EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JIM QUAIL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Quail for his distinguished career of exemplary educational services to the District 14 community. Mr. Quail retires having vastly improved the quality of education for the students in his community.

Mr. Quail grew up in Astoria, Queens, and is the son of Irish immigrants. With ambitions of going to law school, Mr. Quail always had an affinity for the importance of education to promote ones wellbeing. After graduating from Fordham University he decided to follow in the footsteps of his sister and pursue a career in teaching.

Mr. Quail subsequently began his illustrious career as a student-teacher in the District 14 community. His first assignment at the then Board of Education was to report to P.S. 132 on Metropolitan Avenue. Mr. Quail spent five years at P.S. 132, while also earning educational administration degrees in his out-of-school time that enhanced his professional development. With such experience and dedication, Mr. Quail was promoted to Assistant Principal at P.S. 250 and served in that capacity for five years.

At P.S. 250, Mr. Quail would have the biggest impact on the students he encountered as well as in his personal life. With the support and confidence of student parents, school administration, and the community; Mr. Quail was selected to serve as the Principle of P.S. 250. Mr. Quail would spend the next 25 years in this post as the educational leader of P.S. 250. During his tenure, Mr. Quail accomplished many notable achievements which include leading P.S. 250 to become one of the top schools in the district.

In 2003, Mr. Quail was named superintendent of District 14. In this capacity he has served as the top education official in our community, overseeing all 26 schools and the 15,000 children they serve. Mr. Quail has led the efforts to implement a number of new initiatives in the district. Among them includes the Federal 21st Century grant which supports schools in their effort to create specialized programs in the community. Additionally, he has increased the visibility of the District's involvement in community activities.

Over the past four decades, Mr. Quail has been fully committed to ensuring a quality education for the students of the District 14 community. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Quail on his retirement and for leading the charge of education reform in his community.

SENATOR ROBERT SHANKLIN WHAM TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Colorado State Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. Mr. Wham, a long time resident of Colorado was an active and giving citizen of our State.

Following his graduation from the University of Illinois School of Law, Mr. Wham joined a law firm in Montrose, Colorado. It did not take him long to become involved in Colorado Government, accepting a position as an Assistant U.S. District Attorney and moving to Denver where he later served as Deputy City Attorney, and later the City Attorney. In 1976, he was elected to the Colorado State Senate. Mr. Wham remained active in the practice of law until 2009.

Mr. Wham loved to spend time in the Colorado Mountains with his family. A passionate outdoorsman, you could find Mr. Wham throughout the year driving through the mountains, skiing, hiking and sailing.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Senator Robert Shanklin Wham. I rise today in memory of his devotion to his family and to the State of Colorado.

IN HONOR OF THE BARRINGTON BAND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Barrington Band and commemorate its many contributions to the cultural community of South New Jersey. This community band comprised of approximately thirty members ranging from teenagers to seniors has delighted audiences with their patriotic and seasonal repertoire for one hundred years, and today we thank them for the joy they have brought to their many listeners this past century.

The Barrington Band formed on January 1, 1912 when four townsmen rang in the New Year parading through the streets with cowbells, whistles, a clarinet and drum. They had such fun that they decided to form a community band. Recruitment proved to be easy, as many members of the Barrington Improvement Association were eager to join despite a lack of musical knowledge. This was soon remedied as local musicians were hired to teach the new band, and this day July 4, 1912 the band held their first performance at the flag-raising of the Barrington Fire Company.

Since that day, the Barrington Band has been marching and playing at all sorts of community building events including 17 Philadelphia Mummers Day Parades, the inauguration of New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman in 1935, on the way to the shore on the Wildwood Boardwalk, and at the annual Concert at the Gazebo in Cape May.

Through decades of excellent musicianship, the Barrington Band has built an unparalleled reputation for providing a fun and entertaining show comprised of marches, patriotic and Broadway songs. Beyond being a staple at Barrington civic events and nursing homes, the band has established the Harold Houck Award for musicianship and academic achievement, to be given to a member of the Woodland School eighth grade graduating class. The award was named after Harold Houck, son of the original band director, who played with the band from fourteen to eighty-nine years old. He started a tradition of lifelong participation that continues to this day, a unique legacy for this talented band.

Mr. Speaker, the Barrington Band has been an integral part of the South Jersey community for one hundred years, bringing people together through the shared joy of music. I join the township and all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional band on its one-hundredth anniversary.

THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JOHN LAWSON VAUGHN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the theme of the Civil Rights Era, "Road to Freedom," honors the legacy in Leadership exemplified by Rev. J.L. Vaughn. While riding the bus to Main High School, the students witnessed Reverend Vaughn walking across the South Rome Bridge in Rome, Georgia, daily at 7 a.m. carrying a Bible under his arm. He was going to City Hall, the Courthouse, and to business owners in the downtown district to advocate for equal rights. The lunch counter sit-ins took place in Rome on March 28, 1963. When the Civil Rights Bill was passed in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965, Reverend Vaughn used his pulpit to speak to the citizens and allowed white politicians to give a campaign speech in his church. The voting ballot was unfamiliar to black citizens and they had to be taught how to use it. He stressed the importance of exercising the right to vote.

