

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF THE 2012 ROBERT W. CAREY PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, which has been awarded the 2012 Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award.

As Congress continues to work to improve veterans' services, I believe it is important that we take the time to recognize the outstanding dedication of our VA employees. The committed men and women of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System strive every day to provide quality support and care for our Arizona veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country. Our veterans deserve the highest quality of care, and the Robert W. Carey Performance Award recognizes the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System's commitment to achieving this goal.

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System is a leader in veteran health care. Collectively, the various parts of the system provide quality services to more than 177,000 veterans. The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System not only provides general and primary care but a myriad of specialty services including neurology, rehabilitation, and mental health.

The Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award is an annual award sponsored by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The award recognizes specific organizations within the VA that have implemented management approaches that result in sustained high levels of performance and service to our nation's veterans. Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better recipient of this year's award than the Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System, SAVAHCS. I congratulate the employees of SAVAHCS on this well-deserved recognition of the care they provide to our veterans.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BRUCE AYERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a long-time friend and tremendous leader in Kentucky, Dr. Bruce Ayers upon his retirement as President of the Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Dr. Bruce Ayers is arguably one of the most brilliant educators and dedicated businessmen in Kentucky. He understands the value of forging new partnerships, expanding educational

opportunities, and mentoring young leaders. He is also an avid ambassador for our beautiful region, promoting our rich culture and heritage with every opportunity.

Dr. Ayers enjoys explaining how he "grew up" at Southeast, spending nearly a half-century at the institution. After bravely serving in the U.S. Marine Corps with a deployment at Guantanamo Bay, Bruce became a student at what used to be the Southeast Center of the University of Kentucky in Cumberland. He quickly displayed leadership qualities by helping to establish the college's award-winning newspaper, *The Southeasterner*, before moving on to the University of Kentucky in Lexington. After earning his Master's degree, Bruce immediately returned to Southeast as a faculty member and worked diligently to become the 8th President of SKCTC in 1987.

With Dr. Ayers at the helm of his alma mater, Southeast has grown from a small campus with 1,100 students to well over 5,000 students spanning five cities with individual campuses. With his vision and compassion to help others succeed, the college established a Nursing School, the Kentucky Coal Academy, the Pine Mountain Development Corporation, and multiple outreach programs for younger students, beginning in elementary school. Most recently, he has worked tirelessly to help laid-off coal miners get the education they need to pursue alternative careers in the midst of economic struggles in our Appalachian coalfields.

Dr. Ayers' exemplary leadership has earned national recognition. He is the founding chair of the Rural Community College Alliance; he served as an adjunct member on the graduate faculty of the Department of Instructional Systems, Leadership, and Workforce Development at Mississippi State University; and served as a local advisor for students pursuing a PhD in Community College Leadership through MSU. Additionally, under his leadership, the Aspen Institute selected SKCTC as one of the top ten community colleges in the nation earlier this year.

While his excellence in education has largely defined his career, Dr. Ayers' footprint extends far beyond the Southeast campuses, through his tireless community service efforts in the tri-city area of Harlan County and our entire region. Dr. Ayers has been a huge advocate for non-profit, grassroots programs like our region's tourism initiative, TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky; the environmental cleanup campaign, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE; and the holistic anti-drug program, Operation UNITE. I believe he spends each day trying to find a way to give more back to the region he calls home. He is truly a difference maker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my friend and a true inspiration, Dr. Bruce Ayers on his retirement. I wish Bruce and his wife, Barbara all the best in the years to come.

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE RUDY CLAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness and the utmost respect that I take this time to remember a dear friend and one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, the Honorable Rudolph Clay, former Mayor of Gary, Indiana. On Tuesday, June 4, 2013, Rudy Clay passed away at the age of 77. Known for his many years of public service and his countless efforts toward improving the lives of Northwest Indiana residents, Rudy will be missed by his family, friends, constituents, and the many people whose lives he touched.

Rudolph Clay was born in Courtland, Alabama. He and his brother, David, were raised by their aunts, Daisy Washington and Mary Lucy Hunter, in Gary, Indiana, following the passing of his mother. Rudy graduated from Roosevelt High School in Gary before continuing his education at Indiana University in Bloomington, which he attended on a track scholarship. After returning to Gary, he met and fell in love with Christine Swan, whom he wed on November 30, 1957. From 1958 to 1960, Rudy began what would become a lifetime of public service by serving in the United States Army. During this time, Rudy's calling to fight injustice and to serve the public, especially those most in need, and his unwavering desire to be a catalyst for positive change, led him on his extraordinary journey.

Rudolph Clay was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1972. While in this position, the focus of his efforts included working toward improved training programs for prison inmates and the creation of a victim's compensation fund. Following his service in the Indiana General Assembly, Rudy was elected to the Lake County Council in 1978 and re-elected in 1982. During his time on the Council, Rudy's dedication to equal rights impelled him to be an outspoken leader in the fight to eliminate unfair hiring practices in Lake County government. He was elected Lake County Recorder in 1984, and three years later, he was elected to the Lake County Board of Commissioners, a capacity in which he remained for four terms.

In 2005, Rudy became the first African American elected to serve as the Lake County Democratic Chairman, a position he held until 2009.

In 2006, recognizing the leadership Rudy Clay would bring to the people of Gary, the Gary Precinct Organization appointed him to be the next mayor of Gary, and he was elected to the position the following year. Mayor Clay was the epitome of a public servant. His energetic dedication to serving people and his profound compassion for them, especially those most in need, was limitless. Throughout his illustrious career, Rudy received many esteemed honors for his outstanding commitment and his constant efforts to improve the

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quality of life for the people of Gary and throughout Northwest Indiana.

While Rudy was fully committed to the improvement of Gary and Northwest Indiana, his greatest source of pride was always his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Christine, and his beloved son, Rudy Jr. Rudy also leaves behind many other dear friends and family members, as well as a saddened but grateful community whose lives have been made better by having had Mayor Clay live amongst them.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to my dear friend, and a true public servant, Rudolph Clay. For his tremendous contributions to the people of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana, he has earned our admiration. Rudy Clay's unselfish and lifelong devotion to civil justice and to serving those most in need will be forever remembered. His legacy serves as an inspiration to us all.

STEPHANI RUVALCABA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephani Ruvalcaba for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stephani Ruvalcaba 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 Stephani Ruvalcaba 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 Stephani Ruvalcaba 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 OFFICER CARLETON J. GILES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate with Officer Carleton J. Giles as he marks the end of his distinguished career after thirty-three years of dedicated service with the Norwalk Department of Police Services. I am honored to have this opportunity to pay him tribute for both his service at the Department and in the community.

