

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GARRETT O. SMITH

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Master Chief Petty Officer Garrett O. Smith for his service to our country. Master Chief Petty Officer Smith served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1969.

Master Chief Smith was assigned to the U.S.S. *Sperry* (AS-12), a submarine tender, in September of 1942. Later, in March of 1947, Officer Smith graduated from the Electrician "B" School in Washington, DC, and transferred to Goat Island, California. In May of 1954, Master Chief Smith was reassigned to the Naval Inspectors Office at Quincy, Massachusetts. Officer Smith's last assignment began in January of 1968 aboard the U.S.S. *Observation Island* (E-AG-154) Polaris/Poseidon test and development ship. On December 1, 1969, Master Chief Smith retired from the United States Navy.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Officer Smith for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAVERICK SWENSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maverick Swenson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maverick Swenson is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maverick Swenson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maverick Swenson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MINISTER TIMOTHY MILES FOWLER

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Minister Timothy Miles Fowler, a cornerstone in the DeKalb County community; and

Whereas, Timothy Miles Fowler was born in Decatur, Georgia, educated in the DeKalb County Public Schools and was a Minister at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a young man who believed and lived a life for God, Country, Community and Family; and

Whereas, Minister Fowler gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Iris, his wife and life partner and their three children, Timothy Tymere, Iana Allysa and Cameron Timothy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Minister Timothy Miles Fowler as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Minister Timothy Miles Fowler is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Minister Timothy Miles Fowler U.S. Citizen of Distinction Extension of Remarks in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of April, 2013.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE E. PENNINGTON

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the up-

lifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she spent her life's work registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.

HONORING TERRY EDWARD MASSEY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Corporal Terry Edward Massey. Corporal Massey served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946.

A few months after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 4, 1943. Corporal Massey served in the 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division during the Battle of Iwo Jima. After landing at Iwo Jima, Corporal Massey helped a wounded fellow Marine take cover in a shell hole. Near the end of the battle, Corporal Massey said, "Surviving Iwo Jima without getting injured was like walking through rain without getting wet."

During his years of service, Corporal Massey received a Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Star, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (Japan), China Liberation Ribbon, and Marine Corps Sharpshooter Badge. He was discharged on May 10, 1946. Now at age 87, Fmr. Corporal Massey still remembers

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his M1 Rifle number: 1434919 and serial number: 919497. He remains a true patriot whose fervent prayer is that his grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be able to grow up and live in the America he has always known and fought to protect.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Corporal Massey for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to all those who serve and who have served as peace officers to protect and serve our great nation. Today is the day we demonstrate our respect for the men and women and all that they do for us and our country. We especially honor those who sacrificed everything and lost their lives in the line of duty. On this day we remember all those who don a uniform signifying the protection of our country's citizens by means of defending the laws of our nation.

Since October 1, 1962 when President John F. Kennedy signed a special law, May 15 has been National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 has been recognized as National Police Week. This is a time when Americans are given a chance to honor the extraordinary service given year after year by our police forces. Although people sometimes forget those in uniform, we must recognize this day to understand the length these officers go to in order to do their job and serve our communities. These officers are special because they have taken the initiative to sacrifice their own safety for the safety of others. They exhibit bravery and courage every day to keep our communities safe, to preserve and protect our laws and our constitution in their line of duty. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States Congress and the American people.

We must commemorate the dedicated law enforcement officers who serve our communities, states and country. This being said, I would like to take this opportunity to remember our own Sergeant Gary Morales, who was shot and killed in the line of duty at the age of 35 on Thursday February 28, 2013 in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was a selfless hero, like all those who have lost their lives during service. The motto of police week, "Never Alone, Never Forgotten," must be observed and remembered not only today, but every day. Sergeant Morales—you will never be forgotten.

Peace Officers Memorial Day gives us all the opportunity to thank those in our community who do so much for us. This day, as well as National Police Week, pays tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. This opportunity to thank those around us also allows for the coming together of communities. These observances re-

mind us all of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime and violence. The service of these brave men and women must not go unrecognized and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those who serve.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 527, THE RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2013 the House of Representatives passed H.R. 527—the Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act. During that roll call, I inadvertently voted against the bill. I rise today in support of H.R. 527.

The Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act is a common sense plan to sell helium from the Federal Helium Reserve in a responsible manner to prevent a global shortage, protect jobs and the economy, and ensure a fairer return for taxpayers. This bill provides a positive alternative to authorizing a continuation of the current program. H.R. 527 prevents an extremely small number of companies from controlling a significant segment of the U.S. economy that relies on helium.

The three phase system carefully outlined in this legislation is strongly supported by my colleagues and the administration. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has said it can implement this legislation without a lengthy rulemaking process. Transparency and the prevention of collusion are central components of this legislation, allowing all users to know for how much the BLM helium is being sold, creating a stable price environment. This legislation and the three phase program will ensure that there remains a stable, predictable supply of helium for the U.S. economy, as well as continuing to provide taxpayers a fair return on this supply of helium.

HONORING DR. EVANGELIST  
BERTHA RACKLEY WILLIAMS

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, reaching the age of 85 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams was born on March 25, 1928, in Abbeville, Georgia, and is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Evangelist Williams has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Evangelist Williams is celebrating her 85th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia on April 14, 2013, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a mother, friend, a servant and a leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful Evangelist of the gospel and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 85th birthday in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 14, 2013 as Dr. Evangelist Bertha Rackley Williams Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2013.

HONORING VAN ZANDT COUNTY'S  
165TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Van Zandt County, Texas on their 165th anniversary.

Van Zandt County was first established by the Texas legislature on March 20, 1848, when it was taken from part of Henderson County. Sabine Lake (Jordan's Saline) was the first county seat. There court was first held in a log-built courthouse during December of 1848. The county seat was later moved to Canton after Wood County was carved out of Van Zandt County in 1850. The county's namesake is Republic of Texas leader Isaac Van Zandt.

