

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROTECTING OUR OCEANS

HON. SUZAN K. DeIBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Capitol Hill Ocean Week to highlight the critical role our oceans play in our lives, our economy, and for so many marine species.

In 2012, the Pacific Region's seafood industry generated \$7.5 billion in sales for Washington state while seafood processors and dealers accounted for 16,000 jobs.

The Magnuson Stevens Act, the law which governs sound stewardship and management of our fisheries is due for reauthorization. Unfortunately, the reauthorization bill moving through the House would take us backwards at a critical time.

The bill would roll back a number of conservation provisions at the expense of numerous efforts to increase fish populations. In fact, the bill would allow overfishing on already depleted populations. In my district, a commercial fishery disaster declaration was made for the Fraser River sockeye salmon fishery this year. Our tribes have been good stewards of the fishery, but due to a changing climate beyond their control, fish populations are decreasing.

This bill does not address our changing climate, such as the increasing acidification of our oceans. I urge my colleagues to instead pursue policies that will preserve our oceans for generations to come.

HONORING MR. DICK BUTLER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Richard (Dick) Butler on the occasion of his retirement celebration on June 5, 2014, after a long and distinguished career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Early in his service with NOAA, Dick spent several years as a tuna-porpoise observer and under difficult working conditions he and his fellow observers brought back new information about the magnitude of dolphin mortality, setting the stage for profound changes in fishing practices management of incidental marine mammal take.

While serving as the North Coast Branch Chief, Mr. Butler led several notable efforts such as addressing gravel mining in the Russian River, and he would go on to play an important role in the development of the Russian River Biological Opinion, leading to the successful establishment of Warm Spring hatchery and other key conservation actions in the

Russian River. Mr. Butler also helped build a strong conservation partnership with the Sonoma County Water Agency resulting in direct conservation benefits on-the-ground.

Mr. Butler's leadership and expertise have greatly benefitted NOAA and USFWS and will have lasting impacts on our ecosystem and natural resources for years to come. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Dick Butler for his long and impressive career and his exceptional record of service to our community.

OPPOSITION TO H. AMDT. 757 TO H.R. 4660, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the amendment offered by my colleague and friend from Florida.

First, I want to commend the gentleman from Florida for his tireless efforts on behalf of his constituents. I recognize and appreciate the challenges many of his constituents are having with the Gulf of Mexico Council and the mismanagement issues plaguing the Red Snapper fishery.

As a member of the authorizing committee and someone who has spent decades dealing with fisheries issues, I am concerned about the implications of this amendment to fishermen in my district and in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Waterman's Association has contacted me to express their opposition to this amendment, which would limit future catch share programs. Fishing has always been a key component of Virginia's economy, and the health of the resource is vital to its future. There are enormous benefits to the proper management of fisheries.

Fisheries management, however, is a complex issue. It requires good science. It requires good analytics. And, more importantly, it requires good management tools. Catch shares can be a useful management tool, and they have proven to be an effective management program in many fisheries, including striped bass, surf clam, quahog, golden tilefish, and scallop. Additionally, in Virginia there is interest in new catch shares for tautog and blue crab.

But the decisions over whether to use them are best left to the regional fishery management councils, which were established by Congress for this very purpose. The participants on those regional fishery management councils have extensive knowledge of their local fisheries and are better equipped than Congress to make decisions on what management regimes to use in their regions.

I understand the concerns of my colleagues about the way some fisheries are managed in the United States. I share some of those con-

cerns and look forward to continuing working through the House Natural Resources Committee to address them during reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens. I do not believe that this amendment is the right approach to solving fishery management problems, nor is it good for the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am therefore opposed to the amendment.

HONORING BARBARA KELLEHER FITZGERALD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the service and dedication of Mrs. Barbara Kelleher Fitzgerald, who is being honored as an integral part of the community at the 6th Annual Mount Mercy Academy 5K in Buffalo, New York.

Barbara is a Mount Mercy alumna from the class of 1978, and has since been completely committed to several volunteer event committees at Mount Mercy Academy and has served on the Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Board.

As a teacher for over 30 years she has touched the lives of many. She began her career at St. Thomas Aquinas school. For the past 22 years she has worked as a Pre-K and Kindergarten teacher at Hamlin Park School #74. The dedication she shows to the children she serves is unmatched.

Among her many community action roles, Barbara has been the president of the Mercy League of Mercy Hospital, the St. Thomas Aquinas Home School Association, Bishop Timon St. Jude Parent Guild, Mount Mercy Academy Parent Guild, and continues to be an active member of the Notre Dame Academy Parent Guild and Sports Committee. Barbara has volunteered as a coach for St. Thomas Aquinas and Notre Dame Academy as well as the South Buffalo Soccer Association.

In addition to these great works, Barbara is a founding member of the Women's Conclave, a discussion group in the local community designed to empower women to handle their unique challenges of life.

Amid her involvement in these influential leadership positions, Barbara identifies her children as her greatest accomplishment. Their family—Barbara, Barry, Barry Jr., Kevin, and Mary Kate—resides in South Buffalo. Barb credits her commitment to community service to the example set by her parents, Patrick and Barb Massett Kelleher and her late aunt Sister Mary Annunciata Kelleher.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the incredible legacy of Barbara Kelleher Fitzgerald. I am inspired by her boundless capacity to give of herself to the community and to her family. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Kelleher Fitzgerald for her years of service to

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the Western New York community and wishing her and her family the best in all of their future endeavors.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of continued funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant.

In 1921, Congress enacted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) to help Native Hawaiians who, after the overthrow and annexation of the Kingdom of Hawaii, were largely disenfranchised from their traditional homelands. HHCA sought to provide for the rehabilitation of the Native Hawaiian people through a homesteading program that would reconnect them with former Crown Lands.

In 1959, the State of Hawaii adopted the HHCA as a provision of its constitution in accordance with the Hawaii Statehood Admissions Act, Public Law 86–3. This reaffirmed the responsibility that this nation has to its indigenous people and forever embedded the mission of HHCA in Hawaii's modern history and society.

The Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant provides the financial means to support HHCA and its mission of promoting Native Hawaiian well-being through homesteading. This is an important step towards reconciliation for the historical injustices that underline the social and economic inequality of our Native Hawaiians.

Safe and affordable housing helps to empower families to be productive members of society. Housing fulfills physical needs by providing security and shelter from weather and climate. It fulfills psychological needs by providing a sense of personal space and privacy. It fulfills social needs by providing a gathering area and communal space for the family. These factors combine to help ensure the well-being of our future generations, and are why continued funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program is so important.

Homesteading provided through this program helps to ease Hawaii's high cost of living and allows Native Hawaiians to remain connected to their traditional homelands. I strongly urge funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, and would like to express my support for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act as well.

HONORING RABBI AVI AND TOBY WEISS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, there is a saying that "talent does what it can, while genius does what it must." The inner strength and spirit which moves Rabbi Avi Weiss and his wife Toby cannot be contained. The genius of their shared vision and commitment to social justice shines brightly and for all to see.

Rabbi Weiss' work isn't limited to the confines of any city or synagogue, nor has he shied away from raising his voice to lift the oppressed. He says that he is an activist because he has no other choice; it is something he must simply do.

I believe that my dear friend responds to the calling laid out by his faith. Rabbi Weiss is compelled to act in the service of others and to live by the spirit of tzedakah. It is reflective in all that he has done and all that he strives to do.

It is why his voice will always be heard in support of the oppressed. It is why he participated in a hunger strike urging the release of Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky. It is why he protested for the right of Soviet Jews to leave their homeland and seek haven elsewhere and it is why he denounced horrendous acts of genocide in Darfur.

Rabbi Weiss founded Yeshivat Chovevei Rabbinical School in order to train a new generation of Orthodox rabbis to live with the spirit of openness that he himself exemplifies. Under Rabbi Weiss' guidance, students learn how to serve not just the Orthodox community, but also the larger Jewish diaspora. Yeshivat Chovevei Rabbinical School is a family that continues to grow as each graduate takes their place in the rabbinate. I have watched its legacy grow and pray for its continued prosperity.

Rabbi Weiss is so well-known, that whenever I tell people I am from the Bronx they immediately ask if I know Rabbi Weiss. I cannot be any more pleased to say that not only does he live in my District, but he is also my neighbor and dear friend.

I would be remiss if I neglected to say that behind every good Rabbi is an equally strong woman who supports him. Toby Weiss has been both his guiding light and the foundation that gives him the strength to carry forth his work.

Religious leaders embody our hopes, aspirations and even our trepidations and fears. We look to them for guidance—for a path in which to follow—so that we might overcome the challenges before us in our own lives.

Rabbi Avi Weiss and his wife Toby are truly exemplary individuals and leaders within the Bronx community. Please join me in celebrating their legacy as Yeshivat Chovevei Rabbinical School honors them for their service and enduring commitment to making the world a better place to live.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 277, the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 4745. As a strong supporter of this amendment, my intent was to vote "yes."

