

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on November 30, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 613.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 613, on passage of H.R. 6429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING STUDIO 3 DESIGNS, ORLANDO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2012 OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS FINALIST

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Studio 3 Designs on being named one of Orlando Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Small Business finalists. The award is intended to recognize small businesses which have shown significant community service and excellence in their field of work. Of 90 nominees, Studio 3 Designs was selected as one of three small businesses in the 1–25 employees category.

The Orlando Business Journal's selections for Outstanding Small Business are based on individual firms' revenue, job growth, and community service. Since 2010, Studio 3 Designs has grown its annual revenue 122% and its number of employees has increased by 40%. Studio 3 Designs is also active in the Central Florida community, volunteering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Orlando Historic Preservation Board, and donating design services to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida.

Studio 3 Design's work has been heralded on several occasions. Most recently, Studio 3 Design's Eola Eyes project in the Mills 50 District received Acoustical Interior Construction Magazine's Bronze Medal for Construction Excellence. The project had previously been recognized by the City of Orlando and Downtown Orlando Partnership.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Studio 3 Design's achievements and hard work. They are most deserving of being named Outstanding Small Business by the Orlando Business Journal.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER RONALD MORRISON

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Mr. Ronald Morrison. Mr. Morrison has dedicated an incredible 50 years of his life to his community and, specifically, to the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department, located in Clermont County, Ohio.

Mr. Morrison began his tenure with the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department in 1962 as a firefighter and engineer. For 25 years he served as Assistant Fire Chief, followed by five years as Fire Chief.

Despite retiring from his job at the American Laundry Machine Company, Mr. Morrison has remained an active volunteer member of the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department, where he currently serves as a primary engineer.

Mr. Morrison's dedicated service to his community has undoubtedly made the Village of Felicity, Franklin Township, and Clermont County, Ohio a safer place to live, work, and play. He serves as a role model to his friends and neighbors and is undeniably deserving of the praise he receives. He is the epitome of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Mr. Ronald Morrison for his unwavering commitment to his community and to the Felicity-Franklin Fire Department.

HONORING GARDNER WRIGHT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of honoring Gardner Wright, a community leader who has served Rome and Floyd County throughout his entire lifetime.

Gardner is affectionately known as the Grandfather of Floyd County, a name befitting the man whose great-great-grandfather, Colonel Daniel R. Mitchell, gave Rome its name.

Gardner served 23 years in the armed services, rising from a private in the U.S. Marine Reserves all the way to the rank of captain in the Army Reserves. He ultimately retired as a sergeant in the Army National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, Gardner exemplifies service and leadership in his community through his work for the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, and countless local philanthropies.

I am proud to call him a fellow Georgian, but more importantly, a friend.

CONGRATULATING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Ohio State University football team on a perfect record during the 2012 season. The Buckeyes have now recorded six undefeated seasons in a 123-year history. The determination of this team to win, despite the fact that a postseason was not possible, is truly inspiring.

I would also like to commend Head Coach Urban Meyer on his success with the Buckeyes in his first season with the team. Coach Meyer has shown Ohio State fans that he means business and I look forward to many more perfect seasons under Coach Meyer's watch.

In Columbus, football is a tradition and we take it very seriously—the Buckeyes' perfect season proves that once again. The football team at Ohio State means so much to the people of Ohio and we are truly proud of their perfect season this year. Go Bucks!

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. TALMADGE "TAL" JOHNSON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a dear friend, Mr. Talmadge "Tal" Johnson. Mr. Johnson passed away at the age of 87 in Orlando, Florida on November 28, 2012.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bonny Blue, Virginia on February 5, 1925 to the late Ralph and Edrie Johnson. He was a man of great character who honorably served his country in the United States Navy. After his military service, he moved to the private sector where he dedicated 35 years of hard work to AT&T and also worked at Transglobal Communications as a courier for some time.

The numerous contributions that Mr. Johnson made to his community will not be forgotten. He was a charter member of First Baptist Church of Central Florida, previously known as First Baptist Church of Pine Hills, where he was a faithful and active member for 58 years.

He was a loving and dedicated father, son, brother, grandfather, and great-grandfather. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, my prayers and condolences go out to his loving wife of 65 years Anna, his daughter Ruth, sister Dorothy, his four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. May God bless them through this time of remembrance.

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GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE
PEOPLE OF TAIWAN**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I speak today in grateful appreciation for the strong gesture of generosity and humanity by the people and government of the Republic of China, Taiwan, for their donation of \$1.3 million for the Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. The Taiwanese donation will be received by the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as Habitat for Humanity and United Way International.

