EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING BOB CASALE OF DEVO

HON. TIM RYAN
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Bob Casale, who passed away on February 17, 2014, at the age of sixty-one. Bob was raised in Akron, Ohio. He led an exemplary life while in pursuit of his dream of writing, producing, and performing music. Bob helped create a body of work with his band Devo that put the “new” in new wave music. He ultimately changed the way a lot of people viewed both music and culture at the time.

As one of the original members of the band Devo, Bob came of age in the middle of a huge cultural war in Akron, Ohio. There, Bob and his fellow band members Mark Mothersbaugh, Bob Mothersbaugh, Alan Myers, and his brother Gerald Casale were inspired to form Devo after witnessing the Kent State massacre in 1970.

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Bob Casale was an extraordinary man with a great set of values who will live on in the hearts and minds of his friends, family, and fans. Bob is survived by his son Alex, his daughter Samantha, and his wife, Lisa. His long and productive life set an example to all of us and all who knew him. Bob’s memory will continue to live on through the revolutionary music he left behind. Whip it!

HONORING MR. NICHOLAS P. DINAPOLI

HON. STEVE ISRAEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Nicholas P. DiNapoli, an esteemed citizen of my congressional district who holds the distinction of being a lifelong resident of the Town of North Hempstead. Mr. DiNapoli was born on April 6, 1924, to Pete and Jeanette DiNapoli in Roslyn Heights, New York, and has resided in Albertson, New York since 1953. He is a New Yorker, born and bred.

After graduating from Roslyn public schools, Nicholas served our country in World War II as a member of the Army Air Force. I thank him for his service during this historic time and for his contribution to a United States victory. When he returned home, he built a model life for himself and his family. He married Adeline, his late wife of 43 years, and raised two sons, Thomas and James. As the years passed, he has also been able to enjoy spending time with his two grandchildren, Victoria and Nicholas. Mr. DiNapoli served a forty year career at the New York Telephone Company, where his hard work enabled him to rise all the way from a splicer’s helper to foreman.

What is truly inspirational is Mr. DiNapoli’s devotion to his community. Over the years, he has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department, and has been involved with the American Legion, Albertson Little League, Boy Scouts of America Troop 481 and St. Aidan’s Parish.

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Trimble Navigation for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Trimble Navigation is a leading provider of advanced location based solutions found in everyday products from commercial vehicles, construction equipment to cell phones. Their products reach over 150 countries around the world. Trimble Navigation recently invested in a $22 million 125,000 square foot campus in Westminster, Colorado, creating an additional 100 high paying jobs.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Trimble Navigation for receiving the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to innovation, high standards and quality products.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

HON. TED POE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every day we say our prayer. Will they change the bill of fare? Still we get the same old gru . . . el, There’s not a crust, not a morsel of fresh fruit or vegetables. It’s the myth that drinking whole and 2% milk is bad for our kids. It’s the myth that the federal government’s arms have become so strong that we can’t do anything to stop them. It’s the myth that the federal government’s arms have become so strong that we can’t do anything to stop them.

So long gone are the days of parenting, we have the government to do it for us. Now it’s the USDA who teaches our children about what they should and should not be eating.

Children are more likely to choose a peanut butter and jelly sandwich over a salad or vegetables, but the USDA determined that the best way to have the kids make the “healthy” choice is to eliminate their options altogether. The USDA recently eliminated the grain and protein limits under the National School Lunch Program, they should have never had that kind of power to begin with.

The federal government may have decided to stop telling our children whether to have a whole or half sandwich, but its influence is still strong. The feds force our children to pick 1/2 cup serving of fruits or vegetables with their breakfast or lunch—whether they eat it or not.

In their attempts to make our young students healthier, the USDA has unmasked the myth that drinking whole and 2% milk is bad because of the vitamins and nutrients. Apparently it is so bad that USDA has removed them from being available at schools altogether. Even though the USDA believes the National School Lunch Program changes are sensible, they ignore the additional costs on schools and disregard concerns that the mandated fruit and vegetables serving will go to waste.

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There goes common sense right out of the window. But then again what does the state, local school boards, individual schools, or parents know? The federal government knows best or at least that’s what they think. Time to let local schools and parents decide what children should eat—not Washington, DC bureaucrats. And that’s just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF DR. MAURICE WATSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Man of God, Dr. Maurice Watson, who will celebrate his 10th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Beulahland Bible Church as well as thirty-seven remarkable years in the gospel ministry. A celebration will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Beulahland Bible Church in Macon, Georgia.

On May 1, 1994, Dr. Watson was born the seventh of eight children to Ulysses and Juanita Watson in Little Rock, Arkansas. He accepted the call to preach the Word of the Lord at the young age of sixteen and two years later, he was ordained.

Dr. Watson earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Philander Smith College in Little Rock, where he was Valedictorian of his class. He earned a Master’s in Theology from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Watson’s first pastorate was at St. Mark Baptist Church in Little Rock, where he served for seven years. In November 1988, Dr. Watson was called to pastor the Salem Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where he served for fifteen and a half years. During his tenure, the church’s membership almost tripled from 1,200 to 3,500 souls.

Middle Georgia gained an extraordinary leader when Dr. Watson accepted the senior pastorate of Beulahland Bible Church in early 2004. With the vision of “Changing the World from Beulahland Georgia,” Beulahland opened a second location of worship in Warner Robins, Georgia in February 2005 under Dr. Watson’s leadership. The church also constructed a second worship facility on its Macon campus. The congregation now enjoys a state-of-the-art 3,000 seat sanctuary in which to rejoice the Word of the Lord. Using Dr. Watson as a vessel, God has reached into the hearts of many so that Beulahland has welcomed thousands of souls to this prolific ministry.

Dr. Watson’s vision of “Faith on the Fast Track” has taken Beulahland Bible Church to greater heights than ever before. A dynamic and ever faithful pastor, his ministry has stretched across the globe. As one of the premier preachers of our generation, Dr. Watson is well-known and sought after for his anointed sound and understandable proclamation of God’s Word. He is motivated by his love for people, his love for preaching, and his belief that no one is beyond God’s reach.

Dr. Watson has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife, Janice, and their two beautiful daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Dr. Maurice Watson for ten wonderful years of changing Middle Georgia for the better, thirty-seven remarkable years of ministry, and a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church and to humankind.

