinquency prevention.

In addition, Donna has been deeply involved in a program that is also very important to me: Operation Our Town in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Operation Our Town is a successful partnership between businesses and communities throughout Central Pennsylvania whose mission is to rid neighborhoods of drugs and drug-related violent crime. Operation Our Town completes its mission through community policing and proven treatment and prevention techniques. I am proud to have had her as an ally in applying Operation Our Town's techniques to Altoona.

Donna has been the recipient of a number of awards over her career. She was recognized as part of the "Outstanding Young Women in America" in 1978, was named Boss of the Year in 1986 by the American Business Women's Association, won the President's Award by the County Commissioner's Association of Pennsylvania in 1994, received the Leadership Award from the Blair County NAACP in 2003 and the Lifetime Achievement Award this year by Blair Countians for Drug Free Communities. Again, these are but a few of her accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Donna Gority on her successful 28 years in public office and wish her well in her retirement. She will leave Blair County's government and the people it represents in better shape than when she found it. In the end, I believe that should be the goal of every public servant. Without question, Donna accomplished that goal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 913, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR. KENNY SMITH AND HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Dr.

Kenny Smith and to celebrate his 25 years of service to the First Baptist Church of Vienna.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Pastor Smith earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1977, his Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University in 1987, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in 1992.

In December 1986, Pastor Smith arrived in Vienna, Virginia, with his wife, the Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, and he assumed leadership of the First Baptist Church. A relatively small church at the time, the membership of First Baptist was fewer than 200. Under his guidance and stewardship, First Baptist has witnessed significant growth and now has more than 30 active ministries, which provide spiritual guidance for its members and the entire community. I have had the pleasure of worshipping at First Baptist Church of Vienna on many occasions, and I always have been moved by Pastor Smith's words of inspiration and faith.

Like so many men of faith, Pastor Smith does not confine his dedication to within the walls of the sanctuary. He has ministered to the poor and disadvantaged in Nigeria, Ghana, Haiti, Coahoma, Maryland, South Carolina and Biloxi, Mississippi. First Baptist Church of Vienna contributed more than $53,000 to aid the victims of the Haitian earthquake and donated 1,000 bottles of multiple vitamins to aid the medical effort. Partnering with a sister church, Pastor Smith and the First Baptist Church family assisted with the finance of two Habitat for Humanity homes, contributing in excess of $42,000 for each home. He has established a Federal Credit Union with assets of more than $1 million, which provides members with safe and fair financial services.

Pastor Smith has long been recognized as a leader in faith and community service. He serves or has formerly served as president of the Baptist General Convention, president of the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP, moderator of the NOVA Baptist Association, adjunct professor at Howard Divinity School and Wesley Theological Seminary, board member of the First Baptist Church of Vienna Federal Credit Union, board member of the Vienna Church Coalition for Housing, board member of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and as a trustee of Virginia Union University.

His many accolades from the community include the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Omicron Kappa Kappa) 2006 Citizen of the year award; the James F. Jenkins Pillars of Faith Award (2005); Outstanding Service Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (2004); the Dean's Pastor's Award, Howard University School of Theology (1999); the Outstanding Achievement in Religion Award, Howard University Alumni Club of Northern Virginia (1999); the Religious Affairs Award, Fairfax County Branch, NAACP (1998); the Outstanding Leadership Award, Northern Virginia Baptist Association (1998); Community Service Award, Horizon Community Outreach Group (1996); the Golden Eagle Award, Fairfax County School System (1994); the Award of Merit presented by the Old Dominion Bar Association (1994); the 1992 Human Rights Award presented by the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission (1993); the D. B. Barton Award in Pastoral Theology (1987); and the Joseph H. Jackson Award (1986) for Academic Excellence. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1986/1987).

Pastor Smith does not only preach his faith; he lives his faith. He and his wife, Reverend Dr. Mary Smith, lead by example in their dedication to God, the community, and mankind, and I am proud to call them my friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith on the occasion of his Silver Anniversary as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Vienna and in wishing him continued success.

HONORING MARY DONOVAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Donovan, a valued Marin County employee who is retiring after over 36 years of service. As the Program Manager II of the Employment and Training Branch within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Workforce Investment Board of Marin, Ms. Donovan's skilled management and expertise has made a significant contribution to the effectiveness of this department.

