United States of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 113th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 159 WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013 No. 10

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 25, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

You have blessed us with all good gifts, and with thankful hearts we express our gratitude. You have created us with opportunities to serve other people in their need, to share together in respect and affection, and to be faithful in the responsibilities we have been given.

In this moment of prayer, please grant to the Members of this people's House the gifts of wisdom and discernment, that in their words and actions they will do justice, love with mercy, and walk humbly with You.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:

Mr. HASTINGS, Florida.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42–43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Mr. BECERRA, California.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES AND BUDGETARY MATERIAL

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 113TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 25, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and clause (b) of rule I of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I submit the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 113th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. On January 23, 2013, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session and adopted these Committee Rules by voice vote with a quorum present.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

RULE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) Applicability of House Rules.—

(1) In general.—The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged

Printed on recycled paper.

motions in the Committee and its subcommittees.

(2) Subcommittees.—Each subcommittee is part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and its rules so far as applicable.

(3) Incorporation of house rule on committee procedure.—Rule XI of the Rules of the House, which pertains entirely to Committee procedure, is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable. Pursuant to clause 2(a)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee is authorized to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

(b) Publication of Rules.—Pursuant to clause 2(a) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee's rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Chairman is elected in each odd-numbered year.

(c) Vice Chairman.—The Chairman shall appoint a vice chairman of the Committee and of each subcommittee. If the Chairman of the Committee or subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, the vice chairman shall preside. If the vice chairman is not present, the ranking member of the majority party on the Committee or subcommittee who is present shall preside at that meeting.

RULE II. REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) Regular Meetings.—Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month to transact its business unless such day is a holiday, or the House is in recess or is adjourned, in which case the Chairman shall determine the regular meeting day of the Committee for that month. A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairman, there is no need for the meeting. This paragraph shall not apply to meetings of any subcommittee.

(b) Additional Meetings.—The Chairman may call and convene, as he or she considers necessary, additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other committee business. The Committee shall meet for such purpose pursuant to the call of the Chairman.

(c) Special Meetings.—If at least three members of the Committee desire that a special meeting of the Committee be called by the Chairman, those members may file in the offices of the Committee their written request to the Chairman for that special meeting. Such request shall specify the measure or matter to be considered. Immediately upon the filing of the request, the clerk of the Committee shall notify the Chairman of the filing of the request. If, within 3 calendar days after the filing of the request, the Chairman does not call the requested special meeting to be held within 7 calendar days after the filing of the request, a majority of the members of the Committee may file in the offices of the Committee their written notice that a special meeting of the Committee will be held, specifying the date and hour thereof, and the measure or matter to be considered at that special meeting. The Committee shall meet on that date and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice, the clerk of the Committee shall notify all members of the Committee that such meeting will be held and inform them of its date and hour and the measure or matter to be considered; and only the measure or matter specified in that notice may be considered at that special meeting. Such notice shall also be made publicly available in electronic form and shall be deemed to satisfy paragraph (d)(1).

(d) Notice.—

(1) Minimum Notice Period.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of a Committee or subcommittee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third day on which members have notice thereof.

(2) Changes in Meeting Times.—A meeting may commence sooner than announced if the Chairman, with concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner or the Committee or subcommittee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall make a public announcement of the meeting time change at the earliest possible opportunity.

(3) Notification of daily digest clerk.—The clerk of the Committee shall notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after a public announcement of a time change for a Committee or subcommittee meeting is made under this paragraph.

(e) Prohibition on Sitting During Joint Session.—The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

RULE III. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS GENERALLY

(a) Minimum Period for Availability of Committee Markup Text.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make publicly available, in electronic form, the text of any legislation to be marked up at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, or at the time of a meeting announcement under paragraph (a)(2)(B) of Committee Rule II if made within 24 hours before such meeting.

(b) Open Meetings.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(c) Meetings to Begin Promptly.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time so stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(d) Addressing the Committee.—Except as provided under paragraph (e) of Committee Rule VI, a Committee member may address the Committee or a subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration—

(1) only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose; and

(2) only for 5 minutes, or for a period of time designated by the Chairman with concurrence of the ranking minority member, until such time as each member of the Committee or subcommittee who so desires has had an opportunity to address the Committee or subcommittee.

A member shall be limited in his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce this paragraph.

(e) Participation of Members in Subcommittee Meetings and Hearings.—All members of the Committee who are not members of a particular subcommittee may, by unanimous consent of the members of such subcommittee, participate in any subcommittee meeting or hearing. However, a member who is not a member of the subcommittee may not vote on any matter before the subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, or raise points of order.

(f) Broadcasting.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clause 4 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House. Operation and use of any Committee Internet broadcast system shall be fair and nonpartisan and in accordance with clause 4(b) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House. Further, pursuant to clause 2(e)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings. The Committee shall also maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

(g) Access to the Dais And Lounges.—Access to the hearing rooms' daises and to the lounges adjacent to the Committee hearing rooms shall be limited to Members of Congress and employees of Congress during a meeting or hearing of the Committee unless specifically permitted by the Chairman or ranking minority member.

(h) Use of Cellular Telephones.—The use of cellular telephones in the Committee hearing room is prohibited during a meeting or hearing of the Committee.

(i) Availability of Text of Amendments in Electronic Form.—Pursuant to clause 2(e) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the Chairman shall cause the text of the amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE IV. POWER TO SIT AND ACT; POWER TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS; OATHS; SUBPOENA POWER

(a) Authority to Sit and Act.—For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee and each of its subcommittees, is authorized (subject to paragraph (d)(1))—

(1) to sit and act at such times and places within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned and to hold such hearings; and

(2) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary.

(b) Authority to Conduct Investigations.—

(1) In general.—The Committee is authorized at any time to conduct such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under Rule X of the Rules of the House and (subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by Rule X, clause 6 of the Rules of the House) to incur expenses (including travel expenses) in connection therewith.

(2) Major investigations by subcommittees.—A subcommittee may not begin a major investigation without approval of a majority of such subcommittee.

(c) Oaths.—The Chairman, or any member designated by the Chairman, may administer oaths to any witness.

(d) Issuance of Subpoenas.—

(1) In general.—A subpoena may be issued by the Committee or subcommittee under paragraph (a)(2) in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present. Such authorized subpoenas

shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee or by any member designated by the Committee. If a specific request for a subpoena has not been previously rejected by either the Committee or subcommittee, the Chairman of the Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee, may authorize and issue a subpoena under paragraph (a)(2) in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, and such subpoena shall for all purposes be deemed a subpoena issued by the Committee. As soon as practicable after a subpoena is issued under this rule, the Chairman shall notify all members of the Committee of such action.

(2) Enforcement.—Compliance with any subpoena issued by the Committee or subcommittee under paragraph (a)(2) may be enforced only as authorized or directed by the House.

(e) Expenses of Subpoenaed Witnesses.—Each witness who has been subpoenaed, upon the completion of his or her testimony before the Committee or any subcommittee, may report to the offices of the Committee, and there sign appropriate vouchers for travel allowances and attendance fees. If hearings are held in cities other than Washington, D.C., the witness may contact the counsel of the Committee, or his or her representative, before leaving the hearing room.

RULE V. QUORUMS AND RECORD VOTES; POSTPONEMENT OF VOTES

(a) Working Quorum.—One-third of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any action other than the closing of a meeting pursuant to clauses 2(g) and 2(k)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the authorizing of a subpoena pursuant to paragraph (d) of Committee Rule IV, the reporting of a measure or recommendation pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of Committee Rule VII, and the actions described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this rule.

(b) Quorum for Reporting.—A majority of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of a measure or recommendation.

(c) Approval of Certain Matters.—A majority of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for approval of a resolution concerning any of the following actions:

(1) A prospectus for construction, alteration, purchase or acquisition of a public building or the lease of space as required by section 3307 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) Survey investigation of a proposed project for navigation, flood control, and other purposes by the Corps of Engineers (section 4 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 4, 1913, 33 U.S.C. 542).

(3) Construction of a water resources development project by the Corps of Engineers with an estimated Federal cost not exceeding $15,000,000 (section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965).

(4) Deletion of water quality storage in a Federal reservoir project where the benefits attributable to water quality are 15 percent or more but not greater than 25 percent of the total project benefits (section 65 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974).

(5) Authorization of a Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed project involving any single structure of more than 4,000 acre feet of total capacity (section 2 of P.L. 566, 83rd Congress).

(d) Quorum for Taking Testimony.—Two members of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence.

(e) Record Votes.—A record vote may be demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

(f) Postponement of Votes.—

(1) In general.—In accordance with clause 2(h)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee or a subcommittee, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee or subcommittee, may—

(A) postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving a measure or matter or on adopting an amendment; and

(B) resume proceedings on a postponed question at any time after reasonable notice.

(2) Resumption of proceedings.—When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(g) Availability of Record Votes in Electronic Form.—Pursuant to clause 2(e)(1)(B)(i) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make the result of any record vote publicly available for inspection at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee and in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote.

RULE VI. HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Announcement of Hearing.—

(1) Minimum notice period.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of a Committee or subcommittee hearing, which may not commence earlier than the one week after such notice.

(2) Changes in hearing times.—A hearing may commence sooner than announced if the Chairman, with concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner or the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall make a public announcement of the hearing time change at the earliest possible opportunity.

(3) Notification of daily digest clerk.—The clerk of the Committee shall notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after a public announcement of a time change for a Committee or subcommittee hearing is made under this paragraph.

(b) Written Statement; Oral Testimony.—

(1) Filing of statement.—So far as practicable, each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a subcommittee shall file with the clerk of the Committee or subcommittee, at least 2 working days before the day of his or her appearance, a written statement of proposed testimony and shall limit his or her oral presentation to a summary of the written statement.

(2) Truth in testimony information.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, in the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.

(3) Availability of information in electronic form.—Statements filed under this paragraph, with appropriate redaction to protect the privacy of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

(c) Minority Witnesses.—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee upon any measure or matter, the minority party members on the Committee or subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chairman by a majority of those minority members before the completion of such hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.

(d) Summary of Subject Matter.—Upon announcement of a hearing, to the extent practicable, the Committee shall make available immediately to all members of the Committee a concise summary of the subject matter (including legislative reports and other material) under consideration. In addition, upon announcement of a hearing and subsequently as they are received, the Chairman shall make available to the members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on such matter.

(e) Opening Statements; Questioning of Witnesses.—

(1) Opening Statements.—

(A) Chairman and Ranking Member.—At a hearing of the Full Committee, the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee shall each be entitled to present an oral opening statement of five minutes. At a hearing of a subcommittee, the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee and the Chairman and ranking minority member of the subcommittee shall each be entitled to present an opening statement for five minutes.

(B) Other Members.—At a hearing of the Full Committee or a subcommittee, other members of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate, may submit written opening statements for the record. The Chairman presiding over the hearing may permit oral opening statements by other members of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member.

(2) Questioning of Witnesses.—The questioning of witnesses in Committee and subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the Chairman, followed by the ranking minority member and all other members alternating between the majority and minority parties. In recognizing members to question witnesses in this fashion, the Chairman shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority nor the members of the minority. The Chairman may accomplish this by recognizing two majority members for each minority member recognized.

(f) Procedures For Questions.—

(1) In general.—A Committee member may question a witness at a hearing—

(A) only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose; and

(B) subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), only for 5 minutes until such time as each member of the Committee or subcommittee who so desires has had an opportunity to question the witness.

A member shall be limited in his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce this subparagraph.

(2) Extended questioning of witnesses by members.—The Chairman of the Committee or a subcommittee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, or the Committee or subcommittee by motion, may permit a specified number of its members to question a witness for longer than 5 minutes. The time for extended questioning of a witness under this subdivision shall be equal for the majority party and minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(3) Extended questioning of witnesses by staff.—The Chairman of the Committee or a

subcommittee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, or the Committee or subcommittee by motion, may permit committee staff for its majority and minority party members to question a witness for equal specified periods. The time for extended questioning of a witness under this subdivision shall be equal for the majority party and minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(4) Right to question witnesses following extended questioning.—Nothing in subparagraph (2) or (3) affects the right of a Member (other than a Member designated under subparagraph (2)) to question a witness for 5 minutes in accordance with subparagraph (1)(B) after the questioning permitted under subparagraph (2) or (3).

