

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE FOR WINNING THE ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON JAZZ BAND COMPETITION

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jazz Ensemble of Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for their continued achievements and excellence.

Dillard High School was founded in the early twentieth century with funds from noted philanthropist James Hardy Dillard. The music program at Dillard High School gained fame when the legendary Julian "Cannonball" Adderley served as an instructor of applied music in the 1940's. Dillard High School serves as a Performing Arts and Technology magnet school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with its main areas of focus being dance, voice, orchestra, and band.

There are no limits to the creative spirit at Dillard High School and there are no limits to the success that their students achieve. Earlier this month, the Dillard High School Jazz Ensemble took home first prize honors at the "Essentially Ellington" Jazz Band Competition at Lincoln Center in New York City. More impressive than their performance is the resolve that the students showed in fundraising for their trips. Many students used their own money to pay for their trips as private donations are scarce.

In addition to this most recent achievement, the Jazz Ensemble took first prize at the "Swing Central" Jazz competition in Savannah, Georgia in both 2011 and 2010 and in 2010 they took second place at the "Essentially Ellington" Jazz Band Competition before winning the prestigious competition this year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that these young musicians represent my district. It is a true privilege to recognize the Dillard High School Jazz Ensemble and their many accomplishments, both on and off the stage.

HONORING AL WANAMAKER

### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Al Wanamaker, outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club, located in my congressional district in North San Diego County California.

Under Mr. Wanamaker's leadership, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club personified its motto of "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." The club has contributed resources and financial assistance to various

causes including: youth and women, student achievement, military, the disadvantaged and humanitarian efforts around the world.

Some of the projects undertaken by Mr. Al Wanamaker and the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club include hosting a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), a youth awareness leadership conference, and business and ethics conferences for Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, school students. They sponsored a Four-Way speech contest to help develop public speaking skills for high school students and a golf tournament that benefited scholarships for Carlsbad high school students and returning marines. The Hi-Noon Rotary Club provided dictionaries for English and Spanish speaking elementary school children, as well as meals and gifts to needy elementary school children; and finally, the Club actively supports the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club.

For the greater community Mr. Wanamaker and the club co-sponsored an Oktoberfest fundraiser that benefited the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center; provided support to the Veterans Association of North County, and La Posada, a facility for the homeless; assisted in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to over 400 needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau; as well as refurbishing, relocation and dedication of a city landmark structure for public enjoyment.

In the international arena, Mr. Wanamaker and a team of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotarians joined with others to build a house in Mexico for a needy family. Through the Paul Harris Foundation, the club co-sponsored numerous other humanitarian projects all over the world including: an effort to eradicate polio worldwide; contributed one hundred goats to needy families in a small village in India for the purpose of providing a source of nourishment, income and an opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills that promote self sufficiency; participated in the Shelter Box program to help the needy in Haiti and Japan that were devastated by earthquakes; provided support to build a school for girls in Afghanistan and developing a source of safe drinking water for a small village in Africa; finally, hosted several foreign exchange students to promote better understanding of other cultures.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Mr. Al Wanamaker and his colleagues at the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Without question, his leadership and their fine work are worthy of recognition by the House of Representatives today.

TOM McAVOY TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize longtime Colorado political reporter,

Tom McAvoy of Pueblo, Colorado. Mr. McAvoy, currently the editorial research director for the Pueblo Chieftain, has one of the most distinguished reporting careers in Colorado and it is a great honor to recognize him upon his retirement.

Mr. McAvoy was born and raised in Pueblo, graduating from Central High School and what is now Colorado State University-Pueblo. He finished his education with a master's degree in Journalism at Ohio State University, before returning to cover the Colorado political arena. His career spanned 34 years, and he spent the majority of that time covering the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor's office as the Chieftain's Denver bureau chief.

He has received a number of accolades during his tenure with the Chieftain. Most notably the Colorado Press Association gave him its inaugural Shining Star Award. He also served on CSU-Pueblo's alumni board and was chairman of the board for the Boys and Girls Club of Pueblo. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have repeatedly acknowledged their respect for Mr. McAvoy and his professional talent.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have the opportunity to stand and recognize Tom McAvoy, an institution in Colorado journalism. The people of southern Colorado are fortunate to have had such a gifted writer cover the state's government.

CELEBRATION OF ST. LUKE'S HOUSE 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate "40 Years of Excellence" by St. Luke's House (SLH) in Bethesda, Maryland, which I am honored to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District. SLH empowers individuals with mental illness who have been released from psychiatric hospitals to live, learn, work and participate successfully in the community by offering integrated mental health services and access to community resources.

St. Luke's House was founded in 1971 by members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The programs offered by SLH include supported living, life skills training and vocational rehabilitation, as well as 24-hour crisis care and services for youth with serious emotional disabilities. SLH currently provides care for over 2,000 youth and adults annually. To accomplish its mission, SLH owns and operates 31 group homes in the community. It has helped thousands of individuals return to active community life.

SLH provides four basic programs for its clients. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program offers individuals supported living opportunities, residential rehabilitation assistance, back-to-work skills, and a life skills program. The

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SLH Mental Health Clinic provides mental health services to the public and clients in other SLH programs. Its Fenton-McAuliffe Crisis House is a voluntary community-based residential alternative to inpatient hospitalization. The Career Transition Program is a joint endeavor between SLH and Montgomery County Public Schools that helps high school students with serious emotional disabilities receive counseling and vocational training.

SLH's efforts have raised public awareness about important mental health issues. Its continued success is due to the hard work of SLH staff and volunteers who give thousands of hours to make this program effective for SLH residents and beneficial for the larger community. St. Luke's House is fortunate to have the leadership of Ms. Cindy Ostrowski as President and CEO as it moves ahead in meeting the needs of people in the 20 century. Our community is enriched by the dedicated work of St. Luke's House.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the staff and volunteers of St. Luke's House on forty years of extraordinary work and in wishing them continued success in their service to the residents of our community.

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BRUCE BECKMAN TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Bruce Beckman for his lifetime of service defending the United States of America and protecting the people of Colorado. His distinguished military and law enforcement careers make him a model for the community.

Commander Beckman began his highly successful military career in the United States Army. After a three year tour he joined the Colorado Army National Guard, where he remained for over 25 years. He rose quickly through the ranks, becoming Colonel and eventually Deputy Commander. During Operation Desert Storm he was awarded the bronze star for leadership, further distinguishing himself while providing security to over 24,000 prisoners of war.

As he established his exemplary military career, he also became an indispensable member of Colorado's police force. He began as a Littleton City Police Officer in 1974 and was promoted to sergeant only four years later. He would hold a number of other positions in the department, but eventually became Commander in 1999. During his tenure in that position, he would oversee all three divisions of the department: investigations, patrol and support services. He was the clear choice to coordinate the city's preparations for the Democratic National Convention, and serves as the city's emergency planner. Bruce and his wife Susan, an Arapahoe County Commissioner, are both leaders in the Littleton community, devoting much of their free time to service organizations such as the Littleton Rotary Club, of which Bruce is a past president.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize one of Colorado's finest residents. His service to the country and state of Colorado is admirable and we are indebted to his efforts.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2011*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the first responsibility of all Members of Congress is to keep our country safe. Critical to fulfilling that obligation is providing members of the intelligence community with every resource they need to do their jobs.

Today, with this Democratic amendment, we address this challenge head-on.

I'd like to acknowledge the leadership of those who introduced this amendment: Congressman NADLER, Congresswoman JACKSON LEE, and Congressman ELLISON.

I thank them for bringing to the floor legislation that: ensures that our top priority in funding our intelligence services is the campaign to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat Al Qaeda and affiliated organizations; honors the extraordinary courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the intelligence officers, analysts, and Navy SEALs who located, tracked, and killed Osama bin Laden; and commends the leadership of President Obama in carrying out this mission and recognizes the commitment of Presidents Clinton and Bush for advancing this fight. As it says, this action "brought a measure of justice to the families of the victims of 9/11."

Strengthening our intelligence capabilities and establishing clear priorities are not partisan issues; they are critical to our national defense.

That is why I urge Republicans to join Democrats to pass this motion and keep the pressure on those who attacked our shores nearly 10 years ago.

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TILMAN BISHOP TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tilman Bishop for his longtime service to the state of Colorado as a teacher, public servant and dedicated citizen. He has represented the state's Western Slope in the Colorado General Assembly for just under three decades and now serves on the University of Colorado Board of Regents.

Mr. Bishop was born and raised in Colorado Springs and learned to respect the value of education. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, both in education, at the University of Northern Colorado, which he attended with scholarships from wrestling and the El Pomar Foundation. His alma mater would eventually award him an honorary doctorate in 1999.

Out of college, Mr. Bishop decided to become a public school teacher in Colorado, a position he held for seven years. His success in that role translated to his managerial talent. He served as a Mesa State College administrator for 31 years and was an important part of the school's academic emergence.

Mr. Bishop is known best for his tenure in the Colorado legislature, though. He served

for four years in the state House of Representatives and another 24 years in the state Senate, the last six of which as president pro tem. His lengthy tenure in the Colorado Capitol ranks as the longest among Western Slope senators and comes as no surprise to those aware of his dedication and political prowess.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and recognize Tilman Bishop today. He has spent a lifetime serving Colorado and I am grateful for his passion and dedication.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I requested and received a leave of absence on May 13, 2011. For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during the day.

On rollcall vote No. 323, Rogers Amendment that would clarify that Section 411 of the bill, which provides certain authorities for Defense Intelligence Agency expenditures, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 324, Gibson Amendment that would require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a report containing recommendations the Director considers appropriate for consolidating the intelligence community, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 325, Hinchey Amendment that would require the Director of National Intelligence, DNI, to report to the House and Senate Intelligence panels on information it has regarding the human rights violations of the military government in Argentina that resulted in 30,000 disappearances between the mid-1970's and mid-1980's, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 326, Carney Amendment that would establish the sense of Congress that railway transportation should be included in transportation security plans for intelligence agencies, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 327, Reed Amendment that would commend the United States intelligence community for their successful operation in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice and their continued efforts against al Qaeda, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 328, on Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 754, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 329, on final passage of H.R. 754, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, I would have voted "yes."

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CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF  
THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE ON  
ITS BICENTENNIAL

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I recently attended a celebration of the bicentennial of the community of Jonesville, NC. Not only was I impressed by the level of volunteerism that

made the celebration possible, but I was also amazed by the rich history of the town of Jonesville.

According to the Jonesville Historical Society, the current town of Jonesville was called Allen's Settlement in the 1700's—name after pioneer businessman David Allen.

Allen's Settlement took root near the bluffs that once stood on the south bank of the Yadkin, at the junction of current-day Elm Street—West Main Street and River Road and was surrounded by wilderness, isolated farms and occasional plantations.

David Allen owned an iron ore forge on the Big Elkin Creek, which was supplied with iron ore by the surrounding mountains and foothills. Examples of these types kind of ore mines, also known as "pits," are still found in Jonesville, particularly adjacent to West Main Street, which was once called Iron Works Road.

Most iron ore was transported across the Yadkin River in the shallows until a ferry was constructed near the mouth of Big Elkin Creek, according to the Historical Society. A section of the Old Ford Road is preserved today in Mineral Spring Park.

In 1811, the town that is now Jonesville was initially incorporated as Martinsborough, most likely in honor of North Carolina's recent Governors, Alexander Martin and Josiah Martin.

However, in 1815 the town name was changed to Jonesville in honor of Hardy Jones. Hardy Jones was the son of Samuel Jones, a settler from Virginia who fought in the American Revolution. It was Jones who established the Academy for which early Jonesville was famous. Jones' remains and a marker honoring his life can be found at Jonesville First United Methodist Church, which is also the site of the former Jonesville Male and Female Academy.

The Jonesville Academy was moved from what is modern-day Bermuda Run to Jonesville by Hardy Jones in 1816. By the 1853–54 school year, 150 students attended the academy, coming from every state in the country. The town of Jonesville grew in prominence thanks to the academy and the students it attracted from around the country and the south.

However, soldiers from Union General George Stoneman's cavalry ransacked the school in the spring of 1865. Fortunately, the soldiers missed the academy's prized possession, a bell made of bronze and 99 silver dollars. Today the bell resides atop the Jonesville First United Methodist Church.

According to Moravian journals from the time, Jonesville also likely served as a stop for fugitive slaves trying to escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The town of Jonesville experienced unprecedented growth after Interstate 77 opened in 1974, and it was consequently named a "Governor's Community of Excellence" in 1980. In 2001, Jonesville merged with the neighboring town of Arlington, which added about 800 people to Jonesville's population and made it the town it is today.

## BONITA NUANEZ TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bonita Nuanez for her academic, athletic and extracurricular work at Colorado State University-Pueblo. Her outstanding efforts earned her the Threlkeld award, which is given to the top graduating senior each year. She will be the first to receive her diploma at the commencement ceremony and lead the graduating class.

Ms. Nuanez decided to attend CSU-Pueblo to continue her already impressive softball career. Unsurprisingly, she posted magnificent college statistics, including a school record for most career walks and is fifth all time in home runs.