I have had the honor of knowing and working with Carleton for many years. Over the course of his career, he has earned the respect and admiration of all those who have been fortunate enough to have worked with

him. That is particularly true with the City of Norwalk's young people. Carleton was one of the first trained D.A.R.E. officers in the State of Connecticut and he has influenced the lives of nearly every 5th grade student in the City since the program's implementation in 1987. In addition to D.A.R.E., Carleton also taught Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) in each of the middle schools and also worked with high school students as a certified School Resource Officer. His leadership and commitment has served as a model not only for the students he has worked with but for his fellow police officers as well.

Carleton has become a beloved fixture in the Norwalk community. Well known for his work with the Police Activities League Summer Camp as well as the Drug Education for Youth Summer Camp, he has provided support and guidance to some of the community's most vulnerable families. As an ordained clergyman, he served as a chaplain for both the Norwalk Fire Department as well as with the Police Department's chaplain corps—offering comfort and spiritual guidance in some of the most critical times and incidents in the lives of the departments and his fellow first responders.

Carleton's passion for making a difference extends far beyond his work with the Department. An ordained minister with the First Baptist Church of Milford, he has nourished the souls of many with his spiritual guidance. He has served his community of Milford as the Chair of the Police Commission and running for elected office on the Board of Alderman. And I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to him for his willingness to assist me as a member of my Service Academy Advisory Committee where he takes the time to interview students interested in attending our nation's military academies and advise me on recommendations for nominations. I cannot thank him enough for his many years of friendship and support.

Police officer, minister, community activist, mentor, and friend—Carleton Giles is a reflection of the compassion and generosity that we hope members of our community possess. His work with both the Norwalk Department of Police and in our communities has made all the difference in the lives of many. I am so proud to join all of those gathered here tonight in thanking him for his outstanding service and wishing him and his wife, Stephany, the very best for many more years of health and happiness as he enjoys his retirement.

HONORING THE INDIANA PACERS

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MESSER. I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the Indiana Pacers, my home-state NBA team.

The Indiana Pacers reached Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals, their first appearance in the Conference Finals since 2004. This 2013 Pacers team embodied the best of Hoosier basketball with a toughness and energy that was exciting to watch. As a long-time fan of the Indiana Pacers, I am thrilled to see the level of competitiveness and talent in this young team.

Led on the court by All-Stars Paul George and Roy Hibbert, the Pacers had one of the best defenses in the League, holding teams to only 90.7 points per game. Joined by hometown-product George Hill, Lance Stephenson, and David West, the Pacers starting-five came together as a team to win the Central Division with a regular season record of 49–32. Credit for this outstanding player development goes to Head Coach Frank Vogel, a great ambassador of the game.

Owner Herb Simon, President Jim Morris, and President of Basketball Operations Donnie Walsh deserve special recognition for their leadership of this franchise and for reconnecting it with Pacers fans from all over the State. We are lucky to have these leaders so highly invested in our community.

I join the entire 6th District and Hoosiers across the State in congratulating the Indiana Pacers for a fantastic and thrilling 2012–2013 season. Pacers fans statewide are looking forward to what this talented team will achieve next season.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Chair, I rise today to support the Polis Amendment to defund the 287(g) program, a program that promotes racial profiling and injustice.

The 287(g) program allows local law enforcement to act as immigration officials, which has led to rampant abuses throughout the country, most notably in Arizona, where the practices under 287(g) led to an unprecedented civil rights investigation by the Department of Justice.

As the Representative of the 9th Congressional District of New York, I have worked diligently to decrease the amount of racial profiling in New York City. I have worked to reduce the number of stop and frisks for the past year and eliminate the racial and ethnic intolerance that has plagued New York City and other cities around the country.

By cutting the funding for a program that relies on racial profiling like 287(g), we are sending a clear message that we will not tolerate bigotry. Programs like 287(g) have created mistrust between Latino and other immigrant communities throughout the country and local law enforcement. Ending the 287(g) program will move our country in the right direction to repair the trust that has been lost and is a step forward in fixing our broken immigration system and restoring the rule of law.

We must continue to work to build a supportive environment for immigrant and minority communities in every part of our civil society.

TANIA PEREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tania Perez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tania Perez 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 Tania Perez 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 Tania Perez 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 HAROLD EUGENE
"GENE" HAYWOOD FOR HIS
SERVICE AS A EULESS POLICE
OFFICER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Harold Eugene "Gene" Haywood for his 31 years of public service as a police officer for the City of Euleless, Texas.

Gene began his career with Euleless in 1981. He was hired on as a jailer, and within a couple of months he was promoted to a sworn officer.

In 1988, Gene was one of the founders of the Field Training Program for Euleless. He wrote the Standard Operating Procedures and created the training program. In 1990, Gene founded the Euleless Honor Guard program. In 1991, Gene transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division where he worked as an investigator.

In 1993, he transferred to the Patrol Division and was promoted to corporal. During this period, Gene managed the implementation of the Field Training Program. He continued to train new officers and ensure that they were ready to meet the demands of police service. In 1994, Gene was assigned to the Tarrant County Auto Theft Task Force where he worked along with officers from several cities within the county to combat vehicle thefts.

In September, 2001, Gene transferred to Keys Alternative School to serve as a School Resource Officer. He finished his career at Keys where he was able to positively influence students.

During his tenure at Euleless, Gene has been nominated for Officer of the Year twice. He has received 15 commendations from citizens, other police agencies, and his peers. Gene

has served on the board of the Euleless Benevolent Peace Officer Association which provides city employees with scholarship money to their children and donates to other worthwhile causes.

Gene has accumulated 2,300 hours of training while at Euleless. He was certified as an Instructor in 1987. He received his Masters Police Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education in 2005.

Prior to his employment with Euleless Police Department, Gene served for five years as Sergeant in the Police Reserves at Winters Police Department in Winters, California, and then two years as a firefighter for South Placer Fire Department in Granite Bay, California. During this period of time in California, Gene served for six years in the National Guard from which he was honorably discharged in 1978. Before becoming a Euleless police officer, Gene worked for the University of Texas Health Science as a campus security officer.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Gene Haywood for his 31 years of public service as an officer of the Euleless Police Department.

AMPLIFY GYMNASTICS, 2013 WINNER OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PHOENIX AWARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and perseverance of Paul Comstedt, Derek Hammeke, and Kip Johnson, owners of Amplify Gymnastics, and as the recipients of the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2013 Phoenix Award.

In May 2011, Paul, Derek, and Kip were preparing for the grand opening of their business, Amplify Gymnastics. Tragically, just days before the opening, an EF5 tornado tore through the Joplin community, destroying 20 percent of the city. In addition, their entire building was destroyed and a single slab of concrete was all that was left of the gym. In fact, on the day of the tornado Kip stopped by the gym to complete some finishing touches. During that time, the tornado ripped through the gym and a two-ton truck that Kip used for cover was thrown 20 feet. Thankfully, he survived.