(g) Additional Hearing Procedures.—Clause 2(k) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House (relating to additional rules for hearings) applies to hearings of the Committee and its subcommittees.

RULE VII. PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND REPORTS

(a) Filing of Reports.—

(1) In general.—The Chairman of the Committee shall report promptly to the House any measure or matter approved by the Committee and take necessary steps to bring the measure or matter to a vote.

(2) Requests for reporting.—The report of the Committee on a measure or matter which has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within 7 calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the clerk of the Committee a written request, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure or matter. Upon the filing of any such request, the clerk of the Committee shall transmit immediately to the Chairman of the Committee notice of the filing of that request.

(b) Quorum; Record Votes.—

(1) Quorum.—No measure, matter, or recommendation shall be reported from the Committee unless a majority of the Committee was actually present.

(2) Record votes.—With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter of a public character, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of those members voting for and against, shall be included in the Committee report on the measure or matter.

(c) Required Matters.—The report of the Committee on a measure or matter which has been approved by the Committee shall include the items required to be included by clauses 2(c) and 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House.

(d) Additional Views.—If, at the time of approval of any measure or matter by the Committee, any member of the Committee gives notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, all members shall be entitled to not less than two additional calendar days after the day of such notice (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) in which to file such written and signed views in accordance with clause 2(l) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(e) Activities Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than January 2 of each year, the Committee shall submit to the House a report on the activities of the Committee.

(2) Contents.—The report shall include—

(A) separate sections summarizing the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House during the applicable period;

(B) in the case of the first such report in each Congress, a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the Committee under clause 2(d) of Rule X of the Rules of the House;

(C) a summary of the actions taken and recommendations made with respect to the oversight plans specified in subdivision (B);

(D) a summary of any additional oversight activities undertaken by the Committee and any recommendations made or actions taken thereon; and

(E) a delineation of any hearings held pursuant to clauses 2(n), (o), or (p) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(3) Filing.—After an adjournment sine die of a regular session of a Congress, or after December 15, whichever occurs first, the Chairman may file the report described in subparagraph (1) with the Clerk of the House at any time and without approval of the Committee, provided that—

(A) a copy of the report has been available to each member of the Committee for at least seven calendar days; and

(B) the report includes any supplemental, minority, or additional views submitted by a member of the Committee.

(f) Other Committee Materials.—

(1) In general.—All Committee and subcommittee prints, reports, documents, or other materials, not otherwise provided for under this rule, that purport to express publicly the views of the Committee or any of its subcommittees or members of the Committee or its subcommittees shall be approved by the Committee or the subcommittee prior to printing and distribution and any member shall be given an opportunity to have views included as part of such material prior to printing, release, and distribution in accordance with paragraph (d) of this rule.

(2) Documents containing views other than member views.—A Committee or subcommittee document containing views other than those of members of the Committee or subcommittee shall not be published without approval of the Committee or subcommittee.

(3) Disclaimer.—All Committee or subcommittee reports printed pursuant to legislative study or investigation and not approved by a majority vote of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate, shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of such report: ''This report has not been officially adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (or pertinent subcommittee thereof) and may not therefore necessarily reflect the views of its members.''.

(4) Compilations of laws.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Committee shall publish a compilation of laws under the jurisdiction of each subcommittee.

(g) Availability of Publications.—Pursuant to clause 2(e)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form to the maximum extent feasible.

RULE VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES; SIZE AND PARTY RATIOS

(a) Establishment.—There shall be 6 standing subcommittees. These subcommittees, with the following sizes (including delegates) and majority/minority ratios, are:

(1) Subcommittee on Aviation (32 Members: 18 Majority and 14 Minority).

(2) Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation (18 Members: 10 Majority and 8 Minority).

(3) Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management (18 Members: 10 Majority and 8 Minority).

(4) Subcommittee on Highways and Transit (45 Members: 25 Majority and 20 Minority).

(5) Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials (32 Members: 18 Majority and 14 Minority).

(6) Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (32 Members: 18 Majority and 14 Minority).

(b) Ex Officio Members.—The Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee shall serve as ex officio voting members on each subcommittee.

(c) Ratios.—On each subcommittee there shall be a ratio of majority party members to minority party members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the full Committee. In calculating the ratio of majority party members to minority party members, there shall be included the ex officio members of the subcommittees.

RULE IX. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Authority To Sit.—Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the full Committee on all matters referred to it or under its jurisdiction. Subcommittee chairmen shall set dates for hearings and meetings of their respective subcommittees after consultation with the Chairman and other subcommittee chairmen with a view toward avoiding simultaneous scheduling of full Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings whenever possible.

(b) Consideration By Committee.—Each bill, resolution, or other matter favorably reported by a subcommittee shall automatically be placed upon the agenda of the Committee. Any such matter reported by a subcommittee shall not be considered by the Committee unless it has been delivered to the offices of all members of the Committee at least 48 hours before the meeting, unless the Chairman determines that the matter is of such urgency that it should be given early consideration. Where practicable, such matters shall be accompanied by a comparison with present law and a section-by-section analysis.

RULE X. REFERRAL OF LEGISLATION TO SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) General Requirement.—Except where the Chairman of the Committee determines, in consultation with the majority members of the Committee, that consideration is to be by the full Committee, each bill, resolution, investigation, or other matter which relates to a subject listed under the jurisdiction of any subcommittee established in Committee Rule VIII referred to or initiated by the full Committee shall be referred by the Chairman to all subcommittees of appropriate jurisdiction within two weeks. All bills shall be referred to the subcommittee of proper jurisdiction without regard to whether the author is or is not a member of the subcommittee.

(b) Recall From Subcommittee.—A bill, resolution, or other matter referred to a subcommittee in accordance with this rule may be recalled therefrom at any time by a vote of a majority of the members of the Committee voting, a quorum being present, for the Committee's direct consideration or for reference to another subcommittee.

(c) Multiple Referrals.—In carrying out this rule with respect to any matter, the Chairman may refer the matter simultaneously to two or more subcommittees for concurrent consideration or for consideration in sequence (subject to appropriate time limitations in the case of any subcommittee after the first), or divide the matter into two or more parts (reflecting different subjects and jurisdictions) and refer each such part to a different subcommittee, or make such other provisions as he or she considers appropriate.

RULE XI. RECOMMENDATION OF CONFEREES

The Chairman of the Committee shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees the

names of those members (1) of the majority party selected by the Chairman, and (2) of the minority party selected by the ranking minority member of the Committee. Recommendations of conferees to the Speaker shall provide a ratio of majority party members to minority party members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the Committee.

RULE XII. OVERSIGHT

(a) Purpose.—The Committee shall carry out oversight responsibilities as provided in this rule in order to assist the House in—

(1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of—

(A) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of the laws enacted by the Congress; or

(B) conditions and circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

(2) its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate.

(b) Oversight Plan.—Not later than February 15 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall adopt its oversight plan for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House.

(c) Review of Laws and Programs.—The Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof, in order to determine whether such laws and the programs thereunder are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the Congress and whether such programs should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated. In addition, the Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study any conditions or circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee (whether or not any bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto), and shall on a continuing basis undertake future research and forecasting on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(d) Review of Tax Policies.—The Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study on a continuing basis the impact or probable impact of tax policies affecting subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

RULE XIII. REVIEW OF CONTINUING PROGRAMS; BUDGET ACT PROVISIONS

(a) Ensuring Annual Appropriations.—The Committee shall, in its consideration of all bills and joint resolutions of a public character within its jurisdiction, ensure that appropriations for continuing programs and activities of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia government will be made annually to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with the nature, requirements, and objectives of the programs and activities involved.

(b) Review of Multi-Year Appropriations.—The Committee shall review, from time to time, each continuing program within its jurisdiction for which appropriations are not made annually in order to ascertain whether such program could be modified so that appropriations therefore would be made annually.

(c) Views and Estimates.—In accordance with clause 4(f)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall submit to the Committee on the Budget—

(1) its views and estimates with respect to all matters to be set forth in the concurrent resolution on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year which are within its jurisdiction or functions; and

(2) an estimate of the total amount of new budget authority, and budget outlays resulting therefrom, to be provided or authorized in all bills and resolutions within its jurisdiction which it intends to be effective during that fiscal year.

(d) Budget Allocations.—As soon as practicable after a concurrent resolution on the budget for any fiscal year is agreed to, the Committee (after consulting with the appropriate committee or committees of the Senate) shall subdivide any allocations made to it in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference report on such resolution, and promptly report such subdivisions to the House, in the manner provided by section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(e) Reconciliation.—Whenever the Committee is directed in a concurrent resolution on the budget to determine and recommend changes in laws, bills, or resolutions under the reconciliation process, it shall promptly make such determination and recommendations, and report a reconciliation bill or resolution (or both) to the House or submit such recommendations to the Committee on the Budget, in accordance with the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

RULE XIV. RECORDS

(a) Keeping of Records.—The Committee shall keep a complete record of all Committee action which shall include—

(1) in the case of any meeting or hearing transcripts, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved; and

(2) a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is taken.

(b) Public Inspection.—The result of each such record vote shall be made available by the Committee for inspection by the public at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee. Information so available for public inspection shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition and the name of each member voting for and each member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or proposition, and the names of those members present but not voting.

(c) Property of the House.—All Committee records (including hearings, data, charts, and files) shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the member serving as Chairman of the Committee; and such records shall be the property of the House and all members of the House shall have access thereto.

(d) Availability of Archived Records.—The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with Rule VII of the Rules of the House. The Chairman shall notify the ranking minority member of the Committee of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of such rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on written request of any member of the Committee.

(e) Authority to Print.—The Committee is authorized to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearings held by the Committee. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of the Committee shall be paid as provided in clause 1(c) of Rule XI of the House.

RULE XV. COMMITTEE BUDGETS

(a) Biennial Budget.—The Chairman, in consultation with the chairman of each subcommittee, the majority members of the Committee, and the minority members of the Committee, shall, for each Congress, prepare a consolidated Committee budget. Such budget shall include necessary amounts for staff personnel, necessary travel, investigation, and other expenses of the Committee.

(b) Additional Expenses.—Authorization for the payment of additional or unforeseen Committee expenses may be procured by one or more additional expense resolutions processed in the same manner as set out herein.

(c) Travel Requests.—The Chairman or any chairman of a subcommittee may initiate necessary travel requests as provided in Committee Rule XVII within the limits of the consolidated budget as approved by the House and the Chairman may execute necessary vouchers thereof.

(d) Monthly Reports.—Once monthly, the Chairman shall submit to the Committee on House Administration, in writing, a full and detailed accounting of all expenditures made during the period since the last such accounting from the amount budgeted to the Committee. Such report shall show the amount and purpose of such expenditure and the budget to which such expenditure is attributed. A copy of such monthly report shall be available in the Committee office for review by members of the Committee.

RULE XVI. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) Appointment by Chairman.—The Chairman shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the employees of the Committee not assigned to the minority. The staff of the Committee not assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of such staff members and delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(b) Appointment by Ranking Minority Member.—The ranking minority member of the Committee shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the staff assigned to the minority within the budget approved for such purposes. The staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the ranking minority member of the Committee who may delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(c) Intention Regarding Staff.—It is intended that the skills and experience of all members of the Committee staff shall be available to all members of the Committee.

RULE XVII. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

(a) Approval.—Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and staff. Travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Travel shall be authorized by the Chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

(1) The purpose of the travel.

(2) The dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made.

(3) The location of the event for which the travel is to be made.

(4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) Subcommittee Travel.—In the case of travel of members and staff of a subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of such subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the chairman of such subcommittee in writing setting forth those items enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a) and that there has been a compliance where applicable with Committee Rule VI.

(c) Travel Outside the United States.—

(1) In general.—In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee or of a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the Committee or pertinent subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the Chairman, or, in the case of a subcommittee from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

(A) The purpose of the travel.

(B) The dates during which the travel will occur.

(C) The names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.

(D) An agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of Committee jurisdiction involved.

(E) The names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) Initiation of requests.—Requests for travel outside the United States may be initiated by the Chairman or the chairman of a subcommittee (except that individuals may submit a request to the Chairman for the purpose of attending a conference or meeting) and shall be limited to members and permanent employees of the Committee.

