

Reform filed a report to accompany H.R. 3029, the Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011. The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the size of the federal civilian workforce by ten percent through attrition. The bill also makes the federal government subject to a hiring freeze if the size of the workforce exceeds ninety percent of its size as of September 30, 2011. The legislation requires tough, but necessary, choices to control government spending.

As discussed in the committee report, H.R. 3029 provides the President, acting through the Office of Management and Budget and in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, broad flexibility to achieve the necessary reduction in the size of the federal civilian workforce and to prioritize staffing needs across the federal government. The Committee cites federal law enforcement as an occupational category that meets the requirements for an exemption from both the required workforce reduction and the hiring freeze.

The Committee recognizes that the federal government's law enforcement responsibilities have expanded in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The national security and homeland security challenges our nation faces are increasingly complex, and require a dedicated workforce of federal civilian employees. In exercising the waiver authority provided in the bill, the Committee believes the President should give every consideration to members of the federal law enforcement community whose duties include (1) the investigation, apprehension, or detention of individuals suspected or convicted of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States; (2) the protection of officials of the United States against threats to personal safety; or (3) the protection of life and property, such as government institutions performing emergency work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

The Committee will carefully monitor implementation of H.R. 3029 to ensure the federal government's law enforcement mission is appropriately protected.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF DANIEL BUCKNER PRICE

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel Buckner Price and the steadfast faith and goodwill of the Price family. Daniel was brutally murdered at the age of 28 in San Francisco while trying to protect his high school sweetheart and wife, Sarah Abbott Price, from an attacker.

A native of my hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana, Daniel was a loving husband, brother, son, and friend. During his short life, in addition to being remembered as a devoted family man, we remember Daniel as a talented artist and gifted athlete.

Family, friends, and strangers alike remember Daniel for his infectious spirit and creativity.

An inspiration to all whose lives he touched, Daniel had the ability to find beauty in even the simplest pleasures.

Daniel's parents, Dr. Steve and Mrs. Catherine Price are great parents and loving members of the New Orleans community. Following his tragic death, his family created the Daniel Price Memorial Fund for Aspiring Artists to give talented fine arts graduates of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) an opportunity to pursue higher educational studies in the arts. Instead of giving up on the good in people and becoming jaded, they doubled down on their faith and in the future of New Orleans' best product and our future: our children. The scholarship will enable future generations of young, talented artists like Daniel Price to follow their artistic passion while obtaining a college degree. One criterion for the scholarship is that the applicant must also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the New Orleans artistic community. This will ensure that the beneficiaries of the scholarship continue to contribute to New Orleans' future in the years ahead.

While we continue to grieve the loss of such a precious and innocent life, let us find the strength to be inspired to be kind and generous, and to live our lives with the same vitality and integrity that Daniel Buckner Price lived his life. The Price family represents the best of what New Orleans has to offer. Their dedication to the city and its future brings hope and promise to ensuring that New Orleans remains one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED SERGEANT  
MAJOR CHARLES SCOTT SR. FOR  
HIS HONORABLE SERVICE TO  
OUR COUNTRY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Retired Sergeant Major Charles Scott, Sr., United States Army. Mr. Scott was born on August 7, 1928, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He is the sixth of nine children born to Oscar and Evelyn Scott. His early years of education began at Cherry Street School and from there he went on to Magnolia High School.

Mr. Scott entered the U.S. Army on November 27, 1950, where he served in the Korean War with the 96th Field Artillery as an Artillery Crewman. He served four tours of duty in Germany totaling ten years. He also toured twice in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division; coordinating artillery fire, mortar fire, attacking enemy helicopters and close air strikes by the Air Forces.

During his last five years in service, Mr. Scott was the advisor to the U.S. Army Reserve in South Mississippi. Sergeant Major Scott retired in 1983 accumulating more than 30 years of service in the United States military. His Awards include: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal 10th Awards, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with Two Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Stars, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,

United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation and Honorable Order of St. Barbara.

Retired Major Scott is a member of Mount Heroden Baptist Church where he is the Chairman of the Trustee Board. He is also a member of the American Legion Tyner-Ford Post 213, and the former commander of the American Legion Department of Mississippi from 2005 through 2006 with 18,000 members. He is presently the sixth district Vice Commander. On the National Level, he is the Vice Chairman of the Americanism Council for Children and Youth Department, a Life member of American Legion 101st Airborne Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disable American Veterans Post #22, the National Association for Uniformed Service, a member of the AARP and a member of the American Legion Legislative Division.

Mr. Scott is happily married to his wife of 24 years, Mrs. Lillie M. Scott and they have six children, seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Retired Sergeant Major. Charles Scott, Sr. for the dedication of service he's given to our country.

RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER  
DONNA SHEARN, NEWARK, CALI-  
FORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Donna Shearn. Commander Shearn is retiring after serving 25 years as a member of the Newark, California Police Department.

Commander Shearn began her career with the Newark Police Department as a police officer on August 16, 1986. While serving as an officer, she was assigned to patrol and the Special Enforcement Unit. Additionally, she was a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Commander Shearn was one of the first three original D.A.R.E. officers and also worked as a School Resource Officer. To show her commitment to the citizens of Newark, Commander Shearn was active in the creation of the Newark Police Department's Vision Statement.

In July 1991, Commander Shearn was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, the first and only female to make Sergeant in the Department's history. She served as Administrative Sergeant, as well as Acting Detective Division Commander. In addition to her Patrol Sergeant responsibilities, she supervised a number of Department programs. These programs included, Field Training Officer, Acting Supervisor, Explorers, Hostage Negotiations, Trauma Response, Vehicle Abatement, Safety Patrol, and Patrol Scheduling and Staffing.

On July 1, 2004, Commander Shearn was promoted to Police Lieutenant. She was the