

recovery, as well as physical rehabilitation of our wounded and injured warriors. They also provide organizations such as The Wounded Warrior Project and Fisher House of Dallas with resources and support.

On June 7th, the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation will be hosting a golf tournament and will donate all proceeds to the Fisher House in Dallas and The Wounded Warrior Project.

The Fisher House in Dallas, Texas, is just one of several facilities that fulfill a great need for our nation's defenders and their families. As a private-public partnership, the foundation provides homes that are built at major military medical centers, as well as VA medical facilities. These homes give families the chance to be near loved ones during hospitalization.

The Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation also sponsors "Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake" annual air show during July 4th festivities that helps to raise funds to support our nation's veterans.

This year's golf tournament will feature Jae Head, who most recently starred in the movie "The Blind Side." The tournament's list of guests will also include former military members. John Wesley Tucker, Jr., a veteran pilot and instructor during World War II, will be honored during the event. The event will also feature three war heroes, Jesse W. Naul, Jr., who received the Navy Cross for his service during World War II; Richard S. Agnew, who received the Distinguished Service Cross serving the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and Dean E. DeTar, who received the Air Force Cross for his service during Vietnam War. These gentlemen are members of the Legion of Valor, and three of the nine members of the Legion of Valor that represent over 450,000 veterans in North Texas.

I would like to thank everyone at the Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation, including CCVF President, Mr. Bob O'Neil, the board members and countless volunteers, supporters and donors who help to ensure our nation will not forget its defenders. It is an honor to represent such an outstanding organization and group of people in the Fifth District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND, SELECTED FOR THE 2010 SHANGHAI WORLD MUSIC EXPO FESTIVAL

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mesa Arizona's Dobson High School Band, which will represent our state at the 2010 Shanghai World Music Expo Festival in China. I wish to convey my pride and that of all Arizonans in the efforts of these talented and dedicated students, and thank the Dobson faculty and community for its remarkable support.

As a former teacher, I believe very strongly that participation in the arts, especially on such a global scale, leads to cultural enrichment and enhances education and learning across all subjects. This opportunity to perform

on a world stage, and the subsequent rush of community support to make this trip possible, is a well-earned reward for the hard work and commitment of the Dobson High Band and its supporters. To make this trip possible, band members raised \$3,000 apiece to pay for travel expenses. I believe in the old saying, "it is hard to be successful unless a lot of other people want you to be." So I also applaud all the parents and community members who helped in this effort as well.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Dobson High School Band as they represent the State of Arizona at the 2010 Shanghai World Music Expo Festival in China. I wish the band all the best during their performance in China and I am confident they will use this trip as an opportunity to learn about a new culture and positively represent our state and country within the global community. I know they will make us all proud.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRING CITY LIBRARY

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the patrons, staff and Board of Trustees of the Spring City Library in Chester County as they celebrate the Library's 100th anniversary.

During the last century, the Library has remained true to the core mission of encouraging and fostering the spirit of self-improvement envisioned by its forefathers in the Spring City Literary and Library Association.

While the Library has changed locations and the collection and services offered have increased tremendously, the commitment to serving the public remains just as strong today as when the doors first opened. Whether you want to read a best-seller, rent a movie, use the Internet or send your child to a Story Time program, the Spring City Library is a tremendous asset to the community and has played an important role in making Spring City a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Friends and supporters of the Spring City Library will celebrate the 100th anniversary on Wednesday, June 2, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Spring City Library as it commemorates this memorable milestone and in offering the patrons, staff and Board of Trustees best wishes for continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORINTH CAMPUS OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of

the Corinth, Texas Campus of North Central Texas College.

For the past decade, NCTC-Corinth has provided thousands of North Texas residents with an opportunity to pursue higher education. The Corinth Campus first opened in 2000, and today is educating more than 4,000 students. The Corinth campus shares in the longstanding tradition of academic excellence that is characteristic of NCTC, the oldest continuously operating two-year college in the entire state of Texas.

The NCTC-Corinth campus offers a variety of vocational degrees and certificate programs, as well as college credit courses and continuing education units. The first-class education NCTC-Corinth's students receive prepare them to join the area's workforce as well-trained professionals.

NCTC-Corinth has been an invaluable asset to the many communities that call North Texas home, serving its students well. I have no doubt this trend will continue well into the future and impact many more students, as NCTC-Corinth is planning for future growth that its administrators anticipate will be able to serve some 12,000 students in the coming years.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to honor the 10th Anniversary of the opening of North Central Texas College's Corinth campus. I am proud to represent Texas' 26th Congressional District, which is home to this fine educational institution.

HONORING MS. MELODY OLIVER

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker: Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Melody Oliver has given of herself as an educator of E.L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme school; and

Whereas, Ms. Oliver makes learning fun, inspirational, motivational, but most of all achievable; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Oliver is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared with the world her vision and passion to help ensure that our future, our children, receive an education that is relevant for today, but also for the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Melody Oliver for her outstanding leadership and service;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 20, 2010, as Ms. Melody Oliver Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO MARION ASHLEY, 2010 FATHER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an individual and dear friend from my Congressional District who will be presented with the 2010 Father of the Year Award next week in Riverside, California.

The purpose of the Father of the Year Awards is to honor fathers who have remained a positive role model for their children while also making a positive difference in their community.

Marion Ashley is one of those fathers. He has been married to his wife Mary for 54 years, and has 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. As a lifelong resident of Riverside County, he has worked for decades to improve the lives of his fellow citizens.

After years of working in the private sector, both at a national accounting firm and in real estate investment, Marion decided to become more involved in public service. In 1973, he served on the Riverside County Planning Commission and in 1992 was elected to a seat on the board of the Eastern Municipal Water District. In 2002, he was elected to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, a position he still holds today.

