

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GUY REYNOLDS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Guy Reynolds in celebration of his one hundredth birthday. Thomas Guy Reynolds Jr. was born on November, 30, 1912 in Martinsburg, West Virginia and is the son of the late Thomas Guy Reynolds Sr. and Lora Lenora Stotler.

Mr. Reynolds graduated from Shepherd College in 1933 with a degree in education. He served in the Berkley County school system for a total of 18 years in addition to running his own television and radio repair business; serving as an electro-mechanical designer for Thieblot Aircraft; and working for 17 years at Corning Glass Works where he was appointed to the position of Senior Associate. He was the first person from the Martinsburg plant to receive this honorable position.

Mr. Reynolds has received numerous awards for his outstanding volunteer efforts and community involvement, including Berkeley County's Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Alumni by Shepherd University, and was inducted into the West Virginia Voter Hall of Fame, for having voted in every general election since at least 1942, when records were first kept.

Believed to be the oldest aviator in West Virginia, Mr. Reynolds flies his light-sport airplane as often as he can and frequently attends airport functions. He took his first flight out of Shepherd Field in 1929 in a Ford Trimoter and has been actively involved with the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport and served as chairman of the West Virginia State Aeronautics Commission for two terms.

Guy Reynolds' wonderful legacy lives on through his children, stepson, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

HONORING U.S. NAVY COMMANDER ANDREW LOUIS FRAHLER

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a former constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, Commander Andrew Louis Frahler of the U.S. Navy. Andrew was born December 4, 1923 in Oregon. He served one year in the Army during World War II. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in August 1944. While attending the Academy, Andrew earned a varsity letter every year and was the only person to be captain of the USNA baseball team two years in a row. In his final at bat, he hit a grand slam homerun against West Point. After graduating from the Academy in 1948, Andrew eventually rose to the

rank of Commander in the Navy. During his time in the Navy, he served on six ships, including as Supply Officer on the USS *Oklahoma City*, and was at sea during the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis.

After leaving the Navy, Andrew worked at Beatrice Foods in Chicago, ultimately rising to Vice-President. In 1977, he moved to the Atlanta area to teach Management at Baptist University of America. In 1980 he began to teach secondary math and science at Heiskell School and then Providence Academy. He also coached the baseball teams at both schools. Andrew was a deacon in the local Baptist Church, taught Sunday school for many years, helped widows from the church with their taxes, worked at a crisis pregnancy center providing financial assistance, and assisted with an ESL program for Hispanic children.

Mr. Frahler passed away on Wednesday, November 28, a few days before his 89th birthday. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Claire Jennings Frahler, his four children and their spouses, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Andrew William Frahler and Sophia Kish Frahler, and by his brother, William Michael Frahler. Mr. Speaker, we are forever indebted to those great Americans like Andrew Louis Frahler who worked so hard and sacrificed so much for his nation. We will never forget his invaluable contributions to the well-being of his community and fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SEAN PATRICK SMITH, A VICTIM OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sean Patrick Smith, an Information Management Officer in the State Department and United States Air Force Veteran, who was slain in the September 11, 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. Government Mission to Libya in Benghazi along with Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and former United States Navy Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) Operators, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods.

Sean Smith was a native of the Clairemont neighborhood of San Diego, California and seemed destined to serve his nation. His father, Rene "Ray" Smith, my constituent from Gulfport, Florida, was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. The elder Smith often served as a "tunnel rat," crawling deep into Vietcong underground facilities in search of the enemy. In 1970, during a firefight, he was burned over 60 percent of his body after the brush he was in caught fire. He raised Sean to appreciate the freedoms our nation provides and to be willing to fight for them.

Sean enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1995 at the age of 17, so young that he needed a parental release. He served six years as a Ground Radio Maintenance Specialist, which included a deployment to Oman. Sean left the Air Force in 2002 as a Staff Sergeant. At the time of his death, Sean was on temporary assignment to assist in the establishment of the Information Technology infrastructure in support of the Mission to Libya. Before his assignment to Benghazi, Sean had given 10 years of dedicated service to the State Department around the globe in Brussels, Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal, and The Hague.

A technological guru, Sean's computer savvy was not limited to his United States Air Force and State Department duties. Sean was an avid gamer and well known in the online gaming community of the space fantasy game EVE Online. A leader of the "Goonswarm" guild, his gaming persona "Vile Rat" made use of Sean's skills as a diplomat and he was respected as a skilled competitor. Additionally, Sean was a moderator of the internet forum, "Something Awful," where he posted about football, politics and working with the Foreign Service.

In the lobby of the State Department, the names of those who have fallen in the line of duty are inscribed in marble. Sean's name has been added along with his compatriots, Ambassador Stevens, Glen Doherty, and Tyrone Woods. In the same tradition, a plaque will be placed in the lobby of the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, where Sean's father receives his primary care, to commemorate his life and the daily sacrifices made by our veterans.

Sean is survived by his father Ray, mother Pat, wife Heather, and two young children, Samantha and Nathan. Beyond his family, Sean will be forever mourned by friends, colleagues, and countless online competitors, collaborators and gamers, who shared his passion in the virtual world Sean helped create. They are the true victims of this act of terror. While Sean's pain has ended, they will have to continue life without a beloved son, caring husband, nurturing father, and extraordinary friend.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing Sean Patrick Smith for his dedicated service to his country. He has made the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom and his fellow Americans and we are forever in his debt. We wish his family all the best as they continue in their life's journey, and hope they find solace in knowing that their beloved Sean shall forever be remembered as a true patriot and hero.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President

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Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,306,713,138,468.87. We've added \$5,679,836,089,555.79 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
ELMA TERESA SALINAS ENDER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Honorable Elma Teresa Salinas Ender, an award recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Laredo-Webb County Bar Association for her accomplishments and services in Webb County of South Texas. Judge Ender is currently completing her term in the 341st Judicial District Court in Laredo, Texas.

