

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAXWELL KENNER  
DUSCH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Maxwell Kenner Dusch. Maxwell is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Maxwell has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Maxwell has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Maxwell has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Maxwell Kenner Dusch for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LETTERS FROM REP. DENNIS J.  
KUCINICH TO THE UNITED NA-  
TIONS ON THE WAR IN LIBYA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit letters I have sent to the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, regarding the U.N.-sanctioned war in Libya.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*April 12, 2011.*

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, United Nations, New York,  
New York.*

DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL: On March 19, 2011 the United Nation (UN) Security Council adopted Resolution 1973 which authorized the international community to act to "to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack" in Libya. That measure allowed member states to act "nationally or through regional organizations or arrangements . . . in cooperation with the Secretary-General."

However, members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), which has acted under the authority of the UN mandate, have expressed a desire to remove Muammar Gaddafi from power, a demand that was not authorized by the United Nations Security Council. The Libyan Transitional National Council yesterday rejected a cease-fire proposal because it lacked a requirement for Gaddafi to leave power. The United States did not have a full accounting of the cease-fire proposal, but Secretary Clinton continued to call for regime change.

Today, news reports indicate that France and Britain are urging NATO to expand their operations in Libya. The British Foreign Secretary, William Hague, was quoted by The New York Times as saying that "[a]ny viable future for Libya involves the Departure of Colonel Qaddafi."

It is imperative the UN remind France and Britain that regime change is not part of the UN mandate. An attempt at regime change would likely expand a civil war creating a large number of civilian casualties on both sides. NATO is not authorized to go beyond the UN mandate and France and Great Britain should not demand they do so. The UN Secretary General must intervene to stop an expansion of the war even though two member states, for whatever reason, appear intent on pursuing that expansion.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*April 14, 2011.*

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, United Nations, New York,  
New York.*

DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL: I write to bring your attention to reports that reveal that the State of Qatar has been supplying weapons to Libyan rebels and ask that you take immediate steps to ensure full compliance with the arms embargo currently in effect in Libya.

According to The Guardian, Qatar is supplying "anti-tank weapons to Libyan rebels in Benghazi as part of its strategy of working to overthrow the Gaddafi regime, officials in Doha have confirmed." This is a clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1970, adopted on February 26, 2011, which established an international arms embargo and requires all member states to take "necessary measures" to prevent the "supply, sale or transfer" of arms and related materiel into Libya.

You recently made strong statements urging full compliance with an international arms embargo in Cote D'Ivoire following revelations that attack helicopters were provided to forces loyal to former president Laurent Gbagbo, recognizing that supplying such aid would be "very dangerous in our own effort to resolve this issue peacefully." Failure to take action to ensure compliance with UNSCR 1970 in Libya could pose the same danger, potentially prolonging a civil war and likely resulting in further civilian deaths. It also significantly undermines the legitimacy of the U.N. and the international humanitarian effort it has authorized in Libya.

I urge you to take immediate and appropriate action to ensure that Qatar and all U.N. member states are in full compliance with UNSCR 1970.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*April 19, 2011.*

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary, United Nations, New York, New  
York.*

DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL: The silence of the U.N. appears to be creating an atmos-

phere that allows member states to take actions that are likely to prolong a civil war and increase the risk to Libyan civilians. We cannot allow such a dangerous precedent to be set in Libya.

Reports today indicate that Britain and France have sent a joint team of military advisors to assist rebels in Libya, an overt and dangerous sign of intentions to act well beyond the authorization granted in United Nations Security Council (UNSCR) 1973. I urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that U.N. member states fully comply with UNSCR 1973 and refrain from taking steps in Libya that can only serve to prolong a protracted conflict at the expense of Libyan civilians.

The United Nations has been noticeably reserved when it was revealed that Qatar was providing arms to Libyan rebels in contravention of UNSCR 1970, despite recognition by the U.N. that the humanitarian situation in Libya has worsened following increased fighting between rebels and pro-Gaddafi forces.

It is of the utmost importance that the United Nations make its stance on violations of U.N. Security Council resolutions well-known. The United Nations must state clearly that any actions taken by member states outside of the scope of UNSCR 1973 will not be tolerated.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*May 6, 2011.*

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, United Nations, New York,  
New York.*

Hon. LUIS MORENO-OCAMPO,  
*Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The  
Hague, The Netherlands.*

I write to express my grave concern over recent actions by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Libya that appear to constitute a deliberate attack on a foreign leader, in direct contravention to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1973, and the effect such actions may have on prolonging an already protracted and bloody conflict in Libya.

I am specifically concerned about reports of a strike conducted by NATO on Saturday, April 30 on a compound in Tripoli that reportedly killed Saif al-Arab Gaddafi, the youngest son of President Muammar Gaddafi, along with three grandchildren. According to the The Washington Post, NATO's commander of the current operations in Libya, General Charles Bouchard, stated that "All NATO's targets are military in nature and have been clearly linked to the Gaddafi regime's systematic attacks on the Libyan population and populated areas. We do not target individuals."

NATO is acting in Libya pursuant to UNSCR 1973, which authorized an international military intervention for the sole purpose of protecting Libyan civilians. A NATO strike on a compound that resulted in the death of family members of President Gaddafi clearly exceeds this mandate and must not be tolerated. The lack of accountability for U.N. member states and international arrangements if they act beyond

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the U.N. Security Council mandate makes it clear that U.N. resolutions can be violated with impunity. Despite the mandate to protect Libyan civilians, it is clear that actions are being taken in Libya by member states that endanger the civilians.

As you know, on February 26, the U.N. Security Council referred Libya to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in order to investigate allegations of actions taken by the Libyan government against Libyan civilians in response to an uprising in the country. This week, the ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo announced that charges would be brought upon members of the Libyan government for crimes alleged to have been committed against unarmed civilians that occurred during the current conflict.

It is imperative that NATO also be held accountable for any actions that violate UNSCR 1973 and international law. The United Nations must take immediate action to ensure compliance with UNSCR 1973, or risk a continued escalation of the conflict at the cost of many more lives. The U.N. has an obligation to protect civilians under international law and to ensure that military operations it has authorized are conducted in accordance to such laws.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

cc: General Charles Bouchard, NATO.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
June 10, 2011.