The area provides numerous opportunities for enjoying the outdoors and great East Texas food. Local attractions include Lake Tawakoni, the famous First Monday Trade Days in Canton, Salt Festival and Rodeo held in Grand Saline, Van Oil Festival, Edom Festival of the Arts, Ben Wheeler Fall Feral Hog Festival, Wills Point Bluebird Festival, Edgewood Heritage Festival, and countless other events and activities throughout the year that attract visitors from across the state and country.

It is my privilege and honor to represent the citizens of Van Zandt County in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING TEN VETERANS FROM  
OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10 veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorials this Friday in Washington, D.C. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans who fought in World War II are Francis Lake, U.S. Army; Loyal Miller, U.S. Army; Earnest Walston, U.S. Army; and Henry Hemholtz, U.S. Navy. Malcolm Grizwold, U.S. Army fought in the Korean War. The veterans who fought in the Viet Nam War are

Leroy Ellis, U.S. Army; David Gibbons, U.S. Army; Larson Kalama, U.S. Army; Janice Smith, U.S. Army; and Michael Williams, U.S. Navy.

These 10 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Michael Williams for his tireless work in organizing this group visit to Washington, D.C.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. JOE COX

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Cox for his many years of dedication to the Los Banos Future Farmers of America (FFA) as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their win at the FFA Nationals Contest. His commitment to young participants of the FFA program as well as many other community activities, make Joe Cox most deserving of this honor.

Joe Cox was born in Booneville, Arkansas in 1925. During the Great Depression, his family—including his two sisters, parents and grandmother—decided to leave Arkansas. They traveled across the country for two years, camping along the way, until they made it to Reedley, California.

Once the family settled in Reedley, Joe was able to return to school. Joe's family moved around the Reedley area, wherever there was work for his father. During one year, his family moved eight times. Even though his life was at times unstable, he was inspired by his father's commitment to working hard and supporting his family. This lifestyle also sparked his devotion to his life in education and his empathy for students who had to overcome obstacles.

As Joe graduated high school and World War II ensued, Joe decided to enlist in the Navy. He was assigned to the radio operators training after just five weeks of basic training. After his education was complete, Joe volunteered to serve on submarines. Out of one hundred volunteers, Joe was chosen as one of five to attend submarine school. He was assigned to a tender ship, the U.S.S. *Orion*, and the U.S.S. *Battfish*, which patrolled off the coasts of Japan.

When the war was over and he was discharged, Joe joined his brother-in-law in the farming business. After farming for several years, Joe decided that he wanted to continue his education. He attended Reedley College and then California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo. Joe was in his first quarter at Cal Poly, when he was called to serve in the Korean War. After two

years, he was able to return to Cal Poly and complete his degree and teaching credential.

Joe began his teaching career as an Ag Science teacher with Los Banos High School in 1955. He went on to become the Agriculture Department Chair, which he turned into a highly respected program. In the spring of 1963, Joe coached the Los Banos High School FFA team to a first place finish at the state dairy judging contest, and then went on to win the National title in Waterloo, Iowa.

Joe continued to take summer classes to further his knowledge in the education field. He earned a master's degree in education from Cal Poly in 1957. Then in 1981, he earned his doctoral degree in education from the University of Southern California. Joe shifted his career into administration when he took the role of Assistant Principal at Los Banos High School in 1963 and Principal in 1969. One of Joe's assignments was to focus on adult education, which eventually led him to a position at the new Merced College Los Banos campus to run the evening programs. In 1982, he took the position of Principal at the junior high in Los Banos where he stayed until his retirement in 1988.

During his retirement, Joe has done more than many people do in a lifetime. He served for 12 years on the Los Banos Unified School Board. In addition, he served as President of the Los Banos Golden Agers, District Governor in Rotary, Chair of the California Seniors Legislature and most recently National President of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. The City of Los Banos recently acknowledged his longtime service to the community by inducting him into the Los Banos High History-Society Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize the leadership and commitment Mr. Cox has shown to Los Banos and the Future Farmers of America. He personifies a man of principle and integrity. Joe Cox is a role model for all of us, and it is with great pride that I recognize him for everything he does for our community.

#### HAZLETON PATROLMAN ERNESTO "NESTY" VALENTE

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hazleton, Pennsylvania Patrolman Ernesto "Nesty" Valente, who passed away on May 15, 1938, while serving in the line of duty.

Mr. Valente met his untimely death while escorting an automobile carrying John Sotack, age 8, through the congested city business district to the hospital. While attempting to ensure quick passage of the automobile through the intersection at Broad and Wyoming streets, Mr. Valente was propelled from the running board of the vehicle when the driver applied the brakes. Despite the best efforts of his fellow patrolman and medical professionals, he perished shortly after at the State Hospital.

At the time of his death, Mr. Valente was one of the oldest members of the Hazleton Police Department in the line of service, having been appointed on April 21, 1921. He was

considered to be an outstanding traffic officer and served the city of Hazleton with distinction. A husband and father of two daughters, Mr. Valente was also appointed as a member of the Lodge No. 18, Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Most Precious Blood Church.

Mr. Speaker, for his dedication and sacrifice to keep the citizens of Hazleton, Pennsylvania safe, I commend Patrolman Ernesto "Nesty" Valente.

#### CONGRATULATING SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), Chapter 78, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana, as its members celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Father Ted Poteres, along with Parish Council President JoAnn Massow and the congregation, will commemorate this momentous milestone with a celebratory reception on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Saints Constantine and Helen Cultural Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Northwest Indiana is especially grateful for the unshakable faith, boundless wisdom, and exemplary service of Father Poteres, a truly outstanding religious leader. I also wish to acknowledge the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos and all the other committed religious leaders who have joined in this celebration.