Judge Ender, a native Laredoan, is a remarkable and highly respected member of the community who has dedicated her life to promoting fairness and justice. She serves the community as Texas Supreme Court Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families. Judge Ender became the youngest woman and first Hispanic female to serve as a district court judge in Texas. She is also the longest serving district court judge in Webb County in recent history, serving one appointed term and seven elected terms consecutively.

Currently, Judge Ender serves as chair for the Board of Judges overseeing the Auditor and on the Indigent Defense Services Oversight Committee for the Webb County Judiciary. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and a B.B.A. from University of Texas in Austin, with a major in accounting. She holds a Certificate in Commercial and International Arbitration from the University of Houston Law School, A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center and certificates in dispute resolution from the National College for the Judiciary, the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas School of Law, and the DRC in Austin, Texas. Appointed in 1995 by then Governor George Bush, as an ad hoc committee member, Judge Ender worked to rewrite the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Appointed by Governor Mark White in 1986, she served on a Task Force charged with drafting professional standards to be used to certify juvenile detention centers. She has served as President, Vice President and 4th Administrative District Representative for the Texas District Judges' Association.

Not only has Judge Ender enjoyed an esteemed and honorable career, she also devotes much of her time to community organizations. She was one of the five Leadership Texas Alumnae who initiated, planned and funded the Leadership Laredo program sponsored by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. Judge Ender is involved in numerous civic and community activities. Her leadership in organizations includes Leadership Texas, the Laredo Business and Professional Women's Association, and participation in the National Hispana Leadership Institute, which included study at

Harvard University's JFK School of Public Affairs. She has received numerous awards throughout her career, including "Laredoan of the Year" in 2012, Laredo UT Exes Longhorn Legacy Award in 2008, and the 2003 Tejano Achievement Award, to name a few. Additionally, she has been featured in numerous publications due to her influence in Texas. She is married to David Ender and they are the proud parents of two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to have had this time to recognize The Honorable Elma Teresa Salinas Ender on her career and community involvement. She has contributed her time, knowledge, and efforts to the judiciary and to community outreach.

CONGRATULATING MR. EDWARD
SPAR ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS ON FEDERAL
STATISTICS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Edward Spar on his retirement as Executive Director of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, COPAFS. Since December 1992, Mr. Spar has led COPAFS, a consortium of over 50 organizations and individuals dedicated to increasing knowledge about issues affecting Federal statistical agencies and to encouraging dialogue between its member organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public about these issues.

As you may know Mr. Speaker, I am a strong supporter of our nation's federal statistical agencies and the data that they collect, disseminate, and protect. These agencies, which include, for example, the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, and Bureau of Justice Statistics, are national treasures. Simply put, federal, state, and local governments and American businesses could not function effectively without these agencies which produce high quality, reliable, and accessible data.

As the COPAFS Executive Director, Mr. Spar has shared my passion for these agencies and successfully raised awareness about their often-overlooked needs. He achieved this goal by conducting quarterly meetings and other colloquia for users and producers of federal statistics where they could share information about current federal statistical policy developments and discuss issues important to governmental and non-governmental data user communities. Mr. Spar was also a constant presence at meetings with federal statistical agencies, Members of Congress, and congressional staff, offering his expertise on federal statistical policy issues and suggesting improvements.

Mr. Spar's achievements include an initiative he led for the Bureau of Labor Statistics to update the Consumer Expenditure Survey, which resulted in crucial changes to the survey's interviewing structure, questionnaire design, and proxy reporting. In addition, he served on the National Academy of Sciences' panel on transportation statistics whose recommenda-

tions guide the current collection of key infrastructure data. Mr. Spar has also worked closely with the Office of Statistical Policy of the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), particularly to review and improve geographic classifications, as well as to bring statistical policy and research developments to broader audiences.

His efforts have not been limited, however, to domestic statistical issues. Mr. Spar has also been recognized as a leader regarding international surveys and agencies. Major international agencies, including the United Nations, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, have consulted with Mr. Spar. In this capacity, Mr. Spar advised these agencies and their international counterparts on a range of issues, including data collection and confidentiality standards, the establishment of statistical policy offices, and the development of strategies for outreach to users of federal statistics.

In addition to all of his achievements, Mr. Spar has been a mentor, teaching courses at Georgetown University and the U.S. Census Bureau, leading workshops at national and international scientific and data user conferences, and encouraging the next generation of statisticians and data users. And, as President of Market Statistics from 1972 to 1992, Mr. Spar was one of the pioneers of private sector applied demography.

I am proud to rise in recognition of Mr. Spar, a native New Yorker and a national leader on federal statistical issues. Although he is leaving COPAFS to enjoy a well-deserved retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of stronger statistical agencies and policies and an appreciative cadre of colleagues who have benefited from his dedicated years of service.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Spar and his family.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNION
LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Union League of Philadelphia which will commemorate its Sesquicentennial Celebration on December 27, 2012. This occasion will reflect on the great history and traditions that have helped sustain the League, and have made it one of the great civic institutions in Philadelphia.