In September, 1975, Ms. Donovan began her career with the County as an Eligibility Worker and earned repeated promotions over the years. Along the way, she was recognized for her calmness under pressure, delegates work well, has ability in a leadership role and her truly amazing ability to change roles, assume new tasks, learn new programs, and gain the respect of all around her. In 1994, she was named Program Manager II and continued to make full use of all these skills.

In her years of work within the County Ms. Donovan has managed many social service/public assistance programs including Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, MediCal, County Medical Services Programs, Job Training Partnership Act, Workforce Investment Board, and CalWORKs Welfare to Work. While serving on the newly formed Marin Child Care Commission, she provided key expertise in the navigation of the new CalWORKS program.

Originally from Pittsburg, PA, Mary Donovan was the oldest of 13 children. She is very family oriented with three children, all of whom were born in Marin. Jared, the oldest, works in Washington, DC; Logan is an actor in Southern California, and Margo works to travel. Mary, too, plans on traveling as well as enjoying a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mary Donovan for her years of service and wishing her well in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN ERWIN J. KORCZYNSKI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 5th, Captain Erwin J. Korzynski passed away from prostate cancer. Today we honor Erwin as he was a great patriot and lead a selfless life.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 30, 1942. He was the product of first generation Polish American parents. His mother and father owned the Elm Hotel Restaurant in Chicago's Wicker Park Neighborhood from 1937 to 1947. His father also served as the Chief Chef on the Ann Rutledge train car operated by the Alton Railroad. Here he had the distinct honor of preparing meals for President Harry S. Truman aboard the Armed Forces Troop Trains. From 1947 to 1958 his parents became the owners of Helen's Food Shop, in the Gragin neighborhood of Chicago.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski learned the value of public service while in Boy Scout Troop 153, eventually earning membership in Order of the Arrow by the Boy Scouting elite. He graduated from Chicago's Henry D. Lloyd Elementary School as a member of the class of 1956, and graduated from Chicago's Lane Technical High School in the class of 1960. During his time at Lane Tech he "lettered" on six separate occasions, as well as winning many state championships during his four-year athletic endeavors.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynski marched in the Chicago Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps from 1956 to 1963 and served as a lifeguard at the Knollwood Country Club before Northern Illinois University. He was selected as Lifeguard of the Year for saving the life of a young swimmer. He later enrolled in the Priesthood at St. Ambrose Seminary in Davenport, Iowa, followed by his novitiate for the Christian Brothers at St. Mary's College in Winnona, Minnesota.

In 1963, one year prior to graduation, he wanted to demonstrate his selfless commitment to serve our country during the Vietnam War, so he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was attached to Marine Attach Squadron, VMA 131. He attainted the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged from active duty on December 1st, 1969.

Erwin then went on to receive Eastern Airlines Flight Academy training in Miami, Florida, obtaining the rank of Captain and was awarded a Type Rating in a Boeing 727 series 100–200–225. As Captain, Erwin flew for Eastern Airlines, Evergreen Airline of McMinnville, Oregon, Emirates Airlines of Dubai, UAE, Saudia Airlines of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Air Lanka of Colombo, Sri Lanka, USAfrica of Cape Town, South Africa, and Eva Airlines of Taipei, Taiwan.

From 1990 to 1991, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski acted as Pilot-in-Command, flying twenty-five missions during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Captain Erwin J. Korczynski must be saluted for his bravery, courage and aeronautical abilities. He volunteered to fly in the Persian Gulf, and so did with the highest level of distinction. For the second time in his life, he demonstrated his selfless commitment and patriotism to serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski is the shining example of the citizen-soldier. He supported our military actions while maintaining his civilian obligations and participated in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) Operation during Operation Desert Storm. Although an honorably discharged United States Marine, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski was not an activated reservist during this conflict and instead served as a volunteer.

His loving brother, Major Edwin J. ''Ski'' Korczynski, USAF/CAP, and Precinct Captain to Alderman Richard F. Mell, Chicago's 33rd Ward, summed up his identical twin brother's call to duty in a letter he sent to President Bush, stating that ''from the first day of conflict, his brother cast his vote for our American traditions through his dedication and deeds, not merely a slip of paper.'' Through his actions, Captain Erwin J. Korczynski exemplified the ideals of the Colonial Army's soldiers who answered our fledgling Nation's call.