The founding of Saints Constantine and Helen began when a group of immigrants joined together with the goal of preserving Greek culture and religious tradition for the many Greek families that were moving into the Northwest Indiana region. In 1913, the first worship services were held in a rented store building in Gary, Indiana, making Saints Constantine and Helen the first Greek church in the City of Gary. The name was chosen to signify the importance of Saint Constantine, the Roman emperor who, during the fourth century, permitted the freedom of practicing Christianity, as well as Saint Helen, Saint Constantine's mother, in their fight for the sustenance of their religious beliefs and Greek heritage. The church continued to gain support, and as a result of the congregation's dedicated and unwavering efforts, on Easter Sunday of 1919, Saints Constantine and Helen opened their first church building in Gary.

The church has continually been blessed with extraordinary religious leaders, none more exemplary than Father Ted. And we all recall the appointment of Father Evagoras Constantinides as pastor of Saints Helen and Constantine in 1969. Under his leadership, the Hellenic Cultural Center and the Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral were constructed in Merrillville, Indiana. Father Ev served as pastor for 26 years and was held in the highest regard by church leaders internationally, by his congregation, and by the entire Northwest Indiana community. Father

Evagoras's passing at a time when we are celebrating the parish's 100th anniversary seems to me to be more than coincidental. I believe it evidences his knowledge that he could join our God firm in his absolute faith in Father Poteres's spiritual leadership, the Parish Council's commitment to future generations, and every parishioner's dedication to preserving their religious beliefs and the incomparable Hellenic culture and values we all hold so dear.

The leaders and parishioners of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church touch the lives of countless individuals through their compassionate service, especially to those most in need. Over the years, the church has come to the aid of so many people through the church's Helping Hand Fund, which provides financial assistance to those in need. The church also facilitates the Ross Township Food Pantry, which fed approximately 20,000 people during the last year.

Mr. Speaker, I am a strong advocate for the promotion of the ideals and morals of Hellenism throughout all of Northwest Indiana. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church as the congregation celebrates its 100th anniversary. The church leaders and parishioners have dedicated themselves to upholding Greek Orthodox traditions and spiritual beliefs. For their commitment to service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, they are worthy of the highest praise.

MEGAN RHOADS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Megan Rhoads for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Megan Rhoads is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Megan Rhoads is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Megan Rhoads for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA NUNN  
MC CARTHY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Barbara Nunn McCarthy was a community leader, making history as the first woman to serve on the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, she provided leadership and service to so many community institutions including the Rockdale United Way, the County Extension Service, the C. E. Steele Community Center, Rockdale Retired Educators Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Rockdale Coalition for Children and Families and the Conyers Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Mrs. McCarthy never asked for fame or fortune, nor found a job too small or too big; she gave of herself, her time and her many talents by demonstrating unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the citizens of Rockdale County; and

Whereas, she was a wife, a mother, a sister, an aunt, a teacher and a friend; she was also a woman of great integrity who throughout her life remained true to uplifting and serving; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Barbara Nunn McCarthy as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that she is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Barbara Nunn McCarthy, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of March, 2013.

IN CELEBRATION OF DABNEY N.  
MONTGOMERY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY  
"OUR NONAGENARIAN HERO"

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate the 90th Birthday of Mr. Dabney N. Montgomery, a member of the ground crew of the Tuskegee Airmen, who later served as a bodyguard for Martin Luther King during the historic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

Dabney N. Montgomery was born in Selma, Alabama on April 18, 1923, to Dred and Lula Anderson Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery was drafted into the Army Air Corps (now the United States Air Force), during World War II and served in the 1051st Quartermaster Company of the 96th Air Service Group, attached to the 332nd Air Fighter Group, as a ground crewman with the Tuskegee Airmen in Southern Italy, from 1943 to 1945. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a Service Award, the Honorable Service Medal, and a Basic Driver and Mechanic Medal. In 1946, he enrolled into Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina, and received a B.A. degree in Religious Education, in May 1949. He served as a Charter Member of the Sphinx Club and was one of the first to be admitted into the Gamma Mu Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha [ΑΦΑ] Fraternity.

In June 1955, he joined Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (the oldest

Black Church in the State of New York, organized in 1796), Harlem, New York. He immediately began to serve as Sunday School Teacher and, in early 1970, was appointed Director of Youth (serving until 1999). In July 1996, he authored a Resolution to the General Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church Denomination, proposing that 'The Day of Pentecost' be incorporated in their Book of Discipline. It now stands as a day of celebration throughout all A.M.E. Zion Churches.

He served and presently serves in many capacities such as General Chairperson of Mother Zion's Bicentennial Anniversary in October 1996, charter member of the past organization at 159 West 136th Street Parsonage Building Fund of Mother Zion, the W.H. & O.M.S where he served as member/chaplain, Class no. 4 member, Board of Stewards, Board of Directors of James Varick Community Center, and the Lay Council. He is Mother Zion's Church Historian and conducts church tours. In 1999, the Church was featured in a PBS documentary entitled, "A Walk through Harlem," hosted by Barry Lewis and David Hartman in which Mr. Montgomery cites the history of Mother Zion Church.

On Sunday, March 5, 2006, the men's committee bestowed upon him a double honor with the Paul Robeson Award of Excellence and with architectural plans for the future structure of the Church archives and museum to be named the Dabney N. Montgomery Art Gallery and Exhibition Hall. Mr. Montgomery was an activist in the course of the Civil Rights Movement and marched with the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout the 50+ mile March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, March 21-25, 1965. He served as one of Dr. King's bodyguards. On April 11, 2006, President George W. Bush signed a bill into law to award all original Tuskegee Airmen the 'United States Congressional Gold Medal of Honor;' it was awarded on Thursday, March 29, 2007, under the Capitol Dome here in Washington, D.C.

In December 2006, he was selected by the Livingstone College National Alumni Association to receive the prestigious Outstanding Alumni Award. It was presented on February 2, 2007 by the National Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund in Nashville, Tennessee. On February 4, 2010, he was inducted into the United Negro College Fund "Share Your Love" and Service in Celebration of Livingstone College Leaders Hall of Fame. These distinguished awards recognize Alumni who have made significant contributions to their alma mater, community, and the United Negro College Fund.