Although a small amount compared to the damage from the storm, it is a symbol of the true friendship and solidarity between the Taiwanese and American people. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the people and government of the Republic of China, Taiwan for this aid in our time of need.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEANETTE
HUTCHINSON**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the retirement of a wonderful woman and true champion of constituent service, Jeanette Hutchinson. For more than 30 years, Jeanette Hutchinson has worked tirelessly assisting constituents from both Georgia and Iowa. As many of you know, we would not be able to accomplish nearly half as much as we do without the help of our congressional staff—especially employees like Jeanette. Her career in constituent services spans 2 states and includes three Congressmen, two Senators, and thousands of grateful constituents.

Jeanette launched her congressional career in the Hawkeye State with the offices of Congressman Cooper Evans and Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY. Following years of service to the people of Iowa, Jeanette moved to Atlanta and began serving the people of Georgia with Senator Paul Coverdell's office. Former Congressman Bob Barr claims he "stole" Jeanette from Senator Coverdell's office in 1995, and upon his retirement I was fortunate to have Jeanette join my staff. For the past 10 years, Jeanette thoroughly managed my constituent case work and my case work staff.

Jeanette's job is not for the light hearted. It requires great attention to detail, an immeasurable amount of patience, and the determination to cut through bureaucratic red tape. But this did not dissuade Jeanette. She approached each constituent case as if it were her own, providing Georgians with service that was second to none. Whatever the case may be, Jeanette knows who to ask for, which form to complete, and each deadlines she must comply with. I doubt there is a government agency Jeanette has not called.

Public service has always been a staple in Jeanette's life. Her late husband, Thomas Sellner, to whom she was married for 28 years, served our country as a pilot for the

U.S. Navy. Jeanette and Thomas raised six children together, and as many selfless military families do, lived in numerous States and foreign countries fighting for our freedoms. Her ability to adapt to different environments and handle a variety of situations with ease has been reflected throughout her career. Following the loss of her husband, Jeanette wed Marion Hutchinson and began her congressional career.

Jeanette has been an instrumental member of my staff and we will miss her dearly. Mr. Speaker, I wish Jeanette Hutchinson the best of luck in her retirement and thank her for her hard work over her extensive career.

HONORING SHERIFF DWIGHT E.
RADCLIFF**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff on the celebration of his retirement and for his outstanding years of service to Pickaway County and the state of Ohio.

It is an honor to congratulate Sheriff Radcliff on this momentous occasion as the longest-serving sheriff in the United States of America. Serving as Pickaway County Sheriff since 1965, Radcliff has been committed to the citizens of Pickaway County by protecting life and property, preventing and solving crime and responding to all requests for assistance.

Following in his father's footsteps, Radcliff became the second Radcliff to be sheriff for Pickaway County and the family name has held the position for 66 of the past 70 years. Over the past several decades, Radcliff has had trying and memorable moments—living in the county jail with his family to apprehending the rarest of criminals. Because of his great dedication and reputation for law enforcement, Pickaway County is also referred to as "Putaway Pickaway" by local and state-wide residents.

Beyond his commitment to public service, Radcliff is the husband of 51 years to Betty, the father of 3 and grandfather of 8.

Thus, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating and honoring Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff for his many years of dedication and exemplary service to Pickaway County and the state of Ohio, and extend best wishes to he and his family for much success in the future.

CONGRATULATING DR. MICHAEL S.
GORDON, M.D., PH.D. ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine and a highly accomplished leader in American medical education. Dr. Michael S. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D. is the founder and Professor Emeritus at the Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education and is a Pro-

fessor of Cardiology at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

Known internationally for his pioneering work in medical simulation, Dr. Gordon has dedicated his life's work to incorporating advanced technology and simulation into medical education. In 1968, Dr. Gordon presented to the medical community a simulator known as "Harvey." Harvey is a Cardiopulmonary Patient Simulator, a life-sized mannequin able to simulate venous, carotid, and precordial pulsations as well as heart sounds of 27 different cardiac diseases. Since Harvey's introduction in 1968, he has been used to effectively train medical students worldwide and is currently used in over 300 medical schools.

In 2007, the University of Miami established the state-of-the-art Michael S. Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education (GCRME) with the mission of developing training curricula for health professionals, applying advanced technology to medical education, and serving as a resource for medical centers in Florida and throughout the world. GCRME is today the home of an "All-New Harvey," capable of simulating additional diseases and conditions and possessing the ability to talk.

Under Dr. Gordon's leadership, curricula and instructional materials developed by the GCRME are in use in over 1,800 medical centers and agencies worldwide. For over 40 years, the center has pioneered and pursued the center's mission statement: "Saving Lives Through Simulation Technology." They have accomplished this through their dedication to incorporating simulation and technology into medical education.

American medicine and the University of Miami are fortunate to have such dedicated and innovative medical professionals and educators as Dr. Gordon. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

THANKING TAIWAN FOR RELIEF
FUNDS DONATED TOWARD RE-
COVERY AFTER SUPERSTORM
SANDY**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for the relief funds donated by Taiwan which have been designated to aid in the United States' recovery after Superstorm Sandy. This generous donation comes at a time when collaboration and unity among people is the most important step toward recovery, and it is humbling to witness a global effort for relief.