The legacy of Reverend Vaughn began long before he crossed over the bridge in the 1960's through times of racial struggles in Rome to be a voice for the Black community. He died in 1979, and Rome's first African American was appointed to serve as a public official on the City Board of Commissioners in 1980. Reverend Vaughn's funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church on East 4th Street, Rome, Georgia.

John Lawson Vaughn was one of twelve children, born in 1881. He worked hard helping his father make a living for the family. As

a boy, his father sent him to Tuskegee Institute to study in the farm educational and vocational academy. He studied for four years; helping in the wheel shop during his spare time. He began his ministerial career on February 11, 1911.

His first pastorate was the Shiloh Baptist Church of Alabama City, Alabama. In 1917, Reverend Vaughn came to Rome as Pastor of the Lovejoy Baptist Church, where he served for over fifty years. During three summers he studied in Gadsden, Alabama working toward his degree and then entered Morehouse College. He returned to Rome in 1923 with his degree and once again took over the pastorate of the church. Reverend Vaughn also served as pastor of Flint Hill Baptist Church of Gaylesville, Alabama, where he served for 25 years. While in Rome, he also served Matthew Chapel Baptist Church for 4 years, Friendship Baptist Church of Adairsville, Georgia for 9 years, and the Hopewell Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia for 14 years.

In 1948, Reverend Vaughn was elected as Vice President of the Rome Ministerial Alliance, composed of both black and white ministers. This was the first time an African American had been elected to an office. Reverend Vaughn's interests did not stop with problems of just his own congregation. He was constantly being called on to help solve outsiders' problems and to aid needy families, and he also posted bail to get people out of jail. During the Christmas Season, he was one of the leading figures in the Empty Stocking Fund, and also one of the prime forces in helping Rome Black Leaders procure a band for Old Main High School. He was looked upon as a leader in all civic drives and campaigns benefiting both races, and he freely gave of his time and monies to help build a better Rome.

TRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK PRIDES' ANNUAL MEETING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the International Federation of Black Prides' Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C., from January 13–16, 2012.

The International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP)—a 501(c)(3) with offices in Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, FL, and Los Angeles, CA—is a coalition that promotes a multinational network of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Black Prides and community-based organizations dedicated to: promoting grassroots organizing around issues affecting the Black LGBT community; promoting community health and wellness; providing technical assistance to its member Prides; promoting unity; and ensuring educational development, economic empowerment, and individual and collective self-determination.

The mission of the IFBP is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the black LGBT community. Each local Black Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of the IFBP. Each Black Pride hosts year-round services and activities in addition to a multi-day festival that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the black LGBT community through educational workshops, health seminars, artistic events, and activism on the local level. Since its formation in 1999, the IFBP has grown to include 32 domestic member-and-affiliate Prides and three international Prides. D.C. Black Pride, which will celebrate its 22nd anniversary in May 2012, was a charter member of the IFBP.

The IFBP is led by a national board comprised of eight members—four officers, three At-Large members and one Ex-Officio member. The board consists of: Dwayne Jenkins, Chair; Kimberly Jones, Vice-Chair; Anthony Hardaway, Secretary; Elizabeth Burch, Treasurer; Victoria Kirby, Member At-Large; Rev. Eric P. Lee, Member At-Large; Charles E. Nelson II, Member At-Large; and Earl Fowlkes, Jr., Ex-Officio Member.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the IFBP's Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance Meeting.

HONORING TEXAS CENTENARIAN CLESPIE WEST CARR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. Clespie West Carr of Houston, Texas, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Ms. Carr celebrated her 100th birthday on January 4, 2012, and hers is a life rich in history and life experience.

Ms. Carr's childhood was not easy, and from an early age she had the strength of character that would carry her throughout her life. At age 2, Ms. Carr was orphaned and placed under the care of her grandmother. Just a few short years later, when she was not attending the Marquez School four months out of the year, she was hard at work in the fields picking cotton and vegetables.

Having lived for 100 years, Ms. Carr has seen so many of our Nation's historic events. When Ms. Carr was only 23, the Great Depression was in full swing. A young mother, she cared for her small children during the harsh economic realities of the time. Her resilience and strong work ethic helped carry her family through one of the toughest periods in American history.

She too has witnessed our country's decades-long struggle for civil rights. She lived through a time of segregation and violence motivated by hate, and decades later she would see the first African American elected to the highest office in the land.

If there was one thing in particular that enduring these hardships and struggles did for Ms. Carr, it was to forge unbreakable bonds with her children and family. Ms. Carr recalls the happiest time in her life as watching her children grow up and being able to attend school. Her constant and enduring desire to work hard so that her children could live a better life and her duty to family is as selfless as it is noble.

But Ms. Carr's selflessness extended far beyond her own family; the benefits of her service and generosity poured out into the community. Ms. Carr served as Secretary for the Robinson Chapel Baptist Church for 40 years. There, she was one of several members of the Sick Committee who would aid the sick by cooking, cleaning and running errands for the needy.

Mr. Speaker, Clespie Carr is now part of the small number of centenarians in the U.S. but her determination and dedication to her family and friends only make her that much more unique. I am pleased to acknowledge this monumental occasion and Ms. Carr's tireless efforts for the sake of others this past century, and I wish her continued health and prosperity.

HONORING GREG HAMILTON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of my constituent, Mr. Gregory V. Hamilton. Greg is dedicated and he is passionate, and he has devoted his entire life to serving our country, his community, and the causes he champions so well. Many Montgomery County residents know him by his signature braids and his colorful garb that reflect his love of country, his Native American heritage, and his pride as a Vietnam veteran.