IN MEMORY OF DON DAVIS AND HIS REMARKABLE IMPACT ON THE GREATER DETROIT COMMUNITY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a great citizen of the State of Michigan, Mr. Don Davis, a pioneer in music and business. Mr. Davis passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Kiko, and his three children.

A three-time Grammy winner, Don knew that he had a passion for music at an early age and once told the Detroit News, "The music industry chose me. If there is a gene for music, I had one."

Don began his music career as a session musician in the early sixties for Detroit based Motown Records. He played guitar on their hits, "Money (That's What I Want)" by Barrett Strong, a song that would later be covered by The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and The Doors, and "Bye Bye Baby" by Mary Wells, reaching number 45 on the Billboard Charts.

As a songwriter, Don experienced his first major hit in 1968 with Johnnie Taylor's "Who's Making Love," which peaked at number 5 on the Billboard Charts. In 1976, he collaborated with Johnnie Taylor again, producing the song "Disco Lady", the first single to be certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America.

Twenty years later, Don would expand beyond his outstanding music career to become the CEO and Chairman of the First Independence Bank, the only African-American owned bank in Michigan.

First Independence Bank, which operates a number of Detroit branches, has been named by Black Enterprise Magazine as one of the top 15 African-American owned banks in the country. In 2012, coming out of the Great Recession, First Independence Bank was able to record the most profitable year in its history and increase its total assets to \$185 million.

As CEO, Don took his responsibility to his community seriously. In his 18 years as CEO, Don made it a priority to improve his community by focusing on its housing needs and providing excellent banking services to small business owners and families in Southeast Michigan.

Over many years, Don grew First Independence Bank into a trusted financial institution with loyal customers. Don believed that First Independence Bank could provide quality services to communities and customers who were previously overlooked by other banks. He was successful in advancing this mission.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss Don greatly and I know he will be missed by many in our community. I ask that you all join me in honoring his lifetime achievements and service. He will remain in our thoughts and his legacy will live on in Michigan and across our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 254, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF SCHUYLKILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2014 AWARD WINNERS CINDY PETCHULIS, BOB GREENE, MARIA ROWLANDS, THERESA POTHERING, JOSEPH JONES, SR., THE COTLER GROUP, AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE & COUNSELING CENTER OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY (SARCC)

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce 2014 Award Recipients. Each year the Chamber selects several individuals and organizations that have contributed to economic and community development in Schuylkill County. The honorees this year are Cindy Petchulis, Bob Greene, Maria Rowlands, Theresa Pothering, The Cotler Group, and the Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Schuylkill County.

Cindy Petchulis of the Providence Place Retirement Community is the 2014 Business Woman of the Year. Cindy was critical in helping expand the Providence Place Facility, and is well known for her positive attitude and love of community. A caring people-person, Cindy excellently maintains Providence Place as a peaceful community where its patients can live and its employees can be productive.

Bob Greene of Pioneer Pole Buildings, Inc. is the 2014 Business Man of the Year. Bob treats all his employees as family, which encourages retention and helps the company grow. He strives to be on the cutting edge of his business and wants his company to be the best. Bob is always willing to help the people of Schuylkill County. He is a sponsor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Wounded Warrior Project, Pottsville Lions Car Cruise, 4-H, and his local community Easter Egg hunt. Under his leadership, his company has been recognized by the National Frame Builders Association with the Building of the Year award.

Theresa Pothering and Maria Rowlands are the Entrepreneurs of the Year, as they established an accounting firm, Rowlands and Pothering. With their strong leadership skills and expertise, they were able to turn a dream into a successful business. Clients enjoy that Rowlands and Pothering is a place where "everybody knows your name," and clients do not hesitate to recommend them.

The Cotler Group is the 2014 For Profit Organization of the Year. The Cotler Group has been family-owned for over 60 years and has contributed significantly to Schuylkill County's quality of life and economic vitality. Through its various holdings, the multifaceted business group provides employment for many in the County. The Cotler Group is well known for the development and expansion of one of Schuylkill County's premier golf courses, Mountain Valley. Their ventures bring out-of-county businesses and individuals into the area, enhancing sales for many local vendors. This company and its owner, Steve Cotler, work quietly behind the scenes and are involved with a wide and varied number of organizations and charities.

The Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Schuylkill County (SARCC) is the 2014 Non-Profit Organization of the Year. This non-profit engages all individuals, families, and communities in healing from sexual violence plus advocates and educates to eliminate sexual violence. It has served approximately 7,500 individuals within Schuylkill County who turned to them for support. SARCC works hard to make Schuylkill County a better and safer place to live. This organization serves its clients on a person-to-person basis and is instrumental in prevention education in schools throughout the county. All of their services are available for free to all men, women, and children in Schuylkill County.

Lastly, the 2014 James Stine Lifetime of Service Award honoree is Joseph Jones, Sr. Mr. Jones exhibits outstanding commitment and achievement, and his efforts have dramatically benefited Schuylkill County. After graduating from the Shamokin public schools, Mr. Jones served three years in the Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant, JG in the Pacific Theater. He then went to Ursinus College, Dickinson School of Law, and New York University law school for an LL.M. He served as the editor-in-chief of the Dickinson Law Review and graduated first in his J.D. class. Mr. Jones was admitted in 1950 into the Pennsylvania Bar Association and moved to Pottsville where he began practicing law with Hicks, Williamson & Friedberg. He is now a senior partner with the firm, which is now known as Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC.

Mr. Jones has also chaired successful capital fund raising campaigns for the Schuylkill United Way, Greater Pottsville Industrial Development Corporation, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Pottsville Free Public Library, Good Samaritan Hospital, Pennsylvania State University—Schuylkill Campus, Ursinus College, Hawk Mountain Council B.S.A., Pottsville Hospital, Pottsville Area Development Corporation, and Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation.

It is a great honor to recognize the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce 2014 Award Recipients. These leaders are creating opportunity and raising the quality of life for others in Schuylkill County. May they continue to flourish for many years to come, and may they continue giving back to the community that supports them.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

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Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the provision within the Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations legislation to fund the contract tower program, which includes the tower at the Dubuque Regional Airport, and for funding of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program. While I voted against the THUD legislation, I do support these provisions. Unfortunately, the overall bill cuts important transportation and housing programs, and on balance, the bill is not a win for Iowa.

The contract tower at the Dubuque Regional Airport is extremely important to commercial air service in the Dubuque region, and helps ensure the safety of passengers flying in and out of the Dubuque airport. The tower is also an important training tool for students at the University of Dubuque's professional pilot training program. Additionally, the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program provides important services to our veterans including housing services for homeless veterans. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that these programs are fully funded, while working to improve the other transportation and housing components of the bill which need significant improvement.

HONORING RABBI DR. JONATHAN AND TZIPPORAH ROSENBLATT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Riverdale Jewish Center has fostered spiritual development and sought to nurture strong bonds between the Shul and the greater Riverdale community for 60 years. Anchored by his wife Tzipporah, Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt has been at the helm of the RJC for nearly 30 years, and their guidance can be felt throughout the lives of those whom they have touched.

Rabbi Rosenblatt is a true scholar. He was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in 1982 after having studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel. Rabbi Rosenblatt earned both a B.A. and M.A. in Comparative Literature from Johns Hopkins and a PhD in Modern British Literature from Columbia University.

Rabbi Rosenblatt has invested in the next generation of Jewish leaders, by training and mentoring young Rabbis. Under this direction,

RJC is now a major training center for Rabbinic interns. Rabbi Rosenblatt is also an instructor at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), as well as programs in Israel that train Rabbis to serve in Jewish communities throughout the world.

He was the first Orthodox Rabbi to serve on the UJA-Federation National Young Leadership Cabinet, and has lectured widely in the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, and South Africa. Rabbi Rosenblatt also directs Spiritual Care at the Jack and Mollie Zicklin Jewish Hospice in Riverdale.

Tziporah Twersky Rosenblatt developed a love and passion for Jewish faith and culture at a very young age. Her late father Isadore Twersky was a renowned rabbinical scholar who later taught at his alma mater, Harvard University. Tziporah is a noted trusts and estates attorney who is very active in the RJC community. Together, the Rosenblatts have four children.

My connection to the Rosenblatts is personal. Rabbi Rosenblatt is a dear friend who was a great comfort to both me and my family after my mother passed away. Rabbi Rosenblatt is truly one of the kindest and most sensitive people whom I have met. He has never proven otherwise, in each and every encounter we have had.

The Riverdale Jewish Center is fortunate to have Rabbi Rosenblatt at the helm of the Shul, and I am fortunate to call him my friend.

DOROTHY IRENE HAWKINS
FRYSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson, and to honor the many contributions to her family and community throughout her 102 years here with us on Earth.