Her impressive achievements on the diamond are overshadowed by her academic success. She was one of the school's top biology students and has spent countless hours assisting her professors in the lab. She also spends much of her free time as a math and science tutor to other students.

In the community, Ms. Nuanez made a noticeable impact, as well. She helped groups such as RakeUp Pueblo, the Special Olympics and the Evolution Softball Camp. In addition, she volunteered as a softball coach at local high schools.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Bonita Nuanez today. Her recognition within the school and the community is well-earned, and I have no doubt that she will continue to have a positive influence on the people of Colorado.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. HARMAR BRERETON

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Harmar Brereton, who is receiving the B'Nai B'Rith Amos Lodge No. 136 Americanism Award, one of the community's most prestigious public service awards.

As a radiologist, Dr. Brereton has been committed to bringing great change to the medical community in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Dr. Brereton established the Department of Radiation Oncology at Mercy Hospital, and with his medical group, Radiation Medicine Associates of Scranton, and the development and management company he founded, Healthcare Management Resources Inc., he established several additional cancer centers in the region. His medical professional service includes the Lackawanna County Medical Society and Pennsylvania Oncology Society, having served as president of both; and the American College of Radiation Oncology, of which he is a founding chancellor. Dr. Brereton is a professor of medicine and assistant dean for development at The Commonwealth Medical College, which is committed to the future of medicine in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

His service to our area reaches beyond the medical community. He has been an active member of the boards of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, the Scranton Area Foundation, the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute (founding chairman), the Countryside Conservancy, WVIA (chairman), the Keystone College Jazz Institute, and the Schemel Forum of the University of Scranton (founder). Dr. Brereton and his wife, Leslie, have two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Harmar Brereton has served our community with distinction. His years of commitment to our area's medical and cultural development should be honored and respected. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Harmar Brereton for his dedication, and in recognizing his receiving of the B'Nai B'Rith Amos Lodge No. 136 Americanism Award.

## IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAY THOMPSON

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call special attention to Dr. Jay Thompson. Dr. Thompson has dedicated 42 years to Birdville Independent School District. He has served in a number of capacities, including: secondary mathematics and business education teacher, junior high and high school track and football coach, high school assistant principal, assistant director in central administration, junior high and middle school principal, and director of athletics. In the course of his time at Birdville ISD, Dr. Thompson was propelled by the desire to see his students "grow, graduate, and become successful citizens in our communities, our nation and throughout the world."

Dr. Thompson's impact on education extends beyond the boundaries of Birdville ISD. He is an active member of the executive board of directors for the Texas Girls' Choir and has participated in the Texas School Improvement Initiative, all while serving as a peer evaluator on the Texas Education Agency accreditation teams. Before that, he functioned as a board director of the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association and served on the UIL Waiver Review Board.

It is Dr. Thompson's work within the schools in conjunction with his service in the community that explains what BIRDVILLE's Board President, Joe Tolbert, calls Thompson's "rich knowledge of the district as well as the trust of the staff and community." As Birdville ISD prepares for his retirement, the district can take heart in the fact that Dr. Thompson will remain a stable fixture in the community.

I am honored to have an opportunity to serve Dr. Thompson and all of the individuals that help to educate our young people in the 26th District of Texas. I wish him all the best as he embarks on the next chapter of what has been, thus far, quite an adventure.

RECOGNIZING MRS. BETTY LOU  
LOCH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize Mrs. Betty Lou Loch on the occasion of her 90th birthday celebration. Mrs. Loch was born on May 23, 1921 at the St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, Missouri. She is the daughter of the late William and Maude Butler.

Mrs. Loch is an active member of her community but more importantly, she is a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Loch is celebrating this special day with her two children, Robert Edwin Loch, Jr. and James William Loch; two daughter-in-laws, Mildred Loch and Jessica Loch; four grandchildren, Robert Edwin Loch, III, Courtney Susan Loch, Jaimie William Loch, and Britney Jayne Loch, and; two great-grandchildren, Robert Colman Loch and James Quinton Loch.

Mr. Speaker, this celebration will bring together close friends and four generations of the Loch family, which is truly remarkable. So I ask that you join me in wishing Mrs. Betty Lou Loch a happy 90th birthday.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR.  
WILLIAM G. BATCHELDER JR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. William G. Batchelder Jr., a prominent lawyer and civic leader from Medina, Ohio, who passed away at the age of 96 on May 7, 2011.

Mr. Batchelder was born on July 30, 1914 in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood. His family moved to Medina in 1929, and in 1932 he graduated from Medina High School. Upon graduating, William went on to study economics and history at Ohio Wesleyan University. During his senior year, he was awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Cincinnati Law School; he passed the Ohio bar exam in 1939.

William returned to Medina in the summer of 1939 with his wife Eleanor and immediately opened his own private practice. Just five months later, he decided to run for Medina County Prosecutor, and would serve in this position from 1941 until 1953. While serving as Prosecutor, in 1942, William enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served his country bravely in the South Pacific during World War II for three years, and rose to the rank of sergeant. Meanwhile, back in Medina, he became the father of his first child and was re-elected as County Prosecutor.

In the 1950s Mr. Batchelder completed his duties as County Prosecutor and began working as a trial lawyer with the Cleveland law firm of Thompson, Hine & Flory. However, in 1957, he left the prominent firm and formed a partnership with Harold Williams in Medina; the firm was named Williams and Batchelder. He would continue to try cases until the age of 93.

In addition to William's impressive career, he was also a dedicated community leader. In 1946, he was elected as the director of the Medina Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the Medina County Rent Control Committee. Several years later, in 1952, William was elected as president of the Medina County Bar Association. Throughout the years he was involved with the Medina County Boy Scouts, Medina Community Chest, United Way of Medina County and served as president of the Medina City School Board of Education. Mr. Batchelder also sat as chairman of the Medina County Republican Party Executive Committee during the 1950s and 1980s.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Mr. William G. Batchelder. I extend my deepest condolences to his five children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

CONGRESSIONAL FREEDOM OF  
THE PRESS CAUCUS ON WORLD  
PRESS FREEDOM

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women of the media here and around the world who strive every day—many of them in the face of extreme violence and repression—to report the news. This is the lifeblood of democracy. I do so as Co-Chairman of the bipartisan, bicameral Freedom of the Press Caucus, and on behalf of fellow Co-Chairman of the Caucus, Rep. MIKE PENCE.

Chartered 18 years ago by the UN, World Press Freedom Day was hosted for the first time this year in the United States and was marked by a three-day conference here in Washington attended by journalists and media leaders from around the world. World Press Freedom Day isn't, however, fundamentally an academic or congratulatory exercise, Mr. Speaker. Rather, as defined by the United Nations:

"It serves as an occasion to inform citizens of violations of press freedom—a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

"It is a date to encourage and develop initiatives in favour of press freedom, and to assess the state of press freedom worldwide.

"It serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom and is also a day of reflection among media professionals about issues of press freedom and professional ethics.

"Just as importantly, World Press Freedom Day is a day of support for media which are targets for the restraint, or abolition, of press freedom. It is also a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession."

One journalist who was brutally taken from us was, of course, Daniel Pearl of the Wall Street Journal, whose name last year graced the bipartisan Freedom of the Press Act. That legislation emphatically put Congress, the President and our Nation strongly on record in

support of freedom of expression by mandating more detailed reporting than ever on its fate around the world in our State Department's annual Human Rights Report.

Significantly, Mr. Speaker, Congress expressly required in The Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act that the State Department chronicle not only where repression is at its most brutal and obvious, but also to shine a bright light on "indirect sources of pressure, and censorship by governments . . . ."

In the past months we have seen an unprecedented wave of protests and demonstrations sweep the Arab world. Two governments—in Tunisia and Egypt—have fallen to the demands of pro-democracy protesters, while others have come under intense pressure. These uprisings have highlighted the level of violence and physical harassment directed at the press. We've seen journalists threatened, arrested, beaten, assaulted, and in some cases even killed, while working on the frontlines in the fight for democracy and greater opportunity.

After two months of silence, Lara Logan, the CBS reporter who was sexually assaulted by a mob in Cairo's Tahrir Square the night that President Mubarak stepped down in February, opened up about the brutal attack in an emotional interview on "60 Minutes" Sunday. Logan, whose attack shined a light on the dangers that female journalists face while working abroad, said she is proud to have broken the silence on what some female journalists have experienced but never talk about for fear they will be taken off the story.

ABC's Christiane Amanpour and Fox News Channel's Greg Palkot and Olaf Wiig also faced physical assault and intimidation during the protests that swept Mubarak from his post—notable examples out of as many as 100 journalists who were assaulted, threatened or detained during the uprising in Egypt.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, four New York Times reporters were taken captive by Libyan government soldiers outside of Benghazi in March. After enduring harassment and abuse, they were thankfully released.

Less fortunate were award-winning photojournalists Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros, two of the most seasoned photojournalists, who were killed while covering a battle between rebels and Libyan government forces in the city of Misrata. Theirs is not only a loss to their friends and families, but also a great loss to the profession.

Freedom of expression cannot exist where journalists are not safe from persecution and attack, which have an unnerving effect on the profession. According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 16 journalists have been tragically killed this year. Alarming, the failure to punish or even seriously investigate crimes against journalists has now reached appalling proportions.

And although one can certainly find such censorship in the Middle East and North Africa, or in countries such as China, Cuba, Kazakhstan, South Korea and Syria, sadly it exists and may be getting worse much closer to home.

As just reported last month by the State Department—and as borne out by major 2010 reports of the Organization of American States, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Freedom House, and many others—our own hemisphere is home to many disturbing examples of what Ms. June Erlick, a former correspondent now with the David Rockefeller

Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard called a “much more insidious” form of press repression. Quoted in the Committee to Protect Journalists’ “Attacks on the Press 2010” report, Ms. Erlick elaborated that, “You never know where the censorship is coming from—through threats, attacks on the streets, new laws, or lack of access. The threats are always there and sometimes lead to self-censorship even before censorship begins.”

In the spirit of this World Press Freedom Day, Mr. Speaker, let me then use the balance of my time to turn over just a few of these “much more insidious” rocks:

In Venezuela, the government has engaged in what CPJ unambiguously calls “a systematic campaign to stifle dissent.” It included barring the publication of photos in conjunction with reporting on rampant crime and unsolved murder cases; suddenly voiding the broadcasting license of the nation’s oldest television channel and a major critic of the government; and exploiting or inventing technical regulations to administratively shut down dozens of radio stations also critical of the government.

In Ecuador, the OAS’ 2009 Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights special rapporteur for freedom of expression found that, “Ecuador has seen a rising climate of polarization in which attacks on and threats against journalists and media outlets of all editorial positions have increased”; a March 3 Inter-American Press Association report stated flatly that the government had “redoubled its offensive” against press freedom; and, just last month our own State Department’s 2010 Human Rights Report found—among many other actions—that, “In June and July, during the broadcast of the Soccer World Cup matches, the government ran a media campaign against the press, referring to media outlets as corrupt and delinquent.”

. . . And, in Argentina—according to The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, and The Financial Times among many other outlets—for more than two years the government has waged an escalating war against critical media outlets. Specifically, the government: was just found by the nation’s Supreme Court to have unconstitutionally allocated government advertising funds to reward news outlets favorable to its policies while withholding such funds from opponents; shut down and tried to literally force the sale of the nation’s biggest private internet service provider; orchestrated a surprise raid by 200 federal tax agents on the offices of the nation’s largest media company and then dismissed the raids as a “mistake”; and—in a series of moves taken directly from the original Peronists’ playbook—is seeking aggressively to seize control of the nation’s newsprint supply to silence opposition newspapers by literally making it impossible for them to go to press.

These are just a few of the things happening in a few of the countries in our own backyard, Mr. Speaker, that justify—indeed, demand that Congress remain vigilant and vocal in defense of freedom of expression everywhere . . . not just on World Press Freedom Day, but every day of every year.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF VINCENT  
JOHN SKINDELL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Vincent John Skindell. Vincent passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 13, 2011 in a car accident.

Vincent Skindell was born on August 19, 1960 to Vincent M. and Carol (nee Kaska) Skindell. Vincent was a 1978 graduate of Brunswick High School and an evening manager at Goodyear Tire in Brunswick for 12 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially gardening, fishing, and hunting and enjoyed shooting pool also.

Vincent was preceded in death by his father Vincent and his son Joshua Skindell. Vincent is survived by his wife Shawn (nee McGee); his daughter Tara Painting; his grandchildren Faith and Noah Painting; his mother Carol; his step-children Christie Stiffler and Jennifer Pasquale and step-grandchildren Matthew, Nicholas, and Michael Stiffler and Allison and Olivia Pasquale.

Vincent is also survived by his brother Michael, who is a State Senator in Ohio, representing Cleveland, Lakewood, Parma, and other Cleveland suburbs in the 10th Congressional District. Vincent was always supportive and active in Michael’s campaigns as a Lakewood City Councilman, a State Representative, and State Senator. I would frequently see Vincent and his family at campaign events for Michael and at my own events.

Mr. Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in remembering Vincent John Skindell, citizen and friend, and in offering condolences to his family who are now grieving his loss.