In late 1862, during some of the darkest and most turbulent days of America's Civil War, a group of patriotic Philadelphians resolved to create an organization to assist President Abraham Lincoln and the North to save the American Union. By early 1863 The Union League of Philadelphia was diligently printing and distributing anti-secession literature, financing military regiments, and devoting its talent and resources to the protection of southern Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia from the menace of invasion. Following the northern victory in April of 1865, the Union League found a new and continuing purpose as it demonstrated its support for Reconstruction legislation and new amendments

to the U.S. Constitution, positive political action, and election reform.

Into the twentieth century and the present day, the legacy of the Union League includes an outstanding record of 150 years of civic, philanthropic, and cultural activities. Today, its 3,300 members continue to sustain the Union League and its ethos of patriotism and service.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring the Union League of Philadelphia for its 150 years of service to the city of Philadelphia and the Union.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MAREN CALVERT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Maren Calvert, who has worked in my office for the past year as a Defense Fellow. Lt. Col. Calvert started in my office last January and she has truly been a pleasure to have on the staff. Her law background coupled with her military experience has benefited the office tremendously. She offers a unique perspective, is always prepared, takes on any task and does it with a smile.

Lt. Col. Calvert is a Category A reservist and came to my office from the 701st Combat Operations Squadron (COS) detachment 1 at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawai'i where she served as the Deputy Commander. The 701 COS operates out of March Air Reserve Base, California which is located in my congressional district. The 701 COS provides trained, experienced Air Operations Center (AOC) warfighters primarily in support of 7th Air Force, the Combined AOC, and Commander of Air Force Forces at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. In her capacity as Deputy Commander, Lt. Col. Calvert provided expertise within the Operations, Plans and Strategy Divisions on the Law of Armed Conflict and Rules of Engagement. She advised the Commander on all legal issues, including military justice and civil law.

Lt. Col. Calvert was commissioned in 1993 from the Air Force Academy where she graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Humanities. She served on active duty through August 1998 and then obtained her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles before joining the Air Force Reserve. In addition to her 701 COS assignment, Lt. Col. Calvert has served as the Chief of Health Services, 701 COS; Commander, Business Operations & Beneficiary Services, TRICARE, and Resource Management Flights; and as Squadron Section Commander. Lt. Col. Calvert has furthered her Air Force education, having completed the Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Judge Advocate General Staff Office Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

As a civilian, Lt. Col. Calvert is a commercial litigation attorney at Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing in Honolulu, HI. Her practice is diversified, with experience in condominium law, real estate development, foreclosures, adversary proceedings in bankruptcy, and an emphasis in health law and health care compliance. She is

admitted to both the California and Hawai'i Bar.

During her time in the office she has focused her efforts on defense acquisition, TRICARE, basing issues, wildfire resource issues, Medicaid portability for military members with autistic children, and many other policy areas. She has been an invaluable resource to all my staff and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her and her family—I know it was not easy to move across an ocean and a country to start a new life. To Jason, Braedon, and Teryn, thank you for supporting your wife and mom, she is an impressive lady. On behalf of everyone in the office, I would like to extend a heartfelt "Mahalo" to Lt. Col. Calvert for all her hard work and let her know that my office door is always open for Pau Hana!

COLONEL PETER J. BROOKS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, Colonel Peter J. Brooks wore the United States Army uniform for the very last time. After over 32 years of dedicated service to our nation, Pete has retired from our Armed Forces and will serve his last day with the South Carolina National Guard on December 31, 2012.

Colonel Brooks began his military service in September 1979, when he entered the Army ROTC/SMP at Valley Forge Military College in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Following graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Armor branch in June 1981. Pete studied at the University of South Carolina for several years before attending officer basic course. In 1986, Colonel Brooks graduated from the University of New York where he studied political science and received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts.

Since 1995, Colonel Brooks has worked in the public affairs department of the South Carolina National Guard and the Military Department of South Carolina. Due to his superb knowledge, he has more recently served as a senior advisor to the director of public affairs and strategic communications. Pete always worked extremely hard on behalf of the SCNG and has developed great working relationships with Congressional leaders and staffers, resulting in tremendous legislative support for the Soldiers and Airmen serving in the South Carolina National Guard. He also has served as a former president to the National Guard Association of South Carolina. Additionally, under Colonel Brooks' mentorship, the SCNG public affairs professionals earned awards from many different organizations including the National Guard Bureau, Air Force, Army, and Department of Defense. In 2009, due to Colonel Brooks' expertise, NORTHCOM/ARNOTH requested him by-name to support their communications programs.

Colonel Brooks also has worked with the University of South Carolina to develop a Media & the Military course in the university's School of Journalism and Mass Communications. This graduate-level course has helped approximately 100 recent graduates enter the public relations and journalism career fields

with a level of understanding of military operations that very few students ever achieve. Additionally, Colonel Brooks and his team of public affairs professionals, all of who have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan in recent years, served as guest lecturers and mentors for the students.

As a 31 year veteran of the South Carolina Army National Guard and with three sons currently serving in the Army National Guard, I am truly grateful of Colonel Pete Brooks and his selfless service to the United States Army. I wish him and his wife Laurie the best in the future and look forward to working with him throughout the Midlands community.

IMPORTANCE OF FEDERAL
INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, the importance of federal investment in research cannot be overemphasized. Our investment in research, including through the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Science Foundation, saves lives, improves health, and increases our understanding of the world that we live in. Grants to research institutions, including Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Loyola University in the Chicago metropolitan area, not only help to make medical progress but train our next generation of scientists.