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY D. BUSH

HON. TODD ROKITA
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Beverly D. Bush, who passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2014. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for her leadership and service to our community, state, and country.

Mrs. Bush was a lifelong Hoosier and she served as the Clinton County Republican Chairwoman from 1994 to 2009 and served as Vice Chair of the party for eight years. She served as a Delegate to the Republican State Convention from 2002–2012 and was a 2004 Delegate to the Republican National Convention. She received the honor of being an elector for the 2012 Presidential and Vice Presidential election. Mrs. Bush, also known by her friends and fellow party members as “Mrs. Republican” mentored several people in party politics. Mrs. Bush also served as the Kirkland Precinct Committeeman for many years and was past treasurer of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women. She also attended the inaugurations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

Mrs. Bush was one of the first people I met in politics. As a friend of my mentor, Sue Anne Gilroy, Mrs. Bush was always helpful and willing to share her gentle wisdom to this young inexperienced candidate. Even after many years of public service, she still was able to teach me a thing or two about the business and life.

Mrs. Bush will be greatly missed by the Clinton County Republican Party, the entire Clinton County community, and many leaders across the state both past and present. Mrs. Bush was a kind and caring woman. She was someone who would do whatever she could to help a friend or stranger in need and she volunteered as a member of the St. Vincent Hospital Pink Ladies organization.

Mrs. Bush leaves her loving husband, Dr. Charles Bush and three children and great grandchildren and her extended Clinton County Republican family. Her legacy is one that will be remembered and honored by those who knew and loved her. Rest in peace my friend, and thank you for your leadership and service.

HONORING DON GEAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE
OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a tireless and visionary leader in my state who is retiring after several decades of working to improve the lives of homeless Mainers.

In 1985, Don Gean took over as director of the York County Alcoholism Center, which was housed in a crumbling former jail. Today, that organization is called the York County Shelter Programs, an innovative network of facilities and services that serves 400 clients. Among its facilities are a bakery where clients learn vocational skills while preparing the food served at several shelter sites; a working farm that produces eggs for the bakery and houses one of the largest solar arrays in the state; and 36 residences for transitional housing. Under Don’s leadership, the organization has come a long way from a condemned jail.

Early on in his tenure, Don resolved that his organization needed to do more than provide beds and meals if it was going to make a lasting impact on its clients. To that end, he developed a range of vocational, medical, mental health and substance abuse programs to give people the support, tools, and self-confidence they needed to turn their lives around. Today, the shelter’s recidivism rate is an astonishingly low 5.3 percent. It has become a model program for dealing with the challenges of homelessness.

But the best way to mark Don’s legacy is in the words of the people he served. One man who first came to the shelter in 2007 now owns his own home and regularly volunteers for the organization. “This is a lifesaving organization,” he said. “Don is a big part of saving people’s lives, but he won’t tell you that. He’ll take no credit.”

I had the pleasure of serving with Don in the Maine State Legislature in the early 1990s, where he became a statewide leader on the issue of homelessness. He was then and continues to be a practical, shrewd, and effective advocate, but above all a kind, good-hearted person who reminds us that no one in our society should ever be written off.

I wish Don all the best in his retirement and thank him wholeheartedly for his incredible work.
IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEVIN S. COCHIE

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Lieutenant Colonel Kevin S. Cochiethe true gentleman, a Soldier’s Soldier, and friend. Lieutenant Colonel Cochiethe US Army on June 31st after serving in uniform for over 20 years. A veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq, he faithfully served the Special Operations community and the Secretary of the Army with distinction.

Kevin served as a Special Operations helicopter pilot in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, the Night Stalkers. His operational experience served as the catalyst for a successful acquisition career. Because of his efforts, highly advanced and specially modified helicopters were made even better, resulting in life saving survivability improvements and mission essential improvements that directly contributed to the removal of multiple high value enemy targets from the battlefield.

LTC Cochiethe career culminated with an assignment serving the Secretary of the Army as a Legislative Liaison, advocating for Army Aviation. He quickly rose to the status of “Master Jedi Knight” among all Defense Department legislative liaisons. His ability to socialize to Congress program details and urgent requirements was nothing short of impressive. For years to come, Kevin’s example of how to engage Congress will serve as a benchmark for other legislative liaisons to follow.

In conclusion, God bless Kevin, his wife Sara, and daughter Madison for their service to the Army, the Defense Department, and our great Nation.

HONORING ROBERT HARBULA

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents who is truly an American hero.

Mr. Robert Harbula of West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, fought bravely as a U.S. Marine in the Korean War—including the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Private First Class Harbula served in G Company of the Third Battalion of the First Marine Regiment, part of the First Marine Division, in the Korean War. His unit was referred to initially as “George Company” and then, later, after Chosin Reservoir, as “Bloody George.”

Private First Class Bob Harbula was assigned to the Marine unit guarding Camp David, the Presidential retreat, when he served as an usher for the Washington, DC, premiere of “Sands of Iwo Jima” in January of 1950. After seeing the movie, he decided that he ought to get a more dangerous posting, so he volunteered for a marine raider unit several months later. Soon thereafter, he ended up in Camp Pendleton as part of the First Marine Division—and in August 1950, he found himself on a troopship headed for Japan with the First Marines as one of the early reinforcement units for the high-pressure UN forces in Korea. Mr. Harbula was part of the machine gun squad attached to G Company’s First Platoon.

Korea had been occupied for 35 years by Japan until the end of World War II, at which point it was partitioned at the 38th Parallel. South Korea was occupied and protected by US forces. North Korea was occupied by the Soviet Union. UN plans to hold elections and unify the country were rejected by the Soviets, and a communist dictatorship was established in the north.

On June 25th, North Korean troops crossed the boundary separating North and South Korea, taking the ill-prepared South Korean Army by surprise and overwhelming it. Three days later, the North Korean army occupied Seoul, the South Korean capital. US troops from the Eighth Army based in Japan rushed to aid the South Koreans. They were thrown into battle piecemeal in a desperate effort to gain time for more reinforcements to arrive.