Unfortunately, Greg's braids are gone now, a victim to the cancer that is ravaging his body because of his exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970. Greg served in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1970. He received numerous medals and ribbons for his service, including the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Combat Action Ribbon for his service on the USS *Hickman County LST 825* in the Brown Water Navy in Vietnam.

Despite his lifelong fight against the effects of Agent Orange—or maybe because of it—he is passionate about improving the lives of veterans nationwide, and he has dedicated himself to doing so. A lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America and a committed member of Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1, Greg has for many years been a part of the Wall Washing Crew, volunteers who wash and maintain the Vietnam Veterans Memorial from April to November each year. He also participates in the arrival of ''Honor Flights,'' greeting and escorting World War II veterans to the Memorial in Washington, DC. Greg has been active in assisting those affected by military life ever since his own discharge 40 years ago. He supports military families by sharing with them his own experiences and offering advice. He was critical to the creation of the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs and, most recently, he has been involved in the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County's initiative ''Serving Together: Troops, Veterans, and Family Care Project.'' He has tirelessly provided support and care for military families throughout our community.

Greg is of African-American and Cherokee descent. He maintains a strong connection to his Native American heritage, having spent much of his life working with Native American organizations. In 2002, he was elected Council

President of the American Indian Heritage and Education Association, Inc., an organization that serves the Native American community by honoring Native American culture and providing outreach to veterans and their families. In 1995, he helped plan the first American Indian Heritage Day Powwow in Montgomery County. More recently, he has produced two public access cable shows—''American Indians: Past and Present'' and ''Our Veterans, Our Warriors.''

Greg's professional career has also been devoted to public service. He has served on countless boards and committees around Montgomery County. For example, he was President of the Park Ritchie Tenants' Association, Inc., served on the Board of Directors of Suburban Maryland Fair Housing, Inc., served three terms as a Councilmember for the City of Takoma Park, and served as chair of the Takoma Park Cable TV Advisory Board, the Montgomery County Community Leadership Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, and the Public, Health and Safety Committee and the Housing Committee of the City Council. Greg's level of community involvement is extraordinary—he has never hesitated to be involved, to take a stand and to make a difference.

Every resident of Montgomery County, Maryland and every veteran in America owes a debt of gratitude to Greg Hamilton for his dedicated, selfless, and passionate work. I am proud to speak today to honor this extraordinary man. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Greg's many accomplishments, his lifelong work on behalf of our Nation's veterans and his profound commitment to honoring their service.

HONORING CAPTAIN JEFFREY MACLAY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of Florida's third congressional district, I would like to commend Captain Jeffrey Maclay for the outstanding service he provided for NAS-Jax during his tenure as Commanding Officer. The importance of Naval Air Station-Jacksonville, both for our area's residents, as well as our Nation's national defense, cannot be overstated, and Captain Maclay performed a remarkable job as a leader in this post.

Captain Maclay, a native of New Bedford, Mass., graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in May 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering, and during his six Seahawk deployments, accumulated more than 3,800 flight hours in the SH–3H Sea King and SH–60F/HH–60H.

His fleet assignments include tours with HS–2 and HS–14, Carrier Air Wing Two and USS *Kearsarge* (LDH–3). Captain Maclay also served as executive officer aboard HS–2 while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After ''fleeting up'' as commanding officer, his squadron earned the Arnold J. Isbell Award for Undersea Warfare excellence and the Arleigh Burke Award for warfighting excellence. He can also boast of shore tours, which included the Joint Staff (J–7, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development) as a strategic planner, the OPNAV staff (N51 Strategy and Policy) as an operations analyst, and HS–10 (Fleet Replacement Squadron) as a flight instructor.

A graduate of the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Ala., he also attended Auburn University, and earned a Masters Degree with a distinction in political science. He also completed a one-year Federal Executive Fellowship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC.

Under Captain Maclay's leadership, NAS-Jax was chosen the winner of the 2011 Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award. In the words of Captain Maclay, ''this (was) an award that reflected the hard work by all who help NAS-Jax deliver the most effective and efficient readiness from the shore.'' And throughout 2011, NAS-Jax served as the premier installation for delivering effective, sustained and improved shore readiness to its 15 home based squadrons, sailors and civilian personnel, as well as supporting numerous joint commands, government agencies and carrier readiness sustainment exercises.

I wish Captain Maclay the best of success in his future endeavors, and, like all Jacksonville area residents, am honored to have had him serve as NAS-Jacksonville's Commanding Officer.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TUOLUMNE GENERAL HOSPITAL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that the last patient cared for by Tuolumne General Hospital (TGH), also known as the Tuolumne General Medical Facility, was transferred out on November 23, 2011. With the transfer of that patient, a proud 162-year history of service to the residents of Tuolumne County was brought to an end.

The beginning of Tuolumne General Hospital dates back to about 1849. Plans for a public hospital began on November 7, 1849, when the citizens of Sonora saw a need to establish a hospital for the sick and the destitute of the county. The first facility in Tuolumne County consisted of a canvas tent erected on the hill near the present courthouse in 1849. In November of that year, a wooden structure with a canvas roof was constructed to serve as a hospital at a cost of $542. Patients occupied berths along the walls and were nursed by a male steward who received $4 per day for his services.