(d) Reports by Members and Staff.—Within 15 legislative days from the conclusion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting, or conference for which travel has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each member and staff member involved in such travel shall submit a written report to the Chairman covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(e) Applicability of Laws, Rules, Policies.—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel, and by the travel policy of the Committee.

RULE XVIII. COMMITTEE PANELS

(a) Designation.—In accordance with clause 5(b)(2)(C) of Rule X of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, may designate a panel of the Committee consisting of members of the Committee to inquire into and take testimony on a matter or matters that fall within the jurisdiction of more than one subcommittee and to report to the Committee.

(b) Duration.—No panel designated under paragraph (a) shall continue in existence for more than six months after the date of the designation.

(c) Party Ratios and Appointment.—The ratio of majority members to minority members on a panel designated under paragraph (a) shall be as close as practicable to the ratio of the Full Committee. All majority members of the panels shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee, and all minority members shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall choose one of the majority members so appointed to serve as Chairman of the panel. The ranking minority member of the Committee shall similarly choose the ranking minority member of the panel.

(d) Ex Officio Members.—The Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio members of a panel designated under paragraph (a). The Chairman and ranking minority member are authorized to vote on matters that arise before the panel and shall be counted to satisfy the quorum requirement for any purpose.

(e) Jurisdiction.—No panel designated under paragraph (a) shall have legislative jurisdiction.

(f) Applicability of Committee Rules.—A panel designated under paragraph (a) shall be subject to all Committee Rules herein.

STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT SPENDING LEVELS OF ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FY 2013 AND THE 10-YEAR PERIOD FY 2013 THROUGH FY 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, January 25, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, Office of the Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: To facilitate application of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, I am transmitting an updated status report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal year 2013, and for the 10-year period of fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2022. This status report is current through January 21, 2013.

The term ''current level'' refers to the amounts of spending and revenues estimated for each fiscal year based on laws enacted or awaiting the President's signature.

The first table in the report compares the current levels of total budget authority, outlays, and revenues with the overall limits set in H. Con. Res. 112 for fiscal year 2013. This comparison is needed to implement section 311(a) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the budget resolution's aggregate levels. The table does not show budget authority and outlays for years after fiscal year 2013 because appropriations for those years have not yet been considered.

The second table compares the current levels of budget authority and outlays for action completed by each authorizing committee with the ''section 302(a)'' allocations made under H. Con. Res. 112 for fiscal year 2013 and fiscal years 2013 through 2022. ''Action'' refers to legislation enacted after the adoption of the budget resolution. This comparison is needed to enforce section 302(f) of the Budget Act, which creates a point of order against measures that would breach the section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority for the committee that reported the measure. It is also needed to implement section 311(b), which exempts committees that comply with their allocations from the point of order under section 311(a).

The third table compares the current status of discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2013 with the ''section 302(b)'' suballocations of discretionary budget authority and outlays among Appropriations subcommittees. The comparison is also needed to enforce section 302(f) of the Budget Act because the point of order under that section equally applies to measures that would breach the applicable section 302(b) suballocation.

The fourth table gives the current level for fiscal year 2014 of accounts identified for advance appropriations under section 501 of H. Con. Res. 112. This list is needed to enforce section 501 of the budget resolution, which creates a point of order against appropriation bills that contain advance appropriations that are: (i) not identified in the statement of managers or (ii) would cause the aggregate amount of such appropriations to exceed the level specified in the resolution.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN,
Chairman.

STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ADOPTED IN H. CON. RES 112, REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF JAN. 21, 2013

(On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars)

	Fiscal year 2013 [1]	Fiscal years 2013–2022
Appropriate Level:		
Budget Authority	2,793,848	n.a.
Outlays	2,891,589	n. a.
Revenues	2,089,540	28,957,333
Current Level:		
Budget Authority	3,013,339	n. a.
Outlays	3,063,277	n. a.
Revenues	2,015,873	28,846,212
Current Level over (+)/under (−):		
Appropriate Level:		
Budget Authority	+219,491	n.a.
Outlays	+171,688	n.a.
Revenues	−73,667	−111,121

[1] Notes for 2013: The appropriate level for FY2013 was established in H.Con. Res 112, which was subsequently deemed to be in force in the House of Representatives pursuant to H. Res. 5. The current level for FY2013 starts with the baseline estimates contained in Updated Budget Projections: Fiscal Years 2012 to 2022, published by the Congressional Budget Office, and makes adjustments to those levels for enacted legislation.

n.a. = Not applicable because annual appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2013 through 2022 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

BUDGET AUTHORITY

Budget authority for FY 2013 is above the appropriate levels set by H. Con. Res. 112.

OUTLAYS

Outlays for FY 2013 are above the appropriate levels set by H. Con. Res. 112.

REVENUE

Revenue for FY 2013 is below the appropriate levels set by H. Con. Res. 112. Revenue for the period FY 2013 through FY 2022 is below the appropriate levels set by H. Con. Res. 112.

DIRECT SPENDING LEGISLATION

COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS FOR RESOLUTION CHANGES, REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF JAN. 1, 2012

(Fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

House committee	2013		2013–2022	
	BA	Outlays	BA	Outlays
Agriculture:				
Allocation	−1,577	−1,503	−179,410	−177,871
Current Level	−106	−106	−1,070	−1,070
Difference	+1,471	+1,397	+178,340	+176,801
Armed Services:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	+77	+94	+95	+57
Difference	+77	+94	+95	+57
Education and the Workforce:				
Allocation	−18,098	−7,096	−227,471	−210,669
Current Level	+2,580	+3,275	+1,125	−8,940
Difference	+20,678	+10,371	+228,596	+201,729
Energy and Commerce:				
Allocation	−20,137	−4,661	−1,802,097	−1,767,601
Current Level	+9,762	+11,695	+10,875	+13,105
Difference	+29,899	+16,356	+1,812,972	+1,780,706
Financial Services:				
Allocation	−8,562	−8,495	−65,193	−65,098
Current Level	+5,245	+5,245	+9,700	+9,700
Difference	+13,807	+13,740	+74,893	+74,798
Foreign Affairs:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0
Homeland Security:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0
House Administration:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0
Judiciary:				
Allocation	−8,490	−594	−15,645	−13,737
Current Level	+0	+0	+6	+6
Difference	+8,490	+594	+15,651	+13,743
Natural Resources:				
Allocation	−460	−229	−8,242	−8,076
Current Level	+259	+596	−201	+134
Difference	+719	+825	+8,041	+8,210
Oversight and Government Reform:				
Allocation	−8,146	−8,113	−140,709	−140,829
Current Level	−9	−9	−427	−427
Difference	+8,137	+8,104	+140,282	+140,402
Science, Space and Technology:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0
Small Business:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0
Transportation and Infrastructure:				
Allocation	−36,626	−9,354	−130,371	−28,397
Current Level	+6,588	+6,200	+31,388	+20,428
Difference	+43,214	+15,554	+161,759	+48,825
Veterans' Affairs:				
Allocation	0	0	0	0
Current Level	−36	−36	−250	−250
Difference	−36	−36	−250	−250
Ways and Means:				
Allocation	−5,970	−8,211	−612,080	−619,002
Current Level	+23,031	+23,031	+293,999	+293,999
Difference	+29,001	+31,242	+906,079	+913,001

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013—COMPARISON OF CURRENT STATUS WITH APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 302(b) SUB ALLOCATIONS AS OF JAN. 21, 2013

(Figures in millions) [1]

	302(b) allocations (H. Rept. 112–465)		302(b) for GWOT		Current status as of Oct. 5, 2012		Current status GWOT		Current status less 302(b)		Current status GWOT less 302(b)	
	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA	19,405	22,759	0	0	19,405	22,759	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commerce, Justice, Science	51,129	62,853	0	0	51,129	62,853	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defense	519,220	573,770	88,480	48,420	518,147	573,430	87,376	48,084	−1,073	−340	−1,104	−336
Energy and Water Development	32,098	40,682	0	0	35,535	41,008	0	0	+3,437	+326	0	0
Financial Services and General Government	21,150	23,939	0	0	21,150	23,939	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeland Security	44,598	45,194	0	0	49,975	46,307	0	0	+5,377	+1,113	0	0
Interior, Environment	28,000	31,058	0	0	28,025	31,064	0	0	+25	+6	0	0
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education	150,002	162,699	0	0	24,645	112,117	0	0	−125,357	−50,582	0	0
Legislative Branch	4,289	4,381	0	0	3,331	3,611	0	0	−958	−770	0	0
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs	71,747	79,069	0	2	71,747	79,069	0	2	0	0	0	0
State, Foreign Operations	40,132	48,569	8,245	2,454	40,132	48,569	8,245	2,454	0	0	0	0
Transportation, HUD	51,606	115,161	0	0	51,604	114,857	0	0	−2	−304	0	0
Full Committee Allowance	2	0	0	249	0	0	0	0	−2	0	0	−249
Total	1,033,377	1,210,134	96,725	51,125	914,825	1,159,583	95,621	50,540	−118,553	−50,551	−1,104	−585
Comparison 302(a) and 302(b) Allocations:												
302(a) Allocation Issued to HAC	1,033,377	1,210,134	96,725	51,125								
Total 302(b) Allocations Issued by HAC	1,033,377	1,210,134	96,725	51,125								
302(b) Total Allocations vs. 302(a) Allocation	0	0	0	0								

Memorandum	Amounts assumed in 302(b)		Emergency requirements		Disaster funding		Program integrity	
Spending in Excess of Base Budget Control Act Caps	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA	0	0	224	72	0	0	0	0
Commerce, Justice, Science	0	0	363	97	0	0	0	0
Defense	0	0	88	42	0	0	0	0
Energy and Water Development	0	0	1,889	327	0	0	0	0
Financial Services and General Government	0	0	811	430	0	0	0	0
Homeland Security	5,481	274	6,693	286	10,860	1,404	0	0
Interior, Environment	0	0	1,443	153	0	0	0	0

Memorandum	Amounts assumed in 302(b)		Emergency requirements		Disaster funding		Program integrity	
Spending in Excess of Base Budget Control Act Caps	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education	0	0	827	108	0	0	0	0
Legislative Branch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs	0	0	261	24	0	0	0	0
State, Foreign Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation, HUD	0	0	29,070	588	0	0	0	0
Totals	5,481	274	41,669	2,127	10,860	1,404	0	0

[1] Spending designated as emergency is not included in the current status of appropriations shown above.

2014 ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO H. CON. RES. 112 AS OF OCT. 5, 2012

(Budget authority in millions of dollars)

Section 501(c)(1) Limits	2,014
Appropriate Level.	54,462
Enacted Advances:	
Accounts Identified for Advances:	
Department of Veterans Affairs:	
Medical Services	0
Medical Support and Compliance	0
Medical Facilities	0
Subtotal, enacted advances [1]	0
Section 502(c)(2) Limits	2014
Appropriate Level	28,852
Enacted Advances:	
Accounts Identified for Advances:	
Employment and Training Administration	0
Education for the Disadvantaged	0
School Improvement Programs	0
Special Education	0
Career, Technical and Adult Education	0
Tenant-based Rental Assistance	0
Project-based Rental Assistance	0
Subtotal, enacted advances [1]	0
Previously Enacted Advance Appropriations [2]	2.014
Corporation for Public Broadcasting	445
Total, enacted advances [1]	445

[1] Line items may not add to total due to rounding.
[2] Funds were appropriated in Public Law 112–74.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

118. A letter from the President, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's 2011 Annual Report ''Picturing Success: The Transformative Power of Afterschool''; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

119. A letter from the Honorary Secretary, Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts, transmitting the 217th petition to the Prime Minister of Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

120. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

121. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives [CIS No.: 2519-2011: DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2012-0003] (RIN: 1615-AB99) received January 4, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

122. A letter from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Criteria and Procedures for Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalties; Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 1219-AB81) received January 16, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

123. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates [Notice 2013-2] received January 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

124. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Patel v. Commissioner 138 T.C. No. 23 (June 27, 2012) [Docket No.: 11694-09] received January 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

125. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 2013 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Certain Tax Items (Rev. Proc. 2013-15) received January 17, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

126. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Program: 2012 Report to Congress; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

127. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 416. A bill to condition security assistance and economic assistance to the Government of Egypt in order to advance United States national security interests in Egypt, including encouraging the advancement of political, economic, and religious freedom in Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. GARCIA):