The Inchon landing and the liberation of Seoul in 1950. Mr. Harbula’s unit was in the first wave of the assault craft, which landed under heavy fire on September 15th. From that moment on, George Company was in nearly constant combat as US forces captured Inchon and fought their way into Seoul, where the fighting often deteriorated into vicious house-to-house combat. On the night of September 26th, George Company—heavily outnumbered—defeated a major North Korean counterattack by tanks, self-propelled artillery, and hundreds of men along Seoul’s Ma Po Boulevard. Mr. Harbula and his section did what they could, firing a machine gun nonstop at the lead tank. With artillery support, George Company withstood the attack—but at a terrible cost.

The Inchon landing and the liberation of Seoul caused the weakened and overextended North Korean forces in the south to collapse and beat a panicked retreat northward. The US Eighth Army, pressing northward in aggressive pursuit along Korea’s west coast. The X Corps, which included the First Marine Division, was pulled out of the line and loaded onto amphibious transport ships. They sailed around the Korean Peninsula and disembarked at the end of October in the port of Wonsan on North Korea’s southeast coast.

Mr. Harbula was part of the machine gun squad after the sergeant in charge was seriously wounded in the ambush. On November 14th, George Company moved north to the Hungnam-Ch’yongjin region. That same day, a cold front moved into the region from Siberia, sending temperatures as low as minus 35 degrees each night. Such brutal weather would continue for the next two weeks, making weapons and equipment inoperable and causing thousands of injuries and deaths from frostbite and exposure over the course of the battle.

Wonsan, a rugged Taebaek Mountains that ran up the middle of the Korean Peninsula divided the Eighth Army from X Corps as each force pushed north. On November 24th, MacArthur ordered the “Home by Christmas” offensive to conquer all of North Korea up to the Yalu River, which formed the border between North Korea and China. The Eighth Army was to push north, while the First Marine Division was to push west from the Chosin Reservoir, cut off a North Korean major supply line, and link up with the Eighth Army.

Unbeknownst to General MacArthur and his advisors, hundreds of thousands of Chinese troops had begun infiltrating into North Korea in mid-October. The General and his staff thought that there were only a few small Chinese units fighting in North Korea. In fact, Chinese troops were massing for attacks in both the east and west. In the east, the 9th Army Group of the Chinese “People’s Volunteer Army” had encircled most of the Chosin Reservoir, a large man-made lake north of the city of Hungnam.

On November 25th, nearly two hundred thousand Chinese troops launched a surprise attack on the Eighth Army, defeating it resoundingly in the Battle of the Ch’ongch’on River and sending it back over the 38th Parallel in what came to be called “the Big Bug-out.”

On November 27th, however, the First Marine Division’s orders were still to attack northwestern. Most of the Division’s combat troops, primarily thousands of Marines from the First Marine Division’s 5th and 7th Regiments, were positioned around the village of Yudam-ni west of the reservoir. An understrength regimental combat team from the 7th Infantry Division held territory on the east side of the reservoir under the guidance of the 1st Marine Division, including a number of companies from George Company’s First Marine Regiment. Essential supplies had been stockpiled at Hagaru-ri, and engineers were desperately trying to build a small airstrip when they weren’t fighting off enemy attacks.

It was 14 miles of treacherous terrain from Yudam-ni to Hagaru-ri. To the east of the reservoir, it was a similar distance from Sinhung-
ni to Hagar-ri. From there, the road wound 11 miles through more mountainous terrain to the town of Koto-ri, where the 1st Marine Regiment’s headquarters was located—defended by the Regiment’s Second Battalion—and then another 10 miles to Chinhung-ni, defended by First Battalion, First Marine Regiment. It was another 37 miles to the port city of Hungnam. That one narrow road was the only way First Marine Division and the other units from X Corps could get out of the mountains and back to the coast.

Meanwhile, George Company was stuck somewhere in the rear echelons for lack of transportation.

On the night of November 27th, all hell broke loose. The 9th Army Group of the People’s Volunteer Army attacked the X Corps forces on either side of the Chosin Reservoir and at various points along the road as far south as Koto-ri. Tens of thousands of Chinese soldiers attacked the outnumbered Americans’ positions. The Marines at Yudam-ni were surrounded and cut off, as were the soldiers of the 7th Infantry’s Regimental Combat Team 31 on the east side of the reservoir—and the Divisional headquarters and elements of the 1st Marine Regiment at Hagar-ri.

On the morning of November 28th, George Company finally got some wheels. They were ordered to the ridge and headed north, arriving in Koto-ri at nightfall.

That night, the Chinese launched a massive attack on Hagar-ri. They almost succeeded in overwhelming the outnumbered Marines, who had thrown every able-bodied man who could fire a rifle into the front line—down to and including, the cooks and truck drivers. When dawn came, the defenses had held, but Chinese forces occupied the strategic high ground—East Hill—and unless reinforcements arrived, it seemed inevitable that Hagar-ri would fall and the units around the Chosin Reservoir would be doomed.

George Company’s 200 men formed part of the 900-man “Task Force Drysdale” that was rapidly thrown together on the morning of November 29th in Koto-ri to reinforce Hagar-ri. It took four days to get 125 blocks and a little over a mile of road to Hagar-ri. They had to stop repeatedly to clear enemy roadblocks, and they were under fire the whole time from thousands of Chinese soldiers dug in on either side of the road. The route was subsequently given the name “Hell Fire Valley.”

Late in the day, the rear of the convoy was stopped by a burning truck and surrounded by Chinese troops. Fighting through the night until their ammunition was nearly all gone, the surviving soldiers finally had no choice but to surrender.

The front of the column, consisting of the surviving tanks, George Company, and some of the Royal Marines pushed on and finally broke through to Hagar-ri. Only a third of the men who left out that morning in Task Force Drysdale made it to Hagar-ri, but the 300 soldiers and the tanks that made it through Hell Fire Valley at such a terrible cost significantly bolstered the town’s defenses.

In the next morning, November 30th, George Company was given the daunting mission of retaking the area. They advanced on the hill, slipping and falling repeatedly on the ice and taking heavy rifle and machine gun fire. By the end of the day, they held the south end of the ridge, but the Chinese still held the center. George Company dug in as best they could, but the temperature that night dropped below –20 degrees and the ground was frozen hard. Private Harbula was forced to rest on a pile of dead Chinese soldiers around his machine gun like sake bags.

