

helped countless corporations while serving as a consultant at Anderson Consulting (later Accenture), DH Andrews and Cognizant. He started and ran a business of his own where he continued his work.

Justin was also a pillar of our community of Cheshire. He was a member of our town's council as well as our Planning and Zoning Commission. He served actively on the boards of several important institutions in our community, including the Cheshire Education Foundation and MidState Medical Center. He was active in his church as well, serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bridget's Church in Cheshire.

To me, Justin was a mentor and friend. When I moved to town in 2005, Justin took me under his wing to help me understand who and what was important in Cheshire. His public service became an example for me, and for many others. His hallmark, to me, was his approachability. He made you feel instantly comfortable, and people felt good knowing a "regular guy" was such an important community leader.

Mr. Speaker, Justin's achievements at work and his community only begin to tell his story. The rest of his story will live on through his family—his wife Jane and his wonderful children, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas. We grieve with them today.

Justin was taken from us too soon. I was proud to consider him a friend and I will miss him.

On behalf of this entire House, I pass on my sincerest condolences to Jane, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas, as well as his siblings, nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and neighbors whose lives he touched so deeply. He will be missed by all of us.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, the National Institute of Health estimates that over 15,000 American Women will die from ovarian cancer and an additional 22,000 new women will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. Each year, ovarian cancer is a heartbreaking tragedy and a threat to the lives of thousands of women.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable inspiration of one mother who is taking up her daughter's passionate fight against ovarian cancer. In my district of New York, Frieda Weeks has dedicated her efforts to promoting research, awareness, and community support through "Hope for Heather."

"Hope for Heather" is a not-for-profit organization in memory of Heather Weeks, who lost her life to cancer at age 24. Heather was an advocate for women's cancer awareness, who was committed to educating all women on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and raising funds to find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of ovarian cancer, and today I honor Heather, whose dream remains alive and strong today within the central New York community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SHERMAN WILLIAMS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Sherman Williams, who was born March 29, 1922, to the late Jim Williams and Betty Johnson Williams in Bolton, Mississippi. Mr. Williams joined the Mt. Olive M. B. Church at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Mack Sanders. He attended school at Mt. Olive Learning School and later farmed for many years.

Mr. Williams served in the United States Army from December 8, 1942 to August 5, 1946 when he was released with an honorable discharge. After leaving the Army, he worked 27 years at the Tri-State Brick and Tile Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Williams is the loving father of four wonderful children: Roosevelt Williams (predeceased him in death), of Jackson, Mississippi; Edward Lee Mack and Barbara Gale Anderson both of Byram, Mississippi; and Ezell Dotson of Clinton, Mississippi. He has eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams has a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Sherman Williams for his dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN BOYD
NOFTSINGER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representatives WOLF and RUPERSBERGER to honor the memory of a constituent, an educator, a community leader and most importantly a friend, the late Doctor John Boyd Noftsinger, Jr.

On November 10, 2011, James Madison University (JMU) lost one of their most innovative leaders and passionate advocates with the passing of John Noftsinger. John was the face of JMU on Capitol Hill and dedicated his career to public service through education.

Dr. Noftsinger was born in Roanoke, Virginia. After graduating from William Fleming High School in 1981, he officially started his career at James Madison University when he arrived on campus as a freshman that fall. We're sure when he stepped onto campus for the first time he never could have imagined the profound effect he would have on the University over the course of his life.

John went on to graduate cum laude with a double major in political science and public administration and a minor in business administration. Upon graduation, he entered the Ohio State University where he would later earn his master of arts degree in higher education administration.

In 1989, John once again found himself on the campus of JMU. He would begin a long and distinguished professional career where he would most recently serve as vice provost

for research and public service. Additionally, he would serve as executive Director of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, professor of integrated science and technology and strategic leadership, and as the president and chair of James Madison Innovations.

In a profile of Dr. Noftsinger on the JMU website he is quoted as saying "my connections with the community were forged early in my career here and are now embedded in my philosophy of education and my work." These words exemplify John Noftsinger.

Dr. Noftsinger's dedication and hard work was not limited to the university he so loved. He was truly committed to his community as a whole and the city of Harrisonburg is better because of his hard work.

Dr. Noftsinger was a founder and served as the first president of the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council. He served as a board member for the Shenandoah Valley Partnership and Shenandoah National Park Trust. He was the past vice president and board member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and the former chairman of the board of directors of the Blue Ridge area food bank. He also served as a former board member and president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County.

Dr. Noftsinger's legacy is one that will not be soon forgotten. We will greatly miss our friend. We pray for his family—his wife Lucinda Bosley Shaheen and his three sons, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob. We join the entire JMU community in mourning this great leader.

ANNOUNCING THE INTRODUCTION
OF THE FAITH-BASED LENDING
PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Faith-Based Lending Protection Act of 2011. The bill modifies the Federal Credit Union Act to make it easier for credit unions to lend money to ministries. Specifically, the bill exempts loans to nonprofit religious organizations from the Credit Union Act's caps on the volume of loans credit unions can make to businesses.

Mr. Speaker, many churches are in crises because they cannot get access to credit. In 2006, only two churches in the United States lost their buildings to foreclosure or short sale. Last year the number grew to 95.

Like many homeowners, they took out loans when times were good, but now their income has dropped and they need to refinance. Some have balloon payments that would be impossible to pay even in the best of times. The trouble is that many lenders do not want to do business with churches. Credit unions are in an excellent position to help. Credit unions get capital from their members and loan it to their members all of whom share a common bond. They know how to keep money in their communities and they want to do more. This bill will let them.

