

No—Amendment 771 by Rep. Meadows (A082)—At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: SEC.—None of the funds made available by this Act \*\*\*. Roll No. 267

Yes—Motion to Recommit with Instructions.  
No—Final Passage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENTO HOUSING ALLIANCE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sacramento Housing Alliance as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of their founding. As supporters of this organization gather to celebrate, I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sacramento Housing Alliance for their incredible service to the Sacramento region.

For 25 years, the Sacramento Housing Alliance, along with its community partners, have addressed a variety of issues surrounding affordable housing, homelessness, environmental justice, regional equity, land use, hunger and community empowerment. Founded in 1989, the Sacramento Housing Alliance provides advocacy, education, leadership development and civic engagement to homeless and low-income communities throughout the Sacramento metropolitan region.

The Sacramento Housing Alliance has achieved a number of accomplishments that have benefitted thousands of individuals. In 2001, their efforts led to Sacramento County's adoption of the landmark Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, which required affordable housing in new housing developments be made available to individuals and families with low-incomes. In 2012, the Sacramento Housing Alliance collaborated with other community-based organizations to host the region's first Homeless Employment Summit, where over 100 businesses and community partners participated and led to many homeless individuals getting jobs. Additionally, the Sacramento Housing Alliance recently launched its Affordable Housing Campaign, which addresses current housing issues, such as the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in California, the lack of affordable housing options, and rising family homelessness. Most recently, in 2013, the Sacramento Housing Alliance has taken part in the Sacramento Coalition for Shared Prosperity, which seeks a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement for the Sacramento Entertainment and Sports Complex, to help ensure that good jobs, affordable housing, and environmentally sound developments are available for everyone in the community.

Mr. Speaker, as they gather for their 25th anniversary and awards celebration, I am pleased to honor the Sacramento Housing Alliance and its members for their longstanding commitment and service to the entire Sacramento region. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them continued success in creating positive, lasting change throughout the Sacramento region.

RECOGNIZING WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Walnut Grove High School Lady Tigers Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 1 Girls State Championship.

The Lady Tigers clinched back-to-back state championships after defeating North Andrew with an impressive final score of 84–49. Members of the team include Heather Harman, Lexi Harman, Madisyn Freeze, Karsyn Hejna, Miranda Allison, Megan Shuler, Audree Crain, Ellen Hayter, Raylie Hejna, Shelby Harman, Carrigan Comstock, Mikayla Louderbaugh, and Katelynn Garoutte.

Through their hard work and discipline on and off the court, the Lady Tigers developed into a truly great championship team. The Lady Tigers ended the season 28–4.

I also want to commend Head Coach Rory Henry for a job well-done on developing such a strong basketball program.

I am proud to recognize the school and the players on their victory, and applaud the hard work that has brought them so much success. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers as they celebrate their Class 1 Girls State Championship.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALEX AND MARITZA ALVAREZ AND OLGA A. VALDEZ

**HON. PETE P. GALLEGO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the second anniversary of the passing of three constituents of the 23rd District of Texas who died in a tragic accident on May 26, 2012—Alex Alvarez, his wife, Maritza Alvarez and her mother, Olga A. Valdez. I rise today to speak in their honor.

I honor their lives. Like all of us, they sought a better life. They worked hard to achieve success. Like many of us, they were parents who longed to see their son and grandson graduate from high school, go off to college, get married, and generally succeed at life.

Unfortunately, they got none of the above. Their deaths were caused by a person who was texting and driving. Poor judgment caused a terrible tragedy. The lone survivor of this horrific car accident was Alex and Maritza's young son, Alex Jr.

Alex and Maritza were hard workers. Alex was a native son of the border, having been born in Eagle Pass, Texas. He worked in the IT department of the Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center.

Maritza was also a native daughter of the border region. She was born in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, the sister city to Eagle Pass. She worked in Eagle Pass as a dental assistant.

Olga A. Valdez was born in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. She was a devoted grandmother, mother, and sister.

Three lives tragically cut short. One young boy left to face life alone without his parents. One moment of poor judgment by an inattentive third party—nothing, absolutely nothing in that text could've been worth the cost of three lives not yet fully lived.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the lives of Alex and Maritza Alvarez, to commend the courage of a young boy, Alex Alvarez Jr., who still I'm sure struggles to make sense of the loss he has suffered, and urge the residents of the 23rd District of Texas and our entire Nation not to text and drive.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOVA-ANNANDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra was originally formed in 1994 as a collaborative arrangement between the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Annandale Campus and the Reunion Music Society. Led by award-winning Music Director Christopher Johnston since 1996, the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra has performed a wide range of music embracing different cultures and heritages and is the "Orchestra-in-Residence" at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus.

Over the years, the orchestra has grown in size, repertoire, and prominence in the greater Northern Virginia community. The Orchestra is composed of members of the community, as well as NOVA students for whom the ensemble is a laboratory for the orchestral repertoire. The Orchestra performs a wide variety of music from around the world, demonstrating its versatility and its goals of presenting compositions of little-known composers and offering programs of seldom-heard music representing a range of cultures.

Throughout its two decade history, the orchestra has performed on and off campus, premiered numerous works, created scholarships, provided opportunities for young soloists, and generated unique multi-cultural events designed to reach diverse audiences. It is most unusual for a community college to maintain a full symphony orchestra, and the orchestra's quality and enduring place in the Northern Virginia community are now widely recognized.

