

shortly thereafter a Master's degree in Water Resources.

Ms. Boddy has a long history of leading and serving others in a number of different roles. She has served as the Director of Polk County Conservation, the Deputy and Interim Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and now serves as the Stewardship Director at RDG Planning and Design in Des Moines. She has worked tirelessly to support the sustainability of not only her community, but the entire state.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ms. Boddy in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better her community and the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MILITARY CHAPLAINCY FOUNDING

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, military life is filled with unspoken hardships, extraordinary demands—physically, mentally, spiritually, and relationally—and constant sacrifice by both our military members and their families. Recognizing this tremendous cost on our soldiers and the need to lighten their burdens, at the request of George Washington, the continental Congress created the military chaplaincy 240 years ago today. In fact, George Washington believed chaplains were so essential he asked for an increase in their pay in order “to encourage men of Abilities” to become chaplains. In the anniversary of the Chaplain Corps founding, I want to take this opportunity to honor our military chaplains who courageously serve the ongoing spiritual, religious, and emotional needs of our men and women in uniform.

Since 1775 more than 25,000 chaplains have served in every major war and combat engagements our nation has fought, while hundreds have paid the ultimate sacrifice—including the late Father Emil J. Kapaun. Called a “shepherd in combat boots,” Father Kapaun was an Army captain and Roman Catholic priest from Pilsen, Kansas who died a prisoner of war in the Korean War. His surviving comrades noted how he selflessly risked his life to rescue wounded soldiers, nursed the sick and wounded, and stood steadfast in his faith and his lifesaving ministerial responsibilities despite horrific persecution. In 2013, I had the honor of witnessing this saintly chaplain be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism posthumously.

Additionally, The Diocese of Wichita and the Vatican have begun the formal process that could lead to Father Kapaun's canonization. In 1993, it was announced that Fr. Kapaun would receive the title of “Servant of God.”

The following account of Father Kaupan's Korean War service is provided by the United States Army:

Kapaun moved fearlessly from foxhole to foxhole under direct enemy fire in order to

provide comfort and reassurance to the outnumbered Soldiers. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to recover wounded men, dragging them to safety. When he couldn't drag them, he dug shallow trenches to shield them from enemy fire. As Chinese forces closed in, Kapaun rejected several chances to escape, instead volunteering to stay behind and care for the wounded. He was taken as a prisoner of war by Chinese forces on Nov. 2, 1950. After he was captured, Kapaun and other prisoners were marched for several days northward toward prisoner-of-war camps. During the march Kapaun led by example in caring for injured Soldiers, refusing to take a break from carrying the stretchers of the wounded while encouraging others to do their part. Once inside the dismal prison camps, Kapaun risked his life by sneaking around the camp after dark, foraging for food, caring for the sick, and encouraging his fellow Soldiers to sustain their faith and their humanity. On at least one occasion, he was brutally punished for his disobedience, being forced to sit outside in subzero weather without any garments. When the Chinese instituted a mandatory re-education program, Kapaun patiently and politely rejected every theory put forth by the instructors. Later, Kapaun openly flouted his captors by conducting a sunrise service on Easter morning, 1951. When Kapaun began to suffer from the physical toll of his captivity, the Chinese transferred him to a filthy, unheated hospital where he died alone. As he was being carried to the hospital, he asked God's forgiveness for his captors, and made his fellow prisoners promise to keep their faith. Chaplain Kapaun died in captivity on May 23, 1951.

As Chaplain Kapaun's compelling leadership and powerful story attests, our chaplains are vital to the wellbeing and morale of our troops—especially in the face of possible injury and death. The chaplaincy has endured for over two hundred years because of the singular and widespread recognition of its unique role in the defense and support of our nation. It is essential to ensure that those brave men and women who live out their promise to protect our sacred freedoms and guard our religious heritage are paid the proper respect. Rest assured, as long as I have a voice in Congress, I will continue to defend and protect the religious freedom of those who served and still serve our nation in the Armed Forces.