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, The United Nations, New York, New York.*

Hon. LUIS MORENO-OCAMPO,  
*Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands.*

DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL BAN AND PROSECUTOR MORENO-OCAMPO: I write to express my grave concern over a recent report that states that a senior North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) official believes that Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi is a legitimate target under United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1973. Therefore, I ask that the United Nations take immediate steps to address this and other violations of the U.N. mandate which was to protect civilians in Libya.

NATO has taken actions in Libya that raise serious questions about the military intervention in the country, including a strike conducted by NATO in April on a compound in Tripoli that reportedly killed Saif Al-Arab Gaddafi, Gaddafi's youngest son, and three of his grandchildren. NATO is acting in Libya pursuant to UNSCR 1973, which authorized an international military intervention for the sole purpose of protecting Libyan civilians. A NATO strike to deliberately target a leader of a foreign country clearly exceeds this mandate and must not be tolerated. The lack of accountability for U.N. member states and international arrangements if they act beyond the U.N. Security Council mandate makes it clear that absent the intervention of your good offices U.N. resolutions can be violated with impunity.

It is imperative that NATO be held accountable for any actions that violate UNSCR 1973 and international law. The United Nations must take immediate action to ensure compliance with UNSCR 1973, or risk a continued escalation of the conflict at the cost of many more lives. The U.N. has an obligation to protect civilians under international law and to ensure that military operations it has authorized are conducted in accordance to such laws.

The failure of the United Nations and the International Criminal Court to effectively intervene to stop such egregious violations

by NATO risks the serious degrading of international institutions whose very existence depends upon compliance with and enforcement of international law.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
June 20, 2011.

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, The United Nations, New York, New York.*

Hon. LUIS MORENO-OCAMPO,  
*Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands.*

I write to express my grave concern regarding recent reports that a strike conducted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Libya this weekend killed innocent civilians. In light of this event, I reiterate my request that the United Nations (U.N.) take immediate steps to ensure that member states, acting in Libya under NATO and pursuant to a U.N. mandate to protect civilians, are held accountable for possible violations of international law and pertinent U.N. Security Council resolutions.

According to The Washington Post, a "blast flattened a two-story house, killing two children and seven adults . . . and it came a day after the alliance confirmed that last week it accidentally struck a vehicle carrying allied rebel fighters." The killing of civilians and rebel fighters by NATO airstrikes raises serious questions about the use of military intervention, as codified in U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973, to protect civilians and highlights the urgent need for a negotiated ceasefire. As the war in Libya passes the 90-day mark, it has become clear that the military intervention has resulted in a further escalation of the conflict, which is likely to further increase the risk to civilians. It is vital that NATO work with the U.N., its member states and the international community toward a politically negotiated end to the conflict. Indeed, a political settlement may be the only way to truly protect Libyan civilians from harm and bring an end to a protracted conflict. To that end, I have enclosed a structured series of steps patterned after the African Union effort which can serve to end the conflict.

It is imperative that the U.N. hold NATO and its top command directly accountable under international statutes for actions which place the lives of innocent civilians at risk. The U.N. has an obligation under international law to ensure that military operations it has authorized are conducted in accordance with such laws.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
*Member of Congress.*

Enclosure: Blueprint for Self-Determination and Peace in Libya.

THE BLUEPRINT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION  
AND PEACE IN LIBYA

(Proposed by Congressman Dennis J.  
Kucinich)

#### 1. CEASEFIRE

All parties to the current conflict must implement an immediate cessation of all hostilities.

a. Following the implementation of a ceasefire, monitors from the African Union (A.U.) and the United Nations (U.N.) will be deployed to ensure compliance with the ceasefire.

b. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) must immediately end all military offensives, including the enforcement of a "no fly zone," air strikes by jets, helicopters and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

c. All covert operations from NATO member nations shall be discontinued.

d. All government and rebel forces, including paramilitary and mercenary forces must withdraw from cities they currently occupy.

#### 2. UNFETTERED HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

Libyan authorities must immediately allow for unfettered humanitarian access and facilitate the safe, timely delivery of humanitarian assistance to all people in need. Libyan authorities must cooperate and allow for the protection of, and if needed, evacuation of foreign nationals and its African migrant community and workers.

#### 3. DIALOGUE

The African Union along with the U.N. is to facilitate an inclusive dialogue in implementing a blueprint for self-determination and peace.

#### 4. FULL COMPLIANCE WITH PERTINENT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The U.N. must enforce and ensure that all U.N. member states fully comply with the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1970, which established an international arms embargo on Libya;

#### 5. REPARATIONS FOR CIVILIANS KILLED OR INJURED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Payments should be made by all parties to the conflict to any injured non-combatants or families of those non-combatants killed as a result of the current conflict.

#### 6. REFORMING THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Representatives of the Libyan government and the Transitional National Council shall call parties forward to participate in a Constitutional drafting committee, to develop a mechanism to proceed to determine the structure, composition and enactment of a reform government and to select a committee to draft a national constitution.

#### 7. TIMELINE FOR REFORM

a. The Constitutional drafting committee shall issue a report on its deliberations.

b. A referendum shall be held on the newly drafted Constitution, and, once it is adopted, national elections will be held.

c. The referendum on the Constitution shall be conducted under the auspices of independent international observers from the African Union and the United Nations.

d. Independent international observers shall be asked to monitor elections.

#### 8. REPATRIATION OF FROZEN ASSETS

All frozen Libyan assets must be returned.

#### 9. NATURAL RESOURCES

The oil, water and natural gas resources of the State of Libya must be held in public trust for the long-term social and economic security of the people of Libya.

#### 10. PROTECTING AND UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF ALL LIBYAN CITIZENS

All parties and the newly constituted government of Libya shall abide by international law and human rights law. The newly constituted government must ensure fair access to all basic services in Libya.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

July 19, 2011.

Hon. BAN KI-MOON,  
*Secretary General, The United Nations, New York, New York.*

DEAR SECRETARY GENERAL: I write to continue to express my concern over the ongoing conflict in Libya and clear violations of a U.N.-sanctioned no-fly zone that only serve to prolong the conflict. It is being reported that the no-fly zone established by United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1973 and enforced by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is not being enforced in certain circumstances in

order to allow for the delivery of military assistance to Libyan rebels.

According to The Washington Post, NATO “appears to allow rebel flights that shuttle personnel, food, medicine—and allegedly some weapons and communications equipment—between rebels in the eastern city of Benghazi and a stretch of two-lane highway . . . in the west. On Monday, two reporters watched a four-engine jet take off from the highway and climb quickly into the sky.”