After surviving the catastrophic event, the men were forced to rebuild their entire gym. Paul, Derek, and Kip applied for an SBA disaster loan to cover rebuilding costs and operating expenses. After 9 months of rebuilding, Amplify held its grand opening with over 200 young athletes registered. In the following months, Amplify added 300 more athletes and grew their staff from 10 to 23 employees. In just a few months following the grand opening, Amplify Gymnastics surpassed their five-year goal.

The efforts of these three men encompass all the characteristics of true entrepreneurs.

Despite overwhelming odds, Amplify Gymnastics has become a place in the community where local kids can train their bodies and exercise their minds. I am grateful for the contributions they have given to the Joplin community.

The Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award is awarded to businesses, public officials and volunteers who are tested by disasters like the Joplin tornado but work to overcome the disaster by rebuilding and helping their communities recover.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am by the courage and ingenuity of Paul Comstedt, Derek Hammeke, and Kip Johnson. May God bless them and the continued recovery of the Joplin community.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF
MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that the House of Representatives join me in congratulating the town of Millbury, Massachusetts on their 200th anniversary. Millbury has grown tremendously since its inception in 1813 as a small New England Mill town, from which their name and seal are derived. To celebrate their 200th anniversary, the people of Millbury have come together over the past year by facilitating community events to honor this historic day.

Millbury's rich history can be traced back to the 18th century when John Singletary built the oldest continuously running mill in the United States. The power of the Blackstone River provided the energy to run the mill and helped propel Millbury into the Industrial Revolution as a leading textile producer.

Millbury's significance is further punctuated as the historic summer home of President William Howard Taft's childhood, continuing this summer tradition into and after his Presidency. On one of his many trips to Millbury, he celebrated alongside their residents as they rung in their first 100 years.

The bicentennial celebration kicked off last June with a performance by the Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra. Continuing with tradition, Millbury recently celebrated the Period Ball. Millbury is also looking forward to the town parade this weekend. Similar town parades were held at the celebrations of Millbury's 100th, 150th, and 175th anniversaries. The celebration will culminate with Millbury's largest parade which features bands, antique cars, floats, and a fireworks display.

I would also like to recognize and thank the Millbury Bicentennial Committee, and the many volunteers for the hard work and dedication that they have devoted into the planning of this momentous event.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate the town of Millbury on their 200th anniversary. May this great American town continue to celebrate its rich history for years to come. I ask the House of Representatives join me in celebrating the history of Millbury on this very special occasion.

TAYLOR SMOTHERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Smothers 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 Taylor Smothers 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.

CONGRATULATING CORONA DEL SOL HIGH SCHOOL'S COMPETITION GOVERNMENT TEAM

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Corona del Sol High School's Competition Government Team, the 6th place winners of the "We the People" national tournament. Corona Del Sol has made all of Tempe, Arizona proud.

The aim of "We the People" is to foster civic engagement and responsibility among young people, and to enhance students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. "We the People" also strives to enrich students' understanding of the Bill of Rights by emphasizing its contemporary relevance.

The contest is structured as a mock congressional hearing, wherein the entire team works together in preparing and presenting statements before a panel of judges who act as congressional committee members. After reading their statements, each member of the team is asked a series of questions by to test their knowledge of constitutional principles.

Under the guidance of Tim Smith, and assistant coaches Lisa Adams and Justine Centennial, 29 dedicated students from Corona del Sol, not only brought home their 12th state title in February, but were once again nationally ranked for the first time since 2001. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Corona del Sol's Competition Government students on this impressive achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER J. BARNES, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter J. Barnes, Jr. as he is recognized for his tenure as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman at a reception in his honor. Chairman Barnes has been a dedicated public servant for over 15 years and is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Chairman Barnes has a distinguished career in public service. In addition to his tenure as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman, he also serves as Chairman of the New Jersey State Parole Board, a position he has held since 2007. Previously, he represented New Jersey's 18th legislative district as an Assemblyman. Throughout his public service career, Chairman Barnes has made significant contributions to Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey. As an Assemblyman, Chairman Barnes saw 62 bills that he sponsored signed into law. He also served as the Majority Whip from 2002 to 2007.

In addition, Chairman Barnes served his community and country prior to beginning his public service career. He was a Military Police Private First Class in the United States Army from 1946–1948 and then served as a Special Agent for the FBI for over 25 years. Chairman Barnes later served as the Director of Public Safety in Edison and East Brunswick, where he was able to use his FBI training to help maintain safety and order in each municipality.

Chairman Barnes earned his B.A. in Political Science from Providence College and has continued his education with post-baccalaureate studies in Public Administration at Kean University. In addition, he graduated from the FBI Crime Resistance and Hostage Negotiating Schools as well as the FBI Management Training Prop-am.

Once again, please join me in honoring Peter J. Barnes, Jr. for his outstanding accomplishments and thanking him for his years of service as Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MACON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members of the Junior League of Macon for being recognized by the Association of Junior Leagues International with the prestigious Fund Development Award, which is one of only five awards given each year by AJLI. A press conference to announce the award will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Junior League of Macon Office located at 2055 Vineville Avenue in Macon, Georgia.

The Junior League of Macon is an organization of women who are committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community. It

was first established as the Utility Club in 1924. In 1937, it was adopted by the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc. From the first fundraiser in 1924, which raised \$492.35, to the record-breaking 2003–2004 League year, which netted over \$133,000, the Junior League of Macon has been a driving force in advancing the community. The Junior League of Macon celebrated its 75th anniversary last year and currently boasts over 700 members.

The Junior League of Macon has made a tremendous impact on improving literacy and school readiness in the Middle Georgia area since making the decision in 2009 to focus its mission on these particular issues. The organization's members and trained volunteers have been committed to preparing young minds for a quality education through participating in school partnerships, fundraising, advocacy, and hands-on projects. During the 2011–2012 League year, the organization donated more than 2,500 books, served 1,400 children and volunteered 5,320 hours, which is the equivalent of \$106,400.

This year, the Junior League of Macon received international recognition for earning the Fund Development Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International, which represents 293 junior league organizations around the world. This unique honor was awarded to JLM for successfully alleviating economic challenges by developing an effective strategy for fund development that significantly diversified JLM's funding base. As one of only five awards given by AJLI each year, the Fund Development Award is a great honor for the Junior League of Macon and a tribute to their hard work and commitment to the well-being and advancement of the Middle Georgia community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Junior League of Macon for being honored with the Fund Development Award from the Association of Junior Leagues International. This award is well-deserved and I applaud their exceptional efforts to serve and improve the community by promoting literacy and school readiness in the Middle Georgia area.

TREVOR SOWL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Trevor Sowl 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 Trevor Sowl 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.

REGARDING AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP IN THE BALKANS**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the State Department to take a more active role in resolving a important dispute between two of the United States' valued allies, Greece and the Republic of Macedonia.

