

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD H. "TIM"
HAYS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Howard H. "Tim" Hays who recently passed away at the age of 94. He will be deeply missed.

Mr. Hays spent 51 years at the Riverside Press Enterprise, the sixth largest newspaper in the state of California. Before coming to the newspaper, Mr. Hays was an FBI Special Agent during World War II. In 1946, he joined the paper as an Assistant Editor and also passed the California bar exam. The Riverside Press Enterprise wrote an article detailing the many accomplishments of Mr. Hays and the incredible contributions he made to the newspaper, the community and the country.

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FORMER P-E PUBLISHER AND EDITOR TIM
HAYS DIES

Howard H. "Tim" Hays, Jr., the Harvard-educated lawyer who chose a newspaperman's life and led what became The Press-Enterprise into national prominence as a Pulitzer Prize-winning advocate of open government and defender of the First Amendment, died Friday in St. Louis. He was 94.

Mr. Hays had been struggling with Alzheimer's disease, his son Tom Hays said Friday. He said his father died in the afternoon at Barnes-Jewish Hospital following a brief acute illness.

Mr. Hays spent 51 years at The Press-Enterprise. He was an FBI special agent during World War II and joined the newspaper as assistant editor in 1946. He passed the bar the same year but never practiced law.

His subsequent roles included editor, co-publisher, publisher and chairman. He continued as chairman until 1997, when The Press-Enterprise was sold to the A.H. Belo Co., ending 67 years of family ownership of the Riverside-based newspaper.

The news organization's five-story office on Fourteenth Street was named in 2006 as the Howard H. "Tim" Hays Media Center.

"Tim was a rarity, a man whose moral compass was set on true," said Mel Opatowsky, the former managing editor of The Press-Enterprise. "That is especially important as a newspaper owner because of the obligation as a public trust. There are many instances of Tim's beneficence, not only to his employees, but to his readers and to principles of quality journalism."

Mr. Hays once joked that his choice of journalism over law and his "semi-meteoritic rise" at the newspaper were due to "diligence, and the fact that my father was co-owner."

Courtly, soft-voiced and with a penchant for remembering anyone's name, from civic leaders to cleaning crews in the hallways of his newspaper, Mr. Hays' personality contrasted sharply with flamboyant news-executive contemporaries. His memos were to his "Fellow Employees."

But his reserved manner was matched with a steely resolve.

He stood up to pressure and confrontation to lead his newspaper to a Pulitzer Prize. He took two open-government cases to the U.S. Supreme Court, winning both.

Media attorneys use shorthand to refer to two landmark cases won by the newspaper, Press-Enterprise One and Two.

In January 1984, the newspaper won a case establishing the public's right to attend jury selection in criminal trial proceedings. In a 1986 case, the court asserted the right of the public to attend pre-trial hearings in criminal cases with few exceptions.

Mr. Hays oversaw publication of a series of articles in 1967 that exposed malpractice in the conservatorship program for Agua Caliente Indians in Palm Springs. Editorials combined with more than 100 stories, mostly written by reporter George Ringwald, earned the newspaper the Pulitzer Prize for meritorious public service in 1968. (Ringwald died in 2005.)

During the newspaper's reporting of that issue, a judge who was under investigation became infuriated by a Press-Enterprise editorial and ordered Mr. Hays arrested.

The publisher stood his ground and was not jailed.

Mr. Hays also stood by his reporters, even as advertisers took their business away in protest over investigative pieces.

Despite national recognition, Mr. Hays kept his community at the foreground of his work. He was among the civic leaders who worked to get a University of California campus established here. UC Riverside opened in 1954.

"Tim had a very active mind that saw beyond the ordinary but was able to bring it down to earth," said his former executive secretary, Jean Wingard. "He was an excellent newsmen, and had the respect of those who worked with him and for him."

Mr. Hays established the Hays Press-Enterprise Lecture in 1966, which was underwritten in 1998 by a \$100,000 endowment after the newspaper was sold.

The free lectures, open to the public, featured leaders in news media, including retired Washington Post Executive Editor Ben Bradlee; Gene Roberts, former managing editor of the New York Times; and W. Thomas Johnson, who was then president of Cable News Network.

Mr. Hays also undertook the cause of preserving the Mission Inn.

He and other civic leaders maintained their effort during a seven-year stretch in which the state and national historic landmark in downtown Riverside was closed—at one time surrounded by a chain-link fence.

Several attempts to reopen the Inn failed. Some suggested the land was a prime spot for a parking lot. In 1992, Duane Roberts bought the hotel and invested millions of dollars in renovations.

The Press-Enterprise under Mr. Hays also quietly helped to underwrite local cultural and arts organizations.

"I'm not married to any cause," Mr. Hays once said. "I believe in generosity to the community in which you live. I think you can contribute more with time and energy than with dollars. But I guess the money can be pretty dandy, too."

Retired appellate court Justice John Gabbert said Mr. Hays, similar to his brothers, developed his sense of community engagement early in life.

"He was motivated by the very strong civic background that he probably inherited from his father," Gabbert said Friday. "They were all there, out in the community, making it better."

Contemporaries of Mr. Hays said he was less likely to deliver a fiery speech, and more likely to argue his points over lunch or in a casual conversation. Former state Sen. Robert Presley said each time he would meet Mr. Hays at the same downtown Riverside restaurant, the publisher would prod him for support of downtown Riverside projects.

"He didn't seem to have a lot of ego, although he could be vigorous and persuasive in his arguments," Presley said Friday from Sacramento.

"He was a very special person," said Marcia McQuern who worked for Hays at The Press-Enterprise and eventually became the paper's publisher. "He had a true journalist's heart. He always tried to live up to his standards and ideals."

McQuern remembered Hays being well tied into the community. So much so that he often knew what was going on before his reporters did.

"I would come to him with a story and he'd say, 'You finally found that out,'" she said. "But he never would kill anything."

Even when it may have been unpopular among the community leaders he mingled with.

"He took a lot of heat. He really stuck by the newsroom. That's where his heart was," she said.

McQuern remembered one instance where the paper wanted the name behind a large anonymous donation to UC Riverside.

"We fought for access," she said. "He let us go fight for the information. We were about to file suit and he finally admitted it was him."

Howard H. "Tim" Hays, Jr. was born in Chicago on June 2, 1917, the son of Howard H. Hays, Sr. and Margaret Mauger Hays. He came to Riverside with his parents in 1924.

A graduate of Riverside Polytechnic High School, he was editor of the school newspaper, Poly Spotlight, during his senior year.

Mr. Hays earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences at Stanford University, graduating in 1939.

In 1942, he received a law degree from Harvard Law School. After his service with the FBI, he briefly served as a reporter at the San Bernardino Sun before joining the family newspaper and beginning his leadership role in American journalism.

Mr. Hays moved to St. Louis part time in 1989, and began living there full time after his retirement from The Press-Enterprise, his son Tom said.

In a message read at the 2007 dedication of the news building named after him, Mr. Hays noted that he still read every day the newspaper that he had led for so long.

Survivors include wife Susie Hays of St. Louis, sons Bill Hays of Corona Del Mar and Tom Hays of New York City, and brother Dan Hays of Riverside. His brother, William H. Hays, died earlier this year. Mr. Hays' first wife, Helen Hays Yeager, died two years earlier, to the day, of Mr. Hays' death.

Said Tom Hays, "He lived a very long and productive and fortunate life, and he died very peacefully, so we are thankful for that."

Mr. Hays will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, love of

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family, and the numerous contributions he made to the newspaper industry. His dedication to the integrity of the newspaper, the protection of the First Amendment and to the community as a whole are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Mr. Hays' family and friends. Although Mr. Hays may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Centralia High School Lady Panthers Softball team for winning the Class 3 Missouri State Championship on October 22, 2011.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state softball championship to their school and community. In its final championship game against the Chillicothe Hornets, every team member made important contributions that led to the team's 2-0 win.