RECOGNIZING VICTIMS OF CONCENTRATION CAMP IN OMARSKA

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victims of a notorious concentration camp in Omarska, located in northwestern Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the summer of 1992, Omarska was the site of murder, torture and other mass violations of human rights. It is thanks to the courage of the British journalists Ed Vulliamy, Penny Marshall and Ian Williams and their brave reporting, that the world learned about the horrors of Omarska in the last decade of the 20th century.

As we remember the victims of Omarska, let us reinforce the significance of remembrance and the right of the survivors and families of the victims to mark this tragic chapter in the history of Europe.

CONGRATULATING ZOE FROMER, KIRILL SAFIN, AND IZAAL LAKHIA OF ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL IN DELRAY BEACH, FL ON THE FOUNDING OF INITIATIVE RENAISSANCE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I proudly recognize Zoe Fromer, Kirill Safin, and Izaal Lakhia of Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, Florida as Hastings’ Star Students. When state budget cuts to education forced their school to cut back on arts programs, these young people took the task of saving these programs into their own hands. They formed Initiative Renaissance, an aptly named organization that raises funds to restore classes such as drama, musical engineering and chorus. The organization’s \$100,000 fundraising goal would help improve arts facilities and expand the school’s band and visual arts programs. Their mission has garnered national recognition and Initiative Renaissance was accepted into the Pepsi Refresh Project with a chance to win a \$50,000 grant.

Zoe, Kirill, and Izaal’s passion for attaining a well-rounded education demonstrates the folly of cutting funding to arts and education. All students deserve a public education that fully prepares them to compete in the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that these young people chose to fight to save their school’s arts programs and applaud their dedication and perseverance to this project, which has undoubtedly been beneficial to the entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CLEVELAND SYRIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the grand opening of the Cleveland Syrian Cultural Gardens, taking place on May 29, 2011.

The 254-acre piece of land that constitutes Rockefeller Park was donated to the City of Cleveland by John D. Rockefeller in 1896. The Cleveland Syrian Cultural Gardens is a fifty-acre piece of land within Rockefeller Park. These gardens were founded in 1926 to create a memorial area for the diverse ethnic groups that shape the region, and to serve as a space of reflection on peace, cooperation and understanding. The Cultural Gardens is currently a collection of 26 gardens which include African-American, American Indian, British, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Slovenian gardens, among others.

In 1929, the land for a Syrian Cultural Garden was allotted to the Greater Syrian American Community. The Syrian American and Arab American community have, for over 100 years, played a vital role in the spiritual, social and cultural life of the greater Cleveland community. For unknown reasons, the garden was never planned or built.

Decades later, while researching Arab immigration, the Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (AACCESS) in Ohio came across the garden plot. After informing Cleveland's Syrian community, the project was restarted in 2004. The Syrian American Cultural Garden Association, Syrian Medical Society, Syrian American Cultural Council and the National Arab American Medical Association, Ohio Chapter worked to design the project.

The design of the Syrian Cultural Garden was created by an architectural graduate student from Damascus University. The garden will be composed of many elements that represent Syrian culture such as the Arches of Palmyra, Amphitheater of Basra, Syrian Arch, and the Arabic Fountain and will include Damascene roses.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me recognition of the grand opening of the Cleveland Syrian Cultural Garden, the newest edition to Cleveland's historic Cultural Gardens.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN PAUL "BUCKY"  
PIZZARELLI

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of a truly outstanding individual, Mr. John Paul "Bucky" Pizzarelli, who is recognized as an exceptional and influential jazz guitarist. Bucky Pizzarelli hails from my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey, where he was honored by his admirers at Paterson Day on Saturday, May 21st, 2011.

Bucky was born and raised in Paterson, where he learned to play guitar and banjo at a young age. He truly has music in his blood, as he learned his craft from his uncles, who were musicians. His first professional engagement came at the ripe age of 17, when he joined Vaughn Monroe's Dance Band. He honed his skills with Monroe's ensemble for several years, although his career was briefly interrupted when he was called to serve his country in Europe during the Second World War as a member of the U.S. Army.

In 1952, Bucky became a staff musician for NBC, eventually joining the house band for famed television host Johnny Carson. He has played alongside major acts such as Dion and the Belmonts, Benny Goodman, and his close friend and fellow guitar great Les Paul.

Bucky is no stranger to Washington, DC. He visited the White House several times, performing for President Ronald Reagan, fellow musician President Bill Clinton, and former First Lady Pat Nixon.

In addition to his professional successes, Bucky is a committed family man. His sons, John and Martin, his daughter, Mary, and his daughter-in-law, Jessica, have all carried on the Pizzarelli legacy as musicians. Bucky has collaborated with them on many of their recordings.

Later, Bucky returned to serve his hometown of Paterson as a member of the music faculty at William Paterson University, passing on his talents to the next generation of New Jersey musicians. His tireless energy and enthusiasm for his art should serve as an example for all Americans.

Today, Bucky resides with his wife, Ruth, in Saddle River, New Jersey, not too far from his roots in Paterson. A true renaissance man, he continues to be an avid painter in addition to his musical talents.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing individuals like Bucky Pizzarelli.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Bucky's family and friends, all the musicians and fans of his music whose lives he has touched, and me in recognizing Mr. John Paul "Bucky" Pizzarelli.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR.  
THOMAS STANTON KILBANE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Thomas Stanton Kilbane, one of Cleveland's top litigators, who passed away on April 28, 2011.

Born in 1941, Mr. Kilbane was raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended St. Ignatius High School and later John Carroll University. During his time at John Carroll, Mr. Kilbane participated in its Reserve Officer Training Corps. Upon graduating as valedictorian of his class, Tom moved to Chicago and attended law school at Northwestern University where he was chosen for its law review.

In 1966, Mr. Kilbane joined the international law firm of Squire Sanders. However, during 1968 and 1969, Tom served his country in the Vietnam War. As a captain, he served in a transportation group and was awarded a Bronze Star for combat.

After arriving home from Vietnam, Mr. Kilbane returned to Squire Sanders and was made a partner at the firm in 1976. Tom specialized in areas such as antitrust law, product liability and contracts. He served as a member of Squire Sanders' management committee and he chaired the litigation practice between 1996 and 2006.

Mr. Kilbane was one of the most successful and reputable lawyers to work at Squire Sanders and in the Cleveland area. Throughout his career he was welcomed into groups such as the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also recognized with numerous awards such as Best Lawyers' "bet-the-company" litigator in 2009 and the Cardinal Bellarmine award from his alma mater, St. Ignatius High School, in 2011.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Mr. Thomas Kilbane. I extend my condolences to his wife, Sally; five children; four grandchildren; and four siblings.

HONORING ANTHONY PSAROMATIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anthony Psaromatis, District Manager of the Chicago Social Security Ad-

ministration, Northwest Office. After over 45 years of service and numerous awards for his dedication and commitment to public service, Mr. Psaromatis will be retiring on May 31, 2011.

Mr. Psaromatis has worked in offices around the Nation and around the world. He began his career in 1965 in Huntington, West Virginia. Throughout the years, Mr. Psaromatis also worked in various offices in Ohio, Baltimore, MD and also provided Social Security benefits overseas in Athens, Greece and Frankfurt, Germany. In 1990, Mr. Psaromatis returned to the United States to continue public service work in the Chicago Northwest Social Security Office. He has served the Jefferson Park community for nearly 21 years.

As District Manager, Mr. Psaromatis has made an enormous impact on the community. He did so by giving speeches about Social Security benefits and programs at airports, business and community centers. In order to establish guidelines on how to best serve the public, Mr. Psaromatis met with Congressional and Senatorial Aides. He has also fought for the large Polish population in Jefferson Park to provide better resources.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a deeply grateful community and with enormous appreciation for decades of dedication to public service and providing assistance to communities in America and overseas, I thank Mr. Anthony Psaromatis for his extraordinary leadership and selfless commitment to his family and staff at the Chicago Northwest Social Security Office. Thank you, Tony, and we wish you, Martha, your sons, Michael and Anthony, daughter-in-law Bridget, and granddaughters, Kallie and Kirie all the happiness in the future.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOLANO  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman DAN LUNGREN and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize the sixty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Solano Community College. The College has provided generations of Solano County residents with high quality education programs that prepare a diverse student population to participate in today's local and global communities.

Solano College had its inception in 1945 when the California State Department of Education authorized the Governing Board of the Vallejo Unified School District to establish a junior college on the campus of Vallejo Senior High School. Classes for junior college students started in the fall of 1945 with fewer than 100 students. In the fall of 1957, the Governing Board of the Vallejo Unified School District voted to separate the junior college completely from the high school. Vallejo Junior College began offering summer classes in 1964, and enrollment increased to 1,000 students that year.

In 1965, the voters of Solano County voted overwhelmingly to establish a separate community college district. At the same time, seven trustees were elected to the new governing board, representing the committees of the district.

In the short span of a year, the new board selected a new Superintendent/President, Dr. N. Dallas Evans, and then proceeded to name a committee of fourteen members to select a site for the new campus. An architectural firm, Johnson, Poole, Storm, Lillis and Smith, Architects Associated, was engaged early in 1967 to draw plans for the new campus.

In mid-1967, the board approved plans for a \$12.6 million bond issue to be placed before the electorate of the county on October 17, 1967, which passed with an 84 percent yes margin. The committee recommended purchasing 192 acres on Suisun Valley Road in Fairfield. Student enrollment at the new location was over 3000 when it was dedicated in April of 1971.

By 1990, the student population had increased to 10,000, and it became clear that the District needed to expand to the residents of the South County, Vallejo/Benicia, and the North County, Vacaville/Dixon/Winters. In 1984, the District leased space at the Vallejo Library to provide South County residents with five classrooms for instruction of college courses. By 1992, the student population had grown to over 12,000. In 1996, the District leased space on North Village Parkway in Vacaville, eight classrooms.

In 2002, the College Governing Board authorized a bond issue to acquire a permanent location on 10 acres for its Vallejo Center and build a center in Vacaville as part of a master plan to eventually build a campus on 60 acres of land. The Measure G Bond was passed by voters in November 2002 for \$125 million and included renovation of the Fairfield campus. The bond measure work is scheduled to be completed by 2012.

Since becoming the Solano Community College District in 1965, the college has had 15 Superintendent/Presidents, including Interims, Acting and Administrator-in-Charge. The current Superintendent/President is Dr. Jowel Laguerre.

Today, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Solano Community College, its board and staff for sixty-five years of outstanding service to our students and wish it continued success.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 13, 2011, I was not present for votes 323–329. Had I been present for rollcall 323, I would have voted “no.” Had I been present for rollcall 324, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 325, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 326, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 327, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 328, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 329, I would have voted “aye.”

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for Intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chair, I rise reluctantly to correct the record.

Mr. REED and Mr. DREIER appear to be confused. What they said about my remarks regarding my two amendments to H.R. 754 is false.

The source of my dissatisfaction was not that the Rules Committee was going to rule one or both of my amendments out of order. I was not frustrated with the Rules Committee for any reason.

My dissatisfaction stems from the refusal of the House Republican leadership to bring something like Senate Resolution 159 to the House Floor. This bipartisan resolution passed the Senate 97 to 0 and provided recognition for everyone involved in the death of Osama bin Laden. Passing something akin to Senate Resolution 159 in the House would have been the best way to mark this momentous occasion and, as such, I filed the same text as an amendment with the Rules Committee. Unfortunately, this amendment is not germane, a fact Mr. DREIER acknowledges. I withdrew that amendment before consideration by the Rules Committee.

I also filed a second, narrower amendment with the Rules Committee, based on Senate Resolution 159, that is germane to H.R. 754. That germane version is identical to the amendment offered today by Mr. REED. As I said earlier on the House Floor, I did not feel that such a narrow amendment adequately honors all of those responsible for eliminating bin Laden. I decided not to pursue my version of this amendment and thus I withdrew it from consideration by the Rules Committee. I never made any comments as to whether the Rules Committee was going to say this narrower amendment was or was not germane or was or was not in order before I withdrew it. I support Mr. REED's amendment because at least it gives the House some chance to say thank you to our intelligence services.

Additionally, Mr. DREIER submitted to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the letter I filed with the Rules Committee asking that both of my amendments be withdrawn. However, for some reason only part of my letter was incorporated. I am including with my remarks the complete text of the letter I filed with the Rules Committee.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, May 11, 2011.*

Hon. DAVID DREIER,  
*Chairman, House of Representatives, Committee on Rules,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER,  
*Ranking Member, House of Representatives,*  
*Committee on Rules,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN DREIER AND RANKING MEMBER SLAUGHTER: Yesterday I submitted two amendments to H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I am writing to withdraw from consideration both amendments, Nadler-Bishop-Slaughter-Owens Amendment No. 2, NADLER\_025.XML, and Nadler-Bishop-Slaughter-Owens Amendment No. 1, NADLER\_024.XML.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER,  
*Member of Congress.*

RECOGNIZING DARREL BOWMAN,  
THE 2011 SBA NATIONAL VET-  
ERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAM-  
PION

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### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrel Bowman, an entrepreneur, an advocate, a disabled veteran, and 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's National Veteran Small Business Champion.

The U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes Small Business Champions in a variety of categories, celebrating the important contributions made by these men and women as entrepreneurs, advocates, and community leaders. The National Veteran Small Business Champion is an individual both successful in helping to grow business, and mindful in working towards a stronger community.