As my colleagues may know, many citizens, including many of my own constituents in Long Island, are still struggling to rebuild their lives after the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy. The aid offered by Taiwan will directly assist in repairing the coastal region and our nation, both in short term and long term efforts. From a pledge of \$1.3 million, \$100,000 will be given to New York City, New York State and New Jersey each. The additional \$1 million will be split between Washington charities the United Way and Habitat for Humanity, which have been working tirelessly to aid and rebuild the hardest hit areas.

Again, I thank Taiwan for the generosity they have shown to the United States during these difficult times. Relief funds are one of the most important ways in which help can be brought to the storm-stricken areas. I stand alongside the victims of this storm, as well as those who have already dedicated so much time and effort to rebuilding the region, in thanking Taiwan. These resilient people, with the assistance of the relief funds, will see a steady, efficient, and full recovery.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARKANSAS NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) on their 100 years of continued leadership in and dedication to the nursing profession in Arkansas.

Nurses play a vital role in our health care system, providing essential patient care and improving the quality of their patients' lives. Nearly all—if not all—Americans have been or will be cared for by a nurse at some point in their lives. And, according to a recent survey by Gallup, nursing was recognized as the most trusted profession in the United States.

For their centennial celebration, ARNA has built their anniversary year around a celebration of "The Year of the Nurse," which has included a celebration of their past, their present, and their future. For the past 100 years, it has been the mission of Arkansas nurses to ensure a healthy Arkansas population and a stronger nursing profession, and with ARNA's service, education, and advocacy, the nursing profession has continued to improve the quality of care delivered throughout Arkansas's 75 counties.

Even after the centennial celebration has concluded, ARNA will continue their efforts in promoting and ensuring developments in advanced education, clinical competency, nursing research, and patient and nurse advocacy.

As ARNA celebrates its centennial anniversary, I honor the efforts of Arkansas nurses who have created a professional organization that continues to advance the nursing profession in Arkansas and throughout the country, and I look forward to another 100 years of their success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. While I was unable to cast recorded votes on legislation considered by the House, I ask that the record reflect my intentions.

On Tuesday, November 27, the House considered the Senate amendment to H.R. 915, the Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act. On rollcall vote No. 609, final passage of H.R. 915 under suspension of the rules, I would have voted "yes."

The House also considered H.R. 5997, the Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act. On rollcall vote No. 610, final passage of H.R. 5997 under suspension of the rules, I would have voted "yes."

Further, on November 30, 2012, the House considered H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act. Unfortunately, I failed to cast a vote on final passage and I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 613, final passage of H.R. 6429.

CONGRATULATING BIGEYE CREATIVE, ORLANDO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2012 OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS FINALIST

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate BigEye Creative on being named one of Orlando Business Journal's 2012 Outstanding Small Business finalists. The award is intended to recognize small businesses which have shown significant community service and excellence in their field of work. Of 90 nominees, BigEye Creative was selected as one of three small businesses in the 1–25 employees category.

Founded in 2002, BigEye Creative is a full-service Orlando-based advertising agency, specializing in brand development, marketing and advertising, media buying, web design, social media management, search engine optimization, and video production.

The Orlando Business Journal's selections for Outstanding Small Business are based on individual firms' revenue, job growth, and community service. Celebrating its tenth year of business in Central Florida, BigEye Creative was recently named by Forbes as one of the Top 100 Global Ad Agencies that Know Social Media and Google. BigEye Creative, through a program called BigHeart, is also active in the Central Florida community, volunteering with organizations such as The Mustard Seed Furniture and Clothing Bank, Give Kids the World, and Christian Service Center for Central Florida.

On behalf of the people of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate BigEye Creative's achievements and hard work. They are most deserving of being named Outstanding Small Business by the Orlando Business Journal.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Plymouth Council on Aging as the organization opens its new Senior Center.

The Plymouth Council on Aging first opened its doors in July 1973 following the passage of the Older Americans Act, a landmark piece of legislation which allowed local communities to fund supportive services for their senior citi-

zens. The Plymouth Senior Center was an instant success, and before long the organization began to see over 2,500 residents each month. The Center provided such vital services as health and wellness programs, legal assistance, community meals, and assistance with Social Security and Medicare benefits, to name a few. While the Council's board members were thrilled with this success, they realized that the organization was quickly outgrowing its facility on Court Street. After several decades of use, it became clear to both the Council's directors and its patrons that it was time to start planning a new facility that could better serve the needs of the town. Following more than a dozen years of working toward this goal, the Plymouth Council on Aging is proud to officially open its new facility this December.