This Lady Panthers team will hold a special place of honor in the history of Centralia High School for winning the school's first-ever softball state championship. The team finished the season with a 28-2-1 record, including wins over this year's Class 1 and Class 2 softball champs.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Centralia Lady Panthers for a job well done!

HONORING DAVID BRIGGS AND NORBERT PUTNAM

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, musical genius is commonplace in Middle Tennessee. From songwriters to executive producers, the notables of Nashville are known the world over for their dedication to the perfect sound. I rise today to honor two pillars of Music City as they receive the Cecil Scaife Visionary Award and are recognized for their contribution to Tennessee's legendary sound.

David Briggs excels at more than the ivory keys. Dedicated to great and beautiful music, Briggs moved to Nashville and worked on over 200 number one hits. Playing keyboard for Elvis, Kris Kristofferson, Reba McEntire, Dolly Parton, and many more of the greats, Briggs has decades of success as both a musician and an executive of Quadrofonic Sound Studio.

Together with Briggs, Norbert Putnam was part of the original Muscle Shoals Recording Section at Fame Recording Studios. From opening for the Beatles in their first American concert, to becoming one of Nashville's most successful pop-rock bassists, to currently his place as one of the top pop/rock producers in

Music City with Quadrofonic Sound, Putnam too has a storied devotion to Tennessee music.

The greatness of Music City is only as strong as the next generation of billboard leaders. I appreciate David Briggs and Norbert Putnam for their contributions to our great music legacy. I also appreciate the hard work and support of those who established and continue the Cecil Scaife Business Scholarship. Your devotion to those who pioneer the way for future music legends helps to strengthen Music City. I rise today to honor two industry leaders whose drive and dedication to offer their experiences to tomorrow's musicians, publishers, composers, and arrangers. I ask my colleagues to rise and join with me in celebrating David Briggs and Norbert Putnam as they receive the Cecil Scaife Visionary Award and continue to offer their experience and wisdom to those who seek the next great note.

IN HONOR OF MR. TOM FERAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Tom Feran, a writer and editor with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland and inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

Tom is a longtime Clevelander who graduated from St. Ignatius High School before attending Harvard University. While at Harvard, he was the president and editor of the Harvard Lampoon, the world's longest continually published humor magazine. He graduated from Harvard in 1975.

Tom joined the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1982 as the editor for the publication's Sunday magazine. He has since worked as the editor of the Arts&Life section of the paper, a columnist, television critic and is currently working as a writer of PolitiFact columns. In addition to the Plain Dealer, Tom has published articles in Ohio, Cleveland, and DirecTV magazines. He is the author of Ghoulardi: Inside Cleveland TV's Wildest Ride and Cleveland TV Memories. He has also co-authored Six Inches of Partly Cloudy, Big Chuck! and The Buzzard. Tom was recognized by the society of Professional Journalists in 2007 as the Best Columnist in Ohio.

In addition to his career, Tom has served as the president of the Television Critics Association of North America for two terms. He is also a member of the Harvard Club of Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Mr. Tom Feran as the Press Club of Cleveland inducts him into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 805, I had district work that required my pres-

ence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For those of you who do not know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Founded in 1985, this is an annual campaign by various breast cancer organizations to increase awareness of the disease. Part of the awareness includes educating the public about early detection, the cause, diagnosis, treatment, and support for survivors.

Not long ago, I survived my fight with cancer, and since then, I have made it a top priority to help others overcome this terrible disease. Along with Congresswoman BETTY SUTTON, I introduced the Breast Cancer Recovery Improvement Act (H.R. 2510) to provide critical medical devices to women recovering from post-mastectomy breast cancer surgery.

The American people have become much more aware of this deadly disease. Today, on the 25th anniversary, I'd like to thank all of the people who have been involved with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Be it wearing a pink ribbon to pledge your support, or giving a donation for cancer research, it all plays an important part in promoting the message, so that way we can finally find a cure for this disease.

RECOGNIZING MADONNA UNIVERSITY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Madonna University, located in my hometown of Livonia, Michigan, upon the 75th anniversary of the school's founding by the Felician Sisters.

In 1937, the Felician Sisters established Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary Junior College on what had been sprawling farmland. As a teaching college with a staff of 18 Sisters committed to providing higher education to area Catholic schools, the school grew to include service-oriented majors such as nursing, hospice, sign language and criminal justice.

After 10 years of rapid growth, Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary College expanded to a baccalaureate institution and was renamed Madonna College. In 1965, the main Academic Building and Residence Hall were dedicated. Madonna launched its first master's program in 1982, and in 1984 dedicated a new library and Kresge Hall. Madonna became a University in 1991 and currently offers more than 50 undergraduate majors toward associate and bachelor degrees as well as 22 masters programs in clinical psychology, business, criminal justice, education, history and health professions. The year 2009 brought the University's first doctoral program in nursing

and the dedication of the Franciscan Center for Science and Media. The Franciscan Center has been awarded Gold Status for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by the United States Green Building Council. The Ford Motor Company Technology Wing offers opportunities for students to work collaboratively on class projects. From its humble beginnings Madonna University has been at the forefront of academic excellence.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years Madonna University has been true to its mission and Franciscan values. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Madonna University and the Felician Sisters for their commitment to furthering education and their positive influence on our community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE E.J. "JOE"
KING

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, Judge E.J. "Joe" King of Brazoria County has recently been honored with a distinguished alumni award from the University of Houston—Clear Lake. It is my pleasure to congratulate Judge King on this well-deserved award.

For the past 42 years, Judge King has served the people of Brazoria County in a variety of ways, including as a Department of Public Safety state trooper, a lieutenant in the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department, and as a Brazoria County Judge. Judge King has also served as President of the Brazoria County Peace Officers Association and the Southeast Texas Association for Identification and Investigation Officers.

Judge King's commitment to protecting and serving the people of Brazoria County was recognized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which selected him to attend the FBI National Academy, one of the highest honors non-federal law enforcement can receive.

Judge King also served his community through involvement in numerous civic associations and volunteer efforts. He is currently a director of the Brazoria County Cattleman's Association and is a past director of the Brazoria County Fair and the Brazoria Association for Citizens with Handicaps.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Joe King is truly devoted to helping others in his community and serves as an example of which one person can make a difference in the lives of those around them. It is therefore my pleasure to once again congratulate Judge Joe King on receiving the distinguished alumni award from University of Houston—Clear Lake and thank him for all he has done for the people of Brazoria County.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES
ACCESS PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with 32 additional bipartisan House

members, to introduce the Diagnostic Imaging Services Access Protection Act of 2011. I am introducing this legislation to preserve patient access to important, life-saving advanced diagnostic imaging services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), and ultrasound.

Radiologists are paid for the time, effort, and skill involved in interpreting images, rendering patient diagnoses, and reporting their findings as part of the medical record. A Proposed Rule by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) would cut the professional component reimbursement for radiologists by 50 percent through application of a multiple procedure payment reduction (MPPR) to the interpretation of multiple images for a single patient.

Under the Proposed Rule, CMS seeks to apply this MPPR policy to the professional component due to what we think is a flawed view that there are considerable "efficiencies" when the same patient receives multiple imaging services from the same radiologist during a single session. This substantial cut is a disservice to radiologists and ignores the fact that radiologists spend an equal amount of time, effort, and skill interpreting each diagnostic image, regardless of the number of images being examined, the section of the body being examined, or the particular date of the imaging service.

My legislation ensures that CMS does not arbitrarily undervalue the role of the radiologist within the health care delivery system. As you know, individuals receiving multiple imaging studies often represent the sickest and most complex patients seen by radiologists. Constituent radiologists contacting our offices in recent months have shared their concerns regarding the impact of this policy, particularly on patients who receive multiple scans during a single session and are typically affected by severe trauma, stroke, or widespread cancer.

Implementation of this flawed MPPR will disproportionately affect our most vulnerable patient population and could actually cost our health care system more in the long run. This action could force physicians who currently provide imaging services in a private practice setting to move to a hospital setting, causing these vital services to be reimbursed through the more expensive Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Schedule (HOPPS), rather than the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

I urge all Members of the House of Representatives to lend their support to this bipartisan legislation dedicated to preserving patient access to community-based diagnostic imaging services.