Since the nation commonly called "Macedonia" declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, Greece has objected to its use of the name "Macedonia". Greece considers this both a usurpation of its rich heritage and part of a potential basis for forming a territorial claim on the neighboring Greek province of Macedonia. The geographic area of the Greek province of Macedonia corresponds with the ancient Kingdom of Macedonia, whose capital city Pella, sits well within Greece's borders.

Mister Speaker, this issue is not just about names, but about security for Greece and for the entire region. In 2008, the Republic of Macedonia applied to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Despite meeting all requirements for NATO membership, Greece, as a member of NATO, vetoed the entrance of Macedonia until the name issue is resolved. Greece worries that by calling itself "Macedonia," its northern neighbor risks raising the specter of future territorial accusations based on the idea of a "united Macedonia."

The United States has long been a leading partner in the NATO Alliance, and as such we should be doing all we can to resolve this issue. The Department of State should be making a concerted effort to work with both nations to bring a mutually agreed upon resolution. Greece has long been an important NATO member and ally of the United States, and once this issue is resolved the United States should encourage the acceptance of "Macedonia" into NATO as well.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is vital to the interests of this nation in maintaining stability in the Balkans and adding a new member of the NATO Alliance.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Chair, I rise today disappointed in last week's adoption of the Steve King Amendment to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014. This amendment would bar implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, DACA, for DREAMers, prevent them from acquiring work permits, and eliminate the exercise of discretion to protect victims of trafficking and crime victims.

Prosecutorial discretion and deferred action are done on a case-by-case basis and do not provide relief or legal status en masse. Instead, these practices ensure fair and just outcomes, and prompt law enforcement officials to closely consider compelling circumstances such as disability, age, or military service.

This blatant attempt to undermine the Presidents' action to address certain aspects of our broken immigration system and to restrict certain benefits of deferred action shocks the conscience. There are thousands of young Americans without legal status who want to attend school, find jobs, and start families—to participate in the American Dream.

The promise of deferred action and work authorization was affirmed by millions of Americans in November 2012. If we break this promise, we will have failed in our duty to a nation of immigrants from every part of world.

As the only New York City Member of Congress on the House Homeland Security Committee, I understand the need to fund programs that keep us safe against the threat of both physical and cyber attacks. However, to hold DACA recipients hostage for politics is unconscionable. I represent one of the largest immigrant districts in the country, with many who are currently benefitting from DACA; I could not and did not support the King Amendment, nor did I vote for the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF THE ACS AND THE
JESSAMINE COUNTY RELAY FOR
LIFE SUBMISSION FOR THE CON-
GRESSIONAL RECORD, JUNE 11,
2013**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Cancer Society and the Relay For Life of Jessamine County, and to thank these organizations for their work in the fight against cancer.

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern—cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising more than \$4 billion to fight cancer.

The Relay For Life of Jessamine County, Kentucky was formed in 1997, and over the last 16 years has raised over \$800,000 toward the fight against cancer.

These organizations work to create a world where cancer will no longer threaten our loved ones like Abrielle, a three year old who was diagnosed in October of 2012 with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She is currently being treated at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Abrielle and her parents, Matt and Lacy, during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our support for Abrielle and her family, and in commending the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life for their contributions to the fight against cancer. I

would also like to extend my personal appreciation to the Relay For Life of Jessamine County for all that they have done to better our community and our Commonwealth.

VICTORIA TRUE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Victoria True 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 Victoria True 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 207–211. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No: 207 "aye;"

Rollcall No: 208 "nay;"

Rollcall No: 209 "nay;"

Rollcall No: 210 "aye;"

Rollcall No: 211 "nay."

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chair, I deeply appreciate the leadership and insight from my dear friend and colleague from North Carolina. Your efforts have helped keep this country safe in the midst of ongoing threats both known and unpredictable.

An essential component of these efforts is the UASI grant program, which provides financial assistance to address the unique planning, operations, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas.

As you know so well, the AUSI program is critical to helping our cities build and sustain capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism.

In my district, the Portland Urban Area has been a recipient of UASI grant funds since FY 2003. This critical funding has enhanced regional collaboration and coordination within and between responder disciplines and across jurisdictions.

The Portland Urban Area is more secure as a result, but most certainly has further to go, and must continue its partnership with the UASI program.

Problematically, Portland is no longer a recipient of UASI funding, with little notice that would have allowed proper planning for alternative methods to meet their security needs, and with little transparency as to why this is the case.

The FY 2012 program funded the top 31 highest risk urban areas in the country. And while the FY 2013 appropriations bill funds the program at a nearly equal level than the year before, unfortunately it also contains language that limits use of the UASI funds to no more than the top 25 highest risk urban areas, a cap which seems arbitrary and not based in risk or threat data.

This cap is having a significant impact. Important regional areas like Portland, Orlando, Las Vegas and New Orleans have been eliminated from FY13 funding despite being national centers of tourism and commerce.

Under no circumstances are Portland and the other affected cities any less vulnerable to terrorism than they were 12 months ago.

And in the last 12 months, the Portland Urban Area has gone from a ranking of 23 11 months ago, 29 one month ago, and 27 weeks ago. How can a city plan with such drastic changes in ranking, with little notice? Clearly the metrics used by DHS are flawed, or at the very least, are not adapted to operate within a 25-city cap.

The federal government has a responsibility to be a partner with our local communities, protecting our citizens from terrorist threats, and moderating potential impacts from natural disasters. While diminished resources are a factor for all levels of government, there should be some certainty for our communities that the federal government will be a continuing partner and when.

In the long term, I would deeply appreciate an opportunity to engage with this Committee, my Senate colleagues, and all local cities impacted, to better understand this issue, and the future of the UASI program.

And in the short term, the FY 2013 appropriations for DHS included \$188 million in discretionary homeland security grant funds. The Secretary has latitude to apply these funds to previously eliminated grant programs including the UASI program.

I would urge the Secretary to use some of this funding to the jurisdictions on that have fallen below the FY13 cap. This bridge funding would greatly assist these communities to continue their anti-terrorism coordination at some level while working to achieve sustainable funding in the years to come.

There are also common-sense reforms that can strengthen the federal-local partnership for the UASI program by, for example, extending the timeline for cities to use these grant dollars. The shifting timeline from 4, to 3, and now 2 years adds another layer of difficulty to planning and utilizing these dollars as effectively and comprehensively as possible.

I sincerely appreciate the courtesy of my colleagues for taking my concerns into consideration and I look forward to addressing this issue with you in a comprehensive and thoughtful way, something you both know how to do so very well.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 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 \$16,738,726,834,732.35. We've added \$6,111,849,785,819.27 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

STEPHANIE SHEPHERD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Shepherd for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stephanie Shepherd 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 Stephanie Shepherd 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 Stephanie Shepherd 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 SERGE MARSHALL DAVIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, educating our children is one of the most important functions of a society. Preparing our children for the future is the best thing we can do for them and

for our society. Serge Marshall Davis, the principal of the Sheila Mencher School in the Bronx is a man who has taken that message to heart.