H.R. 417. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami- Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 418. A bill to reduce Medicare waste, fraud, and abuse by providing for enhanced penalties to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud, for a Medicare data-mining system, for a study on applying biometric technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. SIRES, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. CARTER):

H.R. 419. A bill to strengthen and clarify the commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people of Taiwan, as codified in the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H.R. 420. A bill to designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri and southwestern Illinois as the ''Stan Musial Memorial Bridge''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 421. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SALMON, Mr. MULVANEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MESSER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HULTGREN, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 422. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a credit which is dependent on enactment of State qualified scholarship tax credits and which is allowed against the Federal income tax for charitable contributions to education investment organizations that provide assistance for elementary and secondary education; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COFFMAN (for himself, Mr. POLIS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. FLEMING, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. CICILLINE):

H.R. 423. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the termination of further retirement benefits for Members of Congress, except the right to continue participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona):

H.R. 424. A bill to include the county of Mohave, in the State of Arizona, as an affected area for purposes of making claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LONG, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. FOXX, and Mr. BARLETTA):

H.R. 425. A bill to prohibit the use of funds for the rule entitled ''Provisional Unlawful Presence Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Immediate Relatives'' published by the Department of Homeland Security on January 3, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg. 535); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POLIS (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 426. A bill to provide incentives for States and local educational agencies to implement comprehensive reforms and innovative strategies that are designed to lead to significant improvement in outcomes for all students and significant reductions in achievement gaps among subgroups of students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. CHU, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 427. A bill to prevent the illegal sale of firearms, and for other purpoes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 428. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to report on the cost differences between providing school meals and supplements in each of the territories of the United States and the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 429. A bill to permit the Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to designate Federal depository libraries; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself and Mr. HECK of Nevada):

H.R. 430. A bill to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect new members of the Armed Forces who are undergoing basic training from the sexual advances of the members of the Armed Forces responsible for their instruction; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FARR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HOLT, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H.R. 431. A bill to restore certain authorities of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to administer the firearms laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. KIND, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SIRES, Mr. MORAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. HONDA):

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of No Name-Calling Week in bringing attention to name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate name-calling and bullying in their communities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. MENG, and Mr. BERA of California):

H. Res. 47. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, as an entity of the United States Postal Service, should issue a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 416.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 417.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV: States' Powers and Limits

Section 3: New States and Federal Property

Clause 2: Federal Property and the Territorial Clause

The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 418.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 419.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 420.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 421.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. FRANKS of Arizona:

H.R. 422.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. COFFMAN:

H.R. 423.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The power of Congress to make law regarding the compensation for the services of Senators and Representatives, as enumerated in Article I, Section 6, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, as amended by the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 424.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1:

''The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;''

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 425.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 4 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution, in creating the authority of the Congress, ''To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization.''

and

The 14th Amendment of the Constitution stating that, ''All persons born or naturalized in the United States,'' are, ''citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.''

By Mr. POLIS:

H.R. 426.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (relating to the power of Congress to provide for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress)

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 427.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 428.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2. The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state.

By Mr. SABLAN:

H.R. 429.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 430.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 431.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8: Congress shall have the power to regulate commerce among the states, and provide for the general welfare.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.J. Res. 23.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article V: The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this, Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 23: Mr. LATTA, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. ROKITA.

H.R. 24: Mr. FORBES, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Mr. GIBSON.

H.R. 32: Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 61: Mr. HALL.

H.R. 137: Mr. KEATING, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NEAL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. SIRES.

H.R. 138: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. POCAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 139: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 141: Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 142: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 149: Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 164: Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 228: Mr. LUETKEMEYER and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 257: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 301: Mr. GOWDY and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 309: Mr. STEWART.

H.R. 310: Mr. ENYART, Mr. MARCHANT, and Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 317: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington and Mr. MEADOWS.

H.R. 321: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Mrs. CAPPS.

H.R. 351: Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HURT, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. TURNER, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. CHAFFETZ, and Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 352: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 366: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mr. HANNA.

H.R. 367: Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MICA, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. RADEL, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK.

H.R. 382: Mr. STEWART, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ROHRABACHER, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

H. Con. Res. 5: Mr. KIND and Mr. PETERSON.

H. Res. 30: Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. RAHALL.

H. Res. 41: Ms. NORTON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HONDA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. POLIS.

H. Res. 46: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. PETRI.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. CHRISTOPHER M. THOMFORDE, PRESIDENT OF MORAVIAN COLLEGE AND MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Christopher M. Thomforde, who has ably served as the 15th President of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for the past seven years, and will be stepping down in July.

When Dr. Thomforde announced his intention to retire, he expressed that Moravian College and Seminary needs a president with ''abounding energy, aspiration, and imagination.'' He has surely exemplified those values in his years of service to Moravian College, its students, faculty, the Bethlehem community and the greater Lehigh Valley.

One of Dr. Thomforde's most steadfast pursuits during his tenure has been recruiting and supporting a diverse student body that reflects the surrounding community and honors the College's founding principles and mission. The Moravian tradition is exemplified by the words of the Unity of Brethren Bishop John Amos Comenius, the ''father of modern education,'' who wrote in 1632 that ''not the children of the rich or of the powerful only, but of all alike, boys and girls, both noble and ignoble, rich and poor, in all cities and towns, villages and hamlets, should be sent to school.'' Dr. Thomforde has continued to challenge Moravian College to live by those values even during difficult economic times.

During his presidency, Dr. Thomforde has overseen the renovation of the Collier Hall of Science, the construction of the 231-bed Hurd Integrated Living and Learning Community between East Church and Lehigh streets, the construction of a state of the art Fitness Center and the renovation of the Haupert Union Building on the main campus. His vision has been instrumental in establishing Advancing Into Moravian, a three-week summer program that helps incoming freshmen transition from high school to college life, and IN FOCUS, a year-long program to promote in-depth examination of complex issues, such as poverty, sustainability, health care, and war & peace, from multidisciplinary perspectives.

Dr. Thomforde came to Moravian after a distinguished career which included: serving as the president of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota for five years; president of Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas; chaplain and teaching in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Susquehanna University; pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dansville; assistant chaplain and instructor in philosophy and religion at Colgate University; and teaching Western languages and medieval European history at Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan.

Dr. Thomforde earned a B.A. in medieval and Russian history from Princeton University in 1969. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School in 1974, with concentrations in biblical studies, church history, and philosophy. Dr. Thomforde was awarded a D. Min. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2000, and Susquehanna University awarded him an honorary D.D. in 2001.

I wish Chris and his wife, Kathy, the best as they pursue the next chapter of their life, and I thank them for their service to Moravian College, the Moravian community as a whole, and the Lehigh Valley.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COUNTY COMMISSIONER PETER F. RUNYON

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize Mr. Peter Runyon of Edwards, Colorado. Peter has just stepped down as a two-term county commissioner for the great county of Eagle, Colorado.

Being a commissioner in one of the country's premier resort communities has its challenges, but Peter approached the job with integrity and passion. He served his citizens with a steadfast commitment to making the place they call home a better place in which to live and work. Peter's concerns about community growth and sustainability were the hallmark of his tenure and many important things resulted from his labors.

His pursuit of smart growth, collaborative governing, transportation planning and open space have resulted in important changes in land use regulations, intergovernmental cooperation and a very successful voter-approved open space program, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride that I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Runyon on behalf of the residents of the 2nd Congressional District and myself. His contributions to Eagle County will remain his legacy for many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF COLONEL DEAN F. SCHNOOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Colonel Dean F. Schnoor. Colonel Schnoor was a proud resident of Northwest Florida where he retired after serving his nation with honor and distinction.

Colonel Schnoor was born in the small town of Perry, Iowa on June 3, 1925. Colonel Schnoor's service to his country began with his studies at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. After graduating in 1950, Colonel Schnoor embarked on more than 28 years of faithful service to our great country as an Army officer. During his career, Colonel Schnoor earned a Master's in Public Administration at Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania and also graduated from both the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. Colonel Schnoor's outstanding leadership, service and sacrifice contributed significantly in the defense of our nation while assigned to numerous overseas duty locations including the Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

In addition to his outstanding leadership as a member of our Armed Forces, Colonel Schnoor was also a devoted leader in the Northwest Florida community. Following Colonel Schnoor's retirement from the Army in 1979, he established and managed a small business called Whispering Pines Christmas Tree Farm in Allentown, Florida. This family-run farm is a treasured institution in Northwest Florida where residents often gather year after year to select their family Christmas tree. Colonel Schnoor's farm also includes a petting zoo with animals such as goats and turkeys which has been cherished by countless families from across the region.

To some, Colonel Dean Schnoor will be remembered as a patriot, who answered the call of duty on numerous occasions with honor, distinction and bravery. To others, he will be remembered as an integral part of the Northwest Florida community who left behind a lasting legacy. To his family, Colonel Schnoor will always be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father to his children, and as a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. His contributions to our nation, and his community will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life and service of Colonel Dean F. Schnoor. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to Colonel Schnoor's wife, Joyce, his 10 children, 26 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and the entire Schnoor family.

SEPTA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. I am proud to congratulate SEPTA on receiving the 2012 American Public Transportation Association's 2012 Award for ''Outstanding Public Transportation System.''

There has been much debate in our nation's capital as to the most effective way to grow our economy in these difficult times. However, lawmakers from both parties agree that without a modern transportation infrastructure, we cannot compete in a 21st century global economy.

SEPTA has taken the lead in the Philadelphia region and in the nation by making effective investments to modernize its own infrastructure and by providing a more complete and enhanced customer service experience.

I have seen firsthand the result of these efforts with the opening of improved stations in Langhorne and Croydon, two Bucks County communities served by SEPTA's regional rail system. These upgrades have a real impact on the day-to-day lives of thousands of commuters and are an asset to our region. The hard work and dedication of the men and women and SEPTA are evident not just in increasing ridership, but also in their recognition by the APTA as our nation's leading public transportation system. Congratulations once again to everyone at SEPTA. I am confident that you will continue to lead the nation in 2013.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF FORMER PEORIA MAYOR JIM MALOOF

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of former mayor of Peoria, Illinois, Jim Maloof, who passed away at the age of 93 on January 19, 2013. There is no doubt that Peoria will sorely miss its greatest champion, but his legacy lives on in the city he rebuilt and in the hearts of all who were touched by his generosity. It is difficult to capture a life that was as impactful as Jim Maloof's, but many noteworthy tributes have been written. I want to share just some of the high points in the life of this extraordinary man.

Born in the back of his parents' Peoria grocery store in 1919, Jim would live his life as a true son of the city. Even as a child, his warm spirit and merry character drew people to him, and his legendary penchant for singing began in childhood. As he grew up, Jim became a successful businessman in Peoria, operating a dry cleaner and then a real estate firm that continues to thrive today.

One of Jim's most enduring and powerful legacies is his contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. In 1971, he met Danny Thomas, the founder of St. Jude, and agreed to help raise funds for an expansion of the hospital. Jim proved to be a prolific fundraiser, and one of my favorite stories about him from this time was his use of song and dance routines in his pitches. Just one year later, in 1972, he became the national Executive Vice-President of St. Jude's and opened the first affiliated clinic in the country right in Peoria, Illinois.

The impact of Jim's work with St. Jude is difficult to overstate. St. Jude has given thousands of children a chance at long and healthy lives after receiving a diagnosis that was once considered a death sentence. The research done by St. Jude has advanced treatments and cures for dozens of diseases. But beyond the material, as in all things, Jim's most important contribution to the children and families of St. Jude was hope. Jim's passion for healing manifested itself in a different way in 1984 when he decided to run for mayor of Peoria. At that time, Peoria was experiencing a period of economic downturn, with thousands of layoffs, a diminishing population, and a dying downtown area. "Would the last one to leave Peoria turn out the lights?" was a common saying in the area at the time.

As with all great figures in history, from Abraham Lincoln to Martin Luther King, Jim Maloof was uniquely suited to his time. When most people looked around Peoria in 1985, they saw a dying city and little reason for hope. Jim Maloof looked around the same city—his city—and saw something worth saving. His vision looked past the boarded up downtown and the vacant houses to the people who, with just a little inspiration, could turn it all around.