Biomedical research funded by the National Institutes of Health has made a real difference in the health and lives of millions of Americans. The outcomes of those research efforts speak volumes. Anti-viral therapies for HIV have been developed that make it possible for HIV-infected individuals to live into their 70s and beyond as compared to a life expectancy of just months when the disease first appeared in the 1980s. New treatments and procedures have been developed for Age-Related Macular Degeneration that will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans to continue to have useful vision over the next five years. Researchers have identified a treatment that could reduce premature birth by 45 percent among at-risk women.

Public health research sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention helps us prevent and contain disease outbreaks. As we transition from a health care system focused on the treatment of disease to a system based on disease prevention, we will increasingly rely on public health research to identify new prevention techniques and interventions that help keep people healthy. For example, the CDC has established a research grant program to help develop and test new ways to combat healthcare-associated infections—infections that harm patients and increase health care costs. Through this initiative, the CDC awarded a grant to the Chicago Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Prevention Epicenter, a collaboration between the Cook County Health and Hospitals System and Rush University Medical Center, to research strategies for antimicrobial resistance and infection prevention.

The funding of basic research in fields such as chemistry, engineering, physics, and computers by the National Science Foundation

has led to discoveries and technological advances that have been truly revolutionary. NSF-funded researchers have decoded the genetics of viruses and created an entirely new state of matter. NSF-funded research is also enhancing our understanding of the link between brain health and overall human health.

These examples merely scratch the surface of federally-funded research discoveries and only hint at the promise of our continued investment in research. We can imagine the possibilities—a cure for HIV/AIDS, the elimination of health disparities, or the end of Alzheimer's disease. If we don't stop the sequester cuts, which include budget cuts of \$2.5 billion to NIH, \$586 million to NSF, and \$490 million to CDC, or any other cuts, these discoveries could be severely delayed or even worse never become reality. We can't allow that. We must avert these cuts and replace them with a balanced approach that continues our investment in research.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. EVELYN
TURNER PUGH

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest appreciation to not only an outstanding public servant but an extraordinary banker and fiscal professional, Mrs. Evelyn Turner Pugh, Vice President of SunTrust Bank and Mayor Pro Tem of Columbus, Georgia, upon her retirement this year from SunTrust Bank. Retirement celebrations will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at SunTrust Bank in Columbus and at 7:00 p.m. at The Benning Club at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A Columbus, Georgia native, Mrs. Pugh received an Associate's degree in Secretarial Science, a Bachelor's in Management/Accounting and an MBA in Business Administration from Columbus College before it was known as Columbus State University.

Beginning her career as a secretary at Columbus College and Progressive Funeral Home, Mrs. Pugh rose quickly through the ranks, holding a number of positions ranging from entry-level to managerial at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia across the span of thirty years.

In 1999, Mrs. Pugh was appointed Vice President of SunTrust Bank, West Georgia, the position she still holds today. In addition, Mrs. Pugh also serves as City Councilor—Post 4 and in 2007, was elected Mayor Pro Tem of Columbus Consolidated Government.

Due to her strong leadership and dedication to public service, Mrs. Pugh was appointed by former Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia Policy Council on Children and Families in 1995; the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government Advisory Committee in 1995; and the Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse (MHMRSA) Funding Study Committee in 1998.

Mrs. Pugh was also appointed Chair of the National League of Cities' Public Safety & Crime Prevention Steering Committee in 1996, where she worked with former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and the U.S. Department

of Justice to increase the flexibility in the use of grants from Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS.

Moreover, Mrs. Pugh was elected as Georgia Chair of Women in Municipal Government in 1995 and President of the Georgia Municipal Association in 1999. She was appointed to the Georgia Public Defenders Council by former Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor. She has also served on the Board of Directors and Advisory Council of the National League of Cities.

In conjunction with her professional accomplishments, Mrs. Pugh has served on a number of boards including the Board of Directors for Girls, Inc., St. Francis Hospital, Columbus Technical College, Columbus Housing Initiative, Liberty Theatre, and Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation. She is also a member of the Columbus Chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Columbus Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and has served as President, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, among other roles, continuing the sorority's tradition of far-reaching service to the community. In addition, she has been awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award, among other distinguished honors. Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Pugh has paid her rent and she has paid it well.

Mrs. Pugh has accomplished many things in her life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her husband Reginald; children Marcus, Maurice, Tajuana, Talender and Reggie; daughters-in-law Tasha and April; and grandchildren Lincoln, Lyric, Makaylah, Imani, Caleb, Taylor, McKenzie, Jaylon, Kennedy and Regan.

The great agricultural chemist George Washington Carver once said, "It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success." By any measure, Evelyn Turner Pugh has been successful because of her service to humankind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, in paying tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Turner Pugh upon her retirement from SunTrust Bank, while she continues her exemplary service to the Columbus, Georgia community.