As you know, such actions would be in direct violation of UNSCR 1973 and will continue to prolong the war which shows no signs of ending soon. Last month, France, a leading proponent of the war in Libya and member of NATO enforcing the no-fly zone, was reported to be arming Libya rebels in contravention to U.N. Security Council Resolution on Libya. The United Nations must take immediate action to hold member states accountable for allowing violations of U.N. Security Council resolutions. The U.N. cannot stand idly by as its member states take actions under its name that clearly serve to further their own political interests, rather than protect Libyan civilians.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss ways we can work together toward your stated priority for the U.N., sustainable development. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,  
Member of Congress.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chair, earlier today, during consideration of H.R. 2354, Ms. CAPPS offered an amendment that would have required peer-reviewed seismic studies to be completed and lessons learned from the Japanese nuclear disaster before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission considers an application to renew the operating licenses for the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in California. I thought this was a reasonable approach. Unfortunately, that amendment was ruled out of order. Though this second Capps amendment is less precise than the original amendment, I support it because I believe it is crucial that the necessary seismic studies be completed and considered during the license renewal process. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission must have a comprehensive understanding of what went wrong at the Fukushima Daiichi reactors in order to ensure that Diablo Canyon can be safely operated after the current licenses expire in 2024 and 2025. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

HONORING KEVIN JAMES GORDON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin James Gordon. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kevin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin James Gordon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. TYEESSE GAINES AND MICHELE JAKER

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of the New Leadership Council's 40 Under 40 Award recipients, Dr. Tyeesse Gaines and Michele Jaker. Both individuals have made impressive contributions to their community and great accomplishments in their professional careers and continue to embody the mission of the New Leaders Council.

Dr. Tyeesse Gaines is a physician-journalist and touts an impressive 10 years of experience in both print and broadcast experience. She is currently a health contributor for NBC's theGRIO.com and has made appearances as a medical expert on various media outlets, including MSNBC and ABCNews.com. Currently practicing as Chief Emergency Medicine Resident Physician at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, she will soon be transitioning to become an Attending Physician at Raritan Bay Medical Center. Dr. Gaines' academic accolades have bolstered her professional career toward success. Her research and academic interests have focused on head injury cases and improving a patient's understanding of their discharge instruction and medical care. Dr. Gaines has also held various national leadership positions with the Student National Medical Association for 9 years and was later elected Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. In conjunction with her professional career, Dr. Gaines continues to mentor minority pre-medical and medical students, helping them prepare for successful future careers.

Ms. Michele Jaker currently serves as the Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey (PPANJ) and the Family Planning Association of New Jersey (FPANJ). She also admirably serves as Director of the Planned Parenthood Action Committee of New Jersey, a statewide political ac-

tion committee that works in support of pro-choice and pro-women's health candidates in New Jersey. Prior to her current positions, Ms. Jaker served as Chief of Staff to New Jersey State Senator Joseph Vitale. Ms. Jaker also serves as Public Defender for the Borough of Fanwood, New Jersey. Ms. Jaker is an alumna of Douglass College at Rutgers University and holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute/Bloustein School at Rutgers University. In 2000, she earned a law degree from Rutgers University-Newark and has been a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association since 2001. Ms. Jaker has been the driving force in New Jersey to protect access to quality health services for all women.

The New Leaders Council (NLC) is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit leadership organization that seeks out, trains, and recognizes the best and brightest individuals. The organization has motivated individuals across the country to start their own local chapter of NLC, the most recent located in New Jersey. Along with their mission to prepare the next generation of leaders, NLC honors outstanding individuals and visionaries that are currently impacting society. Tonight's 40 Under 40 Awards Reception supports this mission.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Tyeesse Gaines and Michele Jaker for their immeasurable contributions to the community and thank the New Jersey Chapter of the National Leaders Council for hosting tonight's 40 Under 40 reception.

HONORING IAN MICHAEL NIEMEYER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Michael Niemeyer. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Michael Niemeyer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on July 18, 2011. I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 601: yes; rollcall No. 602: yes.

HONORING DEKLAN LOUIS  
KENNEDY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Deklan Louis Kennedy. Deklan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Deklan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Deklan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Deklan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Deklan Louis Kennedy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE HARRY VAN  
ARSDALE JR. CENTER FOR  
LABOR STUDIES AT SUNY EM-  
PIRE STATE COLLEGE

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies at SUNY Empire State College on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

The New York State legislature created SUNY Empire State College in 1971 in order to provide educational opportunities to adults not adequately served by traditional residential colleges. At the same time, it also established the Center for Labor Studies, which was renamed in 1986 to honor the distinguished labor leader, the long-time business manager of IBEW Local 3 and president of the New York City Central Labor Council, who did so much to support its creation.

The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies at SUNY Empire State College continues to fulfill its namesake's dream of providing wage-earning adults with an opportunity to develop their labor leadership skills and to earn a college degree in a learning environment that celebrates their achievements and recognizes their particular needs. To do so, the Van Arsdale Center provides flexible, worker-friendly educational programs delivered by highly qualified faculty to ensure that its trade union students and other working adults may acquire the analytical and communicative skills that are the hallmark of a college degree.

The center currently serves several important constituencies in the New York City area, including IBEW Local 3 and United Association Local 1 apprentices, as well as paraeducators affiliated with the United Fed-

eration of Teachers. The longest-standing of these partnerships is with the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry in New York City (JIB), and it is one of the center's most successful partnerships. Since 1978 every registered electrical apprentice in IBEW Local 3 has been required to complete, in addition to their related classroom instruction in electrical theory, an academic course of study in which they learn to read and write at the college level and for which they are awarded a college degree; or, if they already have a degree, a 20-credit certificate in "Labor and the Construction Industry." Other programs were added later: the paraeducator program of the UFT in 2006, the college degree program of UA Local 1 in 2008; and others are in development.

The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies has graduated more than 5,000 men and women, many of whom have gone on to hold positions of honor in the New York City labor movement and beyond. Please join me in congratulating this exemplary educational organization on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

HONORING CONNOR JAMES PACE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Connor James Pace. Connor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Connor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Connor has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor James Pace for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM KINZINGER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 601 and 602. Due to previously scheduled district events, I was unable to return to Washington, DC. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor.