A hospital was established near the Roman Catholic Church in June, 1851. Two months later, another hospital was established on Washington Street. No permanent arrangements had been made by the City or County for the care of indigent patients, until a law was enacted that authorized the County Board of Supervisors to levy a special tax to raise funds for the care of indigent persons.

In 1854, with funds raised by the special tax, the County Board of Supervisors called for bids to provide hospital and medical services for indigent patients. The contract was awarded to Drs. William T. Browne and Thomas Kendall on their low bid of $25 per week, per patient. The bid price included furnishing the hospital facility, food, bedding, medicine, and their professional services.

In 1856, the Board of Supervisors again called for bids to provide hospital and medical services. At that time, the state began to make funds available to counties for indigent care with the specification that any physicians employed were required to have medical degrees. As a result, the call for bids specified that the contracting physician had to be a ''graduate of a legally incorporated medical college.'' The new two-year contract was awarded to Dr. Francis Canton, a well-educated French physician, and his associate, Dr. Georfe Manning, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The contract price was only $9 per week per patient, but it specified that the County would be responsible for the burial expense of unfortunate patients. In addition, the contracting doctors were allowed to take in private patients.

In 1861, the County Supervisors decided to purchase their own hospital. A building was secured on the northwest corner of Lyons and Shepherd Streets, now part of the China Town parking lot. After a decade of use, the building was no longer suitable. In 1873, the County purchased the old Lewis C. Gunn residence located on the west side of South Washington Street. The building was remodeled and enlarged substantially and made suitable for patients according to the standards of that period. The most noted physician-in-charge was Dr. William Eikelroth. Dr. Eikelroth installed a hand pump on the only well near the hospital at his own expense (about $19) and then had to sue the County to get reimbursed. By the mid-1870's, water was made available to most parts of the hospital and facilities were installed where patients could take either hot or cold baths and wash their clothing and bedding.

In 1897, a new county hospital was constructed at the south end of Sonora where the present TGH is located. Necessitated by Tuolumne County's second gold rush during the mid-1890's, most of the hospital's early facilities were geared for male occupants only. Females were generally cared for in private homes, although a facility for their care was operated on the north side of South Washington Street during a period when the county hospital was located in the old Gunn Building.

Over the next 80 years the hospital continued to grow and in 1984, a major modernization project was completed which included the expansion of the Emergency Room, Radiology Department, Pharmacy, Intensive Care Unit, Recovery Room, and several support services. The next year, TGH started Health Promotion Programs and in 1987 the Adult Day Health Care Center opened, the Primary Care Clinics opened, and they began a Prenatal Program to serve the over 100 women per year that would not be seen by the OB/Gyn physicians. Additionally, the TGH Foundation was formed.

During the 1990's, several additional changes took place: the first Satellite Adult Day Health Care Center in California was opened; Dr. Eric Runte was recruited as the first full-time physician director of the Primary Care Clinic; the hospital became affiliated with Visiting Home Nurses & Hospice of the Sierra; and the facility opened a Rehab Center in

Groveland and began year-round low-cost mammography. In 1997, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UC Davis Health System to form a partnership.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Tuolumne County's Board of Supervisors voted to close Tuolumne General Hospital's acute care services, hand off its clinics to a private operator, and phase out its psychiatric and long-term care units over the following three years. At midnight on June 30, 2007, Tuolumne General Hospital ceased all acute services. The name of the hospital changed to Tuolumne General Medical Facility. On March 4, 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Board of Supervisors and Avalon Healthcare to transfer the 42 Long Term Care residents to Avalon Healthcare, once they completed an addition to their existing facility.

On January 2, 2009, the Acute Psychiatric Unit was closed. A new Memorandum of Understanding was developed with Avalon Healthcare to build a 90-bed addition to their existing building. In June 2010, Avalon celebrated the ground breaking of their new addition.

In December, Avalon was contracted to oversee and manage Tuolumne General's Dietary Department. All Tuolumne General dietary staff was hired by Avalon, and the residents from the Long Term Care Unit were transferred upon completion of the addition at Avalon. With that, Tuolumne General Medical Facility closed its doors ending a 162–year history of providing excellent healthcare in Tuolumne County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the contributions of Tuolumne General Hospital to the community of Tuolumne County.

IN HONOR OF THE BELOVED MAURICE J. ''BUD'' MALEY OF MOUNT LAUREL, NJ

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the beloved Maurice J. ''Bud'' Maley, one of the great pillars of the Mount Laurel, New Jersey community. Let us remember him, today and always, for both his benevolence and his endless drive to work toward the betterment of society.

Always a venerable man of action, Bud never shied away from helping a community in need. After graduation from Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia, he recognized that need in his country and gallantly enlisted in the United States Army. It was decisions such as this one that truly separate Bud from the rest; he was always willing to serve.

After his time in the military, Bud moved to New Jersey to share his talents and kind-hearted spirit with the Cinnaminson and Mount Laurel communities. Until his retirement in 1989, Bud worked in communications sales for Western Electric and Alcatel-Lucent, surely with the same enthusiasm and dedication that he came to be known for.

There is no doubt that Bud loved his community, but he took it a step further: he worked to better it. He was an avid member of the Saint Bernard's Home and School Finance Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Western Tip and Ringers, and more. His work with these organizations undoubtedly touched many lives and helped the area prosper. Communities are able to stand strong because of people like Bud Maley.