On August 7, 2007, he was asked to serve as a member of The HistoryMakers, a Chicago-based organization that has the largest archival collection of both well-known and unsung African American HistoryMakers. Their purpose is to capture the stories of accomplished African Americans across all walks of life and to use video and new technologies to create an accessible digital collection to serve as a resource for students, teachers, scholars, documentary producers and the media. The HistoryMakers' stories are stories of success against the odds, of achievement in the face of adversity, and of inspiration. They are America's missing stories.

On Saturday, June 27, 2009 the Livingstone College National Alumni Association, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island Chapter presented to

Dabney N. Montgomery the Joseph Charles Price Award, "In Recognition of Outstanding Achievements That Serve as a Tribute to Our Beloved Founder."

Mr. Montgomery is involved in the Harlem community and is a member of Manhattan Community Board No. 10, where he serves on two sub-committees: Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Committee. As a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, he wrote a base letter to the Parks Department of the City of New York, as a proposal to recognize Central Park West (at 85th and 86th Streets) as the historical site of African American settlers in the early 1820s, which was then Seneca Village. Mother Zion was, for a short time, located there. The settlers were evicted in 1857 under the City's 'eminent domain' project. A permanent sign now stands marking the site. He is chaplain of the West 136th Street Block Association.

Words cannot express my gratitude to Dabney, whose devotion to our community is remarkable and his service and commitment to our Nation has known no bounds. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 150th Anniversary of the Union League Club, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the 369th "Harlem Hellfighters Regiment" and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the 90th Birthday of Dabney N. Montgomery, an outstanding veteran, hero, civil rights activist and public servant.

MICAH ELAZIER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Micah Elazier for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Micah Elazier is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Micah Elazier is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Micah Elazier for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO PATERNE  
AGBOHESSOU

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals

who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. Paterne Agbohessou has answered that call by giving of himself as an educator at E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School, and as a beloved son, mentor and friend; and

Whereas, Mr. Agbohessou has been chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, representing E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; and

Whereas, this tenacious man has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through his tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mr. Agbohessou is a courageous man and a fearless leader who has shared his vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as he truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Paterne Agbohessou for his leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2013 Teacher of the Year at E.L. Bouie Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 15, 2013 as Mr. Paterne Agbohessou Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of March, 2013.

IN HONOR OF DR. PETER A.  
KURZBERG OF BRAINTREE, MA

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Peter A. Kurzberg in recognition of his outstanding contribution to public education and his twenty-two years of leadership in the Braintree, MA School District.

Peter was born and raised in Springfield, MA. The son of Holocaust survivors, he was the first generation of his family born in the United States. He graduated from Classical High School in 1965. Subsequently, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and Child Development from Goddard College.

Peter began his teaching career as a special needs teacher in East Hartford, CT, where he also served as Vice-President of the East Hartford Education Association. He continued his education while teaching and received his Master of Science degree in Special Education from Central Connecticut State College. After five years of teaching, Peter attended the University of Iowa where he earned his Education Specialist degree (Ed.S) in Special Education and his Doctorate (Ph.D) in Educational Administration.

While attending graduate school in Iowa, Peter worked as a special education consultant and secured his administrative position as Coordinator of Special Education for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency assigned to Iowa City.

Mister Speaker, Peter returned to Massachusetts in 1981 as the Director of Special

Needs and later the Director of Instructional Programs for the Freetown-Lakeville Public Schools where he served for five years. Subsequently, he was hired as Assistant Superintendent for the Barnstable Public Schools and served in that capacity until 1991 when he assumed the position of Superintendent of the Braintree Public Schools. He has served with distinction for twenty-two years.

During his career, Peter has served as president of both the Old Colony and South Shore Superintendents Roundtable. He is a current member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, and he has served as Chairman of the Board for the South Shore Educational Collaborative. He is a past President of the Braintree Rotary Club and is currently the President of Temple B'Nai Shalom in Braintree.

Mr. Speaker, Peter has had the good fortune to be married to Karen for thirty years, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Marc and Daniel.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Dr. Peter A. Kurzberg's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for forty-two years of dedicated service to public education, and especially express our gratitude for twenty-two years of inspired leadership of the Braintree Public Schools.

NEKO FAVELA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Neko Favela for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Neko Favela is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Neko Favela is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Neko Favela for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING REVEREND DR.  
RICHARD B. HAYNES

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through Pastoral leadership and service; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes has given of himself to lead Salem Baptist Church these past twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Salem Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that better the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community for the past twenty five (25) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a man of great courage, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with not only Salem Baptist Church, but with Gwinnett County and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes for his leadership and service for our District as he celebrates his 25th Pastoral anniversary; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 10, 2013 as Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2013.

NOE URIAS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Noe Urias for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Noe Urias is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Noe Urias is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Noe Urias for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### HONORING THE CEDAR GROVE AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad, located in Cedar Grove,

Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

The need for a rescue squad in Cedar Grove was realized in 1938. When a resident of Cedar Grove was in need of immediate help, and the only rescue squad available was in the nearby Township of Verona. It was May, 1938, that a group of firemen formed the Cedar Grove Rescue Squad, with the express purpose of providing emergency medical care and rescue services to those in need. The Rescue Squad was based in Center Fire Company #1, and was the sole provider of emergency medical care to the residents of Cedar Grove for thirteen years.

In 1951, the Township of Cedar Grove faced a dramatic upsurge in emergency calls, causing eight Auxiliary Policemen and eight residents to form the Cedar Grove Ambulance Unit. The Unit was based out of the Municipal Building. In the following years, the Township continued to grow, as did the number of emergency calls. The need for more volunteers, vehicles, and space was patent. In 1962, the Ambulance Unit moved its headquarters to the intersection of Cedar Street and Ridge Road, and in 1965, the Rescue Squad moved to its headquarters at Pompton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. The two organizations worked together to provide care and services to the residents of Cedar Grove, with the Rescue Squad handling on-scene work and the Ambulance Unit providing transportation to the hospital.