And that is exactly what happened. After being elected, Mayor Maloof threw open the doors of government to the citizens and businesses of Peoria and gave everyone a role in revitalizing their hometown. Committees of volunteers developed and implemented projects to revamp the downtown area, including the addition of the Peoria Civic Center, draw new businesses to Peoria, and grow existing ones. Jim's faith in the city was boundless and infectious. Another of my favorite stories about Jim is the mugs he had made listing the great cities of the world: New York, Paris, London, and Peoria, and he affectionately referred to Peoria as the "Little Apple". In 1989, only four years after Mayor Maloof took office, Peoria was named an All-American City.

But the real gift that Jim gave to Peoria was pride. He was an unabashed champion for the city, using his gift for song and his limitless energy to revive the spirits of a dejected town. After serving three terms as mayor, Jim reentered the private sector, but his presence as a Peoria landmark remained undiminished as he hosted telethons for St. Jude, Christmas carol singing every year in the downtown he rebuilt, and participated in community events.

Jim Maloof played in Peoria. He inspired us and challenged us to do more and reach higher, and to do everything with a cheerful heart and a song. His music will live on in the lives of the children saved by his work with St. Jude and in the city he loved.

RECOGNIZING PAUL PLATTNER'S CAREER OF CREATING WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Plattner on the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of service to NISH and the AbilityOne Program, through which he has helped identify and create work opportunities for the blind and for people with disabilities here and in communities across America.

Mr. Plattner began his career at NISH in 1974, working as a part-time bookkeeper two and a half days a month. It wasn't long before he advanced from that humble beginning to take on a number of other roles and duties, currently serving as Vice President for Operations. He has worked directly with, and earned the respect of, staff in every major federal agency. He also has developed close working relationships with community rehabilitation programs across the Nation.

Under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, the AbilityOne Program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from community-based nonprofits that train and employ individuals who are blind or have significant disabilities. Whether it is performing custodial services, packing medical kits for our troops, working in food service or one of many other duties, AbilityOne workers are making a positive difference in our community. I and many of my colleagues here in the House, both Democrat and Republican, are AbilityOne Champions, and we know firsthand the positive effect this program has not only for the individuals and their families, but also for us as well.

Mr. Plattner has dedicated his life's work to helping provide residents with disabilities in every community with the opportunity to learn new skills, to succeed in a workplace environment, and to gain greater independence and quality of life. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Plattner for his heartfelt commitment to improving the lives of those with disabilities and in wishing him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PATRICK PARISH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Patrick Parish in Chatham, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary in January of 2013.

The Township of Chatham gained a local, stable Irish population in response to the terrible potato famine in Ireland, in the 1840s. These Catholic families picked up and settled in Chatham, regularly attending mass in a local Madison Parish. However, these immigrants decided they needed a local parochial school for their children since all other options were deemed to be too far. The St. Patrick Catholic School was incorporated in 1875, followed by the completion of a new building for parishioners in 1887, marking the birth of the St. Patrick Parish. After renovations due to fires in the early 20th century, the Parish built a new church in 1955. As the church continued to grow, it decided to establish a new Parish Center in 1989 which would house a rectory, convent and youth ministry in addition to providing resources for program expansion. This center, in 2009, was named after the late, beloved Father Hinds.

The demographics of the once predominantly Irish church have grown significantly to include members of many different heritages such as Italian, Polish, Asian, and Hispanic that reside in Chatham. The parishioners have also begun several ministry programs such as Environmental Stewardship, Christmas in a

Box, Basket Bonanza, Cooking at Eva's Village in Paterson, and a Health Ministry providing information and assistance. The church is also very well known for its annual social events consisting of a St. Patrick's Day Celebration, an Oktoberfest Celebration, and a "Breakfast with Santa" that aim to bring families and friends together to enjoy the holidays. With the help of Msgr. Tom Coletta, St. Patrick Parish has become a sister church to Our Lad of Victories Parish in Paterson. The Catholic places of worship have garnered a shared spirituality through combined Masses, retreats, ministry training, and youth activities.

St. Patrick Parish is recognized as one of the strongest religious institutions in Morris County. Having encountered much adversity through the years, the members of the Parish have always been able to guide themselves through the hardships with their strong bond of community and unwavering faith. The St. Patrick Catholic School has provided the Chatham Catholic community with an excellent opportunity to obtain education and faith for young men and women of the community.

Former St. Patrick pastors: Bishop Dominic Marconi of Newark, Monsignor Ronald Amandolare, and Monsignor John J. Carroll frequently celebrate mass with the church to honor its parishioners and their departed, good friend Father Edward Hinds. This collaboration has been led by current pastor, Father Robert Mitchell. The contagious, unbreakable connection can be defined by Father Mitchell's description of the members of his parish: "All who find a home at St. Patrick's share a common bond that unites them through joys and sorrows, challenges, surprises and the success and failures of life. This makes real the wisdom of our founding members and the generosity of those who followed." Through this message, the community has built long-lasting relationships.

Mister Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating the Saint Patrick Parish as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA GOLDEN SOROR MAGGIE PARRISH WILLIAMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to Golden Soror Maggie Parrish Williams of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for fifty years of service to this great sisterhood. A reception will be held in her honor on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Columbus Community Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Born in Swainsboro, Georgia to the late Ruben and Anna Gibbons Parrish, Mrs. Williams is the eighth of thirteen children. She graduated with honors from Emmanuel County High School in 1961 and went on to attend The Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia. While a student at Fort Valley State, she participated in the Drama Club and Chorus, all while maintaining an above average GPA. As a sophomore, she was initiated into the Alpha Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on November 10, 1962.

After graduating from Fort Valley State in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in Science in Education and minors in Science and Mathematics, she was awarded the National Science Foundation grant to continue her studies at the University of Detroit, where she earned a Master's of Art in the Teaching of Mathematics in 1971. Her still unquenched thirst for knowledge and education led Mrs. Williams to complete additional coursework at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, and Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia.

In 1965, Mrs. Williams worked as a Mathematics teacher at Pineville High School in Valdosta, Georgia. In 1967, she moved to Columbus, where she worked as a Mathematics teacher at George Washington Carver High School. In 1969, she met the love of her life, the late Mark A. Williams, and they were married in 1970. They were married for over 41 years.

Mrs. Williams continued her service to the Muscogee County School District as a Mathematics teacher at Kendrick High School, Rothschild Middle School and Spencer High School. She retired in 2002 after 37 years of devotedly teaching and mentoring young adults and children.

While teaching in Muscogee County, Mrs. Williams joined Gamma Tau Omega, a graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in 1972. She has faithfully supported and made various contributions to sorority activities and events such as city-wide tutorial programs, the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, and Founder's Day. Mrs. Williams has supported scholarships and awards for deserving high school seniors in Columbus and surrounding areas through the chapter's foundation, SISTERS, Inc. She has also served on the Archives, Leadership, Programs and Heritage committees. Through the years, she has made generous donations to the chapter, including donations she made in the 1970s toward the purchase of the first Gamma Tau Omega sorority house on Broadway, and other chapter-owned properties in Columbus.

In addition to her work and service through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mrs. Williams has been a devoted member of First African Baptist Church in Columbus for well over 41 years. She has served and still serves in many ministries, including the General Mission Society, the Senior Choir, the Deaconesses, the Budget and Finance Committee and Rebekah Mission Circle, where she served as Secretary for nine years. She has achieved the status of "life member" in several organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Fort Valley State University National Alumni Association, Inc., and the Georgia Teachers of Mathematics. She is also a member of the Muscogee County Retired Educators Association, the Georgia Retired Educators Association, United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, and the Urban League.

The presence of Alpha Kappa Alpha is evident in Mrs. Williams' family. Her only daughter, Monica Williams Smith, followed in her mother's footsteps and was initiated into the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at Valdosta State University in 1996. Her sister-in-law, Marguerite Parrish, and four nieces, Yvonne Prater, Vanessa Parish, Tiffany Parrish and Bakia Parrish, have also all been initiated into the great sisterhood.

Mrs. Williams lives by the following words: "Our God has done great things for all people and we should strive to love more and continue to help each other through Jesus Christ Our Savior."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Maggie Parrish Williams, as she is honored for her fifty years of dedicated service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Columbus, Georgia community.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL D. FEZZEY'S COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE GREATER DETROIT AREA OF MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor long time philanthropist and community advocate Michael Fezzey for his deep commitment and years of service to the Greater Detroit area. I've had the honor of knowing and working with Mike for many years.

Currently, Mike Fezzey is the president of Huntington National Bank's East Michigan region. Prior to joining Huntington, Mike was the president and general manager of WJR–AM radio. In addition to leading WJR from 1994 through 2010, he also launched and ran Radio Disney Detroit programming for ABC.

A native of Detroit, Mike's service to the community has been broad based with particular emphasis on improving the region's philanthropic giving and the image and reputation of Southeast Michigan. He has served on a number of boards including Cornerstone Schools, New Detroit, the Children's Center, Habitat for Humanity, the Detroit Economic Club, the Parade Company, For the Kids Foundation, Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit and Forgotten Harvest. Mike is the former chair of the Detroit Regional Chamber's marketing committee and former president of the Detroit Advertising Association.

In his role with WJR, Mike earned the prestigious Peabody Award from the University of Georgia and the Neil Shine award for philanthropy in journalism. He and his wife were awarded the John Dingell Heroes for Babies award in 2010 and were the Michigan Arthritis Foundation's Tribute to Excellence honorees in 2011. Mike also holds an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Central Michigan University and was named a John Aldinger Honorary Professor by Michigan State University in 2008.

In his current position at Huntington Bank, Mike Fezzey was instrumental in creating a public private partnership that included Huntington Bank, the city of Hamtramck, state officials, the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and the Michigan Association of Home Builders. This partnership produced a $50-million initiative to complete construction of 104 homes around Hamtramck. This initiative fulfilled the federal court-ordered construction of 200 single-family homes that stemmed from a decades-long racial discrimination lawsuit. Under Mike's leadership, Huntington Bank was the only financial institution to help resolve this oldest housing discrimination lawsuit in America.

As I close, I can say with confidence that our community is a better place thanks to the ongoing, selfless service of people like Michael Fezzey. His leadership in the area of housing has earned the admiration of those throughout Southeast Michigan and I am pleased to recognize that leadership today in the United States Congress.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AS AN ENTITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, SHOULD ISSUE A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP IN HONOR OF THE HOLIDAY OF DIWALI

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Ms. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the House Resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, as an entity of the United States Postal Service, should issue a commemorative stamp in honor of the holiday of Diwali. I am proud to be joined in this effort by my colleagues Congresswoman Grace Meng and Congressman Ami Bera.

This House Resolution urges the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp in honor of the holiday Diwali. Meaning ''row of lights,'' Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil, the awareness of one's inner light, the dispelling of ignorance, and bringing peace and joy through the awakening gained from this higher knowledge. Also marking the beginning of the Hindu New Year, this festive and important Indian holiday is observed in America, and across the globe, by Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, and Buddhists.

But despite the significance of this holiday, the United States Postal Service has yet to merit Diwali with the same recognition as other major religious holidays for which stamps are issued such as Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Eid.

As one of the world's oldest religious holidays, Diwali has survived political, economic and social changes throughout history, while always carrying the universal symbolism of the victory of light, goodness, knowledge and truth. It is long overdue that we honor this significant holiday with a postage stamp of its own.

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, 45 years ago, history was made in the City of Baltimore. On January 23, 1968, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III—my brother—watched over the swearing-in of his appointee, Reverend Marion Bascom Jr., as the Baltimore City Fire Department's first African-American Commissioner.

Alongside his colleague and partner in the cause of equality, Konstantine Prevas, Commissioner Bascom took the oath of office. In a single act, he changed the face of the city's public servants and heroes—becoming, in his words, ''the first black man to wear a white hat in the Baltimore City Fire Department.'' In a single moment, he altered the course of local history. In the years to come, he and his fellow members of the Board of Fire Commissioners would do more than become a model of racial harmony; they would advance the professionalism and effectiveness of Baltimore's firefighters.

Though progress was slow at times—though a history of segregation and bigotry and racism still weighed heavily on the shoulders of Commissioners Bascom and Prevas and others—these leaders fought, step-by-step, to ensure that Baltimore's force of firefighters would exemplify our highest ideals of equality and our highest degree of excellence.

Under the leadership of Commissioners Bascom and Prevas, the Baltimore City Fire Department gave African-American members of its ranks a fair hearing—listening and responding to their concerns about living and working conditions, and unfair treatment in areas of discipline, assignments, training, and promotions. It formally recognized the Vulcan Blazers, Baltimore's chapter of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters.