He is dedicated to improving the lives of the young people in his care by meeting the challenges of providing for them a high quality education. This includes children from many different countries speaking a variety of languages and dialects.

He instituted and maintained a variety of programs including a middle school honors program, health oriented programs, the use of teacher specialists including mentors, inter-visitations by teachers, using data to improve instruction, and middle school community service among so many others. His school even won the Bronx Middle School Poetry Slam this year and was the Ball Room Dance Grand Champions in 2010.

Under Principal Davis the school and its students have flourished through a well rounded education for the children from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade.

Serge Marshall Davis is being honored for his dedication as principal to improving the lives of the young people in his care and for meeting the challenges of providing for them a high quality education.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESKATON MONROE LODGE INDEPENDENT LIVING

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eskaton Monroe Lodge as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the hard-working staff, volunteers and supporters who have ensured that this fine organization is able to provide valuable senior living and social services to Sacramento's seniors.

Established in 1973 and located in the historic Land Park neighborhood of Sacramento, Eskaton Monroe Lodge was built by Eskaton, a non-profit health care organization based in Sacramento, as its first residential facility. While the buildings and property have been enhanced over the years, many of the original features and landscape have been preserved. Today, the property consists of almost one hundred apartments and continues to allow seniors to live independently and to the fullest extent possible in a comfortable and secure setting. Eskaton Monroe Lodge continues to offer a wide array of services and programs dedicated to improving the lives of Sacramento's seniors and their families.

Eskaton Monroe Lodge offers its residents a variety of services including blood pressure clinics, access to the public library's bookmobile, church services, and continuing education programs pertinent to seniors. Also offered are activities such as exercise and wellness classes, movie showings, live artistic performances, craft groups, and many more which allow for social interaction. In addition, residents have access to transportation services that can get them to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and banks, and be able to run personal errands.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and celebrate the outstanding service of Eskaton Monroe Lodge on its 40th Anniversary. I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating Eskaton Monroe Lodge, its residents, staff and volunteers as they celebrate the valuable contributions Eskaton Monroe Lodge has made to supporting Sacramento's seniors.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as the Atlantic hurricane season begins, a time when many of our National Guards will be deployed to various parts of the country, I introduce a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority over deploying the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining authority on federal matters. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District of Columbia should have the same authority that governors exercise over the National Guard in their states. Each governor, as head of state, has the authority to mobilize the National Guard to protect his or her state, just as local militia did historically.

The National Guards in the 50 states operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President and the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard currently have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for local and national purposes, respectively. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to nationalize the D.C. National Guard for federal matters at will. It does no harm to give the mayor this authority for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the mobilization and deployment of their National Guard, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District of Columbia, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District of Columbia, as head of state, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of homeland defense activities. My bill permits the mayor to only deploy the D.C. National Guard after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-gov-

ernment powers to the District of Columbia. Congress began that process with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District agencies to the District of Columbia. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

TAYLOR BAXLEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Baxley 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 Taylor Baxley 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.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF US SOUTHCOM

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate US SOUTHCOM on the 50th anniversary, today June 11th. For the past five decades this command has protected and defended the privileges, comforts and freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy.

We are fortunate and privileged to have General John Kelly as the new Commander of United States Southern Command. His distinguished career and exemplary service to our nation is a testament to the ideals of honor, courage, and commitment. SOUTHCOM has continued to grow and thrive in South Florida with its 1,200 SOUTHCOM employees. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the service of others and truly embody the heart and spirit of America. I thank each and every one of them for their efforts as well as the good they provide throughout the hemisphere.

Today, SOUTHCOM celebrates half a century of excellence and service to the citizens of the United States. Over these years, many brave men and women in uniform have worked tirelessly to keep us safe while also promoting peace, security, and democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. From combating international crime syndicates and drug lords, to monitoring human rights and providing humanitarian relief, SOUTHCOM has a proven track record of achievement. Its successful efforts in counter-terrorism and in

combating illicit trafficking across this hemisphere have helped to promote democracy abroad and has encouraged respect for human rights. SOUTHCOM certainly remains a beacon of strength and resilience throughout the region.

Shortly before the United States entered the Second World War, President Roosevelt established the U.S. Caribbean Defense Command with the goal of defending the Panama Canal and the surrounding area. Following the conclusion of the war, the U.S. Caribbean Defense Command was renamed the U.S. Southern Command. The new name was intended to reflect the command's changed responsibilities with an emphasis of ensuring security, stability, and prosperity throughout Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean.

SOUTHCOM encompasses six major mission areas, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as assisting our allies in the region and while promoting military-to-military interaction. Its successful efforts in counter-terrorism and in combating illicit trafficking across this hemisphere is key to regional stability even while it continues to be a leader in medical assistance, providing quality medical care for schools and community centers. I know many individuals still remember the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, in which SOUTHCOM took the lead in humanitarian effort on the ground that undoubtedly saved thousands.

SOUTHCOM has had a tremendous impact on our local economy in South Florida and I applaud its efforts to give back to our community. Congratulations again to SOUTHCOM on its 50th anniversary. I look forward to working with General Kelly and his wonderful team in South Florida. Thank you again for all that you do.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2216, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2217, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

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

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 243, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2216, the Fiscal Year 2014 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act and H.R. 2217, the Fiscal Year 2014 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act because it deems the draconian and harmful Ryan budget as law. We should be using this opportunity to pass a budget, in consultation with the Senate, which will get the economy back on the right track in this new fiscal year. I stand before you today to express my opposition to the Ryan budget and thereby my opposition to the rule that deems this budget passed.

The Ryan budget is an economic catastrophe of this Tea Party majority's choosing.

Support for this rule, and by default the Ryan budget, is support for deep cuts to programs that help needy Americans as well as for infrastructure programs that put people to work and help our businesses thrive. Under the Ryan Budget, draconian limits will be placed upon Food Stamps and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which would be an enormous detriment to those in poverty. According to the National Poverty Center, in 2010, 15.1 percent of Americans lived in poverty, the highest rate of poverty since 1993. In the last year, the number of Georgians on food stamps has risen to 1.9 million, almost 20 percent of the population.

A vote for this rule and the Ryan budget would be a choice to slow our economic recovery. Mr. Speaker, I cannot make that choice. I cannot choose to cut Head Start for parents who cannot afford daycare or end Medicare as we know it for seniors.

I have heard the complaints from Republicans about the need for a budget, which is why this rule is so disappointing. Mr. Speaker, there are people in Georgia's Fourth District, and here at the steps of the Capitol living on the streets, desperate for food and shelter; yet, Tea Party Republicans are willing to exacerbate the situation by snatching away the programs that help the poor get back on their feet.