In the early eighties, new state regulations and the overwhelming amount of calls led to merger negotiations between the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Unit. In 1982, the merger resulted in the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad. Today, the squad has over sixty members that handle over 1,600 calls annually. They have three ambulances in operation, and a heavy-duty rescue truck equipped with the latest in rescue and medical equipment. The members, a remarkable group of men and women, remain dedicated to serving the residents of Cedar Grove, and providing the best care in emergency situations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

### HONORING POLLY MERIWETHER LEWIS

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis' work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis led by doing behind the scenes, as well as front and

center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the YMCA, her beloved church, Greater Travelers Rest Baptist and for her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a daughter and a friend; she was a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor": Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of March, 2013.

### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

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

Today, it is \$16,760,961,851,934.60. We've added \$6,134,084,803,021.52 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week we honor our local, state and federal law enforcement officers by recognizing National Police Week. From May 13-17, communities across the nation will hold ceremonies, honoring the peace officers who protect them and remembering those who lost their lives in the line of duty. We take one week a year to thank them for their service, but we are grateful year-round.

Peace officers have protected Americans for the last 221 years, but our nation has celebrated their service and remembered their sacrifices since 1962 when President John F. Kennedy first proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Nearly one million peace officers serve our communities selflessly nationwide. Every day, these brave men and women put on their uniform, pin on their badge and put themselves in harm's way. Their daily job is to protect our communities, our lives and our property. When the outlaws—the drug dealers, child molesters, wife beaters, robbers, bandits, murderers and street terrorists—threaten our communities, peace officers are the first ones to track them down. With their service, comes risk and

sacrifice. We remember the 120 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives last year while in the line of duty.

Peace officers separate us from the outlaws. They separate anarchy from law and order. They help bring justice to crime victims, and peace to communities that crime has affected. We must support our peace officers because they support us, the home-front. And that's just the way it is.

MAYRA BARRERA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mayra Barrera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mayra Barrera is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mayra Barrera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mayra Barrera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEDS  
AND SERVICES OF ALICE M. BENOIT

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and invoke the memory of Alice M. Benoit, a nurse that traveled around the world, from Libya, to Mexico, and finally to D.C. where she settled as a nurse at the Rayburn House Office Building giving 25 years of excellent service.

Alice M. Benoit was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and immigrated to the United States in 1945 in order to "see the world". Pursuant to that dream, she joined the Army Nurse Corps where she assisted in healing our soldiers in U.S. bases in Libya and in 1948 was granted U.S. citizenship. She also served as head nurse at the U.S. embassy in Mexico City and afterwards she worked in Texas, Alabama, and Florida.

Later on she found herself on Capitol Hill looking for employment. She had an interview with the Attending Physician's office and landed a job at the Rayburn House Office Building in 1967. During her tenure on the Hill, she provided health services to Members of Congress, staff members, and the American people who came to visit the Capitol every day. Former Representative Tom Downey (D-NY) remembered that Alice not only provided med-

ical services, but she also provided a "soothing word to people when they needed it". She was known to be "terrifically confident and competent."

After serving 25 years on Capitol Hill, she received a Letter of Commendation for her extended service from Dr. Robert C. J. Krasner, the Former Attending Physician of the Capitol. Soon afterwards she retired in February 1992 with plans to travel with her husband, Eugene Benoit, and "read a few good books". In April 19, 2013 Alice passed away from pneumonia at an assisted-living facility in Melbourne, Florida.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE  
NATHANIEL HOLT

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, a cornerstone in the Providence community; and

Whereas, Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt was born in Nashville, Tennessee, educated in the Davidson County Public Schools and was a longtime member of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a member of the "Greatest Generation" having served our nation with honor in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

Whereas, Mr. Holt gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a neighbor and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Jennie, his wife and life partner of sixty-two (62) years and their three children, Clarence, Kathy and Charles; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of February, 2013.

MERCEDES FIGUEROA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mercedes Figueroa for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mercedes Figueroa is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mercedes Figueroa is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mercedes Figueroa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MENTAL HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION OF MORRIS COUNTY'S  
60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mental Health Association of Morris County; located in the Borough of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County is a local chapter of the New Jersey Division of the National Mental Health Association, now known as Mental Health America. In earlier days of mental health treatment, asylums often restrained the mentally ill with chains and shackles. With the advent of better understanding came more humane treatments, and the cruel practice was halted. In the early 1950s, Mental Health America issued a call to asylums across the country for their discarded fetters. On April 13, 1956, the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland, recast these into the Mental Health Bell, to be a sign of hope for improving mental health and achieving victory over mental illnesses. The bell, now the symbol of Mental Health America, serves as a powerful reminder of the invisible chains of misunderstanding and discrimination that continue to bind people with mental illnesses.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County was incorporated in 1953, when a small number of people in recovery from mental illness and their families decided to bring the advocacy organization local, for a better mental health system of care. The mission of this organization is to promote mental health and to support and empower people in recovery from mental illness through effective services, education, and advocacy. Within the community of Morris County, the Mental Health Association provides services to those who are most devastated by mental illness, giving them hope for recovery. They employ peer workers who have gone through similar struggles to help coach the next generation of mentally ill. The organization aids those in need transition from homelessness to housing, and from psychiatric hospitals to the community. Additionally, the Mental Health Association of Morris County serves as advocates of community education, improvement of services, policies, and resources, and promotes self help.