RECOGNIZING MALAWI PRESIDENT
JOYCE BANDA ON BEING NAMED
A "TOP 100 GLOBAL THINKER"
BY FOREIGN POLICY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I congratulated Joyce Banda on becoming the first female President of the Republic of Malawi. In her first 100 days, President Banda amassed an impressive list of accomplishments including securing Millennium Challenge Corporation investments, pledges for more support from USAID and strengthening

Malawi's commitment to democracy. President Banda has now been named by Foreign Policy magazine a 2012 "Top 100 Global Thinker," being accredited for "stepping in—and up—to fix a broken country." I congratulate President Joyce Banda on this most recent acknowledgement of her success. Submitted here is the text of her prestigious recognition:

When Malawian President Bingu wa Mutharika died of a heart attack in April, it wasn't immediately clear what would become of his vice president, Joyce Banda. The two had fallen out in recent years, with the increasingly autocratic president booting Banda from his political party in 2010. Even Mutharika's wife publicly derided the smalltown veep—a longtime grassroots advocate for women, children, and the poor—scoffing, "She will never be president. How can a mandazi [fritter] seller be president?" After a tense two days in the wake of Mutharika's death, however, Banda proved the first lady wrong, becoming Africa's second-ever female president.

Governing Malawi—where an estimated 75 percent of its more than 15 million residents live on \$1 or less a day—presents enormous challenges, to be sure. But in just seven months Banda has largely thrown out her predecessor's playbook, showing the world how to take charge and work to turn around a troubled country. Within days of taking office, she dismissed key members of Mutharika's administration, including the police chief in power when 19 Malawian demonstrators were killed at a 2011 opposition rally, and in May, amid rising persecution of gays in Africa, she vowed to repeal Malawi's laws against homosexuality. By devaluing the Malawian currency by more than a third, a move Mutharika had long refused despite the IMF's urging, Banda also secured a much-needed \$157 million IMF loan in June—a first step toward rebuilding Malawi's debilitated economy.

Her work is cut out for her. So far, however, all signs suggest Banda could become a new model for African leadership—shedding the strongman syndrome and getting down to business to help the poor. To prove it, she has cut her own salary by 30 percent and put her predecessor's \$12 million presidential jet and most of his fleet of 60 luxury cars up for sale. "I can as well use private airlines," she said. "I am already used to hitchhiking." But it's more than that: "I must demonstrate to Malawians that we are in this together," she explained to Al Jazeera. "I must be the first person to set an example." For Malawi, and the world over.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIMMY AND
CHRIS PURSELL WINNERS OF
AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S LIFE-
TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend members of an outstanding family who have spent their lives building successful businesses and giving back to their community. Jimmy and Chris Pursell started Pursell Technologies, Pursell Farms and FarmLinks all located in or around Talladega County in Alabama.

Jimmy Pursell grew up in Talladega, Alabama and graduated from Auburn University in 1952. In 1953, Jimmy married Chris Parker of Sylacauga, Alabama. Jimmy spent four

years in the Air Force after college and then moved with his wife to Sylacauga to join his father-in-law in the fertilizer business at Parker Fertilizer.

In 1964, Jimmy and Chris took over the business and focused mainly on fertilizer. In 1997, the consumer division of the company was sold and the remaining portion became Pursell Technologies.

In 2001, the family established Pursell Farms, a 3,500 acre site in Fayetteville, Alabama and FarmLinks, an 18-hole golf course and nursery. FarmLinks has been the number one public course in Alabama and attracts visitors from all over.

The Pursells have three children—Taylor, Chris and David—who have all worked for their company at some point. The Pursells have created over 250 local jobs and run their company with Christian values. The Pursells also have supported local schools and their community and created three student programs at Auburn University.

On December 3rd, the Pursell family will travel to a special event held at the United Nations in New York City to be awarded this prestigious honor by Sylacauga native Jim Nabors.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the Pursell family and thank Auburn University for educating outstanding students and citizens such as the Pursells.

RECOGNIZING WINSTON “STRICK”
STRICKLAND

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a man whose commitment and contributions to our community were second to none, and whose legacy will long be remembered.

Winston “Strick” Strickland devoted his life to mentoring children and caring for senior citizens in Marietta, Cartersville, and surrounding communities. His service was, and remains, inspiration to us all. He was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

Mr. Strickland was the embodiment of the American Dream and served as an inspiration to many. The son of sharecroppers, his family instilled the value of hard work and integrity at a young age. These principles guided him throughout his successful business career. Strickland became the owner of S&M Enterprises, the umbrella company of three local “staples”: Strick’s Barber Shop, Strick’s Grill and S&M Laundromat.

In a 2009 interview with the Marietta Daily Journal Mr. Strickland said, “My mother taught me that you work hard, treat people right and when you find something’s wrong, you straighten it out. Do good in anything that you put your hand into, and in the meantime you’ve got to give back to the community.”

Inspired by politics and social work, Mr. Strickland wanted to make a difference in peoples’ lives and in 1990, he founded the Blacks United for Youth-Cobb. BUY-Cobb, a foundation created to mentor our community’s youth, has assisted more than 2,000 students through its mentor programs and scholarship fund. To date, the foundation has contributed

more than \$300,000 dollars in scholarships to youths in our community.

Mr. Strickland was the consummate family man and is survived by a loving family: his wife of 47 years, Rosetta Strickland; two children Monique Strickland Hall and Michele Strickland, and his two grandchildren of whom he was extremely proud: Jaden MacArthur Hall and Janai Hall.

Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of a community leader and role model. His unwavering service and memory will forever live on in Bartow and Cobb County and the great state of Georgia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on November 29, 2012, I was unable to vote on roll-call vote 611. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H. Res. 821, providing for consideration of H.R. 6429.

HONORING J. MATTHEW MULLAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J. Matthew Mullan who is retiring after 23 years of public service with the Town of Windsor, California.

