

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING AMBER VAN DEN HEUVEL

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of 14-year-old Amber Van Den Heuvel. Ms. Van Den Heuvel committed two years to developing the "Ride Oconto History" bike tour of Oconto County, Wisconsin. This project was the result of her involvement in another program called "Oconto Promise," a group dedicated to getting young people more invested in their communities.

Ms. Van Den Heuvel's research and planning led to the creation of 5 different bike routes through the county that highlight 46 unique and historic stops along the way. Those stops include a National Landmark and 28 locations found on the National Register of Historic Places. This project is not only a tribute to her hard work, but also the support of her mother who encouraged her daughter and helped secure sponsors to assist in developing pamphlets, posters and signs for these bike trails. This project has already earned Ms. Van Den Heuvel the George E. Hall Award from the Oconto County Historical Society.

I commend Ms. Van Den Heuvel for this project, and I know that the residents of Northeast Wisconsin, and the many tourists that visit Oconto County each year, will enjoy the fruit of Ms. Van Den Heuvel's labor for many years to come.

HONORING TRENTON DEAN LEWIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trenton Dean Lewis. Trenton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trenton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trenton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Trenton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Trenton designed and rebuilt a walking bridge within the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trenton Dean Lewis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DONNA JONES, OF IDAHO, FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great public servant, a trailblazer in Idaho politics, and a close personal friend—Donna Jones.

Donna was born in Colorado, but has called the State of Idaho home since she was in elementary school. She grew up in Middleton, Idaho and has spent the vast majority of adulthood in Payette, Idaho where she and her husband owned a thriving auto parts business and where she was a very successful realtor.

In 1987, Donna, a Republican, was appointed to an open seat in the Idaho House of Representatives by Democrat Governor Cecil Andrus. Donna served with distinction in the Idaho House of Representatives for twelve years.

I am proud to say that in 1997, as the then-Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, I had the distinct honor to appoint Donna as the first female Chair of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. She was an outstanding Chair—tough but fair, patient but determined. It was one of the best appointments I ever made.

In 1998, after just one term as Chair, and in no small measure as a result of having to work too closely with me, Donna resigned her seat in the Legislature and accepted a position as Executive Director of the Idaho Real Estate Commission.

In 2006, Donna was elected to the position of Idaho's state Controller by a wide margin. She was easily re-elected in 2010. Regrettably, following a very serious automobile accident in 2012, Donna decided to resign her position as State Controller and was succeeded in office by her Chief of Staff, Brandon Woolf. I am pleased to say that Donna has made tremendous progress in her recovery from that accident.

Throughout her career, Donna has held many leadership positions and worked tirelessly on behalf of the offices she held and the people she represented. She has served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials. As a State Legislator, she was the State Chairman for the American Legislative Exchange Council and served on its Board of Directors. She was also recognized by the Idaho March of Dimes as its Outstanding Woman of the Year.

In addition, Donna has served on the Idaho Hispanic Commission, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association Advisory Board, the Idaho Permanent Building Fund, and the Multi-State Tax Commission. She has served in a variety of capacities as well for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers,

including as Vice Chairman of the International Committee.

Donna married her husband Don in 1956. They have three children, Dawn, Lisa and Stuart; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Don passed away in 2000.

I rose today not just to recite a long list of Donna's accomplishments, but to thank her for her outstanding service to the people of Idaho and to honor her contributions to our state in my own small way.

I do so on a day when the Idaho Association of Realtors is presenting Donna with its second annual Max C. Black Award for exceptional public service to the people of Idaho, and outstanding leadership on business and industry issues—an award she richly deserves. I want to thank the Idaho Association of Realtors for honoring Donna's outstanding record of public service in this way and congratulate Donna for this well-earned recognition of her work.

Donna is a very good friend, a trusted former colleague, and someone for whom I have a great deal of admiration. She is one of the most respected public servants in the State of Idaho and a person whose name is synonymous with integrity, loyalty, professionalism, and courage.

I am proud to call Donna Jones my friend and pleased to be able to share her many qualities and accomplishments with the House of Representatives.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING FOR PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to this bill. I believe my former colleagues on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence who have brought this bill to the floor today have only the very best of intentions. They seek to prevent cyber attacks against our nation. So do I. Unfortunately, their proposed solution is a radical over-reach that would not stop such attacks but would open up the private lives and information of Americans for the government and business to see, at will.

This bill contains the key phrase "Notwithstanding any other provision of law . . .". What does that mean? It means that notwithstanding even the limited privacy protections in the PATRIOT Act and the FISA Amendments Act, this bill would give businesses the ability to share the public's private data among themselves and the government by invoking

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the phrase “cyber threat”. It means that notwithstanding the privacy protections in HIPAA, businesses can share personal medical information with each other and the government if there is a “cyber threat”. And the definition of cyber threat is so nebulous, so sweeping that it can be invoked for almost anything that simply look unusual or is not immediately explainable.

Chillingly, the bill in its current form would allow companies to share sensitive and personal information directly with the NSA and other military agencies, even if it is purely domestic, American information that is no way associated with foreign threats or national security events. CISPA would allow companies to share personally identifiable information without making even reasonable efforts to protect it. Finally, CISPA grants broad immunity for any “decisions made” based on cyber information, regardless of whether the company was acting recklessly or causes unintended collateral damage. This week the President indicated that he would veto this bill were it presented to him in its current form, as well he should. The better outcome would be for this bill to never reach his desk.

Many competent security experts have shared their views with Congress that we can better protect our nation from cyber attacks without compromising the privacy and interests of our citizens. I regret that their counsel has been ignored, which is why I urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting this badly flawed bill.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 25 TO
RECOGNIZE APRIL 18, 2013 AS NA-
TIONAL LINEMEN APPRECIATION
DAY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen. Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 25 to recognize April 18, 2013, as National Linemen Appreciation Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Lineman is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, inventive Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Linemen.

IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 65TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, this week Israel celebrated its 65th Independence Day. Since its founding on May 14, 1948, Israel and the United States have been steadfast allies and today we take a moment to celebrate Israel and recommit ourselves to the partnership between our two great nations.

Despite years of terrorist threats and attacks, intermittent war, and overwhelming odds, Israel has not only survived but flourished, developing into a beacon of democracy in the Middle East. Much like the United States, Israel values and protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, and most importantly the idea that government comes from the consent of the governed. These freedoms may seem commonplace to Americans, but they are rare in the Middle East and ensure that Israel remains a vigorous democracy.

Israel has also become a global economic leader, especially in the technology and science sectors where Israel's innovation and dedication allow it to achieve success despite its relatively small population. Israel leads the world in developing solar power technologies and its medical inventions have saved countless lives, including many Americans.

Israel's tremendous achievements since its founding are truly inspiring and I am honored to recognize our greatest ally's 65th Independence Day.

HONORING JACOB D. LINDBURG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob D. Lindburg. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 41 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Brotherhood Member in the Order of the Arrow. Jacob has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jacob removed the old parking lot lines and painted new lines along with handicap-accessible parking spots at Parkville Presbyterian Church in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob D. Lindburg for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF INGRID
BRUCK

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ingrid Bruck on her retirement as Director of the Long Branch Free Public Library in New Jersey. Ms. Bruck has dedicated over 15 years of service to the Long Branch Free Public Library and her contributions are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Ingrid Bruck brought a wealth of experience to the Long Branch Public Library. She previously served as Branch Manager for Irving Public Library in Texas, Children's Coordinator at Grand Prairie Public Library in Texas and Farmingdale Public Library in New York, and Children's Manager at the Mattapan Branch of Boston Public Library. She also held positions as Acting Director of La Biblioteca de la Universidad de Monterrey in Mexico and Director of La Biblioteca de Proyecto Linguistico Francisco Maroquin in Guatemala. She received her B.A. in English and History and a Library Science degree from Simmons College.

In addition to 15 years as Director of the Long Branch Free Public Library, Ms. Bruck has been a member of the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative (CJRLC) Board for six years. Throughout her time on the Board, she has served as President, Vice President and Secretary. She was also its representative on the Library Network Review Board.

Ms. Bruck's commitment to the Long Branch Free Public Library helped the library grow. The services it offers welcome all those in the community, from children and young adults, to older adults, non-English speakers and many others. There were also renovations to the Main Library and Elberon Branch and updated technology advancements.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ingrid Bruck on her retirement and thanking her for her service to the Long Branch community.

HONORING THE “DOOLITTLE
TOKYO RAIDERS”

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, a group of 80 Americans who claimed their place in history on April 18, 1942, when they carried out the first U.S. air raid on Japanese Home Islands during World War II. I am proud to share their story here today, and I am especially proud to represent one of the four living raiders, Nashville LTC Robert Hite.