CALIFORNIA AND E-VERIFY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a recent article in the Riverside Press Enterprise about E-Verify and the new California state law that will prevent cities and counties from requiring businesses to use E-Verify. It is disappointing that when so many other states are moving towards mandating E-Verify, California is going in the opposite direction. With unemployment at 12.1 percent in

California, preventing cities and counties from using E-Verify to ensure local residents have an opportunity to work makes no sense. Instead, the state is protecting illegal immigrants who are employed illegally. Furthermore, federal law already requires businesses to hire a legal work force; allowing the use of E-Verify simply gives employers the tool to ensure they can comply with existing law.

Again, many of us in California are outraged by Governor Jerry Brown's decision to sign this bill and deny cities and counties their right to require use of the E-Verify program. It is telling that the Governor decided not to issue a statement announcing the signing of the legislation. The E-Verify program is overwhelmingly popular, with over 80 percent of Americans supporting its mandatory enactment. The Governor is wrong on this issue and I support local cities and counties that choose to challenge the constitutionality of this law.

[From the Press Enterprise, Oct. 20, 2011]

REGION: CITIES SCRAMBLE IN WAKE OF E-VERIFY BILL

(By Kevin Pearson)

A number of Inland cities may be forced to repeal ordinances requiring businesses to verify that employees are not undocumented immigrants, now that the state has prohibited cities from mandating use of the federally run E-Verify system.

The law that was signed this month and goes into effect Jan. 1 left cities with few other options, but it has stoked the debate on both sides of the issue about the state's role in immigration issues.

E-Verify, created in 1996 by Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, is operated by the Department of Homeland Security. It can be used to ensure that an employee has the legal right to work in the United States.

The new state legislation does not prohibit businesses or government entities, including cities and counties, from using E-Verify; it does prohibit making E-Verify's use a requirement to do business within those cities our counties.

In the past year and a half, Temecula, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, Hemet, Menifee, Wildomar, Norco and San Bernardino County have passed ordinances requiring businesses to use the system, to varying degrees. The Inland area is home to the majority of municipalities in the state with such ordinances.

The state law comes as a bill is making its way through Congress that would require every business in the nation to use E-Verify, signaling that the issue between cities, states and the federal government may just be getting started.

"Right now, across America, various states and local governments are enacting mandatory E-Verify," Calvert said in a statement. "Meanwhile, California is going the other way . . . and in fact the Governor is signing laws to preempt the use of E-Verify. This is an outrage."

CITIES AFFECTED

When Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill last week, he released no signing statement and the move largely flew under the radar. But the text of the bill cited the costs that businesses incur to implement the system, and concern about the accuracy of the system.

Though E-Verify is free to use, the bill noted that there could be a significant cost to businesses in staff time and other resources. And while Calvert's office boasts that E-Verify is 99.5 percent accurate, other studies have questioned that figure.

As word spread about the new bill, cities in Riverside County began working on how to react. Officials in some of those cities said

they are still having internal discussions among city and legal staff.

City leaders said it is likely that most of the city councils will be asked to repeal the ordinance. Another option is a legal battle, but officials said that would be an unlikely choice because of costs.

In Temecula and Murrieta, there have been no reports of immigration violations since the E-Verify ordinances went into place. Staff for both southwest Riverside County cities said they did not view illegal immigration as a major issue in their towns.

"When you look at the whole issue, it's a federal issue," Temecula Deputy City Manager Grant Yates said. "When you look at actions across the country . . . the frustration is that at the federal level we don't have clear direction."

In Hemet, the city passed its ordinance in June and just recently got new business license paperwork with the E-Verify information on it. Staff members are now instructing applicants to ignore that language.

"California is a dysfunctional state and therefore it makes it difficult on local governments to implement this and a host of other issues," said Brian Ambrose, a Senior Management Analyst with the city of Murrieta. "Does this surprise me? No.

"The state legislature passed this bill, and if that's the legislature and governor's desire, we are content to do what they wish. (But) this is absolutely far from over."

FEDERAL ISSUE?

Many local city officials said they will keep a close eye on the federal push for the E-Verify system because they believe the federal government should be the one making the final decision on immigration issues.

Kathleen Kim, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who specializes in immigration issues, said E-Verify should be dealt with on the national level and that asking private businesses to run immigration checks blurs the line between the public and private sector.

"I think the workplace should not be the location for immigration enforcement," Kim said. "E-Verify and the controversy over it is an example of why immigration enforcement should be taken out of the workplace and put in the hands of trained officers.

"This attempt to privatize immigration enforcement in the workplace can never find a comfortable solution."

Republican State Sen. Bill Emmerson said he opposed the state bill and that it goes against Brown's campaign for governor, during which he said he wanted to shift power to local agencies. Emmerson, whose 37th District includes Hemet, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley and Corona, said he was surprised by the bill.

"It's another case of the state stepping in and not allowing local governments to use the tools available to them," Emmerson said. "To say they can't use a federal program seems not fair.

"The federal government has to be the level of government that steps up and makes the fix so states have a clearer policy of what to do."

LOCAL POLICIES

Hemet: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Lake Elsinore: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Menifee: All applicants for a business license must affirm their intent to use E-Verify.

Murrieta: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Norco: All businesses that have contracts with the city must use E-Verify.

San Bernardino County: All county contractors must use E-Verify.

Temecula: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Wildomar: All city contractors must use E-Verify and provide documentation of doing so.

HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS GOLF TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins golf team on its first state title.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and on bringing home the Class 2 State Golf Championship to their school and community.

The girls played through less-than-ideal weather to beat their seven competitors. With a nine-stroke lead, the team won with a final score of 352.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done.

HONORING TIM MCGRAW

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the true greatness of our state and country lies in the creativity, integrity, and passion of its people, and we are fortunate to be surrounded by mighty examples of dedication to leadership, service, and support of the arts. I rise today to honor Tim McGraw as he receives the Applause Award. Given each year to those who devote their time, talents, and treasures to the performing arts and arts education in middle Tennessee, Tim McGraw joins Ted Welch as this year's deserved recipients.

From bluegrass, to rockabilly, to traditional country, the notes composing the symphony of country music are as diverse as they are enticing. A common thread among the stars of Music City is their devotion to causes greater than themselves. Tonight's award recipient, Tim McGraw, is no exception. Known the world over for his talents in harmonies and melodies, McGraw can be found in service to the American Red Cross, Nashville Rising, and various state and local foundations.

A successful arts program is one of the markers of a successful community, and I am thankful for all those who remain devoted to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and its Education Programs. Through music, theater, ballet, and art, TPAC provides elevated experiences to middle Tennessee patrons. I rise today to honor Tim McGraw for his loyalty to not only the arts in his community, but his community as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating McGraw's contributions to and success in Music City.

IN HONOR OF MR. BOB SCHIEFFER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bob Schieffer to acknowledge his contribution to broadcasting. He has been a valuable journalist in the broadcasting community for several decades and the host of CBS' "Face the Nation" for 20 years.

Mr. Schieffer was born on February 25th, 1937 and grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. He went to North Side High School and attended Texas Christian University. Upon graduating from TCU, Mr. Schieffer joined the US Air Force where he earned the ranks of captain and information officer. His first reporting job was with the Fort Worth-Star Telegram where he was a police reporter.

He has been a journalist for CBS since 1969 and hosted the "CBS Evening News" for 23 years. His career covering national politics included assignments with the White House, Pentagon, Department of State, and Congress. During the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections, he served as moderator of the third presidential debates. Mr. Schieffer has also written three books regarding his career in broadcasting.

