

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I inadvertently voted "no," but intended to vote "yes."

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANKLIN L. "BUSTER" HAGENBECK

**HON. JIM MARSHALL**

OF GEORGIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia but also as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to honor the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Franklin L. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the 57th Superintendent.

LTG Hagenbeck distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Nation during more than thirty-nine years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General and 57th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Madam Speaker, during LTG Hagenbeck's tenure as Superintendent, West Point was recognized as the number one college in the Nation by Forbes Magazine (2009) and the number one liberal arts college by US News and World Report (2010). West Point also won twenty-four national championships in athletics and earned twenty-eight competitive scholarships (Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, East-West, Gates, and Rotary).

LTG Hagenbeck instituted the first significant change to the cadet program since 1987 by establishing a measured leadership development experience during the summer of senior year. In only one year, he achieved a substantial improvement in the battlefield tested leadership qualities of West Point graduates based on feedback from battalion commanders. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, LTG Hagenbeck also developed an integration between Army applied problem sets and West Point research and intellectual capital, drawing from across West Point to stand up the National Military Academy of Afghanistan and graduate the first class into the Afghan Army in 2009.

Madam Speaker, LTG Hagenbeck commanded West Point while our Nation was at war. And it is well known within military circles that field commanders competed to bring his graduating cadets into their units. This is testimony both to the quality of the graduates and to LTG Hagenbeck's exemplary leadership as the 57th Superintendent of West Point.

On behalf of the Board of Visitors to West Point, I thank General Hagenbeck for his service. And on a personal note, let me take this opportunity to formally congratulate Buster and

West Point's 1970 speed football team for thoroughly stomping me and my fellow Princeton teammates. That memorable whipping cost me a dollar a point on a bet with my father, MG Robert C. Marshall, a 1942 West Point grad.

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**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 242, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TO CONGRATULATE ROY WELCH ON HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roy Welch on his 50th birthday. Born with Down Syndrome in 1960 in my home town of Bryson City, North Carolina, the doctors told his parents he would not live long enough to take him home from the hospital. Fifty years later, Mr. Welch is a standing testament to the importance of faith, strength, and the desire to live a fulfilling and fruitful life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the incredible story of Roy Welch, and the inspiration he has provided to all of Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the courage, character, and vitality of Mr. Welch.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MAX PALEVSKY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Max Palevsky, a kind man who was devoted to his family and friends. He had an innovative spirit, a passion for the arts and politics, and he had a lifelong mission to make the world a better place.

Mr. Palevsky, the son of Jewish Polish immigrants, was born and raised in Chicago during the Great Depression. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked as a house painter; neither spoke much English. During World War II, he served as an electronics officer in the Army Air Forces. Following his service, he studied math and philosophy at the University of Chicago, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1948. Mr. Palevsky became a titan in the computer industry as a founding member of Intel Corp. He used his vast wealth to finance political campaigns,

build notable art collections, help finance films and help save troubled publications like Rolling Stone Magazine.

Mr. Palevsky first became active in politics in the 1960s by supporting Tom Braden, a newspaper publisher, for California's lieutenant governor. He became active in the anti-war movement and served as a leader in Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace. His activism against the war led to his efforts in support of Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He met George McGovern at the notorious Chicago Democratic National Convention and became an early supporter. He is credited with helping elect the first African-American mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley, who held office for twenty years. Mr. Palevsky's bipartisan advocacy of campaign finance reform is evidence that he prioritized policy over politics.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Alex Palevsky, whose innovative mind and passionate heart led not only to great accomplishment in America's technical industries, but also led to great contributions in art and politics. I offer my condolences to his wife, Jodie Evans; to his daughter, Madeleine; to his sons, Nicholas, Alexander, Jonathan and Matthew; to his stepson, Jan; to his sister, Helen; to his four grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends.

HONORING THE CITY OF TERRELL

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the community and city leaders of Terrell, Texas. Terrell has been recognized in the state and by national publications for planning excellence and innovative, sustainable city planning.

Kaufman County is not only one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Texas, but also the entire country. In 2008, U.S. Census data showed a 44% increase in the county's population from 2000. The City of Terrell is currently home to about 18,952 people, but is expected to be home to over 50,000 new residents by 2025.

I would like to recognize Mayor Hal Richards and the city council, as well as Terrell City Manager Torry Edwards and the city staff, for their efforts and contributions to ensure Kaufman County residents will have a community that is equipped to handle the growth in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND DAVID EVERSON DAY

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on May 16, 2010, Galveston, Texas will celebrate Reverend David Everson Day in honor of Reverend Everson's eleven years of service as

the pastor of the First Union Baptist Church. I am pleased to join the First Union Baptist congregation, and all the people of Galveston, in celebrating Reverend Everson's 11 years of service.

First Union Baptist has had numerous achievements under Reverend Everson's leadership. For example, First Union Baptist's Hall Chapel was repaired and adapted to serve as a computer school and resource center for youth and adult literacy. Reverend Everson also led efforts to repair the church parsonage.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike; Reverend Everson worked tirelessly to meet the immediate spiritual needs of the First Union Baptist congregation while ensuring that First Union Baptist could resume its schedule of regular weekly services and ancillary activities as soon as possible. Reverend Everson continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment to his parish while leading the efforts to repair the damage the church suffered during Hurricane Ike.