On December 7th, Chinese forces counter-attacked, charging down the hill several thousand strong. The men of George Company fought bravely—eventually hand-to-hand. Private Harbula’s machine gun jammed, and his position was overrun by the Chinese. An officer ordered the men to pull back. He remembers hitting one Chinese Soldier in the face with his helmet and firing his pistol at several others. As he slipped and slid back down the hill, he fell into a shell crater.

In the crater, he found several dead Americans and one of his comrades, Richard Haller, still alive but wounded in both legs. Private Harbula carried Haller down the hill to safety, but he ruptured his Achilles tendon in the process. Private Harbula was out of the fight, but the surviving members of George Company fought on. Finally, near the end of December, the Chinese attack petered out.

December 1st was something of a turning point. That day, the Marines in Yudam-ni began a break-out to the south. By nightfall, they had fought their way to Toktong Pass, halfway to Hungnam. Private Bob Faith and the engineers who had been working on the airstrip completed enough of the runway that C–47 transport planes could use it. That afternoon, planes started bringing in supplies and reinforcements and flying out the wounded.

There was bad news on December 1st as well, however. With half of the men in Regimental Combat Team 31 dead or wounded, its commander, Lieutenant Colonel Don Carlos Faith, ordered his troops to destroy any equipment they couldn’t carry and attempt to break through to Hagar-ri. As the column advanced, it was attacked constantly by thousands of Chinese soldiers on each side of the road to Hagar-ri. As night fell, Lieutenant Colonel Faith was killed trying to take a roadblock and the column disintegrated. Many soldiers gave their lives in the night to hold the line and made it to the Hagar-ri perimeter alive, but everyone who stayed with the convoy was killed.

Most of the First Division was now reunited in Hagar-ri. The remaining able-bodied but exhausted members of George Company continued to defend the perimeter, moving to one end of the runway on December 5th and repositioning to another large Chinese attack.

On December 6th, the First Marine Division began its breakout effort—or as its commander General O.P. Smith put it, not expelling another large Chinese attack. On December 7th, the hitchhiker asked John what his brother’s name was, and when John told him that it was Bob Harbula, the Marine’s face turned white and he said, “that’s the SOB that saved my life!” John had given a lift to Richard Haller! Chosin Retriever didn’t mark the end of Bloody George’s or Bob Harbula’s combat action in Korea by any means. Soon after, he was back in combat. On April 15th, 1951, he was promoted to Corporal and put in charge of 2 machine guns and 20 men at the start of Battle of Hungnam. Bob spent the night again with G Company in North Korea at the Hwachon Reserve, where the First Marine Division was awarded its third Presidential Unit Citation for action on Hill 902. He was finally rotated home on June 6, 1951.

Harbula was recently quoted in the McKeepers Daily News as saying, “I don’t consider myself a hero.” Well, I think it’s safe to say that the rest of us do. I am grateful to U.S. Marine Corporal Robert Harbula for his heroic service to our country, and I am very proud to represent him in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Harbula may not consider himself a hero, but he believes deeply that his comrades in George Company, especially those who gave their lives for this country, are heroes who never got the recognition they deserve. He has endeavored for years to educate the American public about the critical role George Company played in reinforcing and defending Hagar-ri and holding it until the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments could reach it and the First Marine Division could carry out its legendary fighting withdrawal.

That may finally be happening some 60 odd years after the fact. In 2010, a writer named Patrick K. O’Donnell published “Give Me Tomorrow: The Korean War’s Greatest Untold Epic Stories: The Men of George Company.” The book is based on extensive interviews with the surviving members of G Company. In addition, earlier this week, the story of George Company’s actions in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir was the subject of an episode of “Against All Odds”—a six-part documentary about battlefield heroism on the American Heroes Channel—which until recently was known as the Military Channel.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans can be proud of the fact that in the course of our nation’s history, there have been many inspiring, often heroically, stories about men who have given their lives for this country. There are many, many more Americans who have served this country who have risked their lives
Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yeti Cycles for being honored with the Innovative Technology Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Innovative Technology Award is given to a Jefferson County company that is on the forefront of new and advanced technologies. Yeti Cycles, headquartered in Golden Colorado, is a leading mountain bike manufacturer with decades of experience in product development. The company created many patented technologies and consistently pushes development to the next level.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yeti Cycles for receiving this prestigious award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your innovation, high standards and quality products.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKFORCE BOARDS W.O. LAWTON BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER AND HONOREES

HON. JOHN KLINE
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate this year’s National Association of Workforce Boards W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award winner and honorees.

The 2014 winner, Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, and honorees ExxonMobil Chemical Company and Qualcomm deserve recognition for their commitment of time, resources, and leadership to better their communities’ workforce and economy.

NAWB established the W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award to annually honor forward-looking businesses and public partners, such as economic development organizations, education providers, and community and faith-based organizations.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when businesses and organizations across the country are still coping with an extraordinarily slow economic recovery, these groups should be commended for taking the initiative to train today’s workers for the jobs of the future. Their efforts to establish partnerships between workforce boards, community colleges, businesses, and other area economic and workforce development leaders has garnered real results for their communities.

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board, ExxonMobil Chemical Company, and Qualcomm have implemented policies similar to those promoted by policymakers in the House and Senate to support a highly-trained workforce and stronger economy. As Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I recognize the critical need to improve our nation’s workforce development system, and appreciate the important role these organizations play in helping achieve this shared goal.

Once again, I congratulate these organizations and salute their diligent work to improve their communities and local economies.

OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL GUARD SPENDING CUTS

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, the following in individuals indicated that they do not support the Pentagon making cuts to the National Guard to reduce spending:

DOUG BETTS—ALBION, IA
I am not interested in cutting funding for our military at all. I believe we should keep a strong defense, but also keep that defense close to home and only on foreign soils when needed to protect US citizens and strategic interests. Specifically, I am not in favor of deploying large numbers of our Iowa Guard troops overseas, as then they are not here to help in case of an emergency like a natural disaster.

If defense must be cut, down-sizing bases in foreign countries and other foreign aid should be the first consideration.

KEN WILLIQUIN—MELCHEER DALLAS, IA
No way! With climatic events etc., etc., it’s the last place they should cut. There are dozens of areas to make cuts other than the Guard.

After using the guard for overseas wartime service then making cuts after all they’ve sacrificed is ridiculous!!

JOHN IRWIN—GRINNELL, IA
I don’t think we should cut any defense spending other than the girt industries charge for items purchased by the govt.