Mr. Schieffer has won six Emmy awards, as well as the National Press Foundation's Broadcaster of the Year Award. He has also been named to the Broadcasting/Cable Hall of Fame. In 2005, Texas Christian University honored him by naming the Schieffer School of Journalism in his honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer currently reside in Washington D.C. and are the parents of two daughters.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the work of Mr. Schieffer and celebrating his countless achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 807 I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN BRUCE TO THE ARMY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, one of the enduring beliefs of life in America is that a person can rise through the ranks and achieve success through a combination of hard work, determination, and honesty. This link between hard work and success is one of our country's core values, and appropriately so. Our country is a better place because of the efforts of those who quietly go to work every day, meet the challenges of their jobs, and exceed expectations.

These qualities are not uncommon among the men and women who serve in our nation's Armed Forces, but it's not every day that you can point to someone who has lived up to these standards over a career that spans nearly seven decades. I am pleased to recognize a man who has done just that, John Bruce of Troy, Michigan.

Mr. Bruce served in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of the Army Signal Corps. After being honorably discharged following the war, he began a career at the Detroit Arsenal in 1946 as a cost/price analyst. Mr. Bruce has been with TACOM ever since, accepting greater and greater responsibilities. He has served as Chief of Payroll, Chief of Financial Accounting, Deputy Comptroller, and Chief of the Detroit Arsenal Procurement Office, to name only a few of the positions he has held over the years.

Mr. Bruce has been honored on many occasions for his service. His awards include the Secretary of the Army Award for outstanding achievement in material acquisition; the Commanders Award for exceptional Civilian Service, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Achievement Medal for Superior Civilian Service, the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Service.

Mr. Bruce is a graduate of UCLA, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He and his late wife, Jean, have two daughters, Nancy and Barbara.

When John Bruce retires on his 94th birthday on December 3, he will be TACOM's and the Army's longest serving employee. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our gratitude to Mr. Bruce for his many years of service to the nation. Congratulations for a remarkable career and a job well done.

LETTER TO NOAA ADMINISTRATOR JANE LUBCHENCO REGARDING HER INACCURATE AND UNCONSTRUCTIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit a letter that I have sent to National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration administrator Jane Lubchenco in response to inaccurate and unconstructive remarks about the House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee recommended funding for the Joint Polar Satellite System.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

October 26, 2011.

Dr. JANE LUBCHENCO,
Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,
Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR DR. LUBCHENCO: I was disappointed by your recent remarks to the Guardian newspaper accusing congressional Republicans of endangering the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS). I want you to know that your reported accusations were neither accurate nor constructive.

According to the article, "Republican budget-cutting measures would knock out

that critical capacity by delaying the launch of the next generation polar-orbiting satellites, said Jane Lubchenco." You are also quoted as saying, "It is a disaster in the making. It's an expression of the dysfunction in our system." Your remarks mirror similar comments made by deputy administrator Kathryn Sullivan to the Washington Post earlier this summer.

Perhaps you are unaware that the Republican-authored House FY 2011 bill recommended a higher level of funding for NOAA's satellite acquisition account than the Democrat-authored Senate bill despite the House having a lower allocation than the Senate. Further, for FY 2012, the House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations subcommittee recommended \$901 million, a nearly \$430 million increase—91%—above the FY 2011 level for JPSS. Despite having an allocation \$2.5 billion higher than the House, the Senate recommended an amount only slightly above the House recommendation, \$920 million. To my knowledge, you have never criticized Senate funding levels for JPSS. While the House did not provide the full \$1 billion requested, the House level is a significant amount of funding given these austere budget times when other programs in the Commerce-Justice-Science bill were significantly reduced or eliminated altogether.

Finally, I would call your attention to the fact that any gap in satellite data is not due to lack of funding, "Republican budget-cutting measures" or "the dysfunction in our system," but rather years of poor inter-agency management that resulted in the cancellation of the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) satellite program after being more than five years behind schedule, twice as expensive with fewer satellites and less capability. The caution shown by the Congress with regard to funding the successor program, JPSS, is fully justified in light of this record of waste and mismanagement. I have noted below portions of September, 2011 GAO testimony to the Congress on NPOESS mismanagement, from GAO-11-945T:

"When its primary contract was awarded in August 2002, NPOESS was estimated to cost about \$7 billion through 2026 and was considered critical to the United States' ability to maintain the continuity of data required for weather forecasting and global climate monitoring. However, in the years after the program was initiated, NPOESS encountered significant technical challenges in sensor development, program cost growth, and schedule delays. By November 2005, we estimated that the program's cost had grown to \$10 billion, and the schedule for the first launch was delayed by almost 2 years. These issues led to a 2006 restructuring of the program which reduced the program's functionality by decreasing the number of planned satellites, orbits, and instruments. The restructuring also led agency executives to decide to mitigate potential data gaps by using NPP as an operational satellite. Even after the restructuring, however, the program continued to encounter technical issues in developing two sensors, significant tri-agency management challenges, schedule delays, and further cost increases. Faced with costs that were expected to exceed \$14 billion and launch schedules that were delayed by over 5 years, in August 2009, the Executive Office of the President formed a task force, led by the Office of Science and Technology Policy, to investigate the management and acquisition options that would improve the NPOESS program. As a result of this review, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy announced in February 2010 that NOAA and DOD would no

longer jointly procure the NPOESS satellite system; instead, each agency would plan and acquire its own satellite system."

Your reported inaccurate and partisan comments are unhelpful. I urge you to publicly correct these inaccurate statements. I await your prompt response.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,

Chairman, Commerce-Justice-Science
Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee.

HONORING JULIE WATKINS FOR
TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is always hard to say goodbye to a valued staff person, but today is especially difficult in wishing Julie Watkins a fond farewell as she begins her retirement.

Julie has served the people of West Virginia as a staff member in the U.S. Congress since 1989, almost 23 years.

Julie began her Congressional tenure working in the mailroom for West Virginia's beloved Senator Robert C. Byrd. She later moved to Senator Byrd's front office, where she was a Staff Assistant who proved her commitment daily to her job. Rising at 3:15 a.m., each morning, in order to drive from rural Virginia to be in the office by 5 a.m., Julie impressed Senator Byrd and everybody on staff with her diligence and hard work.

Julie later was promoted to Front Office Manager and then Office Manager, training every new Staff Assistant who came to work in Senator Byrd's front office, forty-eight in total, while she was in that position. After fifteen years, in 2005, she left the front office to try her hand at casework. Senator Byrd, who thought so very highly of Julie, was deeply reluctant to let her go—refusing to accept for the longest time that Julie was no longer looking after his front office—a position upon which he placed tremendous value. She had been, for so long, his warm, welcoming, efficient representative to so many West Virginians whenever they called for help or came to visit Capitol Hill.

When Senator Byrd passed away last year, I was fortunate that Julie agreed to come to work on the House Natural Resources Committee, on which I was Chairman. She worked in my Committee office, and later graciously moved to my personal office, once again resuming the vital duties of the front desk.

I cannot help but feel a little boastful in saying that I succeeded where Senator Byrd did not in convincing Julie to move back into the front office. I know, however, that Senator Byrd would be so proud to know that all of Julie's skill and experience were still being employed, at least for a little while longer, in serving the people of West Virginia.

Julie is one of those prized Congressional staffers who master their job. Many times they are not high profile positions, but they are essential to a smooth running office and to ensuring that our constituents are well and effectively served. Julie knows what so many of us forget or fail to understand: filling the copy

paper each morning, checking the fax machine so it works properly, knowing the right contacts in the Superintendent's office when something needs fixing—these sometimes seemingly little things are of big importance. Julie had a keen eye for catching those little things and always looked after them to ensure that everyone else could do their job better. She is ever dependable, ever reliable. When Julie gets an assignment, you know it will get done and get done right.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire Rahall staff, as well as the staffs of the Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees who have had the pleasure of working with her, when I say that Julie will be deeply missed. We wish her a most enjoyable retirement. We won't ever forget her and neither will scores of citizens who have benefited from her service to the Nation.