Dorothy was born on November 28, 1911 in Belmont, West Virginia to Will and Cora Ross. The family later relocated to Charleston, West Virginia, where Dorothy would spend most of her life. Affectionately known to those who loved her as "Big Momma," Dorothy was renowned for her cooking, which included specialties such as blackberry cobbler, sweet potato pie, and pineapple upside down cake. Remembered for her hard work, Mrs. Fryson was the first black female taxi cab driver in Charleston and worked as a popular elevator operator for several retail establishments and the State Capitol. She remained active throughout her life; taking the mound as a pitcher in baseball games, learning to swim at the age of 47, driving her own car until 96 years old, and living independently until 2013.

Dorothy not only left her mark on her family and all who knew her, but she impacted the lives of many people throughout the community who might not have known her at all. Everyone from the communities of Dunbar, Nitro, and Institute are familiar with the I-64 entrance and exit underpass, but not many know the interstate almost passed up their communities. When Dorothy heard her community would be left without immediate access to the new interstate, she went all the way to the top, writing President Johnson to express the con-

cerns of her community. Sure enough, the construction plan was altered to include direct access to the interstate through an underpass at Institute, which her husband Sim affectionately referred to as "Dot's Tunnel." Dorothy continued to give back to her community throughout her life and at the age of 80 volunteered to teach reading at Dunbar Elementary School.

She had been a member of multiple community churches, including Ferguson Baptist, Young Street Baptist, and finally the Berea Seventh-day Adventist in South Charleston, West Virginia.

On Sunday, April 23, 2014, Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson passed away at the age of 102. She is survived by daughters Janice Corbett, Cora Heath and her husband Harry; sons John Hawkins and his wife Barbara, Sim Fryson and his wife Susan, Paul Fryson, and David Fryson and his wife Joy. In addition, Dorothy leaves behind a host of extended family, including 31 grandchildren, 61 great grandchildren, and 77 great great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the state of West Virginia owes Dorothy Irene Hawkins Fryson a debt of gratitude for her devotion to her family and community. It is caring people like Dorothy who make serving West Virginia's Second Congressional District such an honor!

HONORING JEFFERY M. CONRAD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeffery M. Conrad, who will be recognized at the 6th annual Mount Mercy Academy 5k in Buffalo, New York for his tireless commitment to the local community.

Jeff Conrad has been involved in community service since the age of 19, when he gave his time to serve on the Connor-Kait-Harrity Race Committee. This experience led to his founding of the Jack's 5k. He has served as a dedicated committee member of the Mount Mercy 5k since its inception. Jeff has also played a vital role as coach of both Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field teams at Mount Mercy.

In addition to his invaluable volunteer work, Jeffery is a former South District Councilmember in the City of Buffalo, and served as a valuable member of my staff when I served as a Member of the NYS Assembly.

Currently, Jeffery is the Western New York Regional Director for the Center for Employment Opportunities, which assists individuals on parole and probation to find employment. He also holds the position of the Chair of the Erie County Legislature's Safe Neighborhood Committee.

In addition to these great works, Mr. Conrad has been recognized many times over by community organizations. In 2011, he was selected to the 20th Anniversary Business First "40 Under 40" class for his work within the public and in government. In 2008, Jeffery was awarded the Tom Sands Community Service Award and the Goin' South Civic Pride Award for his efforts with Mount Mercy, Bishop Timon-St. Jude School, and myriad other worthy regional groups.

A lifelong resident of Buffalo, Jeff is married to Lisa (Nasca) Conrad, and they are raising two wonderful children together—Jeffrey and Giada.

Mr. Speaker, Jeffery Conrad is an exemplary citizen and his service is worthy of our highest recognition. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Conrad and thanking him for his utmost dedication and continuing service to our local community.

A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT
FOR KATHRYN DUNBAR—A FELLOW COASTIE

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Coast Guard Commander Kathryn Dunbar. Commander Dunbar, or KD as we affectionately call her, is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, and was graduated from the University of the South and entered Officer's Candidate School in 1992.

A true sailor, she is a Coast Guard Cutterman, having served aboard three Buoy Tenders including USCGC *Sweetgum* in Mobile, Alabama, and USCGC *Red Birch* in Baltimore, Maryland. She also served as the commanding officer of Coast Guard Cutter *William Tate* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 2001–2003.

I was privileged to travel to the City of Brotherly Love to attend her Change of Command when she assumed command of the cutter in 2001. I was pleased to be accompanied by my staffers Missy Branson and Ed McDonald at the ceremonies. Missy and KD were such good friends that they climbed Mount Everest together all the way to the base camp on the Nepal side.

CDR Dunbar also served in the Coast Guard Recruiting Command, the Office of Cutter Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters, and at both the National and District Seven Director of Auxiliary Offices. She is best known in Washington, DC, for her exceptional performance of duty in the Coast Guard House of Representatives Liaison Office from 1997–2001. This is where many of my colleagues, my staff and I, came to know KD.

She is a true friend, an outstanding Coastie, and as fine a representative of our service as I have seen. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish KD, Commander Dunbar, fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR
FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, DC through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Honor Flight of

Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to our Nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Eldon Ashmore, U.S. Army; Joseph Bakkensen, U.S. Army; Elvin Ballou, U.S. Army; Marceline Clark, U.S. Army; William C. Eggiman, U.S. Army; William Gaddie, U.S. Army; Clarence Giebelhouse, U.S. Army; Donald Gourley, U.S. Army; Roy Haley, U.S. Army; Harold Johnston, U.S. Army; Edward Lapp, U.S. Army; Phillip Leveque, U.S. Army; Charles Marshall, U.S. Army; Jack Morse, U.S. Army; Vernon Charles Newton, U.S. Army; Charles B. Wilkins, U.S. Army; Robert Blomquist, U.S. Army Air Corps; Atlee Hawes, U.S. Army Air Corps; Donald Manwiller, U.S. Army Air Corps; Gustave Mohr, U.S. Army Air Corps; Robert Perrin, U.S. Army Air Corps; Harold Pickrell, U.S. Army Air Corps; Robert Schuberg, U.S. Army Air Corps; Norman Bailow, U.S. Army Signal Corps; John F. Kramer, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; Robert Wing Eisenhart, U.S. Marine Corps; Ellery Marvel, U.S. Marine Corps; George Vukich, U.S. Marine Corps; William Adams, U.S. Merchant Marine; Charles Bergseng, U.S. Navy; William Copp, U.S. Navy; Robert Goss, U.S. Navy; Richard Graham, U.S. Navy; George Hamlin, U.S. Navy; James Holland, U.S. Navy; James Hurd, U.S. Navy; Robert Jurgens, U.S. Navy; Melvin Leak, U.S. Navy; Jack Marsicano, U.S. Navy; Clarence William McDonnell, U.S. Navy; Leo Miner, U.S. Navy; John Orloff, U.S. Navy; Richard M. Page, U.S. Navy; Harlie Peterson, U.S. Navy; Arthur Ragan, U.S. Navy; John Ervin Rice, U.S. Navy; Jack Royle, U.S. Navy; Benjamin C. Webb, U.S. Navy; Jack Yaggie, U.S. Navy; Carl Duyn, U.S. Navy; Lois Raftshol, U.S. Navy Wave.

These 50 heroes join more than 81,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

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

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize U.S. Army veteran Dick Tobiasson and the Bend Heroes Foundation, whose tireless work will result in over 100 World War II veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL
MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week (NMHW), which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994. NMHW was legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Rich-

ardson and is celebrated each year during the week that ends on Father's Day.

Recognizing that many health problems that affect men can be prevented, the week was designed to encourage men, boys and their families to develop positive health attitudes, engage in preventive behaviors, lead healthy lifestyles, and seek timely medical advice and care.

As co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and help raise awareness of health issues that affect men, boys, and their families.

This week I participated in the Men's Health Network's health screenings that were being offered to Members and their staff. It is so important that we encourage men to be proactive about their health so that they can live longer and healthier lives. I applaud the Men's Health Network for helping to raise awareness right here on Capitol Hill.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, we are reminded of how far our country has come in improving the health and well-being of men and boys, but there is still a lot of work left to be done.

Mr. Speaker, this week, along with the entire month of June (Men's Health Month), provides an excellent opportunity to focus on ways that we and our loved ones can live healthier, longer lives.

COMMENDING MALAYSIA & WEL-
COMING AMBASSADOR AWANG
ADEK HUSSIN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2014, President Barack Obama arrived in Malaysia—the first American President to visit since 1966. President Obama's visit to Malaysia is indicative of Prime Minister Najib Razak's leadership in building a nation which has become a pivotal player globally and regionally.

Malaysia's growing contributions to security and prosperity cannot be underestimated, and I am pleased that the United States and Malaysia have formalized a comprehensive partnership to include trade, defense and maritime cooperation.