Mr. Mullan began his career in Windsor in 1989 as Assistant General Manager of the Windsor Water District. He was named Assistant Town Manager upon the town’s incorporation in 1992.

As Assistant Town Manager, he served as a supervisor of community development activities, including planning and building inspection, engineering, street maintenance, and water reclamation. Mr. Mullan was also responsible for the franchise of solid waste and cable television. As head of Windsor’s 5-year Capital Improvement Program, he various managed special projects including the design and construction of the corporation yard.

Mr. Mullan was appointed Town Manager in 2005. In this position, he oversaw development of the new LEED certified fire station, construction of the SMART train station, and preparation of the Town’s Economic Development Strategic Plan. He also managed the connection of the Town’s recycled water system to the Geysers Recharge Project, facilitating the transport of treated waste water from Sonoma County to the Geysers steamfields in the Mayacmas Mountains that straddle Lake and Sonoma Counties. All of these projects have been tremendously beneficial to the Town of Windsor.

As Town Manager, Mr. Mullan serves as Chair of the Sonoma Mendocino Area City Managers/County Administrators Association and is a member of the International City Management Association.

Mr. Mullan plans to spend his retirement with his wife Rosanne and their three children, and is looking forward to expanding his role as

doting grandfather and avid San Francisco Giants fan.

Mr. Speaker, Matt Mullan has a long and distinguished record of public service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO ALTADENA’S 125TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Representative JUDY CHU, rise today to honor the community of Altadena, California upon its 125th anniversary.

For over a century, this extraordinary community has grown and thrived while maintaining a fierce and admirable independence.

In 1881, the land that would become Altadena was sold to John and Fred Woodbury. The two brothers would later open Altadena as a subdivision of the Pasadena Improvement Company in 1887 with the hopes of developing a residential neighborhood and attracting wealthy millionaires. They were initially successful, bringing in wealthy names such as Col. Charles Greene and Andrew McNally, but soon found the region was thrown into an economic depression as part of a larger national depression that lasted through much of the 1890’s. Despite the national depression, ranchers and farmers continued to buy land in Altadena and expanded the crops that were farmed from grapes and oranges to include foods such as olives, walnuts, dates, and avocados. Many business magnates also came from the mid-west and built grand winter and retirement homes in Altadena.

By the 1940’s and 1950’s, Altadena was a well-established community that continued to develop and flourish through housing development, modernization, and business growth. In the 1960’s and 1970’s, Altadena became more ethnically diverse, eventually making it one of the most integrated communities in Southern California. Today, Altadena has a diverse population of 43,000 nestled in the beautiful San Gabriel mountains.

Altadena is a wonderful community that has fostered a number of remarkable, world-famous individuals. Notable Altadeneans include Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, scientist and inventor, Richard Feynman, physicist, Zane Grey, western novelist and Marni Nixon, renowned soprano and actress.

We are honored to recognize Altadena, with its rich cultural heritage and ask all Members to join us in congratulating Altadena upon its 125th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of November 26th and missed Rollcall Votes 611, 612 and 613. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on Rollcall Votes 611 and 613, and “no” on Rollcall Vote 612.

WORLD AIDS DAY—DECEMBER 1ST,
2012

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance and significance of World AIDS Day.

Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, December 1st is universally known as World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. All governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations and individuals are given the opportunity to display their commitment to fight this deadly disease.

It has been more than 30 years since the first AIDS case was reported in the United States. It does not seem like it was too long ago, but HIV/AIDS had affected many around the world before the disease even made its way to America's shores. Since then, countless researchers, healthcare providers, politicians, and educators have contributed to the global initiative to contain and eventually eliminate its presence in all corners of the world.

Although HIV/AIDS is no longer a mysterious and mischaracterized entity, it is the most relentless and indiscriminate killer of our time. And though a diagnosis is no longer the sealing of an immediate fate, it is the beginning of an indefinite battle for life, adequate health care, and for social belonging.

With an estimated 38.6 million people worldwide living with HIV at the end of 2005, and more than 25 million people having died of AIDS since 1981, December 1st is a date which serves to remind everyone that action makes a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Let there be no mistake, we are here to acknowledge that AIDS is a deadly enemy against which we must join all our forces to fight and eliminate.

Americans should be reminded that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate. With an estimated 1,039,000 to 1,185,000 HIV-positive individuals living in the U.S. and approximately 56,000 new infections occurring every year, the U.S., like other nations around the world is deeply affected by HIV/AIDS.

The detrimental effects of HIV/AIDS have also hit home. More than 65,000 people in Texas are living with HIV. Thirty-Six percent more Texans are living with HIV today than just seven years ago. In 2010, studies showed that 1 in every 3 diagnosed persons in Texas were not getting proper medical treatment. We must make certain that every affected individual receive efficient medical treatment that will afford them long life.

Not only is the state of Texas suffering from HIV and AIDS, but my district, the 18th Congressional District of Texas, has seen an increasing number of people living with the disease. In 2010, there were over 22,000 reported persons living with HIV (non-AIDS) in the greater Houston area, and more than 9,000 reported persons living with AIDS.

This problem continues to escalate as there have been 1,700 new infections each year among individuals in Harris County, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities. We must continue to fight a tough fight to reverse all of these costly and tragic trends.

I will continue to sponsor and co-sponsor legislation that addresses the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The fight is not over. We must continue to stand strong in our struggle to conquer some old and new challenges that we as Americans and members of the global community encounter.