This non-partisan language has passed the House several times—sometimes on a voice vote. Now is the time to make it law. Churches cannot wait.

RECOGNIZING MR. DALLAS WICKS
FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Dallas Wicks who was born on December 11, 1930, in Pelahatchie, Mississippi. He was the third child of twelve children to Minister McAllister and Mrs. Maggie Ella Wicks. His early years of education began at Pelahatchie Elementary School and continued on to Carthage High School, Fayette High School and culminating with him graduating from Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Wicks entered the U.S. Army on April 8, 1951, where he served in the Korean War. He received basic training in Scofield Barracks Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii and upon completion, was deployed to Korea and served in the 2nd Army Division in 1951. He has also done other foreign tours of duty that include Germany, France, Lebanon, and Vietnam in addition to a host of state tours including Forts Myles, Hood, and Eustis. During his first tour of duty in Korea, Mr. Wicks received the Purple Heart Medal in October 10, 1951. He has also received the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, U.N. Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation.

Mr. Wicks is a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, where he serves as an auxiliary lay leader. He is also a member of the Prince Hall Jefferson #202 Lodge.

Mr. Wicks is happily married to his wife of 56 years, Mrs. Matiele Wicks. They have no children but several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Dallas Wicks for his dedication to serving others.

HONORING SPECIALIST RONALD
WILDRICK, JR.

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a recently fallen warrior, Specialist Ronald Wildrick, Jr. Specialist Wildrick served with the Army's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, out of Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

Ron was raised in Byram, New Jersey and graduated from Lenape Valley High School. Specialist Wildrick joined the Army in 2008 with the hope of making a better life for his wife and two daughters, Kaylee and Leah, through service to his nation. In September, he was deployed to Afghanistan's Kunar Province as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom. On December 11, 2011, his unit was attacked in the Kunar Province with an improvised explosive device. Sadly, Specialist Wildrick was killed in the line of duty while serving his nation.

As a result of his sacrifice, Specialist Wildrick was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal. His dedication to country and loyalty to his fellow soldiers was evident throughout his Army career. Prior to his deployment to Afghanistan he had the solemn duty of serving with the U.S. Army Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, where he regularly recognized the sacrifices made by his fallen comrades. Ronald Wildrick is a true American hero, and he will never be forgotten by his friends, his family, or the country he fought for. My thoughts and prayers, as well as the thoughts and prayers of a grateful nation, are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE
BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the victims of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 and recognize the twenty-third anniversary of the tragedy.

Pan American Airways Flight 103 departed London Heathrow Airport for John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City on December 21, 1988. The flight would never reach its destination as a bomb exploded on the aircraft killing its 259 passengers and crew, along with 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie Scotland.

Among the passengers killed were 189 Americans, including 37 people from my own district; a couple from the Town of Clay and 35 Syracuse University students returning home from Christmas after a semester abroad in London.

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season with our loved ones let us remember those who can no longer do so because of this senseless act of terrorism. Twenty-three years have passed, but nothing can replace the loved ones lost in the attack. We must never forget the innocent victims who were killed on Flight 103, nor the families that they left behind. May we use their memory to remind us to stay vigilant in the fight against terrorism and in committing ourselves to creating a safer world.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS
WILLIAMS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Tom Williams, a big man with an even bigger heart who died last week in a tragic car accident.

Tom, 56, was an engineer for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, based at Point Mugu in my district and China Lake, for 38 years. Most of his career was spent working on simulations of radar systems that could be used by America's enemies.

The War Center's mission is to test weapon systems and Tom often assumed the persona of the "bad guy" to design and implement countermeasures.

He was known as a great troubleshooter. Navy officials told the local newspaper that Tom "could make complex radar systems work in the most hostile environments."

Tom's work had real-life implications and saved countless lives. During Desert Shield, he was sent to the Persian Gulf, where he developed a technique that allowed Navy aviators to jam Iraq's radar. That allowed the aviators to remain safe during their missions when Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

Tom graduated from the Senior Executive Management Development Program at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and was chosen to be a NAVAIR Associate Fellow, recognizing his expertise in the development of threat simulators. Tom eventually became the head of the Airborne Threat Simulation Team, serving at the Integrated Program Team Lead.

A second-generation Californian, Tom began at the Warfare Center as an intern after graduating from Buena High School and retired in 2010, although he returned part-time nine months later to mentor and train new engineers.

When not working at the base, Tom was active in local politics and helping colleagues with home improvement projects. Woodworking was a hobby, and he enjoyed playing golf, pursuing photography, and traveling with his wife, Barbara. Barbara also worked at the Warfare Center, where the two met, and retired in 2009.

In addition to Barbara, Tom is survived by their son, David, and David's fiancée, Kaylan Danielson.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join my wife, Janice, and me in remembering our personal friend Thomas Williams, in thanking him for his lifetime of work to protect our military men and women, and in offering our sincere condolences to Barbara, David, Kaylan, and to all who knew and loved him. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT PATRICK
MILER FOR HIS DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO OUR
COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life of Lieutenant Patrick Miller.

Lieutenant Miller was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1961. As a Marine officer for over 23 years, Lt. Miller served multiple tours as an artilleryman with the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions, including two tours in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Miller earned the Medal of Honor on December 18, 1965 in Vietnam. His other decorations include Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Commendation Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Patrick Miller for his service to our country.