The goal of independence for those suffering, both financially and in conducting their lives, is an important aspect of promoting wellness. Financial support and counseling allows mentally ill people to live independently in their permanent housing opportunities where they might otherwise end up in expensive institutional or jail facilities. Their Peer-to-

Peer Support Line, staffed by those recovering from mental illness, also provides cost-efficient access to counselors if the mentally ill person is suffering from a psychiatric emergency. These services reach over 3,000 people per year. The Mental Health Association of Morris County has a staff of 85, a volunteer Board of Directors, and over 100 volunteers working to achieve this mission, on a budget of only \$6 million. They are a lead county agency in promoting recovery and wellness from people with mental illness and their families. They continue to embody a just and humane approach to promoting integration into a community in which all people with mental illness are accorded respect, dignity, and the opportunity to achieve their full potential, free from stigma and discrimination.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mental Health Association of Morris County as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF  
OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Lloyd Harry Bigler, U.S. Air Force; Gordon L. Case, U.S. Air Force; Marion Elza Hill, U.S. Air Force; Robert Verdell Lance, U.S. Air Force; Glenn M. Lee, U.S. Air Force; James Minturn, U.S. Air Force; Arthur H. Moon, U.S. Air Force; Earl Thompson, U.S. Air Force; Charles M. Williams, U.S. Air Force; Richard K. Blackwell, U.S. Army; Lawrence Bloom, U.S. Army/U.S. Navy; Merle J. Cooper, U.S. Army; Ambrose Denfeld, U.S. Army; Robert F. Dougherty, U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force; Jack E. Lawrence, U.S. Army; Frank James Mackey, U.S. Army; Jack Marsh, U.S. Army; William Ross Maslen, U.S. Army; Joanna S. Painter, U.S. Army; Frank M. Rinella, U.S. Army/U.S. Navy; James Souza, U.S. Army; Harvey Wiprecht, U.S. Army; Charles Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard; Eldon Lewis Cedergreen, U.S. Marine Corps; Richard J. Courson, U.S. Marine Corps; Milton R. Emerson, U.S. Marine Corps; Harold G. Lowry, U.S. Marine Corps; Arthur Edward Tinker, U.S. Marine Corps; Harold E. Wyman, U.S. Marine Corps; Francis H. Bagley, U.S. Navy; Everett H. Belcher, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Ray Book, U.S. Navy; John C. Drake, U.S. Navy; Richard E. Ernst, U.S. Navy; Galen L. Goodale, U.S. Navy; Elmer LeRoy Grady, U.S. Navy; Leroy J. Hennrich, U.S. Navy; Leland P. Johnson, U.S. Navy; Vernon O. Keiper, U.S. Navy; Andrew Doyle Knox, U.S. Navy; Richard A. Leibham, U.S. Navy; James Frederick Leitch, U.S. Navy; Erwin A. Marsh, U.S. Navy; Richard Guy Miller, U.S. Navy; Addison Parry, U.S. Navy; Walter Prosser, U.S. Navy; Chester Leroy Smith, U.S. Navy; John E. Van Laning, U.S. Navy; Robert J. Wyatt, U.S. Navy; Alice Maxine Tatone, U.S. Navy. WAVE.

These 50 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick and Erik Tobiason for their tireless work with Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon.

NICK HALL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nick Hall for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nick Hall is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nick Hall is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nick Hall for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING REV. DR. NOEL BATTLE  
AND MARTHA HALL BATTLE

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, on January 26, 1933, a tenacious man of God, Reverend Dr. Noel Battle was born in Union Point, Georgia; and

Whereas, on February 14, 1937, a virtuous woman of God, Martha Hall Battle was born in Greensboro, Georgia; and

Whereas, they both were raised in Georgia and they married on August 31, 1958, at the Springfield Baptist Church in Greensboro, Georgia; their union was blessed with four children, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, this phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman and this stellar man of God have shared their time and talents as inspirational pillars in our district, being citizens of great

worth, fearless leaders and servants to all by always advancing the lives of others; and

Whereas, this year we celebrate a couple that is blessed with a happy life, devoted to God, family and community; and

Whereas, the works of Reverend and Mrs. Battle have and continue to enhance the lives of citizens in our district and beyond, we pause to acknowledge their unyielding service, for they are truly cornerstones in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend and Mrs. Battle on their accomplishments this year and to wish them well and recognize them for their exemplary lives which are an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 23, 2013 as Reverend Dr. Noel Battle and Mrs. Martha Battle Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 23rd day of February, 2013.

MORGAN JEWELL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Morgan Jewell for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Morgan Jewell is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Morgan Jewell is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Morgan Jewell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MARY GLENN

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Ms. Mary Glenn's work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia, for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens like you and me; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, she just wanted to do what was right; and

Whereas, Ms. Mary Glenn led by doing behind the scenes, front and center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County, her church, Ebenezer Baptist Church and for her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, grandmother, a daughter and a friend; she was our warrior, our matriarch, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our district until her end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Mary Glenn for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Mary Glenn of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor": Ms. Mary Glenn, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of February, 2013.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF MARY JUDITH  
HONISEK

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of Mary Judith Honisek of Connellsville, Pennsylvania who died on April 30th at the age of 97.

Mrs. Honisek was definitely a woman before her time. A graduate of Seton Hill College, she was a World War II veteran, serving as a Captain in the United States Medical Corps in England and France.

Mrs. Honisek was the mother of two daughters, Judith and Jane, and the grandmother of David and Gregory. She was active in her parish, Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, and was an endless source of knowledge and advice for friends and family members including my wife Rosemary who was her niece.

Mary Judith Honisek was beloved by all who were privileged to know her. May she rest in peace.

HONORING LORRAINE GOBERT

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, twenty seven years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Internal Revenue Service in Houston, Texas; and

Whereas, Ms. Lorraine Gobert began her career with the IRS as a W-4 Clerk in 1986 and today retires as a member of the Taxpayer Advocate Service Team in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need,

a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Lorraine Gobert is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lorraine Gobert on her retirement from the Internal Revenue Service and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim January 30, 2013 as Ms. Lorraine Gobert Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of January, 2013.