As for his passions, Bud had several great loves. He was a devoted and caring husband to his wife, Mary Lou, and a dedicated father to his three children, Jim, Maureen, and Marianne. Outside of his family life, Bud fell in love with videography and photography. His artwork was able to capture glimpses of his life that can now be cherished in his memory.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Maley's extraordinary actions and character are qualities to be emulated by future generations. His friends and family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. He will always be remembered as a man of truly remarkable measures.

THE LEGACY OF REVEREND NORRIS K. ALLEN, SR.

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Norris K. Allen, Sr. was the founder of the Martin Luther King Celebration of Rome, Georgia in 1987, which was held at the Rome City Auditorium. Rev. Clyde Hill, Sr. was honored at that event with the Outstanding Community Service Award for his leadership guiding Rome through the Era of Integration. Hill was a voice for the black community in the early 1970's, demanding jobs in public establishments, utility services companies, banks, and grocery stores, all while battling zoning and busing issues evolving from students integration into the Rome Public Schools System. The MLK Celebration grew into an annual, four-day event and has served its purpose for the past 25 years.

Reverend Allen was also the founder of the Northwest Georgia Minority Business Association, which is an organization of 125 business-owners trained in economic development under the state mandate of Rural Economic Development of Small and Minority Businesses. This organization established a legacy to honor the downtown Black Business District—commonly referred to as Five Points. NWGMBA was retired into History on May 20, 2011 ending Twenty-Five Years of Service to the NW Georgia District. The NWGMBA has received several honors from numerous organizations, including: the Small Business Development Center of the University of Georgia, the Atlanta Business League, the Business League of Georgia, the Georgia Association for Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME) of Augusta. NWGMBA has also received the Congressional District Award for Outstanding Community Service Organization, and has been honored by both the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding works. Minority Business owners experienced much progress; building and owning new businesses.

Furthermore, ''Camelot''—held on January 15, 2009—was a concept of Reverend Allen. As President of local SCLC, he offered a celebration to honor the 80th Memorial Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the historic election of the first African American elected as President of the United States. A ballroom gala affair gave opportunity to citizens to join in the nation's celebration. Norris and Gladys Allen attended the Inauguration in Washington, held a book signing at the Rome City Auditorium to create a record of Romans who attended the Historical Inauguration. This Book was presented to the archives of the City of Rome at RAHM on February 15, 2009. The Museum opened its doors on January 20, 2009, celebrating the historical signing-in ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Reverend Allen continues to break barriers and cross racial lines, locally, state-wide, and nationally. On July 28, 2007, he presented a Who's Who of the MLK Diversity Class to honor a host of multi-racial leaders, making a difference by bringing harmony to our community. Rev. Allen will host ''Camelot II'', on January 15, 2013 honoring the 50th Anniversary of The Civil Rights Movement of Rome.

MARGARET ANDERSON, NATIONAL PARK RANGER

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a fallen constituent, a National Park Ranger who will be remembered for her love of the outdoors and her co-workers, her dedication to community and family, and as a hero.

Mr. Speaker, Ranger Margaret Anderson was killed on January 1 while performing her duties at Mt. Rainier National Park. The senseless and heartbreaking act of violence ended the life of a public servant and law enforcement officer who respected and enjoyed her colleagues and the natural world. Washington State has a long tradition of outdoor enthusiasm and it is because of Rangers like Margaret Anderson that the people of the State explore our natural resources safely. She worked at Mt. Rainier for four years. She served as a Ranger at other locations previously and met her husband while performing her duties. As friends and colleagues around the country react to her death, Mr. Speaker, the same words get repeated: sweet, kind, selfless, loving. She respected and loved her colleagues and the same respect and love was returned.

Margaret and her family lived in Eatonville, Mr. Speaker, a small community in the 8th District near Mt. Rainier. Her friends, neighbors, and relatives recall a woman who volunteered her time for many causes, and doted on her two little girls. Her husband—like Margaret, a park ranger at Mt. Rainier—and her two girls, ages 1 and 3, need a community of support. I'm heartened to know that community, because there is no doubt the family will get it in Eatonville. While Margaret was with us, she cared for her family and her community. Now, her community will help care for her family.

The manner of Margaret's death will not soon be forgotten. Thankfully, Mr. Speaker, neither will her spirit and life. I urge members of this House to keep Margaret's husband Eric and her two daughters Anna and Katie in their prayers. As Eric, Anna, Katie, and the rest of Margaret's family move forward in life, I want

them to know that Margaret is a hero and her sacrifice will never be forgotten.

WHERE ARE THE REPUBLICANS?

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, where are the Republicans?

Democrats stand ready to extend tax cuts for 160 million middle income Americans, unemployment insurance, and making sure seniors can keep their Medicare doctors.

But where are the Republicans? The February deadline is rapidly approaching and conferees should be meeting.

But to date, the Republicans haven't called a single meeting to discuss these critical economic benefits. Where are they?

According to the Majority, we are in session. This is an attempt to prevent the President from making critical appointments tasked with protecting American consumers and workers.

But as I stand in this empty chamber it is clear the House is not in session. The Majority cannot have it both ways.

Under Republican rules: pro forma sessions are "real" and can stop Presidential nominee appointments, but I'm not recognized to speak on the floor.