TRIBUTE TO MILENDA G. MEDERS

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Madera resi-

dent Milenda G. Meders, or Millie as she is known, upon being named "2011 Senior Farmer of the Year" by the Madera Chamber of Commerce. This award is a tribute to Milenda's professional accomplishments in the farming industry, as well as her dedicated service and leadership in many Central Valley agriculture and farming community organizations.

Milenda was born on August 8, 1935. She and her twin brother, Michael, were raised on a Chowchilla dairy farm founded by her parents, Carl and Gayle Gaumnitz, in the 1920's. Milenda graduated from Chowchilla Union High School in 1953, and went on to attend California State University Fresno, where she graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with minors in biology and journalism. After earning her degree, Milenda worked in the Sales and Ag Departments at KMJ Radio in Fresno, and later was a writer and producer of Nelson Crow Publications Western Dairy Journal. In 1965, Milenda married her husband, Lieutenant John Q. Meders, a retired U.S. Navy carrier pilot and 2nd generation cattle rancher. Together, she and her husband have farmed field row crops, almonds, and raised cattle.

Over the past 51 years, Milenda's contribution to the farming community reached beyond her professional accomplishments. Milenda served on the board of the Chowchilla Fair for 16 years, and was the Chowchilla Fair Livestock Superintendent for 20 years. She also served as Director of the Madera County Cattleman's Association for 12 years; Director of the Chowchilla Water District; and has volunteered her time and agricultural expertise as a member of the Ag Advisory Committee at Chowchilla High School. Currently, she is the Director and CFO of "Preserve Our Heritage," and a member of the University of California, Davis Agricultural Issues Advisory Board. Her contributions to these organizations and the Madera County farming community have been honored with several prestigious awards. In 2006, Milenda was a recipient of the California Women for Agriculture and California State University Fresno Ag One Foundation "Common Threads Award", an award given to 5 women in Central Valley agriculture for volunteering their time, energy and resources to benefit the community. In 2007, Milenda and her husband John received the Madera County "Cattleman of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Milenda G. Meders for her hard work and dedicated community service in the Central Valley farming industry, and congratulating her upon receiving the Madera Chamber of Commerce "Senior Farmer of the Year Award."

HONORING ETHAN PATRICK  
TURNER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Patrick Turner. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan Patrick Turner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNIZING EUNICE LEWIS

### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great citizen of the State of Missouri. I offer the highest commendation to Eunice Lewis of Granby, Missouri, who has the distinction of being the oldest living member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Born in Lincoln, Arkansas and raised in Morris, Oklahoma, Ms. Lewis married Mr. George McFarland of the United States Marine Corps during World War II. At the age of twenty-eight, with her husband serving in the Pacific Theatre of Operations—where he was captured and held prisoner by Japanese forces for five years—Eunice joined the Women's Army Corps and completed her training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Eunice was then stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where her primary responsibility was writing the Last Will and Testaments for the soldiers. After her husband returned safely from overseas, they were anxious to begin their new life together. They found a home in Granby, a home which still stands to this day. Eunice and George McFarland had one son, Pat McFarland, who was all too young when his father passed away. Eunice then married Leon Lewis, who worked for Rocketdyne and Teledyne in Neosho, Missouri, and the couple enjoyed many years of wedded bliss prior to his passing twelve years ago. Eunice Lewis celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on July 7, 2011. I salute the life accomplishments of Eunice Lewis, a proud daughter of the State of Missouri and the United States.

#### HONORING COREY ALAN STORTS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Corey Alan Storts. Corey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Corey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Corey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Corey has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Corey Alan Storts for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 2011, I was absent for two rollcall votes.

If I had been here, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 601; and "yes" on rollcall vote 602.

#### HONORING TYLER ANDREW GRAEF

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Andrew Graef. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Andrew Graef for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, July 18, 2011, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 601 and "aye" on rollcall 602.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE DAVID R. ZAMORA

### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a valued member of the Colton Community, the Honorable Mayor David R. Zamora. Mayor Zamora passed away at the age of fifty-six on July 14, 2011.

Albert Einstein was once quoted as saying, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." According to these standards, David Zamora lived one of the fullest lives imaginable for others.

David was born in San Bernardino on January 9, 1955. He attended the California State University at San Bernardino, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology as well as Social Science. He later graduated with a Master of Public Administration. He worked in Colton and the Inland Empire for over forty years, primarily in education and public service.

David led a life of service to the cities and people of the Inland Empire. He spent twenty-eight years working at the City of Colton, retiring as the Director of Community Development in 2009. As a lifelong Inland Empire resident, David was always extremely dedicated to the well-being of his community. The positive impact he left on the City of Colton will be felt for years to come.

David served three consecutive terms as an elected member of the Board of Education for the Colton Joint Unified School District. He was elected Mayor of the City of Colton in November of 2010, and immediately bolstered Colton's budget reserve funds.

However, the friends and colleagues that served with David say his biggest impact was personal. He possessed the rare ability to bring people together. It was always about the team—the team that he built—and the best interest of the community. Many people credit Mayor David Zamora for bringing a civility to Colton's fractious politics.

On a personal note, I always felt a special kinship with David because my own mother's maiden name was Zamora. He was a positive and genuinely happy person, and I know he will be deeply missed in the Inland Empire.

David leaves with cherished memories his wife, Sarah, his three daughters, Mia, Summer, and Alexa, and his three grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with David's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of a beloved community member, the Honorable David Zamora.

#### DANTE BELLAMY

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dante Bellamy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dante Bellamy is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dante Bellamy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dante Bellamy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2011, I was unable to attend votes due to conflicting appointments as a result of the change in the legislative calendar for this week. Monday evening I held a listening event with local farmers at the fairgrounds. Had there been advance notice of a schedule change, I would have moved my appointment with the farmers. However, I could not, in good conscience, cancel on a group that had been on my schedule for several months.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows:

For H.R. 33, I would have voted, "yea". I believe this suspension resolves financial uncertainty for churches, especially during this rough economic period.

For Approval of the Journal, I would have voted, "yea".

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CASSANDRA GARCIA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassandra Garcia for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cassandra Garcia is a 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cassandra Garcia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cassandra Garcia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, for rollcall Nos. 601 and 602, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea" for rollcall 601 and, "yea" for rollcall 602.