H.R. 674 AND H.R. 2576

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to vote in support of H.R. 674, which would repeal the onerous requirement that federal, state, and local government entities withhold three percent of payments to government contractors. Although never put into effect, the requirement would constitute a significant burden on all levels of government, which are presently sorely lacking in resources. Withholding three percent of payments was unsound policy when enacted by the Republican Congress in 2005, and I gladly will help my colleagues on the other side of the aisle correct their mistake.

I am less disposed to be helpful on H.R. 2576, a bill to adjust the definition of "modified adjusted gross income," MAGI, so that fewer Americans qualify for tax credits under the Affordable Care Act. This strikes me at best as a solution in search of a non-existent problem. To add insult to injury, H.R. 2576 will cause American families, seniors, and those with disabilities to pay more for their healthcare at a time when they can least afford it. I have spent my entire career fighting to ensure working American families have access to affordable, good-quality healthcare. Supporting H.R. 2576 would be in direct contravention of that goal, and I cannot in good conscience do so. I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by noting the rascality underlying the rule for H.R. 674 and H.R. 2576. It allows separate votes on both bills—one non-controversial and the other very controversial—and then requires they be merged for consideration by the Senate. I oppose this sort of legislating and believe each chamber should be allowed to work its will on separate items, rather than forced to accept bad policy in the guise of procedural tricks and faux compromise. This is skullduggery at its finest, Mr. Speaker, and an unnecessary affront to regular order, which your side so consistently claims to cherish.

TRIBUTE TO USS "CALIFORNIA"

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the California Delegation, to honor and pay tribute to the USS *California* (SSN-781), a Virginia-class submarine and the first submarine to be named after the Golden State. On the occasion of the submarine's commissioning, we could not be more proud to have one of the world's most modern and sophisticated nuclear-powered attack submarines named for the state of California.

The contract to build her was awarded to Northrop Grumman Newport News (now Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding) in Newport News, Virginia, on August 14, 2003. Construction began in December 2006. *California's* keel was laid down on May 1, 2009. She was christened on November 6, 2010, sponsored by Donna Willard, wife of Admiral Robert F. Willard. The *California* was launched eight days later, on November 14, 2010. The commissioning has been scheduled for October 29, 2011 by the Secretary of the Navy. USS *California* will be homeported at Groton, Connecticut.

Designed to meet the Navy's requirements in a post-Cold War era, Virginia-class submarines use advanced technologies to increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth. Along with other Virginia-class submarines, the *California* is tailored to excel in a wide range of warfighting missions with several innovations that significantly enhance its warfighting capabilities, especially in the littoral environment. The ship has a fly-by-wire ship control system that provides improved shallow-water ship handling. The class has special features to support special operation forces and prolonged deployments. Advanced technology is employed to provide the ship's company enhanced situational awareness and is designed to remain state of the practice for its entire operational life through rapid introduction of new systems and payloads.

Previous ships bearing the USS *California* name have a long and storied history. The first USS *California*, a screw propelled frigate, was christened in 1869. In 1941, the USS *California* (BB-44) was the flagship of the U.S. Pacific fleet stationed in Pearl Harbor. She was badly damaged by Japanese torpedoes, and partially sunk. The three crewmen serving aboard the battleship that day were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for acts of bravery in saving the lives of their shipmates. A few months later, the *California* was salvaged and repaired, and served in the Pacific theater during the final two years of World War II. She was present at several crucial battles in the Pacific theater, including the Battle of Surigao Strait—the last naval engagement fought by opposing battleships.

The most recent USS *California* (CGN-26) was the lead ship of her class of nuclear powered guided missile cruisers and was also a vital part of the U.S. fleet from her launch in 1971 to her retirement in 1999. She was known as the "Golden Grizzly," in recognition of the grizzly bear on the California state flag. We are pleased that the USS *California* (SSN-781) will follow in the footsteps of previous ships that have served this great country so proudly.

California is a state with a long naval history and strong naval tradition. The entire California Delegation is proud to welcome the USS *California* as the eighth U.S. Navy ship named after our home state. We have no doubt that she, and her crew, will serve our country honorably.

The following are the names of the Members of the California Congressional Delegation in support of the USS *California*:

MIKE THOMPSON, WALLY HERGER, DANIEL LUNGRIN, TOM MCCLINTOCK, DORIS MATSUI, GEORGE MILLER, JOHN GARAMENDI, JERRY MCNERNEY, JACKIE SPEIER, PETE STARK, ANNA ESHOO, MIKE HONDA, ZOE LOFGREN, SAM FARR, DENNIS CARDOZA, JEFF DENHAM, JIM COSTA, DEVIN NUNES, KEVIN MCCARTHY, LOIS CAPPAS, ELTON GALLEGLY, HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON, DAVID DREIER, BRAD SHERMAN, HOWARD BERMAN, ADAM SCHIFF, HENRY WAXMAN, XAVIER BECERRA, JUDY CHU, KAREN BASS, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, MAXINE WATERS, JANICE HAHN, LAURA RICHARDSON, GRACE NAPOLITANO, LINDA SANCHEZ, EDWARD ROYCE, JERRY LEWIS, GARY MILLER, JOE BACA, KEN CALVERT, MARY BONO MACK, DANA ROHRBACHER, LORETTA SANCHEZ, JOHN CAMPBELL, DARRELL ISSA, BRIAN BILBRAY, BOB FILNER, DUNCAN HUNTER, and SUSAN DAVIS.

HONORING THE PALMYRA HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Palmyra High School Lady Panthers softball team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Championship on October 22, 2011.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the state softball championship to their school and community.

The Lady Panthers were hungry for a win and proudly demonstrated that competitive spirit by beating the undefeated Pleasant Hope High School Pirates softball team for the title. This is their fourth softball title in just six years.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Palmyra Lady Panthers for a job well done.

HONORING TED WELCH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the true greatness of our state and country lies in the creativity, integrity, and passion of its people, and we are fortunate to be surrounded by mighty examples of dedication to leadership, service, and support of the arts. I rise today to honor Ted Welch as he receives the Applause Award. Given each year to those who devote their time, talents, and treasures to the performing arts and arts education in Middle Tennessee, Ted Welch joins Tim McGraw as this year's deserved recipients.

Engaged in process of democracy and faithful to the causes of his calling, Ted Welch can be found working with various political organizations, the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, or the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his years of public service, Welch remained a key figure in TPAC's past. His allegiance to his community is notable and remains part of what makes Middle Tennessee one of the best places to call "home."

A successful arts program is one of the markers of a successful community, and I am thankful for all those who remain devoted to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and its Education Programs. Through music, theater, ballet, and art, TPAC provides elevated experiences to Middle Tennessee patrons. I rise today to honor Ted Welch for his loyalty to not only the arts in his community, but his community as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join with me, his wife Colleen, and his children and grandchildren, in honoring Ted Welch for supporting the betterment of his neighbors.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR.
STEVE JOBS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple Incorporated.

Mr. Jobs was born February 24, 1955 and graduated from Homestead High School in Cupertino, California. Steve would then attend lectures at Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto, California, where he met future business partner Steve Wozniak. After attending Stanford, Steve was hired by Atari where he created the circuit board for the game "Breakout."

Mr. Jobs' invention of the personal computer happened in his family garage, where the company name "Apple" stemmed from his favorite fruit and where the technological word byte was also created. His vision included condensing computers to box size and having them introduced into the masses. In order to initiate their new company, Jobs sold his Volkswagen Micro Bus and business partner Steve Wozniak sold his HP scientific calculator to raise funds to begin Apple.

Later on in life Steve purchased The Graphics Group which later became Pixar. In 1995 he was executive producer for the Pixar movie "Toy Story." Years later Disney would buy Pixar and Steve would sit on the Disney committee for Disney's Pixar animation business. He was a pioneer and innovator. In August of 2011 Steve resigned as CEO of Apple to concentrate on his health. He died on October 5th, 2011 as the former founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Incorporated.