With Malaysia set to chair ASEAN in 2015, the nation is set to propel itself further in the region. Malaysia has a good human rights record and a stable government and, given that ASEAN member countries are looking forward to Malaysia assuming the chair, Malaysia will be in a strong position to bring multilateral parties together to address very serious issues, including South China Sea disputes.

As a major U.S. trading partner, Malaysia is one of 12 nations negotiating the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a potential trade agreement that is a high priority for the U.S. and Asia. Malaysia is a strong partner for U.S. security and economic initiatives. Malaysia works closely with the United States on counter-terrorism, participated in stabilization efforts in Afghanistan, and also supports United Nations' peacekeeping missions, many of which are led by America. Malaysia is also a multi-ethnic, multi-religious society, a member of the

Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, and an advocate of moderation.

I am pleased to associate myself with Malaysia, and I am proud to welcome Malaysia's new Ambassador to the United States. Prime Minister Najib personally appointed Ambassador Awang Adek Hussin ahead of President Obama's visit to Malaysia to bolster the U.S.-Malaysia partnership. Progress stalled between the two nations in the absence of a Malaysian ambassador to the United States since August 2013, and particularly when former Ambassador Jamaluddin Jarjis completed his term. With the presence of Ambassador Awang to fill the void left by Ambassador Jamaluddin Jarjis, I have every confidence relations will improve significantly.

Ambassador Awang Adek Hussin holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He has served as Deputy Finance Minister, Senator, Assistant Governor, and in other notable positions. His first son was born in the United States. He is married to Madam Latifah Mohd Yusof and they have five children—Abd Aziz, Norjasara, Ahmad Azran, Nur Ain and Nur Nadira—and one grandchild, Lora. Lora accompanied her grandparents for the Ambassador Credentialing Ceremony on May 21, 2014 in the Oval Office where President Obama received the credentials from His Excellency Awang Adek bin Hussin. Three-year old Lora won the hearts of those in attendance with an impromptu dance and a playful back-and-forth exchange with President Obama in which she exclaimed "you rock" while the President kept saying "no, you rock."

Without a doubt, Ambassador Awang will carry forward the work of Prime Minister Najib and President Obama in pushing for greater economic and business ties with the United States, and I look forward to working closely with him as he does so. Once more, I welcome Ambassador Awang to the United States, and I commend Prime Minister Najib for his leadership in bringing about growth, development, investment—and a visit from the President of the United States.

HONORING MARY V. LAURO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Mary V. Lauro was a wonderful example of someone who had continually given back to her community over the course of her 87 years. Her commitment to her Bronx neighborhood was nothing short of inspirational.

Mary was born on May 4, 1926 and spent 50 years of her life living on Matilda Avenue in the Bronx. She graduated from Hunter College in 1947 and later went to work for Adhesive Products Corporation where she co-invented Monzini; a synthetic casting compound used by many museums in dinosaur skeletons as well as by sculptors and makeup artists.

During her employment, she also found time to be an influential and prominent figure in her community. She was the president of the Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League (WTCL) for 25 years and wrote about the community in a weekly column for The Bronx News.

The WTCL is one of the oldest community organizations in the city and under the strong leadership of Ms. Lauro the organization took on a variety of pressing issues facing the community. These included fighting for more police officers—a 10 year battle to shut down a drug and prostitution infested OTB parlor—and the completion of a study that resulted in new zoning regulation for motels in residential areas.

Mary established strong relationships with neighboring communities and worked closely with the Woodlawn Taxpayers Association. In addition, Mary was a former member of Community Board 12, an active parishioner at Saint Francis of Rome, a member of the Wakefield Civilian Patrol and the Safe Way/Safe Home Program, and a participant in the 47th Precinct Community Council who held multiple positions throughout her membership.

Although we lost Mary last year to her battle with lung cancer, my wife and I will fondly remember Mary, as she was truly one of a kind. I remember her from the beginning of my career, over 40 years ago. She was a constant in the community—it was her whole life, and the community was like her own family. She lived a full life and will be sorely missed.

Last December the New York City Council voted to honor Mary Lauro by re-naming the street she used to live on for more than 50 years as “Mary V. Lauro Way.”

Mary’s dedication to improving the community and the lives of its inhabitants through her various public service efforts will hopefully inspire and remind residents of her legacy and I am proud to be a part of the celebration of a woman who had brought so much progress to a community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 9, 2014 I was not present for 3 votes. I wish to submit my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 272, I would have voted “yea”; had I been present for rollcall No. 273, I would have voted “no”; had I been present for rollcall No. 274, I would have voted “no.”

HONORING SHANNON MATHEW

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Shannon Mathew, a graduating senior from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who has received the Miami VA Healthcare System’s James H. Parke Memorial Fund Youth Scholarship for her commitment to the veterans of South Florida. As a public servant and the son of a World War II veteran whose bravery motivated me to serve in Congress, I am so proud of Shannon’s dedication to our community.

Shannon has devoted every summer of high school volunteering at the Physical Medicine

and Rehab Unit of the William “Bill” Kling VA Clinic. In addition to providing encouragement, emotional support and a warm smile to all the veterans receiving treatment at the clinic, Shannon also assists administratively in keeping the physical therapy department running smoothly. Her supervisors describe her as spirited and helpful and veterans seeking treatment at the center have said that her presence encourages them to push through their pain. Shannon will begin her undergraduate career at the University of Florida this fall and plans to volunteer at the VA clinic in Gainesville in her spare time.

Representing a district home to veterans of every major conflict since World War II, I know very well the sacrifices that our military men and women and their families have made for our country and the importance of honoring them. Shannon Mathew’s passion for serving our veterans is an inspiration to me and my district, and I have no doubt that she has a bright future in store.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AT ROGER DEAN STADIUM

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Military Appreciation Night at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida. This event serves to honor and recognize all those who serve and who have served in our military to protect our great nation. The event will be held the day before Independence Day when we celebrate our nation’s freedom, which we owe to the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. The Stadium will hold a ceremony recognizing veterans on the field and present a special color guard for the occasion. This event allows us to demonstrate our respect for the men and women who serve in our military and all that they do for us and our country, and to honor those who sacrificed everything and lost their lives in the line of duty. This event allows us not only to celebrate our nation’s freedom and independence but also to remember all those who don a uniform signifying the protection of our country’s citizens by means of protecting our freedoms.

Over Memorial Day weekend, I was humbled to have had the opportunity to spend this most solemn holiday with our troops stationed in Afghanistan. A few weeks later, I was honored to greet local veterans at the World War II Memorial while they were on their Honor Flight to D.C. for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. From active duty to WWII veterans, our country is forever indebted to the sacrifices they have made in service to our nation. From an unacceptable benefits claim backlog, mistreatment at the VA, and the disgraceful high rates of unemployment, homelessness, and suicide among our nation’s heroes, it is clear that our nation has been failing these heroes once they return home. We must—and will—do better.

That is why I have been pleased to see bipartisan support for my efforts to help reduce the backlog and increase mental health and suicide prevention efforts for our veterans. I hope to see the same support for my recent

proposals to reduce the appeals claims backlog and expand educational opportunities for veterans and military families. Our nation’s heroes should not have to wait years to receive the benefits they have earned or have to fight for a job after fighting for our nation and these common sense proposals will help address these serious issues, reassuring our veterans, troops, and their families that we will be there for them as they have been there for our nation.

While we rededicate ourselves to better serving our veterans, troops, and military families, we must do so always remembering the ultimate sacrifice that many of their comrades, friends, and families made for our nation. This is one of the best ways we can pay tribute to our fallen heroes, including the 18th District’s own Marine Corps Corporal Ian T. Zook of Port St. Lucie, Army Captain Adam P. Snyder of Fort Pierce, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Justin J. Wilson of Palm City, Army Specialist Jordan C. Schumann of Port St. Lucie, Navy Chief Petty Officer Aaron C. Vaughn of Stuart, and Army Sergeant Justin R. Johnson of Hobe Sound. All of these men were selfless heroes whose sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, as Military Appreciation Night is recognized at Roger Dean Stadium, I encourage my colleagues to join me and the residents of Jupiter, Florida in pausing to appreciate all that these brave men and women have done for our country by encouraging similar local events of recognition across the nation.

HONORING JOHN H. GLOSE, JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize John H. Glose, Jr., who will be honored at the 6th annual Mount Mercy Academy 5K Race in Buffalo, New York for his admirable community involvement and dedication to Mount Mercy Academy.

John has played sports since grammar school, and pursued soccer, volleyball, and track through high school and college teams. After earning his bachelor’s degree in 2005 and a master’s degree in 2010, John translated his passion to volunteer coaching and cultivating the talents of young people.

John serves as a vital part of the Erie II BOCES Baker Road Alternative High School as a Physical Education and Health teacher. Here, John founded the Goodwill Transition Basketball League that gives the students at alternative high schools a chance to be a part of a school basketball team and learn the life lessons that team sports can teach them.