FRANKLIN CURTIS—IOWA FALLS, IA
The guard is needed as a backup to local emergency and national disaster assistance to law enforcement and first responders. Reduction in some active duty and equipment storage of un-needed aircraft is a better plan.

BETTY REYNOLDS—LE GRAND, IA
This country has been depending on the National Guard to fight in the war. My son has been over twice. Some families may depend on the extra income from the Guard also. Thank you for sticking up for them.

DEBRA DOWNS—MARSHALLTOWN, IA
Cut the waste—not the people.

SANDRA PATTERSON—MARSHALLTOWN, IA
How about cutting government corruption instead?

ROGER LARKEY—MARSHALLTOWN, IA
States needs the Guard for natural disasters and state functions. Like the floods of 2008 in Iowa, who would be called up for duty if we were to cut the Guard? Iowa has no active duty base or fort in the state so the Guard is our only state military asset.

PEDRO AQUERO—MARSHALLTOWN, IA
We need the troops to keep our DEMOCRACY safe. If you need more comments and exact comments I can explain.

STEVEN AIKIN—RHODES, IA
I was in the Guard and Guard units are essential in deployments.

DIANNA BUTCHER—STATE CENTER, IA
I do believe it is wrong to cut funding for the National Guard. I would rather see our troops brought home and the money used to keep our national borders secured. We need the young men and women to assist in times of disaster within our own State... Maybe it is time that monetary support for the Iowa National Guard comes from the Iowa state budget to keep them available. In any event we need to maintain our National defenses, not lessen them.
We are weakening our defense system in the United States. Please do what you can to maintain (at least) what we already have in place.

JOSEPH SETZ—WATERLOO, IA

As you say, they could make cuts to military weapon development and to cut waste. It’s nice that the Secretary of Defense wants to make cuts but maybe the cuts need to be toward that first before reducing our National Guard.

CHIP WOOD—WATERLOO, IA

Much more savings achieved cutting regular forces.

ANGIE GILBERT—WATERLOO, IA

My husband is in the Iowa National Guard and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010. He works very hard to do a great job at any task he is appointed to and is always ready to do whatever he is asked to serve our state and our country. These men and women do a great service and deserve great respect. I believe budget cuts could be made elsewhere.

BRENDA DOUGLAS—WATERLOO, IA

My son is a member of the Iowa National Guard. He takes his Army National Guard soldier very seriously and has great pride in being ready to serve his country when needed.

NANCY STIRM—WATERLOO, IA

Thank you Rep. Braley!

SANDIE DRAHL—WATERLOO, IA

I believe funding within the Iowa National Guard should be redistributed. Outdated or mostly vacant posts should be closed or sold. Funding previously spent on maintenance should be used for recruitment/training of recruits. Please give Tim Orr a call; he represents the National Guard well and has quite a few good ideas about future direction(s) of the guard.

TINA JOHNSTON—WATERLOO, IA

I do not believe that we should cut any of our military. My oldest son is in the Reserves. I also believe that someone should be FIGHTING for our Veterans’ rights.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ST. PAUL ST. CLARE CRUSADERS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Crusaders 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Team, who ended a great season Friday, March 28, 2014. For the seventh year in a row, the Crusaders went undefeated as champions of the Luzerne, Lackawanna League and went on to compete in the Pennsylvania CYC Championship at Chestnut Hill College. On behalf of the Valley Forge, where they faced the best teams that the state’s eight Dioceses had to offer. Under the leadership of Mike Brown, and assistant coaches John Murray, Patrick Sweeney, and Jamie Dempsey, the team of 20 ranked 6th in the entire state with an overall 36-2 record. It is with great pride that I honor the team and the coaching staff of St. Paul, St. Clare. The sportsmanship, athleticism, and teamwork that these young people displayed on the court brought their community together. I would like to congratulate the Crusaders on their hard work and success, and I thank them for inspiring us all.

COMMEMORATING PATRICIA “PATTY” LYONS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Patricia “Patty” Lyons. Patty passed away on March 26, 2014 after a long courageous and hard fought battle with cancer.

Patty was a dedicated nurse in Bucks County for 35 years. It has been said of nurses, that with each patient and family they work with over the years, they give a little piece of themselves and each of those threads, make up the beautiful tapestry that is the career of nursing. Patty’s career and life was indeed a beautiful tapestry. She dedicated her life to improving the care of older Americans particularly those in home care and hospice. She established and operated Bucks County Special Care for 28 years. Patty worked tirelessly advocating for legislation requiring non-medical home cares to be licensed and direct care workers to pass criminal background checks, which ultimately became law.

Patty was very generous with her time and dedicated hours of service to numerous boards, community organizations and commissions including the Long Term Care Advisory Panel serving the 8th Congressional District. I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Patty. She left a lasting impression on those she touched and she will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM N. PHILLIPS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER OF TEXAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to our nation as the Military Deputy Director to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. Lieutenant General Phillips will retire after 38 dedicated years and exceptional service to this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let me be the first to say that there is no mission too great for this incredible individual. Bill’s tremendous vision, leadership, and dedication to excellence has ensured our nation’s soldiers fighting on behalf of the Nation have always had and will continue to have well into the future, the most technologically advanced and reliable equipment whenever
HONORING CAPTAIN MARK E.
CEDRUN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Captain Mark E. Cedrun as he retires from the United States Navy after 31 remarkable years of service.

In 1979 as a young constituent of California’s 24th Congressional District, then high school senior Mark Cedrun came to me seeking a nomination to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. I was thoroughly impressed with Mark’s intellect, maturity, and enthusiasm. He stood out among an extremely competitive candidate pool. I was delighted to grant Mark the nomination. At that time, Mark was accepted to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. After one year, I was honored to once again nominate Mark for the Naval Academy in Annapolis where he was ultimately commissioned as an ensign in 1984.

Mark went on to have an exemplary naval career, serving multiple sea assignments. He was deployed to the Arabian Gulf in early 2003 in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and most recently served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Throughout his long career Mark has received numerous awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

I am honored to have played a small part in such an impressive and honorable naval career. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of Captain Mark Cedrun and wishing him all the best for the future.

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT
OF 2014

SPREAD OF

HON. GENE GREEN
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 2575, the Save American Workers Act. This bill is not only our 52nd repeal vote and another effort to undermine the Affordable Care Act, it actually worsens the problem it purports to fix.

