

to save lives in their communities. As a farmer in Fowler, Kansas, I understand the importance of having an educated and well-prepared local fire department.

For the past 125 years the Association has worked to accomplish this goal, and I hope they continue to do so for another century and beyond. Words cannot express how grateful I am to these men and women who tirelessly work to ensure our fire departments have the educational resources they need to protect their local communities.

IN MEMORY OF MR. PETER E.  
MALLORY

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Peter E. Mallory, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, who recently passed away after a long and exemplary record of service to Volusia County, Florida.

Mr. Mallory was a family man, an entrepreneur, and an award-winning writer, but more than that, he believed in his community. Moving to Florida with his family from Ohio at a young age, Mr. Mallory graduated from New Smyrna Beach High, and had served on the board of trustees for Daytona State College and the Utilities Commission of New Smyrna Beach. His true passion would lay in writing, as his friend Henry Frederick has said, "All Peter ever wanted to do was write his own column, on his own terms, free of the bias of the liberal media."

In 2007 Mr. Mallory helped finance and began writing a column for NSBnews.net, New Smyrna's first 24/7 Internet newspaper. The newspaper has come a long way since 2007 and none of its success would have been possible were it not for the contributions and hard work of Peter Mallory. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Mr. Mallory taught in the local high school and volunteered as a coach for several athletic teams.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mallory passed away at the end of June, but his work and his passion for unbridled news remains as an example for others to follow.

Volusia County will miss the writings and community work of Mr. Peter E. Mallory and we salute his memory.

HONORING JOAQUIN JACKSON'S INDUCTION INTO THE TEXAS HEROES HALL OF HONOR

**HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joaquin Jackson's induction into the Texas Heroes Hall of Honor. Haynie Joaquin Jackson was born in Anton, Texas and served as a Texas Ranger from 1966 to 1993. During his career, Joaquin was committed to protecting our border communities and ensuring justice was served to those who broke the law. Also during his time, he saw the Rangers transition into the modern law enforcement agency it is today.

After being featured on a 1994 cover of Texas Monthly magazine, the retired Ranger became personified as the modern Texas Ranger. Joaquin appeared in several movies, including: The Good Old Boys with Tommy Lee Jones, Rough Riders and the Streets of Laredo, Palo Pinto Gold and Poodle Dog Lounge.

As a constituent of mine in Alpine, Texas, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Jackson on his outstanding life achievements and induction into the Texas Heroes Hall of Honor.

GADSDEN, ALABAMA POLICE OFFICERS AWARDED MEDAL OF VALOR

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Sergeant Scott Entekin; Clark Thompson; Colt Gregory; Jeff Hopper; Jordan Harwood; Stephen Hill; Sergeant Gary Pierce; and Mitch James, of the City of Gadsden Police Department in receiving the Gadsden Police Department's Medal of Valor on July 10, 2012. These fine officers should be applauded for their harrowing actions and professionalism in defusing a dangerous situation this past January in Alabama City, Alabama. These men truly embody bravery and a devotion to serving their community.

As an armed man fled from police through an Alabama City neighborhood, he began to fire at all of the officers. Many of the officers that responded are on the department's Joint Special Operations Group and are trained in tactical SWAT operations. Using their training, the officers worked to contain the situation without opening fire in order to prevent cross-fire in the residential area. In a team effort, including assistance from an Etowah County sheriff's deputy and a crisis negotiator, they were able to corner the shooter and convince him to surrender.

These courageous men were able to take the suspect into custody without any injuries that morning. This is a great testament to not only their professionalism, but also their restraint. The tremendous leadership shown by these officers is an example of their dedication to protect their community, as well as fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great privilege to honor these eight men: Sergeant Scott Entekin; Clark Thompson; Colt Gregory; Jeff Hopper; Jordan Harwood; Stephen Hill; Sergeant Gary Pierce; and Mitch James, for earning Gadsden Police Department's Medal of Valor for their heroic actions in keeping our community safe. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them on receiving this distinguished honor.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TAX ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012, H.R. 828

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today makes any person who has a seriously delinquent tax debt ineligible for federal employment or to continue serving as a federal employee. I will vote for this bill because I strongly believe that all Americans, including federal employees, should meet their legal tax obligations. However, this bill is an unnecessary distraction from the urgent problems facing Congress because there is no evidence to show federal employees deserve to be targeted for tax non-compliance. In fact, the data shows just the opposite.

The compliance rate of federal employees is much higher than the general public according to the most recent statistics from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS says more than 96 percent of federal workers paid their taxes in full, on time, and have no outstanding debt to the government. This high compliance rate is even more impressive considering the families of federal employees have been forced to endure repeated pay freezes and benefit reductions in recent years.

An amendment from my colleague Congressman LYNCH of Massachusetts improved H.R. 828 by creating a process to ensure federal employees who are making a good faith effort to pay their tax debt or those suffering financial hardship are not unfairly targeted or dismissed. Still, the provisions of H.R. 828 will result in few new dollars going into the federal Treasury because federal employees are already the model for American taxpayers, not the problem. If House Republicans were genuinely concerned with improving tax compliance this body would be voting on legislation to close tax loopholes and tax shelters exploited by some of the nation's wealthiest individuals and corporations to avoid paying tens of billions of dollars every year.

The best course of action for this House would be to set this purely symbolic, politically-motivated legislation aside so we can focus on legislation that creates jobs and helps to grow the economy.

SEEKING A RESOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE ON CYPRUS

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2012*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I once again come to this Floor to urge my colleagues to support efforts to achieve a resolution to the dispute on Cyprus. Tragically, I find myself here once again as yet another year has gone by with no end to the conflict.

While the Cyprus dispute is most directly between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has larger implications for regional security and prosperity. Over the past few decades this dispute has involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United