At the orchestra's anniversary concert this year, the symphony orchestra will perform a concert entitled "Scotland and the Sea." Included in the program is the debut of a symphonic work by students of the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary and in thanking the musicians, volunteers and supporters for their efforts to preserve and enrich the music and culture of Northern Virginia.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes:

1. Pompeo amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.

2. McNerney amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

3. Bridenstine amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

4. King (IA) amendment to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.

5. Cohen amendment No. 1 to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment.

6. Cohen amendment No. 2 to H.R. 4660. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

## HONORING THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah, formerly known as the California State Automobile Association, (CSAA) upon its 100th anniversary of supporting the insurance needs of AAA members. The club is one of the largest motor clubs in the American Automobile Association (AAA) National Federation, serving members across Northern California, Nevada, and Utah.

The club has a long history of having done so, tracing its roots to a 1900 meeting of car buffs in San Francisco's Cliff House. Recognizing the need for better roads, given the dearth of paved roads, signage, and consistent traffic laws across the region, those car owners formed the Automobile Club of California (ACC) to deal with barriers that hindered acceptance of the auto throughout the state. The club's efforts began to pay off in 1905, when the legislature passed a set of uniform regulations governing the use of motor vehicles on California highways. This legislation facilitated safe and efficient movement, as drivers were able to follow a consistent legal structure.

In 1907, ACC merged into the newly founded California State Automobile Association, which formally affiliated with the AAA in that same year. The new club's focus was "Good Roads and Just Legislation."

CSAA sent teams of cartographers to survey California's roads for the production of maps, with the first ones produced in 1909. The organization also helped post thousands of porcelain on steel traffic signs throughout the State and continued to do so until the State of California took over the task in the early 1950s.

CSAA began to offer automobile insurance in 1913 and homeowner's insurance in 1974.

The club changed its name to AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah, or AAA in 2008. However, it still legally retains the California State Automobile Association name.

In 2013, the insurance company changed its name to CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA Insurer. In 2014 the California State Automobile Association or the CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA insurer, celebrates 100 years of supporting the insurance needs of AAA members.

The CSAA employs more than 3,500 Americans and sells AAA-branded insurance in 23 States and Washington DC. The CSAA Insurance Group, one of the Nation's most long-standing property and casualty insurance companies, provides auto and home insurance to nearly 2.4 million Americans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating CSAA Insurance Group on its 100th anniversary of providing quality insurance to AAA members. Their history of providing quality service and security for their members has benefited us all. I look forward to a rich future of continued success by CSAA.

## TRIBUTE TO BOB KING

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 2014*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the distinguished career of Bob King as the United Auto Workers (UAW) assembles for their 36th Constitutional Convention next week. Bob King—as an individual, as a 44-year Member of the UAW and its President since 2010—vividly represents the proud and historic tradition of the UAW. Like his union, he has devoted his life to the rights to workers, to the fundamental belief in collective bargaining, to the strength of diversity, and to the cause of economic justice and civil and human rights for all.

Bob King combines in his leadership a generous spirit—a kindness—and a tenacious determination. At his core, he is an organizer in the finest tradition knowing that workers are stronger when their voices are united. He listens broadly, and acts decisively, always with the best interest of workers at the UAW and throughout the U.S. and around the world at the forefront of his efforts.

Bob King started his career in his twenties at Ford Motor Co.'s Detroit Parts Depot and began his electrical apprenticeship in 1972. He joined Local 600 where he later served as President. He served three terms as Regional Director and three terms as a Vice President. He took the lead as the National Organizing Director and participated in many successful negotiations. He has also played a leading role on the international stage bringing together the efforts of workers around the globe in common cause.

From serving his country in the U.S. Army, to serving the workers of the UAW, Bob King is a unique individual who is smart, thoughtful and results-oriented. It has been a privilege to work alongside of him on so many policy issues. Mr. Speaker, next week, Bob King will oversee the transition of leadership at the UAW, and while he no longer will serve as the President, I am confident that he will continue to serve—and work on behalf of the rights of workers. I also know that he will continue to

speaking out on behalf of the economic and social justice issues that are vital to creating opportunity and ensuring fairness in our society. I offer my best wishes to Bob and his wife, Moe and look forward to the next chapter in advancing the causes they devote their lives to.

## COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 28, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. WOLF. Madam Chair, I want to again recognize and thank all of the staff members who worked on this bill, including the Appropriations Committee staff members as well as the associate staff who work in the personal offices of the members of our subcommittee. They have all worked hard to help us hold nine hearings in just over a month and then prepare this bill for markup, the earliest it has been advanced by the House in many years.

I would like to again thank the majority staff for their hard work, including the subcommittee's clerk, Mike Ringler, as well as Leslie Albright, Jeff Ashford, Diana Simpson, Colin Samples and Taylor Kelly. I also want to thank Bob Bonner and Matt Smith on the minority staff. They worked together to produce an excellent bipartisan bill that the committee should be proud of.

I also want to recognize my personal office staff, especially Tom Culligan, Elyse Bauer Anderson and Dan Scandling.

In addition to serving as my office's legislative director, Tom Culligan has served as my associate staff to the Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations subcommittee since 2008, while I served both as ranking member and, more recently, as chairman. Tom has been my senior policy adviser on key issues this subcommittee has prioritized in recent years, including counterterrorism, cybersecurity and space exploration policy, and I have appreciated his strategic focus and knowledge of these issues. He has also managed many of my oversight investigations while I have chaired this subcommittee, aimed at keeping our country safe and competitive, as well as preventing waste and abuse at federal agencies. The bill, report and oversight hearings over the last several years reflect this focus and I appreciate Tom's work on these issues.

Elyse is on her fourth tour of duty in my office. She is my top staffer for my work on the State & Foreign Operations subcommittee as well as the congressional Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, which I co-chair. Many of those issues run parallel to the work in the CJS bill. Elyse's knowledge of Congress and world affairs is a huge asset. She also is a gifted writer whose words always make me sound better.