Though not originally from the Volunteer State, LTC Robert Hite and his 79 fellow raiders epitomized the Volunteer spirit when they signed up for their death-defying mission. Their goals were to break the air of invincibility radiated by Japanese forces as they extended their reach across the Pacific Ocean and to give Americans the win they needed after the

dark months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The United States needed something dramatic to turn the tide of the war. The Doolittle Raiders delivered.

They launched from an aircraft carrier, knowing they would not have enough fuel to return. They displayed uncommon valor and patriotism, and inspired Americans both abroad and at home. Their courageous flight proved that Japan was vulnerable to attack, changing the course of the war—and of history.

Please join me in honoring these extraordinary gentlemen and true American heroes.

CONGRATULATING BERTRAM
JAMES ASKWITH

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Bertram James Askwith, who celebrated his 102nd birthday on March 2, 2013. Bert was married for almost 60 years to Miriam Teidor, who passed away in 2001; they had four children, one of whom, Patti Askwith Kenner, is a constituent who lives in East Hampton, New York.

Mr. Askwith is a remarkable man who still works nine hours a day at the company he founded while he was a college student at the University of Michigan. Still very active, he travels to work each day by train from his home in Harrison, New York.

Mr. Askwith was born in 1911 at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan, where his father Herbert worked as the public relations director for the doctor who delivered him, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, who was later portrayed by Anthony Hopkins in the film, *The Road to Wellville*.

While he was a student at the University of Michigan in 1928, Mr. Askwith objected to the high train fare of \$100 for students who needed to travel home from Ann Arbor to New York. He chartered a bus from a local company, put a sign on it saying "Campus Coach Lines," started a sign-up sheet in the Student Union, and paid for four years of college by transporting students at a more reasonable rate.

After graduating from college in 1931, Mr. Askwith moved to New York City and purchased his first bus. Now, 82 years later, he remains the Chief Operating Officer of Campus Coach Lines providing charter service to private groups in New York City and as well as college groups, public and private schools, baseball and football teams, leading American corporations, and for family events.

At age 102, he still enjoys his daily routine but he has never forgotten his years at the University of Michigan. He built "Bert's Café" in the undergraduate Shapiro Library and celebrated his 100th birthday with 600 students and the University of Michigan band playing "Happy Birthday" as he cut the ribbon for "Bert's Study & Campus Center." When asked what was his favorite birthday, Mr. Askwith always replies, "the next."

Mr. Askwith is active in many philanthropic causes and served as chairman of his local United Way, where he remains on the Board of Directors. He is involved in the Museum of

Jewish Heritage, a living memorial to the Holocaust in Battery Park and the Askwith Forum at Harvard University in memory of his parents who were students there.

On behalf of myself, and the first congressional district of New York, I congratulate Mr. Askwith for an inspirational 82 years of hard work and dedication to his business, Campus Coach Lines and to wish him the very best 102nd birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE KELLOGG-
BRIAND PACT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

One of the busiest streets in Minnesota's state capital of St. Paul is Kellogg Boulevard. This street runs along the Mississippi River and was named after the only person from Minnesota to ever win the Nobel Peace Prize. Frank B. Kellogg was a Department of Justice prosecutor who was elected President of the American Bar Association and then served as a U.S. Republican Senator from Minnesota, followed by an appointment as U.S. Secretary of State for President Calvin Coolidge from 1925 to 1929.

Kellogg was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1929 for his work in co-authoring the Kellogg-Briand Pact that made war illegal, renounced the use of war, and committed nations to the peaceful settlement of disputes. The Kellogg-Briand Pact—also called the Pact of Paris, or the General Treaty for the Renunciation of War—was signed on August 27, 1928 by the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Japan, and several other countries.

The Pact prohibited the use of war as "an instrument of national policy" except in matters of self-defense. President Coolidge signed the Pact on January 27, 1929 and the U.S. Senate passed it by a vote of 85 to 1. On July 24, 1929 President Herbert Hoover declared the Pact in force. The Kellogg-Briand Pact provided the legal basis for prosecuting Nazi officials at Nuremberg and is still U.S. and international law, with 84 state signatories.

Mr. Speaker, some of my own constituents are currently planning a commemoration of the Kellogg-Briand Pact to mark its 85th anniversary and to recognize Frank B. Kellogg. The Minneapolis-St. Paul chapter of Veterans for Peace is taking part in a peace essay competition organized by the West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition. The competition asks the question, "How can we obey the law against war?" The best essays will be sent to members of Congress. I urge this body to welcome these essays and give them due attention. Everyone must do their part to help eliminate war and promote the cause of peace.

HONORING JAKOB KORT UPHAM-
TUBBS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jakob Kort Upham-Tubbs. Jakob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jakob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jakob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jakob has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jakob designed and rebuilt a walking bridge within the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jakob Kort Upham-Tubbs for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

2013 14TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Stephanie Taylor from South Allegheny High School. Ms. Taylor is the winner of the 2013 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Ms. Taylor's artwork, an acrylic painting entitled "My Artistic Discovery: Mona and Me" was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition.

In fact, 58 works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition. I am certain that Ms. Taylor's family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment, but perhaps her selection as the winner won't surprise them. Stephanie has received one of the top five awards for 4 years in a row! Last year, she received fifth place for her oil painting "Shades of Green". Two years ago, she took Second Place, and in 2010 her painting was the winner. Stephanie has a tremendous amount of artistic talent, and I hope that she'll continue painting after she graduates from high school.

Ms. Taylor's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Taylor's artwork, along

with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Miranda McCully from Springdale High School was awarded second place for her graphite drawing "Breaking Free." Reanna Buzza from Springdale High School received third place for her graphite drawing entitled "Koala in Tree." Candice Kubican from Highlands High School was awarded fourth place for her marker composition "Frederick the Frog," and Ashley Guillary, also from Highlands High School, received the fifth place award for her silk painting "Pittsburgh."

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Cassandra Finnegan of Springdale High School, Sarah Welsh of Baldwin High School, Elif Kizilkaya of the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Elizabeth Schaap of Brentwood High School, Dakotah Yaworski of Highlands High School, John Karp of Penn Hills High School, Roomel Reese of Penn Hills, Stephanie Taylor of South Allegheny High School, Kattie Jones of Brentwood High School, Emily Cotter of Springdale High School, Perri Murray of the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, and Samantha Reiss of Sto-Rox High School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Highlands High School, Meagan Ekas, Ashley Guillary, Candice Kubican, Katherine McDonough, Cassie Olszewski, and Dakotah Yaworski; from East Allegheny High School, Adam Jacko, Shannon Nelis, and Thomas Randall; from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Evalynn Farkas, Alexia Janikowski, Pheobe Kristek, Rebecca Rodgers, Rachael Sarnowski, and Heidi Langhorst; from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Lauren Brown, Maeve Gannon, Elif Kizilkaya, Adam Linn, Ethan Michaels, Perri Murray, and Arianna Williams; from Baldwin High School, Joseph Esposito, Alicia Mastroianni, Kayla Munizza, and Sarah Welsh; from Springdale High School, Reanna Buzza, Emily Cotter, Cassandra Finnegan, Sam Hieber, Miranda McCully, and Skylar Siciliano; from Penn Hills High School, John Karp, Witney Larko, Tyler Madden, Nevla Orsini, Roomel Reese, and Hamilton Rodkey; from Brentwood High School, Sydney Bauer, Kattie Jones, Samanta Sauro, Elizabeth Schaap, Shelby Stockline, and Taiyu Wang; from Riverview High School, Chandler Fescemyer and Jake Morgan; from Sto-Rox High School, Keirstin Bopp, Adam Gilchrist, Alanna Molter, Katelyn Parker, Samantha Reiss, and Cheyenne Simmons; from Woodland Hills High School, Brandywine Dugan, Miranda Miller, and La'tosha DeMaris Milton, and from South Allegheny High School, Amy Underwood and Stephanie Taylor.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Coalition for the Homeless as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary this month. The National Coalition is a network of homeless individuals, advocates, and service providers who are dedicated to meeting the needs of our most vulnerable segments of the population: homeless individuals and families.

The National Coalition was originally formed in 1982, in conjunction with various local and statewide homeless coalitions. Since the beginning, the National Coalition has worked tirelessly to increase access to safe, affordable, and adequate housing for any individual who so desires. While combating homelessness is a constant struggle, the National Coalition has fought diligently to facilitate a fundamental shift in our approach to addressing homelessness.

