

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KEITH  
SALICK

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Keith Salick whose recent and sudden passing has left a hole in the hearts of the entire Space Coast community as well as surfing enthusiasts worldwide, life-long friends, family, and those affected by kidney disease.

Born October 6, 1949, Richard and his twin brother, Phil, learned to surf together in their early teenage years, traveling to exotic surfing hot spots around the world making a name for themselves and eventually both were invited to join Dewey Weber's California-based Surf Team. At that time, Dewey Weber's team had only a limited number of team members from the East Coast but it also consisted of the top surfers in the world.

As Richard worked his way up the up the ladder, he earned a spot on the United States Surfing Team, was selected to join the World Contest Team and signed a contract with Hobie Surfboards. A short time later, at the age of 23, Richard fell ill and was told he needed a kidney transplant. Aided by his twin brother Phil, who was his first kidney donor, Richard recovered but was told all physical sports were out of the question—including surfing.

After a year of recovery, Richard could no longer ignore his desire to return to competitive surfing. He was the first person to develop an "Ensolite" padding system which he strapped around his abdomen to protect his transplanted kidney and went on to place second in his first competition. Richard continued to win surf contests and proudly displayed one of his trophies at the dialysis unit at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Florida, inspiring other kidney patients.

Richard continued to surf professionally and was dubbed by Nephrology News as "the First Professional Athlete to Return to Active Competition after a Transplant." Upon retirement in 1980, Salick was ranked the Number 1 surfer on the East Coast in the 24–35 year old division. In 1985 Richard and his brother Phil co-founded the National Kidney Foundation Pro Am Surf Festival raising millions of dollars over the years. This festival is one of the largest charitable surfing events in the world.

"Richard Salick has received many prestigious awards over his lifetime including the "Nancy Katin Award" at the United States Surfing Championships in Huntington Beach, California. This award was given to one competitive surfer each year and voted on by all the worldwide surfing association presidents.

"Rich also built eleven-time world champion surfer Kelly Slater's first surf board in Cocoa Beach.

Over the course of Richard's life, he endured a total of three kidney transplants all donated by his brothers Phil, Chan and Wilson. In January of 2000, Salick was inducted into the Surfing Hall of Fame as an "East Coast Surfing Legend" and was also inducted into the Black Belt Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2008 along with his son David. Besides being an accomplished surfer, inventor, inspirational speaker, and post transplant athlete, Richard

would say that his greatest accomplishment was raising his two sons Philip and David, both world class athletes.

Richard has personified the successes of extreme sports activity post transplant and has served as an inspiration to all he met including transplant patients around the world. He will be missed but his legacy and spirit will live on.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO PERMANENTLY EXEMPT TAX-  
EXEMPT PRIVATE ACTIVITY  
BONDS FROM THE AMT

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to come before the House today to introduce legislation with my Republican Ways & Means colleague, JIM GERLACH, that would permanently exempt tax-exempt private activity bonds from the alternative minimum tax. This bill will help spur additional transportation infrastructure investments, reduce borrowing costs for students and create jobs and economic growth.

In 2009, we enacted a two-year AMT exemption that expired at the end of 2010. This provision was extremely successful. From January 2009 to the end of 2010, thanks to this provision, the airport industry sold an unprecedented \$12.7 billion in private activity bonds that were exempt from the AMT, allowing construction projects to flourish and jobs to be created at airports across the country. And I think it's telling that in 2011, after the provision expired, airport issuances fell to \$4.3 billion, which is the lowest amount since 2007.

This exemption also is critical to reducing borrowing cost for students around the country. In Massachusetts, the 2009 PAB-AMT relief resulted in almost 20,000 students receiving low-cost financing for their education. The average student in Massachusetts borrowing \$16,000 for his or her education saved \$1,100 in interest over the life of the loan.