Under their rules, critically important bills that would block the debt limit and force our nation to default for the first time in its history can be introduced, but I can't speak.

Under Republican rules, extensions of remarks that reflect the exact words I would speak on the floor can be put in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, but I can't actually be heard saying those words on the House floor.

They can introduce their bill to cause a default but I can't be recognized to talk about extending middle class tax cuts or creating jobs.

This is the absurd reality of the Republican pro forma legislative session.

The clock is ticking on the American people and the Majority seems unconcerned.

Right now, the Speaker and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, a member of the conference committee, are in Latin America. No meetings of the Conference Committee have been convened.

The payroll tax cut in effect for 2011 provided $110 billion of tax relief to 159 million American workers. If the payroll tax cut is not extended by the end of February, middle class families making $50,000 will see their taxes go up by $1,000.

Extending the payroll tax cut will boost consumer demand, sustaining our economic recovery and encouraging job creation. Lack of demand continues to be a significant barrier to economic growth and hiring. Consumer spending represents roughly 70 percent of our economy, and consumer confidence is at levels not seen since the recession.

According to the Chief Economist of Moody's Analytics, Mark Zandi, continuing the payroll tax cut for employees will result in $1.25 of economic growth for every $1 of budgetary cost.

Federal unemployment programs are also slated to expire. As a result, over 6 million will lose benefits over the next year.

The Economic Policy Institute estimates that allowing these Federal unemployment benefits to expire would hurt consumer demand and thereby cost the U.S. economy 528,000 jobs. And would mean $45 billion less in assistance to unemployed workers, and $70 billion less in economic activity. That reduction in purchasing power would lower GDP by 0.4 percent.

The Congressional Budget Office has indicated that providing extended unemployment benefits is one of the most effective job creation strategies available during a period of high joblessness, stating "Households receiving unemployment benefits tend to spend the additional benefits quickly, making this option both timely and cost-effective in spurring economic activity and employment."

The Federal government has never allowed emergency extended benefits to expire when the jobless rate has been anywhere close to its current level of nearly 9 percent. In fact, Congress has never allowed an emergency unemployment program to end when the unemployment rate is higher than 7.2 percent. We must not be the first Congress to do so.

The American people deserve a House Majority prepared to work for them.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER MEMPHIS STATE COACH, GENE BARTOW

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Memphis State men's basketball coach and President of Hoops, L.P., Gene Bartow. Coach Bartow was born on August 8, 1930 in the tiny town of Browning, Missouri. Mr. Bartow graduated from Browning High School in 1948 and Northeast Missouri State College in 1952. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, Mr. Bartow earned his master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis and did additional graduate work at the University of Southern California.

Mr. Bartow began his coaching career at the high school-level before moving first to Central Missouri State University and later to Valparaiso University. In 1970, the Memphis State Tigers, who had posted a dismal 3 and 45 conference record since joining the highly regarded Missouri Valley Conference in 1967, hired Mr. Bartow as their head coach. The Tigers went 18–8 in Bartow's first season as head coach and made the National Invitational Tournament, NIT, the following year. Despite never having won an National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, tournament game, the Tigers reached the NCAA Championship Game in 1973, playing valiantly but ultimately falling to the John Wooden-coached and Bill Walton-led UCLA Bruins. That same year Bartow was voted NCAA Coach of the Year by his peers.

Coach Bartow left Memphis State in 1974 to coach the Fighting Illini at the University of Illinois for one season before succeeding the revered John Wooden at UCLA in 1976. After amassing a 52–9 record and leading the UCLA Bruins to the Final Four all in just two seasons, he left for the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who had offered him complete control in building an athletic program as athletic director and head basketball coach. At the time, UAB had no teams in any sport. In just its second year of existence, Coach Bartow's UAB team made the NIT tournament; they followed it up with seven consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Birmingham Southern athletic director Joe Dean, Jr. stated, "Coach Bartow started an entire Division 1 athletic program from scratch, and by his fourth year he had the basketball program in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. No other school in the history of college athletics has done anything like that in such a short period of time." It is no wonder that he was dubbed "The Father of UAB Athletics."

Coach Bartow's storied 36-year coaching career produced 647 wins and 353 losses, and only two losing seasons. He was elected to 10 different Halls of Fame, including the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, and he will be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in May. UAB renamed its basketball arena the Bartow Arena in 1997.

Gene Bartow was loved and revered by many for his contributions to the city of Memphis. University of Memphis basketball coach Josh Pastner commented, "The best description I can give of Coach Bartow is he was as nice a human being and as good a human being as you'll find." George Lapides, former sports editor of the defunct Memphis Press-Scimitar and a longtime friend of Bartow, observed, "When you consider what a gentleman Gene was, in addition to what he did for this city in the early '70s when this city was so racially divided after the assassination of [Dr.] Martin Luther King, Jr., he might be the top sports figure in Memphis history." His contribution to cancer research will continue, for each year the University of Memphis and UAB play the Gene Bartow Classic, which donates 2 dollars for every ticket sold to the Coach Gene Bartow Fund for Cancer Research.