Do not allow this Tea Party Congress to "deem" the Ryan budget as law, ignoring regular order, and cutting benefits for those Americans who need them the most.

I urge a "no" vote on the Rule.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the School of Social Work at Arizona State University.

Since 1963, the School of Social Work has prepared its students for careers that allow them to serve and provide assistance to individuals, families, and communities. With over 1,300 diverse students and 8,000 alumni, the ASU School of Social Work is one of the largest social work programs in the country. Through innovative research and service efforts, the school is actively developing social service systems that will greatly aid our society. As an alumna of the program, I served as a social worker at Sunnyslope Elementary School, and I realize the difference that graduates from the School of Social Work can make in the lives of Arizona families.

Finally, from my experience teaching at the ASU School of Social Work for over 10 years, I can confidently say that the school prepares its students to take on the challenges of tomorrow and give our country a bright future. It has been such a privilege to spend time with them, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the ASU School of Social Work and its students for 50 years of passionate commitment to our community.

TIMMY PAULSEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Timmy Paulsen for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Timmy Paulsen is a 12th 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 Timmy Paulsen 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 Timmy Paulsen 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.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EQUAL PAY ACT

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy signing the Equal Pay Act into law on June 10. When he signed it, President Kennedy stated that "when women enter the labor force they will find equality in their pay envelopes." Unfortunately, fifty years later, women are still looking for that equality. The recognition of this anniversary serves also as a proclamation for Congress to close the wage gap and continue to strengthen the economy. Women make up almost half of the American workforce and the disparity between men and women's wages needs to be recognized and corrected. This isn't just a women's issue—it's a family issue, an equality issue, and an economic issue.

According to the United States Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey Data, a woman in Florida makes 82.6 cents for every dollar a man makes, an African American woman makes 62.4 cents for every dollar a white, non-Hispanic man makes and a Hispanic woman makes 58 cents for every dollar a white, non-Hispanic man makes. My commitment to working towards fairness and equality led me to cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act, which reinforces the Equal Pay Act by providing solutions to women who are not being paid equally for identical work and protecting employees from retaliation for sharing salary information with their co-workers.

The time is now to strive for wage equality. Recent efforts such as the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act have helped propel us forward on a path to equality but have not been enough to balance the discrepancy at this time. As we look back in time when the Equal Pay Act became law we see that fifty years later, women are still not receiving the same wages as men

for the same work. This is beyond disappointing and should no longer be tolerated. As our great nation continues to progress, there is no reason why women should not receive equal wages when held to the same standard as men.

Mr. Speaker, on the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act it is clear that we still have work to do to end the wage gap and I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in the fight for the enactment of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

REMEMBERING DR. ALFRED FRANCIS HURLEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Alfred Francis Hurley. After a battle with Alzheimer's disease, Dr. Hurley passed away last week at the age of 84. He served as the 14th President of the University of North Texas, the longest serving president, and the university's first chancellor.

The oldest of four, Dr. Hurley was born in Brooklyn in 1928 to Irish immigrants Patrick and Margaret Hurley. Dr. Hurley graduated summa cum laude in 1950 from St. John's University. He received both his master's degree and Ph.D. in history at Princeton University while serving in the Air Force, preparing to teach at the Air Force Academy.

Before the outbreak of Korean War in 1950, Dr. Hurley enlisted as an airman, and in 1980, retired as a Brigadier General. From 1966 to 1980, he was permanent professor and head of the Department of History at the U.S. Air Force Academy, building a nationally regarded history department. He was a member of the Academy's executive board and chairman of the Humanities Division, and in 1968, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam, where he flew missions and worked on the EC-47 program, which he conceived and organized, produced 100 histories of the air war in Vietnam. Dr. Hurley initiated and hosted eight Military History Symposia that brought together leading scholars from the U.S. and Europe. Dr. Hurley's military awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device, and Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars.

Dr. Hurley's tenure at UNT, from 1982 to 2002, was a period of extensive growth for the UNT system. Enrollment at the university increased from 19,000 to 27,000 students, the university's endowment grew from \$850,000 to \$45 million, and \$200 million was raised. Many of UNT's programs were nationally recognized, including the UNT Office of Postgraduate Fellowships, UNT's Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, UNT Health Science Center, and the UNT System Center at Dallas, including UNT at Dallas, the first public university within Dallas.

The first resident of Denton to chair the North Texas Commission and to join the Dallas Citizens Council, Dr. Hurley also served as co-chair of the Coalition of Urban Metropolitan Universities and on its executive committee; president of Texas Philosophical Society, director of Fort Worth and Denton Chambers of

Commerce, vice chairman of Denton County Business Leaders Council, president of Denton County United Way, chairman of the Texas Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors, and director of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities. In 1986, Dr. Hurley received the Otis Fowler Award from the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

After his retirement, Dr. Hurley became a history professor at UNT from 2003 to 2008. He and his wife Johanna continued to help organize UNT's annual Military History seminar, which enabled Texan community leaders to discuss with a leading scholar and a current or retired military officer who had served in combat. At its 23rd anniversary in 2006, the seminar was endowed by many of its participants and named the Alfred and Johanna Hurley Military History Seminar.

I am proud to honor the life of Dr. Hurley for his years of service to the University of North Texas community. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Dr. Hurley's family and friends.

CONGRATULATING THE ONONDAGA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S LA-
CROSSE TEAM ON WINNING
THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE
NJCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team on winning the 2013 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship.

On May 12, 2013, the Onondaga Community College Lazars defeated Nassau Community College 15–11, capturing their fifth consecutive NJCAA Championship. The national offensive player of the year, Onondaga attackman Randy Staats, contributed three goals and two assists, while the national goalie of the year, Onondaga goalie Warren Hill, had 17 saves in the national championship game. Warren was named top defensive player of the tournament. This was the Lazars' seventh national title in the last eight years. The Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team made history with its record-setting 70th win in a row, setting a new record for consecutive wins at any level in the sport of lacrosse. This historic win is a testament to what can be accomplished when hard work and sound leadership combine to pursue a specific goal.

Under the direction of Head Coach Chuck Wilbur, the Lazars have exemplified first class sportsmanship in their journey this season. The team should be commended for their achievements on the playing field, as well as in the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse team on their unprecedented achievements this season, and wish them continued success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS
ENTERING OUR ARMED FORCES

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor high school graduates from the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services area who are entering the United States Armed Forces. These young men and women have made an admirable decision to defend our county. I join the Conklin Kiwanis Club in honoring them.

The Conklin Kiwanis Club will hold a special celebration to honor these graduating high school seniors. "The First to Say Thank You" event will take place on Wednesday, June 12th at Susquehanna Valley High School in Conklin.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask you join me in honoring the following students entering the Army National Guard: Ms. Tessa Brown, Harpursville; Mr. Joshua Decker, Tioga; Ms. Holly Rowe, Tioga; Ms. Holly St. Hilaire, Tioga; Ms. Emily Stansfield, Tioga.