RECOGNIZING SUZANNE KUBIK
FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK
AS A MATHEMATICS TEACHER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Suzanne Kubik, a dedicated mathematics teacher who has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest honor that a K–12 mathematics or science educator can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States, and I can think of no one more deserving than Suzanne. For the past nine years, Suzanne has served as a full-time teacher at Middleborough High School in Middleborough, Massachusetts. Cer-

tified to teach mathematics and chemistry, Suzanne is particularly known for her dedication to AP Statistics—a challenging course that students have come to love thanks to her sincerity.

Through dedication, creativity, and unwavering patience, Suzanne has mentored countless students and left a lasting and meaningful impression on many more. Her energetic lessons, passion for the material, and commitment to simplifying and translating complex concepts have served as a model for students and teachers, alike. Last year, Suzanne's outstanding attitude and impact was recognized across the Commonwealth when she received the 2014 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award.

Suzanne's work as an educator does not end with the last bell of the school day. She enjoys speaking at the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative's Statistics Saturday Study Sessions, and serves on numerous organizations across the Commonwealth, including as advisor to the New England Champion Rubik's Cube Club, as co-advisor to the National Honor Society, and as co-chair to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Committee on Instruction. Her passion to mathematics, the sciences, and, most importantly, to her students is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Suzanne Kubik for receiving this prestigious award. I know all my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating her and wishing her nothing but success in the future.

THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DODD-FRANK ACT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, last week, House Democrats celebrated the 5th anniversary of Dodd-Frank—the most sweeping financial regulatory reform in the United States since the 1930s.

Signed into law by President Obama on July 21, 2010, Dodd-Frank has changed—for the better—the way consumers, investors, and other market participants interact with our financial system.

It has provided oversight to Wall Street, giving regulators the tools to end the era of “too big to fail” entities and outrageous taxpayer bailouts, and has eliminated loopholes that allowed risky and abusive practices to go unnoticed and unregulated.

But how did we get here?

Five years ago, Dodd-Frank was enacted in the wake of profound economic devastation as our nation was reeling from the impact of the 2008 financial crisis.

Millions of Americans suffered job loss, many small businesses closed down, foreclosures skyrocketed, the stock market suffered large drops, and a looming repeat of the Great Depression was feared.

Specifically, in the six months before President Obama took office in February 2009, our economy lost a total of nearly 4 million private sector jobs—an unimaginable average of 650,000 jobs per month.

Nearly \$13 trillion in economic growth and \$16 trillion in household wealth simply disappeared while close to 9 million individuals were displaced from their homes.

2008 was truly one of the lowest economic points in U.S. history.

Yet, the American people weathered this storm and Congressional Democrats took action by passing legislation to restore responsibility and accountability in our financial system, and to give Americans confidence that we were the tools in place to avoid another economic crisis.

In fact, since Dodd-Frank's passage in July 2010, the American economy has experienced vast improvement in private sector job growth with nearly 12 million jobs added; a lower unemployment rate, to 5.3 percent from the peak of 10.0 percent in October 2009, and a recovering housing market.

Indeed, because of Dodd-Frank, financial regulators are now empowered to identify and address risks to our financial system through increased monitoring and stricter rules for our nation's biggest banks in a timely way.

Dodd-Frank also provided new authority to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which, since 2011, has recovered more than \$9.3 billion in civil fines and penalties despite Republicans' repeated budget cuts to the agency.

Like all comprehensive reform bills, however, Dodd-Frank is not perfect.

There are a few areas that I believe can be improved.

Nonetheless, it is important that we do not let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

I believe we also have a responsibility to build upon and improve this legislation when needed.

One area of concern for many stakeholders in my district, and across the country, is the manner in which Dodd-Frank requires the Federal Reserve to subject bank holding companies with more than \$50 billion in consolidated assets to enhanced regulatory supervision.

However, if we are to subject smaller, regional bank holding companies to the same or similar supervisory requirements, then we should do so in a way that balances our nation's financial stability without placing excessive burdens on non-systemically important institutions by using a more deliberative assets-and-activities-based test should be considered in determining the "systemic importance" of bank holding companies.

Earlier this month, Chair Yellen testified that she was open to raising a threshold for determining a bank's systemic importance.

I look forward to working with her on this issue as this is at the top of my priority list for improving Dodd-Frank.

Another area of concern for me lays in the development of diversity assessment standards under Section 342 of Dodd-Frank, also known as OMWI.