Raising the threshold for full-time employees from 30 hours per week to 40 hours will result in lost work hours for 6.5 million people and essentially eviscerate the employer responsibility requirement.

According to the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation, H.R. 2575 will cause a million people to lose their employer-based health insurance coverage, increase the number of uninsured Americans by 500,000, and add $74 billion to the deficit over 10 years.

This bill will make a shift towards part-time employment much more likely, not less so.

I urge my colleagues to protect American workers and vote against H.R. 2575.
my colleagues to support the hospitals in each district in this country by helping stroke patients and spreading awareness about stroke risk factors and treatment.

WADSWORTH CONTROL SYSTEMS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Wadsworth Control Systems for being honored with the Business Recognition Award given by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Recognition Award is given to a Jefferson County company which shows growth in employment, sales and capital investment in the last year.

Wadsworth Control Systems is a family owned and operated company and is one of the oldest and reliable environmental control companies in North America. The company manufactures climate controls, energy curtains and vent automation for greenhouses around the world. Wadsworth Control Systems is constantly innovating to produce the best product for their customers.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Wadsworth Control Systems for being honored with the Business Recognition Award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment to high standards, innovation and quality products.

TRIBUTE TO TONY COLLINS

HON. TOM LATHAM
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Clive Assistant Fire Chief Tony Collins of Dallas Center, Iowa, for his lifesaving efforts on March 14, 2014.

Don Roese, an 83-year-old Pomeroy resident, was enjoying a Friday night with his daughter-in-law at a Waukee establishment when tragedy struck. Near midnight, Don fell to the ground unconscious after experiencing a severe heart attack caused by complete blockage in two major arteries. As the bar patrons' mood shifted from relaxed to panic, it was Mr. Tony Collins, at the bar celebrating his 53rd birthday, who took the situation into his own hands.

Mr. Collins immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while directing four other customers to check for vital signs and perform chest compressions. For nearly fifteen minutes, Tony and his team continued to work on resuscitating Mr. Roese with no signs of hope.

Finally, Don regained his pulse and began breathing again, ultimately conscious and alert by the time the ambulance arrived. There is no doubt that Tony's quick thinking and heroic actions saved Mr. Roese's life that night.

Mr. Speaker, Assistant Fire Chief Collins' instinct and brave actions to save a fellow Iowan's life embody the selfless attributes we all should strive for. His extraordinary response to this life-threatening situation should give us all pause as we offer gratitude to our local heroes. It is a great honor to represent Tony in the United States Congress, and I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating and thanking him for his outstanding performance and commitment when it truly mattered most.

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT OF 2014

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2575, the so-called Save American Workers Act. This is yet another attempt to chip away at the Affordable Care Act and it should be rejected.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, eight percent of employees work between 30 and 34 hours per week, but 43 percent of employees work 40 hours per week. Therefore, CBPP concludes that five times as many workers are at risk of having their hours cut if this legislation was signed into law.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that the law requires most employers to offer health insurance to employees who work more than 30 hours a week, and they must pay a penalty if one of these workers gets a subsidy through the marketplace. The threshold was set at this level because a large share of companies employ their workers for much more than 30 hours a week, and they have to significantly restructure their business model and drastically reduce their hours to avoid their responsibility under the law.

There is much misinformation regarding the responsibilities of employers under the ACA. The law requires most employers to offer health insurance to employees who work more than 30 hours a week, and they must pay a penalty if one of these workers gets a subsidy through the marketplace.

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The Congressional Budget Office projects H.R. 2575 would reduce the number of people receiving employer based coverage by 1 million, and would increase the number of uninsured by 500,000. This would be a drastic step backward from the progress we have seen enrolling millions of Americans in health coverage. Another claim made by my friends on the other side of the aisle is that this provision of ACA is leading to an increase in part-time work, when nothing is further from the truth. In fact, CBO concluded in February that “there is no compelling evidence that part-time employment has increased as a result of ACA.”

This bill would cause more problems than it purports to solve. I urge my colleagues to vote down this misguided legislation.

RECOGNIZING INDIANA LEGISLATORS: SENATORS ALLEN PAUL AND JOHNNY NUGENT

HON. LUKE MESSER
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the careers of two extraordinary Indiana legislators: Senators Allen Paul and Johnny Nugent. These two friends have served the state of Indiana for decades, and I want to personally thank them for all of their hard work and recognize them for their many accomplishments.

Let me tell you a little bit about Senator Allen Paul. Allen volunteered for the U.S. army in 1967 and served as a U.S. Army Veteran. He was awarded the Bronze Star for saving a man’s life and also earned a Combat Infantry Badge and four Air Medals. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Allen was elected to the State Senate in 1986 where he was a tireless advocate for military members and their families. He passed important legislation to help veterans receive a college degree and supported legislation to offer in-state tuition for veterans.

Senator Paul has the distinction of being the first legislator from Eastern Indiana to serve in a leadership position within the caucus. During his 28-year tenure in the Senate, he served as Majority Whip, Chairman of the Insurance Committee and Chair of the Financial Institutions Committee. His political savvy and institutional knowledge will certainly be missed by his colleagues in the Senate.

Senator Paul’s dear friend Senator Johnny Nugent has also decided to retire after more than 30 years in office. He served as a Veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. At the age of 26, Johnny was elected Dearborn County Commissioner—the youngest commissioner ever elected in Indiana. As a State Senator, Johnny held numerous leadership positions including Majority Floor Leader, Chair of the Agriculture and Small Business committee and ranking member of the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee.

Senator Nugent has been a tireless defender of the 2nd Amendment and served two terms on the NRA’s Board of Directors. The only individual in Indiana to serve on the board during his tenure in office, he successfully sponsored Indiana’s “Castle Doctrine,” as well as the nation’s first lifetime concealed carry permit. Senator Nugent is also known for his involvement in his local community. He is a member of the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce and the Southeastern Indiana Shrine Club. He is a successful small business owner and ran Nugent Tractor sales of Lawrenceburg for decades.