This Saturday, December 1st is World AIDS Day. And, we will focus on HIV/AIDS, prevention and awareness, and continue to fight for life. Together, we will help all of our friends, relatives, and children live healthy and full lives.

MARKING WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, December 1, World AIDS Day, is an opportunity for people in the United States and around the world to unite in the fight against HIV and AIDS, to show their support for those living with the virus, and to commemorate the many who have died from this terrible disease.

The first World AIDS Day was held in 1988, just weeks after my first election to Congress. I am proud of the work the Congress has done since that time to combat the scourge of HIV and AIDS throughout the world. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the work of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and our support to multilateral organizations, such as UNAIDS and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the United States has led the way in modernizing the global response to HIV and AIDS. Our efforts not only save lives, but also promote economic growth and increased stability throughout the world. Recognizing that we cannot beat this epidemic with treatment alone, I am pleased that recent global efforts are increasingly focused on prevention as well as sustainability, efficiency, and program effectiveness.

Today, there is more hope than ever that we can achieve an AIDS-free generation. A new UNAIDS report demonstrates the clear progress we have made in our fight. Access to antiretroviral therapy has increased by an incredible 63 percent in the last 24 months alone, and AIDS-related deaths fell by more than 25 percent globally between 2005 and 2011. The rate of new HIV infections has been reduced by more than 50 percent in the last decade across 25 low- and middle-income countries—more than half of which are in Africa. This could not have happened without U.S. leadership. PEPFAR has directly supported HIV testing and counseling for more than 49 million people in fiscal year 2012, providing a critical entry point to prevention, treatment, and care.

However, despite the encouraging progress, estimates are that 6.8 million infected people still need access to treatment, and the total number of new HIV infections remains high, at 2.5 million persons worldwide in 2011. This is simply unacceptable. So while our efforts are impressive, they are clearly not enough. The spread of HIV and AIDS continues to disproportionately affect many of the most vulnerable populations, especially women and girls, and I will not rest until we bring an end to

AIDS here at home and around the world. Our commitment to ending this pandemic must be smart, strategic, and unwavering. AIDS knows no boundaries, and neither must our generosity and determination to overcome it. And so, on this 25th World AIDS Day, I urge my colleagues to continue our commitment to fighting this disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S
GENEROSITY TOWARD HURRICANE
SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, my Colleagues and I were pleased to learn that the government of Taiwan (Republic of China) has pledged to donate \$1.3 million to the United Way International, Habitat for Humanity International, the states of New Jersey and New York, and New York City for post-Sandy relief.

During October of this year, Hurricane Sandy devastated much of New York, New Jersey and other parts of the Northeastern United States. Many lives were lost from these storms as were houses and many personal belongings. Having my congressional district in New York City, I witnessed a lot of this destruction firsthand.

These two charities mentioned above, among many other relief agencies, have done an excellent job in collecting funds for the victims. They were at the frontlines in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and need our help to rebuild themselves. The contributions from Taiwan will continue to provide these organizations the financial support that they need to continue to be effective.

A ceremony marking the transfer of funds to the charities will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 6, 2012. Taiwan's donation is a most generous act by the people and Taiwanese government. Taiwan gave generously to the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and was a major donor to the Twin Towers Fund as well as the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Taiwanese friendship for us is everlasting and commendable.

This is another example of the continuing warm relations between the people of Taiwan and the people of America. We are grateful of their compassion in these difficult times.

IN HONOR OF EDYTHE Y.
BRADLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding and truly one of a kind woman, Ms. Edythe Y. Bradley. Sadly, Ms. Bradley passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2012. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Baconton, Georgia.

Ms. Bradley was widely known as the Sports Information Director at Albany State

University. She became the school's first female SID in 1997 and served as the main media contact for Albany State's eleven NCAA Division II sports programs. But anyone who worked with her knew she went above and beyond the typical duties of a Sports Information Director. A one-woman show, she often worked more than eighty hours a week. Despite her busy workload, Ms. Bradley always made time to help someone or to brighten their day with her infectious smile. She was beloved by students, faculty, and the community at large.

A Camilla, Georgia native, Ms. Bradley graduated from Mitchell-Baker High School in 1983. She attended Florida A&M University, where she worked with The Famuan student newspaper and was a member of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi and the Public Relations Student Society of America. She received her Bachelor's degree in Journalism/Public Relations in 1988. Prior to joining the ASU staff in 1993, Ms. Bradley worked at her hometown newspaper, the Camilla Enterprise.

Ms. Bradley loved her job and all things Albany State. She was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America, the Black College Sports Information Directors Association, and the Sports Information Directors Association. She also served as the SID chairman for Albany State's conference. In addition, Ms. Bradley was a member of St. Peter A.M.E. Church in Camilla.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are so blessed that Edythe Bradley passed this way and shared with us her bright smile and beaming personality. She touched the lives of so many and her warm, shining presence will certainly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Ms. Bradley's daughter, Morgan Chelsea Dunlap, and her family members, friends, and the Albany State University community during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD
LANSKY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Bernard Joseph Lansky, a famed Memphis clothier. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Samuel Lansky on March 10, 1927. Bernard Lansky, and his brother, Guy, shared a passion for clothing. As business partners, their expressive clothing can be seen in some of Elvis' most famous suits, including the suit he wore during his first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show and his sparkling gold-lamé jacket. Mr. Lansky also suited Elvis for his high school prom and for his funeral, saying that "I put him in his first suit, and I put him in his last suit." This gained him the reputation in Memphis as the "Clothier to the King."

