

you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Horace Easton Bradford is a Texas veteran who fought in World War Two. He joined the military right out of high school in 1941 because he believed it was the right and patriotic choice. During his military career, Mr. Bradford obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant and fought in Northern Africa and Europe in WWII. His job was to maintain and oversee airplane maintenance and service. Planes had to be in the best condition before they could fly out and perform missions and assignments. Although it was hard work, Staff Sergeant Bradford was able to explore a totally different area of the world while serving the country he loved.

Discovering Horace Bradford's experiences in combat in a major world war was truly a life changing experience for me. Reading history in textbooks is nothing compared to an individual's personal encounter with history. I was able to use my background knowledge in U.S. history to understand his experiences in WWII. I could feel his compassion and his dedication to the Army. His service in wartime helped reinforce my appreciation to all servicemen who have fought in world conflicts.—Richard Hung

INTRODUCTION OF EARMARK REFORM RESOLUTION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a Resolution that expresses the will of Congress to save taxpayer money and reduce the deficit.

Madam Speaker, Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "To preserve [the] independence [of the people,] we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude."

As my colleagues may know, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the federal deficit is \$655 billion through the first five months of FY 2010. This is \$65 billion or 11.0% above the deficit through the first five months of FY 2009—which ended up with the highest deficit in U.S. history (\$1.4 trillion).

In these challenging economic times it is even more important for government to control spending. Congress must control spending, paving the way for a return to surpluses and ultimately paying down the national debt, rather than allow big spenders to lead us further down the road of chronic deficits and in doing so leave our children and grandchildren saddled with debt that is not their own.

Unfortunately, the federal budget deficit is projected to exceed \$1 trillion for the next two fiscal years and hover around \$800 billion annually for the foreseeable future. These current levels of spending are simply unsustainable.

That is why I am proud that the Republican Conference recently adopted a party rule that instills a year-long moratorium on Members obtaining "earmarks" in the FY2011 appropriation process. The earmark process is broken and is in desperate need of reform.

While I am pleased that the Republican Conference has adopted a one-year earmark moratorium, the simple fact is that our policy will not save the taxpayers a dime unless Democrats reduce spending by the amount saved by the Republican moratorium. Otherwise, they will be able to just spend the money saved by the Republican earmark ban on their own Democratic earmarks.

Madam Speaker, the American people want earmark reform because they want to rein in out-of-control spending. In order to actually help achieve this goal, I am introducing this resolution today with virtually all of my Republican colleagues. Specifically, our resolution: "Expresses the sense of Congress that House Democrats should join House Republicans in a total ban on earmarks for one year, that total discretionary spending should be reduced by the amount saved by earmark moratoriums and that a bipartisan, bicameral committee should be created to review and overhaul the budgetary, spending and earmark processes."

I hope that all Members of the House will join House Republicans in supporting this resolution and thus commit ourselves to the will of the American people to eliminate every cent of waste and squeeze every cent of value out of each hard-earned taxpayer dollar.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting after attending the funeral of Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 214; rollcall 215; rollcall 216.

CONGRATULATING STEPHANIE CALDERON, LAUREN GRYZEWSKI, SOFIA RAMOS AND SARA SEWERYN ON RECEIVING THE GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois students Stephanie Calderon of Reavis High School in Burbank, Lauren Gryczewski of Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Sofia Ramos of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago, and Sara Seweryn of the Queen of Peace High School in Burbank. These four young leaders are among 105 Illinois students selected from 2,125 nominations as 2010 Golden Apple Scholars.

The Golden Apple Scholars program recognizes Illinois high school seniors dedicated to the profession of teaching. The Golden Apple

Scholars program is run by the Golden Apple Foundation, which promotes excellence in teaching through a vast array of support programs for current teachers and by training students to enter the teaching profession. Those selected as Golden Apple Scholars receive a \$15,000 college scholarship, as well as valuable, hands-on professional summer training. In return Golden Apple Scholars commit to working for five years in high-need Illinois schools.

Thanks to this award, these four students will be able to bring their energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge to classrooms across Illinois that are in desperate need of highly qualified teachers. It is an honor to represent students whose own continued education will become a foundation for the education of others.

As a former educator, I understand the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in such a demanding, important profession. I ask you to join me in honoring these four future teachers for their outstanding commitment to their community and state, and in recognition of their designation as 2010 Golden Apple Scholars.

HONORING JOHN LAWSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate John Lawson upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Lawson was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010 in Chowchilla, California.

Mr. John Lawson was born and raised in Los Angeles, California where he graduated from Bell High School. After high school, Mr. Lawson enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 and was sent to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for basic training. Upon completion of basic training, he was assigned a military occupational specialty in the Army Signal Corps.

In November 1967, Mr. Lawson was ordered to Vietnam and was assigned to the 459th Signal Battalion; the same unit that served in Europe at Normandy, North France and Central Europe. Upon returning from Europe after World War II, the battalion was deactivated at Camp Pinedale, near Fresno, California. The 459th Signal Battalion was reactivated in 1962 and made part of the Sixth Army. In 1966, the battalion landed in Vietnam as part of the 21st Signal Group, First Signal Brigade.