I will remember Gene Bartow as a class act, a gentleman and one of the finest people to ever grace our city. Mr. Barlow passed away on January 3, 2012 at 81 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruth, daughter, Beth B. Long, sons Mark and Murry, brother, Russell and eight grandchildren. Beloved throughout the basketball world, Mr. Bartow is perhaps best remembered for his class, humility, integrity, and genuine love not just for his players but for every person he met. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life, contributions, and legacy of Gene Bartow. His was a life well-lived.

SALUTING BOB LAY: A TRUE LOCAL HERO AND PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret) Bob Lay for his distinguished service to the U.S. Army and his nation. Colonel Lay honorably served his country for thirty-one years.

After an Army career as a helicopter pilot in which Colonel Lay served three tours in Vietnam, he retired from the United States Army

in August 1994. During his last assignment, while serving as the Commander of the United States Army Readiness Group, at Patrick Air Force Base, he also served as the Department of Defense Coordinating Officer responsible for coordination of all disaster response and recovery missions assigned to the Department of Defense in wildfires in Georgia and in Hurricane Andrew in south Florida. He also served as the manager of the Disaster Field Office in Albany, Georgia, during the floods of 1994.

Bob served as the Director of Brevard County Emergency Management from April 1997 until his death on January 11, 2012. I applaud his commitment to our community, military and the future of our Armed Services.

Former Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Lay to the Governor's Wildfire Response and Mitigation Review Committee following wildfires in 1998, and he represented the Central Florida Region as Emergency Management Co-Chair for Central Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force since 1999. He served on the Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee and on the Joint Toxic Hazard Control Team representing the public surrounding Kennedy Space Center and Canaveral Air Force Station. He was instrumental in establishing unity of effort as a regionalization of resources within the Central Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force area.

Lay was recognized by the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association as the Emergency Management Professional of the Year for 2003 and received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Hurricane Conference in 2004 for outstanding leadership in response to hurricanes Charlie, Frances and Jeanne.

Bob was the President of Ascension Lutheran Church's Congregational Council and served on the Board of Directors of the Community Services Council and the Eastern Florida Maritime Area Security Committee, as well as representing Emergency Management on FEMA's National Advisory Council.

Bob is survived by his wife, Patti, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren. This is a sudden and tragic loss for our community. Bob was a great guy, a true leader and someone who we all relied on to get us through the hurricanes, storms and other devastating events. He was calm in a crisis, cool under pressure and there was not a challenge Bob wasn't ready to face. Bob embodied the true meaning of public service.

''Bob has been an absolute rock for many, many years,'' said Brevard County Sheriff Jack Parker.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends that knew and loved him.

I am honored to rise in support of Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret) Bob Lay's service to our nation, and I am proud of his commitment to the cause of liberty, freedom and public service.

HONORING EDUCATOR AND VIETNAM VETERAN FELIX EUGENE GARRETT III

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Felix Eugene Garrett III, a loving husband and devoted father. Mr. Garrett was a talented individual who bravely served our country and, as an educator, worked for years improving the minds and lives of his students.

In service to his country, Mr. Garrett completed a tour of duty in Vietnam before being assigned to Air Force bases in various regions of the world. In 1975, Mr. Garrett retired after honorably and faithfully serving for more than 20 years in the defense of our Nation.

Consistent with his selfless character and devotion to public service, Mr. Garrett went on to become assistant principal at Elgin High School. Mr. Garrett quickly moved up the ranks to ultimately retire as a school administrator from the Temple Independent School District in 1993, leaving behind a legacy of helping children of all backgrounds and ages.

Mr. Garrett's personal life was just as rich as his professional life. Mr. Garrett enjoyed a wide range of hobbies, including hunting, community service, and cherishing his membership in Mensa, the largest and oldest high-IQ society in the world.

Mr. Garrett was a proud University of Texas fan, and traveled far and wide to support the Longhorns during a number of their most notable victories. Mr. Garrett was also proud to see his daughter, Machree Garrett Gibson, become the first African American female president of Texas Exes, the University of Texas' Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to hear of Mr. Garrett's passing, although it is my hope that his family may take solace in the fact that he lived a long and fulfilling life. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his community, and his unwavering service to his country.

HONORING OFIELD DUKES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ofield Dukes, an African American pioneer in the field of public relations, and a longtime influential champion of civil rights.

Before Ofield Dukes founded Ofield Dukes and Associates, he served as deputy director for public affairs for the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and Plans for Progress as well as deputy director for public affairs in the Lyndon B. Johnson Administration. He was a communications consultant for every Democratic presidential campaign since 1972. His work was instrumental in establishing the Congressional Black Caucus and in creating the national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Born in Ruthledge, Alabama in 1932 and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Dukes served in the Korean War as a member of the United States Army. He earned a degree in journalism from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. After graduation, he spent several years crafting his skills at WCHB radio as the news director until and then got his break at the Michigan Chronicle, where he won several National Newspaper Publishers Association awards. His accomplishments caught the attention of President Lyndon B. Johnson, who tapped Dukes to become deputy director of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and Plans for Progress, and a year later he became deputy director of public affairs. In 1969, Dukes started his own public relations firm in Washington, DC, Ofield Dukes and Associates. His first client was Motown Records, and he went on to represent multinational companies such as AT&T, Sony Music Entertainment, and RJR Nabisco. During this period, Dukes was a key figure in establishing the Congressional Black Caucus, including organizing the first Congressional Black Caucus Dinner in 1971. In the 1980s, Dukes joined forces with Stevie Wonder in organizing a march in Washington for a national holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. He founded the Black Public Relations Society of Washington, DC., giving black public relations professionals a place to meet and cultivate ideas. Dukes was known to say, ''Public relations is synonymous with human communication.'' In a publication of the African American Public Relations Collective, he said, ''Even Jesus Christ was involved in communications. He had the disciples as advance persons and John the Baptist was sort of a PR agent.'' He said that public relations is more than just promoting an event or just engaging in an outpouring of publicity.