Under the leadership of Mr. Neil Donovan, Executive Director, the National Coalition has grown to become a leading organization in the fight to end homelessness. Mr. Donovan has used his knowledge and expertise in serving homelessness individuals to expand the reach of the organization, in order to meet the growing needs of those experiencing homelessness. The National Coalition has also been a strong advocate for the Congressional Homelessness Caucus by supporting its work in Congress to educate and mobilize Members of Congress and their staff.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chair and co-founder of the Congressional Homelessness Caucus, I am proud to honor the National Coalition for the Homeless for its worthy efforts to defend homeless individuals across the country. The National Coalition has made tremendous gains since its inception, and I truly believe in the goals that the National Coalition is trying to accomplish. I would like to congratulate the organization once again for achieving this historic milestone, and I look forward to maintaining our invaluable partnership.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Chair, I submit the following letters.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,

Washington, DC, April 10, 2013.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,

Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: I am writing concerning H.R. 624, the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act," which is scheduled for consideration in your Committee today. This bill contains provisions that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary.

As a result of your having made mutually agreed-upon changes to the provisions in question, and in order to expedite the House's consideration of H.R. 624, the Committee on the Judiciary will not assert its jurisdictional claim over this bill by seeking a sequential referral. The Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 624 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 624, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included during floor consideration.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,

Washington, DC, April 11, 2013.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GOODLATTE: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act. As you noted, elements of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. As you also noted, mutually agreed upon changes to the provisions in question were adopted by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence during its consideration of the bill, and we will be glad to continue to work with you on these provisions. We will also support the request of the Committee on the Judiciary for conferees in any conference that may occur on the bill.

I appreciate your willingness to forego consideration of the bill in the interest of expediting this legislation for floor consideration. I acknowledge that by agreeing to waive consideration of the bill, the Committee on the Judiciary does not waive any jurisdiction it may have over provisions of the bill or any matters under your jurisdiction. I will include a copy of your letter and this response in our Committee's report on H.R. 624 and the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
Washington, DC, April 11, 2013.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: On April 10, 2013, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ordered H.R. 624, the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act", reported favorably to the House with certain provisions in the legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security. Specifically, this legislation identifies the Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integrations Center (NCCIC) as a principal entity for sharing cybersecurity information with the Federal government and amongst stakeholders.

The NCCIC partners with all Federal departments and agencies, State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, as well as private sector and international entities. The Center works with critical infrastructure owners and operators to reduce risk, coordinates national response efforts to significant cyber incidents, and shares cybersecurity threat and vulnerability assessment information throughout the Federal government. These actions, along with the cybersecurity information provided through the NCCIC, trigger the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security over functions of the Department of Homeland Security relating to integration, analysis, and dissemination of homeland security information.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously with consideration of this important legislation, the Committee on Homeland Security will not request a sequential referral over provisions within our jurisdiction. However, I do so with the mutual understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional claims over subject matters contained in this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee for consideration of provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security in the House-Senate conference on this bill or similar legislation.

Finally, I ask that you place this letter and your response into the committee report on H.R. 624 and into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL T. McCAUL,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2013.

Hon. MICHAEL T. McCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN McCAUL: This responds to your letter dated April 11, 2013 concerning H.R. 624 the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA). Specifically, you noted the provision contained in the legislation relating to the Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC).

I appreciate your decision to forego requesting referral of H.R. 624 to the House Homeland Security Committee in the interest of expediting floor consideration of this legislation. I also acknowledge that this decision will not diminish or alter the Homeland Security Committee's jurisdictional claims over subject matters contained in this and similar legislation. I will also sup-

port your request that the Speaker name members of the Homeland Security Committee to any conference committee for consideration of provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security in the House-Senate conference on this bill. Finally, I will include a copy of your letter and this response letter in the Committee's report on H.R. 624 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 624 on the House Floor.

Sincerely,
MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 18, 2013.

Chairman MIKE ROGERS,
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: I am writing to raise concerns relating to amendment #42 to the Cyber Intelligence and Sharing Protection Act (CISPA), H.R. 624, as modified and introduced by you, Chairman McCaul, and Ranking Members Ruppertsberger and Thompson.

First, I am concerned about the possible impact of this amendment on current cyber threat information sharing programs with the Department of Defense (DOD). Based on the short amount of time we have had to review and comment on the amendment, we have not had an opportunity to fully assess the potential effects on DOD activities. In particular, we must ensure that there is no "chilling effect" on sharing between the Defense Industrial Base and DOD that is so critical to our national security.

Second, I am also seeking to clarify the intent behind a specific change proposed by the modified amendment. The amendment would alter the current text, which states that a cybersecurity provider may share cyber threat information "with the express consent of a protected entity" with any entity, "including, if specifically designated, the Federal Government." The amendment would change the reference from "Federal Government" to the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice. I seek to confirm that the intent of the amendment is not to preclude sharing of cyber threat information with the Department of Defense when a cybersecurity provider has received the consent of a protected entity.

More generally, we must ensure that there is no time delay or other obstructions to passing cyber threat information critical for our national defense to DOD.

I am seeking a commitment from you to work with the Armed Services Committee to determine if any further changes to the legislation might be needed, and if possible incorporate those changes when this bill is conferred with the Senate.

Sincerely,
HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, April 18, 2013.

Hon. BUCK McKEON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your letter about an amendment I co-sponsored with Chairman McCaul, and Ranking Members Ruppertsberger and Thompson during floor consideration of H.R. 624. The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA).

I understand you have concerns about a possible "chilling effect" of this amendment

on current cyber threat information sharing programs with the Department of Defense, and about changing the reference to "Federal Government" to the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice. I confirm that the amendment is not intended to, and does not, preclude sharing of cyber threat information with the Department of Defense when a cybersecurity provider has received the consent of a protected entity.

Additionally, I understand your concerns about the application of (b)(3)(A) and section 941(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I commit to working with you in an effort to identify a mutually agreeable approach to this matter.

Sincerely,
MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

RECOGNIZING MS. CAMILLE GLAZER

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Camille Glazer of Orlando, Florida, upon her accomplishment of being named to the first ever National Youth Orchestra of the United States, NYO-USA. As a student at William R. Boone High School and member of the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, Camille is most deserving of this distinguished accomplishment.

The National Youth Orchestra will reflect the breadth, diversity, and quality of musically gifted young people throughout our nation. Those selected to represent the National Youth Orchestra are among a group of 120 of the finest young musicians in this country aged 16-19. Camille was chosen based on her musical, technical and personal qualities. Beginning in July, Camille will have the opportunity to rehearse with the orchestra for two weeks in New York before embarking on an international tour that includes Washington, DC; Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, and London, England.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am honored to congratulate Camille Glazer on her selection to the National Youth Orchestra hosted by Carnegie Hall, and I wish her great success as she represents our country around the world.

HONORING WYATT SHAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Wyatt Shay. Wyatt is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Wyatt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Wyatt has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Wyatt

has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Wyatt Shay for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ON THE TRAGIC BOSTON
MARATHON BOMBING

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathies for the victims and their families of the horrific Boston Marathon Bombing, which took place on Monday, April 15, 2013.

To date three people have been killed, including an eight-year old boy, and many were also wounded in this senseless violence as people sought to athletically express the power of perseverance, while their loved ones cheered them on. The glory and the innocence of athletic achievement as well as supporting one's families and friends in such a pursuit must not be desecrated by this tragedy.

While we will never truly understand what causes someone to seek to maim and kill others in cold blood, faith will console where reason cannot. We can find some solace in the extraordinary heroism displayed by runners who finished the race after the bombing and continued running to the nearest hospital to give blood, as well as the spectators who rushed to the aid of the wounded immediately after the blast.

Those responsible for this heinous deed will be brought to justice, and the singular steadfastness of our great nation to punish the wrongdoers and support the victimized will once again be apparent.

HONORING THE MILESTONES OF
JAMES AND CONNIE McCARTY
AND VERNON AND GENEVA
GIBBS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the parents and grandparents of a constituent of the sixth district of Kentucky by the name of Jim McCarty.

Mr. McCarty's parents, James and Connie McCarty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2012 this past year. I would like to extend to them my best wishes and congratulations on such a great accomplishment.

In 2013, Jim celebrated the anniversary of his grandparents Vernon and Geneva Gibbs who have been together for 70 years. Their anniversary occurred on January 30, 2013. I want to wish Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs congratulations as well and recognize the steadfast devotion they have for each other.

Mr. Speaker, clearly in Mr. McCarty's family when you say I do, you stand by your word.

I wish Jim and his family all the best, and again congratulations.

COMMENDING MAJOR BRYAN T.
TAYLOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, America has the strongest military in the world because it is composed of patriotic volunteers—the men and women who put their lives in harm's way to keep our country safe. I want to recognize and congratulate a young North Carolinian who was recently promoted to Major in the U.S. Army. I have known Bryan T. Taylor since he was a child, and I served with his father in the North Carolina General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives.