While with the 459th Signal Battalion, Mr. Lawson encountered the TET Offensive that the North Vietnamese unleashed. During this time, he performed duties as a troubleshooter, repairing radio equipment for combat and supporting units in various provinces of Vietnam. The North Vietnamese successfully attacked U.S. forces and bases throughout South Vietnam, disrupting communications. Mr. Lawson and his fellow soldiers worked tirelessly to keep critical communications intact for the front-line combat units. During convoy between Nha Trang to Tue Hoa and Da Nag to

Tue Hoa, Mr. Lawson found himself under mortar attack and rocket fire. For the outstanding achievement and performance of the 459th, the Secretary of the Army awarded the 459th and its soldiers the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Mr. Lawson completed his combat tour in Vietnam shortly after he was promoted to Specialist-4. He returned to the United States and was honorably discharged. For his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and the Republic of Vietnam Unit Cross of Gallantry with palm and frame.

During his civilian life, Mr. Lawson worked as a truck driver until his retirement. Mr. Lawson is a Life Member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896. He has two children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate John Lawson upon being named a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Lawson many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL SIR
ALAN MASSEY, KCB, CBE, ADC-
ROYAL NAVY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey, Second Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, on the occasion of his visit to the United States and in anticipation of his impending retirement from active duty following over three decades of service in the Royal Navy.

Throughout a long and distinguished career, Vice Admiral Massey has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, stewardship and unwavering commitment to members of the Royal Navy, and for this alone he deserves recognition and admiration. But it is his many years of friendship and cooperation with the Armed Forces of the United States for which I pay tribute to this exceptional naval officer.

Over the course of his career, Vice Admiral Massey has commanded a destroyer, a frigate, and two aircraft carriers. In the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, as a key ally in Operation Enduring Freedom, he led operations against the Taliban in Afghanistan while in command of HMS *Illustrious*. Additionally, at the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, while commanding HMS *Ark Royal*, Vice Admiral Massey led the successful coalition amphibious assault into southern Iraq as part of Operation TELIC. In recognition of his exceptional performance, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire on the United Kingdom's Operational Honours List.

Vice Admiral Massey has served in the Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom, on four oc-

casions and has held two appointments on NATO Headquarters staffs. He served as Assistant Chief of the Royal Naval Staff, responsible for representing the maritime case in the Ministry of the Defence, while concurrently planning the Navy's future and coordinating its public communications strategy and outreach activity. In an earlier assignment, Vice Admiral Massey led the Operations division of the United Kingdom's Permanent Joint Headquarters, responsible for the conduct of joint military operations in all current theatres, including Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans.

Vice Admiral Massey has a first class Honours degree from the University of Liverpool, and is a graduate of the Royal Naval Staff College and the Royal College of Defence Studies. Selected for promotion to Vice Admiral in July 2008, he was appointed as Second Sea Lord, equivalent to our United States Chief of Naval Personnel, and concurrently serves as Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command and Flag Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen. During the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2009, Vice Admiral Massey was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of Bath.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to rise with me to thank Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey for his service to the Royal Navy and for his long and distinguished career in support of the mutual interests of the United Kingdom and the United States. We wish him fair winds and following seas as he closes his military career and assumes his new duties as Chief Executive of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. We also wish Vice Admiral Massey, his wife Julie and their four children, James, Annabel, Tom and Sally, much success, infinite happiness and good health in the days ahead.

SMALL BUSINESS BILL OF RIGHTS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Small Business Bill of Rights. For the last three years, Congress has hurt small businesses with legislation to increase taxes and government regulation. It is time to show small businesses that we support them by backing one bill that has it all, the Small Business Bill of Rights.

Endorsed by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), this legislation would:

Protect secret ballots in union elections
Lower health costs with lawsuit reforms and interstate competition

Lower energy costs with credits for efficient equipment and hybrids

Permit children to continue business with low/no death tax

Exempt small businesses from capital gains tax for 10 years

Make immigration laws easy to comply with
Create a Patent Office fast lane for small business innovation

Limit federal paperwork through the SBA for small businesses to 200 hours annually

Prevent AMT from taxing the middle class
Reduce deficit to encourage jobs and improve credit

Small businesses cannot afford lobbyists or lawyers to grease the wheels to get government assistance. With more than 1.1 million small businesses in Illinois accounting for 98.4 percent of all employers, now is the time to act.

In the teeth of the Great Recession, Congress must work to protect the heart and soul of our economy by lowering taxes and decreasing the regulatory burden so that small business employers will begin hiring, putting Americans back to work.

Small businesses are disproportionately suffering, accounting for nearly 80 percent of job losses and I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor of this commonsense legislation.

Let us grow this economy and put people back to work.

HONORING THE CAREER AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF DAVID J.
HOLLEY

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. HOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dave Holley, a constituent and friend, who, on April 2, 2010, officially retired as General Manager of the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority. Dave began his public career in 1973, working for the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority as the Assistant Manager. Two years later, he was promoted to General Manager and has served in that position for the past 33 years.

Dave's dedication to bettering the communities of Schuylkill County led him to be active in state and national organizations. He served as Past President and Past Regional Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Association; Vice Chairman of the Water Utility Council of Pennsylvania; and Past Secretary and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association.

Socially, Dave is an active member of the community in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. He is current President of the AAA Schuylkill County Motor Club, the Schuylkill County Motor Club Insurance Agency, and the Schuylkill/Pottsville Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was the former President of the Pottsville Rotary Club and Pottsville Rotary Little League.

His work in the community and professionally has earned Dave the respect and recognition of his friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Numerous associations have honored Dave with awards for his dedicated service to municipal authorities in Pennsylvania and the water supply field. Athletic organizations have recognized him for his dedication to honoring scholar athletes and his citizenship. Dave was even inducted into the Pottsville Area School District's All Sports Hall of Fame.

I would like to congratulate Dave Holley on his retirement after 33 years as General Manager of the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority and thank him for his outstanding citizenship in the community.