In addition to these commitments, John was the Head Coach of the varsity soccer, basketball and tennis teams at Mount Mercy Academy. At Mount Mercy, he conceived of and implemented the Wounded Warrior Game to raise awareness of the sacrifices of members of the armed forces. This endeavor has raised over \$5,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project Foundation.

Among the teams lucky enough to receive his guidance are the travel soccer teams of the South Buffalo Soccer Club, Mount Mercy basketball teams’ summer leagues, and Mount

Mercy basketball summer camp. John runs the Councilman Chris Scanlon Summer Basketball and Soccer Camps as a community outreach program for South Buffalo boys and girls.

John continues to be very active playing in adult basketball, soccer, kickball, football, and volleyball leagues; he is an avid runner and participates in many road races across WNY.

In addition to John's good works, I am proud to call this tireless educator, coach, mentor, and rising leader in the community my nephew. John is the son of my sister Trish Glose and her husband John Glose of West Seneca, New York.

John helps students and athletes develop their full potential in sports, in academics, and in life. He promotes excellence in all aspects of life, expecting sportsmanship, a strong work ethic, community service, and a commitment to education from his team members.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the incredible and relentless work of John Glose, Jr. His dedication is inspiring, and I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest thanks for his efforts and accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE 2014
LEADERSHIP JACKSON SCHOLARS

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three high school seniors from the 8th District of Tennessee who have been named Leadership Jackson scholars as a result of their academic success and commitment to excellence.

I am so proud of Wyatt Woeltje, Jennifer Cantrell, and Leland Williamson who have been selected for this honor. I commend the three of them for being positive influences to young people across our state and our nation through their academia and honorable actions. Both Woeltje and Cantrell completed high school with a grade point average of 4.0.

The Leadership Jackson Alumni Association selected the three recipients based on academic achievement and community service. More than fifty students applied for the award, but only two were selected as recipients.

Once again, congratulations to Mr. Woeltje, Miss Cantrell, and Mr. Williamson for their outstanding achievements. I am very proud of all of you.

HONORING SOROPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL OF NAPA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Soroptimist International of Napa, which on June 12, 2014, is holding its Diamond Anniversary to commemorate 75 years of service to the women and girls of Napa County.

"Soroptimist" is a term derived from Latin that means "best for women." As such, the

mission of Soroptimist International is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs that aim to empower women and girls economically.

Soroptimist International of Napa has awarded \$250,000 in grants to programs that support, protect and empower women and girls throughout Napa County over the past 20 years alone. Such programs include Napa Emergency Women's Services, Community Resources for Children, Girls on the Run, and the Mariposa Project. The collective impact of these programs has expanded opportunities and enriched the lives of countless women and girls in Napa County.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 75 years Soroptimist International of Napa has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and girls in Napa County. On behalf of a grateful community, I honor and thank Soroptimist International of Napa today for their important work.

HONORING RIVERDALE JEWISH
CENTER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions often play a major role in our communities, by fostering spiritual development and offering solace to those in need. I am pleased to recognize Riverdale Jewish Center, one of the leading Modern Orthodox synagogues in my Congressional district as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary.

Riverdale Jewish Center was founded under the auspices of the Yeshiva University as its first suburban outreach. Founding Rabbi Jack Sable raised the money to build the Center, brick by brick, until it was completed.

Over 700 families have chosen Riverdale Jewish Center as their spiritual home. Steeped in tradition, Riverdale Jewish Center provides a welcome and supportive to all those who walk through their doors.

It serves as an anchor in the community in many important respects. Members inspire one another to deepen their understanding of the Jewish faith, and raise money to assist others as well as show their support for Israel.

Riverdale Jewish Center is fortunate to have Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt at the helm of the Shul, and I am fortunate to call him my friend. Rabbi Rosenblatt is an educator and community builder who has served as Senior Rabbi for nearly 30 years.

I congratulate the Riverdale Jewish Center for 60 years of devoted service to its members and the greater community. I have visited the Shul several times and have always felt inspired by its warmth and welcoming spirit. It has truly served as a guiding light in the Riverdale community.

RECOGNIZING FOSTER FARMS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. DENHAM and Mr.

VALADAO to honor Foster Farms, a poultry company with 75 years of business experience in California's Central Valley. Foster Farms is not only a significant employer in the community but also a national leader in high quality poultry production.

Foster Farms was founded in 1939 by Max and Verda Foster, a couple who dreamed of selling better, safer farm products to consumers. By taking out a small loan the young couple invested in an 80-acre farm near Modesto, California, and their business quickly grew. The Fosters' commitment to raising high quality poultry led to their purchase of a feed mill in 1950. By 1959, Max and Verda added a processing plant in nearby Livingston.

The expansion of Foster Farms continued into the 1960s when the company consolidated its corporate headquarters in the small Central California town of Livingston, where it still resides today. Increasing demand for fresh poultry led Foster Farms to continue its expansion into southern California. By 1973, consumers across the state from Del Norte County to San Diego could access Foster Farms' high quality fresh poultry.

Today, Foster Farms' poultry and dairy operations employ more than 9,000 hardworking Americans. The company has sales in excess of \$1 billion, and their profits have made possible significant financial contributions to agricultural education in the state of California. Foster Farms has given grants to UC Davis, Fresno State, and California Polytechnic State University. Foster Farms' efforts have been recognized throughout the state's educational system. The company's Chief Executive Officer, Ron Foster, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for 15 years of leadership as an educational advisor, fundraiser, benefactor, and collaborator.

Since 2005, Foster Farms has consistently received the highest animal welfare ratings from various independent auditors. In 2013, Foster Farms became the first major poultry producer to be certified by the American Humane Association, which is the nation's first national humane organization for children and animals. The company continued to demonstrate their appreciation for high quality chicken through their "Say No to Plumping" campaign, which began in 2009. Thanks in large part to Foster Farms, plumping is no longer found in retailers on the West Coast.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. DENHAM, Mr. VALADAO, and myself in recognizing Foster Farms for 75 successful years in business.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL BERRY
LIVINGSTON GAMBRELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2014, the following obituary was published by The State of Columbia, South Carolina, honoring the memory of an American hero, Colonel Berry Livingston Gambrell.

Berry Livingston Gambrell LEXINGTON—A memorial service for Berry Livingston Gambrell, 63, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at Mt. Tabor Lutheran

Church with inurnment to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2014 at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel. Pastor Wade Roof and Colonel Steve Shugart will conduct the services. Honorary Pallbearers are members of the South Carolina Army National Guard and the Lands End Gang. Mr. Gambrell was born October 26, 1950 in Columbia, SC and passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, June 6, 2014. He was a son of the late Berry Humphrey and Kathryn Livingston Gambrell. Berry was a graduate of The University of South Carolina with a BS in Business and Finance in 1973 and later received his MBA. He was a member of the SC Army National Guard for 34 years, retiring as a Colonel in 2004. Some of his distinguished honors include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal. He excelled in many areas throughout his career and was highly regarded for his accomplishments as the state's Recruiting and Retention Manager. He was a member of the Palmetto Military Academy Hall of Fame. Berry was an active member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church where he served on Church Council, drove the bus for the children's programs, and lovingly cooked with Chuck for his church family. He always looked forward to his fishing trips with his Lands End Gang. Berry always said he had three families: His family, church family and work family; however to him, his greatest accomplishment in life was his family. He is survived by his girls, including his loving bride of 39 years, Patsy Riddle Gambrell, their two daughters with husbands; Summer and Peter Insabella of Charleston, Whitney and Ricky Glass of West Columbia. He was a loving Gam-B to his granddaughters, Brooklyn Layne Glass and Everly Kathryn Insabella. He is also survived by his sister, Vicki Witt and brother, Greg Gambrell, both of North, SC. He was dearly beloved by his in-laws, including special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his loving Uncle Floyd Livingston. The family has been deeply moved by the outpouring of love and support they have received during Berry's illness and death. The family would like to extend a special thanks to his loving sister-in-law, Lynn Cain, who nursed him throughout his illness and was among those by his side during his final hours. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Capital Fund Family Life Center, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MAYFIELD AND FAYE ROBERTSON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Mayfield and Faye Robertson.

Mayfield Robertson and Faye Bowling met on September 8, 1963. Mayfield Robertson, who had returned home from serving in Germany just two years earlier, was playing base-

ball that day, and Faye Bowling was in attendance.

On June 11, 1964, Mayfield and Faye got married. Together, Mayfield and Faye Robertson raised three children, Ryan, Lana, and Chad. They have six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mayfield is now retired from the Anniston Army Depot, and Faye is retired from Sewell Manufacturing. The Robertsons have been very blessed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Robertsons on 50 years together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 295 on H.R. 4745, I voted "yes." My recorded vote should reflect my intention to vote "no."

HONORING RICHARD OUYANG

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard Ouyang from Collierville, Tennessee on being selected to attend the 31st annual Research Science Institute sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education as a result of his outstanding academic performance.