To enhance its service to the city, the department expanded community outreach efforts and helped create a new unit in the City Hospital to deal strictly and exclusively with fire victims and their injuries—and today, City Hospital still stands as the first and only burn center in the state of Maryland.

The Board of Commissioners oversaw the land acquisition, zoning, historic preservation, and construction of what's now called Steadman Station—located in the heart of downtown Baltimore and once considered the busiest station in the nation.

Today, the Baltimore City Fire Department is defined by the legacy of Commissioner Bascom: by fairness, equal rights, professional action, and a wholehearted devotion to public safety. No longer beset by racist policies; no longer held back by the scourge of segregation; no longer deterred by a past of Jim Crow—all because a mayor had the vision to appoint commissioners based on their merits, not simply their race, and all because his appointees had the courage to promote a future of progress.

Our family takes pride in its association with this extraordinary era of history for the people of Baltimore. My father, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., oversaw the desegregation of the fire department. My brother appointed its first African-American Commissioner. Together, they created a department that reflected the diversity and character of the community it served and protected.

Today, 45 years after Commissioner Bascom took his oath, we can all be proud of this legacy. We can take inspiration from the acts of our predecessors. We can pledge to advance our heritage of opportunity, our commitment to fairness and justice, and our promise of equality for all.

HONORING THE 2013 ACADEMY NOMINEES OF THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for navy pea coats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than most other districts in the country. But this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average portion of its sons and daughters to the nation's military academies for decades.

This fact should not come as a surprise. The educational excellence of area schools is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830's, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, a further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism and handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

The Academy Review Board is composed of six local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area. Many are veterans and Academy graduates. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the board requires hard work and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors submit personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform me of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In late November, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of two days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

This year the board interviewed over 50 applicants. Nominations included 10 to the Naval Academy, 10 to the Military Academy, 8 to the Merchant Marine Academy and 7 to the Air Force Academy—the Coast Guard Academy does not use the Congressional nomination process. The recommendations are then forwarded to the academies by January 31, where recruiters reviewed files and notified applicants and my office of their final decision on admission.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the academy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it is in Afghanistan or other hot spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2013, 11TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Kyle J Asman, Livingston, Livingston H.S.

Duncan J. Brown, Brookside, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Justin C. Diesso, Sparta, Pope John VIII H.S.

Clay C. Dundas, Sparta, Blair Academy.

Aidan R. Groll, Boonton, Boonton H.S.

Patrick T. Keyes, Parsippany, Seton Hall Prep.

Gabriella S.L. Roselle, West Caldwell, James Caldwell H.S.

Ryan F. Wood, Budd Lake, Home Schooled.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Mathieu L. Gaydos, Randolph, Randolph H.S.

Louis R. Kete, Morristown, Delbarton School.

Yonjun D. Kim, Montville, Osan DOD Dependents H.S.

Jennifer E. Lam, Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes H.S.

Christian S. Longhi, Succasunna, Seton Hall Prep.

Liam F. McEnearny, Basking Ridge, Ridge H.S.

Philip J. Zurek, Denville, Academy of Math, Science & English.

MILITARY ACADEMY

Dominique A. Fortes, Parsippany, Parsippany H.S.

Michael J. Herbert, Jr., Whippany, Seton Hall Prep.

Gregory R. Horne, Denville, Morris Knolls H.S.

Adam B. Kratch, Millington, Seton Hall Prep.

Jared H. Love, Florham Park, Episcopal H.S.

Kirsten V. Mayer, Morris Twp., Morris Catholic H.S.

Ryan T. Mellody, Millington, Seton Hall Prep.

Michelle E. Miller, Chester, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Joseph M. Presti, Kinnelon, Kinnelon H.S.

Joshua W. Tomlinson-Aaron, Flanders, Pope John VIII H.S.

Richard-Vinh Nguyen-Le, Dover, Morris Knolls H.S.

NAVAL ACADEMY

Charlotte K. Asdal, Chester, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Cameron M. Ellis, Stanhope, Lenape Valley H.S.

Aaron J. Hanko, Montville, Trinity Christian Academy.

Benjamin R. Keegan, Flanders, Mt. Olive H.S.

Thomas D. Kim, Livingston, Seton Hall Prep.

Connor O. Lam, Chester, West Morris Mendham H.S.

Thomas P. Mahala, Far Hills, USN Foundation.

Michael E. McGlone, Boonton, Seton Hall Prep.

Luis N. Rodriguez, Denville, Academy for Math, Science & English.

Rahul Singh, Hackettstown, Mt. Olive H.S.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 OFFICERS OF THE OCCOQUAN WOODBRIDGE LORTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2013 Officers of the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. The 2013 officers and members of the board of directors are taking leadership roles in one of Northern Virginia's longest standing volunteer fire departments. The O.W.L. Volunteer Fire Department was created to address the need for organized fire response capabilities in the growing suburbs of Northern Virginia. In 1938, the Department officially formed to become the only fire department between Fredericksburg and Alexandria. In the subsequent decades O.W.L. has expanded to staff three stations and provide emergency medical services.

The members of O.W.L. are dedicated community volunteers, and the 2013 officers and directors will be diligent stewards of this tradition of service. The over 300 active O.W.L. members answer 14,000 calls and serve 60,000 people each year. Their job is demanding and the hours are long, but these brave men and women are driven by their dedication to public safety and the communities that they serve. We would all do well to follow their example.

I congratulate and commend the following 2013 incoming officers:

Department Chief: James F. McAllister.

Fire Assistant Chiefs: Karl F. Fippinger, Wayne A. Haight, David S. Halman, Michael Clark, and Steve Godin.

EMS Assistant Chief: Edward A. Craig.

Fire Captains: Justin W Witt, David P. Williams, Brian J. Smith, John M. Roberts, Ernie M. Firkin, Jr. and Kurt E. Bolland.

EMS Captain: Richard T. Ruggieri.

Fire Lieutenants: Mike Nazionale, Derick N. Ondra, Richard P. Moore, Alexander R. Moody, Billy Campbell, Harold F. Griffith, Nathan Potter, Joshua Culp, Jon R. Colpitts, Mark A. Chandler, Robert L. Brown, and Jonathan W. Baldwin.

EMS Lieutenants: Cynthia M. Young, Kelly Shaw, David Darrach, Julia Jordano, Tammy L. Hill, and Erika Estrella.

President: William Spicer.

Executive Vice President: Jim Dart.

Admin Vice Presidents: William L. Carter, Ernest Desantis, Henry J. Neyhouse, and George W. Smith.

Membership Secretary: Melissa L. Payne.

Treasurer: George J. Nazionale, Jr.

Election Officer: Valoree A. Brown.

Sergeant at Arms: John McMahon.

Board of Directors: Ron Miller, Chris McIntosh, and Barry King.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating these remarkable volunteers on their new leadership positions, and in thanking all the members of The Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department for the vital service they provide to the Prince William County community.

NEWTOWN SHOOTING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I recently read an article by Maureen Downey of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution sharing the thoughts of Mr. Frederick Assaf, headmaster at Pace Academy, an independent K–12 school in Atlanta, Georgia.

As Congress and the Obama administration continue to address mass violence, I found merit in Assaf's concerns about the desensitizing impacts of violent media, such as video games and Hollywood films. I believe these graphic images are far too easily accessed by our children and lack any notion of real-life consequences to violent death. I submit for the RECORD Mr. Assaf's thoughtful comments.

[From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jan. 2, 2013]

NEWTOWN SHOOTING DEMANDS WE CONSIDER OUR ''CALL OF DUTY'' AS PARENTS

(By Maureen Downey, AJC Get Schooled Blog)

I admire Fred Assaf, head of Pace Academy in Atlanta, because he doesn't shy away from the tough issues. Here is another example of his willingness to speak out on behalf of children.

In the wake of the Newtown school shooting, Assaf questions the popularity of violent video games, which many kids received as Christmas gifts last week.

Please note that all comments to the blog will be moderated and appear only after they are read and approved.

(By Fred Assaf)

Because I come to know 6-year-olds every year by having lunch with them in our Lower School, I know the boundless joy and optimism they have in the heart. They raise

their hands when they don't know the answer. When they run out of knock-knock jokes they know, the make up more on the spot.

They still need help opening their milk cartons. They look forward to holidays, visiting cousins, and seeing grandparents. They love their teachers, crave the structure of a school setting, and are learning to read fast and compute math at an incredible pace.

They will laugh at all of your jokes, even when they aren't funny. They understand the needs of those around them, they play with all their classmates, and they respect their parents, their teachers, and their god.

I'm headmaster at an independent school in Atlanta. Our school begins in Pre-First (Kindergarten) and ends with 12th grade. My wife and I also have five children of our own. The events in Newtown, Conn., are unimaginable to us and our entire prayer is for sympathy and healing; there is no justice in a situation like this.

It is my tradition to have lunch with the Pre-First students (they are 5 and 6). In so doing I remind myself about my vocation and come to know the boundless energy and potential of children. It is why I teach. I know more Knock-Knock jokes than any adult my age and I like it!

And I'm plagued now by this thought—who shoots 6-year-olds? Because I lead a school I'm always searching for answers, finding a new path forward, and engineering compromise. But this idea of shooting 6-year-olds doesn't compute; I'm not in search of a motive, as it cannot possibly explain why.

When we had our first child, our family doctor gave us a good piece of advice: ''Eskimo children get used to the cold.'' As parents we understood that our attitudes and behaviors would shape our children. Though all five of our sons are different, they are shaped by our values and behaviors.

And so I wonder what behaviors we as parents can change. Certainly, we can improve school security. We can provide better training. We can make it harder to get a gun than to it is to get Sudafed. I don't know all the political answers, but I'd favor anything that makes gratuitous murder more difficult.

Which brings me to my point. As parents, we need to do our best to stop our children from the desensitizing impact of video games. A quick survey of the most popular video games includes the following top 10 games: ''Halo,'' ''Assassin's Creed,'' ''Call of Duty,'' ''World of Warcraft,'' ''Grand Theft Auto.''

Each of these games, simply put, eats away at a child's sensitivity toward killing. We have ''gamified'' the murder of people, and our children shoot, steal, and bomb in their virtual worlds. Like the basketball player who practices foul shots, we get better at things when we practice. Their habits become automatic, reactive, and second-nature.

Raising children is a labor of love. Working in a school is a joy. When I reflect on President Obama's query to ask myself what we can do better as parents, educators, and communities—it seems to me that we can stop letting our children kill people over and over and over again—and call it a GAME.

If you know teenagers like I know teenagers, they will find other things to do once you take away their shooting games—perhaps they will even work on their free throws.

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY J. BLOCH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Beverly Jean Bloch. Beverly passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. A resident of Corona for over a decade, she was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Beverly was born November 9, 1952 in Meeker, Colorado, the daughter of Calvin and Arlene (Gulliford) Fritzlan. Beverly grew up on a cattle and guest ranch, where her work ethic and values were formed. She attended school in Meeker and graduated with highest honors from Meeker High School in 1971. Beverly received an Associate's Degree at Seward Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting at Oklahoma State University. In 1995, Beverly earned a Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern University Law School in Los Angeles, California and began practicing family law in Anaheim Hills. She opened her second law office in Corona in 2000.

Beverly served on the Corona Regional Hospital Board of Directors, the Corona Library Foundation Board and was the Board President for the Corona YMCA. She was a member of the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Corona Chamber of Commerce, where she served as Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2007. Beverly was a member of and served as Bequest and Living Trusts Chairman of the Southeast District California-Hawaii Elks Association, Corona 2045. She was a member of the Orange, Riverside and Los Angeles Counties Bar Associations as well as the California State Bar Association.

It is hard to imagine that Beverly would have any free time on her hands, yet she always found time for her community. She was a member of the Corona Rotary Club, the Corona Women's Improvement Club, the Norco Horsemen Association and the Riverside/Corona Council of the Navy League, serving as the Vice Adjutant. She loved to travel and visited many countries all over the world, but she always said that the most beautiful place on earth was her family's home at Fritzlan's Guest Ranch in Northwest Colorado's White River Valley.

Beverly is survived by her son Joseph Bloch; mother Arlene Fritzlan; sisters Mona (Al) Avey, Betsie (Leonard) Thompson, Jackie (Roger) Bissell and Sandie Fritzlan; granddaughters Anna and Madeline Bloch; friend Dean Herigstad; many nieces and nephews; and all of Meeker, Colorado. She was preceded in death by her father Calvin Fritzlan and nephew Gene Scritchfield.