This new Plymouth Senior Center will be better equipped to handle the needs of a large and diverse population of senior citizens. As Plymouth is home to more than 12,000 individuals over the age of sixty, this is certainly no easy task. The new building is conveniently situated next to Plymouth North High School, and students are excited to be able to more easily volunteer at the Senior Center. The Council on Aging will continue to provide many necessary services to Plymouth senior citizens, and all who are connected with this organization are excited to see its continued growth in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the Plymouth Council on Aging for its many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Plymouth. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this accomplishment, and in congratulating the organization upon the opening of its new Senior Center.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR JOHN SHIPE AND HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major John Shipe, of the United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Major Shipe will be moving on from his present assignment as a Congressional Liaison for the Army to Office of the Secretary of Defense to work on Reserve Affairs.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Major Shipe graduated from Jacksonville University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He later earned a Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University. His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold).

Following his graduation from Jacksonville University in May 2001, Major Shipe was commissioned in the Army Reserve as a Military Police Officer. His first assignment was with 351st Military Police Company in Ocala, FL where he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander. He left his job as an

Account manager for the General Electric Company to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2003 to June 2004. During his time in the combat zone, he was responsible for training Iraqi Security Forces and providing security to convoys throughout Southern Iraq. After returning from his tour in Iraq, John choose to go onto active duty as an Army Reserve Officer and move to Lubbock, Texas where he served in the 413th Civil Affairs Battalion from 2006 to 2008. In 2008, John moved to Columbus, Ohio to take command of the 342nd Military Police Company. As its commander, Major Shipe deployed to Iraq for a second time in 2008. This time John served in Tikrit and was partnered with the Iraqi Security Forces for more twelve months. Upon completion of his second combat tour, John was selected for the prestigious Army Congressional Fellowship Program. During his fellowship he was chosen to serve on my staff where he utilized his extensive military experience to provide expert advice on military and veterans' issues. In May 2011, he arrived in the House Army Liaison Division where he assumed his role as a Legislative Liaison and continued to honorably serve as a conduit between the Army and Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work closely with Major Shipe over the last few years of his decorated career. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major Shipe for dedicating his life in service to his country. For all he and his family, have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Kelli, and their three children Jacob, John and Kinsley all the best as they continue their journey to his next assignment in the United States Army.

HONORING THE HARD TIMES CAFÉ

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Hard Times Cafe on the occasion of their 20th anniversary to recognize its contribution to the culture and economy of the great state of Minnesota.

Founded in 1992 as a 24-hour restaurant, the Hard Times Cafe has become a staple of the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis. The Cafe was started by eight employees out of the vestiges of a failing restaurant in the same location, The Urban Peasant. They came together to form a new cooperatively owned business that has become known for its gritty ambiance, affordable prices, and large selection of vegan and vegetarian food. The Cafe is open 22 hours a day, only closing between the hours of 4 am and 6 am.

After closing in August 2007 for required maintenance that was meant to last a few weeks, the Hard Times Cafe was forced to remain closed for a matter of months. With some assistance from a fellow Minneapolis worker cooperative, the Seward Community Café, they were able to reopen their doors at midnight on December 16, 2007 with many new improvements. The resilience of the workers at the Hard Times Café is a testament to the vitality of the American entrepreneurial

spirit and the ingenuity of Minnesotans. I applaud them for taking the initiative and creating an atmosphere that is truly unique to Minneapolis.

The Hard Times Café also contributes to the civic engagement of the city of Minneapolis; Cam Gordon, the Minneapolis Second Ward City Council Member, holds his open office hours in the Café on the first Tuesday morning of each month.

I truly appreciate everything that the Hard Times Café has contributed to Minneapolis, and I thank them for their contributions.

HONORING BARBARA KOIRTYOHANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Barbara Koirtyhann upon her retirement and to reflect on her years of service to her community.

Barbara has served as the longtime Director of Public Affairs at Hallmark Cards, Ltd. Her influential leadership has extended beyond Hallmark as well, lending her talents as co-chair of the Postal Affairs Committee with the Greeting Card Association and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Public Affairs Council. Beyond her profession, Barbara has also contributed to her community through many civic and charitable organizations in Kansas City. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, supporting the efforts of the Truman Medical System; as an Advisory Board member for the Hope House, a domestic violence shelter in Lee's Summit; and as a member of the Missouri Mansion Preservation Board, working to preserve and maintain the Missouri Governor's mansion in Jefferson City.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, her daughter Cindy and grandson Lucas, and all her friends and family in commending Barbara Koirtyhann for her accomplishments and her leadership professionally and her dedication to her community.

THE AMERICAN ENERGY MANUFACTURING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6582, the American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act as it provides technical corrections and regulatory certainty to a number of domestic manufacturers. The legislation, which I am proud to cosponsor, has bi-partisan and bi-cameral support, not to mention the support of manufacturers and the NGO community. More specifically I would like to thank Chairman Whitfield and Mr. ADERHOLT for including H.R. 482, the Water Heater Rating Improvement Act of 2011, or Section 3 of the underlying bill, that will fix a regulatory problem related to the test method-

ology that the Department of Energy uses to calculate the efficiency levels of water heaters, which the Department has acknowledged is broken. The legislation will also level the playing field for domestic water heater manufacturers vs. foreign manufacturers and provide the necessary regulatory and business certainty that domestic water heater manufacturers have been calling for over four years. This will also lead to significant energy saved by highly efficient U.S. produced water heaters, many of which were designed in my home state of Wisconsin. In addition, Mr. Speaker, the legislation has the potential of adding up to 1,000 jobs in domestic water heater factories, one of which is in Wisconsin, and thousands of more indirect jobs associated with the manufacturers supply chain.