NUVIA RAMIREZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nuvia Ramirez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nuvia Ramirez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nuvia Ramirez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nuvia Ramirez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE VILLAGE  
PROJECT

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Village Project for five years of exemplary service. Founded in 2008, the Village Project sought to fill the gap in mental health and family counseling services geared toward the African American community on the Monterey Peninsula in particular and the broader Monterey Bay Area as a whole.

The Village Project was born from the efforts and love of many people. But it was Mel and Regina Mason who truly made it happen. They designed the project and spent countless hours in chasing down all the myriad of clinical, fiscal, administrative, and other details that turned the idea of the Village Project into a reality. Indeed, it is their love and dedication to the people of the Monterey Bay region that infuse every aspect of the Village Project and has made it such a success in its short history.

The Village Project provides culturally-appropriate services to the African American

population in order to address that community's unmet needs. While it focuses on African Americans, the Village Project is dedicated to providing services to anyone who needs them. It offers mental health counseling, a parenting program, several academic support groups for youth, as well as support for community-building.

Mel Mason, who serves as the organization's executive director and primary counselor, ensures that the Village Project works in partnership with community organizations, schools, faith-based institutions, and other agencies to collectively support children and families of all cultures. It is a true measure of its broad base of support that the organization's board is a who's who of community leaders who see many of the goals of their own work realized in the efforts of the Village Project.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in congratulating the Village Project on its five year anniversary, expressing our gratitude for all of the good accomplished in that time, and our best wishes for the years of community service to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
REVEREND NIMROD REYNOLDS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask for the House's attention today to honor the late Reverend Nimrod Reynolds.

Reverend Nimrod Reynolds was born on April 30th, 1931, to the late Shelly and Bessie Reynolds of Chambers County, Alabama. In 1957, he married the late Luenell (Todd) Reynolds. Together they had two children, Tammye Quinell and Andre' deKoven.

In 1949, Nimrod graduated from Chambers County High School and in 1954 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. Three years later, Nimrod received his Masters Degree from the International Theological Seminary. He continued his education, and in 1993, received his Doctorate of Ministry from Wesleyan Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

In fall of 1958, he became pastor of First Baptist Church in Union Springs, Alabama, and in 1960, he began preaching at 17th Street Missionary Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama. After the bus bombing in Anniston, Reverend Reynolds founded the Calhoun County Improvement Association. His dedication to Civil Rights continued and in 1967 he and his two children integrated Tenth Street Elementary School.

In 1969, he was appointed to the national board of the SCLC. In 1976, Reverend Reynolds was elected as the first black president of the Anniston City Board of Education. In 2012, he was recognized by both the University of Alabama and the Alabama Black Achievers for his work in civil rights.

Please join me in celebrating Reverend Reynolds' achievements in the Third District of Alabama and in honoring his legacy of civic engagement.

PUERTO RICO STATUS  
LEGISLATION

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, if we are to fairly resolve the issue of Puerto Rico's status, we must find a framework for true self-determination. The "Puerto Rico Status Resolution Act" being introduced today fails that test in every aspect: it denies Puerto Ricans a true vehicle for self-determination and fabricates a superficial majority in favor of statehood.

I think it is critical that my colleagues understand how flawed the process was for the plebiscite held in November of 2012. By rigging the process, architects of this vote effectively ensured that the outcome would be a result they desired.

It should be recognized that votes cast in favor of statehood did not exceed 44 percent—a number that has remained relatively flat for two decades. It is important to note that 26 percent of voters cast blank ballots during this part of the vote. These votes should be considered votes against statehood as casting a blank ballot is part of traditional form of objecting to an unfair process in Puerto Rican political history. Indeed, during this referendum, the Commonwealth Party adopted a resolution asking voters to protest the process by casting blank ballots. In short, even with this unfair and flawed process, 55 percent of Puerto Rican voters cast ballots unresponsive to statehood.

Despite these numbers, the bill being proposed today continues to perpetuate this unfair political gamesmanship, seeking to promote statehood at the exclusion of other potential political solutions.

Mr. Speaker, rather than inserting ourselves into the political status debate for Puerto Rico, Congress should be exploring ways to raise the quality of life for the 3.6 million American citizens who reside in Puerto Rico. By fostering economic development there, encouraging outside investment and spurring economic opportunity, we can help all Puerto Ricans enjoy a better life—while enhancing the economy of the mainland United States. Investments in education and infrastructure can make Puerto Rico a better place to live, while providing a solid foundation for future generations. Preserving the islands' natural beauty and addressing environmental justice issues is also vitally important.

These are the issues we should be tackling, rather than requiring Puerto Ricans to participate in a flawed process aimed at promoting the political goals of a minority of voters. The ultimate solution for Puerto Rico's future will be realized by creating economic opportunity and justice, investing in growth and infrastructure, not through unfair processes that seek to foreclose one option in favor of statehood.

I submit a Concurrent Resolution recently considered by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's legislature.

IN HONOR OF MADISON CENTRAL  
INDIANS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pride to recognize a group of young men from Madison County in Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, who tirelessly worked this season to accomplish what athletes across our great Commonwealth of Kentucky often dream of accomplishing during their high school tenure.

This band of brothers, the Madison Central Indians, successfully beat Ballard High School in a last-second shot to be crowned champions of the 96th Annual Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Sweet Sixteen Championship.

In a state where basketball is not a pastime, but a passion, our youth are raised dreaming of the sound of the crowd in the hallowed halls of Rupp Arena. This year over 17,000 fans cheered these young men to victory.

For head coach Allen Feldhaus, Jr., this championship holds a special place. The last time he was in a state championship game, it was in 1981 being coached by his father, Allen Feldhaus, Sr. Clearly the love for the basketball is a family affair that made it to the record books; this duo is the only father and son pair to have both coached in a state championship game.