Mr. Speaker, we've seen amazing results by exempting PABs from the AMT and I encourage my colleagues to support this important bill and make this exemption permanent.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on July 17, 2012, I would have voted "yes" on the suspension bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013 (H.R. 6018). Also, had I been present for the vote on July 17, 2012, I would have voted "yes" on the Insular Areas Act of 2011 (S. 2009), and had I been present for the vote on July 18, 2012, I would have voted "yes" on the Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 (H.R. 5872).

HONORING MEI T. NAKANO

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride today to honor Mei T. Nakano of Sebastopol, CA. Ms. Nakano has spoken out about her life in a World War II internment camp and has become a powerful advocate for human rights, justice, and world peace.

Born in Colorado in 1924 to Japanese immigrants who farmed there, Ms. Nakano was later interned in a camp in Amache, Colorado, for three years during World War II. She met and married her husband Shiro there and then saw him drafted into the U.S. Military Intelligence Service.

After the war, she raised three children, and, inspired by women's liberation and civil rights movements, went back to school and earned a Master's Degree in Language and Literature at age 51. According to Mei, "The Japanese American community finally began to claim its history during the 1970s in the form of the liberation movements. Simultaneously, we began to feel the full rights of citizenship and entitlements due us."

After working for several years as an English instructor at Laney College and Diablo Valley College, Ms. Nakano became a partner and editor at Mina Press Publishing. She turned increasingly to free-lance writing and human rights activism, becoming well known for her depictions of the Japanese American experience and the importance of social just and multiculturalism.

One of her seminal books, *Japanese American Women: Three Generations*, first published by Minna Press in 1991 and now in its fifth printing, was hailed as the first of its kind historical survey of Japanese American women from the initial immigrant generation trying to adapt their cultural values to America through later generations who balanced these values with those of the society they were born into. For Mei's generation, the second, the experience of the World War II concentration camps defined everything that followed.

Mei Nakano organized the first Asian American Women's conference in Oakland, in 1992 and continues to speak out movingly and cogently about her beliefs and experiences at high schools, colleges, other institutions, and public events. "The salient point to be made," she says, "is how pernicious and destructive racism is, how anti-human. It can cause people to defer their aspirations, lose hope, and, at times, strike out in anti-social behavior. Others may go down that sinkhole of safety of 'having done well enough . . .'" The issue of injustice because of 'otherness' is not done. It takes vigilance to recognize it, a commitment to be moved to do something about it."

Ms. Nakano has always been very active in her local community. Since 1979, she has been a member of the Executive Board of the Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League, and she was an organizer of the successful effort to establish the Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights. She served as the Commission's first chair (1992).

In speaking out on the injustices she sees, Mei Nakano also gives us a message of hope: "Finally, I need to say that I rejoice in the fact that we've come a long way here in America

regarding the issue of 'otherness,' not the least of which is the extraordinary fact of electing an African American president. For me, the 'foreign-ness' which I felt so starkly in childhood and in my growing years, has gradually dissipated as I find myself tossed in the salad bowl of American society, proud to be in the skin I'm in."

Mr. Speaker, Mei T. Nakano has used the experiences of her life to inspire others and is now enjoying time with her husband of 69 years and her three children as well as her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also gardening, reading, responding to requests for writing articles, working on book of short stories, and, of course, speaking out when the need arises. Please join me in honoring this special activist who reminds us of the causes worth fighting for.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REOPENING OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Patrick's Church, one of the 11 Cleveland Catholic Diocese parishes that will be reopening this year.

In 2009 it was announced that several of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese's area churches, including St. Patrick's, were to close. However, just months ago, the Vatican overruled this decision and St. Patrick's will be reopening its doors on Sunday, July 22.

St. Patrick Parish, which was founded on March 17, 1848, is the mother church of 13 parishes on Cleveland's west side. The church was built using sandstone in 1898 and still has its original stained glass windows portraying the saints. The parish grounds also include a Community Center, Rectory, Cemetery, gym, and West Park Catholic Academy's two school buildings.

St. Patrick Parish had served more than 1,110 families in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood before being closed. Upon reopening, the parish anticipates that nearly 80 percent of their former parishioners will return to worship.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the reopening of St. Patrick's Church, a beloved parish that has returned to the City of Cleveland.