Finally Mr. Speaker, I'd again like to thank Chairman WHITFIELD and Mr. WAXMAN for their hard work on the bill and steering an accommodative process, and Mr. ADERHOLT and Mr. CARNAHAN for their leadership on the legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO DINA MANFREDINI

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iowan and supercentenarian Dina Manfredini on being named the most senior person in the world by the Gerontology Research Group. Dina is 115 years, 244 days young and resides in Johnston, Iowa.

Dina was born in April of 1897 in Italy before moving to the United States at age 23 where she would go on to marry and have four children. Ms. Manfredini has worked in Iowa to support her family since the 1940's when her husband was injured in Des Moines' coal mine, even cleaning houses for additional income well into her tenth decade of life.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Dina's 115 years. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Dina has lived in three separate centuries through twenty U.S. Presidents and twenty-six Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled and, as of today, none can claim to be older than Dina.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor Dina's amazing life. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dina on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on November 28th twelve new members were inducted

into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame. I am happy to represent three of them in Congress. Manuel Michael Cardoza Jr. of Preston, Paul Francis Dillon of Gales Ferry, and Herbert Thomas Schacht of Quaker Hill have all served their country with distinction both in and out of uniform and each is well-deserving of their recent induction.

Manuel Cardoza served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, including eight months stationed in Korea. Since returning home over fifty years ago, Manuel has actively assisted his fellow veterans. He served as a commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Norwich and Preston, as well as the American Legion Post 4. As a corporal medical technician in Korea, Manuel showed his commitment to public health through the organization of numerous health screenings throughout the state. He also served as President of the Connecticut Sickle Cell and New London Chapter Disease Research Foundation and sat on the Backus Hospital Board of Directors.

Paul Dillon is a retired Navy master chief radioman who served from 1956 to 1980. During his service in the Vietnam War, Dillon and many of his shipmates fell ill with diseases related to Agent Orange. Paul was troubled by the treatment and lack of care received for some of his colleagues. This inspired him to devote countless volunteer hours with veteran and military groups and to become a leader in the National Association for Uniformed Services. Even while he was battling prostate cancer, Paul worked hard to ensure that other Vietnam veterans received the benefits and treatments that they needed. He continues to assist retired service members and their families each Wednesday at the Retired Activities Office on the submarine base in Groton.

Herbert Schacht spent three years as a medical/surgical tech in during World War II, working stateside in Army hospitals. Upon leaving the military in 1946, Herbert returned home to work at the Waterford Country School. Although he intended to stay for a few short months, Herbert spent the next forty years aiding children with special needs and mental health issues. After retiring as the school's director, Herbert continued to dedicate much of his free time to volunteer work. He worked as a SCORE counselor where he assisted small businesses get off the ground, participated in AIDS work in Africa, and assisted an adoption service in Guatemala.

As veterans return home from serving abroad, they bring valuable skills and strength back to their communities and continue their services to the country. Their induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is a powerful statement of their service to our country both in active duty and as veterans. It is a small elite who receive this honor, and they will be forever remembered at the State Capitol in Hartford as true leaders and examples for future generations. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing and congratulating these extraordinary veterans.

HONORING SALVATORE
CIARAMITARO

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the memory of Salvatore "Sam" Ciaramitaro, who passed away on November 27, 2012, at 73 years of age. Sam was born on March 22, 1939, in his native town of Terrasini, Sicily. He was a long-term resident of San Pedro, where he was married and raised his children. During his time in San Pedro, he worked as a commercial fisherman and was known for having the sharpest eyes on the ocean.

Sam was a master of many trades. He poured his heart into any task and completed each and every one with perfection and precision. He was his happiest when spending time with his children and grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

Sam Ciaramitaro is survived by his wife Grace; his daughter GERALYN and her husband, the recently elected Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino who represents the 15th Council District in the City of Los Angeles; his daughter Mary Cammareri and her husband Mike Cammareri; his son Donny Ciaramitaro and his wife Sandra Ciaramitaro; his daughter Anna Moore; and his seven grandchildren, Paola, Gracelyn, Sammy, Brandon, Matteo, Gia, and Lucas. He will be truly missed by his friends and loved ones.

HONORING FORMER
CONGRESSMAN JACK BROOKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Congressman Jack Brooks, the renowned Member of Congress from Beaumont, Texas. Congressman Brooks served the American people in the U.S. Congress for 42 years of his life. He was 89 years of age when he passed away last night.