CODY GRUBBS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cody Grubbs for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cody Grubbs is a 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cody Grubbs is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cody Grubbs for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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RECOGNIZING CARMEN CANO,  
EXEMPLARY TEACHER

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carmen Cano, for her contribution to the South Florida community and on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Cano, a native of Cuba, always had a passion for education and mentoring those whom she taught.

In 1952, she graduated with a Doctorate in Education from The University of Havana, and just a few years later became the principal of one of Cuba's most prominent schools, St. George's School.

Unfortunately, like so many, in 1960 she was forced to flee Castro's repressive regime in search of freedom and opportunity.

That opportunity was waiting for her here in South Florida.

After arriving in Miami, Mrs. Cano began to volunteer at Gesu School, where she helped to educate not only her students' hearts but also their minds.

Mrs. Cano's dedication to her students and professionalism led to her being offered a permanent position teaching 8th grade math.

In 1982, when the Gesu School closed its doors, Mrs. Cano's reputation throughout the South Florida community lead her to being offered a position at another of Miami's staple institutions, St. John the Apostle.

For 12 years she would continue to teach at St. John, where her great sense of humor, extraordinary teaching style, and her faith would earn the respect of her administrators, peers, and most importantly her students.

Mrs. Cano's friendly spirit and maternal nature gave her students, many of whom arrived in Miami alone, a sense of security and belonging.

I am honored to have Mrs. Cano as a constituent of the 18th District of Florida and

thank her for all she has done for the South Florida community.

Happy Birthday, Carmen!

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COURTNEY JONES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Courtney Jones for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Courtney Jones is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Courtney Jones is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Courtney Jones for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 18, 2011, I missed rollcall votes numbered 601 and 602. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 33 to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to specify when certain securities issued in connection with church plans are treated as exempted securities for purposes of that Act and "aye" on approving the journal.

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DARYA REDZKO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darya Redzko for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Darya Redzko is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darya Redzko is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Darya Redzko for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CONNIE MACK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2011, I was unavoidably delayed and unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 601 and 602. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on No. 601 and "yes" on No. 602.

DAMIEN SALIMBENI

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damien Salimbeni for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Damien Salimbeni is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Damien Salimbeni is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Damien Salimbeni for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

EDUCATION JOBS SAVED OR CREATED BY AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

State/Territory	Total ARRA Awards	2009-2010 School Year Avg.	2011 Jobs Reported as of 3/31/11
Alabama	\$1,211,481,243	6,005	5,845
Alaska	286,386,725	288	445
American Samoa	55,041,672	0	67
Arizona	1,546,116,040	4,526	2,226
Arkansas	737,604,784	1,187	2,846
California	9,090,383,978	55,912	20,544
Colorado	1,161,981,982	6,861	2,652
Connecticut	793,482,267	5,527	5,461
Delaware	370,482,181	514	558
District of Columbia	275,621,995	1,044	398
Florida	4,996,853,160	25,095	48,473
Georgia	2,793,622,033	20,423	4,914
Guam	121,588,935	—	19
Hawaii	359,806,800	1,284	2,835
Idaho	362,672,280	3,590	6,108
Illinois	3,298,099,077	21,397	5,457
Indiana	1,544,050,551	8,500	2,077
Iowa	693,421,051	6,088	2,797
Kansas	683,903,564	5,582	3,691
Kentucky	1,060,239,635	7,325	6,612
Louisiana	1,216,998,305	5,994	6,317
Maine	316,026,200	282	195
Maryland	1,653,482,244	2,506	1,623
Massachusetts	1,850,860,731	5,647	4,919
Michigan	2,889,081,098	11,432	6,704
Minnesota	1,186,202,076	7,820	1,082
Mississippi	810,144,314	2,553	5,100
Missouri	1,413,344,466	11,881	9,048
Montana	252,686,075	2,192	1,579
Nebraska	450,205,253	2,360	3,484
Nevada	640,833,521	4,256	586
New Hampshire	299,442,060	1,345	556
New Jersey	2,022,050,134	16,600	2,648
New Mexico	567,755,140	2,435	1,473
New York	5,968,744,969	29,282	22,631
North Carolina	2,570,193,077	19,371	21,662
North Dakota	182,232,317	1,483	461
Northern Mariana Islands	49,533,796	148	324
Ohio	3,383,219,434	12,512	15,981
Oklahoma	918,236,975	5,061	4,454
Oregon	869,631,848	5,407	4,114
Pennsylvania	3,015,209,631	8,515	7,780
Puerto Rico	1,328,494,866	11,834	10,606
Rhode Island	341,463,536	636	541
South Carolina	1,132,320,821	4,530	4,336
South Dakota	248,797,745	1,049	461
Tennessee	1,998,304,080	7,177	11,088
Texas	6,423,533,663	21,883	31,625
U.S. Virgin Islands	91,768,429	4	910
Utah	696,668,924	3,064	1,070
Vermont	164,868,039	559	309
Virginia	1,912,898,672	9,524	6,607
Washington	1,670,979,758	13,406	1,846
West Virginia	438,219,215	773	1,580
Wisconsin	1,347,822,608	7,981	1,374
Wyoming	152,612,538	30	395
Total	\$81,917,706,511	422,683	319,494

CHLOE HARRISON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chloe Harrison for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge

Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Chloe Harrison is a 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Chloe Harrison is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and

develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Chloe Harrison for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.



JULY 12TH OPENING OF PARADE  
SEASON IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
AND CALL FOR PEACE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, July 12th marked what is commonly known as "parade season" in Northern Ireland.

It also marks the beginning of what is historically a tense and even violent time for the region.

In preparation for this time, Northern Ireland's First and Deputy First Ministers, Peter Robinson and Martin McGuinness, called for calm during this summer period and urged citizens not to take steps backwards and further stall progress towards peace.

The July 12th parades mark the 1690 victory of Protestant King William of Orange over Catholic King James at the Battle of the Boyne. The annual parades by Protestants often precipitate Catholic protests.

Before the "Good Friday Accords" or Belfast peace agreement, in 1998, Northern Ireland suffered a three decade period of intense fighting and violence known as the "Troubles".

Unfortunately, this past week harkened back to that time, with rioting throughout the region, police officers and citizens injured, and outbursts occurring almost every day with attacks to churches, vehicles, and homes.

I am confident that no one in Northern Ireland truly wants to go back to a time of consistent violence and unrest.

It is at this critical time that we are reminded of the need for constructive political discourse and peaceful debate about the issues that are of greatest concern to the people of Northern Ireland.