Though Section 342 is not very long, it is a very significant step in the effort to improve the hiring of women and minorities in the financial services industry in which these groups remain woefully underrepresented.

However, due to misinterpretations of congressional intent, I am concerned that after five years the federal financial regulators have not developed standards requiring the disclosure of diversity data, which would provide much needed transparency to this industry regarding the promotion of diversity in its workplace.

In order to continue being a successful nation, we must capitalize on our diversity and

tackle the inequality in wage and job growth in African-American communities.

Today, I celebrate substantial achievements of Dodd-Frank and look forward to working with my congressional colleagues to find the appropriate tweaks to further facilitate its positive lasting effects on the financial markets and for consumers far beyond this five-year anniversary.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER
GENERAL DAVID T. BUCKALEW

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Brigadier General David T. Buckalew on a successful career in the West Virginia National Guard. Brigadier General Buckalew has honorably and selflessly served the people of West Virginia for over 44 years, and will be retiring on August 1, 2015. During those many years, Brigadier General Buckalew worked his way up in rank from an enlisted Guardsman to the Director of the Joint Staff of the West Virginia National Guard, and earned numerous awards and decorations in this time as well. We are all grateful for Brigadier General Buckalew's devoted service in protection of the freedoms we so enjoy as West Virginians.

I join with West Virginia National Guard and Brigadier General David Buckalew's friends and family in wishing him a happy retirement, and thanking him for his service to our state, and country.

HONORING MINNESOTA POLICE
AND PEACE OFFICERS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA), the largest association representing Minnesota's rank-and-file police officers, recently met for its annual conference in Alexandria, Minnesota.

During that conference, MPPOA recognized several outstanding police officers, including Sergeant Mark Ficcadenti of the St. Paul Police Department who was named Police Officer of the Year. In addition, Officer Mark Ross of the St. Paul Police Department received an Honorable Mention Award.

Both Sergeant Ficcadenti and Officer Ross are constituents of mine and both serve with brave women and men in the St. Paul Police Department.

Sergeant Ficcadenti received this distinguished honor because of his steadfast efforts in forging a relationship between police and the local community. During his more than 30 years of service with the St. Paul Police Department, Sergeant Ficcadenti has helped organized community events that provide an opportunity for people to meet and socialize with local police officers. Some of these events include the "Safe and Sound" program and a Ramadan celebration with the local Somali

community. Last year, Sergeant Ficcadenti was responsible for organizing the First Annual East African Junior Police Academy in 2014, which involved East African women and men between the ages of 14 and 22 who were interested in pursuing law enforcement careers.

Officer Ross is a former school resource officer who subsequently became a St. Paul patrol officer. Last year, Officer Ross noticed a young female high school student who was frequently absent from school. After some investigation, Officer Ross discovered that the student's father had been abusing and neglecting her for years. Today, the young woman has graduated from high school and plans on attending college in the fall. Her father is currently serving a 25 year prison sentence.

I join MPPOA and all of my fellow Minnesotans in applauding these two distinguished public servants. I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only these two outstanding police officers, but all of MPPOA's brave women and men who keep our communities safe.

REMEMBERING DONALD CHIN

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Donald "Donnie" Chin, an unsung hero who was both a protector and savior in the International District of Seattle.

Early on the morning of Thursday, July 23rd, Seattle activist Donnie Chin was taken from our community in a senseless act of violence. A strong force for positive change in Seattle, he was doing what he had done tirelessly for the previous five decades: patrolling the streets of the International District and caring for those in need.

Throughout his years of service and as the Director of the International District Emergency Center, Donnie acted as the International District's guardian. At a young age Donnie recognized the delayed emergency response times in his community, and became well known as an effective first responder and frontline hero. From assisting with medical emergencies, to finding lost children and feeding the homeless, he took it upon himself to better the lives of those around him and earned the respect of medical professionals, residents, area business owners, and local leaders.

Guided by a love for his community and a desire to assist others, Donnie made the International District and Greater Seattle area a more welcoming and caring place with his unrivaled dedication and courage. While his passing is a tragedy, his life is an inspiration: an inspiration for us all to reach out in our own communities and lend a helping hand.

Donnie will be remembered as an active and caring member of the International District who was always ready to give of himself for his neighbors. He will be greatly missed.