

of The American Legion, a fellow veterans' service organization and church organizations.

He was instrumental in the operation of supply depots and distribution sites to aid storm victims all along the stricken Gulf Coast.

A pastor assistant and Sunday school superintendent, Chaplain Beaver's primary ministry is the visitation of—and care for—shut-ins at area hospitals, assisted living facilities, veteran's homes and homeless shelters through the ministries of the Fowl River and Kingswood United Methodist Churches in the Mobile, Alabama area.

I join my colleagues in welcoming Chaplain Beaver to the U.S. House and in thanking him for his service to our veterans and our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,636,662,956,140.07.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,998,237,209,846.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$60,984,093,238.39 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's three rollcall votes and Monday's four rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall numbers 109 and 110, and "yes" on rollcall numbers 111 through 115.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 (H.R.
2701)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H.R. 2701, a bill to authorize appropriations for intelligence-related activities in fiscal year 2010. This bill strengthens the safety and security of every American family with targeted investments in our intelligence capabilities.

By containing not a single earmark, H.R. 2701 authorizes only essential spending to

support our troops overseas and improve America's national security. I support this bill because it will prepare America for the threats of tomorrow, with strategic investments in our cybersecurity infrastructure here at home, and human intelligence gathering in emerging areas of concern such as Yemen and the Horn of Africa.

Most importantly, this bill will keep America safe without sacrificing American values. It prohibits private contractors from participating in CIA interrogations, requires the video recording of interrogations, and expands Congressional oversight of all intelligence activities to prevent the abuses of the past decade.

HONORING ROBERT E. DOYLE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of committed service to the United States of America and many of its critical federal agencies by a true public servant, Mr. Robert E. Doyle. This year, Mr. Doyle will retire following 36 years of dedicated civil service. Originally from Massachusetts, Doyle earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross in 1971 and a Masters in Public Administration from Southern Methodist University in 1974. He also holds a certification in Financial Planning.

Mr. Doyle began his career in 1974 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he worked his way up through the ranks within the management and administrative fields. After his successful tenure at HUD, Mr. Doyle changed agencies to work at the U.S. Bureau of Mines (USBM), under the Department of the Interior. There, he served as the Director for Finance and Administration for over 10 years. At the USBM, Robert aided in the protection of our nation's natural resources and worked to identify and develop new processes to improve the extraction of these national assets. After the USBM was restructured in 1995, Mr. Doyle is credited with making the transition to new positions within the government easier for his staff through his excellent guidance.

Mr. Doyle later moved on to the Bureau of Land Management, where he served as the Chief Financial Officer, and later, as the Assistant Director of Business and Fiscal Resources. As the Assistant Director, he led efforts to employ an integrated management system for improving the agency's performance and accountability. Under Mr. Doyle's leadership, the BLM was chosen as a finalist for the Presidents Fiscal Year 2002 Quality Award, recognizing budget and performance integration.

Robert's final stop on a distinguished trek through the civil service was with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where, for almost 5 years, he served as the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director. During his time at the USGS, Robert provided key leadership to reorganize the agency's regional hubs and realigned operations to improve the structure of

the agency's new Bureau for Science Strategy. Mr. Doyle also introduced a plan to open the USGS's huge store of satellite photography for public and commercial use. Additionally, he facilitated systematic and fundamental changes that restored financial integrity to the Federal Housing Insurance Fund through his extensive knowledge of finance systems and the mortgage insurance underwriting process.

Today, we honor Mr. Doyle's long, distinguished career and congratulate him on his retirement. Robert is the epitome of a true public servant. His service to the government has contributed immensely to our country. He has been a true model to others who wish to succeed in federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MONROE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER CHARLIE
MCCORVEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise out of sadness to note the recent passing of a good friend and a long-time public servant. Monroe County Commissioner Charlie McCorvey passed away at the age of 59 on February 24, 2010, after an extended illness.

Charlie McCorvey loved helping others and his many achievements are measured in the lives of the many students at Monroeville Middle School where he taught for 35 years, as well as in the support and respect he earned from the people of Monroe County who benefitted from his leadership as county commissioner for over two decades.

Commissioner McCorvey was native to Monroe County and South Alabama where he was dedicated to inspiring his students to reach for their dreams while he also labored hard in local government to improve the lives of all citizens.

A graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Charlie worked as a teacher in New York state before eventually returning to South Alabama.

Charlie was more than a passionate school teacher and public official, he was also among Monroe County's most noted ambassadors. For over 14 years, he traveled across the United States and around the world as a major cast member of the play "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the book by another Monroe County native, Harper Lee.

Charlie portrayed the character of Tom Robinson with a style that mesmerized audiences of all ages.

Charlie was also an active member of the Alabama Education Association, serving as a state and national delegate. He also served as treasurer of the Monroe County Education Association and the Monroe County Democratic Conference. His volunteer activities included serving as a board member of the American Red Cross in Monroe County.

Commissioner McCorvey is survived by his partner, Sandra Farr and three children, Stephanie Lauren, Justin Ryan and Charles Quarles and nine brothers and sisters.

On behalf of the people of Monroe County, I extend my prayers and condolences to his family.

DOROTHY GOLUSH AND PEG
HANNIGAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I ask your indulgence and that of my colleagues to celebrate two wonderful events: the 90th birthdays of two extraordinary women, each of whom has been very important in my life. We spoke often here about some of the problems people face as we age, and it's appropriate for public policy to be focused on that. But that can lead to an unfortunate impression of older people as always the objects of other people's help, and of the difficulties that they face. There is of course another side to that story—the satisfaction that comes to people who have led loving, productive lives, in which they have been of great service to others, and who are now able to enjoy their years and look both back and around at the people they have loved and nurtured.