Congressman Brooks was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1952. Almost immediately, Congressman Brooks turned his attention to increasing government transparency and efficiency, and this devotion became a guiding principle of his career. Congressman Brooks was pivotal in the passing of legislation that established the independent Offices of Inspector General, which oversee federal agencies in an effort to prevent fraud and waste. Congressman Brooks also crafted the standard by which the government must award federal contracts in an openly competitive process. By the end of his career, he was attributed with saving the American taxpayer billions of dollars by curbing government excess, and streamlining operations within the Executive and Legislative branches of the U.S. Government.

Congressman Brooks was also a renowned leader of social justice. Defying most of his colleagues in the Texas delegation, Congressman Brooks saw a greater future for America

through equality, and helped draft the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As a true public servant devoted to the pursuit of the greater good, Congressman Brooks earned the support of labor unions, minorities, and pro-choice activists in a region that otherwise lacked the unified support for such progressive views at the time.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman Brooks was a leader among leaders, and was well regarded for his uncompromising character and integrity. As a fierce advocate for the American people, Congressman Brooks has left a lasting legacy and the indelible mark of progress in U.S. history. A true statesman, he set the bar to which all Members of Congress should aspire. I wish to extend my appreciation for his contributions to this body and to his country.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR
TODD PAGANO OF THE NA-
TIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
FOR THE DEAF ON BEING
NAMED U.S. PROFESSOR OF THE
YEAR

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to congratulate Dr. Todd Pagano, an associate professor and director of the Laboratory Science Technology program at Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT) National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), for being named the 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program, created in 1981, is the only national initiative specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. Todd was selected from more than 300 applicants for this award. He is the first RIT faculty member to receive this award.

The world's first technological college for deaf students, NTID provides a world-class college education leading to jobs and career advancement for deaf and hard-of-hearing students from all 50 states. Though not deaf or hard-of-hearing, Professor Pagano's conviction to learn American Sign Language (ASL) in record time after receiving his Doctorate in Chemistry from Tufts University was already a feat in itself. His ability to effectively communicate with and inspire his students—who have a near 100 percent employment rate after graduation—is unparalleled.

While serving as Director of the Laboratory Science Technology Program and teaching a full-time class load, Professor Pagano has made it his personal mission to provide mentorship and opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing students to excel in the study of chemistry. He has championed the advancement of deaf and hard-of-hearing students attending NTID and witnessed the betterment and employment of countless students. As Dr. Pagano has said, "Knowing my students have acquired knowledge that can make a difference in their lives by helping them obtain a job is truly rewarding."

I am so proud of Professor Pagano and NTID and am grateful to have had the privilege to congratulate Todd and his wife—also

an educator at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)—personally for this prestigious recognition when they came to Washington, DC last month to accept the award.

Today, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Professor Todd Pagano of the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for winning the highly celebrated 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 614, 615, 617, 618, and 619, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

WAYNE ROBERTS

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Wayne Roberts, for his 50 years of service in Upper Jay, NY.

In his various capacities with the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Roberts served his community with dedication and tireless effort. Last year when the Town of Jay was severely affected by Hurricane Irene, Mr. Roberts spent countless hours toward the relief and recovery effort. Currently, as the Fire Department's Commissioner, he serves Upper Jay and remains integral in the rebuilding effort from Hurricane Irene.

Again, I congratulate Mr. Roberts on his 50 years of service. I cannot thank him enough for his commitment to his community and wish him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, I was inadvertently detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 614, 615, and 616. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all rollcall Nos. 614 and 615 and "nay" on rollcall No. 616.

RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Sandy was an unprecedented storm that left a dev-

astating impact on our communities in New Jersey—damaging homes, businesses, and leaving millions without power. Hudson, Essex, Middlesex, and Union counties, were hit particularly hard by Sandy. We have been fortunate to have a large team of federal, state, and local responders to assist in recovery efforts.

Beyond, the recovery and assistance efforts led by federal, state, and local responders, fellow American citizens from all over the country donated their time and money to aid Sandy victims. In addition, international aid also poured into our communities. Worthy of particular mention is the assistance provided by the government of The Republic of China (Taiwan).

On November 16, Taiwan announced that it had decided to donate \$1.3 million in relief and reconstruction aid to the United States. One million dollars will be given to United Way International and Habitat for Humanity International, charities based in Washington, D.C. These two organizations are addressing near term and long term recovery needs of communities most affected by Sandy. The rest of the funds will be distributed to the states of New Jersey and New York. A special ceremony marking the transfer of the funds to those organizations will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 6.

We are grateful to the people of Taiwan and the ROC government for extending a helping hand during this difficult time. The people of Taiwan and their government have always been charitable and generous during our times of need. Taiwan gave generously in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and it was a major international donor to the Twin Towers Fund, as well as the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Taiwan was also a heavy contributor to humanitarian aid in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On behalf of my constituents and fellow Americans, I say "thank you" to our friends in Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I was detained and missed rollcall vote No. 610, H.R. 915. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 610.