IN HONOR OF DEVIL PUPS' 50,000 GRADUATES

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Devil Pups Inc. as it celebrates the 50,000 teenagers who have graduated from its program since its inception in 1954.

Mr. Speaker, I am one of those graduates, having completed the program in 1958. I continue to support the program as a member of Devil Pups' Advisory Board. I can personally attest to the program's success in building teenagers' self-confidence and in teaching them to take responsibility for their actions

through Devil Pups' Good Citizenship-Physical Development Program.

The program's impetus was the burning of an American flag by a group of teenagers at a Southern California high school in 1953. Aggravated by this activity and the attitudes of the American youth it represented, retired Marine Corps Colonel Duncan Shaw Sr. and a group of retired Marine Corps Reserve Officers asked the Commandant of the Marine Corps to help aid character development in teenage boys and girls and enable them to become healthier and more successful citizens.

The Commandant agreed to help if the former Marines would form a charitable corporation to solicit contributions needed for food, transportation, insurance, and other sustainable items the government is prohibited from paying for.

The next summer, Camp Pendleton Commanding General John T. Selden granted permission for the nonprofit corporation Devil Pups Inc. to bring aboard 1,800 14- to 17-year-old boys. In 1998, Devil Pups welcomed its first platoon of girls into the program. Through the efforts of the active duty and reserve Marines and Devil Pups volunteers, the program has grown into a highly successful annual project. This summer, Devil Pups will graduate its 50,000th pup.

The name "Devil Pups" was conceived after observing that German troops during World War I called U.S. Marines "Devil Dogs" because of their battlefield accomplishments and valor. This success and challenge under stress is a fitting precursor for the name "Devil Pups."

The Devil Pups program is a demanding physical and academic good-citizenship program. The program is more mental than physical, reflecting the whole person concept. The program foundations are intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical.

Because of the limited space and ongoing military activities at Camp Pendleton, the program is only open to teens 14 to 17 years old from California, Nevada, and Arizona. It costs nearly \$500 per teen to put on the program each year, but no teen has ever been asked to pay for the experience and no government funds are expended. The money raised to pay for the 10-day encampment is done through generous grants, fundraisers, and individual contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a Devil Pups graduate and for my continued association with its program. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Devil Pups Inc. and its volunteers for reaching the 50,000 pup milestone and for their efforts to help shape our youth into confident, healthy, and productive citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 499, 500, and 501.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT BAUMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate Bob Bauman on his long-awaited and well-deserved retirement from the Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative, REC. Bob has served as CEO and General Manager in Allison, Iowa, since 1984, and has been very active in rural development. He was instrumental in establishing an economic development program at Butler County REC and building a \$1.8 million revolving loan fund for the program. In addition, he was the leader in forming Homeward Inc., a nonprofit housing provider assisting rural Iowans with their housing needs. Homeward has made more than \$10 million in loans in 25 Iowa counties and assisted 1,000 families as they acquire and maintain their homes.

He has served on the Governor's Task Force on Housing, the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives Legislative Committee, and on boards of directors for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, the Community Vitality Center, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, CFC, and the National Cooperative Services Corporation. He's also served on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, NRECA, Community and Economic Development Committee, and as chair of the NRECA/CFC Rural Housing Committee.

In March 2012, the Iowa Area Development Group honored Bob with the Silver Shovel Award for outstanding leadership, innovation, and achievement in business and community development.

Calling Bob a leader is an understatement. He has had a tremendous impact on the quality of life of thousands of Iowans, and he has been a good friend and adviser to me. I wish Bob all the best in his next endeavor, and I know his wife, Vicki, and all of their children, are proud of him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 499 and 500. If present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 499 and "nay" on rollcall vote 500.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM RASPBERRY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 24, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the honorable Mr. William Raspberry. Mr. Raspberry was born on October 12, 1935 to proud parents Mr. James Lee