Bryan was appointed to the United States Military Academy by the late Sen. Jesse Helms. At West Point, he served as captain of his senior class and on the West Point honor guard during the difficult year of 9/11/2001. He graduated in 2003 near the top of his class and was physics mentor in his third year. From West Point, Bryan took additional training as a combat engineer and was stationed in Korea near the DMZ. From there, he entered combat in Iraq and spent 12 months in Ramadi, where constant battle was waged by both the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines.

He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant during that combat and returned home. After his promotion to Captain, he served in Central America, and in 2008 he returned to Iraq. His Major promotion service was held at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sgt. Karen Vannov and Lt. Col. Jeff Moran conducted the promotion service. Present at the ceremony were Bryan's wife, Sgt. Miriana Perez Taylor, his parents Charles and Elizabeth Taylor, bringing prayers and greeting from his mother-in-law and father-in-law Lucia Macias and Leoncio A. Perez.

I have nominated many young men and women to our service academies during my tenure in Congress. And I have known many brave men and women who have served their country with honor. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, I would like to thank Major Bryan T. Taylor and the other hundreds of thousands of our military for their service and sacrifice in keeping our country free. May God bless them one and all.

CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA
STATE UNIVERSITY—SHREVEPORT
DEBATE TEAM

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Louisiana State University—Shreveport (LSUS) Debate team for finishing its season with a combined total of nine International Public Debate Associations (IPDA) National Championship titles after four days of competition at the 2013 IPDA's National

Championship Tournament hosted by the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Under the great leadership of Coach Trey Gibson, the LSUS team won nearly 60 percent of their preliminary rounds earning 14 spots in the elimination rounds. As a program, the team earned four national tournament titles, including the National Tournament Overall Championship title, the Scholastic Championship, and Founders title. Finance majors Cody King and Christian Juneau each made it to the final round in their respective divisions. King lost in the professional division final on a 2–1 decision. Things were different for Juneau as he defeated his opponent and took the Novice National Tournament Championship title.

Before the tournament began, the team had already earned five national championship titles for competition throughout the season. The LSUS team was the top ranked program in the Nation in the Varsity, Professional and Scholastic division season rankings. Success in those categories contributed to the Founders' Cup title making LSUS the top ranked program in the Nation for the 2012–2013 competitive season. Individually, senior Psychology major Chelsea Anthony won the season ranking title in the Varsity division.

The Season Ranking National title is the fifth in a row for LSU Shreveport. The National Tournament title is the team's second in a row and third in the last five years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the LSUS Debate Team, Coach Trey Gibson, and to each member for all of their wonderful successes.

HONORING WESLEY HARRIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Wesley Harris. Wesley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Wesley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Wesley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Wesley has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Wesley Harris for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING FRANCIS J. SAVAGE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Francis J. Savage. A resident of Olean, New York, Mr. Savage served

his country admirably across the world for the better part of two decades as a member of the Foreign Service and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Mr. Savage's career in the Foreign Service began with an assignment in Iceland in 1950, but he was subsequently transferred to Marseilles, France where he met his wife, Doreen. The two continued to serve across the world, specifically Greece, Trinidad, Tripoli, and Libya.

Following his tenure with the Foreign Service, Mr. Savage began to work for the USAID. It was during this time that his work took him to Vietnam as a Provincial Representative. Tragically, Mr. Savage was mortally wounded at the My Calm bombing in 1965. To honor his sacrifice, President Lyndon Johnson posthumously awarded Francis Savage with the Secretary's Award at the White House with his surviving wife, Doreen, and two children in attendance.

It is with great privilege that I announce Francis J. Savage will be honored on May 3, 2013, Foreign Affairs Day, at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. Mr. Savage's service and sacrifice to this great nation deserves such recognition and I am proud to represent the district Mr. Savage once called home.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Chair, I rise to speak on H.R. 624, The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

I thank and appreciate the hard work done by Chairman ROGERS and Ranking Member RUPPERSBERGER for their leadership of the House Committee on Intelligence that crafted the legislation we are considering. They have demonstrated their strength of bipartisanship in their work to make great improvements in the bill that was considered during the last Congress.

The bill is intended to improve our nation's ability to investigate and prosecute cybersecurity crimes; secure the protection of individuals from danger of death or serious bodily harm and investigate and prosecute crimes against the most vulnerable in society—our children. The bill's objective regarding minors is to provide physical safety for them from sexual abuse, kidnapping and trafficking.

The debate on H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act afforded members of the House of Representatives and the American public a view into some of the more complex issues related to the protection of digital information.

The bill's drafters and those who have contributed to the process through the amendments offered worked to improve the work al-

ready done by the Intelligence Committee. The goal of the bill is not to lay bare the personal digital records of every individual living in the United States. The text of the legislation explicitly states that the government could not obtain library records, library patron lists, book sales records, book customer lists, tax return records, education records or medical records.

The Internet challenges us as policymakers because it introduces into our deliberative process a class of technology that can change far faster than other forms of technology. This fact is acknowledged by the bill's sponsors by highlighting the nature of threats that exists on the Internet—rapid and automated. Cyber attacks can be as short as a few minutes or last for only 2 hours. Thieves work together and have learned to use our own personal computers to help them hurt us. The tools that have proven to be the most threatening are called botnets. A botnet uses a computer virus or worm program to infiltrate computers and take control of them. One botnet can be made of millions of private personal computers. A botnet of this size would have the computing power to overwhelm a major institution's network with a brute force attack that searches for the password to one account on a computer network. Once the botnet controller has gotten access to a private or government network they can use that access to seek greater control.

The question for us today is should the Congress view the threats posed by the Digital Information Age with the same urgency as when our nation has faced events such as September 11 or catastrophic hurricanes.

Many of my colleagues have joined me in expressing great concern about privacy and civil liberties as the Federal presence on the Internet has grown. Federal government agencies are now using Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to communicate with and engage millions of Americans.

There appears to be no scarcity in the capacity of the Internet to accommodate new business websites, technological innovations or the millions of new Internet users who purchase digital devices, create blogs or e-mail accounts.

The Internet is more than ones and zeros—it is how the world is working, living, and communicating. Its borderless nature and ubiquitous presence means that billions of computing devices can interact and connect using the global telecommunication infrastructure.

Computing technology was once tethered by technical limitations to physical spaces—now computing devices are mobile. For example, a few years ago, portable phones that were as powerful as computers were difficult for most consumers to imagine—now they are common place. Unfortunately, with every advance in computing innovation we see that there are those within society who would search for vulnerabilities in these innovations to disrupt their operation.

The Internet is a critical path forward for our nation's recovering economy. However, to meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities the Internet makes possible, we must understand the threats and risks as well as take full advantage of innovation.

One of the central challenges for us as legislators is to preserve the Constitution of the United States for future generations. Each generation of Americans has had the task of defining the role of government in their lives.

Today, the Internet is making the role of government in American life in some ways more transparent and accessible through government agency websites.

We as members of Congress are using the Internet to bring more transparency to the work we do on behalf of our constituents. The content found on House web pages provides access to information regarding the work we do on behalf of the public.

The Internet could also make the government's presence in our lives much more opaque. For example, the same social networking services that families and friends create to share details about their lives is not held solely under their control.

What once would have been words shared among family members are now digital data stored with social networking service providers. Computer stored data can live on far longer than may be prudent for the peace and tranquility of family life or economic opportunities as our child transition from youth into responsible adults.

If the government gained access to the digital equivalent of your papers and effects—it would leave no signs of having done so. Digital information unlike paper does not fade way nor do the words in digital files degrade when they are copied over and over again.

What is more problematic for the purpose of our debate on this bill is what would happen if the government had open access to decades of communications: the books read; videos watched; thoughts expressed; or the joys and sorrows of millions of our nation's citizens. How would this impact the America experience?

We know that the founders of this nation were determined to protect the privacy of people from the power of the government. The Fourth Amendment states:

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The constantly shifting Internet environment creates challenges for policy makers. Today, the "papers and effects" of persons have changed in the new Information Age into digital data. This information is not limited to the home, but is mobile as well as remote from the owners of the information.

How do we make sure that the Constitution is preserved and that we as its stewards pass it to the next generation in better condition than when we took an oath to protect it—not just the parts of the document that we like, but all of it.

Although the challenges are great, the rewards of an environment that supports innovation while protecting privacy, civil liberties, and freedom should be the focus our nation's policies and laws that govern our decisions regarding the Internet.

As members of Congress we must keep a watchful eye on preserving, defending and protection the Constitution. It is our duty—our passion and our calling to serve this nation—unwavering in our commitment to act first in the interests of the entire country as we see to the needs of the people we serve.