As the owner of Mynetworkcompany.com, Darrel has been a local leader in his field. Darrel's work providing technology solutions to the public and private sectors has earned him respect in the business world and has helped him build a reputation as a sharp and forward-thinking entrepreneur.

Having served in the Coast Guard, Darrel brings a military perspective into his business activities and daily life. As a service disabled veteran, Darrel is both an advocate for and an example to those who serve our country in the Armed Services. His work supporting legislation to encourage the hiring of veterans is just one example of his efforts on behalf of active duty military, veterans, and their families.

As the home to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and countless small businesses and technology innovators, our region is fortunate to count Darrel as one of our own. Individuals who are successful in business while remaining committed to giving back make our communities stronger, and serve as an example to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in



honoring Darrel Bowman, recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the National Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. PAUL  
GRAU

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today in remembrance of Mr. Paul Grau, who served as Brecksville's and Oakwood Village's law director for the past thirty years.

Paul was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He attended the State University of New York at Oswego. Upon graduation, Mr. Grau married his high school sweetheart, Linda Mruk, and moved to Cleveland. Paul then enrolled in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and earned his juris doctor degree.

Mr. Grau was a dedicated to public servant. He began working with the City of Garfield Heights' law department in 1976 and was later appointed as the city's law director. During his tenure, in 1978, Paul began working as a managing partner with the law firm of Reddy, Grau and Meek. As he continued to build a successful and meaningful career in both the public and private sector, in 1981 Paul took on the role of law director for the City of Brecksville. Along the way, he left the City of Garfield Heights and in 1992 became the law director for Oakwood Village. Mr. Grau served as the law director for Brecksville and Oakwood Village for thirty and nineteen years respectively.

In addition to his contributions as a law director to three Northeastern Ohio communities, Mr. Grau was dedicated to other community needs. He served on the board, and at one time was the chairman of the Jennings Center for Older Adults for ten years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Mr. Paul Grau. I offer my condolences to his wife of 37 years, Linda; son, Andy; and sister, Mary.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN PRES-  
ERVATION TRUST AS THEY CEL-  
EBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVER-  
SARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the New Haven Preservation Trust on their 50th anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization. Charged to honor and preserve New Haven's architectural heritage—historic buildings and neighborhoods—through advocacy, education, and collaboration, the New Haven Preservation Trust played an integral role in the preservation and restoration of the unique character of the New Haven community.

The New Haven Preservation Trust was founded in an effort to save the James Dwight Dana House, a historic 19th century Italianate

house designed by New Haven architect Henry Austin for one of the century's leading geologists, from demolition. At the time Yale University planned to tear down the home to make way for a new mathematics building. A small group of concerned citizens quickly incorporated the Trust and planned to bid on the house. In the end, the Trust came to an agreement with the University to preserve the Dana House and, through the efforts of the Trust, in 1962, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. Since that time the Trust has been involved with countless efforts to save historic buildings throughout the city including the New Haven Free Public Library, the New Haven Post Office and Federal Building, New Haven City Hall, the John Davies Mansion, and Union Station.

In addition to their efforts to preserve and restore New Haven's historic buildings, the Trust has worked to collaborate with the city government and other organizations to strike a balance between protecting the city's history and allowing for its modernization. In its earliest years, the Trust worked with the city of New Haven on the Wooster Square Project—an effort to restore this architectural and historical treasure. Though the Trust's efforts, the entire neighborhood was designated a historic district and the New Haven Historic District Commission, a permanent city authority responsible for reviewing exterior architectural changes in all local historic districts, was established. In New Haven's downtown district known as the Ninth Square, the Trust worked with local property owners to plan its preservation. The Trust published guidelines and contributed architectural drawings to help owners rehabilitate their facades. Most recently the Trust was brought into discussions regarding the School Construction Program, where it prepared recommendations for moving some buildings threatened by the project to empty lots in the neighborhood. That partnership continued until the Program's work was completed last year.

The New Haven Public Trust has also developed educational programs designed to teach the New Haven public about the community and its history. Plaques have been awarded to numerous buildings which are designed to draw the public's attention to their historical significance and to ensure that future generations know of their value. The Trust also sponsors New Haven Heritage Workshops which teach residents about the architectural styles and histories of the city's neighborhood. Recognizing that one of the best ways to learn about historic architecture is to visit the buildings and neighborhoods, the Trust has designed both walking tours led by local historians as well as pamphlets for self-guided tours.

Through advocacy, distribution of information, historic research, tours, and private consultations, the Trust continues to be New Haven's advocate for the centuries-old architectural heritage. I am proud to join the New Haven community in thanking the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers who work so hard to ensure that our city's rich history is not only preserved but celebrated and appreciated by new generations. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF  
MR. AMADEO SAENZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Amadeo Saenz, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

He has served his agency with great dedication since 1978, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his contributions.

Mr. Saenz, a native of Hebbronville, Texas, earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering with honors from the University of Texas at Austin and initially began working as an engineering laboratory assistant in the Pharr district.

In October of 1993, he was appointed district engineer in the Pharr district; he was named assistant executive director for engineering operations in Austin eight years later, whereupon, he implemented and managed policies, programs, and operating strategies according to federal and state laws and Texas Transportation Commission regulations and directives. Since 2007 he has acted as the executive director of the agency, managing, directing, and implementing policies, programs, and operating strategies.

A notable Texan, Mr. Saenz served his profession as a member of the Civil Engineering External Advisory Committee for UT—Austin, and has been active in his community as a member of the Rotary Clubs of Laredo and Pharr and by giving generously of his time and talents to the Boy Scouts in the McAllen area.

In all his endeavors, Mr. Saenz enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife, Geraldine, and their children, Priscilla and David. He owns and operates a small ranch in south Texas and takes pleasure in horseback riding and hunting.

He has worked to benefit the citizens of Texas throughout a tenure in public service spanning three decades, and he may reflect with pride on his achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the commitment to service exhibited by the executive director of the Department of Transportation, Amadeo Saenz, Jr.

POST-9/11 TROOPS TO TEACHERS  
ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Post-9/11 Troops to Teachers Enhancement Act to improve opportunities for veterans to transition into second careers in teaching. I am pleased to once again be joined in this effort by Representatives DORIS MATSUI and JOE COURTNEY. I have been a supporter of the Troops to Teachers program since its inception in 1994, and I am proud of the fact that since this program was created in 1994, over 12,000 veterans have been placed in our nation's classrooms.

Troops to Teachers is a unique program that provides retiring military with a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of teaching certification in exchange for three years service in



a high-need school, which until recently was defined as one receiving grants under part A of Title I. To further encourage participants to teach in schools with the greatest need, a \$10,000 bonus is offered to those who agree to teach for three years in a school with 50 percent of students below the poverty level.

This structure has proven very effective in transitioning qualified retiring military personnel into second careers in teaching. Indeed, Troops participants fill several critical needs among educators: A 2005 study found that eighty-two percent are male, over one-third ethnic minorities, and a majority bring an expertise in science and math to the classroom. In an increasingly globalized economy, these valuable characteristics provide a vital resource for schools across the country.

However, this success is now in jeopardy due to a drafting error in the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act which has inadvertently restricted the number of schools at which participants may fulfill their service. The applicable definition for "high-need local education agencies" for Troops to Teachers was inadvertently changed as it was included in the section of the legislation regarding other alternative programs that had a different definition. This stricter definition requires a higher threshold for "high-need," requiring the school to have either 10,000 students or 20 percent of students from families below the poverty level. However, the original Title I definition of high-need was also retained in the law in the section specifically detailing the Troops program. Essentially, Congress inadvertently created two conflicting definitions of "high-need" with regard to this program.

Early on, the Department of Education and the Troops to Teachers program recognized this unintended change in law and worked together to address it. From 2003 to 2005, while discussions were being held on how to reconcile this discrepancy, the program continued to operate under the original and intended definition. However, after the completion of a negotiated rulemaking process in September 2005, the Department issued a regulation stating that the new, stricter definition was not an error but congressional intent. As one of the leading supporters of this program during the drafting of No Child Left Behind, I can assure my colleagues that this clearly was not the intent of the supporters of the program.

Mr. Speaker, the unfortunate result of this, aside from limiting the number of schools at which veterans may teach and honor their obligation of three-years service, is that it has disproportionately impacted western and rural states. In my home state of Wisconsin, the number of eligible school districts has been reduced from approximately 395 to 11. Not surprisingly, participation in the program has fallen significantly since the implementation of the new definition. This decision, although understandable given the conflicting definitions contained in the law, is a disservice both to veterans wishing to continue their service to our nation as educators as well as children who stand to benefit from their unique expertise.

The bottom line is that we are losing out on great teachers because they cannot accept the certification stipend due to a lack of schools meeting the higher needs threshold in their communities. The more we restrict opportunities for participation, the fewer teachers we will be able to bring into public education, and the fewer teachers we will eventually be able

to attract to the schools with the greatest need. Further, given the nation's need for more math and science teachers, we should be removing, not creating, restrictions that prevent qualified teachers in these areas from teaching in our nation's classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, with Troops to Teachers, the Department already has an established program that is well-funded and successful. Rather than restricting it, we should be maximizing this program's potential. This legislation would correct this error and restore the original intent of the Troops to Teachers program. Our bill would ensure that veterans participating in the Troops to Teachers program may receive a \$5,000 stipend for teaching for three years in any school that is in a district receiving grants under part A of Title I. This change would more than double the number of eligible schools for the program.

The legislation would retain the current criteria for troops to receive an additional bonus of \$5,000 for teaching in a high need school, defined as in a school district that has at least 10 percent or greater who come from families living below the poverty level and a school where at least 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced lunch or have a "high percentage" of students with disabilities.

This legislation will also increase the number of service personnel who would qualify to participate in Troops to Teachers. Currently, eligibility for Troops to Teachers requires that members of the military have six years of service, and that members of the National Guard and reserves have 10 years of service with a commitment to serve an additional three years. This legislation will change the years of service requirement from six to four years for members of the active duty military to accommodate the many men and women who have served honorably and well in the difficult conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Additionally, it will create a "years of service" exemption for any member of the reserve, National Guard, or active duty military who has served on active duty since September 11, 2001, similar to eligibility requirements for the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

I urge my colleagues to join me and Representatives MATSUI and COURTNEY in supporting this successful program and restoring the opportunity to "serve again" to our nation's veterans.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. on May 12, during rollcall vote No. 316, I mistakenly voted "aye." I intended to vote "nay." I ask that the record reflect my opposition to this amendment. With respect to energy production-related legislation, I support an all-of-the-above strategy, as long as it is responsible and meets proper safety standards.

FORMAL DEDICATION OF THE  
MANDELL AND MADELEINE BER-  
MAN CENTER FOR THE PER-  
FORMING ARTS

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today will be the formal dedication of the Mandell and Madeleine Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

It is a magnificent, state-of-the-art cultural center on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit. It is a result of the generosity of two people who have exemplified over many decades an exceptional sense of gratitude for the opportunities provided to their families by our nation, Bill and Madge Berman.

The focal point of the new Center will be a 350-seat high-tech auditorium that can be opened to a capacity of 600 seats. The Center will be a venue for people of all ages to experience classical and Broadway music and a wide variety of theatrical productions.

Bill Berman graduated from Detroit schools and Harvard College and Business School, and served as a naval officer for 4 years during World War II. He next began a highly successful career in the building business, using his expertise in a variety of commercial activities and related endeavors. His deep sense of community found its voice in his service on the Michigan State Finance Housing Authority and Board of New Detroit, and he also served as the first Chairman of the Skillman Foundation.

Bill Berman became an indispensable force within the greater Detroit Jewish Community in a wide variety of vital religious, charitable and educational activities. In these efforts he was actively joined by his wife, Madge Berman. She was an inspiration for their deep interests in the arts. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Symphony and the Michigan Opera Theater. Madge Berman was appointed to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 1994 and was reappointed to the President's Committee last year by President Obama.

The fabulous offer for a cultural center by Bill and Madge Berman engendered support from other very generous persons that will help make this new center a reality. This warm and loving couple has brought joy over many years to their friends. They now will bring the joy of the arts to many, many thousands who have never met the Bermans but will benefit greatly from their generosity. I ask all my colleagues to join me in conveying congratulations and thanks to Bill and Madge Berman on the formal dedication today of the new Center bearing their names.

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JOHN LOXAS, RECIPIENT OF THE  
ROBERT V. HEINZE VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE AWARD

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. John Loxas. John

has been recognized by the Hammond Rotary Club as an outstanding citizen who has demonstrated entrepreneurial success and vision in the community of Hammond and throughout northwest Indiana. His devotion to professional and ethical business leadership is to be commended. For his outstanding efforts, John will be presented the Robert V. Heinze Vocational Service Award by the Hammond Rotary Club on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

The Hammond Rotary Club was established in 1920 adhering to the principles of Rotary International: "World Peace through Understanding" and "Service above Self." These values are vigorously upheld by the Hammond Rotary Club members who passionately serve their community. Each year, the club recognizes an organization or an individual who is a praiseworthy local business or community leader by honoring the recipient with the Robert V. Heinze Vocational Service Award, and this year's recipient is John Loxas.