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, a memorial honoring Beverly's extraordinary life will be held. Beverly will always be remembered for her incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family. Her dedication to her family, work, and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Beverly's family and friends. Although Beverly may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

HONORING CITY OF ENUMCLAW

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, as the member with the honor of representing this city, I rise to honor the centennial anniversary of the City of Enumclaw, celebrated Sunday, January 27, 2013.

Enumclaw was platted on October 31, 1885, when the railroad decided to come through the area, and was incorporated in 1913. With a population of 11,490, they are the ''Gateway'' to Mt. Rainier, lying just on the north edge of the national park.

Over the last century, Enumclaw evolved from a railroad town, reliant on the logging industry, to a vibrant community contributing much to the economic growth of the region. Today, it is home to a wide range of companies large and small such as the Helac Corporation, Mutual of Enumclaw, and Enumclaw Regional Hospital. Enumclaw is a small city with a big heart and fully embraces its role helping people from around the world experience the beauty of Mount Rainier National Park.

With all this growth and change, Enumclaw continues to maintain a deep sense of friendship and community. For example, Mr. Speaker, the Pacific Northwest Highland Games, a city celebration that grew from a group of Scots eager to keep their ethnic origin alive.

I have enjoyed participating in many activities and events, going back to my days as a King County Sheriff Deputy working the King County Fair in beautiful Enumclaw and am honored to represent the great people of this city.

Enumclaw held on to its agricultural roots, evident by the large number of farms and equestrian activities. The city is recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. As Mayor Reynolds, along with all of Enumclaw's dedicated City Council members, continue to build on Enumclaw's rich history, we look forward to partnering with and aiding the city's success in years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I again offer congratulations to the City of Enumclaw for a wonderful, rich first century and wish them the best as they move into their second century of prosperity.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Livingston, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its bicentennial in 2013.

Livingston's history can date back all the way to the year 1699, where settlers from Newark decided they wanted to move west. By 1702, the land that has come to be known as Livingston, as well as over eight currently neighboring municipalities, was officially purchased from the Lenape Native Americans. By 1740, many disputes over land ownership had

begun in response to a lack of deed of purchase. William Livingston, a prominent proprietor, defended many victims of eviction and left a powerful mark on the area. His actions on behalf of the residents of the area, gave the eventual town of Livingston its name.

Following the Revolutionary War, the addition of permanent settlers to the area gave the people reason to file for incorporation as a township. On February 5th, 1813, Livingston was officially incorporated under the Township Committee system. Much of the original boundaries have been changed through the years, breaking off into towns such as Roseland and Millburn. Major industries of Livingston, during its early years, included lumber and farming. After the Civil War had concluded, Livingston became a chief producer of dairy and a commonplace for shoemakers to make their living. With only one major transportation route in and out of the town, the difficult travel method became a problem as easier accessible towns began to progress.

However, the population did eventually grow as the abundance of automobiles increased, providing easier access into the town. As a suburb of Newark, the end of the Second World War provided the town with a remarkable new group of people. By 1970 it had reached over 30,000 residents.

When the first schools were officially built 1898, they provided opportunity for children to stay in town to receive an education. This began to attract a great deal of families. During this period of expansion, the town began to take its shape. A volunteer fire department was established in 1922, followed by the creation of a Chief Police position in 1929. Two hospitals were opened in consecutive years between 1959 and 1960 complementing the construction of a library in 1961 and a municipal complex in 1963.

Volunteerism has been a cornerstone of Livingston and its citizens. Currently, there are over forty volunteer organizations that help the town function on a daily basis. Some of these organizations include the Livingston Municipal Alliance Committee, Veterans of Foreign War Posts, Holiday Committee, Neighborhood Grievance Committee, a Consumer Affairs Office, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Committee for Diversity. Additionally, as reiterated above, the Fire Department is a completely volunteer-based group of individuals along with Auxiliary Police and the First Aid Squad.

Livingston is the notable birthplace of several famous individuals including Governor Chris Christie, actor Jason Alexander, talk show host Chelsea Handler, Cleveland Cavaliers coach Byron Scott, and Super Bowl XLII hero, David Tyree.

As of 2013, over 28,000 people currently reside in Livingston. It provides a comfortable atmosphere for New York City commuters to come home to. With exceptional schools, services, and diversity, new residents continually flock to the township in order to take advantage of the benefits.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Livingston as it celebrates its 200th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRAILER MANUFACTURERS ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM) on its twenty-fifth anniversary, which will be celebrated at its annual convention and trade show this year. I am proud to have this excellent organization headquartered in my Congressional district in Topeka, Kansas.

NATM was founded in 1987 by a small group of 5 horse and livestock trailer manufacturers, and it has now grown to represent more than 400 trailer manufacturing companies and 350 supplier companies across the country. Many are small businesses, and these members collectively employ more than 270,000 workers who produce hundreds of thousands of trailers each year and contribute billions of dollars to our economy.

The core purpose of this association is to promote safety and best manufacturing processes across the light and medium duty trailer industry. Since its inception, NATM has worked to advance industry and public recognition of the importance of compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration requirements, and industry guidelines. In order to advance this goal, NATM created a voluntary Compliance Verification Program in 2002. The program is designed to enhance safety in the industry by helping manufacturers to comply with federal safety requirements. Last year, association members voted unanimously to make participation in the program a condition of membership.

NATM and its members demonstrate dedication to improving safety and performance in the trailer industry by working with legislators and regulators alike to address issues of concern. I congratulate them on the milestone achievement of their 25th annual convention and trade show, and wish them many years of continued successes.

TRIBUTE TO ''HOT AS HELL''

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, on January 25, 1944 a B–24 assigned to the Air Force's 425th Bombardment Squadron set out on a resupply mission to Chabua, India from Kunming, China as part of the Pacific campaign in World War II. Tragically this plane named ''Hot as Hell''—and its crew—never reached their final destination.

I rise to honor the 69th anniversary of the fatal crash that took the lives of the eight crew members proudly serving in the United States Air Force. Extreme weather conditions caused the formation that day to separate and eventually led to the downing of five B–24's—two of which were not immediately recovered.

For years the families of those brave servicemen remained without answers and closure. In the post-war years, the Army conducted search operations in an attempt to locate the downed aircraft but failed to discover any signs of the aircraft. Eventually, all the members of the crew—1st Lt. William A. Swanson, F/O Sheldon L. Chambers, 1st Lt. Irwin Zaetz, 1st Lt. Robert E. Oxford, SSgt. Harry B. Queen, SSgt. Charles D. Ginn, Sgt. Alfred H. Gerrans, Jr., and Sgt. James A. Hinson—had their names inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

In 2006, over sixty years after the fact, the families of those airmen received some closure. Arizona native Clayton Kuhles, who has dedicated part of his life to locating and recovering missing-in-action US airmen from World War II in China, Burma, and India, successfully located the aircraft that went down in the mountains of northeast India. This incredible discovery is one example of the work Mr. Kuhles continues to do on behalf of those families and friends who lost loved ones defending our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors, BOCS, implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous Committee meetings and public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status or disability, in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the Ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that ''each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life.'' Residents enlist the services of the Commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the recipients of the 2013 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards: Stephen Dittmer, Connie Moser, Lillian Garland, Ralph Smith, Lydia Stewart.

The Human Rights Commission Hall of Fame honorees:

Police Chief Charlie T. Deane is a two-time Commission award recipient. He is being honored for his 42-years of service to the Prince William County Police Department and for providing equitable services to all county residents.

Mary Porter, Maxine Coleman, Zella Brown and Fannie Fitzgerald constituted "The Courageous Four," a group of four African-American teachers who integrated the Prince William County Public Schools in 1964. They are being honored for promoting the smooth transition to desegregated schools.

The Human Rights Study Committee: Donald T. Poe, Chair, Fred Allen, Richard Brown, Jr., Ethel Georges, Provi Gonzales, Bob Prevatte, Herbert A. Rountree, Rajendra P. Singh, Eric Tatum, and Manual L. Velasquez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2013 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

HONORING STEPHANIE KLANG'S DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise-today to recognize and honor a distinguished and accomplished individual from the 7th Congressional District of Missouri, Stephanie Klang.

Stephanie Klang was selected to be a Captain of America's Road Team for 2013–2014. America's Road Team is the premier group of professional truck drivers, with millions of accident free miles, a commitment to community service, and superb record of safety. Stephanie will spend the next two years traveling our nation representing the trucking industry and promoting highway safety to the public.

Stephanie, a resident of Diamond, Missouri and employee of Con-Way Truckload in Joplin, Missouri, is an outstanding driver who is passionate about truck safety advocacy. She exemplifies safety consciousness as the first female in Con-way Truckload history to log more than 2,000,000 miles on America's highways without a preventable crash.

With 32 years of truck driving experience, Stephanie represents her company and the industry with the utmost professionalism. She values her role in ensuring the safety of the motoring public and delivering a highly valuable service to our nation's economy.

Leading by example, Stephanie has helped to elevate the reputation of professional truck drivers everywhere as safe, conscientious professionals. In March, 2012, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman was Stephanie's passenger for the first leg of her trip from Washington D.C., to the Mid-America Trucking Show in Kentucky. At the show, Chairman Hersman called Stephanie out by name during a Women In Trucking event to praise her for staying calm while safely navigating her truck through some of the nation's most congested roadways.

Stephanie has proven that she is a top-notch driver, employee, and safety proponent for the trucking industry. She is highly dedicated, qualified, and ready to lead on safety issues as she embarks on her new mission as a member of America's Road Team. I am proud of the example that she has set and honored to call her a neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court recognized a woman's right to privacy and protected her freedom to make her own reproductive decisions. With the support of a majority of Americans, my colleagues and I will continue to defend this right and oppose efforts to interfere in a decision between a woman, her family, and her doctor. Let's work together to ensure quality, affordable health care, reduce unplanned pregnancies, and expand assistance to pregnant women and options for adoption.

IN HONOR OF LOIS "PAULINE" NOLAN LARSON

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Thoreau famously said most men lead lives of quiet desperation. My mother led a life of quiet inspiration. Thousands gave witness to that and stood in line for more than three hours to pay their final respects to Lois Nolan Larson, affectionately known as Pauline. My family was deeply touched by the outpouring of the community. It was a great tribute to my mother's lifetime commitment to her community. Several kind statements of appreciation were made by elected officials—from the President of the United States to the Governor of our state; from Senators to House Leaders in Congress and members of the Connecticut General Assembly. It was, however, two articles—one by Tom Condon of The Hartford Courant, the other by Bill Doak of our hometown paper, The East Hartford Gazette, that captured the sentiment, feeling and appreciation of an everyday mom who gave to her community and set an example to emulate. The following are those two articles:

[From the Hartford Courant, Oct. 12, 2012]

EAST HARTFORD MOTHER LEFT LEGACY OF INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

(By Tom Condon)

Democracy works because good people give their time and get involved. At the municipal level, few epitomized the ethic of participation quite like Lois Pauline Nolan Larson of East Hartford, who died this week at 87.

For decades starting in the 1960s, Mrs. Larson, known to all as Pauline, served the town in most of the ways it is possible to serve. She was a member of the town council and the Democratic town committee, on which she served as vice chairwoman and treasurer. She served on the town's parks and visiting nurse association boards and the cemetery commission. The community center in the Mayberry Village neighborhood where she lived is named in her honor.

She volunteered her time while she and her husband were raising eight children, and while she was battling multiple sclerosis. She inspired two of her children to go into public life. Her son Timothy Larson was mayor of East Hartford for eight years and is now a state representative. Her son John Larson is the seven-term U.S. representative from the 1st District.

John Larson spoke of his mother's battle with declining health in a televised speech at the recent Democratic National Convention, and how she wanted not to be a burden to her family. "Mom, you're not a burden," Larson told the convention crowd. "You're an inspiration."

Many in East Hartford nodded.