The Good Friday Accords need to serve as guidelines at all times, especially the most contentious times, as to how peace and compromise should rule the day.

Going back on the progress made since the accords and with the recent elections in Northern Ireland would be a mistake, and I believe that those in Northern Ireland and the Irish Diaspora around the world would agree.

Northern Ireland leaders are urging their residents to pick up the call for peace and work towards compromise during the parade season.

Mr. Robinson asked that "everyone [take] a step back and think of the consequences before doing something which you will later regret."

He continued, "We must not allow the progress that has been made to be thwarted by those who want to drag us back to the past. We are determined to build a better and brighter future for all in Northern Ireland.

I echo the leaders' call and implore Irish American citizens and all Irish people in the world to show their support for peace during this parade season, the summer, and throughout the year.

CICALI VANNOY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cicali Vannoy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cicali Vannoy is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cicali Vannoy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cicali Vannoy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CONGRESS-  
MAN CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.**

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the sad honor of advising this House of the passing of my constituent and former Member of the House, the Honorable Charles W. Whalen, Jr. Unfortunately, the date of Congressman Whalen's death was printed incorrectly. The correct date is June 27, 2011.

I urge my colleagues to read the tribute that was printed in yesterday's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which included the obituaries from The Washington Post and The New York Times, to learn about this extraordinary American's life and the significant impact that he had on our country.

DAISY ESQUIVEL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daisy Esquivel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Daisy Esquivel is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daisy Esquivel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Daisy Esquivel for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, due to previously scheduled official commitments in my district, I was unavoidably detained and not present in the House chamber on Monday, July 18 to vote on rollcalls 601 and 602.

I would have voted "yea" on both rollcalls had I been present.

**HONORING CLYDE THOMAS  
PFISTERER**

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clyde Thomas Pfisterer on behalf of the people of Indiana as the former Secretary of State and now as the U.S. Representative for the 4th Congressional District. Clyde Pfisterer remains known as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and in that context, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family for their loss.

To Indiana, Clyde's leadership was a shining example of the type of leadership everyone should strive to achieve. Marked by common sense and a commitment to public service, his leadership embodied the qualities emblazoned in the Hoosier spirit. Clyde's focus on service above self; exemplified in his long service as a firefighter, arson investigator, and as a trainer and teacher to countless firefighters around the world, has left us all a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom and the opportunity to chart our own path. When I look at the life story of a man who served his community as a firefighter, served countless friends and neighbors in the community, and provided life saving instruction to his peers, all I can say is Amen. Well done.

Clyde Pfisterer exemplified the American dream in every way. The amazing narrative of his life will live on, not only through those whose lives he touched throughout our community, but through his family. I want to thank his family for sharing him with a community that will not soon forget him.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during the rollcall vote numbers 601 and 602, on July 18, 2011.



I would like the record to reflect how I would have voted:

On rollcall vote No. 601 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 602 I would have voted "yes."

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2011, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 601 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 33, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 602 (on approving the journal).

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was absent from the House Floor during rollcall vote 601 and rollcall vote 602 on July 18, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 601 and "yea" on rollcall vote 602.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DESTINEE RICHARDSON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of the 26th District of Texas, Destinee Richardson. Miss Richardson is a 9th grader at Little Elm High School, and is the Texas Youth Ambassador for North Texas. As a Youth Ambassador, she has learned important lessons about discipleship, forgiveness, trust, and love.

The Million Youth Peace March International will take place next weekend in Washington, D.C. Leaders from across the globe will gather to support world peace and encourage others to cease teen-on-teen violence, childhood obesity, and drug and alcohol abuse. Participants will march to encourage youth to express themselves in non-violent ways. I thank Destinee Richardson for her service, and am proud to represent her in Congress.

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CORI MORTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cori Morton for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service

Ambassadors for Youth award. Cori Morton is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cori Morton is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cori Morton for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the men and women who have served the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) located in Columbus, Ohio, since 1965 when the office opened. As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision, DISCO must relocate to Ft. Meade, Maryland, in September 2011.

The majority of the 160 employees and contractors plan to remain in Ohio and not relocate to Maryland, seeking either retirement or employment elsewhere. On Wednesday July 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony in Columbus to recognize their, and their predecessors', achievements over the last 46 years.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, DISCO processes requests for personnel and facility security clearances for industry contractors under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). The NISP is a partnership between the federal government and private industry to safeguard classified information. It was established through an Executive Order signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1993 and affects all executive branch agencies. The major signatories to the program are the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Department of Defense, and the Central Intelligence Agency. There are over one million cleared personnel and approximately 13,000 cleared facilities under the NISP.

DISCO is a Central Adjudication Facility responsible, on behalf of the Department of Defense and 23 other departments and agencies, for determining the facility and personnel clearance eligibility of contractors and their employees for access to classified information, foreign or domestic. It is responsible for maintenance of facility and personnel clearance records and processing security assurances, clearances and visits involving the United States and foreign countries.

To demonstrate the volume of work processed by each employee at DISCO on a daily basis, the 160 employees and contractors at DISCO rendered nearly 250,000 clearance decisions in Fiscal Year 2010. The men and

women who do this work have a major impact on individuals who seek clearances, the private companies who employ them, and the government agencies which contract for the work. All of this has a major and lasting impact on our national security.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing and appreciating the important work which has been done in Ohio since 1965 to help ensure national security through the issuance of security clearances for those working with some of the most sensitive information in the nation. We thank these individuals for their service and wish them much success as this important agency makes its transition.

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IN OPPOSITION TO ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed at what the House Republican Leadership did this week. Unemployment remains above 9%, job growth is sluggish, and we are facing a catastrophic default on our national debt. Yet this past week the Republicans passed three bills that do nothing to create jobs, but instead advance a narrow agenda built on environmental degradation.

First, the Republicans brought the misguided BULB Act to the floor. The BULB Act was rushed to a vote under the fictional pretense that American families were under the imminent threat of having light bulbs snatched from their homes. The truth is, under President Bush, new energy efficiency standards were adopted for light bulbs with bipartisan support. Incandescent bulbs are not banned, as the floor speeches this week would have you believe, and industry groups like the National Electric Manufacturers Association opposed the BULB Act because it would harm the investments light bulb manufacturers have already made to raise the efficiency of their products. This bill was unhelpful and unwanted and responded only to a problem manufactured in the minds of the political right. The bill fortunately failed on the House floor, but it did not fail in wasting our time.