As Supervisor of the 5th District in Riverside, Marion oversees a budget of \$4.5 billion and sets public policy for more than two million people. In addition, he is the only Supervisor who has served as Chairman of: the Board of Supervisors; the Western Riverside Council of Governments; and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

Throughout his many roles, Marion has made family and public service his top priorities. His dedication to the people of Riverside County has not gone unnoticed, and he has become a respected leader on critical regional issues. Marion himself has said that he and his wife hope to build a community in which his children and grandchildren enjoy the same quality of life he has known in Riverside County, and I cannot think of someone who has worked so tirelessly in that effort.

I am proud to call Marion a friend, fellow community member and American. And today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from Illinois who are traveling to Washington, DC with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans

as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsman traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Henry Adema, Richard I. Africk, Carl S. Ames, George R. Apato, Louis Bakos, Ernest E. Bassi, James R. Bateman, Charles I. Battaglia, Irving H. Bernard, Anthony Biancardi, Sigmund A. Bogdziewicz, Leonard J. Borth, Raymond A. Boss Sr., Richard E. Brhel, Robert C. Bruhn, Leonard G. Buresh, Albert Conforti, Charles Corte, Rene Couture, Charles F. Cummings, Charles F. Davis Jr., Henry W. De Young, Laverne Harriett Dennhardt, Joe Deprizio, Edwin Drzymkowski, Richard W. Ehrhardt, George L. Faust, Raymond Feltes, Robert Fimbach, Stanley P. Fundanish, Charles C. Giglio, John A. Gillespie, Ernest S. Gregory, Richard Guimond, James H. Hammock, Rudy S. Hans, Herbert Leo Hay, Martha H. Honigman, Joseph G. Houska, Harry James Howarth, Robert Jayko, Thaddeus A. Jelen, John Lester Johnson, Thomas L. Kablach, Waitman Kapaldo, Richard A. Karst, John Kearney, Walter L. King, Clarence R. Kleinfelter, Thomas Kohl, Antoni L. Kozak, Milford H. Lau, James W. Leichti, Everell B. LeSage, Martha B. Loss, James W. Maddin, Bryan W. McCarty, Joseph C. Montino, Dwane E. Moss, Vernon R. Nelson, Edmund J. Nowiszewski, Thomas O'Neill, John H. Ortmann, Edward M. Pasierb, Phaye Peck, Milton W. Pick, Morris Picker, Edward S. Pietrucha, Bruno G. Quagliani, James S. Rosenbaum, Odean A. Rosenberg, Walter B. Rutkowski, Donald J. Schommer, Raymond T. Schwartz, Saul Seltzer, Robert S. Smith, Donald St. Hilaire, Robert J. Starzynski, Howard F. Stateman, Arthur R. Stratemeyer, Alvin Franklin Swenson, Lee R. Tolksdorf, Walter Trzesniewski, Lester S. VanDeursen, John L. Vinke, George C. Walczak, Clarence James Williams.

LETTER TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REFORM

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I have been working for nearly 4 years with Representative JIM COOPER to address the country's unsustainable financial path. While I believe

our legislation offers a better choice in solving this Nation's financial crisis, the President has moved forward with his National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

I have written to that commission's co-chairmen, Erskine Bowles and Senator Alan Simpson, to offer suggestions as this process continues, and insert my letter for the RECORD.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

May 25, 2010.

Mr. ERSKINE BOWLES,  
Hon. ALAN SIMPSON,  
Co-Chairmen, National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, Washington DC.

DEAR MR. BOWLES AND SENATOR SIMPSON:

As you know from our letter to you of April 17, Jim Cooper and I have been working for nearly four years to establish a bipartisan commission to address our nation's debt crisis by examining all policy options—entitlement spending, other program spending, and tax policy—holding public hearings, and recommending to Congress a plan of action with a mandated vote.

While I would have preferred passage of H.R. 1557, the Securing America's Future Economy (SAFE) Commission Act, the president has moved forward with an executive commission and named each of you cochairmen of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. As I write this letter today, the U.S. stock market as well as global markets are continuing a deep and downward slide. Our nation is on an unsustainable fiscal path. You know the staggering and unprecedented debt and deficit statistics. We owe nearly \$62 trillion in obligations, spend nearly \$4 billion each week solely for interest payments to service the debt, and the Congressional Budget Office projects that debt held by the public will encompass 90 percent of the gross domestic product by 2020. Many are concerned that Greece's collapse and the European debt crisis will spread to the United States.

British historian and Harvard professor Niall Ferguson wrote in the March/April 2010 edition of *Foreign Affairs*: "One day, a seemingly random piece of bad news—perhaps a negative report by a rating agency—will make the headlines during an otherwise quiet news cycle. Suddenly, it will be not just a few policy wonks who worry about the sustainability of U.S. fiscal policy but also the public at large, not to mention investors abroad. It is this shift that is crucial: a complex adaptive system is in big trouble when its component parts lose faith in its viability."

That "one day" is now.

For the sake of our country, I truly want your efforts to be successful and write today to offer some suggestions. It is impossible to know the outcome of your endeavor but I believe, at the very least, the commission must be a tool to educate the American people on the subject of our nation's dire fiscal situation.

The American people know that we need to look no further than the situation in Greece to understand what our future may hold if we do not make dramatic changes to control U.S. debt. They need and want to be involved in this process. Public involvement is critical to your success. The reality is that members of Congress will not support any of the commission's proposals without the full support of the American people. This cannot be just an inside-the-Beltway process.

Therefore, it is critical that the commission, in whole or in part, hold public meetings throughout the nation. The legislation I