Captain Erwin J. Korczynslci's dedication to service and patriotism kept him from retirement. Instead, equipped with his thirty-five plus years of aviation experience, he shared his knowledge and skills with young, soon-to-be airline pilots. Captain Erwin J. Korczynski sought out and obtained his certification as a commercial airline Check Airman and Flight Instructor.

His remaining years, from age sixty thereafter, were spent as Airline Check Airman and Flight Instructor at the Gulfstream Flight Academy for Gulfstream Airlines based in Miami, Florida. Gulfstream Captain Erwin J. Korczynski trained hundreds of career starting airline pilots who admired and respected him for his zero tolerance flight and pilot standards. Theses new pilots coined the stories of his Marine Corps days, his Eastern Airline era, his six airline career and his world circles, as ''Erwinisms''

Mr. Speaker, our nation will forever be indebted to Captain Erwin J. Korczynski's patriotism and unfailing bravery. He was a loved son, brother, soldier, and instructor who's dedication to serving our country will inspire generations to come. He is survived by his identical twin brother Edwin, wife Henrietta, daughters Elizabeth and Lieutenant/Navy JAG Kriesten, sons Ryan and Christian, granddaughter Emmalyn, daughter to Ryan and Diana, and all his friends.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOROTHY TRAVIS MOORE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore an educator, author, minister, foster parent, mother, wife and visionary. In 1996, she founded Ceria M. Travis Academy, where she is CEO and President. The institution named in honor of her mother was started utilizing her personal savings to fund her passion to serve both the community and children. The school serves approximately 900 students enrolled at three campuses. Travis Academy began by educating central city boys in grades 6 through 8 with one student and one teacher. The school incorporated a girls program 10 years ago and has now expanded to grades K4 through 12.

Dr. Travis Moore is a veteran educator with over 35 years of experience and known nationally for her work with at risk students, both as a teacher and administrator. She was formerly a National Educational Consultant with the National School Safety Center. She fostered more than 11 children and has welcomed into her home international students from England, Mexico and Africa. She is the author of six books with the most recent project entitled ''From Violence to Victory—The Passion to Educate.''

Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore is a licensed minister and member of New Testament Church of Milwaukee. During the past 29 years, she has served in various capacities including Youth Fellowship Director and Sunday School Teacher. Currently she serves on the Associate Minister's Team. Dr. Travis Moore loves to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and served as Director of Christian Education for the Wisconsin Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. She is an international speaker at women's conferences, workshops, seminars and churches in the United States, the Caribbean and Europe.

Dr. Travis Moore received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin–LaCrosse, earned her Master of Arts Degree from Ball State University, Muncie Indiana and received Master's and Doctorate degrees in Christian Counseling from Grace Theological Seminary.

Dr. Travis Moore's honors include: ''Top Principal of Leadership,'' ''Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals in the United States,'' ''The University of Wisconsin Distinguished Alumni Award,'' the prestigious ''Rubies Award'' from the Women of Excellence at Greater St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA, ''The Women Who Shape Our World Award in Education'' and the ''2007 Pamela Bates Porch Outstanding Educator Award'' from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore, a trailblazer who celebrates 15 years as CEO/Founder of Ceria M. Travis Academy and over 35 years of educating our youth. She has stated that her greatest joy is in serving the Lord and has truly followed one of her favorite Bible verses ''I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'' I am proud to call Dr. Dorothy Travis Moore a lifelong friend to me and my family and proud that she works and educates children in the 4th Congressional District.

HONORING THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, they are our neighbors, cousins, sisters, and friends. They are called upon to protect America at home and her interests abroad and do so with swiftness and dedication. From humble beginnings to one of the largest military forces in the world, the National Guard is the oldest component of the Armed Forces and I rise today to celebrate their 375th birthday.

Three regiments were established on December 13, 1636 by the Massachusetts General Court in Salem. The early colonies knew the freedoms they sought must be defended. Seeing a great need for the protection of able-bodied men, but having not the money to pay mercenaries, the North, South, and East regiments were organized with the promise to keep a ready state of mind and preparation to fight when needed. Almost four centuries later, the National Guard operates still by these same watchwords: ready and prepared. From the Mexican War to the Global War on Terror, the men and women of the National Guard have answered this nation's call to service.