TRIBUTE TO: MRS. PETRA "PAT" PENA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Petra "Pat" Pena who is retiring after a 34 year career with the United States Marshals Service.

Throughout her tenure with the Marshals Service, Mrs. Pena worked as a member of the finance department. As a result of her exceptional work, she received the distinguished honor of serving as Administrative Officer Mentor for Guam. Throughout her tenure with

the Marshals Service, she displayed leadership, professionalism and dedication.

She ends her career as a public servant, while continuing the chapter of her personal life as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She has been married to her husband Daniel for 31 years, and they have three children and two grandchildren. Please join me in recognizing her career of distinguished service and contribution to our great country.

HONORING LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot who stood as one of the ideal example of a politically-engaged activist with a relentless desire to change history. Mr. Guyot's noble contributions to the Civil Rights movement gained him notoriety as one of the great champions for justice and equality in this country.

Born July 17, 1939 in Pass Christian, Mississippi, Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot Jr. earned his high school diploma in 1957 from Randolph High School where he was a member of the debate and basketball teams. He later attended Tougaloo College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Philosophy in 1964.

Mr. Guyot's interest in social justice issues developed while he was a student at Tougaloo College which, at that time, stood for many as a safe haven during the Civil Rights movement. Mr. Guyot, along with several other students took an active role in combating the mistreatment and exclusion of African Americans who were pursuing their right to vote; demonstrating their adamant objection to these social ills.

Mr. Guyot became an original member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) where he served as a field secretary working on voter education and registration throughout Mississippi. Mr. Guyot was repeatedly challenged, jailed and often beaten as he helped lead fellow members of the SNCC and student volunteers from around the nation in organizing African Americans to vote. His works impacted many of the state's counties where no African Americans were ever registered.

Through the difficult times and constant opposition, Mr. Guyot courageously continued his work in civil rights. In 1964, Mr. Guyot served as director of the 1964 Freedom Summer Project which brought thousands of young people to the state to register African Americans to vote in opposition to the state's traditional habits of excluding most African Americans from voting through acts of violence and intimidation by authorities. In the same year, Mr. Guyot further pushed the campaign for greater African American participation in politics by serving as chairman of the integrated Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. It lost its challenge to the established Mississippi party at the Democratic National Convention in 1964, but its efforts were seen as paving the way for the landmark passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Later that year, Guyot was

elected as delegate to the 1964 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Atlantic City, New Jersey which he was unable to attend due to having been jailed following a meeting held to register a group of African American voters. However, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's actions and involvement at the convention would charter in the desegregation of future conventions and an expansion on the inclusion of minorities within the Democratic Party.

After serving as a delegate of Mississippi's first integrated delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1968, Guyot graduated from Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey, served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissions' (ANC) Commissioner in Washington, District of Columbia, and continued his efforts as a Civil Rights activist working tirelessly to educate numerous young people about the importance of voting and voting rights up until his death on November 23, 2012.

Mr. Guyot was a soldier of the people and a mentor of the youth. He spent a lifetime vigorously fighting to increase access to the voting booth and the rights of all to have their voice heard in the electoral process.

Mr. speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the outstanding life time achievements and legacy of Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. His dedication and unwavering service to the underserved, underprivileged and the youths of tomorrow is laudable and more than worthy of our recognition.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL
(RETIRED) HERBERT A. COLEY
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO
THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND
TO OUR NATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel (Retired) Herbert A. Coley, a member of the Senior Executive Service, for his exceptional dedication to duty and service to the United States Army and to the United States of America. On December 31st, Colonel (Retired) Herbert Coley will be leaving Federal Service after a total of 39 years of selfless and dedicated service to our Nation as an Army Officer and as a government civilian. His distinguished career is culminating as the Chief of Staff of the Army Medical Command where he ensured that Army Medicine met the needs of our Soldiers, their Families, and others entrusted to the Army's care.

The son of an Army Medic and an Army Nurse and a native of San Antonio, Texas, Colonel (Retired) Coley had more than 28 assignments over his 39 years of government service. He entered active duty in 1970 commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps after graduating from Trinity University. He served 28 years as an Army Officer as an aero medical evacuation pilot, healthcare administrator and commander. His active duty Army assignments included: Air Ambulance Section Leader at Fort Stewart, Georgia and Camp Mosier, Korea; Operations Officer and Platoon Leader for the 507th Medical Company (Air Ambulance);

Commander, Headquarters and Support Company, 25th Medical Battalion, 25th Infantry Division; Commander, 507th Medical Company (Air Ambulance); Commander, 41st Combat Support Hospital; Chief of Manpower Programming and Analysis, Office of The Army Surgeon General; and, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Army Medical Command. While on active duty he received a Master of Health Administration from Baylor Staff College and was a fellow at the RAND Arroyo Center. Herbert Coley returned to government service shortly after retiring from the military and provided another 11 years of service. He had served as the Chief of Manpower Division, Army Medical Command and in 2009 he entered the Senior Executive Service as the Chief of Staff, Army Medical Command.