I am particularly proud of Mr. Ouyang, a senior in high school, for being chosen as one of fifty top academic achievers and also for representing the top one percent of high school students in the United States. I commend him for being a positive role model to young people across our great state and the country through his commitment to academic excellence.

The Center for Excellence in Education has a mission to nurture students into the best careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and to encourage international collaboration among leaders in the global community.

Once again, congratulations to Mr. Ouyang for his outstanding accomplishment. I am very proud of him and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

REMEMBERING ALBERT COVELLI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and exemplary life of Mr. Albert Covelli who passed away at 94-years-old at his home in Florida.

Mr. Covelli was a pillar in our community. He was a giant in the city of Warren, Ohio, and a great and generous benefactor of John F. Kennedy High School and his beloved church, Blessed Sacrament Parish. Mr. Covelli was involved in many other worthy endeavors known by few and for which he sought no credit.

Albert proudly served his nation during World War II and was decorated as a lieutenant. Mr. Covelli was the founder of Covelli Enterprises the nation's largest franchisee of Panera Bread and the 4th largest restaurant franchisee in the country. Before his acquisition of Panera franchises Covelli Enterprises had been the largest franchisee of McDonald's restaurants in the nation.

A dedicated philanthropist, Albert donated millions of dollars over the years to hundreds of charitable organizations. Albert helped organize the Ronald McDonald house and he was our community's largest local sponsor of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots. He served on numerous boards of banks, hospitals, universities, and nonprofit organizations.

Albert lived the American dream and is a reminder that one man can make a difference. He started his business from scratch and built an empire. He is a magnificent example to the rest of us that hard work and determination can change a community for the better.

Albert is survived by his wife Josephine, his daughter, Annette Ford, his son, Sam Covelli, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. It gives me great pride to honor the life of Albert Covelli. I extend my most sincere condolences to Albert's entire family. His contributions to our community will not be forgotten. Northeast Ohio is a better place because of his service, his dedication, and his life.

CELEBRATING TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES IT PROVIDES TO COUNTLESS CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Trinity Catholic School in Spokane, Washington, and the new opportunities made available by the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Edmund and Beatriz Schweitzer in honor of Mrs. Schweitzer's mother, Ms. Lupita Sandoval.

Trinity Catholic School has impacted the lives of countless children in the Spokane community, be it by fostering an environment rooted in academics, values, faith, and service, or by providing encouragement and structure to those boys and girls who need it most. Their mission to serve students and their families with a community rich in opportunity and possibility is moving. Ms. Sandoval shared Trinity Catholic's vision for education and determination leading the path to a better life, and is an inspiration to all of us. She educated herself and encouraged all four of her children to not only pursue an education, but absorb all that it had to offer.

Like Trinity Catholic School, Ms. Sandoval shared a great esteem for the limitless value of the power of knowledge, and knew meaningful education was the best investment for a better future. The endowment made possible by the Schweitzers will bring new opportunity to the boys and girls of Trinity Catholic School, and further enriches our community's own

quest for knowledge and for doing good by others.

Regardless of their own circumstances, the Trinity Catholic community, led by Father José Millan and Ms. Sandra L. Nokes, gives back to our community at times of Thanksgiving and Christmas year after year, and they have raised funds to help ensure our veterans could travel to Washington, DC to see the monuments dedicated to their sacrifice. This school teaches students not only to love thy neighbors, but to help them through difficult times. Through the generosity of the Schweitzers, and through Ms. Sandoval's belief in the power of education, Trinity Catholic will continue to thrive and change the lives of so many of our children.

Again, I applaud Father José, Ms. Nokes, and the entire Trinity Catholic community for their tireless dedication to bringing new opportunities to their students.

HONORING BISHOP C. NATHAN
EDWERS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions often play a major role in inspiring communities to provide comfort for its most vulnerable residents and to serve all of mankind. Religious leaders such as Bishop C. Nathan Edwers do more than say prayers—they offer a path to practice one's faith in the community through social justice.

Bishop Edwers first answered God's call to serve when he was a just a teenager, preaching his first sermon at age 16. Bishop Edwers has followed in the footsteps of his father, showing an exemplary level of commitment to lead on the frontlines of social justice. There can be no greater honor than serving your community and Bishop Edwers and his family should be commended for the generations of service they have provided.

Beginning in 1983, Bishop Edwers served at Calvary UFW Baptist Church. Since this time Bishop Edwers has responded to the call for further responsibility within the church community. Bishop Edwers was elected by members of the Middle Atlantic Annual Conference of the Unified Freewill Baptist Church to follow his father's path and succeed him as Presiding Bishop. It is clear that Bishop Edwers is motivated to serve the community through the love and support of his family, a trait he no doubt learned from his father.

Religious service often goes hand in hand with social justice, and Bishop Edwers is no exception. Bishop Edwers has led his congregation in confronting and responding to social injustices within the community. He has opened the doors of his church to house numerous community organizations, such as the BOCES Alternative Special Needs School. The Bishop continues to serve as a member and former Vice President of the United Black Clergy of Westchester and is the current President of the Mount Vernon, New York Civil Service Commission. He is also a former member of the Mount Vernon Hospital Advisory Board.

Bishop Edwers has built a legacy of continual social engagement and support. He em-

braces the challenges within the Mount Vernon community and inspires others to embody their religious values through practice. So long as Bishop Edwers recognizes social injustices, we can be certain he will not rest until he has reconciled such inequalities. The Bishop even has his sights set on bridging the gaps between communities around the world, through developing global community oriented projects.

His devotion to his congregation and to the community is more than admirable; it is inspiring. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Bishop Edwers' legacy and leadership. I want to thank the Bishop for all he has given in the name of service and I look forward to hearing about his continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM F.
KILCUR

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, James F. Kilcur, 62, of West Chester, Pennsylvania died Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Born in Northeast Philadelphia, Jim was a proud Philadelphia native and pillar of his community.

Jim was a labor lawyer admired for his trusted counsel and respected by all for his ability to broker a deal. Jim stood out at Saul Ewing LLP, as partner, and at South Eastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority or SEPTA, as General Counsel for nearly a decade. Then, just as now, everyone knew Jim.

I had the pleasure to work with Jim during his time at SEPTA. Jim was a confident, intelligent man, and while tolerant of others positions, was steadfast in his own. He was decisive, and there was no waffling or ambiguity in his thinking.

Jim was chairman of the board of trustees of his alma mater, DeSales University in Center Valley and proud alumni of Cardinal Dougherty High School.

Last week I attended the Transportation Management Association of Chester County for their annual legislative breakfast. At breakfast, the Transportation Management Association of Chester County posthumously named Jim as Executive Director Emeritus. I cannot think of someone more deserving of this distinction than Jim and I join the Transportation Management Association of Chester County in honoring Jim's service.

I would like to commend Jim on his devoted service to the Catholic Church, impressive career history, and life of love and caring concern for his family especially his wife Maria Theresa; three sons, James Francis III, wife Kristen and granddaughter Annabel Katherine; Patrick and fiancé Julie; and Matthew.

Let me end by suggesting we remember that Jim left us too soon. But we know—because this was Jim—he left a lasting legacy. Jim's spirit, and example of a good life, well lived, helping others, will always be with us.

REGARDING THE MAGNUSON-
STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during Capitol Hill Ocean Week to highlight the importance of oceans to our country and to my state of California.

Important industries in California rely on a healthy ocean ecosystem. In California alone, more than 145,000 jobs are supported by the commercial and recreational fishing industry, which generate more than \$25 billion in sales annually.

Proper management is critical to ensuring the survival and success of these industries, and the Magnuson-Stevens Act plays an important role in conserving and managing our fishery resources.

Unfortunately, the current legislation to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, H.R. 4742, rolls back key conservation provisions that have been working to increase fish populations and improve our coastal communities. Further, this bill does nothing to address the emerging challenges facing our fisheries.

I join my colleagues in urging the House to pursue a reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that is based on the best available science, builds on the progress that we have already made, and will preserve the health of our oceans and fisheries for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF
THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINIS-
TRATION'S ANNUAL AWARDS
LUNCHEON

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Small Business Administration's Annual Awards Luncheon. Each year, the Maine District Office of the Small Business Administration recognizes businesses and business leaders who make significant contributions to the business environment and economy of our region.

This year's award recipients include: Alan Spear and Mary Allen Lindeman of Coffee By Design, recipients of the Maine Small Business Persons of the Year Award; Brian and Kimberly Plavnick of G-Force Laser Tag Corp., recipients of the Maine Micro-Enterprise of the Year Award; Cyndi Price of LooHoo LLC, the Home-Based Small Business Champion for Maine and New England; Mitch and Ray DeBlois of DeBlois Electric, Inc., recipients of the Jeffrey Butland Award; Terry Trickey of Bangor Savings Bank, the Financial Services Champion; Peter McVety of McVety's Hearth and Home, the Maine Veteran Small Business Champion; Amy Bouchard of Isamax Snacks, Inc., the Maine Woman in Business Champion; Joshua Davis and Bruno Tropeano of Gelato Fiasco, the Young Entrepreneurs of the Year for Maine and New England; and Eric J. Smith of EJ Drywall, the Region 1 Prime Contractor of the Year.