John Loxas was born on the island of Zakynthos, Greece. He immigrated to the United States in 1955 and settled in Hammond, Indiana. John found employment at Republic Steel in south Chicago and worked there for a few years. After being laid off from the mill, John found inspiration and opportunity at a small Hammond grocery store where he volunteered to work for no pay. During that time, he educated himself in the grocery business, and in 1958, he purchased the store that gave him his inspiration, which he ran for many years. In 1975, John's dream for a more modern grocery store came true, and he opened a second, larger location. In the years to follow, new locations would open under the name J&M Foods, and later, Reliable Supermarket. John's success and entrepreneurial spirit continued, and in 1985, he opened Olympia Lanes bowling center in Hammond, which included a high-tech scoring system, deli, lounge, and pro-shop. Olympia Lanes recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Seeing the need for an elegant banquet hall in Hammond, John opened Dynasty Banquets in 1993. Capitalizing on his business, he opened the recently renovated Ramada Inn and Johnel's Restaurant, which are located in the same locale as Dynasty Banquets. For his remarkable business success and complete dedication to the community of Hammond, John Loxas is truly inspiring, and it is because of his efforts that he is the recipient of the 2011 Robert V. Heinze Vocational Service Award.

John's commitment to the community and his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. John and his wonderful wife, Margaret, have five beloved children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating John Loxas on being honored with the Robert V. Heinze Vocational Service Award, and in honoring the Hammond Rotary for their outstanding contributions to the community of Hammond and all of northwest Indiana. Their constant commitment to improving the quality of life for countless individuals in northwest Indiana is truly encouraging, and they are worthy of the highest praise.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
RONALD FREDERIC RICHARDS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of northwest Florida's beloved Ronald Frederic Richards.

Mr. Richards was a fixture in the local business community who used his success and acumen to help support and to lead numerous rotary and yachting clubs in the Pensacola community. After a successful 25 years in the supermarket industry in Birmingham, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida, Mr. Richards entered the financial services industry in 1990. He formed his own company, Ron Richards Financial Services, and his total commitment to helping others was the key to his success.

His leadership in the northwest Florida community was unquestioned. He was highly respected, and in 2000 and 2001, he served as commodore of Pensacola Yacht Club. He was responsible for establishing a long-term endowment, the Legacy Wheel, to ensure the future of the yacht club. In 2008, Ron served as commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association, commodore and a charter member of the Florida Commodore's Association, and a member of the International Commodore's Association.

Mr. Richards was noted for his love of sailing by many; however, his love for Rotary was also well-known. Ron was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Navarre in 1995 where he served as club president for the 1998/99 Rotary year. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Navarre Club's Scholarship Fund, and his club was awarded the Presidential Citation for its outstanding performance. In 2003, due to the relocation of his business, Ron left the Navarre Club and was elected into membership at the Rotary Club of Pensacola. During 2006/07, he served as President of the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, a president's council for the 12 clubs in the area.

To some, Ron Richards will be remembered as a leader in the business community. To others, he will be remembered for his love of Florida and the Gulf Coast. To his family, he will always be remembered as a loving and devoted uncle and spouse. He was an inspiration to those who knew him, and his service to the Pensacola community is his lasting legacy.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Ronald Frederic Richards. My wife Vicki and I offer our continued prayers for his entire family.

EVERETT COREY, DIRECTING  
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR THE IAM IN CT, REMARKS  
FROM MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

EVERETT COREY, DIRECTING BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS IN CONNECTICUT, REMARKS FROM MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

What a day! What a victory for Pratt & Whitney right here in Connecticut! What a victory for American jobs and American workers!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a distinguished—and genuinely remarkable—group here today, people who have changed the world through skill, intelligence, dedication and perseverance despite the odds. I'm referring, of course, to the employees of Pratt & Whitney—who are, without a doubt—the greatest jet engine makers in the world. And the best of the best are right here, in the State of Connecticut. Thank you for all you do.

President Chenevert, President Hess—I want to thank you for inviting the Machinists Union to participate in this program. Congratulations to you both on these great victories.

Members of the Connecticut Congressional delegation—we know how hard you have worked to reach this result. We know that you understand, it's all about jobs. You have worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Connecticut, and the workers of Pratt & Whitney, and it's great to see all that effort end up with two big wins—the Air Force tanker, and sole sourcing on the F-35.

Congressman Norm Dicks—Thousands of workers here and in Washington State, including thousands of Machinists Union members, will have work for years ahead, thanks to your efforts. On behalf of the International Association of Machinists—thank you, Congressman Dicks.

Governor Malloy—what a great relief to have a Governor of Connecticut who is so engaged, so smart, so tough and determined. We know, that like us, your first thought in the morning and your last thought at night is about jobs for Connecticut. Well, here you go—how about 25 years worth of work going forward? A great moment for state.

I thanked the entire Congressional delegation, because they deserve it. But I have to extend a special, heartfelt thanks to Congressman John Larson—who more than anyone, took on the fight for both these contracts, worked countless hours, pushed relentlessly—and brought home two enormous, unbelievable wins. Congressman Larson—you truly are the man who "keeps the eagle flying." We thank you, we salute you—Connecticut owes you a debt that words cannot express.

The other person who deserves special thanks, but who could not be here today is Jim Parent, Assistant Directing Business Representative of District 26 and chief negotiator for UTC issues. Both management and labor here at Pratt, and people across the state and around the country, have benefited from the work of Brother Parent, on this and countless other issues. This day is his, and we thank him. Jim will be retiring in January, and we wish him well.

Let me end with two brief comments. First, to David Hess and Louis Chenevert. We were proud to work with you in the fight to get these contracts—and will continue to work with you whenever and wherever we can jointly fight for work that keeps jobs and grows jobs in Connecticut. We even have a coalition called GrowJobsCT—we invite you to join, and we'll waive the initiation fee.

Finally—Pratt & Whitney employees, hourly and salary, sister and brother Machinists Union members—stand proud today, and every day. It's your skills, your hard work, your dedication—that keep this company thriving, and most important, help defend our great country.

More than anybody—this victory belongs to you—and was earned by decades of hard work. We salute you. Congratulations!

IN RECOGNITION OF PAGE MORTON BLACK AND THE PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUNDATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Page Morton Black, an extraordinarily selfless and effective leader who has distinguished herself through her dedication to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, PDF, and its critical mission. I urge my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Black and her service to others as chair of the Board of Directors of PDF. Following the observance in April of "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month," her immense contributions to the fight against Parkinson's Disease will be recognized this month by PDF supporters at its annual "Bal du Printemps" at the Pierre Hotel in New York City.

Founded in 1957 by Mrs. Black's late husband, William Black, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, PDF, is a leading national presence in Parkinson's Disease research, education and public advocacy. The PDF serves the nearly one million Americans who live with Parkinson's by offering critical support for cutting-edge medical research to determine the causes of Parkinson's and develop a cure, while assisting those afflicted by the disease and their families and caregivers with educational outreach, vigorous public advocacy, and a host of support services. Led by Mrs. Black and her late husband, PDF has provided more than \$85 million in funding for research on Parkinson's Disease all over the world, as well as \$34 million in support of educational and support programs for families and care partners of persons with Parkinson's. As the chair of the Congressional Working Group on Parkinson's Disease, I can attest first-hand to the critical role the PDF continues to play in the fight against Parkinson's.

The creation of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation is an inspirational story. William Black, an immigrant to America, was the founder of the renowned and much beloved Chock Full o'Nuts coffee and restaurant business—which was made famous in no small part due to its advertising featuring Page Morton Black singing the company's catchy jingle about Chock Full o'Nuts' "heavenly coffee," a performance which quickly entered the popular lexicon. Mr. Black was moved to found the PDF after his close friend, the company's controller, was diagnosed with Parkinson's. He was greatly dismayed to learn that not only was there no truly effective treatment, but also that no basic research on Parkinson's was being conducted. Using his own funds, he established the PDF, which was the first private foundation in the United States created specifically to advance research into the causes of Parkinson's, help develop a cure, and support those living with the disease.

William Black was determined to launch a research program aimed at finding effective drug treatment for the disease. Working with some of the nation's most prominent and re-

spected researchers, the Blacks made two major donations to Columbia University, one to help construct the research laboratory building that now bears Mr. Black's name, which houses one entire floor dedicated to Parkinson's research; and the other to endow support for that research. This close relationship between the PDF and Columbia University has persisted to this day. Following Mr. Black's passing Page Morton Black became chair of the PDF Board of Directors, helping ensure that the PDF has remained a driving force in combating Parkinson's Disease. Under her leadership, the PDF expanding its outreach, advocacy, and research funding. The PDF is making a real difference in our understanding of Parkinson's Disease, leading to new therapies and, in time, hopefully a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues rise to join me in recognizing Page Morton Black, a great American and a great New Yorker who has distinguished herself through her lifetime of extraordinary service to others.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL LINGO

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Lingo, who is retiring as Superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) in Bakersfield, California. Mike has been an education leader in the district for 41 years and has spent the last 5 years as Superintendent of BCSD, the largest non-unified pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade district in California.

Mike grew up in Bakersfield and was educated in the community where he now works. He attended Horace Mann Elementary, Sierra Junior High, East High, and Bakersfield College. He finished his college education at California State University, Fresno. After graduating, he returned to Bakersfield and started teaching in BCSD in 1970.

After 20 years of teaching, Mike shifted his career and began his service in school administration. He served as the Supervisor of Employer-Employee Relations for BCSD in 1990. Then in 1995, he became Director of Personnel Services. In 2000, he was again promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. In this role, he oversaw all of the financial and services aspects that the district performs on top of pupil instruction. Mike became Superintendent in 2006.

Many of his coworkers have expressed appreciation for Mike's leadership at a time when the school district has seen budget cuts year after year. Yet during Mike's time as superintendent, the district's academic performance index score rose from 643 to 688, a testament to his leadership and the hard work of the teachers, students, and parents in the school district. In addition, BCSD was the first major district in California to implement Learning Village, an online curriculum system.

Dedicated to education on multiple levels, Mike's retirement will leave big shoes to fill at BCSD. The Bakersfield community and I commend his service to the thousands of BCSD students over four decades and we hope that Mike enjoys his transition into the next chapter of his life.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE FRANCIS E. SWEENEY, SR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Francis E. Sweeney, a former Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, who passed away on April 10, 2011.

Born on January 24, 1934, Judge Sweeney was raised in Northeast Ohio. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School before attending Xavier University. He received the Legion of Honor Award from his alma mater upon graduating in 1956. After completing his undergraduate education, Judge Sweeney spent several years playing professional football in Canada with the Ottawa Rough Riders. In 1957, Judge Sweeney joined the U.S. Army and served his country bravely during the Korean War.

Judge Sweeney returned to Cleveland in 1958 and began working in Allstate Insurance Company's legal department. While working at Allstate, he attended Cleveland-Marshall Law School and earned his juris doctor degree in 1963. He left Allstate and started working as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Cuyahoga County.

In 1970, Judge Sweeney began his career as a judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. In 1988, he began sitting as a judge for Ohio's Court of Appeals of the Eighth Appellate District, the busiest and largest appellate court in the state of Ohio. In 1992, Judge Sweeney became a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio and would serve two terms until his retirement in 2004. After retiring, Judge Sweeney continued serving as a retired assigned judge in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

Judge Sweeney was a highly accomplished lawyer and judge. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Judicial Service Award by the Ohio Supreme Court for fourteen consecutive years. He was named Xavier University's Alumnus of the Year in 1977, received the Cardinal Bellarmine Award for Legal Excellence 1994 from St. Ignatius High School, and was presented with the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000 by Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge Francis E. Sweeney, Sr. I offer my sincere condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren.

COMMEMORATING MAY 19TH AS A HISTORIC DAY IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a historic day in the Republic of Turkey. On May 19th, while Congress was in recess, the Republic of Turkey and Friends of Turkey commemorated the 92d anniversary of the launching of Turkey's national campaign to establish an independent nation by Mustafa

Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. Turkey also celebrates May 19th as the birthday of Ataturk.

During his lifetime Ataturk was able to lift a country from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire and build a secular democratic nation located at the crossroads of Europe and the Middle East. His reforms were widespread including political, social, legal, educational, and economic. Some were monumental such as abolishing the caliphate and the sultan, recognizing equal rights for men and women, adopting a new alphabet and adopting secular law. Ataturk had a vision for the country, one of a pro-western secular and democratic state in which the rule of law would prevail. He swiftly but steadily advanced toward that goal with the confidence of a born leader and the support of the Turkish nation.

Ataturk championed women's rights, and believed that education and scientific training was the key to advancement not only for the individual, but also for the country. During his tenure, women were encouraged to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, and enter into politics.

The legacy of Ataturk is even more evident today, as the Arab Spring leads to dramatic changes in the Middle East and North Africa. There are lessons in Turkey's history which can be applied to the current situation around the world. With the right leadership and determination, democracy can take root and lay the foundations for a prosperous future in the region.