[From the East Hartford Gazette, Oct. 18, 2012]

PAULINE LARSON: 'THE LILLY OF MAYBERRY VILLAGE'

(By Bill Doak)

Mayberry Village is many things. As Congressman John Larson points out, the former apple orchard laid out with a tight-knit net of streets was a federal housing project, cinder block and wood-frame coal-heated homes needed to power The Aircraft with a supply of workers, then returning veterans from World War II. Emigrants from the Canadian provinces and Maine settled in Mayberry along with workers from other factory towns all over Connecticut and Massachusetts, attracted by steady, well-paying work here in East Hartford. Others came displaced by massive highway redevelopment projects right here in East Hartford where Route 2 plowed through the flimsier wood-framed East Hartford Estates located down by the Riverfront and took two-thirds of the town's large mobile home community which extended from Pratt & Whitney to the river, and the wooden, barracks-style homes in what is now McAuliffe Park.

Above the then-new, modern Mayberry Village, roads and homes covered the top of the hill where Laurel Park, a rustic entryway over a bridge across the Hockanum River greeted trolley car day trippers. Homes and families replaced apples and arcades. One constant solidified Mayberry Village: its moms.

One of those fell from the tree of life last Wednesday. Lois "Pauline" Nolan Larson. Yes, she is known to the thousand or so who waited outside D'Esopo's East Hartford Funeral Chapel Sunday as the mother of Mayberry Village, and East Hartford's, only United States Congressman John Larson; former East Hartford Mayor Timothy D. Larson, the first mayor to come out of the Village. But for the other 500 she was also Pauline Larson, the grand dame of East Hartford politics for the past 50 years. Indeed, without her example, Congressman Larson acknowledged from the pulpit of St. Isaac Jogues church Monday, he would not have become the person he is—not the politician he has become—today. And how proud East Hartford would be to hear our John give a "shout out" to his hometown of East Hartford, to Mayberry Village and to his mother specifically on the national stage of the Democratic National Convention last month.

We have heard it suggested that East Hartford would be better off demolishing Mayberry Village. Could happen. East Hartford is far from being a sentimental place. You only have to look at every Redevelopment proposal to see that demolition is right

at the top of every suggested improvement here. Preservation is treated as if it were a disease one might catch by spending too much time in South Glastonbury, South Windsor or admiring a covered bridge. Bucket loaders are on speed dial at Town Hall.

And yet Mayberry Village, problems or no, survives—and, to those who attended Monday night's Mayberry School Literacy Night, thrives.

Perhaps that is because ''The Village'' is very much still a village of moms. Pauline and her husband Ray raised 8 children, moving three times in Mayberry, settling into what Mayberry residents still call ''The New Village,'' on Chandler Street. Mayberry School, named after a well-known East Hartford family doctor, Dr. Franklin F. Mayberry, replaced the Little Red Schoolhouse first organized in the Community Building, now the Lois Nolan Larson Community Center.

It was moms such as Pauline Larson who kept the children occupied. Moms organized the PTA for the Little Red Schoolhouse located where St. Isaac Jogues is today. Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Larson; moms such as Mrs. Korngiebel and Mrs. Jamo and Mrs. Mazolli. They kept an eye on all the children, not just their own. They called one another when someone was playing not where they were supposed to be, or would be late for dinner. They exchanged clothing that was outgrown, chipped in to help a family in need, shared venison or fresh Maine potatoes just picked by local children returning back from the fields up north. The school and the church are central to Mayberry Village, not politics. More families pay attention to what is going on down Cannon Road than to happenings at Town Hall.

But Pauline Larson realized the political process was and is vital to the lifeblood of a community. She taught her children that it was important for them to get involved, to participate, to take part in the system their father, Raymond, fought for in the Navy, his ship torpedoed by a kamikaze attack 30 miles off the coast of Japan near the end of World War II. Call it divine intercession of a girl from Lawrence, Massachusetts versus the divine wind of the Japanese, but John became a history teacher, state senator and is now one of the country's top leaders as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. This did not happen by magic but by dint of hard work and never forgetting where you are from; by staying humble and remembering to pray and to give thanks and credit where credit was due. All values instilled by a Mayberry Village mom, by all the neighborhood moms as well, an army of mothers reminding you to wipe your shoes and wash your hands and do your homework.

The Larson family lost Ray Larson 24 years ago. Pauline found herself with multiple sclerosis, and battled this debilitating illness for the last third of her life without complaint. She still stayed involved in her beloved Democratic party, in her town and in her growing family's lives. David Larson became her caregiver for which he earned the enduring appreciation of his family until she had to move from Chandler Street to the Riverside Health Care Center where she also received great and loving care, the congressman said, in a eulogy that was a tribute not just to one woman but to a place and time where an ordinary mom could make a difference, and an extraordinary difference in terms of raising a mayor and a congressman—not to mention the rest of the Larson clan, all contributing, hard-working citizens in our society.

A Jesuit missionary might have his name on the church—October 21 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Jogues guide and the bronze statue on the eastern corner of the church on Home Terrace will be canonized in Rome as the first American Indian saint in the Catholic Church by Pope Benedict XVI—but Mayberry Village's moms also deserve a place of honor. And it is no small coincidence that an Ave Maria was sung inside St. Isaacs so close to the day 356 years ago—October 18, 1646—when Jogues was martyred and when Kateri, who died in 1680 at age 24, ''The Lilly of the Mohawks,'' will be canonized Sunday, an event of significance for native tribes in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Women have a significant role in keeping the faith of Mayberry Village together. Far too many haven't any other choice, somehow making ends meet. As our ongoing poor economy continues to plague us, places such as Mayberry feel it, but are accustomed to it. They know hard times are one check away. Indeed the Monday stop by the Foodshare truck, which typically sees a line of hundreds lining up for free food, was cancelled Monday, a hand-written sign under the gaze of Blessed Kateri's statue stated.

Being a true Mayberry Village mom, Lois ''Pauline'' Nolan Larson would likely have hated being a cause of such an inconvenience.

That is a Mayberry Village mom.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF THE MORRIS AREA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Arts Council of the Morris Area, located in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2013.

The Arts Council of the Morris Area is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1973. Their mission has been to ''engage and build community through the arts.'' Taking great pride in the importance of the arts, the organization desired to showcase the work of artists to the area. Their lasting goal has been to inspire positive change in people through the realization and appreciation of different forms of artistry.

The Arts Council contains numerous services aimed at making the Morris County area a more vivacious and intellectual place to live through the various programs it puts forth and the support of local artists who donate their work to The Arts Council. The Council also serves as the central resource to help improve artistic learning experiences for children in school and providing general information to the public.

The Arts Council has directly assisted more than 4,000 students in understanding and appreciating art through its programs that utilize professional teaching artists. Additionally, the council has funded a program for Middle School students called ''Telling Our Stories,'' with the goal in mind of improving oral and written communication skills. They hope that this program will improve students' self-esteem, conflict resolution abilities, and problem-solving characteristics. The council also awards two scholarships, for artistic excellence, annually to graduating Morris County high school seniors who have chosen to purse an art concentration in college. These scholarships provide these students with the wonderful opportunities they need to succeed.

Over the past four decades since its beginnings, the Arts Council has grown each year in its recognition, size, and impact on the community. The council has continuously earned honors for the programs and services it provides. Amazingly, over the past 15 consecutive years, the Arts Council has received the ''Citation of Excellence'' award. This award is given to organizations that demonstrate themselves as a ''Major Service Organization'' towards members of their community and has been handed out annually by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts to The Arts Council for its, ''solid history of service excellence, substantial activity and broad public service.'' Moreover, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in their Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation, identified the Arts Council as, ''a leader in developing, supporting and promoting artists, the arts and experiences that enhance and transform the lives of Morris County citizens.'' Undoubtedly respected amongst the entire community, it is easy to see why this council has gained such notice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arts Council of the Morris Area, in Morristown, NJ, as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. LILLIE BELL CARSON MOORE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Lillie Bell Carson Moore, who celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. She will be honored with a birthday celebration on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Richland, Georgia.

Known as ''Shug,'' Mrs. Moore was born in Brooklyn, Georgia on January 2, 1913. She is the fifth of 23 siblings.

At an early age, Mrs. Moore's family moved from Stewart County to the Seminole Community in Webster County, where her father purchased land for the family. No stranger to hard work, Mrs. Moore would toil in the fields of the farm from dawn until dusk. She also maintained a garden and canned and preserved food for her family.

Mrs. Moore joined Shady Grove Baptist Church as a young girl and was educated by night in the sanctuary of the church. They were not allowed to attend school during the day as there was always farm work to be done. Mrs. Moore loved to praise the Lord through song and she added her voice to the choir in 1973.

Mrs. Moore married John Moore and gave birth to five children: Charlie, Fannie Mae, Annie, Jessie and Leroy. She has seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Moore was known as the first African-American woman in the area to drive a Model T car. Having lived under the administration of seventeen United States presidents, her greatest joy was to live long enough to see the first African-American president elected. She well remembers a time when she was not allowed

to vote and now thoroughly enjoys exercising that precious right. She is proud that her hands, which once picked cotton, aided in picking the first African-American president, not just once, but twice. She has always taught others to ''treat people the way you want to be treated, no matter what color they are.''

George Washington Carver once said, ''How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.'' Mrs. Moore has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Moore has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Mrs. Lillie Bell ''Shug'' Carson Moore, as she, her family and the congregation of Shady Grove Baptist Church prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 23RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., YOUTH ORATORICAL COMPETITION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 25, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition hosted by the Prince William Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and its Education Foundation.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left an indelible mark on our nation in his pursuit of civil rights through civil dialogue. Despite the violence perpetrated against Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. King responded with reverent oratory and nonviolent resistance to condemn the injustice of social inequality. His legacy is one of tolerance and steadfast commitment to principled and peaceful communication.

Contestants in the MLK Youth Oratorical Contest pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy with their ability to exercise the strength of the spoken word. This skill will serve them well as they seize future leadership opportunities and forge the personal relationships necessary for effective community engagement and organizing.

I congratulate and applaud the following contestants of the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Oratorical Competition:

Middle School Contestants:

Norman Jones—Stonewall Middle School.

Hazma Mir—Mary G. Porter Traditional School.

Nathaniel Raffier—Herbert J. Saunders Middle School.

High School Contestants:

Jacob Gonzalez—Thomas Jefferson High School.

Abbas Idris—Osbourn Park High School.

Cynthia Johnson—Stonewall Jackson High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for recognizing the benefit that Dr. King's teachings bring to the development of our youth. We lay the foundations of a more tolerant society when we nurture the ability to engage and communicate with one another in a way that respects our common humanity.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 416–431; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 23; H. Con. Res. 10; and H. Res. 47 were introduced. **Pages H292–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H294**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H285**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representative Hastings (FL). **Page H285**

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representative Becerra. **Page H285**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, January 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 152, Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, with votes on or in relation to a Lee amendment to the bill, and on final passage of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 p.m., Tuesday, January 29

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 1 p.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Bishop, Sanford D., Jr., Ga., E63, E69
Calvert, Ken, Calif., E66
Connolly, Gerald E., Va., E62, E65, E67, E70
Dent, Charles W., Pa., E61
Fitzpatrick, Michael G., Pa., E61
Frelinghuysen, Rodney P., N.J., E62, E64, E66, E69
Holding, George, N.C., E67
Jenkins, Lynn, Kans., E67
Larson, John B., Conn., E68
Long, Billy, Mo., E68
Maloney, Carolyn B., N.Y., E64
Miller, Jeff, Fla., E61
Pelosi, Nancy, Calif., E64
Peters, Gary C., Mich., E63
Polis, Jared, Colo., E61
Reichert, David G., Wash., E66
Schock, Aaron, Ill., E62
Van Hollen, Chris, Md., E68
Wolf, Frank R., Va., E65

Congressional Record

The *Congressional Record* (USPS 087–390). The Periodicals postage is paid at Washington, D.C. The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed one time. ¶Public access to the *Congressional Record* is available online through the U.S. Government Printing Office, at *www.fdsys.gov*, free of charge to the user. The information is updated online each day the *Congressional Record* is published. For more information, contact the GPO Customer Contact Center, U.S. Government Printing Office. Phone 202–512–1800, or 866–512–1800 (toll-free). E-Mail, *contactcenter@gpo.gov*. ¶To place an order for any of these products, visit the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at: bookstore.gpo.gov. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197–9000, or phone orders to 866–512–1800 (toll-free), 202–512–1800 (D.C. area), or fax to 202–512–2104. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily *Congressional Record* is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the *Congressional Record*.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Superintendent of Documents, *Congressional Record*, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, along with the entire mailing label from the last issue received.