Honoring the students entering the United States Air Force: Mr. Brandyn Sloan, Binghamton; Ms. Ashley Blanton, Johnson City; Mr. Patrick Bidwell, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Kyle Johnson, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Deven Nauta, Tioga; Ms. Dakota Lockwood, Union-Endicott; Mr. Brendan Griffis, Vestal; Ms. Tiffany Stoeckel, Windsor.

Honoring the students entering the United States Army: Mr. Zachary P. Cepeda, Binghamton; Mr. Patrick M. Stanton, Binghamton; Mr. Johnathan M. Truesdell, Binghamton; Mr. Aaron Tiikkala, Candor; Mr. Alex T. Vessey, Chenango Forks; Mr. Andrew Kinner, Hannock; Ms. Anna Carman, Homer; Mr. Michael J. Sarnoski, Newark Valley; Mr. Andre T. Judge, Owego-Apalachin; Mr. Nathan Bomysoad, Union-Endicott; Mr. Andrew Gregor, Vestal; Mr. Richard Pedro, Vestal; Mr. Daniel Bond, Windsor; Mr. Jack Teetor, Windsor.

Honoring the students entering the United States Marines: Mr. Michael Elliott, Candor; Jacob Seymour, Deposit; Ms. Brook Bart, Maine-Endwell; Mr. Matthew Morgan, Maine-Endwell; Mr. Jarrett Thomas, Maine-Endwell; Mr. James Raab, Newark Valley; Mr. Cody Harbst, Owego-Apalachin, Mr. Shaun Chamberlain, Vestal; Mr. Ilioff Garrett, Vestal; Mr. Brian Jennings, Vestal; Mr. Cody Bellmore, Windsor; Mr. Jacob Colwell, Windsor; Mr. Nicholas Freed, Windsor.

I would also like to honor Ms. Savannah Murry of Harpursville entering the United States Military Academy and Mr. Kory Newton of Vestal entering the United States Navy.

VALERIA PLACENCIO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Valeria

Placencio for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Valeria Placencio 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 Valeria Placencio 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 Valeria Placencio 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.

CONGRATULATING THE APOPKA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON A
CENTURY OF SERVICE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Apopka Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary of service to our community. Through its consistent efforts over the past century, the Apopka Chamber of Commerce has helped advance opportunities both in the city of Apopka as well as throughout the greater Central Florida region.

First founded as the Apopka Board of Trade in 1913, the organization was established to stimulate local economic growth. Under the direction of founding members Henry Witherington; A.C. and A.M. Starbird; Frank H. Davis; W.G. Talton; Dr. C.H. Morrison; Francis E. Zepp; John J. Anderson; J.R. Womble; Gust Jackson; William Edwards; and Nathaniel Cogswell, the organization worked to improve the community wherever possible. The Apopka board was also instrumental in the organization of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

In 1926, the board was reorganized as the Apopka Chamber of Commerce and since then has maintained the goal of aiding the development of entrepreneurs and businesses in the Apopka community. Their mission continues to this day.

As the second largest city in Orange County, Apopka remains a vital hub of Florida commerce. It is important now, more than ever, that the Chamber continues in its efforts to promote economic growth and sustainability in the community and county.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Apopka Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman Wendy Kurtz, the Board of Directors and all members of this great organization on a century of service to the citizens of Apopka and Orange County. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them every success for their future.

RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON BUSINESS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction"

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience, always looking out to protect our wonderful free enterprise system.

I want to particularly note that each Christmas since 1988, the holidays for many rural families in Washington have been a bit brighter—and the Legislative Building a bit more festive—since Don Brunell founded the Holiday Kids' Tree Program, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for needy families around the state and establishing the community tradition of a tree lighting each December in the state capitol.

Throughout his distinguished career, Don has maintained his strong belief in family, as evidenced by his marriage of 42 years to wife Jeri, children Jennifer, Carey, Erin, Don, Dan and Colleen and his 14 grandchildren; and Don has also remained committed to those serving in the U.S. armed forces, himself a

veteran with 23 years of service in the U.S. Army, Montana and Washington Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve as a special forces, infantry and public affairs officer.

It is bittersweet to see such a distinguished career draw to a close, but I must acknowledge Don will retire from AWB in January 2014, making the legislative session that is drawing to a close in Washington state the last one with Don as president of the state's largest and oldest business association.

Future legislators and business leaders should draw inspiration from his steadfastness and dedication to the cause of freedom and free enterprise that was a constant during his long and honorable career.

ROB O'BRIAN, 2013 WINNER OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S PHOENIX AWARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce President Rob O' Brian, recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award.

Like all Joplin residents, Rob had his life drastically changed on May 22, 2011, when an EF5 tornado touched down leaving only a path of destruction in its wake.

The aftermath of the Joplin tornado left the area with nearly 5,000 jobs in jeopardy of being lost and damage to over 550 local businesses. As president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Rob used his quick thinking and resourcefulness to help business owners recover from the destruction left behind from the tornado.

Through the leadership of Rob, the Joplin Chamber was able to set up a Small Business Administration Business Recovery Center just days after the tornado. This center enabled the chamber and its staff to help all business owners in their time of need. In fact, over 500 affected companies are still operating today and 90 percent of the jobs affected by the storm were saved.

In addition to the reopened businesses, more than 100 new employers have opened their doors since the storm. The new businesses cited the resilience of Joplin residents and the support of Rob and the Joplin Chamber as key reasons for their decision to locate to the region.

The Small Business Administration's Phoenix Award is awarded to businesses, public officials, and volunteers who are tested by disasters like the Joplin tornado but work to overcome the disaster by rebuilding and helping their communities recover.

Rob's acts of courage, selflessness and perseverance in the aftermath of this disaster make him an outstanding recipient of this award. I am grateful for his leadership and service to Missouri's 7th District.

HONORING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, DAVIER RODRIGUEZ AND JESUS CISNEROS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Arizona State University students, Davier Rodriguez and Jesus Cisneros, winners of the Clinton Global Initiative University's 2013 Commitments Challenge.

Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros are the leaders of DREAMzone ASU, a professional development workshop aimed at bettering the ability of student leaders, staff, and faculty to meet the social, cultural and academic needs of undocumented students at Arizona State University.

DREAMzone ASU strives to establish a network of support as part of a national network of allies through a four-hour certification program. Those enrolled in the program expand their content knowledge regarding federal, state, local, and institutional policies that directly affect the undocumented college student experience. Participants also actively work to increase their knowledge of the challenges faced by undocumented students at ASU, and by challenging assumptions through meaningful dialogue and interaction.