Colonel (Retired) Herbert A. Coley has devoted his life to the Army and our Nation's men and women in uniform. As the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Medical Command his skilled leadership was essential to improving the care of our Wounded Warriors and the readiness of our Army. He led this global organization with unwavering energy and compassion that endeared him to all, inspired trust and improved millions of lives. Herb Coley is one of the main reasons that Army Medicine is a preeminent system for health care in America.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Mr. Herbert Coley for a lifetime of service to his country. We wish Herb and his wife Stephanie all the best as they continue their journey in retirement.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER
NANCY PYLE UPON HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE SAN JOSE CITY
COUNCIL

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO and Congressman MIKE HONDA, to acknowledge and honor Councilmember Nancy Pyle upon her retirement from the San Jose City Council.

Nancy has been the San Jose City Councilmember for District 10 since 2005, representing approximately 100,000 residents from Almaden and Blossom Valley. She graduated from LeMoyné College in Syracuse, New York, where she majored in French. She received her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the U.S. International University in San Diego. In 1960, Nancy moved to San Jose with her family where she served as a teacher, Community Relations Manager, and Legislative Analyst for San Jose Unified School District. Nancy is a former San Jose/ Evergreen Community College Board Trustee.

On the City Council, Nancy worked hard to maintain our streets and parks, keep our neighborhoods safe, invest resources in youth and senior programs, and make city government more accountable. When the City's general fund deficit threatened to eliminate the Domestic Violence Prevention Program, Nancy pledged \$20,000 from her office budget

to help temporarily fund the City's Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator position. When San Jose Family Camp was struggling to meet the cost-recovery requirements set by the City Council, she sought the help of Congresswoman ESHOO, Congressman HONDA, and myself. At her request, we sent a letter to the National Forest Service for a special five-year permit for San Jose's Family Camp at Yosemite. In November 2010, in order to increase public safety, Nancy proposed that San Jose adopt a Social Host Ordinance to hold adults accountable for underage drinking on private property. After advocating for nearly a year and a half, the City Council passed the ordinance last spring.

In 2010, Nancy worked with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency to open the first Whole Foods in San Jose. The opening brought new life and energy to the area and paved the way for many other businesses to successfully open their doors in the same shopping center. Nancy was honored this spring to accept the City's largest gift to date, \$4.2 million dollars privately donated to help fund a City partnership with the San Jose Unified School District for two more turf fields at Allen at Steinbeck School.

Councilmember Nancy Pyle is retiring and we wish her all the best in the years to come. We commend Nancy for her valuable service. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from her advocacy, passion, and commitment. She has left her mark in San Jose and we know she will continue to play a positive role in our community during her retirement.

REMARKS CELEBRATING THE 85TH
BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY
KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5th His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to express my well wishes and best regards to him and to the people of Thailand.

Throughout his 66-year reign, King Bhumibol—currently the world's longest reigning monarch—has been a strong proponent for Thailand's development. Since the 1950s, he has initiated more than 4,000 development projects throughout Thailand, ranging from public health, agriculture productivity, environment, flood and drought, education and job creation.

These activities have helped raise the standard of living of Thais, particularly those in rural and difficult-to-reach areas.

King Bhumibol's hard work and contributions have earned him admiration worldwide. In 2006, the United Nations Development Programme awarded King Bhumibol its first-ever Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on December 5th, 1927, King Bhumibol has played an important role in promoting Thai-U.S. friendship, including his two state visits to the United States in 1960 and 1967.

As we celebrate King Bhumibol's birthday, it is an opportunity to look forward to next year's

celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the U.S.-Thailand treaty alliance. Thailand is our longest standing ally in Asia, and has been a reliable partner and friend in the region.

The United States and Thailand's partnership is wide ranging; we are economic partners, we participate in military training exercises together, and our cultural and people-to-people exchanges are on the rise. The two

countries have cooperated on counterterrorism.

As our relationship continues to strengthen, we are delighted to join our friends in Thailand in celebrating the 85th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 616, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 10

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the state-sanctioned marginalization of Christians in Western Europe, focusing on the origins, methods, and implications of such a movement and its relation to religious freedom rights as they are protected in major international human rights agreements.

TBA

DECEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine streamlining and strengthening Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) rental housing assistance programs, part II.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine tax reform and Federal energy policy, focusing on

incentives to promote energy efficiency.

SD-215

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

SR-418

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine ending the school-to-prison pipeline.

SD-226

DECEMBER 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine improving care for dually-eligible beneficiaries, focusing on a progress update.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold a closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219