We then moved on to the Energy and Water appropriations bill. This bill guts clean energy programs seeking to research and develop new wind and solar technologies while increasing investments for oil and gas companies. It cuts things like advanced vehicle technologies and weatherization assistance, which support good paying jobs in Michigan and elsewhere. The bill also includes language that makes it easier to pollute our drinking water. While many attempts were made to rebalance the bill in a more equitable manner, the Republicans insisted on their support for oil companies earning record profits and turned their backs on advanced energy and science.

Finally, last week we considered a bill which should be called the "Dirty Water Act." Named instead the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act, this bill is one of the most brazen attacks on the Clean Water Acts in memory. The bill strips the authority of the Administration to block environmentally harmful projects

and enforce water quality standards. The supporters of the bill claim it is the name of states' rights. But dirty water does not stop at state boundaries, which is why the Clean Water Act was created in the first place. We recognized decades ago that patchwork standards and varying state enforcements don't keep our drinking water clean.

My home state of Michigan relies on billions of dollars in tourism that flow into the state because of the recreational fishing, boating, and beautiful beaches visitors to our state enjoy. These dollars go away if we let our water quality standards slide. My Republican colleagues need to learn that clean water creates jobs, and that a dirty environment kills jobs.

I opposed all three of the measures considered this week, and hope that the Republican Leadership will stop with these senseless attacks on the environment and instead concentrate on creating jobs for the American people.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 601 and 602. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both rollcall votes.

#### THE NEED FOR PEACE IN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dawn of the Republic of South Sudan, the world's newest nation. While this is certainly a cause for celebration, the road to peace will not be an easy one for this war-torn region of Africa. The legacy of fifty years of violence, two million lives lost, and deep-rooted ethnic tensions will not vanish overnight.

This is especially true in the Nuba Mountains, part of the disputed border region of Southern Kordofan. While this volatile area remains under the control of Sudan, it is home to many communities that support the newly formed South Sudan. Sudanese forces from the north are accused of carrying out extensive aerial attacks targeted at pro-South Sudan groups. These attacks have displaced some 73,000 people, including 2,000 in a recent bombing campaign. Media reports also suggest targeted civilian killings and extrajudicial executions of suspected dissidents.

This violence must stop. The citizens of the Nuba Mountains, and all the citizens of Sudan and South Sudan, deserve to live in freedom, security, and stability. The history of genocide, war, and turmoil that has plagued this region of Africa does not need to be its future. As Sudan marks a momentous separation into two independent countries, let us embrace the possibility and hope that this new beginning can bring. I urge all my colleagues here in Congress to use their voice and their vote to

promote enduring stability for the Nuba Mountains and all of Sudan and South Sudan. Peace cannot wait a moment longer.

#### HONORING THE S'KLALLAM TRIBE AND THE ANNUAL TRIBAL CANOE JOURNEY

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that today the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will host the annual Tribal Canoe Journey in the town of Port Gamble on Washington state's Kitsap Peninsula. The Tribal Canoe Journey has been held annually since 1989 to continue the historic intertribal canoe journeys of the Coast Salish people. The first annual journey culminated in Seattle and included nine canoes, one of which was from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Canoe families train all year for the multi-day event and often carve their canoes, which is a traditional practice that has been revived for many tribes as a result of the annual Tribal Canoe Journey. Two years ago I was honored to watch the majestic parade of canoes as they came in on the Suquamish land. The beautifully carved canoes are a testament to the determination and renewal of our local tribes to preserve their sacred traditions.

The S'Klallam tribe is one of the 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington state. Along with other Northwest Native American tribes, members have struggled to preserve their culture in the face of the United States' westward expansion. In 1855, the S'Klallam tribe ceded its traditional lands to the United States in the Treaty of Point No Point, and its current reservation, which is in my district, was created in 1938.

I would like to highlight the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's leadership in issues relating to economic growth, water resources, and land use while retaining many of its tribal practices. The tribe relies heavily on the traditional harvest of clams, oysters, and crabs from Port Gamble Bay, which is one of the only bays in the Puget Sound open to commercial shellfish harvesting. This year saw the opening of Teekalet Village on the reservation, which is an "ecologically and financially-friendly" housing development for low to middle income tribal members.

I am pleased to announce that more than 1000 participants from many Native American tribes are expected to journey through Port Gamble on their way to Swinomish to celebrate the 22nd annual Tribal Canoe Journey. I am honored to recognize the journey's importance before Congress today in helping facilitate a cultural resurgence among Native Americans in the Northwest and for their dedication to this journey.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,909,569,328.74.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,484,223,034.94 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SEASHORE DAY CAMP & SCHOOL'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seashore Day Camp and School as its members and alumni gather to celebrate the organization's 85th Anniversary. Seashore Day Camp has maintained a successful organization for over eight decades and continues to provide an array of programs centered on enriching the children's summer experience. Similarly, the award winning Seashore school encourages learning at an early age. Seashore Day Camp and School's hard work dedicated to the children of the community is undoubtedly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. John Cittadino, a teacher and swim coach in Asbury Park, New Jersey, founded Seashore Day Camp in 1926 to provide the children of the local community the ability to interact with others during their summer break. This goal would be accomplished through various recreational activities. Seashore opened as the first day camp in New Jersey and one of the first in the United States. Beginning with seven children enrolled in its programs, Seashore Day Camp has grown over the last eight decades into one of the largest businesses in the area. They currently accommodate more than 500 boys and girls each summer and employ approximately 100 staff members per season. Seashore Day Camp has enrolled over 40,000 students throughout their 85 year history. Sixty percent of the students have returned as staff members. Upon his retirement in 1974, Mr. Cittadino sold Seashore Day Camp to the late Augustus "Gus" Villapiano, a 25-year employee. The Villapiano family relocated Seashore Day Camp to its present day headquarters in Long Branch, New Jersey. The camp remains under their direction to this day.

Today, the camp and its administration continue to modify the camp curriculum to reflect the demand for contemporary programs. Daily swim instruction and recreational activities remains the cornerstone of the Seashore Day Camp program, though larger-scale interactive events have also been included. Advanced sports and cultural and educational trips as

well as participation in the newly installed theater camp "On Broadway", providing programs for children interested in performing arts, are available. The camp continues to encourage their students to enhance their imaginations, develop new skills and undergo new experiences through a wide variety of recreational programs. The camp administration continues to innovatively maintain the students' interest. Seashore Day Camp's curriculum has acted as a role model for various summer recreational camps that would later follow.