The following businesses are also recognized for receiving District Director Awards for

Fiscal Year 2013: Bangor Savings Bank, Overall Top Performing SBA lender; Katahdin Trust Company, Top 7(a) Dollar Volume Lender; People's United Bank, Top Performing 3rd Party Lender; Granite State Economic Development Corp., Top Performing 504 Lender; NorState Federal Credit Union, Top Performing Credit Union; CEI, Top Performing Microlender; and Eastern Maine Development Corp., Top Community Advantage Lender.

These recipients are among the best that Maine and New England have to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities, Maine and New England are better places in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the honorees of the Small Business Administration's Annual Awards Luncheon on their outstanding service and achievement.

RECOGNIZING DIA DE PORTUGAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. NUNES of California, Mr. CICILLINE of Rhode Island, Mr. VALADAO of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN of California, and Mr. HONDA of California to recognize Dia de Portugal. On this day, we celebrate the heritage of the Portuguese people and underscore the importance of the strong relationship between the United States and Portugal.

From California to Massachusetts and Rhode Island to Hawaii, Portuguese Americans have made positive contributions to our communities for many years. According to the U.S. Census, more than one million individuals living in the United States are of Portuguese ancestry. These vibrant Portuguese communities are a reflection of the ties that bind our two nations.

Since the founding of our nation, the United States has had few allies as reliable as Portugal, which was among the first countries to recognize the United States following the Revolutionary War. The oldest continuously operating U.S. Consulate in the world is located in Ponta Delgada on the island of Sao Miguel in the Azores. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry recently said, "The strong partnership between our two countries is more vital than ever." We wholeheartedly agree.

Mr. Speaker, on this Dia de Portugal, we reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the economic, cultural, and security relationship between Portugal and the United States, and we join with the people of Portugal and our Portuguese American constituents in wishing everyone a joyous Dia de Portugal.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "BUSINESS SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY ON TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY ACT OF 2014"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce bipar-

tisan legislation along with my colleagues on the Human Trafficking Caucus, Rep. CHRIS SMITH.

Very few Americans are aware that many of the goods they use everyday are tainted by human trafficking or the worst forms of child labor. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's 2012 List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor, 134 goods from 74 countries were made by forced and child labor. This bill will increase transparency in supply chains in order to remove slavery from business operations and products.

The Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act doesn't tell businesses what to do, but rather to tell consumers what they are doing to end human slavery.

This bill will give consumers the tools they need to know where and how their goods are being made. While there are good actors, there are businesses operating in parts of the world that rely on enslaved humans to produce their products. We believe American consumers have a right to know who these companies are.

This legislation creates a market-based solution rather than relying on prescriptive action by the federal government. Large global companies already reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) simply need to include what they are doing to rid their supply chains of human slavery. This information will then be posted on the company, SEC, and Department of Labor (DOL) websites for easy public access. Consumers will be able to research a company and determine their purchasing decisions based on the information provided. Very simply, this bill creates competition to improve practices to end slavery by providing the public with information about what companies are doing to address slavery.

Human trafficking is the 21st century slavery. It is estimated that over 20 million people are working in some form of forced labor worldwide. We must use every tool available to help men, women, and children around the world who fall victim to the scourge of human trafficking, forced labor, and the worst forms of child labor.

HONORING MARTI MICHAEL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Riverdale YMYWHA is fortunate to have had Marti Michael at its helm. Deeply rooted in Jewish culture, the Riverdale Y is open to all within the community and promotes an environment of inclusion and diversity.

Marti's involvement with the Riverdale Y started long before she became its Executive Director and even before the first bricks were laid. While working at UJA-Federation in the early 1980s, Marti worked with the Riverdale community to raise the necessary capital to build the Y.

Marti has worked for the Riverdale Y for 28 years, and since taking the helm as Executive Director, she oversees a thriving community center that offers athletic, artistic and enrichment for children, adults and seniors. The Riverdale Y also offers after-school programs at

PS24 and Kinneret, and Marti wants to expand that scope even farther.

The Riverdale Rising Stars' Broadway Gala will honor Marti for all that she has done at the Riverdale Y, particularly her dedication to the performing arts. There is something magical about the theater. Audiences become enraptured by the performances as actors make their characters come to life.

Children and teens who participate in theater programs through the Riverdale Y grow too. Marti enjoys watching once-shy children and timid teens develop greater confidence in themselves. There is indeed magic in the theater and all that Marti does to encourage our youth to flourish.

Her devotion to the Riverdale Y and the greater community is inspiring. I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Marti Michael's leadership and achievements. We are saddened that she is leaving but I wanted this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done and continues to do in our beloved community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014, I mistakenly voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 277. I meant to vote "aye" on the Nadler Amendment to H.R. 4745 to increase funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program (HOPWA) by \$29.1 million. HOPWA is a program that I have supported throughout my tenure in Congress. HOPWA provides much needed housing assistance to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS in my Congressional District and throughout the Country. I will continue to work with my colleagues as this bill moves through the Senate and onto the Conference process to advocate for increased funding for HOPWA.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. BYRON PIGG

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Byron Pigg who is retiring from the position of Public Safety Director with the East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District.

Mr. Pigg is retiring after 33 years and 10 months of service. Prior to his service as a full-time employee, Byron served as a volunteer firefighter. He served as fire chief for 25 years of his full-time employment.

During his tenure as fire chief, Byron worked to significantly upgrade the fire department. In 2005, he oversaw the construction of a new headquarters fire station. He received over \$1 million in grant money to help improve the fire department. He also has served in numerous local, regional and statewide organizations.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Mr. Pigg's retirement and wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on June 9, 2014 and June 10, 2014 as I participated in a primary election on June 10th. Listed below is how I would have voted had been present.

Roll Number 272—H.R. 4412—To authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes—“aye.”

Roll Number 273—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Broun of Georgia Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 274—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Chabot of Ohio Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 276—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gohmert of Texas Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 277—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Nadler of New York Amendment—“nay.”

Roll Number 278—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Capito of West Virginia Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 279—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Broun of Georgia First Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 280—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Broun of Georgia Second Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 281—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Broun of Georgia Third Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 282—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Hartzler of Missouri Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 283—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Daines of Montana Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 284—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gosar of Arizona First Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 285—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gosar of Arizona Second Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 286—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Fleming of Louisiana Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 287—H.R. 4810—To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts for the provision of hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for Department of Veterans Affairs patients with extended waiting times for appointments at Department facilities and for other purposes—“aye.”

Roll Number 288—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Denham of California Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 289—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 1—“aye.”

Roll Number 290—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Schock of Illinois Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 291—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gosar of Arizona First Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 292—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gosar of Arizona Second Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 293—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Schiff of California Amendment—“nay.”

Roll Number 294—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Sessions of Texas Amendment—“aye.”

Roll Number 295—H.R. 4745 on agreeing to the Gingrey of Georgia Amendment No. 29—“aye.”

Roll Number 296—H.R. 4745 on Motion to Recommit with Instructions—“nay.”

Roll Number 297—H.R. 4745—Making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes—“aye.”

HONORING AL AND DEE DELBELLO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, countless communities across our great nation thrive thanks in part to the selfless service and dedicated commitment of individuals like Al and Dee DelBello. The DelBellos epitomize the very meaning of the words “public service.”

I have known Al and Dee for many years. Al is a distinguished public servant who represented our community with dignity and integrity. His record of hard work and commitment to ensuring that government serves all is truly remarkable; he’s a leader whom I have strived to emulate.

Al started serving our country in the National Guard after graduating from Fordham Law School. He returned to New York once he completed his service, and later ran for City Council in Yonkers. His sense of civic duty did not end there. He was elected as Mayor of Yonkers in 1970, served as the Westchester County Executive for three consecutive terms, and then became Lieutenant Governor in 1982.

While serving in public office, Al worked together with those on both sides of the aisle to the benefit of his constituents. Al was fundamental in building a medical center in Westchester, creating the first State Office for the Disabled and an Office for Women, and establishing a countywide bus system, among other things. Al continues to serve his fellow New Yorkers as the Chairman Emeritus of the Westchester County Association.

Dee DelBello joins her husband in being an exemplary public servant, dedicating her life to lend a helping hand. Dee received her Master’s Degree from Seton Hall University, and while her husband was in office, she advanced the cultural aspects of Westchester County through her amazing work advocating for the arts.

Dee impressively served as Commissioner of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for 17 years, and continuously breaks the glass ceiling for women with her service on the advisory board of The Women’s Business Development Center, her membership in The National Association for Female Executives, and as a co-founder of Women in Communications.