Bernard Lansky was one of nine children, who were all raised by their father alone. Mr.

Lansky served the U.S. Army at Fort Knox during the Second World War. In 1946, Bernard Lansky's father gave him and his brother \$125 to buy a consignment shop on Beale Street. The shop went through a few changes, first being a dry goods store and an army surplus store.

Realizing that he was a natural salesman with a talent for retail, Lansky and his brother opened a shop on Beale Street called Lansky Bros., which has since moved into the Memphis Peabody Hotel and expanded into four similarly named shops. In addition to dressing Elvis, Bernard clothed music royalty such as B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. After admiring a new suit on a customer, Mr. Lansky often smiled at them saying, "Clean as Ajax. That's as clean as Ajax."

Bernard's passion and love for clothing extends to each generation of the Lansky family, as his son, Hal, and granddaughter, Julie, continue the unique designs so true to the original store. On November 15, 2012, Mr. Lansky passed away at 85 years of age. He was preceded in death by his brother and business partner, Guy, who died in 2005. Bernard is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce; two sisters, Mildred Krasner and Bernice Banes; two brothers, Frank and Alvin; a son, Hal; a daughter, Anise; and four granddaughters along with two great-grandsons. Mr. Lansky will be remembered as a life-long Memphian and pioneer in the clothing industry.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BALDWIN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF
SCOTT WARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Baldwin County, Alabama Deputy Sheriff Scott Jeffrey Ward, who gave his life in the line of duty on November 23, 2012. Deputy Ward was laid to rest on November 27, 2012, in Fairhope, Alabama.

Just as our nation's liberty isn't free, we also cannot take for granted the peace and security of our streets and neighborhoods. In America, sadly, a law enforcement officer is lost every 53 hours protecting our families and communities. Last week, for the first time in 25 years, the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department suffered the loss of one of its own. Deputy Scott Ward, age 47, succumbed to gunshot wounds while in the performance of his duties the day after Thanksgiving.

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi and resident of Silverhill, Alabama, Deputy Ward was a 15-year veteran of the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department, having served as an investigator, field training officer, defensive tactics instructor and a SWAT member.

His service to community was built on a solid foundation of service to country. A veteran of the United States Air Force and more recently the United States Coast Guard Reserve, Deputy Ward was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011. He was a decorated and respected member of the Baldwin County Sheriffs Department.

Sheriff Huey "Hoss" Mack observed that Deputy Ward "put himself in harm's way over

and over again," and he character was one of "wanting to serve and wanting to help the people."

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I offer my condolences to Deputy Ward's wife, Andrea Elizabeth Fisher Ward; his mother, Cheryl Ward; his brother, Howard Ward, and their many family members and friends. You are all in our thoughts and our prayers at this difficult time.

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INCARCERATION OF ALAN P.
GROSS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, Sunday marks the third anniversary of the incarceration of Alan P. Gross. Each day that he sits in a Cuban jail is further evidence that the Cuban government has total disregard for his human rights.

Three years ago Alan Gross was imprisoned for sharing communications equipment with Cuba's Jewish community. During and after his trial, the Cuban government ignored concerns that have been repeatedly raised about his health. Since his incarceration began, he has lost 110 pounds. The Cuban government has also refused to allow an independent physician to examine a growth that has developed on his shoulder. A campaign has begun in the United Nations to hold Cuba accountable for willfully disregarding his declining health.

I call on the Cuban government to recognize Alan Gross's human rights and provide him immediate access to an independent physician so that any questions about his health can be answered.

As the three year anniversary of the imprisonment of Alan Gross approaches, my sympathies and prayers are with his friends and family. I join them, my colleagues and the rest of the international community in calling for Alan's immediate release. We will not rest until justice is done and Alan Gross is free.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,323,083,449,604.98. We've added \$5,696,206,400,691.90 to our debt in nearly 4 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS
MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of family caregivers and in recognition of November as National Family Caregivers Month. This month honors those caregivers who serve on the front lines of patient care. Every day, over 65 million family caregivers in this country play a vital role in helping their loved ones with daily activities such as bathing and eating. They help them follow their medical and treatment regimens as well as assist with their daily activities. Family caregivers help seniors to age in their own homes and delay or avoid the need for nursing home placement. Family caregivers also provide care for children and adults who suffer from serious illnesses or disabilities.

Family caregivers often make enormous personal and financial sacrifices to be there for their loved ones. Caregivers juggle the care of their loved ones with caring for their children, taking care of their own health, and managing their responsibilities at work. Some even leave the workforce to provide the level of care needed by their loved ones.

As we recognize and honor the contribution of family caregivers to their loved ones and to our health care delivery system, we also must recognize the need to provide these caregivers with all the supports that they need. Supports including information and training on how to care for their loved ones, respite care that allows family caregivers to take needed breaks from their caregiving responsibilities, adequate workforce protections for those with work and caregiving responsibilities, and adequate financial and retirement security.

I want to applaud all of our family caregivers and urge my colleagues to commit to working to provide needed supports to family caregivers.

CONGRATULATIONS FERKO
FAMILY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Jacqueline and Jon Ferko on the birth of their daughter, Grace Sophia Ferko. Grace arrived yesterday, November 29, 2012, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC, at 3:16 pm.

Grace Sophia Ferko is 8 pounds and 8.3 ounces of pride and joy to her loving family. I am so excited for this new blessing to the Ferko family and wish them all the best.