In addition to his stellar career, Ofield Dukes was an educator who gave selflessly of his time and talent. He was an adjunct professor at Howard University and later American University for nearly three decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Ofield Dukes not only for his accomplishments in public relations but for his service to our Nation.

THE LEGACY OF BISHOP L.M. MITCHELL

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the Civil Rights exhibit, ''The Road to Freedom,'' honors the legacy of Bishop L.M. Mitchell and the leadership exemplified by great faith and courage.

As a successful entrepreneur himself, he exposed black entrepreneurship to Rome, Georgia. He taught practical principles to the church, inspiring the followers to open a pathway for some type of business of their own.

Lattace Mack Mitchell was born December 18, 1872, in South Carolina, the son of a former slave. He joined the Fire Baptize Church in his early teens, and organized his first church on October 23, 1912, in a shoe shop with three members. He attended Gammon Theological Seminary in South Carolina, and due to the depression, he had lived in New Hampshire and New York before moving to Atlanta, Georgia. He came to Atlanta in May 1919, and organized the Overcoming Church of God. He placed a tent on the corner of Ira and Bass Street in Atlanta, and preached night and day without fear or favor. From this, the Overcoming Church of God was organized and grew throughout the Southeast and Northeast parts of the United States

He was led to Rome, Georgia, in 1921. The most memorable anecdote was a racial incident—as told by Bishop Mitchell—that when

he and his partners came from Atlanta to Rome for the first time and attempted to go South on Broad Street, somewhere between Sixth Avenue and the Cotton Block, he was followed by a police car. While approaching the Etowah River Bridge, he was stopped by a white officer from the Rome City Police and asked where he was going. As a native of Atlanta, he had been put in jail many times for speaking out on injustices, and when the officer spoke to him, he proceeded getting out of his car; showing no fear. He was a black man driving a 1921 Black Cadillac. He was 6'6'' and he wore a size 15 shoe. He pointed ahead and looking down on him, he told the officer, ''Do you see that bridge? I'm going to cross that bridge, but I don't know what the condition of it will be, when I return.'' He was letting the officer know that he was not afraid of whatever might happen to him. He knew it was a possibility that the bridge might be impassable when he needed to cross back over. Yet he had no fear in addressing a white officer during a segregated time in a small rural town in 1921. Bishop Mitchell said the officer looked up and told him to get back into his car and proceed across the bridge.

He continued coming to Rome and became a resident. He found a handful of saints worshiping under the leadership of Mother Ricks. He began preaching, day and night, at 200 Nixon Avenue. At that time, the church was in financial trouble. He helped the church get out of debt, and afterwards, it was completely renovated. The church was named New Hope.

Bishop Mitchell was an entrepreneur, investing in rental property throughout the Rome community. He understood the disadvantages of being a black businessman in the South, but that did not stop him from reaching his goals. No matter what the opposition, the success of the church can be attributed to the zeal and honesty of the man who is credited with founding the New Hope Overcoming Church in Rome, Georgia. He lived at 500 Wilson Avenue and served as leader of the Church of God for forty-six years, until his death in 1966. He was the first to be buried in the Shadyside Memorial Gardens, a cemetery located in South Rome. He was highly respected by his peers, who gave honorable remarks at his funeral services: Rev. J.L. Vaughn (Lovejoy Baptist Church), Rev. Clarence Tuggle (Thankful Baptist Church), Rev. G.P. Bowman (Mt. Calvary Baptist Church) and Rev. J.W. Baxter (Solomon Temple).

IN HONOR OF CHARLES ROUSE, VIETNAM VETERAN AND RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER STAR AND BRONZE STAR

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 13, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Specialist Four Charles Rouse, a courageous and gallant American veteran. Not only did he risk his life to defend America's ideals in Vietnam, but he served with such heroism that he was awarded two of the most distinguished military honors one can receive, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. Mr. Rouse's patriotism and allegiance to his country are nothing short of astounding, and we all owe our livelihoods to individuals like him who make similar sacrifices and bold choices every day.

Like so many others who were drafted to serve in Vietnam, Mr. Rouse had the task of carrying out necessary missions and protecting the lives of his fellow soldiers. Mr. Rouse not only performed those responsibilities with utmost dedication, he chose to go above and beyond the call of duty. The Silver and Bronze Stars are only given to those few individuals who exhibit extraordinary valor and courage in the face of the enemy. To receive even one of them is an extremely high honor. Mr. Rouse was one of those very few who received not only one of these prestigious awards, but both of them. We are so fortunate and so proud that he wore a U.S. uniform.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rouse's unfaltering love for this country and its people is truly remarkable and should not go unrecognized. To his family and friends whom he holds dear, you certainly do not have to be told of his magnificent character. While serving his country, Mr. Rouse exhibited the extraordinary courage that is required to do what most of us cannot even imagine. It is for these reasons that we honor him today and why his legacy will live on forever.