The work Steve accomplished throughout his life was invaluable towards personalizing the computer and paved the way for the future of the technological world. In 2007, Steve was inducted into the California Hall of Fame and was recognized by Forbes as the most powerful person in business. Billions of people have benefited from Mr. Jobs' work which ranges from the Mac computer and iPhone, to the many Disney Pixar films.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me remembering Mr. Steve Jobs as we honor his work and life as an innovator and offer condolences to his family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 806 I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

RED RIBBON WEEK

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a very special occasion to congratulate all of the students who participated in the first annual Red Ribbon Poster Contest. I started the Red Ribbon Poster Contest in an effort to engage El Paso area students in this nationwide initiative. I encouraged students to join this effort by asking them to create and submit a poster incorporating "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life" theme. More than 100 students from elementary, middle, and high schools submitted posters, and the winning posters are currently being displayed at El Paso's Main Public Library.

Red Ribbon Week originated in 1988 for the purpose of honoring the life of DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was brutally tortured and killed by drug traffickers in Mexico 26 years ago. It is the largest advocacy effort in the nation for the prevention of drug use. By wearing a red ribbon during the week of October 23rd through the 31st, students, counselors, parents, teachers, and community leaders come together across the country to demonstrate their opposition to drugs and to promote a drug-free environment.

Approximately 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon Week events each year. Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to help preserve Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life: the fight against drug violence and drug addiction. I was fortunate to personally know "Kiki" Camarena while I was serving in the Border Patrol. It is fitting that our nation remembers him by observing Red Ribbon Week each year. The El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), located on Fort Bliss and operated by DEA, was dedicated to the memory of Agent Camarena.

This year's Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winners are: Jonathan Lopez of O'Donnell Elementary School, Yesenia Webb of St. Piux School, Yari Castro of Immanuel Christian School, Ashley Mercado of Edgemere Elementary School, Andrea Castaneda of Faith Christian Academy, Jose Galarza of Ysleta Middle School, Nicole Luna of Hanks High School, Christian Rodriguez of Hanks High School, Christian Caballero of Parkland High School.

I would also like to include in the RECORD a list of all the students who participated in the Red Ribbon Poster Contest.

Aaron Ordaz, Abatrice Moncayo, Abby Castillo, Adriana Escajeda, Aileen Velasquez, Aldo Yañez, Alec Waring, Alex Britton, Alexah Delgado, Alexander Hutsell, Aliyah Guerrero, Amber Ochoa, Amelia Gonzalez, Analiese Ramirez, Andrea Castaneda, Angel Rodriguez, Angeline Ashley Martinez, Annabelle Cordero, Annette Orquiz.

Antonio Lopez Jr., Aparna Mangadu, Ariana Gonzalez, Ashley Clinton, Ashley De La Rosa, Ashley Hernandez, Ashley Mercado, Astryd Estrada, Athena Najjar, Azul Saray Martinez, Bella Ozomaro, Brandon Tellez, Brendan Galindro, Briana Carranza, Brianna D. Sanchez, Brittney Baca, Bryan Arenivas, Casandra Atilano, Cesar O. Davila, Cheyenne Jones.

Christian Caballero, Christian Rodriguez, Christopher Torres, D.J. Betancis, Daniela Tribaldos, Danielle Darbonnier, Dante Amato, Danya Navarrette, Darcy Hdz, Dariana Rubio, Dario Martinez, David Romero, David Samario, Destiny Avila, Devon Segovia, Diego Cardenas, Diego Samaniego, Eileen Matamoros-Horstman, Elizabeth Hernandez, Emilio I. Aguilar.

Emily Feria, Fancie Loubet, Ghicel Nuñez, Giseel Pulido, Hailey Swisher, Ines Figueroa, Isaac Ramirez, Isai Guerrero, Isaiyah Gonzales, Isaiyah Hernandez, Isaiyah Orozco, Ivan Arenivas, Ivan Palomars, Jacob Gutierrez, Jacob Parker, Jacqueline Martinez, Jacqueline Olivas, Jacquelyn Garcia, Jade Zamora, Janeth Escajeda.

Janice Mendoza, Jasmin Espinoza, Jasmine Tomlinson, Jayda Zamora, Jessica Gallegos, Jesus Sanchez, Jette Sagely, Joel Rangel, Jonathan Lopez, Jonathan Ortega, Jose Alberto Martinez, Jose Galarza, Joseline Avila, Joselyn Moreno, Joseph Gomez, Julian Robledo, Julianna Pluma, Julie Escalera, Julio Retana Rodriguez, Kara Reid.

Katelyn Riffle, Katrina Jimenez, Kyler Z. Jones, Lazaro Flores, Lennon Romo, Liliana Barrientos, Lynelle N. Villa, Madison Routledge, Maria Cortez, Mark Usevitch, Marlene Gonzalez, Megan Custer, Melissa Carrera, Mia Olivas, Michelle Soto, Miguel Sotelo, Miguel Velazco, Milka Serrano, Monika Ortiz, Monique Ramos.

Naomi Nava, Natalia Bustillos, Nathan Gandara, Nathaniel Lucero, Nicholas Salcedo, Nicole Luna, Noel Tamayo, Oscar Valladolid, Paolo Velazquez, Paulina Acosta Amaya, Phuumin Houser, Ravin Carico, Regina Perez, Robert Granados, Rosemary Vozza, Rudy Meraz, Ryan Rose, Sabreeyah Moody, Samantha A. Sanchez, Samantha Torres.

Samuel Pardo Jr., Sarah Lovett, Selena Ogawa, Sergio Cox, Severa Swiger, Shayla Rey, Simone Gordon, Sophia McCray, Stephanie Siqueiros, Steven Felix, Toni Cobos, Trinity Cordero, Victoria Mendez, Yamilet Acevedo, Yari Castro, Yesenia Webb, Zianya Larios.

Once again, I would like to congratulate this year's winners and thank all students and schools that participated in the Red Ribbon Poster Contest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR HOUSING MEMORIAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce, together with the co-sponsor Representative KEN CALVERT, the Fair Housing Memorial Authorization Act, to commemorate the accomplishments of the fair housing movement

in the United States with a memorial on federal land in the nation's capital. The bipartisan bill authorizes the Fair Housing Commemorative Foundation, established by the National Association of Realtors, to raise funds to build the memorial in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act. No federal funds could be used for the memorial. This may be the first time that a sector of our economy has decided to establish a memorial commemorating a movement that led to the enactment of statutes that regulate some of its practices. The foundation's precedent is commendable.

Fair housing and the movement to bring equal opportunity in the real estate markets are intertwined with our nation's history. The federal government has both been a part of the problem and an integral part of the solution, and every branch of the federal government has played a key role in our nation's progress towards fair housing. It is, therefore, fitting that we commemorate the fair housing movement's efforts to achieve equal opportunity in housing.

The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution establishes a right to own private property that the government cannot take without just compensation. Early immigrants sought a place where they could own and transfer real estate without the arbitrary interference of the government. That right, however, was not universal. Slavery denied basic rights to a whole class of Americans based on their race, and reduced many African Americans to the status of property. Among other things, slaves were denied the right to own and use real property.

The Civil War and the constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery were accompanied by laws that gave all citizens the same rights to own and use real property. The Civil Rights Act of 1866 was our nation's first "fair housing" law, but that law was ignored and severely limited by court decisions, culminating with the philosophy of "separate but equal" in the U.S. Supreme Court Plessey v. Ferguson decision. In addition, Congress and some states passed laws that restricted private property ownership and use by Latinos and Asian Americans. In the early 20th century, social scientists and leaders within the real estate community established guides for neighborhood desirability based on racial composition. Homogeneous neighborhoods of whites from northern European backgrounds were seen as the best investment for homeowners and others. Some early zoning laws sought to limit, by race, the people who could live in certain communities, as did some practices of the real estate industry. Although the U.S. Supreme Court, in its 1917 Buchanan v. Worley decision, struck down these racial restrictions, racial bias formed the basis for many restrictive covenants on real estate.