HONORING MAYOR JOHN  
DESTEFANO, JR., 2011 RECIPIENT  
OF THE TORCH OF LIBERTY  
AWARD

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to the outstanding work of this year's Torch of Liberty Award recipient, the Honorable John DeStefano, Jr., Mayor of New Haven, Connecticut. In the seventeen years since he was first sworn into office, Mayor DeStefano has worked tirelessly to improve our community and the quality of life for residents. It is that extraordinary spirit of public service that is honored with this prestigious tribute.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work truly benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Mayor DeStefano and his efforts to enrich the city of New Haven are a remarkable reflection of the true spirit of community service.

When Mayor DeStefano took office in 1994, the city of New Haven was facing challenges on multiple fronts. The crime rate had risen, the downtown business district was being eclipsed by the modern conveniences of mall shopping, the schools were in desperate need of modernization, and the individual neighborhoods had suffered the consequences of sub-

urban expansion. It was no small task to turn the city's reputation around and regain the promise and prosperity it had once held. Mayor DeStefano approached all of these issues with both enthusiasm and purpose.

During the Mayor's tenure, virtually every public school has been rebuilt under the City-wide School Construction Plan. Some of the key features of this program have supported universal pre-kindergarten, the largest inter-district enrollment and magnet school program in Connecticut, and college level lab and technology features. Mayor DeStefano brought the New Haven public school system into the modern era and has gone a long way in providing New Haven teachers and students with the technology and tools that they need to achieve academic success.

The Mayor focused his attention on rebuilding the relationships between the city and Yale University as well as the hospital and medical communities. By strengthening these partnerships and building on its successes, New Haven has emerged as a national center of life and bio science businesses and the city center has undergone a dramatic transformation into a mixed use community. The Mayor also worked to strengthen neighborhoods through managing housing stock to mixed income and use models, promoting commercial corridors as well as implementing street smart infrastructure and public improvements. In addition, the Mayor worked with local law enforcement on a new model of community policing which decentralized police management districts which has effectively transformed public safety in the community. With all of these efforts, it is no wonder that under Mayor DeStefano's tenure, New Haven has been recognized by the National Civic League as an "All America City" three times.

A lifelong resident of the city of New Haven, Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. has dedicated innumerable hours to finding solutions to our city's challenges and to improving the quality of life for all New Haven residents. His work and public service is a reflection of what the Torch of Liberty Award stands for and I am proud to join all of those gathered this evening in congratulating him on this very special honor. I am pleased to have this opportunity to wish him, his wife Kathy, and their two sons, Dan and Jim, all the best for many more years of health, happiness and success.

COMMENDING STAFF SERGEANT  
DEANTE BROOKS AND HIS WORK  
IN AFGHANISTAN

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the courageous work of Air Force Staff Sergeant Deante Brooks in defending the Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. Sergeant Brooks deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 as part of the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. On May 19, 2010, Sergeant Brooks was performing a security sweep of the airfield's perimeter with a Security Forces teammate, along with their Marine comrades when they came under attack.

Sergeant Brooks heard a scream, and realized his wingman had been injured by a gre-

nade. He raced back to the base with the injured wingman, providing medical assistance along the way. After Sergeant Brooks placed the injured soldier in the care of emergency medical personnel, he returned to the fight and provided reinforcements that helped to secure the area.

I recently met Sergeant Brooks, and we talked about his heroic work in defending the airfield's perimeter. I was deeply honored to meet such a brave and admirable individual. I cannot imagine what our country would be like without individuals like Sergeant Brooks—he and his fellow soldiers deserve the praise of all Americans for their dedication and service in protecting our nation.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are forever indebted to the men and women in uniform for their courage, honor, dedication and hard work in serving our country. Staff Sergeant Deante Brooks exemplifies this spirit and is a true American hero.

IN RECOGNITION OF HILDA  
GRIGORIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hilda Grigorian, a Glendale resident who has dedicated herself to helping those in need around the world, often in some of the most challenging and dangerous locations.

Hilda Grigorian was born and raised in Iran, and migrated to the United States in 1978 in pursuit of the American dream of education and career. Hilda achieved both of these goals—she obtained a bachelor's degree and MBA and is currently working toward her Ph.D. at Walden University. She also worked in the private sector for over two decades, focusing on international development.

Hilda began her international relief efforts with a trip to her motherland of Armenia, where she volunteered to help small businesses. After several visits to Armenia's rural villages, she established a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called Armenia Village Operation, which she started with her own funds and other private funding. The program implemented important projects in the rural villages of Armenia.

In 2005, Hilda traveled to Afghanistan to work with a USAID funded program to help vulnerable, widowed women with business planning and access to funds to regain their businesses which were destroyed by the Taliban. She then worked for UNDP in the youth development project. In 2008, she began working for USAID Afghanistan as a Field Program Officer, stationed in the Province of Nangarhar, which borders Pakistan. In 2009, she was transferred to the remote, rural Province of Ghor in western Afghanistan, where she helped people implement community development programs, created jobs through cash for work projects, and ensured a fair distribution of food to the people of Ghor.

Hilda's selfless dedication to the people of Afghanistan has immeasurably benefited some of the most at-risk people in the world, and has demonstrated the generous spirit of Americans toward those in crisis. She thrived in an environment that afforded her very basic living

conditions, with no luxuries or amenities we often take for granted.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Hilda Grigorian for her unwavering commitment to the people of Armenia and Afghanistan and wish her well in all future endeavors.

NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM CLASS 4A MARYLAND STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise and congratulate the North Point varsity basketball team on winning the Class 4A Maryland state finals. The narrow victory over Patterson High School on March 12th was not only a great achievement for the North Point Eagles but was the first time a Southern Maryland Athletic Conference team has taken the championship in 39 years.

This year's championship is the perfect ending to the perfect season. After months of training, practice, travel and games, the Eagles earned a number one seed and a home regional championship game against Glen Burnie. North Point put Glen Burnie to rest in one solid quarter, gaining a 29 to 6 lead from which Glen Burnie could not recover.

After 26 wins and no losses, North Point faced one last challenge—to beat Patterson High School in the state finals at the Comcast Center in College Park, Maryland. North Point took the lead early and then fell behind only to finish strong in dramatic fashion, triumphing by just 76 to 72 over their respectable opponents. The "epic Blast at Comcast" completed for a 27 and 0 record for these student-athletes, making them the only one in Maryland to have a perfect season.

Under the guidance of their coach, Jimmy Ball, this basketball team's strong defense made the difference. According to a recent news release, "North Point led by as much as 16 points but found themselves trailing Patterson 66-65 with 3:20 remaining. Senior Gerel Simmons scored seven points in the final two and a half minutes to seal the title. Sophomores Naim Muhammad, who recorded a double-double (20 points, 11 rebounds), and Marquis Wright, who scored nine points and dished out 12 assists, paced the Eagles defensive effort against a Patterson team that averaged more than 80 points a contest this year. Senior captain Devonte Thomas scored 10 points and collected eight rebounds while Simmons finished with 19 points."

Let me also honor the entire North Point High School community for they are an integral part of this team's victorious season. At every game the fans chant, in a unified voice, "We are North Point." As Principal Kim Hill has said, the motto declares that "We are many, but we are united as one." And as one team, one school, and one community they were able to accomplish victory. Congratulations to the North Point High School Eagles and the North Point Community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on May 12, 2011 and May 13, 2011 due to attending my son Hunter T. Wilson's Army commissioning and graduation in Industrial Engineering at Clemson University. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll Number 315—Tsongas of Massachusetts Amendment No. 5—nay; roll Number 316—Brown of Florida Amendment No. 6—nay; roll Number 317—Thompson of California No. 7—nay; roll Number 318—Insee of Washington No. 8—nay; roll Number 319—Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1231, "Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act"—nay; roll Number 320—On Passage of H.R. 1231, "Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act"—aye; roll Number 321—H. Con. Res. 50, providing for adjournment of the House—aye.

Roll Number 322—H. Res. 264, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes—aye; roll Number 323—Mike Rogers of Michigan Amendment—aye; roll Number 324—Gibson of New York Amendment—aye; roll Number 325—Hinchey of New York Amendment—nay; roll Number 326—Carney of Delaware Amendment—nay; roll Number 327—Reed of New York Amendment—aye; roll Number 328—Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 754, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011"—nay; roll Number 329—On Passage of H.R. 754, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011"—aye.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS REGARDING H.R. 658

**HON. DOC HASTINGS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit the following correspondence between Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS, myself, and Chairman DAVE CAMP regarding the inclusion of language in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill permitting tax-exempt bonds to be used to finance the purchase of fixed-wing aircraft for air ambulance services.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 14, 2011.

Hon. DAVE CAMP, Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CAMP: We write to request your support for the inclusion of language in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that would permit tax-exempt bonds to be used to finance the purchase of fixed-wing aircraft to provide air ambulance services.

Current tax law prevents states from using tax-exempt bonds to finance new fixed-wing air ambulances while tax-exempt bonds can be used for the acquisition of medical helicopters. Aircraft and helicopters are both important for emergency medical care.

While helicopters can be used to provide air ambulance services, airplanes are commonly a superior mode of emergency air transportation for critically ill patients in rural areas. In many instances, the use of helicopters for air ambulance services in rural areas is impractical because of the long distances that patients must be transported. Also, airplanes present the safest and fastest mode of transportation during inclement weather. Allowing states to use tax-exempt bonds to finance fixed wing aircraft used exclusively for emergency medical services in the same way they can for helicopters will allow for better emergency medical service in our rural communities and save more lives.

Thank you for considering bringing equality to the tax code for fixed-wing aircraft that provide air ambulance services.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS.  
CATHY MCMORRIS  
RODGERS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 3, 2011.

Hon. DOC HASTINGS, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HASTINGS: Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding the provision in the Senate's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill that would permit tax-exempt bonds to be used to finance the purchase of fixed-wing aircraft that provide air ambulance services.

I appreciate your leadership, as well as that of others such as Representative Dave Reichert, a Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, in bringing this issue to my attention. As we prepare to enter negotiations with the Senate on a final version of the FAA reauthorization legislation, I look forward to working with you and other interested Members to better understand this issue and to explore possible modifications to current law in this area.

Thank you again for your letter and interest.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 3, 2011.

Hon. CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS, Vice Chair, House Republican Conference, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN MCMORRIS RODGERS: Thank you very much for your recent letter regarding the provision in the Senate's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill that would permit tax-exempt bonds to be used to finance the purchase of fixed-wing aircraft that provide air ambulance services.

I appreciate your leadership, as well as that of others such as Representative Dave Reichert, a Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, in bringing this issue to my attention. As we prepare to enter negotiations with the Senate on a final version of the FAA reauthorization legislation, I look forward to working with you and other interested Members to better understand this issue and to explore possible modifications to current law in this area.

Thank you again for your letter and interest.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH A. LANNI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General Joseph A. Lanni for his outstanding service to our Nation on the occasion of his retirement.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Brigadier General Lanni upon his retirement as Commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

His over 31 years of dedicated service to the citizens of our Nation and our area is both admirable and commendable. Lanni received his commission in 1980 upon his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. As Commander, Air Force Security Assistance Center, General Lanni was the focal point for administering the Air Force's \$92.7 billion security assistance budget supporting foreign military sales to more than 96 countries, operating more than 6,000 aircraft and other major weapons systems.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he served as an operational fighter pilot, aggressor pilot, and experimental test pilot. He also commanded a classified Flight Test Squadron and the 412th Test Wing. Additionally, he directed the F-22 Combined Test Force, and served on the Headquarters Air Force and Joint Staff. Lanni is a command pilot with more than 4,700 flight hours including the F-22 and 90 different types of aircraft and classified prototypes.

For his many years of service to our Nation, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best wishes upon his retirement and wish him ongoing success in all future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Southern Methodist University (SMU) on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration. I am a proud alumnus of SMU, and look forward to their four-year celebration to commemorate this anniversary.

SMU has made amazing strides over the past century, rising from a small rural college to an internationally renowned university. From its founding in 1911 till today, SMU has graduated more than 100,000 alumni. The outstanding achievement and leadership of those alumni serves as a testament to SMU's tradition of success. With seven different schools, SMU ranks as one of the best universities in the Nation. The Cox School of Business is routinely ranked in the top 25 business schools in the United States. In addition to

twelve alumni who are past and present Members of the U.S. Congress, SMU has graduated such notable individuals as: John Tyson, CEO of Tyson Foods; former-First Lady, Laura Bush; Lamar Hunt, founder of the American Football League; Harriet Miers, former-White House Counsel and Supreme Court nominee; James Cronin, Nobel Prize winning physicist; Mary Ellen Weber, NASA astronaut; and Karen Hughes, former Under Secretary of State.

For these well-know alumni, myself, and thousands of former and current students, SMU holds a special place in our hearts. There is a strong sense of pride amongst the SMU community, and the values we learned in school have stayed with us throughout our lives. We were and always will be SMU Mustangs.

With an eye towards the next generation, SMU is not only celebrating the past, but planning for the future. This Centennial Celebration will serve as a time to ensure the next hundred years are even more successful than the first one hundred.

I congratulate SMU, its faculty, staff, supporters and alumni on this monumental occasion. I look forward to continued involvement with SMU, and hope we can work together to ensure outstanding achievement for the University in the years to come.