Both Allen Paul and Johnny Nugent serve as shining examples of what it means to be a public servant. I ask the entire 6th Congressional district to join me in recognizing these two outstanding Hoosier legislators. I have no doubt these great men will continue their same commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm they had for serving their constituents and their communities to the next chapter of their lives.
PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I missed several votes this week to attend some services for Lieutenant Walsh and Firefighter Kennedy. I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: rolcall No. 149—"yes"; rolcall No. 150 "yes"; rolcall No. 152 "no"; rolcall No. 153 "no".

A REAL TASTE OF TEXAS
HON. TED POE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every morning for the past fifteen years, Southeast Texans have turned on their radios to AM 700 on their morning drive and heard my good friend, Edd Hendee. On his show, Edd talks about everything from hot political topics to the Texans. It’s hard to believe that his time on Houston radio will soon come to an end. Edd will be missed on the airwaves, but I have no doubt that he will continue to impact Houston.

Edd is a fourth generation Texan, skilled entrepreneur, brilliant business owner, patriot and Texan to the bone. Edd Hendee and his wife, Nina, operate the best steak restaurant in Texas, the Taste of Texas. The Hendees have given almost daily tours to hundreds of young Texans, including many school children. Nina, a Texas Historian, also gives Texas history lessons almost every Saturday to different groups. Of course, it is a requirement for my staff to go hear one of Nina’s talks. A visit to the Taste of Texas is simply a journey through the long, glorious history of Texas highlighting Texas’ 9 years as an Independent Nation. (Some say we are still an independent country).

Edd’s voice will be greatly missed on the airwaves, but he and his wife’s impact on Houston will continue because of their devotion to the community, their commitment to their employees and the well-deserved success of the Taste of Texas. As proud Texans who want to give back to their nation, I am also grateful that Edd and Nina serve on my Service Academy Advisory Board, helping to interview and nominate some of Houston’s best and brightest to attend our nation’s military academies. These are the people who will defend our nation in the future. I congratulate Edd on his fifteen years of on-air success and wish him all of the best in his next chapter of life.

And that’s just the way it is.

HONORING EXXONMOBIL FOR ITS RECOGNITION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKFORCE BOARDS FOR ITS ROLE IN JOB CREATION IN TEXAS
HON. KENNY MARCHANT
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the outstanding and proactive leadership in Texas by ExxonMobil and its recognition by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB). NAWB works to create a relationship between businesses and Workforce Investment Boards to coordinate and maximize employment potential for employers and workers. ExxonMobil was recognized at the Annual Excellence Awards in Washington D.C. for creating training programs and high-paying careers for over 10,000 Texans.

This large job growth is made possible by the billions of dollars of capital investment in the Texas economy. ExxonMobil has established partnerships with local workforce boards to find unemployed workers that would be best suited for immediate employment or training. In line with training, they have also committed $500,000 to fund the Community College Petroleum Initiative, expanding training programs to quickly recruit workers to long-term careers.

In addition to creating jobs, ExxonMobil has partnered with schools and other community collaborators to improve primary and secondary education in Texas. For instance, “Introduce a Girl to Engineering” provides 180 middle school girls with hands-on activities that help them learn about career opportunities in the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) fields. STEM education is important, as the number of job openings is expected to grow nearly twice as fast as the number of jobs in non-STEM sectors in the next 5 years. Another program, called the Advancement Via Individual Determination helps more than 400 students improve their academic and organizational skills, increasing their chances of attending college. ExxonMobil has also partnered with Lee College to provide paid internship opportunities. An impressive 100% of students that completed the internship program to date have been hired by ExxonMobil.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring this recognition from the National Association of Workforce Boards.

THE REPUBLICAN FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET
HON. JOYCE BEATTY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014
Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to the Republican budget for fiscal year 2015. This Republican budget is yet another attack on America, especially our seniors, students, workers, and middle-class families. Yet again, this irrational budget guts federal investments in education, research, innovation, and infrastructure.
It would dramatically slash the social safety net by privatizing Medicare, turning Medicaid into a block grant program, and cutting SNAP benefits.

With cuts like these, Mr. Speaker, everyone gets left behind and our economy only gets weaker.

Instead, our budget should present a blueprint toward prosperity.

Our government should be investing in programs that strengthen our economy, grow our middle class, lift people out of poverty, and help more Americans achieve the American Dream. This budget fails on all these fronts and should be rejected.

AZERBAIJAN TRAGEDY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.
Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the tragic events that began on February 25, 1992 in the Azerbaijan town of Khojaly in the Nagorno Karabakh region.

On that fateful day Armenian forces began a brutal attack on the 7,000 Azerbaijani citizens of Khojaly. During the attack 613 Azeris were killed, 1,275 were taken hostage, and 487 were seriously injured. Of the dead 106 were women and 83 were children. Many of those killed were first brutally tortured.

In blatant disregard of four UN Resolutions calling for the withdrawal of Armenian forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, Armenia continues to occupy Khojaly and surrounding territories. The occupied area constitutes twenty percent of Azerbaijan.

The Minsk Group, comprised of the United States, France and Russia, works with Armenia and Azerbaijan to reach a peaceful settlement to no avail. Nothing can change the tragedy that occurred at Khojaly but with a peaceful settlement and the withdrawal of Armenian forces from the occupied territories, what remains of the 900,000 Azerbaijanis displaced from the entire conflict can return to the land they call home and rebuild their lives.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of this tragedy and do all we can to further the Minsk Group’s efforts so there is a peaceful resolution and the people of Nagorno Karabakh can return home.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENERGIZE EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the Energize Emerging Opportunities Act. My legislation simply requires the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to harmonize their rules for general solicitation and marketing with rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, passed by the House and Senate and signed into law in 2012, directed the SEC to provide an exemption for general solicitation and marketing for companies. My legislation simply corrects an oversight and harmonizes the rules of the CFTC with the SEC.

This alignment will allow companies to provide information to the public and enhance opportunities to grow our economy.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. economy is in a fragile state, any hurdle, fee, or foreign advantage, will cost the U.S. economy valuable jobs. It is time we act to remove barriers that hinder growth and unleash the economic engine in this country.

My legislation will clarify and harmonize the CFTC and SEC rules so emerging companies will have a clear understanding of the rules and the ability to fully participate in growing the economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Energize Emerging Opportunities Act, in order to ensure clarity in the rules.