JOSEPH DeLUCA, RETIRING COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN VETERANS OF LUZERNE COUNTY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Joseph DeLuca, retiring Commander of the Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County, Post No. 1 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mr. DeLuca was born in Cilento Eremite, Campania, Italy in 1937. Prior to World War II, he and his family moved to the United States, settling in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Growing up in Hazleton, he attended Most Precious Blood School and graduated from Hazleton Senior High School in 1954.

In February 1961, Mr. DeLuca enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard where he trained as a radio communications message router at Fort Knox in Kentucky. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he served in Company A 165th Military Police Battalion in Fort Polk, Louisiana. Later he joined the 54th Heavy Armored Division of Texas, earning the nickname "DeLuca the Bazooka" for his superior ability to handle weapons.

Outside his military service, Mr. DeLuca spent 35 years working in the garment industry, ultimately attaining the position of Concept Fashion Design Planner. Today, he still resides in Hazleton and is a proud father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, for his loyalty to both his Italian heritage and our great nation, I commend Mr. Joseph DeLuca upon his retirement as Commander of the Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County, Post No. 1 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

HONORING BENJAMIN JOHN COLLENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin John Collens. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Benjamin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin John Collens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCTION OF AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, for decades, Americans have been calling on Congress to support the designation of a Red Rock Wilderness Area on the Colorado Plateau in Utah.

In 1984, the people of Utah began to conduct a volunteer driven wilderness inventory of America's Red Rock Country.

Soon thereafter—in 1989—former Utah Rep. Wayne Owens introduced America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

Then in 1996, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) began their own survey of the Red Rock Wilderness Area.

During this time President Bill Clinton, using the Antiquities Act, proclaimed Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The next year, Senator DICK DURBIN of Illinois first introduced a Red Rocks bill in the Senate.

In recent Congress Rep. Maurice Hinchey introduced a Red Rock bill in the House.

Today, Senator DURBIN and I are introducing companion bills to protect 9.5 million acres of federal land as wilderness in Utah's Red Rock Country.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act will protect from development one of this country's most spectacular landscapes.

Deep red canyons, windswept mesas and naturally sculpted sandstone formations will define the Red Rock Wilderness Area.

Places like Labyrinth and Desolation Canyons; Cedar Mesa and the San Rafael Swell; and of course, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

All of the lands proposed for wilderness in our bill are already federal lands managed by the BLM.

All of these lands would be preserved for all time and for all Americans—existing as they are—sculpted and defined by the forces of nature and the hand of God . . .

Wilderness designations have a strong bipartisan history in Utah.

In fact, in 2006, my friend from Utah and current Chairman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Land and Environmental Regulation sponsored legislation that created the Cedar Mountains Wilderness Area.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act will preserve some of the last unbroken tracts of lands in Utah, all while continuing to uphold the land's multiple use mandate under the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act.

A wilderness designation will also allow for the protection of natural environments and watersheds, ecological diversity, native habitat, and a range of recreational opportunities such as hiking, backpacking, hunting and fishing.

Right now off-road vehicle use and encroaching oil and gas development pose major threats to an area that desperately deserves wilderness protection.

A gallon of gas will in the tank of an ORV will only take you so far, but a vote to designate America's Red Rock Wilderness Areas would perpetuate for all time.

I thank my colleagues in the House who have joined me in cosponsoring this legislation

today, and I thank Senator DURBIN and his colleagues for their support in the Senate.

I urge immediate consideration of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in the House.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD WEINER'S FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Richard Weiner, as he is honored by the Women's Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party for his decades of outstanding work on behalf of the State's residents.

Rick has built a long and distinguished career, which spans nearly forty years, as a civil servant to the people of Michigan. Rick began his work in the public arena with former U.S. Congressman William Brodhead, where he served as a district representative, working with residents and local groups to find solutions that strengthened communities across the Greater Detroit region. Rick's career also includes service to one of Michigan's great statesmen, Senator CARL LEVIN, for whom he served as Director of Michigan Operations, where he assisted Michigan residents across the entire State. After serving as a key advisor to former Governor Jim Blanchard during his transition into office, Rick went on to serve as Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) for six years. During his most recently stint in the public sector, Rick served as Chief of Staff to Governor Jennifer Granholm from 2002 to 2005.

Every day he worked in public service, Rick brought with him the passion to craft policy that supported a fair and just Michigan, where all residents would have the ability to reach their full potential. Outside of his work in government, Rick continued to fight for his ideals by founding and building Wiener Associates, a firm specializing in public policy advocacy. In addition to this work, Rick also teaches Election Law and Legislation as an Adjunct Professor at Michigan State University's College of Law.

Throughout his career, Rick has been particularly focused on supporting the rights of women across Michigan. While serving as Chair of the MDP, he championed the Jefferson Jackson Day Women's Caucus Luncheon, an event that supports women's involvement in politics. In his daily work for so many elected officials, Rick fought to protect the rights of women to make vital decisions about their own lives. During his tenure in the MDP, Rick also took steps to increase support for electing more women to office across the State of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, involvement of bright and dedicated Americans in the political process, like Rick Weiner, is one of the great strengths of our Nation. For nearly four decades, Rick has taken a leading role to create a better future for residents in the State of Michigan and for his work, our future is brighter. I congratulate Rick on his recognition from the Women's Caucus of the MDP and look forward to our continued work in the ongoing task of securing

a more prosperous future for our State of Michigan and our Nation.

JOHN W. JACKSON (BUD FOWLER)

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents in New York's 19th Congressional District to commemorate the life and work of John W. Jackson or, as he became known, Bud Fowler.

Bud was born in Fort Plain, NY in 1858 and grew up in the famous baseball community of Cooperstown, NY. As an African American in a segregated America, his race often prohibited him from participating in the same leagues as his white counterparts. Despite this challenge, he made a name for himself as the first African American baseball player to participate in organized leagues.

Beginning as a pitcher, Bud soon excelled in all positions of the game, most notably at second base, which he preferred. He played in several leagues in the second half of the 19th Century and the beginning of the twentieth. This included playing, coaching, or organizing for Binghamton in the International League, Keokuk in the Western League, Lansing in the Michigan State League, and various black ball clubs, including the Page Fence Giants, Cuban Giants, the Smoky City Giants, and the All-American Black Tourists.

Bud is recognized as having the longest professional baseball career for an African American prior to Jackie Robinson. He is an incredible role model for all Americans, displaying what can be accomplished beyond all hurdles faced in life. I am proud that I will have the opportunity to attend Cooperstown's upcoming recognition ceremony of this great American on Sunday, April 21, 2013, when a street leading up to Doubleday Field will be renamed "Fowler Way."

HANOVER NURSERY 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. John Basar and the Hanover Nursery in Hanover Township, Pennsylvania, which will celebrate its 55th anniversary this year.

In 1958, John Basar, a Hanover Township native, started taking on small landscaping jobs throughout the area while also attending classes at Kings College. Initially the operation was small—just Mr. Basar, his 1948 Plymouth Coupe, a trailer, and the part-time help of his brother and a friend. By 1960, Mr. Basar had purchased a pick-up truck and hired two full-time employees but it wasn't until 1961 that he decided his business needed a name. He chose "Hanover Nursery" as a way to honor his hometown. In 1963, Mr. Basar began to secure his first commercial landscaping contracts. A topsoil pit was purchased by the business in 1970, an asset which became invaluable to the people of Wyoming Valley

when they fell victim to the Agnes flood in 1972. Mr. Basar and the Hanover Nursery were an important part of the storm recovery following this disaster, helping to restore yards for families and eventually re-landscaping portions of the neighboring city of Wilkes-Barre.

From the mid 1970s to the present day, Mr. Basar and the Hanover Nursery have been responsible for many prominent developments throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. The nursery's work can be seen at several commercial projects including the Crossing Premium Outlets in Tannersville, the community of Sunset Drive in Hanover Township, the Wyoming Valley levy raising project and the newly reconditioned River Commons area in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Outside the Hanover Nursery, Mr. Basar has been a vital figure in the Hanover Township community. In 2014, he will celebrate 50 years as a member of the local Lions Club where he plays a primary role in the organization's Christmas celebration, planting new trees and decorating them with lights each Holiday season. He has also been a generous patron of the Hanover Township little league.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 55 years Mr. John Basar and the Hanover Nursery have helped beautify Hanover Township and the surrounding areas. They played an active role in growing our community. Therefore, I commend Mr. Basar and all the Hanover Nursery employees who have been integral in the development and beautification of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING JOSEPH DANIEL BODENHEIMER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Daniel Bodenheimer. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Daniel Bodenheimer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE SHIFFER FAMILY ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAMPAIGN FAMILY YMCA

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the generosity and

support of the family of Leah and the late Jerry Shiffer to the Champaign County, Ohio, YMCA chapter.

In July 2007, Leah Shiffer and her children donated an 88-acre parcel in North Lewisburg to the Champaign Family YMCA. In so doing, they honored Jerry Shiffer's lifelong appreciation for outdoor recreation—an appreciation he shared with his whole family.

