

Science and Technology, and the Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology. In this role he also acted as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce, the General Assembly, and the Economic Development Board.

Prior to his work with the Governor, he was a Senior Technology Strategist and Venture Capitalist for In-Q-Tel, a private venture capital organization funded by the CIA, where he was responsible for developing a technology investment strategy for the intelligence community, and then deriving, molding, and structuring individual investments and technologies within the portfolio in response to it.

Before joining In-Q-Tel, he was Executive Vice President of Engineering and R&D for GretagMacbeth, LLC, where he was responsible for the company's worldwide research, engineering, and product development activities and for the creation and operation of the company's Advanced Technology Laboratories in the Research Triangle Park.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Robert K. McMahan as he prepares to share his vision for Kettering University's future on the occasion of his inauguration as its President.

HONORING JOHN S. CHASE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. John S. Chase, a renowned architect, entrepreneur, and father. Mr. Chase passed away at the age of 87.

Mr. Chase was a man of many firsts. Just two days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the University of Texas must desegregate its graduate and professional schools, Mr. Chase enrolled to become one of UT's first black students. In his passionate pursuit to become an architect, Mr. Chase endured hate mail and heightened discrimination, and had to be shadowed by federal marshals in order to ensure his safety.

After graduating, Mr. Chase became the first African American licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas. Unfortunately, his struggles with racism persisted, and white firms refused to hire him. Not easily discouraged, Mr. Chase overcame these obstacles by moving to Houston and opening his own firm. There, Mr. Chase went on to build homes, churches, schools, and public buildings that have left a lasting legacy throughout Houston.

Mr. Chase was diverse in his skills, and in addition to his career he was devoted to his community. In 1980, Jimmy Carter appointed Mr. Chase to serve on the United States Commission on Fine Arts, where Mr. Chase contributed to the design and aesthetics of federal interests as the first African American to serve on the Commission. Mr. Chase also made notable contributions toward expanding the educational resources for the University of Texas, including his work on the Martin Luther King Humanities Center and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Building.

Mr. Speaker, I am greatly saddened to hear of Mr. Chase's passing, and my thoughts are with those family members who are grieving his loss. We must honor his bravery for facing

overwhelming adversity during a time of such uncertainty and racial strife. While there is little comfort in mourning a loved one, I hope his family can take solace in the lasting legacy he has left behind. Mr. Chase's many structures will serve to remind us of his personal triumphs.

IN HONOR OF MARIKO "MOLLIE" SUMIDA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mariko "Mollie" Sumida. Mollie passed away on March 5th. Mollie was a great woman and personal friend. She played an instrumental role in teaching me cross-cultural sensitivity. She and her husband, Yukio were also close family friends of my mom and dad, the late Janet Haskins Farr and Senator Frederick Sharon Farr.

Mollie and her family moved to the Monterey Peninsula when she was 12 years old. She attended Monterey High School, where she met her future husband, Yukio Sumida.

During World War II, Mollie was interned in Poston, Arizona while her husband served overseas with the highly decorated 442nd Infantry Division. Following the war, they returned to Monterey, where their daughter Ann and son Ray were born.

In 1952, Mollie opened the Cypress Garden Nursery, where she worked until retiring at the age of 80. During this time she became very active in civic as well as business organizations including the Monterey History and Art Association, Gateway Center, and the California Association of Nurserymen.

I fondly remember the many things Mollie taught me in life, including how to speak a few Japanese words and, most everlastingly, how to be a gardener. I will sorely miss her.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House when I recognize the contributions of her remarkable life. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends during their time of grieving.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, it's been 910 days and eight extensions since SAFETEA-LU expired. Today we find ourselves kicking the can once again as we take up extension number nine because this House Majority has failed to act.

Thankfully the Senate did act. Two weeks ago, Democratic and Republican Senators overwhelmingly voted, by a bipartisan majority of 74-22, to generate jobs, repair our roads and bridges, invest in our infrastructure, and strengthen our economy. Meanwhile, this body under Republican leadership has yet to put forward a credible highway reauthorization that puts Americans back to work.

MAP-21, the surface transportation authorization bill, passed by the Senate is by far the biggest jobs legislation Congress will consider this year.

It is imperative that the House of Representatives join the Senate in passing this bipartisan bill and send it to the President before the March 31st expiration of highway program funding or risk devastating job losses across the nation.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 14 will save 1.8 million jobs and creates up to 1 million more jobs.

The bill also provides consistency for states and maintains current funding levels for highways and public transportation, consolidates and streamlines highway programs, and establishes a national freight program. This national freight program will provide over \$2 billion dollars to upgrade our nation's goods movement system. That equates to \$336 million to the state of California alone over two years for freight infrastructure upgrades. These funds are critical to areas like my district where over 40 percent of our country's imports arrive each year via the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

In addition, the bill would authorize another \$1 billion dollars in fiscal year 2013 for Projects of National and Regional Significance. In previous years, the Projects of National and Regional Significance provided funding to several projects that provide economic benefits by making it easier to move goods.

Madam Speaker, these two programs and this bill are essential for our country to remain competitive globally.

H.R. 14 also improves safety, and institutes performance measures and improves accountability for transportation infrastructure investments.

Now is the time for swift action by the House action on the bipartisan Senate bill that will save or create 132,000 transportation jobs and 45,000 transit jobs in my home state of California.

Transportation has long been a bipartisan issue—and the Senate continued this tradition. The House should follow suit and put America back to work by passing H.R. 14.

I encourage my colleagues to stop kicking the can down the road—start creating jobs—and defeat this extension.

RECOGNIZING ADVENTURE THEATRE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo, Maryland on 60 years of excellence. Founded in 1951, Adventure Theatre is the longest-running children's theatre in the Washington, DC metropolitan region and is a treasure of our community. I am honored to have it located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Adventure Theatre reaches more than 65,000 individuals annually, with its award-winning performances based on classic and popular children's stories and with theater classes, workshops and community engagement programs. Through these intimate and