Al and Dee DelBello have both won numerous awards throughout the years for their immense work on behalf of all New Yorkers, and I want to continue recognizing them by expressing my gratitude and appreciation for all of the contributions they have made.

HONORING ANDY AND BETTY BECKSTOFFER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andy and Betty Beckstoffer, the recipients of the Land Trust of Napa County’s Acre by Acre Award. Andy and Betty have dedicated their lives to the preservation and conservation of land in Napa County, which is both honorable and deserving of recognition.

Andy is the founder and owner of Beckstoffer Vineyards and its subsidiaries, which own approximately 1,000 acres of vineyard land in Napa County, 1,000 acres in Mendocino County, and 1,000 acres in Lake County. Andy and Betty have permanently preserved over 400 acres of Napa County land by placing nine separate properties in conservation easements with the Land Trust. From the 44-acre Carneros Creek and Las Amigas conservation easements, which protect rural viewshed and watershed areas in the Carneros area, to 181 acres of their Georges III vineyard in prime Agricultural Preserve area, the Beckstoffers have provided us with outstanding examples of the use of conservation easements to preserve the natural values of land. Andy once said of his work, “we started as farmers, then became grape growers, and now are stewards of the land.”

Andy and Betty Beckstoffer are the recipients of numerous awards for their grapegrowing, including Grower of the Year from Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Agriculturist of the Year from the Napa County Farm Bureau. They were also awarded the Award for Wine Industry Leadership by the U.S. Congressional Wine Caucus, and the Wine Award from Copia, the American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts. Andy and Betty Beckstoffer have five children together, David, Dana, Tuck, Kristin, and Steven.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Andy and Betty Beckstoffer for their commitment to our community and to preserving our beautiful lands. Their unyielding dedication to philanthropy and land conservation is inspirational and a testament that two people can make a significant difference in our community.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4745) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition of the proposed cuts to the Transportation Infrastructure

Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER) and the policy rider to TIGER included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill.

One of the primary objectives of TIGER is to invest in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services and that hold promise to stimulate long-term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas. TIGER has been traditionally open to all governmental entities from cities and counties to port and rail authorities and universities.

The House FY15 THUD bill includes \$100 million for TIGER grants. This is an 80% decrease from current funding levels. In the current (FY14) grant application round, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has received nearly 800 applications requesting a total of \$9.5 billion, with only \$600 million to invest—that's a request of more than 15 times what can be awarded.

The House FY15 THUD bill also includes a worrisome policy rider, with language that would restrict TIGER eligibility to roads/highways, bridges, freight rail and ports. This would be a major change to the grant program, which has traditionally attracted a wide variety of innovative projects including public transportation and passenger rail, bicycle and pedestrian projects.

These policy riders and severe cuts to TIGER are troubling. From the Durfee Avenue rail-highway grade separation project in Pico Rivera, to Artesia's proposal to build a public parking structure and expand sidewalks in the city's commercial district, to the City of Cerritos' request to facilitate the reconstruction of the Del Amo Boulevard Bridge, which is outdated and presents significant capacity, safety and accessibility problems. Substantial funding for TIGER grants is crucial for my District.

I ask that my colleagues join me in opposing the 80% cuts to TIGER grants and language restricting TIGER eligibility in the House FY15 THUD bill. Providing funding for these and other TIGER projects are about the safety, economic development, and services that communities deserve.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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 \$17,555,165,805,212.20. We've added \$6,928,288,756,299.20 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RABBI SANDY EISENBERG SASSO FOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rabbi Sandy Sasso for her 36 years of service to the Indianapolis community. The people of the Fifth Congressional District and the entire City of Indianapolis are forever grateful for Rabbi Sasso's nearly 4 decades of community leadership and spiritual guidance.

Over the years, Rabbi Sasso's leadership has been a critical part of so many people's religious journey. Her dedication in guiding Congregation Beth-El Zedeck is a model for community and religious leaders everywhere. As the first female to be ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Sasso has been a trailblazer for women of faith all over the country. Her journey proves to young women everywhere that through hard work and discipline, their dreams can become reality.

Rabbi Sasso's path to becoming an accomplished theologian wasn't without critics. Many thought that the traditional role of men in the rabbinate should be upheld. However, Rabbi Sasso never let the naysayers deter her from fulfilling a lifelong dream. After completing both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Temple University, she continued to relentlessly pursue her goal, eventually becoming just the second female ever to be ordained in the United States.

However, Rabbi Sasso's accomplishments are not just limited to her admirable work in the synagogue. She is also a mother, an award-winning children's book author, a major organizer for the Indianapolis Spirit and Place Festival, and so much more. While her time as the leader of Beth-El Zedeck may be coming to a close, I am certain that her tenure as a pillar in the Indianapolis community is nowhere near its end.

On behalf of the grateful constituents of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Rabbi Sasso on the occasion of her retirement. Thank you, Rabbi, for your decades of dedicated leadership with Beth-El Zedeck. Best wishes to you as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

HONORING TRAVIS TAYLOR FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LOGGING INDUSTRY

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Travis Taylor of Winn Parish for his numerous accomplishments and contribution to the logging industry.

Mr. Taylor, a Louisiana native, became a successful logging contractor after earning a degree in forestry from Louisiana Tech University.

Mr. Taylor's devotion of time and effort to the logging industry is second to none having been recognized at the national level for his progressive influence in the United States Forest Service. Aside from being the founder of Southern Loggers Cooperative and Wood Products Development Foundation, Travis has also been recognized as "Louisiana Logger of the Year," served as President of the Louisiana Logging Council, and served on the board of directors of The Timbermen's Self-Insurance Fund.

Mr. Taylor exemplifies a strong character of leadership, hard work and dedication. He has earned the respect and admiration of everyone he has met along his journey. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Taylor and his years of commitment and achievements.

IN MEMORY OF DON DAVIS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a trailblazer in business, music, and philanthropy from the great City of Detroit: Mr. Don Davis.

Mr. Davis—who passed away on Thursday, June 5—at the age of 75, was the CEO of the First Independence Bank as well as a Grammy-winning record producer and a celebrated musician. He brought both joy and prosperity to his community and to all those around him.

Mr. Davis started his career as a session guitarist for Motown in the 1960's and eventually rose to become owner of the legendary studio known as United Sound. While his musical career spanned numerous studios and labels, Mr. Davis's musical legacy will forever be associated with Motown. This musical legacy includes guitar work in Barrett Strong's "Money (That's What I Want)" and Mary Wells' "Bye Bye Baby". Since its founding, Motown has been a cultural cornerstone of the United States, and it has been an honor to call Mr. Davis—one of Motown's original musicians—a friend.

As a Detroit and a public servant, I have admired Mr. Davis not only for his music but also for his trailblazing accomplishments in business and philanthropy. After retiring from his career as a professional guitarist in 1970, he founded what would become Michigan's only African-American owned and operated commercial bank: the First Independence Bank. Over time, this institution would rise to become the 12th largest African-American owned bank in the nation, holding nearly 5 percent of all assets in the nation's African-American banking community.

Mr. Davis never saw business as a means to advance personal interests. Instead, he led his business to maximize the expansion of economic opportunity for underserved people. He was a fervent believer in bringing entrepreneurial prospects and quality jobs to people in desperate need. A renaissance man, Mr. Davis brought the passion he displayed as a Motown musical artist to the fields of finance and economic development.

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of my dear friend, Mr. Don Davis. He will live

on through his exceptional music and his extraordinary investments in the Detroit community.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To hold hearings to examine conflicts of interest, investor loss of confidence, and high speed trading in the United States stock markets.
SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine creating jobs through bio based manufacturing.
SR-328A
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julian Castro, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.
SD-538
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance
To hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from false and deceptive advertising of weight-loss products.
SR-253
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the cur-

- rent and projected capabilities of the Navy to meet those threats.
SVC-217
 - 3 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Department of State.
SD-419
 - 4 p.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies.
SD-138
- JUNE 18
- 10 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment
To hold hearings to examine high frequency trading's impact on the economy.
SD-538
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine climate change, focusing on the need to act now.
SD-406
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the intelligence community, focusing on keeping watch over its contractor workforce; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.
SD-342
 - 2 p.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine empowerment in the workplace.
SH-216
 - 2:15 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine United States policy in Afghanistan and the regional implications of the 2014 transition.
SD-419
Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine the reduction in face-to-face services at the Social Security Administration.
SD-562

- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine e-cigarette marketing and potential consequences for youth.
SR-253
- Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 1998, to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy, and S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.
SD-628
- 3 p.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine growing small business exports, growing United States Jobs.
SR-428A

JUNE 19

- 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy, all of the Department of Defense, and Monica C. Regalbutto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.
SH-216

JUNE 25

- 2:15 p.m.
Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging.
SD-562
- 2:30 p.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To receive a closed briefing on United States nuclear deterrence policy.
SVC-217
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country.
SD-628