As a result of their impressive actions, Seashore Day Camp was the recipient of the Family Business of the Year Award. In 1994, they also received a proclamation from Long Branch City officials, renaming February 12th as "Seashore Day Camp Day" in the City of Long Branch.

The popular and adored summer camp program led to the demand for the creation of a year-round academic program. For 37 years, Seashore School has maintained a high standard of academic excellence for students enrolled in their Preschool through 8th grade programs. Limited class sizes of sixteen students ensure more personalized attention by the highly qualified instructors. Students continue to perform a grade above their peers, touting the successful curriculum at Seashore School.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in thanking the members Seashore Day Camp and School for their leadership and service for the residents of Monmouth County and congratulate them on maintaining 85 years of excellence at the camp.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 8, 2011, I was absent for seven rollcall votes.

If I had been here, I would have voted: "no" on rollcall vote 525; "no" on rollcall vote 526; "no" on rollcall vote 527; "no" on rollcall vote 528; "no" on rollcall vote 529; "no" on rollcall vote 530; "yes" on rollcall vote 531.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. H.R. 33, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 602 on approving the journal, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
ANTIBOYCOTT ACT

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Antiboycott Act, the first major update and improvement of the 35-year-old law that prohibits U.S. persons and firms from cooperating with demands from the Arab League governments to refrain from doing business with Israel.

This legislation rectifies a long-standing weakness in the U.S. antiboycott policy: the lack of a permanent and legally-sound statutory provision to combat the Arab League's boycott, as well as any other boycott that might be imposed against other U.S. friends and allies in the future.

In 1977, in reaction to the Arab League's expansion of its boycott of Israel, Congress made it illegal for U.S. persons and companies to cooperate with secondary boycotts. It imposed civil and criminal penalties for violations. Those provisions were added to the Export Administration Act, EAA, of 1977 and the enforcement was assigned to what is now known as the Bureau of Industry and Security, which also administers our dual-use export controls. An office in that bureau is dedicated full-time to enforcing the antiboycott law and regulations.

However, in 1994, the EAA expired and, with the exception of one 12-month period in 2000–2001, the antiboycott law has been kept in effect by a series of Executive Orders issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, IEEPA, the President's emergency authority. The President's annual declaration of emergency for export controls and antiboycott describes the national emergency as the failure of Congress to act. This has been the situation for 16 of the past 17 years.

The use of IEEPA to continue the EAA—for both antiboycott and export controls—has been challenged in a series of lawsuits. Over the past decade, two of those lawsuits reached the federal appeals courts and were decided in the government's favor by split decisions. There is a risk that some day the government will lose.

The Arab League continues to try to pressure U.S. firms into cooperating with their boycott. In FY 2010 alone, U.S. firms reported 950 demands from governments to comply. The Bureau of Industry and Security counseled 1,020 U.S. firms on what their legal obligations are to resist. In FY 2010, BIS closed 14 cases against violators, up from 3 in the previous year. However, it is the preventive counseling, plus the threat of heavy penalties, that are deterring U.S. firms from complying with the secondary boycott.

The Antiboycott Act would provide a permanent and strengthened statute. It includes findings and a statement of U.S. policy that the President should take vigorous action to end both the primary and secondary Arab League boycott aimed at Israel.

In furtherance of those findings and policy, the bill would give the President the authority, for the first time since the original law was enacted in 1977, to restrict or prohibit U.S. firms from participating in the primary boycott, as

well as reauthorizing the long-standing prohibition on cooperation with the secondary boycott. This would be an important new tool to use in seeking an end to the Arab League boycott.

This authority would apply to any other boycott that is imposed against U.S. friends and allies.

Finally, the bill would update the penalties under the antiboycott law to reflect the current civil and criminal penalties that are now temporarily applied to antiboycott violations under IEEPA. Civil fines are authorized up to \$250,000 per violation. Authority is granted to cancel export licenses and to deny a violator's right to export from the U.S. Criminal violations, that is "knowing" violations, would be punished by fines up to \$1 million and up to 20 years in prison.

Ending the Arab League boycott of Israel is in the interest of the people of all Middle East and North African countries, in order to foster trade, investment, economic growth and peace. The Antiboycott Act is a contribution to achieving that goal.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARTIN HEINRICH**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed fifteen votes on July 12, 2011, which included rollcall votes 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552 and 553.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 539, Representative SESSIONS' (TX–32) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 540, Representative MORAN's (VA–08) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 541, Representative MARKEY's (MA–07) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 542, Representative LAMBORN's (CO–05) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 543, Representative CONNOLLY's (VA–11) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 544, Representative MILLER's (NC–13) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 545, Representative BROUN's (GA–10) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 546, Representative WELCH's (VT–At Large) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 547, Representative POMPEO's (KS–04) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 548, Representative TONKO's (NY–21) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 549, Representative GARRETT's (NJ–05) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 550, Representative WU's (OR–01) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 551, Representative

McCLINTOCK's (CA-04) amendment to H.R. 2354.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 552, Representative SCHIFF's (CA-29) amendment to H.R. 2354.

Lastly, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 553, Representative GARAMENDI's (CA-10) amendment to H.R. 2354.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE USA  
WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

**HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, while we are preoccupied with the weighty issues of the

day, we need to take a moment to acknowledge what is good.

Today, I'd like to congratulate a group of exceptionally strong and inspiring women—the United States Women's Soccer Team.

Despite fierce competition, these women overcame insurmountable odds and made it through five rounds of play, doing us all proud.

And what is most exciting to me is that two of the strongest players on that team hail from western New York. Abby Wambach was born and raised in Rochester, and Alex Morgan currently plays for the Western New York Flash.

These two women gave the United States our goals—proving to be tremendous athletes that deserve our recognition.

Thanks to Abby, Alex and their teammates for making western New Yorkers, and all Americans, proud. Through working as a team, they brought us together as a nation.

And I like to note that they worked together as a team, on behalf of America. I think there are some lessons we should take from these inspiring women and I would be very proud to welcome both Abby and Alex to Washington and give them a tour of our Capitol.

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**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2011, I unfortunately missed a series of votes. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 601 and "yea" on rollcall No. 602.