For 375 years, the citizen-soldiers of the Army National Guard have protected and defended this great land in times of war, times of peace, and times of calamity. We are ever-thankful for their dedication and watchful eye as they work to protect freedom and freedom's cause. I rise today to honor the National Guard and ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the three and a quarter centuries of swift and noble response.

IN HONOR OF FORMER GEORGIA STATE SENATOR ROBERT LOFTON BROWN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last week the state of Georgia lost one of its most committed community leaders, beloved public figures and dynamic elected officials with the death of former Georgia State Senator Robert Brown. Senator Brown was a close friend, confidant, and someone who I greatly admired not only for his notable legislative achievements on behalf of the people of Georgia but more importantly for his measured disposition, kind-hearted nature and uncompromising desire to help needy families and low-income communities.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2011, Senator Brown's family members, friends, colleagues, and his constituents will pay tribute to his legacy of achievement and outstanding efforts on behalf of working families during funeral services at Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

Although we are all saddened by the unexpected and sudden passing of our friend and colleague, we can all take solace in remembering the positive, enduring impact that he had on our lives and the profound accomplishments that he achieved throughout his exemplary public service.

Senator Brown was born on January 30, 1950 to Joe Brown and Ruby Lofton Brown. He spent his formative years in Greenville, Georgia before moving to Macon to attend and eventually graduate from Mercer University. Following college, Senator Brown permanently settled in Macon and began to gradually establish himself as one of Middle Georgia's most respected political leaders.

While he will be remembered as a wise and thoughtful public figure, Senator Brown had to overcome many obstacles and conquer seemingly insurmountable challenges in his ascension to the status of becoming one of Georgia's most influential legislators. Despite two unsuccessful election attempts for a seat in the Georgia State House, he refused to give up and was eventually elected to the Bibb County School Board.

Following his tenure on the school board, he once again beat the odds and in 1991 won a highly competitive election for the Georgia State Senate. While in the Senate he was appointed as the Governor's Assistant Floor Leader before being elected to serve as that

legislative body's Minority Leader. He served as Senate Minority Leader for six years and while in this position he effectively advanced initiatives that improved public education, consolidated overlapping government functions, and preserved historic landmarks cherished by local residents.

Senator Brown was preceded in death by his beloved parents and is survived by many cousins, close personal friends, an expansive network of professional colleagues and loyal constituents.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that, ''Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth.'' There is no doubt that through his service, Senator Robert Lofton Brown paid his ''rent'' and the world is truly better because he did.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the life of State Senator Robert Brown—an outstanding legislator, dedicated community advocate, loyal friend and faithful public servant.

FARM DUST REGULATION PREVENTION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1633) to establish a temporary prohibition against revising any national ambient air quality standard applicable to coarse particulate matter, to limit Federal regulation of nuisance dust in areas in which such dust is regulated under State, tribal, or local law, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Chair, H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act is another step by the Majority to roll back clean air and water laws, and this bill dishes out both injury and insult.

The injury: Republicans convinced farmers that the EPA was going to regulate farm dust (or nuisance dust), a made-up term, not based on scientific or medical evidence. The EPA has no plans to regulate farm dust. In fact, in October of this year, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson confirmed that she does not plan to change current law regarding coarse particle emissions, so this bill is completely unnecessary.

The insult: What this bill does do is exempt particle emissions from a wide array of sources including mining operations, cement plants, gravel pits and coal processing plants. These sources emit arsenic, lead, and mercury among other harmful pollutants and these pollutants can cause very serious health problems, including decreased lung function, asthma attacks, respiratory diseases, and worse.

The Energy and Commerce Committee recently received a letter from a team of physicians and researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. The experts wrote that this legislation, ''does not account for current or future knowledge of health risks posed by rural particulate matter exposure, and rather enacts a permanent exemption of rural particulate matter from Clean Air Act regulation. This approach is not supported by the scientific evidence or good professional judgment, and is not scientifically defensible.''

This bill ignores science, creates harm, and insults farmers.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.