Led by eight seniors, this team did what it took on the court and in the classroom. I commend the teamwork of the following men: Zach Jarvis, George Walker, Daniel Parke, Ken-Jah Bosley, Coty Alexander, Ross Ramsey, Griffin Hotchkiss, Demarcus George, Nick Kavanaugh, Kirkland Humphrey, Chris Conner, Dominique Hawkins, Hunter Stocker, John Williams, Tariq Smith, Sam Jones, Cameron Thomas, Seth Richardson, Jyre Richardson and Quan Taylor.

I would also like to congratulate Dominique Hawkins, named the 2013 Kentucky "Mr. Basketball." Dominique will be attending and playing basketball for my alma mater, the University of Kentucky in the Sixth Congressional District.

I extend my congratulations not only to the team, but to the Madison Central coaching staffs, teachers, families and fans who supported this team throughout the season and helped make this victory possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRIGADIER  
GENERAL GARRETT S. YEE

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Brigadier General Garrett S. Yee, from Fremont, California who recently was promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General by the United States Army. I will be attending a promotion ceremony for Brigadier General Yee on May 19, 2013 at the Niles Veterans Hall. I am proud to honor Brigadier General Yee, who has served his community with excellence and has executed his role as

a public servant with professionalism, fairness, and integrity.

Brigadier General Yee was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1987 after graduating from Santa Clara University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in combined science. He also obtained a master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University and a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College.

Throughout his military career he has held an assortment of staff and command positions. Brigadier General Yee recently returned from Afghanistan, where he served as Deputy Commander for the 335th Signal Command from October 2011 until October 2012. During his time in Afghanistan, he provided senior leadership for all of the 335th Signal Command operations. Brigadier General Yee deployed to Iraq in 2006 as the lead Theater Observation Detachment Officer on behalf of the Center for Army Lessons Learned, which is where he authored a handbook on provincial reconstruction teams in Iraq.

Most recently, in December 2012, Brigadier General Yee became Deputy Commander for Mobilization for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base.

I want to thank Brigadier General Yee for his continued service and commitment to our country. The United States appreciates his efforts to ensure our rights and benefits are protected. I wish him the best of luck in his new position.

CONGRATULATING EAST PEORIA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 86 ON BEING  
NAMED A BEST COMMUNITY FOR  
MUSIC EDUCATION

**HON. AARON SCHOCK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate East Peoria School District 86 on being distinguished as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation. This award recognizes excellence in ensuring that students have access to comprehensive music education, both inside and outside the classroom, and I applaud their efforts.

By making a deliberate decision to elevate diverse musical learning experiences to a priority, the teachers, faculty, and administrators of District 86 are embodying a principle that 94 percent of Americans agree with: that music is a vital part of a child's education. Study after study has shown that participation in music and arts advances student achievement in all areas of study, from math and science to English and language skills. Schools that put a priority on music education have students who are more motivated, resulting in lower dropout rates, higher standardized test scores, and thriving student body communities.

The benefits of music education go far beyond the four walls of school buildings. In a survey of top U.S. CEO's, one of the top five traits they are looking for in their workforce is creativity. Our economy needs innovative thinkers, problem solvers, and collaborative people with the ability to think outside-the-box.

Music education fosters those skills. In addition, a study by Columbia University revealed that participation in the arts boosts students' self-confidence and ability to express their ideas. In ensuring access to music education and experiences for their students, District 86 is giving the future leaders of our nation the tools they need for success in whatever career path they choose.

Albert Einstein once said, "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music . . . I get most joy in life out of music." The academic and economic benefits of music are numerous and important, but we also recognize the power of music in its own right. The sound of an orchestra or a favorite band can give us

a measure of peace in a chaotic world. I commend District 86 for their commitment to make East Peoria a community where music is everywhere and where students achieve success in all their endeavors and congratulate them again on this prestigious award.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Government Accountability Office, Government Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget Office.

SD-138

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine offshore profit shifting and the United States tax code, part 2.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine a review of United States foreign assistance for children in adversity.

SD-192

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council annual report to Congress.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine S. 921, to amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met, focusing on domestic supply and natural gas exports.

SH-216

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine a review of criteria used by the IRS to identify 501 (c)(4) applications for greater scrutiny.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-608

2 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider an original bill relating to the situation in Syria, and an original resolution entitled, "World Press Freedom Day".

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, focusing on accomplishments and challenges, including crackdowns on civil society in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union, anti-Semitism and discrimination in the OSCE region, challenges faced by Roma in various countries, recent and upcoming election observations, and protecting human rights in the fight against terrorism.

SVC-210/212

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the prospect for Afghanistan's 2014 elections.

SD-419

MAY 22

Time to be announced

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Michael Kenny O'Keefe, and Robert D. Okun, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

S-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army.

SD-192

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine S. 662, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Pharmaceutical Compounding Quality and Accountability Act", an original bill entitled, "Drug Supply Chain Security Act", the nominations of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, Harry I. Johnson III, of Virginia, and Philip Andrew Miscimarra, of Illinois, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine performance management and congressional oversight, focusing on 380 recommendations to reduce overlap and duplication.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine how the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Pipeline can develop a high-skilled American workforce for small business, focusing on bridging the skills gap.

SR-428A

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, International Environmental Protection, and Peace Corps

To hold hearings to examine different perspectives on international development.

SD-419

12 noon

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine business practices of durable medical equipment companies.

SD-342

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug program, focusing on 10 years later.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine supporting broad-based economic growth and fiscal responsibility through tax reform.

SD-608

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony Renard Foxx, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife  
To hold hearings to examine nutrient trading water quality.

SD-406

MAY 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce

To hold hearings to examine improving Federal health care in rural America, focusing on developing the workforce and building partnerships.

SD-342

11 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

tee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

committee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 4

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet  
To hold hearings to examine the state of wireless communications.

SR-253

2 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Personnel  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 13

10 a.m.  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation.

SR-418

3:30 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

6 p.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SR-222

JUNE 20

11 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support  
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.

SD-G50

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.  
Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower  
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the sub-

10 a.m.  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine water resource issues in the Klamath River Basin.

SR-366