Reverend Everson has contributed greatly to both the church, and the entire Galveston community, by being there for all who need a friend, comforter, and spiritual counselor. Reverend Everson not only cares for those in his congregation, he is always seeking to bring new people into the First Union Baptist congregation. The people of First Union Baptist, and all of Galveston, are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated man as Reverend Everson in their community. I, therefore, join the congregation of First Union Baptist Church and all of the people of Galveston in celebrating Reverend David Everson Day.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
CAPTAIN KYLE A. COMFORT

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to recognize the life of a proud American hero, Captain Kyle A. Comfort.

Captain Comfort, of Jacksonville, Alabama, died in Afghanistan on May 8, 2010, in service to our Nation. He is survived by his wife Katherine Brooke Comfort, their daughter Kinleigh Ann and his mother Ellen Comfort.

Like all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict, words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Captain Comfort died serving the United States and the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to bring stability to a troubled region and liberty to a formerly oppressed people. He was a true patriot for serving our Nation, and he will be missed.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

IN RECOGNITION OF GILLS ONIONS' GRAND CONCEPTOR AWARD

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Gills Onions, a Ventura County, California, company recently awarded the Grand Conceptor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), considered the Academy Awards for engineering.

Gills Onions, owned by Steve and David Gill, teamed with HDR Engineering to develop a groundbreaking waste-to-energy system fueled solely from onions.

Gills Onions and HDR were chosen from a field of eight finalists selected from among 163 projects worldwide. ACEC represents more than 5,600 engineering firms throughout the United States. Other finalists included the new \$1.3 billion Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, and the Sea-to-Sky Highway project in British Columbia, Canada.

Gills Onions hired HDR Engineering to develop the Advanced Energy Recovery System (AERS), which converts 200,000 pounds of daily onion waste (peels, stems, and tops) into biogas. The biogas, in turn, powers 300-kilowatt fuel cells to supply plant operations.

Gills Onions is the world's largest processor of fresh-cut onions and distributes them across the nation.

AERS satisfies 60 percent of Gills Onions' annual power needs—an estimated \$1.1 million savings. In addition to increased energy independence, AERS has allowed Gills Onions to eliminate a waste stream, reduce its operational costs and provide a smaller carbon footprint.

The combination of the energy produced, cost savings generated and grant funding achieved by the project will result in a full payback in less than six years.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me congratulating Steve and David Gill and Gills Onions for being awarded the Grand Conceptor Award and for their out-the-box thinking that has possibly revolutionized how food processing waste is treated.

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HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERNARDS TOWNSHIP

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernards Township, in Somerset County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 250th Anniversary in 2010.

Originally inhabited by the Lenni-Lenape Indians, the area that is now Bernards Township was purchased by John Harrison in 1717 on behalf of King George I of England. In 1760, the land was named Bernardston Township by King George II in recognition of the fifth provincial governor of New Jersey, Francis Ber-

nard. There were many buildings erected following this period that still stand today: The Lord Stirling Manor site, Basking Ridge Classical School and the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, all rich in history. In the yard of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church stands a great oak tree where General George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette picnicked and colonial troops practiced their drill steps. The Classical School provided education to many distinguished leaders of our country; graduates include Samuel Lewis Southard, New Jersey's tenth governor, who along with his father, Henry, became the first father and son pair to serve in Congress; Theodore Frelinghuysen, U.S. Senator and vice-presidential candidate in 1844; and William Lewis Dayton, U.S. Senator and Minister to France.

Today, Bernards Township consists of Basking Ridge, Liberty Corner and Lyons. It is home of the Lyons Campus of the Veterans Administration New Jersey Health Care System, the Bonnie Brae Educational Center and Verizon Corporate Headquarters and many excellent schools. This vibrant municipality is home to approximately 28,000 residents who look enthusiastically toward their future but also cherish and preserve their history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bernards Township as they celebrate their 250th Anniversary.

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BURMESE FREEDOM AND  
DEMOCRACY ACT

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with so many of my colleagues in introducing this bipartisan extension of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act. It is abundantly clear that we need tougher and a more robust application of sanctions on Burma, and we need to start soon because the Burmese regime continues to commit crimes against humanity and war crimes against its people.

Many of us in this Congress, as well as credible human rights organizations, have been saying this for years, but now even the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Burma has said that it is highly likely the regime has committed crimes. This is a regime that has destroyed or forced the abandonment of 3,500 villages, raped countless ethnic minority women and recruited thousands of child soldiers. There is no shortage of evidence of these crimes—which continue to this day. It is my hope the Administration will support the United Nations' findings, both by acknowledging the Burmese regime is committing crimes against humanity and by seeking a strong international investigation.

I am also concerned that the Burmese military regime has completely rejected true cooperation with the legitimate leaders of Burma—Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy. The regime recently released a new constitution and electoral law