One of these two extraordinary women is Dorothy Golush, the widow of my Uncle Abe, who was one of my mother's older brothers. My mother was part of a remarkable family of three brothers and three sisters, children of immigrants, who created a warm, loving extended family. A few years ago, the four surviving siblings died within an eighteen month period, at ages ranging from ninety-two to one hundred and five. The one survivor of that generation, who is an inspiration for myself, my siblings and my cousins, is our Aunt Dot—who recently turned ninety. She is blessed with the vigor and acuity that has marked her life, and for me, it is a pleasure to come home after a long day here and pick up my phone and listen to a wonderful message of encouragement from her, after she's read about some particularly important piece of work that we have done.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to offer a Happy Birthday to Dorothy Golush, on behalf of all of us in the generation after her, who have so benefitted from her life.

And while paying tribute to my aunt here, I also want, Madam Speaker, to pay tribute to a woman who is widely known in the Greater Newton area as "The Godmother." Peg Hannigan will turn ninety this month. I regret very much that I am unable to be at the celebration of this event at the Scandinavian Home where she now lives on March 25, so I am sending this along in my absence.

Peg Hannigan's political work began in 1947, when she got involved in John Kennedy's campaign for Congress. In the ensuing years she became an increasingly more important figure for those of us interested in political life. For cynics who believe that there is some conflict between political idealism and political practicality, Peg Hannigan is a living, breathing, absolute refutation. No one I have met in my own years in elected office has been more dedicated to the values of fairness that represent America at our best, and no one has been a more effective ally to those of us seeking elected office to promote this. I share with former Governor Michael Dukakis,

former Attorney General Frank Bellotti, my predecessor, the late Robert Drinan, and a number of other people in elected office the status of being very much in her debt.

Madam Speaker, I indulge myself personally by these comments, but they have a broader point as well: for young people who are skeptical that politics can be both a valuable and honorable way of spending one's time, Peg Hannigan's life is an extraordinarily valuable lesson and I hope that at least some people reading these words will be motivated to learn a little bit more about her, and even want to emulate her.

Madam Speaker, through you I wish a very Happy 90th Birthday to two wonderful women.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER STATE
SENATOR BILL MENTON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with genuine sadness that I rise to note the passing of former State Senator Bill Menton, of Irvington; a long-time public servant and beloved friend to many in South Alabama. He passed away on February 15, at the age of 90.

Bill Menton was a native of Paterson, NJ, coming to Mobile, Alabama after having been awarded multiple sports scholarships to Spring Hill College. After graduation, he coached at Spring Hill College and then UMS Preparatory School.

Senator Menton had a strong belief in our young people and is credited with helping to build the juvenile division of the Mobile County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a juvenile probation officer.

Continuing his interest in law enforcement, Mr. Menton later served as police chief of Bayou La Batre and separately worked for the Mobile County School System as a crime prevention officer.

He was the voice of the Mobile Bay Bears baseball team throughout the 1940s and 1950s and a popular host of a local radio football scoreboard program.

Bill Menton entered politics in 1982, winning a state senate seat representing Mobile County in Montgomery until 1988. In 1988, he came home to run in for the Mobile County Commission, a seat he won and held until 1992.

In 1996, he returned to support the profession he loved—law enforcement—by assuming the position as executive director of the Alabama Fraternal Order of Police.

Senator Menton also loved south Mobile County and he gave much of his life to making it a safer, better place to live. He dedicated an equal measure of devotion to bettering the lives of our young people, guiding many to learn from early mistakes in judgment and to take the path of responsible young adults.

I wish to offer my condolences to his wife of 65 years, Carmen Santana Menton; their eight children, Grace M. (Bob) Overmeyer, William J. (Pat) Menton, Jr., Mary Jane Menton, Edward C. (Brenda) Menton, Regina F. Menton, John Samuel (Janie) Menton, Thomas P.

Menton and Charles M. "Chip" Menton; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Senator Menton's many contributions to our community will never be forgotten.

COMMENDING LANCE MACKEY ON
WINNING A RECORD 4TH
STRAIGHT IDITAROD TRAIL
SLED DOG RACE

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker: Whereas Lance Mackey was born and raised in Alaska and currently resides in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey comes from a long line of successful mushers, including his father Dick and his brother Rick, each of who has won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is married to his high school sweetheart Tonya, who is also a musher, and has three children: Amanda, Brittney and Cain and one new grandchild, born on the seventh day of the nine-plus Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey and his family run the Comeback Kennel in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2001, took a year off from sled-dog racing to recover from the disease and is now cancer-free; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which has been called the "Last Great Race on Earth," is a grueling 1,150 mile sled dog race across Alaska's jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, and windswept tundra; and

Whereas, running the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is a year-long commitment to training and caring for one's sled dogs; and

Whereas, the Yukon Quest is an equally grueling 1,000 mile sled dog race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is the only 4-time consecutive Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Champion, the only 4-time Yukon Quest Race Champion and the only man to win both the Yukon Quest and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in the same year, which he did in both 2007 and 2008; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, guided by his two lead dogs "Maple" and "Rev," mushed his team of Alaskan Huskies along the path of the 38th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from its start in Anchorage to the finish line in Nome in just 8 days, 23 hours and 59 minutes and nine seconds; and

Whereas, both "Maple" and "Rev" exemplify all the essential qualities for good lead dogs, including intelligence, initiative, common sense, and the ability to find a trail in bad conditions; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, who despite retiring "Larry," the lead dog with whom Mackey won his first three Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races, was still able to convincingly win his 4th consecutive Iditarod; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail, a National Historic Trail, is staffed by thousands of volunteers who monitor and assist all competitors; and