Following the World War II, returning GIs, through the GI Bill, were offered a path to homeownership. African Americans and other minorities, however, could not take advantage of these benefits in many communities. The great migration of the middle class to suburbs created segregated white suburbs and large isolated urban minority communities. There was little response by the federal government or the courts until, most notably, the 1948 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Shelley v. Kraemer ended judicial enforcement of racially restrictive covenants. The Civil Rights Movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work in Chicago, brought renewed attention to housing

discrimination. The federal government, first through executive order and then through the Civil Rights Act of 1964, banned discrimination in federally funded housing. By 1961, seventeen states had passed fair or open housing laws. However, it was not until April 1968, following the assassination of Dr. King, that Congress passed the Fair Housing Act.

Also in April 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jones v. Mayer, held that the Civil Rights Act of 1866 prohibited discrimination in private real estate transactions. The Court noted that the law, which lacked an effective government enforcement mechanism, covered racial and religious discrimination. The federal government banned gender discrimination in housing in 1974, during the height of the Women's Rights Movement. And in 1988, in response to growing awareness of the housing issues faced the disabled, Congress amended the Fair Housing Act to protect the disabled.

A memorial to the fair housing movement would celebrate the distance the nation has come to achieve fair housing and would remind us of the distance we still have to travel.

Mr. Speaker, in light of this long battle for fair housing, I ask the House to pass this bill.

SUPPORTING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, October is Filipino American History Month, giving us opportunity to remember the storied history of Filipinos in Hawaii.

From the barrios of the Philippines, Filipinos boarded ships and sailed across the Pacific.

Upon reaching Hawaii, they worked on sugarcane plantations where life was hard but filled with hope and the dream of a brighter future.

Today, generations later, Filipinos represent the largest and fastest growing ethnic minority in the islands. Through hard work, they continue to make steady strides in all professions. They are our doctors and lawyers, our teachers, small business owners, and community leaders. The next generation of Filipino Americans will build upon this legacy of accomplishment. I had the pleasure of meeting with members of the Kabatak Filipino Club at the University of Hawaii—Maui College in Kahului. Their primary goal is to raise an awareness of Filipino culture and to encourage the recruitment, retention, and achievement of Filipino students on the Maui campus. This is a noble endeavor.

For more than a century, Filipino Americans have left their mark on America. Let us reflect, celebrate, and honor this cherished heritage.

HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS TENNIS TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in con-

gratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins tennis team for its second straight state title.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout their flawless season and on bringing home another Class 2 State Tennis Championship to their school and community.

Making its 12th state appearance in 13 years, the Rock Bridge Lady Bruins once again showed their tremendous talent. Their competition was fierce, but the ladies battled through to their last 5–1 victory over Parkway Central.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 9, 2011, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Juan Abarca, Alfred Aguilar; Virgil Edward Archer; George Van Ashley; Clayton M. Babbitt; Thomas Jones Barber; Webster W. Brahams, Jr.; Claude Chastain, Jr.; Lonny Ross Ciinklaw; Willie B. Exson; Rick Farrell; Michael J. Federico; Jack Garvin Gale; Dwayne L. Gallo; Raul P. Garcia; Daniel Keith Gibson; William Onicent Gutierrez; Clarence Weldon Hart; Harley James Henson; Drexal Q. Jackson; Joseph F. Laturno; Gordon Peter Martens; Charles E. Murphy; Johnnie D. Riley; Loid B. LeRoy Sadler; Eric Schlitz; Mark D. Switzer; Larry Joe Wade; William Franklin Williams; and Otis Lee Wilson.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

IN HONOR OF MR. TOM BERES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Tom Beres, a reporter for Cleveland's WKYC, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland and inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

Tom was born and raised Ashtabula, Ohio. He graduated from Westlake High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in broadcast journalism from Northwestern University. During his last year at Northwestern, Tom worked as a radio correspondent covering Watergate for WMAQ in Chicago.

Before returning to his hometown of Cleveland, Tom worked as an anchor/reporter for WDTN and WLWD TV in Dayton, Ohio for four years. He has been working for WKYC in Cleveland since July 1979 and is the longest tenured reporter with one station in the City of Cleveland. He worked for many years as a general assignment reporter before being promoted to senior political reporter in May of 1998. Throughout his career Tom has garnered several awards including the Best Broadcast Writing award from the Ohio Associated Press in 1984 and three local Emmys. His 1989 Emmy for Investigative Reporting was for his coverage of ticket abuse by Cleveland police officers.

In addition to his storied career with WKYC, for the past eight years Tom has hosted the political discussion show, *Between the Lines*. He has moderated countless local and state wide political debates. Tom is on the Board of Directors for the local chapter of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and Camp Ho Mita Koda, a camp for diabetic children. He has also served on the boards of the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating WKYC's Mr. Tom Beres as the Press Club of Cleveland inducts him into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 808 I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING THE BRIDGE, INC.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Bridge, Inc. located in Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

The Bridge, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, community agency that has been helping children and families in the Essex County area since 1971 regardless of their ability to pay. All services are designed to strengthen and support the family and promote the personal growth of children, adolescents, adults and seniors.

The Bridge offers a variety of high quality, cost effective, professional mental health and addiction assessment and treatment services. Every day it works with individuals and families facing marital problems, parent/child conflicts, grief and loss, depression, anxiety, substance abuse and more.

The Bridge's compassionate staff is always ready and willing to assist those in need of help. Among the programs they offer are counseling services, adult and adolescent substance abuse services, school based substance abuse services, family crisis intervention counseling and the Family Preservation Program. Through its school based substance abuse services, The Bridge offers primary prevention/early intervention services to contacting local schools as a first defense to substance abuse.

Also offered, is a unique women's service called Stepping Stones, Women's Addiction Services. This program is an intensive outpatient service aimed at empowering women to take control of their lives and plan for their futures. Through the use of continuing care groups, women are counseled on parenting skills, healthy relationships and how to deal with their addictions, giving them the first steps to a healthier lifestyle.

For the past 40 years, The Bridge, Inc. has dedicated itself to the prevention and care of those struggling with a wide range of mental health and addiction issues. I commend the caring staff for their unwavering support to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Bridge, Inc. on its 40th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF MICHELE DASCHBACH FAST

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Michele Daschbach Fast who entered into eternal life on October 12, 2011, at the young and vital age of 47. A brutal, senseless act took the life of this beautiful, loving, talented and selfless wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

Michele was blessed with extraordinary qualities, and she blessed everyone in her life in return. She was generous and loving, welcoming and joyful, a sports fan, a swimmer, a tennis player, a Giants fan and the most ardent supporter of the sports teams of her family and her wide circle of friends. She was quick, clever, and had a great sense of humor and she will never be forgotten.

Michele leaves her devoted husband of 24 years, Patrick, and her three beloved children, Patrick, 20, Laura, 18, and Lisa, 16. She also leaves her parents Leonore and Howard Daschbach of Atherton, and her brothers and sisters, Mark Daschbach, Rooney Daschbach, Laura Pitchford, LeeLee Cusenza, and Lisa Fuerst, as well as her faithful companion, Otis, a Black Labrador. Michele also played a wonderful, enthusiastic role in the lives of her many nieces and nephews, in-laws, scores of friends and the entire community of Seal Beach, California.

I am privileged to have known the Daschbach family for many decades. They are deeply faith filled and one of the most respected families in our community. May their faith, and the love and support of so many be sources of comfort to them during the difficult days ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Michele Daschbach Fast's life, and extend our deepest condolences to her entire family.

VETERANS CO-OP HOUSING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as we honor and thank all who bravely served in the United States Armed Forces on Veterans Day, we also must ensure that our returning veterans can fully use programs that aid veterans' homeownership. Across the U.S., there are more than 1.2 million families of all income levels in homes owned and operated through cooperative associations. In New York City, co-ops make up about one-third of the housing stock and are often a less expensive option than condo units.