The Champaign Family YMCA recognized the Shiffer Family's benevolence at a 2008 dedication event. The Y has used this land for its summer day camp program, giving hundreds of young people the opportunity to learn about nature and the environment.

On Sunday, the Champaign Family YMCA will formally acknowledge Jerry Shiffer and his family by naming this camp in their honor. Sunday's event will include a tree-climbing demonstration, a nature hunt, archery, and other family activities led by the Y and the Boy Scouts of America.

I appreciate the opportunity to join the Champaign County Y and the people of Champaign County in recognizing the ongoing commitment and gracious gift of the Shiffer Family. I know that the family is pleased that Jerry's vision for a recreational camp for area youth will continue to be fulfilled.

WAGNER-PEYSER

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to allow for the expansion of the federal Employment Service network to my district, the Northern Mariana Islands to be eligible for Employment Service Programs by amending the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

The Employment Service Programs provide funds to establish a nationwide system of public employment offices and One-Stop Career Centers across the United States. These centers have successfully connected millions of job seekers with employers throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. The legislation I am introducing today, in remedying the statutory absence of the Northern Mariana Islands from the definition of "State," will allow for the expansion of the federal Employment Service network to the NMI, thereby contributing to both the local and National economy by supporting the development of an experienced, motivated, and most importantly, employed American workforce.

Should the Commonwealth government choose to apply for this grant, the funds could be used to stand up One-Stop Centers in the NMI that would help those searching for work find jobs and help local employers find qualified workers. These Centers provide services that have a proven record of success in hundreds of locales throughout the United States.

Our national economy is still pulling itself out of the deepest recession since the 1930s. The economy in the NMI is in even worse condition, however, with declines in GDP every year from 2004 to 2009. This bill provides for the possible extension of a federal

program that is helping address unemployment around our Nation to the one place, perhaps, that needs help the most, the Northern Marianas.

The employment services the Wagner-Peyser programs provide have proven effective in facilitating the connection between the employers' demand for employees and the labor market's abundant supply of a willing workforce. That is why I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

We have to do more in this Congress for U.S. workers. This is not a new program. This is not a fundamental amendment to the intent of the Act. This bill merely offers equal treatment to the Northern Marianas in giving them the chance to access funding to support our local businesses and workers in need.

TRIBUTE TO PAT WOOTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated employee of the U.S. House of Representatives and a staunch Kentucky Republican, Mr. Dennis Patrick Wooton, upon his retirement from my Hazard district office following six years of service as my trusted Field Representative.

Pat has been my right hand on many issues impacting constituents in the eastern half of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, covering 18 counties. Anytime a natural disaster occurs in our region, such as flash flooding, tornadoes and damaging mudslides, Pat immediately reaches out to local officials to offer a helping hand and evaluate the potential need for federal assistance. He has been a loyal, reliable resource in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, always offering a friendly smile, his contagious humorous attitude, and word of encouragement.

Before serving as Congressional staff, Pat bravely served our U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. He was awarded several medals for his valiant efforts, including the honorable Bronze Star. He is a life-time member of V.F.W. Post 7378 and D.A.V. Chapter 64. Upon returning home, Pat was a teacher, baseball coach, and basketball coach at Buckhorn High School in Perry County, Kentucky, where he also became one of the most beloved principals in the history of the institution. In 2007, he was elected to the Kentucky High School Baseball Coach Hall of Fame. Through his dedicated efforts in the county, Pat gained the respect of the people of Perry County, who elected him Sheriff 2003–2006.

Pat has also been a dedicated advocate for conservative Republican principals and currently serves as Chairman of the Perry County Republican Party.

Pat has a true heart of service, which is displayed by his volunteer efforts across the Kentucky River region. His long list of service includes training the Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Department, serving on the Governor's Smart Growth Task Force, the ARH Family Health Service and Community Advisory Boards, Buckhorn City Council, the Hazard Community and Technical College Board of Directors, and many more.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Pat Wooton on his retirement, and in appreciation

of his brave military service to this nation. My wife, Cynthia, and I wish Pat and his wife, Veda, the very best in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING ARMSTRONG CABLE ON THEIR FIFTIETH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, Armstrong is proudly celebrating its fiftieth anniversary of providing loyal cable service to its customers. With 800 employees, Armstrong serves 282,000 subscribers. Armstrong was founded in 1946 by Jud and Ned Sedwick and remains a family-owned and operated business that maintains close ties with the communities it serves.

Cablefax Magazine, a leading telecommunications publication, recently awarded Armstrong the 2012 Best Customer Service Award for service excellence among independent cable operators nationwide.

I congratulate Armstrong on the 18th day of April in the year 2013. I heartily commend Armstrong for its dedication to customer service and offer best wishes for future success.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I share this letter on behalf of a constituent of mine named Michael Ellenbogen. I hope his story helps others in a profound and positive way.

My name is Michael Ellenbogen. I am living with Alzheimer's disease. I spend almost every waking hour advocating for increased funding for research that will improve the treatment of this dreadful disease. In 2008, at the age of 49, I was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease after struggling to get a diagnosis since my first symptoms began at age 39. There are more than five million Americans now suffering from this devastating disease.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) funds research into critical and devastating diseases such as cancer and HIV/AIDS. Yet there is much neglect and discrimination regarding the allocation of funds for research into Alzheimer's and related dementias. As a person who experiences the devastating impact of Alzheimer's disease every day I hope that research will lead eventually to postponing the onset or slow the progression of this disease, if not prevention and cure.

Currently, Alzheimer's disease only receives about \$450 million for research from NIH, compared to more than \$5 billion for cancer and more than \$3 billion for HIV/AIDS. I am astonished at the lack of funding dedicated to addressing the number one health epidemic. Historically, leadership from the federal government has helped lower the number of deaths from major diseases such as HIV/AIDS, heart disease, stroke and many types of cancers. This past experience provides hope that increased efforts directed at Alzheimer's disease will be met with similar success.

There are many more Americans living with Alzheimer's than HIV; more funding is desperately needed. If we do not act now this disease has the potential to bankrupt this country. Money allocated today will have an enormous return on investment if it leads to the kind of successes obtained for other diseases.

If you have not yet been touched by this devastating and debilitating disease it's just a matter of time. I hope that my advocacy will help prevent future generations having to suffer my fate and that of many others. You can help by increasing NIH funding for research on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

I appeal to members of the House of Representatives, the Senate and the respective appropriations committees: Make the hard choices; increase funding for Alzheimer's disease. Do everything necessary to ensure that Alzheimer's disease gets the exposure, commitment and funding necessary to change the course of the disease before millions more Americans are affected.

My work as an advocate has provided opportunities to share my story on a national platform. I have provided public comment during meetings of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services in addition to having my personal essay about overcoming the stigma of the disease featured in the Alzheimer's disease World Report 2012. I have also become a member of the Alzheimer's Association National Early-Stage Advisory Group, helping to raise awareness of the disease and provide insights on the most appropriate programs and services for individuals in the early stage of Alzheimer's and other dementias.

I hope that what I am doing now will allow me to leave this world knowing that I have done everything possible to make generations to come have a fighting chance. Do not forget these people or the future generations who will develop this disease. We face dying in the worst possible way.

Regards,

MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN.

TRIBUTE TO GEE'S BEND QUILT ARTISTS MARY LEE BENDOLPH AND LORETTA PETTWAY BEN- NETT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my talented and distinguished constituents—Mary Lee Bendolph and Loretta Pettway Bennett. Both ladies are renowned quilt artists from Gee's Bend, Alabama. The beautiful work of these honorees and the group of women quilters from Gee's Bend has gained international recognition and is source of great pride to my district and the state of Alabama.

Gee's Bend is a beloved rural community—geographically isolated on a peninsula at a deep bend in the Alabama River, just southeast of my hometown of Selma. For nearly 200 years the women of Gee's Bend have been creating quilt art. These local women use available materials, in patterns of their own creative design. They have received widespread, critical acclaim and their work has been compared to the most valuable pieces of modern abstract art.

Mary Lee Bendolph, the seventh of 17 children, descends from generations of accomplished quilt makers in Gee's Bend. She

learned to quilt from her mother, Aolar Mosely, and she worked over the years in a variety of textile-related jobs. Mary Lee gathers design ideas for her quilt art by looking at the world around her. Anything—from people’s clothes at church, to her barn, to quilts hanging on clotheslines in front yards, to how the land looks when she’s high above it in an airplane—can inspire her.