REMEMBERING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN 371ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the 371st Infantry Regiment was formed in August 1917 and consisted of African-American draftees mostly from South Carolina and white officers. After training at Camp Jackson, the unit arrived on the Western Front in April 1918. It was placed under the command of the French Army because of their desperate need for new troops, and because of racial tensions within the U.S. army. The 371st soldiers were given French equipment and reorganized to fit the French army structure. They spent the spring of 1918 training in French tactics and units.

The 371st was then thrown into the "Final Offensive" of the Great War in September. Though fighting well, they suffered heavy casualties: over 1,000 men out of 2,384 were lost in eight days. On September 28, 1918, just six weeks before the end of World War I, Corporal Freddie Stowers (21) of Sandy Springs, SC was killed, leading the remnants of his company to capture German positions after an ambush. After feigning surrender the Germans opened up with machine gun and mortar fire, instantly destroying over half of the company. Stowers rallied the survivors and led them to knock out one machine gun nest, and though mortally wounded, urged them on to capture a second trench line to stop the threat and cause heavy enemy casualties. His commanding officer recommended him for the Medal of Honor.

Vice-Admiral Moreau, on behalf of the French Government, decorated the regimental colors on January 27, 1919, in Brest. The

371st won the French Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre. The American Distinguished Services Cross was awarded to ten officers and twelve enlisted men.

Upon the 371st Regiment's return to Columbia, SC, the community worked together to fundraise for a reception honoring the soldiers. The event was held on February 29, 1919 at Allen University. The two flags of the 371st Regiment were presented to the community during the reception. These flags are part of the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum's collection.

With the war over, the unit was disbanded and the achievements of the 371st quickly faded. Fortunately, this was not the end of the story. The Medal of Honor nomination for Freddie Stowers languished for 70 years but in 1988, several members of Congress began campaigning on behalf of African-American World War I soldiers not properly recognized. Stowers became the first African-American soldier from World War I to earn the medal.

HONORING KAREN CARUSO FOR BEING NAMED NORTH CAROLINA'S 2011 SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Karen Caruso, CEO of Mind Your Business, Inc. located in Hendersonville, North Carolina, for being named North Carolina's 2011 Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

In 1995, Ms. Caruso was watching an Oprah Winfrey show on abusive child care providers and saw the need for parents to be able to screen the individuals who would potentially be caring for their children. Her background in security proved to be useful in developing applicant screening services. Mind Your Business, Inc. was launched in 1996 with two employees and \$2,500 in the basement of Ms. Caruso's home.

Despite facing a market dominated by men and large corporations, Ms. Caruso's business has continued to expand. She now employs 14 people and operates a 3,000-square-foot facility in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Mind Your Business, Inc. now offers several screening options, including pre-employment screening, applicant background checks, and drug and alcohol testing services for individuals, corporate, and government clients.

Mind Your Business, Inc. is a prime example of the success that can be accomplished through a partnership between entrepreneurs and the SBA. Ms. Caruso has made use of several SBA programs, including training through SCORE, the North Carolina Small Business Technology and Development Center, and the SBA Women's Business Center.

I congratulate Karen Caruso for having the vision and perseverance to create a business that, despite these economically difficult times, has shown record profits in 2009 and 2010. Ms. Caruso's business has provided security, given peace of mind to parents, and helped ensure the safety of our region's children.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the exceptional career of Ms. Karen



Caruso, North Carolina's 2011 Small Business Person of the Year.

IN HONOR OF MARY HOZE

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise in honor of Mary Hoze, who passed away on May 9, 2011 in Sacramento, California.

Mary was born on April 16, 1930 in Shubuta, Mississippi to Willie and Fannie Penilton. She was the younger of the two children. Her life was filled with devotion and love for her husband, Walter Earl Hoze, and for her family. She and her husband raised eight remarkable children.

In 1957 Mary and Walter moved to Sacramento, California where they became active and respected citizens in their North Sacramento community. She devoted her life to raising her children, caring for others and gardening. Mary loved reading and sharing God's word. She was a faithful member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Sacramento. She served as a Sunday school teacher, president, and bible teacher for the General Mission and Senior Women's organizations. She was also an active member of the Deaconess and Mothers' Boards. Mary was well known throughout Sacramento for her compassion, warmth and sense of humor.

Mary is survived by her children: Bonnie, Johnnie, Gwen, Allen, Danny, Connie, Cynthia and Shelia. She also leaves behind nineteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, along with countless relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying honor to Mary Hoze for being an exemplary member of the Sacramento community. Her life and legacy—as a mother and member of our community—will be an inspiration to us all. I ask that we take a moment and extend our utmost respect and condolences to her family.

HONORING THE PEOPLE OF  
SEATON, ENGLAND

**HON. JON RUNYAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the people of Seaton, England. The people of Seaton were invaluable partners prior to the "D-Day" invasion of June 6, 1944. Seaton's unwavering support and hospitality allowed U.S. troops to launch a successful invasion of Europe and ultimately win World War II.

The kindness of the people of Seaton manifested itself in many ways. They welcomed, housed, and supported the men of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division from January 1944 through early June, 1944. Many of these soldiers were taken in and treated like family, and respected members of the community.

This feeling of community was made evident when the people of Seaton organized dances,

entertainment, and other events, for the troops. There's no doubt that this welcoming atmosphere helped ease the transition for the young soldiers, most of whom were away from home for the first time.

Seaton was instrumental in the continued training of our forces providing marksmanship instruction alongside the British guard. This training inevitably led to our nation's forces being better prepared for battle and ultimately saved American lives.

Seaton's lasting legacy is the positive atmosphere that it helped to foster. In fact in the five months that it housed American troops there were no recorded adverse incidents to speak of and many troops who were stationed in Seaton had some of their fondest memories of the war while stationed there.

Seaton had a significant strategic impact on the war. The town's support of the 2nd Battalion was instrumental in allowing it to become the first to land on Utah Beach, during "D-Day", and obtain all of its objectives within the first few hours of Operation Overlord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lasting legacy of the people of Seaton, England and their contributions in support of American forces prior to the "D-Day" landing on June 6, 1944.

RECOGNIZING 2011 EDUCATION  
FINANCE CAPITOL HILL DAY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to acknowledge the 2011 Education Finance Council Capitol Hill Day. This event brought state agency and not for profit student lenders from across the country to Washington, DC. In my home state of South Carolina, the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation has provided higher education access and completion programs for thousands of students in the Palmetto state since its inception in 1973.

Nationwide, state agency and not for profit student loan organizations offer college access and completion programs including—financial literacy programs, scholarships, grants and low cost supplemental loans—to students, families, and high schools in their states, at no cost. For nearly twenty years the Education Finance Council has been the strong voice in Washington for state agency and not for profit student lenders.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work these entities are doing to increase the number of college graduates in our country.

DAYTON, TEXAS IS 100 YEARS OLD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the citizens of Dayton, Texas on the celebration of their city's 100th anniversary. Towns like the quiet, country living, of Dayton, Texas are why so many new people and businesses continue to move to Texas.

Beginning as a small agricultural village, Dayton was home to rugged Texas ranchers, farmers, and loggers. For many years, lumbering and ranching were the main industry until they established a drainage system. This establishment worked to make Rice the area's major crop. Still today, rice farms are still thriving in Southeast Texas. I am proud to represent Texas Rice Farmers, who continue to be hard-working, well-educated, God fearing Americans.

Modern amenities were brought to Dayton at the turn of the 20th century. They opened a bank, had two cotton gins, as well as a weekly newspaper. So much so that in 1911, Dayton was recorded as an incorporated municipality. The 20s roared in with the nearby founding of Humble Oil and Refining Company, which later became Exxon. As a result, Dayton grew along with the refinery when oil roughnecks began purchasing homes in and around the town.

The 1930s and 40s solidified the Greatest Generation in our Nation's history. Dayton is home to many heroes who served in our military during this time. Twelve such heroes who live in Dayton are the Ripkowski brothers. Growing up on a 200 acre Corn and Cotton Farm, they were a long way from the theater they would soon find themselves fighting in. Nonetheless, As World War II began; each of the brothers answered their country's call of duty to serve in the military. One after the other. Miraculously, all of the brothers survived the war and returned to Texas! These brothers are typical of the hard-working, law-abiding Texans that live in Dayton, Texas. They are charter members of the Greatest Generation.

Bringing air conditioning, the baby boom, and the Vietnam War the 1950's and 60's presented many more changes to the small town. The 1970s saw the biggest rise in fame and fortune with the oil boom, but was followed by the biggest fall from grace in the 80s. Nonetheless, Dayton emerged unscathed in the 1990s, and continues today as a unique, thriving, city that is rich in history, pride and perseverance.

Today, farming and logging and oil are still a part of this diverse, vibrant community. Dayton continues to live up to its rich legacy of industry mixed with community spirit. Dayton is a thriving community, home to growing families, excellent schools, community organizations, friendly churches, new library, new community center, rodeo arena and parks.

Dayton, like many other Texas towns, Dayton residents are still heavily involved in supporting our Troops. One such example is the recent creation of two war memorials, each paying tribute to the men and women who have served our country. Patriotism is truly a part of these folks makeup. Never more so was this patriotism demonstrated than on July 10, 2010. At the age of 24, Staff Sergeant Jesse Ainsworth of Dayton, Texas was killed by enemy action in Afghanistan. At his funeral, hundreds of residents lined the streets of Dayton paying tribute to one of their heroes. Many of those on the streets carried flags and yellow ribbons; while others held signs saying "Proud of You", "Proud to be an American" or "Thank You." As the funeral procession made its way to throughout the town, residents of Dayton, with tearful eyes and grateful hearts, saluted the Ainsworth family.

Dayton's fire and police departments are among the best in Texas. Dayton ISD provides outstanding educational opportunities for



students. Dayton High School is home to a Texas religion-Texas Football. The entire community comes together; people from all walks of life get together every weekend and share in the tears and cheers and root their team to victory.

It is an honor to represent the citizens of Dayton, Texas in the United States House of Representatives. I am proud to have worked with Dayton Mayor Steve Stephens and the city council on numerous projects concerning the city. I commend them for their leadership in helping Dayton grow. I am truly proud to represent this patriotic town.

I look forward to seeing Dayton prosper in the future and wish the city "Happy Birthday" as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

That's just the way it is.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on May 13, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment to H.R. 754 by Rep. GIBSON of New York.

I would have voted "yea."

#### TRIBUTE TO OPENING OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS' PARK

### HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark and pay tribute to the opening of the North Carolina a Veterans' Park. As the Representative of the Third District of North Carolina, I bear the heavy burden of watching Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen deploy from Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to protect our Nation's freedoms. I have and continue to support their efforts through legislation and advocacy on their behalf.

Even before our Nation was founded, North Carolinians have answered the call of duty to their Communities, State and Country and continue to answer the call in response to terror, tyranny and disaster. On July 4, 2011, the 235th celebration of our independence, the City of Fayetteville will unveil the North Carolina Veterans' Park to celebrate all North Carolina members of the Armed Forces, who continue to sacrifice their today for our tomorrow.

The park is located in Fayetteville, home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, from which brave men and women deploy to place themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life. The City and the designers of the park have commemorated each phase of service; leaving civilian life and swearing the oath to protect the Constitution, to the time spent serving; to the time that they separate from active or reserve service, when the warrior returns to civilian life.

The dedication and devotion of the citizens of the Tar Heel State are etched in the annals

of this great Nation. North Carolinians are feared by their enemies, trusted by their allies and revered by those they serve. The opening of this park is a fitting tribute to all those who have served, are serving, will serve or have a loved one who has served.

I congratulate the City of Fayetteville for the building and dedication of this fine tribute.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TEPPARA FAMILY

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

MR. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and former Chief of Staff Dino Teppara and his wife Vatsala on the birth of their daughter Meghana Lakshmi Teppara. Meghana was born on Friday, April 8, 2011, in Fairfax, Virginia.

Meghana Lakshmi Teppara is six pounds and twenty inches of pride and joy to her loving grandparents, Dilip and Gita Teppara of Columbia, South Carolina, and Vijay and Vasanti Alsi of Vienna, Virginia.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Teppara family and wish them all the best.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fall River, Massachusetts. St. Anthony of Padua has served as a vibrant center of faith and community for the Portuguese population of Fall River for generations.

St. Anthony of Padua evolved in 1911 due to an influx of Portuguese immigrants in Fall River. Early on, Reverend B. Carmo administered to Portuguese speaking immigrants in the crypt of another church, to which parishioners would walk several miles in order to attend Mass in their native language.

Through the hard work, fundraising, and labor of dedicated parishioners, the edifice of St. Anthony of Padua was completed and dedicated on February 2, 1913.

Over the past hundred years, St. Anthony of Padua has shown a steadfast commitment to Fall River and the surrounding community. As its spiritual community continues to grow and thrive, St. Anthony of Padua continues to open its doors and serve all in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing St. Anthony of Padua for the indispensable role it has played in our community over the last 100 years, and hopefully many years to come.