The Clinton Global Initiative University's Commitments Challenge involved a rigorous application process and four rounds of intensive online voting, in which DREAMzone emerged victorious. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Cisneros on this accomplishment, and on their hard work to help make many DREAMS a reality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 184, H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 and "yea" on rollcall No. 185, S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013.

YATZIRE AGUIRRE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yatzire Aguirre for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yatzire Aguirre 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 Yatzire Aguirre 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 Yatzire Aguirre 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 TRISH MORRIS-YAMBA

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representative to join me as I rise to recognize and honor a dedicated public servant, Trish Morris-Yamba who is retiring from the Newark Day Center after 32 years of service. Mrs. Morris-Yamba's journey to this post encompassed many levels including launching the Livingston College Day Care Center, classroom teacher, principal at the Chen School in Newark, overseeing the Newark Fresh Air fund and Executive Director at the Newark Day Center. As a result of these experiences, Mrs. Morris-Yamba was definitely in a position to make a difference in the lives of our most precious resources, our children.

Mrs. Morris-Yamba attended Rutgers University where she received both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in education. Mrs. Morris-Yamba sought to ensure that Newark's preschool children received both quality daycare and education. Her influence can be seen in the many programs she spearheaded, like the Fresh Air Fund that sends hundreds of children every year to summer camp and the programs that help seniors, single parents and people out of work or returning to work. Fortunately, for those who had the opportunity to work with her, Mrs. Morris-Yamba was generous with sharing her knowledge and her significant leadership skills.

As Mrs. Morris-Yamba retires, she will be remembered for her belief in fulfilling the needs of the total child. She has a love of learning and is an excellent role model as well as the consummate professional. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has touched the lives of countless children, parents and Newark's senior citizens. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has received many awards during her tenure at the Newark Day Center. I am truly grateful that she chose Newark. I know that to be in an educational environment is to serve with one's heart. Mrs. Morris-Yamba has served the Newark Day Center with her heart and in the process has created a memorable legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues agree that Mrs. Trish Morris-Yamba deserves to be recognized for a job well done and for her many years of dedicated service to the Newark community. I am proud to have such a dedicated person in my Congressional district and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE SONS OF ITALY

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, the Sons of Italy is the largest and oldest nationally-recognized organization in the United States for people of Italian heritage.

For 100 years, the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has worked to establish over 150 lodges throughout the commonwealth, all dedicated to the promotion of Italian culture, traditions, and legacy.

With support from their members, the Sons of Italy has raised over \$35 million for numerous charities including the Alzheimer's Association, the Doug Flutie Junior Foundation for Autism and Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

The organization has also given \$117 million in donations to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation and disaster relief.

Through their commission for social justice, The Sons of Italy has fought racism, prejudice and the stereotyping of all races, religions and cultures.

As an Italian-American myself, I am honored to offer my congratulations to the Sons of Italy, and praise their devotion to the preservation of Italian-American heritage.

TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF THE USS TIDE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Zangara who has established a 501(c)3 in Harpers Ferry, called "World War Two History Archives". The purpose of this non-profit organization is to honor WW2 Vets with oral history interviews as well as commemoration of WW2 military service.

On the week of June 4-8, 2013, Mark Zangara sponsored the reunion of survivors of the USS *Tide*. On June 7, 2013, 1100 hours, the USS *Tide* Veterans was honored at the Navy Memorial at the plaque dedication ceremony of their ship, itself a minesweeper. June 7 was a significant day for the crew since it was on that day June 7, 1944, that the *Tide* hit a mine and was split in two. 25 percent of the crew were killed immediately, while all others on board were wounded and hospitalized. The USS *Tide* is the only American Naval ship to have 100% casualties (either KIA or WIA) in one single incident. The heroic acts of the sailors involving great risk to themselves to save others are extensive and numerous. They will be covered at length in Mr. Zangara's forthcoming book to be released this year "Reflections: World War Two Veterans Tell their Remarkable History."

We owe everything to these Veterans of World War Two. We owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL ROSEN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Michael Rosen as he receives the inaugural Patient Impact Legacy Award from the Cures Within Reach Foundation for his work in the BioSciences over the last 30 years.

Michael Rosen has been chosen to receive this inaugural Legacy Award based on his leadership and involvement in the BioScience industry and his interest in the betterment of the regional community. Currently the Senior Vice President of the Forest City Science + Technology Group, Rosen is responsible for developing marketing strategies for Forest City's biotech projects across the United States and serves as their liaison to the life science industry developing relationships with clients and major research universities. Forest City Science + Technology Group is one of the country's leading developers & owners of science parks associated with leading research-based universities. He is also a founding member, current board member and former vice-chairman of IBIO, the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization, and chairman of its predecessor organization. Prior to Forest City, Mr. Rosen spent 32 years as an executive in the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device industries in the U.S. and abroad working in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

The Cures Within Reach Midwest BioScience Industry Campaign event will occur annually to celebrate both the industry in our region, and its commitment to life-changing solutions for patients. Cures Within Reach was founded in 2005 as a Chicago-based not-for-profit organization helping patients by repurposing FDA-approved drugs and devices to deliver fast, safe and affordable treatments for diseases and rare disorders that have insufficient or nonexistent therapies. Cures Within Reach has emerged as a leader in the repurposing revolution, working to transform patient lives through research that looks backward to move forward.

Past research has delivered seven treatments in use today in major disease areas and rare disorders including Multiple Sclerosis, Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome, Lung Cancer, Prostate Cancer, and Familial Dysautonomia. Current research projects are in process at many select institutional partners, including The Mayo Clinic, the Seattle Children's Hospital, Rush University, The University of Chicago, Weill Cornell, and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for Michael's decades of work and lifelong commitment to patients and the bioscience that heals them, and to Cures Within Reach. I wish them well and ask this body to do the same on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 103–105, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 194, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 195, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 196, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 197, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 198, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 199, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 200, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 201, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 202, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 203, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 204, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 205, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 206, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 207, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 208, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 209, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 210, had I been present, I would have voted “nay.”

On rollcall No. 211, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF EULATON BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House’s attention today to recognize the congregation of Eulaton Baptist Church, which will be celebrating their 125th anniversary on June 13th.

In 1888, in the community of Eulatonin, Alabama, 30 people gathered to worship in an old school house. Eulatonin, a community in Anniston, Alabama, was named after Mrs. Eula

Ford. This church was founded as a Southern Missionary Baptist Church with an emphasis on missions.

One hundred twenty-five years later, this church and its congregation have grown immensely. However, they remain focused on missions and serving their community of Eulaton, in Anniston, Alabama.

On Sunday, August 4th, members, friends and the community will gather together at the church to remember, reflect and rejoice on the triumphs of Eulaton Baptist Church. Please join me in celebrating their rich history and wishing them great success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, June 3. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 184, and “yea” on rollcall vote 185. I was also inadvertently absent for the following votes and would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall vote 189, and “yea” on rollcall vote 205.