Mary Lee Bendolph has worked to promote greater understanding of her community and its unique art form. She has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, and figured prominently in the PBS documentary “The Quiltmakers of Gee’s Bend.” In 1999, Mary Lee’s life was profiled in The Los Angeles Times by J.R. Moehringer in “Crossing Over: Mary Lee’s Vision,” which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize. Additionally, the main character Sadie Pettway in Elyzabeth Wilder’s play “Gee’s Bend,” currently on tour, is based on the life of Mary Lee Bendolph.

Loretta Pettway Bennett is a fifth-generation quilter from Gee’s Bend, Alabama and one of the youngest to continue handstitching quilts in the renowned Gee’s Bend style. She is the second of eight children and oldest daughter of Tom O. and Quinnie Elizabeth Pettway Jr. Loretta’s ancestry traces back to Dinah Miller, a great-great-great grandmother who, according to folklore and family history, was one of the first slaves to have arrived in Gee’s Bend. Loretta has over two dozen additional relatives among the initial group of quilters, establishing her as a bona fide member of what could be considered America’s quilting royalty.

Loretta has stated that she came full circle, back to her Gee’s Bend roots, when she made a quilt in honor of her mother Quinnie Pettway, who taught her to sew and quilt, and her cousin Arlonzia Pettway. “After that quilt, I went into a zone where I was inspired to use really bold colors and different types of materials together just like the generations of relatives before me, because they used what they had. I added something else that my family especially loves, music and dancing. I was finally there, using different shapes, sizes, colors and textures. Just like my family, imperfect but still a family.”

Most recently, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts featured the Gee’s Bend Jazz Symphony in February 2013. During Black History Month 2013, the history of the community of Gee’s Bend, and the spirit of the women of the Gee’s Bend quilt art, was brought to the nation by jazz pianist Jason Moran, using music to help animate history and interpret museum collections.

Mr. Speaker, I am beyond honored to represent the community of Gee’s Bend and these two extraordinary artists. I look forward to many more appearances in our nation’s capital by these highly talented artists.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECONOMIC AND ENERGY CONVERSION ACT OF 2013

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and

Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2013, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by DC voters in 1993. This version of the bill now requires the United States to negotiate an international agreement to disable and dismantle its nuclear weapons by 2020 and provides for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and for use of nuclear-free energy. The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons programs be redirected to human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security and the environment, and it would take effect when the President certifies to Congress that all countries possessing nuclear weapons have eliminated such weapons. The bill is particularly timely as Congress continues to make cuts to important human and infrastructure programs and as the world confronts concerns about nuclear proliferation to Iran and North Korea.

Following years of dangerous increases in U.S. nuclear capacity during the George W. Bush administration, President Barack Obama has begun to rebuild U.S. credibility with his goal of taking the necessary steps to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. The president’s strong push for the New START treaty in 2010, when Republicans seemed adamant on delaying it, resulted in ratification by the Senate. The treaty requires the two major nuclear powers, Russia and the United States, to continue to reduce nuclear weapons by mutually reducing their nuclear warheads by half and their number of intercontinental ballistic missiles and missile launchers, and, within 60 days of the treaty taking affect, on February 5, 2011, submit to on-site inspections of strategic nuclear weapons facilities by the weapons experts of the other country.

Today, our country has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner even though millions of Americans have lost their homes and jobs and sequestration has started. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses the largest nuclear weapons arsenal, I urge support for my bill to help the United States lead the world in redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to be available for urgent domestic needs.

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Chair, cybersecurity experts in government and the private sector agree that the biggest impediments to strengthening cybersecurity are obstacles that prevent the sharing of cyber threat informa-

tion. The intent of the bill before the House, H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) is laudable in that it eliminates some of those obstacles. Security and privacy, however, should not be mutually exclusive and CISPA does not go far enough to protect privacy. This is the bottom line for me, my constituents, and I hope the Obama Administration, and why I oppose this legislation.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill that would exempt loans from the credit union member business lending cap that are made after federally-declared natural disasters, injecting much-needed funds into local communities when they need it most.

Superstorm Sandy caused enormous destruction throughout the Northeast, and wildfires, hurricanes, and tornados have wreaked similar havoc across the country. Federal disaster assistance that flows after each declaration of a disaster is essential but not sufficient to get a region back on its feet. I’ve heard from many small businesses about their struggle to recover from Sandy. Counties in eleven states and the District of Columbia were declared major disaster areas by the President during the storm.

That is why this bill is so important. It will exempt credit union ‘member business loans’ from the normal lending cap for a period of up to five years after a natural disaster declaration. This will enable credit unions to temporarily lend above their cap in any area where there had been a federal declaration of disaster.

Exempting these loans from the cap will open up a new source of credit for struggling small businesses and untie the hands of credit unions that want to provide that assistance. Credit unions are key members of the communities they serve and want to be there for small businesses who need assistance recovering from natural disasters. This bill will provide businesses a source of capital to help them rebuild and recover.

Currently, under federal regulations, Federal Credit Unions are each subject to a ceiling of 12.25% of their assets in business loans to their members. As many credit unions approach that cap, they are unable to provide needed capital to their communities.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation to help areas that so badly need access to capital to help them recover.

HONORING THE WAYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY’S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wayne Public Library, located in the Township of Wayne, Passaic

County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th Anniversary.

The Wayne Public Library was established in December, 1922, after a discussion during a meeting of the Mountain View Parent Teacher Association with Mrs. Grace Freeman, who would become the President. The issue of the need for a public library was raised, and fundraising efforts began. By June of 1923, after canvassing the neighborhood and hosting a tag day, \$1,500 was raised, and 200 books donated. Due to these efforts, on July 24, 1923, the new Mountain View Library and Preakness Library officially opened.

As Wayne grew, and the collections of the libraries increased, regulation and further organization was needed. In 1947, the citizens of the Township of Wayne voted to establish an "American Free Public Library, governed by state laws which provided for a seven member Board of Trustees including the mayor of the town and the Superintendent of Schools." This governing body of the library systems in Wayne still operates today.

This Board of Trustees and a Library Improvement Association recognized the need for additional space to accommodate the collections, as well as to provide other locations to better serve Wayne residents. On November 6, 1962, they were able to facilitate the passing of a referendum to provide funds for a new central library building. They acquired a lot on Nellis Drive, next to the Town Hall, which allowed for an 11,000 square foot library, and on February 8, 1964, the groundbreaking and building began. A few years later, in 1967, a bookmobile was purchased to serve the Wayne neighborhoods. This held approximately 4,000 books, and was in service for nearly twenty years.

Over the next fifteen years, the three branches of the Wayne libraries underwent changes to further accommodate the residents and expanding collections. With the main library crowded with over 700,000 volumes, in 1972, an extra 16,000 square feet were added. The new Preakness Branch was completed six years later, and in 1980, the Mountain View Branch was also renovated, though it would close twelve years later. In the latter 1990s, the Wayne Public Library was remodeled, and held its grand opening on June 11, 2000.

The Wayne Public Library branches are home to a variety of programs. Their spacious meeting rooms are used for a variety of purposes, including music, tutoring, and reading programs, as well as presentations and groups for children and young adults. For adults, book discussion groups, computer, English language, art classes, and writing groups are all available. The meeting rooms are also used by other groups, such as the annual ballet performance for children by the McKenna School of Dance. The Wayne Public Library also hosts movie nights and viewings for all three age groups at both locations. The library offers to display artwork from the Township of Wayne as well.

The celebration of the Wayne Public Library's 90th Anniversary, on April 20, 2013, includes a Wine Tasting and Art Auction Event, featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, door prizes, a raffle, and live music. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wayne Public

Library as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING FLORENCE
"FLOSSY" KEESELY'S 99TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Florence "Flossy" Keesely of Boca Raton, Florida, who turns 99 years old today.

Flossy is a vibrant and active member of our community. In addition to her work championing the arts in Boca Raton, she is active in many local charities.

She is truly an exceptional woman who I am proud to represent in Florida's 22nd District. I know I join with her friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH WILKESBORO LIONS CLUB

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on April 5, 1938, the North Wilkesboro Lions Club was chartered in North Carolina.

Tomorrow members of the club, including charter member Blair Gwyn, will celebrate their 75th anniversary as an organization committed to the service of those in need.

For years, the North Wilkesboro Lions, like Lions Clubs International, have devoted themselves to combating the problem of blindness. The Record of Wilkes notes that our North Wilkesboro's Lions chapter provides eye exams and glasses to the less fortunate, helps support Camp Dogwood—a Lake Norman summer camp for the visually impaired, sponsors a leader dogs program, and, in addition, runs an annual book drive for literacy in Wilkes County.

North Wilkesboro's Lions work to raise funds to support the blind through annual broom sales, the Apple Festival's White Cane Drive, food sales at Merle Fest, and regular dues and donations from members.