#### A TRIBUTE TO FATHER MARTIN MORONEY

### HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Father Martin Moroney, who is retiring this month from his pastoral responsibilities at St. John Vianney parish in Rancho Cordova, California. A native of O'Callaghan's Mills, Ireland, Father Moroney chose to enter St. Patrick's College Seminary in 1960. St. Patrick's forms priests for overseas work and Father Moroney chose to come to the Sacramento Diocese because its rural nature reminded him of Ireland. Arriving in Sacramento in 1967, he has spent the past forty-four years serving Californians. After a brief stint at St. Mel's in Fair Oaks, he moved to St. Anthony's in Mt. Shasta, a small lumber town in the Cascade Mountains. For the next six years he served at St. Theresa's in South Lake Tahoe before returning to Sacramento to serve at Sacred Heart and then All Hallows.

In 1981, Father Moroney was given the opportunity to return to a rural community when he was asked to become the pastor of St. John's in Quincy, while also taking care of the mission church in Greenville. For twelve years, he drove twenty-two miles each way to Greenville twice a week to care for the community there in the mountains of Plumas County. Quickly integrating into his new community, he was even recruited to work the first down chains at local high school football games.

Father Moroney has always been a man of prayer. When he was faced with a difficult decision in 1993, he turned to God for guidance. Giving up his rural post in Quincy, where his parish consisted of 250 families, he decided to assent to his bishop's request to move to a parish in the suburbs of Sacramento, consisting of 1,500 families. There, at St. John Vianney's, Father Moroney has been serving as pastor for the past eighteen years. Under his guidance, the parish has grown in unity and diversity, adding a Spanish and an Indonesian outreach program. He also proved to be a skilled financial manager, eliminating \$200,000 of debt and growing the parish school endowment dramatically.

All of these achievements are not just material achievements. They were motivated by a heart filled with compassion for all people and accomplished by a man willing to sacrifice himself—and even his health—for the betterment of others. It is truly a privilege to offer Father Moroney my sincere gratitude and congratulations for all of his service as a priest. I wish him all the best in the coming years.

#### CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD M. ROSA

### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Richard Rosa, for his outstanding service to our Nation and the United States Air Force.

It is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Colonel Rosa upon his relinquishment of command as the Commander, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

Colonel Rosa commanded the largest operational RC-135 Squadron, with over 200 Airmen flying combat Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance operations in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and other operations as directed by the National Command Authority.

Under Colonel Rosa's command, the squadron flew over 740 combat missions, totaling over 8,300 combat hours with an astounding 104% mission effectiveness rate. These combat missions provided unparalleled intelligence collection while providing direct support to 113 different incidents of troops in ground combat action, over 26,500 tactical intelligence reports, and over 6,500 locations of enemy troops passed to coalition ground commanders. Undoubtedly, these combat intelligence missions had a direct impact on recent operations. Additionally, under his command the 763rd ERS was identified as the number 1 of 18 units assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

For his strong dedication of service to our country, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our sincere thanks for a job well done and welcome him back home to his family friends. Always on the hunt!!!

**PRESIDENT OBAMA'S LATEST MIDDLE EAST SPEECH SHOWS A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP**

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, President Obama's recent speech on the Middle East turmoil was billed as a "reset" of America's relationship with the Arab world. We were promised a new era of American diplomacy.

Instead, what we got was the same-old failed policies of throwing money at a problem, which could end up having a detrimental effect on our friend and ally, Israel.

President Obama is supporting movements in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria while at the same time he is in effect telling Israel "you're on your own." The President with our tax dollars is supporting who? We don't know! Will it be the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt or radical Islamists in Libya, Syria, or Tunisia? And, what about Bahrain or Yemen?

Israel is our greatest ally in the Middle East yet President Obama is urging a Palestinian State; one that governs in partnership with a known terrorist, Israel-hating group—Hamas.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, by choosing to partner in government with Hamas, has proven he has no desire for peace with Israel.

President Obama's endorsement of the Palestinian demand for their own State based on the pre-1967 borders completely reverses our longstanding policy that borders must be determined through negotiations and puts our relationship with Israel in peril.

The Palestinians have been conducting a diplomatic campaign to portray Israel as a renegade, pariah State flouting the will of the international community, in prelude to demanding that the United Nations General Assembly unilaterally recognize a Palestinian State based on the 1967 borders.

By essentially announcing his support of that proposal, President Obama has made that action very likely.

The President, in his speech, espoused policy changes that will lead to more problems for Israel, while he leaves them on their own. Buried toward the end of the President's speech was a statement that challenges the current U.S.-Israel security alliance.

The President said, "As for security, every state has the right to self-defense, and Israel must be able to defend itself—by itself—against any threat."

It appears as though the President—either intentionally or unintentionally—is throwing Israel to the wolves. A statement like that gives encouragement to those who seek Israel's destruction and could serve as a spark for continued unrest in the Middle East.

It is the wrong message to send and it is my hope that the President will reassess his ill-advised position and acknowledge this reality before it is too late.

**CONGRATULATING JAMES DOLAN, JR., AND THE EMPLOYEES OF HI-REL PRODUCTS**

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Dolan, Jr. and the employees of Hi-Rel Products on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's New England Regional Subcontractor of the Year.

Headquartered in Essex, Connecticut, Hi-Rel products has provided the microelectronics industry with outstanding goods and service for over 41 years. A second generation family owned business, Hi-Rel Products has grown from a home based operation to an industry leader as a supplier of quality, chemically machined stepped lids. With over 100 years of combined experience, Hi-Rel and its employees have been producing high quality metal components since 1973.

Given annually, the New England Regional Subcontractor of the Year award is given to a subcontractor that has served the government and industry with outstanding goods and services. The nominees for the award are evaluated in the areas of overall management, delivery performance, technical capabilities, outstanding results, and six other selection criteria. Having received top marks in each of these areas, Hi Rel Products has proven to be more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Small and family owned businesses like Hi-Rel are vital to the health of our economy. They are the key to our economic recovery and are vital to creating much needed jobs. With 30 high quality manufacturing jobs in Connecticut, Hi-Rel Products is helping to move our economy forward. Mr. Dolan and the entire Hi-Rel family are a true asset to our state and our region and I commend them on receiving this well deserved award.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment by Rep. KEATING of Massachusetts, Number 4. I would have voted "nay."

**HONORING KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY, INC.**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keller Williams Realty, Inc., a real estate franchise organization which has recognized a significant need to give back to communities.

In 2008, Keller Williams Realty designated and sponsored one day that year to encourage and allow its employees and associates, and other real estate professionals and members of the community, to sponsor and conduct charitable acts, and named and marketed that day as RED Day. RED stands for Renew Energize Donate. RED Day has inspired thousands of real estate professionals across America to volunteer in their local communities. Keller Williams Realty Inc. which is located in my home State of Texas, should be commended for performing charitable acts within the communities where its franchises operate.

Keller Williams Realty is committed to maintaining, growing and celebrating RED Day every year and RED Day has contributed over one-hundred and fifty thousand hours of volunteer service in a single day in the past year alone. RED Day volunteers have helped rebuild houses, nursing homes, children's camps, animal shelters, clean parks and provide meals and activities for the elderly. The scope of the RED Day projects has been limitless.

Mr. Speaker, RED Day volunteers model the best in citizenship and create a climate of goodwill that lasts far beyond one day a year. I ask my fellow colleagues today to join me in honoring RED day.

**CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Ned Zechman's retirement as President and CEO of Children's National Medical Center reminds us of the debt of gratitude that we owe him and the institution that he has led for more than 16 years.

Children's National is an invaluable resource for the national capital area and an inspiring model for the entire nation.

Throughout Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, families appreciate that Children's National is the only exclusive provider

of pediatric care in the Washington metropolitan area. When children have illnesses or injuries that require specialized diagnosis and treatment, parents throughout the region can count on Children's internationally recognized team of pediatric healthcare professionals.

Families in my congressional district, including Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, and Prince George's Counties know that friendly, smiling bear—the widely recognized symbol of Children's National—is looking out for our kids.

Over the past decade-and-a-half, under Ned Zechman's leadership, Children's National has expanded its services to our region and our Nation. Annual admissions increased by more than 28 percent to more than 13,000. Emergency Department visits increased by 35 percent to more than 83,000. Surgeries increased by an extraordinary 88 percent to more than 14,000. Diagnostic procedures increased by 36 percent to a remarkable total of more than 100,000.

During Ned Zechman's years as CEO, Children's National provided a model for the Nation in one more way. The institution is not only an example of social responsibility—it is an example of fiscal responsibility.

When Mr. Zechman arrived, Children's National, like many healthcare institutions, faced numerous threats to its fiscal solvency and found it difficult to compete in a changing environment. With Ned's leadership, Children's

National adopted a new business model, increased fundraising, and stabilized its finances.

Ned Zechman's living legacy is a unique and thriving institution dedicated to providing the highest quality health care services to the Nation's children and their families: Children's National Medical Center. I wish Ned all the best and thank him for many years of service to our region.

COMMENDING RICHARD RYAN OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEING NAMED 2011 TRUCK DEALER OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 23, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to acknowledge a constituent of mine, Mr. Richard "Dick" Ryan was recently named the 2011 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers, ATD, division of the National Automobile Dealers Association, NADA, and Heavy Duty Trucking magazine during the annual ATD Convention and Expo in Phoenix, Arizona. This award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service.

Mr. Ryan is President and Chief Executive Officer of Carolina International Trucks based in Columbia, South Carolina. The dealership sells medium and heavy-duty International Trucks, IC Buses and Mitsubishi Fuso medium-duty trucks.

Since his purchase in the early 1990s, Carolina International Trucks has grown to eight locations including four in South Carolina—Columbia, Greenville, Florence and Charleston—and is one of South Carolina's leading truck dealers. Under his leadership, the dealership's sales grew from \$25 million to \$100 million and its leasing business has doubled over the past 10 years. Every year since he became President/CEO, the dealership has been profitable.

Mr. Ryan has assisted his fellow dealers by working on the International Truck Dealer Council and Dealer Advisory Board. He also served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Idealease Board of Directors, leading the organization through an executive management transition and reshaping its strategic direction.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Richard Ryan and his employees at Carolina International and ask that you and other Members of Congress join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his effort on behalf of his customers, his fellow business owners and all South Carolinians.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 25

9:30 a.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine derivatives clearinghouses, focusing on opportunities and challenges. SD-538

10 a.m. Environment and Public Works To hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, to be Chief of Engineers, and Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense. SD-406

Finance To hold hearings to examine the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement. SD-215

Appropriations Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine creating jobs and transforming communities, focusing on funding for the Small Business Administration and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. SD-138

Appropriations Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine protecting American jobs, focusing on strengthening trade enforcement including anti-dumping and maritime laws. SD-124

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine how to save taxpayer dollars, focusing on case studies of duplication in the Federal government. SD-342

Judiciary To hold hearings to examine holding criminals accountable, focusing on extending criminal jurisdiction to government contractors and employees abroad. SD-226

Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on meeting the needs of service members and veterans. SR-418

10:15 a.m. Joint Economic Committee To hold hearings to examine driving innovation and job growth through the life sciences industry. SH-216

10:30 a.m. Appropriations Department of Defense Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Missile Defense Agency. SD-192

2 p.m. Finance Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the spread of tax fraud by identity theft, focusing on a threat to taxpayers, a drain on the public treasury. SD-215

2:30 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine assessing efforts to eliminate improper payments. SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine S. 375, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services, S. 714, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 730, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 233, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and S. 268, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation. SD-366

Armed Services SeaPower Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control To hold hearings to examine combating drug violence in Central America, focusing on United States efforts to enhance security throughout Central America. SD-562

MAY 26

10 a.m. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry To hold hearings to examine the role, risks, and challenges for American agriculture and the next farm bill in meeting the demands of a growing world. SH-216

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold hearings to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, part II. SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, an original bill to provide for the conduct of an analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes, an original bill to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies, and for other purposes, an original bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities, S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, S. 757, to provide incentives to encourage the development and implementation of technology to capture carbon dioxide from dilute sources on a significant scale using direct air capture technologies, S. 916, to facilitate appropriate oil and gas development on Federal land and waters, to limit dependence of the United States on foreign sources of oil and gas, and S. 917, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf. SD-366

Finance To hold hearings to examine the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. SD-215

Judiciary Business meeting to consider S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, and the nominations of John Andrew Ross, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Timothy M. Cain, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Nannette Jolivet Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Nancy Torresen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and William Francis Kuntz, II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. SD-226

10:15 a.m. Foreign Relations To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Department of State. SD-419

- 10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of Defense Subcommittee  
To receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for United States Central Command and United States Africa Command.  
SVC-217
- 2 p.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine meals, rides, and caregivers, focusing on the "Older American Act".  
SD-106
- 2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine expanding the success of native language and culture-based education.  
SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 792, to authorize the waiver of certain debts relating to assistance provided to individuals and households since 2005.  
SD-342
- Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219
- JUNE 7
- 2:30 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), and border protection and the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office collaboration in the fight to prevent corruption.  
SD-342
- JUNE 15
- 10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
SD-192
- JUNE 16
- 10:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of PL 99-658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99-658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review.  
SD-366
- Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), and Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07).  
SD-419
- JUNE 8
- 9:30 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State.  
SD-419
- JUNE 9
- 10 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine border corruption, focusing on assessing customs