HONORING MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT JOEL D. ROGERS

HON. LEE TERRY
OF NEBRASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2014

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Gunnery Sergeant Joel D. Rogers, who will retire this year from the United States’ Marine Corps after 28 years of outstanding service to our country.

Upon completing recruit training, Private First Class Rogers attended Marine Corps Engineer School specializing in the Journeyman Electrical Equipment Repair Course. He completed training before being assigned to the Selected Marine Corps Reserve at Engineer Maintenance Company in Omaha, NE.

In January 2003, Master Sergeant Rogers deployed to Iraq serving as the Maintenance Chief of Combat Service Support Company–146 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his tour overseas, Master Sergeant Rogers was assigned to the Pentagon serving a vital role as a Congressional Liaison to the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

After serving at the Pentagon, Master Gunnery Sergeant Rogers returned to Omaha and Offutt Air Force Base as a Protocol Action Officer before later serving as a Legislative Liaison for U.S. Strategic Command. As a member of the legislative staff, Sergeant Rogers served a crucial role interacting directly with members of Congress.

As a civilian, Rogers finished 24 years with the State of Nebraska’s Department of Health and Human Services before retiring in 2012 as an Administrator. He is an alumnus of Bellevue University where he holds a Bachelor’s degree in Human Services Administration and a Master’s in Organizational Leadership.

In November 2012, Master Gunnery Sergeant Rogers assumed his current role as Action Officer of Command Protocol. In this role, he coordinates and assists in visits for the command’s various distinguished visitors including members of Congress, military and civilian leaders, as well as foreign government officials.

Rogers and his wife Felicia, who serves as my District Director, have seven children and live in Papillion, NE. Three of their sons have followed their dad’s lead in serving our country by also enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. Rogers and his family are outstanding members of our community and this past November received the Community Service Award from Heartland Family Service, an award given to those exemplifying strong family life and community service in the Omaha area.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Rogers is the recipient of various personal decorations including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Master Gunnery Sergeant Rogers for his outstanding service to our country and in particular, Offutt Air Force Base and STRATCOM.
Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Adam Kaduce for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of nearly 600 business leaders and growing.

Adam Kaduce is a Greater Des Moines native through and through. Raised in Urbandale, Adam began making his mark on the area at just 13-years-old by starting a lawn care business with his brother, Michael. Mr. Kaduce's business sense, work ethic, and intuition have only grown from his humble beginnings as he has become a proud Drake Law School graduate working in his current role as a Commercial Real Estate Manager with R&R Realty Group. Outside of his professional career, Adam is an adjunct professor at Drake University and serves as a member of the Urbandale Economic Development Advisory Board, the Capitol City Connection, and the Urbandale Education Foundation. In all aspects of his life, Mr. Kaduce is an example of service, hard work, and Iowa values that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Adam in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Kaduce for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Adam on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

SPEECH OF
HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2575, the Save American Workers Act. This bipartisan legislation is urgently needed to address yet another poorly-conceived provision of Obamacare that will harm American workers and further slow economic growth.

Under Obamacare, “full-time” work is defined as a 30-hour work week—a quarter less than the traditional 40 hour work week. Because the law imposes certain penalties on businesses based upon their number of full-time employees, many businesses are forced to move a number of their employees from full-time to part-time work. This is a dangerous and fundamental change that will result in less hours and lower paychecks, affecting millions of Americans who plan their budget around the traditional 40-hour work week.

We cannot continue down a path that disincentivizes full-time employment, yet this is exactly where we are headed. While part-time work is a great option for many, it should not be the norm for those who have the desire and ability to work full-time. There is a serious problem when the government creates a complicated regulatory maze that increases inefficiency and incentivizes businesses to reduce their full-time workforce. As a Chicago Tribune editorial stated, “[p]art-time work does become a problem when Washington tilts the balance of incentives against full-time work. Not only do they raise costs for the government, it stands to make one of the most competitive features of the U.S. economy—a flexible labor market—less efficient. One more reason to rewrite, or halt, Obamacare.”

Obamacare was sold to the American people with affordability as its centerpiece. We were promised time and time again that “if you like your plan, you can keep it,” and “if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor.” Instead, reports of sticker-shock and mass cancellations of plans have been the norm. Many are finding that their preferred doctor is now out-of-network and thus out of their coverage. A recent survey conducted by the Associated Press found that many of our nation’s world-class cancer hospitals are off-limits to those with certain insurance carriers.

Now, in addition, workers are seeing their hours cut and their paychecks lowered. A recent study by the Hoover Institution found that 2.6 million workers are vulnerable to work hour reductions under 30-hour work week definition with women and low-income Americans especially vulnerable. A town in August, a township in my district cut the hours of 25 employees due to the new definition. My colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee have written letters to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Union (UFCW), and UNITE HERE sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Reid. Americans are looking toward the government for help, to provide for their family. Their career in the Armed Forces spanned thirty years and included service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Walt was an original member of the revered Tuskegee Airmen, training at Tuskegee Army Airfield in a variety of disciplines that would serve him well throughout his entire career. A few years ago, I had the honor of presenting Walt the Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Tuskegee Airmen.

During his time in the military, Walt was one of over 1,000 enlisted men selected to integrate the Armed Forces. Walt’s unwavering commitment to service and immense leadership skills were recognized when, while stationed at Dover Air Force Base, he became the first African-American to be promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant in the field maintenance squadron. He retired at the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant, as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commanding General of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Beyond his military service, Walt was an accomplished writer, whose personal memoir is titled How Great Thou Art: A Black Boy’s Depression-Era Success Story. In addition to a dedicated member of the Northwest Florida community, who served as a deacon of St. Mary Parish in Fort Walton Beach for three decades. Walt was known throughout the Gulf Coast as a kind and warm-hearted man who was always willing to help his fellow citizens. To his family, he was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.
The legacy left by Walt Richardson and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen had a profound impact on the course of our history. Our Nation is proud and grateful for the brave men and women like Walt Richardson who stared into the face of racial discrimination and said we are "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Walt led an exemplary life of courage, service, patriotism, and devotion to faith and family, and his service to God, family, and country will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to honor Chief Master Sergeant Walter H. Richardson, USAF, Retired. My wife Vicki and I send our sincerest condolences to his wife of 60 years, Helen; his eight children, Walter, Pat, Lillie, Carmen, Henri, Donna, William, and Carl; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and the entire Richardson family.