For seventy-five years, North Wilkesboro has been served by the contributions of its Lions Club. I congratulate each North Wilkesboro Lions Club Member on this monumental anniversary.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT "BOB" JESSOP BEER

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the legacy of Robert "Bob" Jessop Beer. Born on August 8, 1943 to Harry L. and

Lucille Jessop Beer, Robert is a lifelong Hoosier, proud family man, entrepreneur, and soldier whose contributions have made a positive impact on the Milford Community.

In 1962, Robert graduated from Warsaw High School and proudly served his country as a U.S. Army Reservist from 1964–1970. He married his beautiful wife, Jacquelyn Craft, on September 11, 1965, and together had eight lovely children. Robert's entrepreneurial spirit led him to be the President and CEO of his business, Beer's & Jessop's Company, Inc., where he worked for many years.

Robert's contributions stemmed far beyond his immediate family and business, his presence was well-known to many Hoosiers in the community. For more than 40 years, Robert served as the precinct committeeman for Van Buren Township and was the Chairman of the Kosciusko County Board of Zoning Appeals. Along with his civic duties, Robert was a past patron of the Kosciusko Chapter 169 order of the Eastern Star and a member of Kosciusko Masonic Lodge 418 F&AM.

Robert leaves behind an incredible legacy that will surely live on to inspire many Hoosiers in the community to lend a hand in the community and help others. His family, including his wife, Jacquelyn, children, and grandchildren will remain in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I am honored to recognize the life of Robert 'Bob' Jessop Beer and extend my deepest sympathies to his loved ones. Joining Hoosiers across the State, we mourn his loss and remember the leadership that will continue motivating us all to serve our communities.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH A. MCINERNEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph A. McInerney, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), on the occasion of his departure after 12 years as head of the association.

The lodging industry is a key driver of our Nation's economy, employing 1.8 million men and women in hotels, inns, and resorts in all 50 States, and generating \$137.5 billion in annual sales. In my home State of Alabama, the industry is responsible for more than 21,000 jobs and \$654.9 million in employee wages. As head of the one trade association representing all interests of hoteliers, Joe has been a vocal advocate and leader for the policies and initiatives that have brought a renewed strength to lodging since the economic downturn of 2008.

Beginning in 1961 with his first job at the Sheraton Chicago, he quickly moved up the ranks before being transferred to the franchise division of Sheraton as regional director of operations in 1966. Three years later, he moved to Winston Salem, North Carolina, to be general manager of the Sheraton Inn. In 1970, he was named vice president, assistant to the president of the franchise division, and continued to move up until being appointed president of ITT's Sheraton franchise division in 1980.

After 25 years with Sheraton, he rose to the position of president and CEO for the soon-to-be-launched Hawthorn Suites. His next industry position came in 1991, when he was named him president and CEO of Travelodge and then president and CEO of Forte Hotels in 1992, before becoming chairman in 1995. Just before coming to AH&LA in 2001, he served as president and CEO of the Pacific Asia Travel Association and was responsible for moving the organization's headquarters from San Francisco to Bangkok.

With more than 50 years in the industry, Joe has seen countless innovations and changes—many of which he created and implemented. He is widely recognized for having revolutionized the franchise concept for Sheraton and popularizing the suite concept for Hawthorn Suites. He has also been responsible for the creation of new initiatives to encourage and recognize the diversity in the industry, including the Under 30 Gateway, a group comprised of young, up-and-coming hoteliers; Women in Lodging, made up of leading women CEOs, high-ranking executives, and employees in lodging; and the promotion of student chapters at colleges and universities across the country.

An honors graduate of Boston College, Joe has earned the designation of Certified Hotel Administration from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute. He has been recognized with numerous industry awards, including the first 2012 Founding Member award from DePaul University College of Commerce School of Hospitality Leadership; induction into the 2010 University of Houston's Hospitality Hall of Honors; induction into the 2010 Massachusetts Lodging Association Hall of Fame; the 2009 J. Patrick Leahy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association; the 2007 "Above and Beyond Award" at The Lodging Conference; the "Tourism Man of the Year" award from the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association; the 1999 Stephen Brener, Silver Plate Lifetime Achievement Award from Hospitality Magazine; the 1998 Pacific/Asia Person of the Year from Travel Agent Magazine; and the 1994 Economy Lodging's "Person of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I join with Joe's many friends and colleagues, in Alabama and across the country, in celebrating his long and successful career and thanking him for his leadership, foresight, and commitment to the lodging industry. I know his family—his wife, Ruth, his children, Joe and Susan, their spouses, Robin and Ken, and his five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colin, Weston, Finn, and Calla—are particularly proud of him and all he has accomplished and look forward to being able to spend more time with him in the weeks and months ahead.

HONORING MARILYN MICHELINI

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Marilyn Michelini. For more than 24 years, Marilyn has served the Montgomery community with great devotion and integrity. Through more than 30 years of professional experience in public service, Marilyn has proven herself to

be a staunch advocate for the people whom she represents.

After 12 years in office, Marilyn will serve her last day as the Mayor of Montgomery, Illinois on Monday, May 13. When first elected, she represented a little more than 5,000 constituents. As we stand here today, that number has grown to more than 18,000. Under her leadership, the Village of Montgomery undertook projects to widen Orchard Road, Route 30 and the construction of a new Village Hall.

Marilyn started her political career in 1982 when she agreed to complete the remaining 2½-year term of a retiring board member on the Kane County Board. Five years later, she became the first woman to be elected to the Board of Trustees for the Village of Montgomery, where she earned the reputation of always "doing her homework." In 2001, Marilyn was elected as Village President, a position that would allow her to utilize her professional experience to best serve the people of this rapidly changing village.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marilyn Michelini and her service to the constituents of Montgomery, Illinois. There are some people you meet and know instantly that they are trying to leave their community and this world a better place. Marilyn is one of these people. I am humbled by her commitment, and I wish her the best of luck in her well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF
RAY MILLER

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ray Miller, who has served as a volunteer member of the Dundee Fire Department for 58 years. Mr. Miller has completed seven terms as fire chief, during which he has demonstrated unequivocal dedication to the fire service and the entire Dundee community.

In recognition of Mr. Miller's service to the fire department, he has been honored with the Dundee Fire Department's Fireman of the Year Award six times. Mr. Miller also received the Yates County Roger A. Ribble Memorial Award in 1998 for his "dedication to the fire service, embracing its traditions, and training its future members."

It is evident that Mr. Miller leads by example. Year after year, he leads the fire department in number of responses, ambulance calls, and extra work details. He provides an example for other members to follow, and inspires younger members to train and perform to the best of their abilities. Mr. Miller is well-known and respected throughout the community, and he is held in the highest regard by his fellow firemen. Anyone who knows Mr. Miller will attest to his character, work ethic, and countless contributions to the community.

I am proud to recognize Ray Miller for his dedication to the fire department, and the invaluable contributions that he has made to the Dundee community over the past 58 years. It is a privilege to have a man of Mr. Miller's reputation in my district and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize him today.

RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States during the month of April, 2013; and

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the needed support to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

Whereas, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and the neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

As the representative of all the people of the sixth Congressional District of Kentucky and the former Board Chair of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, be it resolved that the month of April, 2013 is Child Abuse Prevention Month. I urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.

HONORING DR. GILEY GRIFFIN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Giley Nixon Griffin, a distinguished leader in my community and good friend. Dr. Griffin is a pillar of the Dallas community and has devoted her life and work to educating and mentoring others. Dr. Griffin and I worked together with Jack and Jill of America, a nationwide organization with over 220 chapters in 35 states and the District of Columbia that works to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for young people. Dr. Griffin's greatest joy

comes from helping others and her service to God. Currently, Dr. Griffin serves as Elder, Vice Chairman of the Board and Vice President of Women's Ministries at Romine Avenue Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. She was acknowledged recently by the Dallas Post Tribune as their "Leader of the Week," a testament to her devotion and service to others.

Dr. Griffin worked for years as a librarian and Director of Library Services at Jarvis Christian College. Dr. Griffin received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Jarvis Chris-

tian College, a Master of Science Degree in Library Science from Atlanta University, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Jarvis Christian College. In addition, Dr. Griffin has authored two books, *Faith Keepers: African American Women Leaders in Texas 1846–2000* and *Texas Christian Missionary Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Southwest Region-A Historical Prospectus—1914–2000*. Dr. Griffin is also a Charter member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Incorporated, Delta Ep-

silon Chapter. She served as First Lady at Corinth Christian Church in Kilgore, Texas for 17 years where her husband, the late Dr. James O. Griffin, served as Senior Pastor.

Mr. Speaker, the Dallas community is indebted to Dr. Griffin for her years of public service. Through her efforts, countless lives have been touched and young minds have been empowered. A community can only be as strong as its leaders, and we have a stalwart supporter in Dr. Griffin.