

the City of Lakewood, and mother, a nurse at Lakewood Hospital. He attended St. Edward High School, where he played on the hockey team. He later earned bachelors' degrees in political science and communications from Cleveland State University. He also earned a master's in public administration degree from CSU in 1991.

Mr. Seelie dedicated his life to serving the residents of Lakewood and Cuyahoga County. He was a youth services coordinator for the county in 1979 and in 1980 began working as a county employment service specialist. In 1985 he began a seventeen year stint as an assistant in the county administrator's office.

Mr. Seelie served the City of Lakewood, Ohio as a councilman and council president from 1992 until 2007. He was elected as a councilman to Lakewood's Ward 3 in 1991, which he represented for 16 years. He was eventually chosen by the council as the council president for 10 years.

I offer my most heartfelt condolences to his children, Kelly and Patrick; two grandchildren, three brothers and his sister.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Robert M. Seelie, his service to the City of Lakewood will not be forgotten.

**AID TO COUNTRIES WHO DON'T  
PLAY BY THE RULES**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in 1996, Evelyn Mezzich was driving drunk.

She fell asleep at the wheel and had a head-on collision with a telephone pole.

The accident barely harmed Evelyn, but it killed her 18-year old roommate Lindsay Brashier and permanently paralyzed another passenger.

Mezzich was indicted for intoxicated manslaughter in Texas.

After posting bail, she and her parents skipped town, heading to their native Peru.

But Peru refuses to extradite her in flagrant disregard for the provisions of the extradition treaty between Peru and the United States.

Evelyn Mezzich is living out her life in Peru, while Lindsay Brashier's family and the other victim are suffering.

Yet we still continue to give foreign aid to Peru.

This is just one example of a case in which countries who have treaties with the U.S. fail to comply.

This is an injustice for United States citizens.

Why do we continue to hastily give money to countries that hate us and refuse to cooperate with our government?

Members of Congress decide how to spend Americans' tax dollars overseas by voting on one big bill that sends money to various countries around the world.

I believe it is irresponsible and plain wrong to give money to countries who are denying justice to our citizens.

Let's start voting individually on every one of these countries that want our aid rather than put all countries in one massive bill.

We need to start taking care of America before we start sending American money to countries throughout the world.

We cannot continue to reward countries that do not comply with treaties and refuse to extradite criminals.

It's a time to reconsider foreign aid.

And that's just the way it is.

**TRIBUTE TO SAN CLEMENTE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COURTNEY SMITH**

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of San Clemente, California are exceptional. Courtney Smith is an exceptional young woman and on February 23, 2012, Courtney will receive a prestigious honor when the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce names her the 2012 Citizen of the Year at the organization's annual awards and installation dinner at the Talega Golf Club.

Courtney is the 15-year-old daughter of Christina and Jeff Smith, sister to Amy and Andrew, and sister-in-law to Bobby. Courtney Faye Smith was born with a genetic disorder called Spinal Muscular Atrophy; it is a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. She has never been able to walk and has been driving a wheelchair since she was four years old and has a service dog, Michaela. Her body is in pain every single day of her life, but you would never know it or hear her complain. Through it all, she always remains light in heart and spirit.

Courtney is a freshman at San Clemente High School and is currently receiving straight A's. Besides choir, all of her classes are Advanced Academic. She is extremely social and attends every football game as well as school plays. She adores singing and is currently saving to go to Hawaii with her high school choir 'Acapella' to perform over spring break.

Courtney loves to sew and loves fashion design. She is contemplating the idea of going to college to become a costume designer. She also enjoys horseback riding, which she has done since the age of four and has won several blue ribbons. She also loves to train dogs and hopes to help train service dogs in the future. Courtney has been a Muscular Dystrophy Ambassador for close to 10 years and a Make-A-Wish Ambassador for 7 years.

Courtney is very humble; she never asks for anything, and despite life's challenges, she is happy and content with life. She loves her family dearly and they treasure her. This is a special year for Courtney, as she will see one of her dreams come to fruition, with the development of "Courtney's SandCastle."

The idea for "Courtney's SandCastle" was cultivated because, as most kids do, Courtney always wanted to play on playgrounds as a little girl. Her mom knew it was next to impossible, so they would drive to Los Angeles in order to play on an accessible playground where, amongst other things, she could reach the sandbox from her wheelchair and actually swing on the swing set by herself, safely buckled in. "Courtney's SandCastle" is a universal playground, which was developed as a part of the Vista Hermosa/La Pata Community Park. It will serve special needs children and adults

as well as able-bodied children. Special recreational equipment will also be available to handicapped veterans. Along with many amazing and supportive community members, Courtney has remained tenacious and followed this project through after almost 10 years to ensure that "Courtney's SandCastle" is completed.

In light of all Courtney has done for the community of San Clemente, the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce named Courtney their Citizen of the Year. I am humbled by the composure and tenacity of this young woman who has faced more challenges in her life than many of us will in our entire lifetime. I know that many community members are inspired and grateful for Courtney's service and I join them in saluting her as she receives this prestigious award.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR.  
THOMAS F. O'MALLEY, SR.**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Thomas F. O'Malley, Sr., a man who bravely served his country and selflessly worked on behalf of his fellow residents in Northeast Ohio.

Mr. O'Malley was born on May 13, 1928 to Thomas E. and Marie E. O'Malley. He was raised in Parma and graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1946. He went on to Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland State University's Cleveland Marshall Law School. Mr. O'Malley served bravely with the U.S. Army before returning to Cleveland and beginning his career in law. He was the former law director for the cities of Fairview Park and Brooklyn. Overall, Mr. O'Malley practiced law for more than 52 years.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Colleen; children, Jackie Needham (John), Judge Kathleen O'Malley (Ray Gallucci), Brigid O'Malley, Judge Thomas F. O'Malley, Jr. (Kelly), Dr. Martin J. O'Malley (Marina), Joseph P. O'Malley (Cathy), and Jamie Farina (Gerald); grandchildren Kathleen Dunham (Josh), John and Tom Needham; Brian and Michael Cuiffo; Thomas III, Joseph, Farrell and Jack O'Malley; Quinn, Olivia, Micaela, Emmett and Cecelia O'Malley; Lauren and Colin O'Malley and Gennaro Farina; great-grandchildren James Dunham; siblings Carol Henry (Thomas), and the late Jeanne Schneider and Jack O'Malley.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. Thomas F. O'Malley. His contributions to Northeast Ohio and the country will be missed.

**HONORING HENRY HORBACZEWSKI**

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Reed Elsevier, Henry Horbaczewski, as he is retiring from the company. Henry Horbaczewski has been with