In 2006, Congress passed legislation I authored allowing veterans to use the Veterans Affairs' (VA) Home Loan Guaranty Program to purchase cooperative housing using their low interest loan benefits. These loan benefits allow veterans to buy homes with no down payment and limited closing costs. However, the program to allow loans for co-op housing will sunset at the end of 2011. In order to allow our nation's veterans to use the VA loan for all forms of home ownership, I am reintroducing legislation that would permanently extend the co-op program. To ensure that veterans are aware they can utilize the loans for co-op housing units, we have added a provision so that the Secretary of the VA can advertise the program to eligible veterans, participating lenders, and interested realtors.

By permanently extending these VA loan benefits to include co-ops, we can honor and thank all who bravely served in our Armed Forces by giving them the tools and resources they need to pursue their dreams of homeownership wherever they live.

Thank you to original cosponsors Reps. EDOLPHUS TOWNS, LAURA RICHARDSON, CHARLES RANGEL, JERROLD NADLER, and JESSE JACKSON, JR.

HONORING THE ST. ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL LADY HORNETS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Elizabeth High School Lady Hornets Softball team for winning the Class 1 Missouri State Championship on October 22, 2011.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state softball championship to their school and community. In their final championship game against the Jefferson Eagles, every team member made important contributions that led to their 5-2 win.

The Lady Hornets have carried on the school's proud tradition of excellence by bringing home the St. Elizabeth High School's fourth state softball championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the St. Elizabeth Lady Hornets for a job well done.

IN HONOR OF MR. BOB PAYNTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bob Paynter, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland and inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

Bob was born and raised in Kirkwood, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri—Columbia School of Journalism and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1975. He first worked for the Akron Beacon Journal from 1981 to 1985 on crime, parole policies and political corruption. During his first period with the Journal he wrote a number of stories that helped free a man wrongly convicted of a child-murder case and led indirectly to conviction of the real killer.

Bob left the Greater Cleveland area and worked as a general assignment and projects reporter for The Dallas Morning News during 1986. He covered local courts and government and investigating the effects of lead pollution on inner-city children. Bob returned to Ohio working for the Akron Beacon Journal in January 1987. He worked as an investigative reporter and editor with the newspaper for the next 13 years. He covered topics such as campaign-finance abuses, failed drug-enforcement policies, illegal awarding of county sewer contracts, wrongful conviction of college student for date rape and evolution of race relations in the Akron area. In December of 1999 Bob began working for The Cleveland Plain Dealer as a projects editor and investigative reporter. During his 9 years with the Plain Dealer, Bob wrote on misconduct by the Parma police and the priests of the Cleveland Diocese and the "Cold-Blooded Liar" series. He is now the principal of Investigative Communications, LLC.

Throughout his career, Bob has been the recipient of some of journalism's most prestigious awards. As a result of his work on race relations in Akron Bob was awarded a Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service. He received Worth Bingham and Sigma Delta Chi awards because of his work on the Ohio legislature's "Pay to Play" system and American Society of Newspaper Editors Local Watchdog Award while he was with the Plain Dealer.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Bob Paynter as the Press Club of Cleveland inducts him into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 809, I had district work that required my presence.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "yea."

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, designated as such in 1987. Since then, victims and their advocates have come together each October to shed light on this insidious and still far too pervasive social ill.

As co-founder of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and its first Executive Director, I worked with domestic violence advocates and policymakers to bring about critical programming and changes in national public policy through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 for victims of domestic abuse.

Since passage, great strides have been made to call attention and provide resources to address domestic violence. But the fight is far from over. Millions of women continue to suffer from assaults and rapes that cause long-term physical and mental health problems. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year, victims experience about 7.7 million intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes at a cost of \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses.

As our economy recovers, it is important to appreciate the impact that the economic downturn has had on services providers due to increased demand, but limited resources. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, domestic violence is more than three times as likely to occur when couples are experiencing high levels of financial strain. The sad truth is service providers struggle to serve victims with constrained budgets. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 92% of victim service providers have seen an increased demand, but 84% reported that cutbacks in funding were directly affecting their work.

This past Tuesday, October 25th, I was joined by the Prince George's County State's Attorney Office, Congressional staffers, victims' rights advocates, law enforcement, and providers on a tour of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center (DV/SAC) at the Prince George's Hospital in Cheverly, Maryland. The tour not only commemorated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but provided all participants with a better understanding of the vital work being done by victim advocates in my State of Maryland and across our country, as well as the growing demand for special services for victims in this economic climate.

Established in 1973 and expanded in 2010, DV/SAC is located in the 4th Congressional District of Maryland, which I have the honor of representing in this Chamber. It offers a full range of hospital-based domestic violence services. The Center operates 24 hours a day and includes crisis intervention, crisis and follow-up counseling, safety planning, danger assessment, referral services, and victim advocacy. In 2010, DV/SAC provided sexual assault forensic exams and counseling to over 300 new victims, 1,700 individual and group counseling sessions, and over 1,000 crisis line inquiries answered, in addition to training medical staff and collaborating with community partners.

It is vitally important that we quickly reauthorize the life-saving and essential programs that protect so many women and families across our country. These programs save lives, contribute to our Nation's economic well-being, and break the devastating cycle of violence for future generations. We also need to maintain and even increase critical Family Violence Prevention and Service Act (FVPSA) and VAWA funding in these challenging economic times for not only our Nation, but also all the families across the United States.

The prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the country takes the work of a community and a commitment to providing women and men with resources and information to protect themselves. I look forward to continue working with victims, advocates, providers, and other Members of Congress in obtaining the necessary funding for these vital programs, while also working to strengthen VAWA through its reauthorization.

H.R. 3271, THE SECURITY AND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT ACT

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Security and Financial Empowerment Act, better known as the SAFE Act.

Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are widespread problems that affect Americans from every background, ethnicity, and race. The prevalence of this violence is highlighted by the fact that nearly one in four women are beaten or sexually assaulted by a partner during adulthood and advocates are reporting an increase in the severity of these violent incidents.

These crimes have serious societal costs and gave physical and psychological impacts on their victims. Credible research has found that many women are trapped in abusive relationships due to their economic circumstances. As a result, victims often face the terrifying choice of living with abuse or leaving without the ability to support themselves and their children.

Under the SAFE Act, victims can take limited leave from work for safety planning and necessary court appearances without fear of losing their job. The SAFE Act also provides job protection when reasonable workplace safety modifications are requested.

The recent tragedy in Seal Beach, California—where a salon employee's ex-husband

allegedly opened fire and killed 8 people—vividly illustrates how disputes at home can lead to violence in the workplace. To help employers address this issue, the bill reauthorizes the National Workplace Resource Center grant program. These grants will be made available to qualified organizations to establish and operate resource centers that assist employers on how to protect all their employees as well as those who are victims of domestic and sexual abuse.

The SAFE Act also protects victims of domestic abuse by prohibiting employers from making hiring decisions and insurance companies from refusing coverage based on an individual's history of abuse.

Finally, the SAFE Act makes it possible for a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking eligible for unemployment insurance if it is necessary for an employee to leave a job to escape the abuse.

The SAFE Act is a critical step towards helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to become survivors by giving them the financial security they need to seek help and end their dependence on abusive partners and ultimately break the cycle of violence in their lives.

I want to thank the many dedicated advocates and organizations who work tirelessly every day to empower victims of physical and sexual abuse. They face daunting challenges as the demand for their services continues to increase even as their funding sources at the local, state, and federal levels are being slashed. Their input, expertise, and support have been invaluable in crafting the SAFE Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and Congressman TED POE in co-sponsoring and helping to pass the SAFE Act. For far too many people, the safety nets in this bill are literally the difference between life and death. The time to act is now.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TROY COMMUNITY COALITION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the auspicious occasion of the Troy Community Coalition's twentieth year of service to the residents of Troy to recognize the profound impact of its members on efforts of communities across the Nation to combat and prevent substance abuse.

Born out of grass roots organizing by residents concerned with the rising incidence of underage drinking, the Troy Community Coalition, TCC, and its sister coalitions across the country have become the chief advocates in promoting the importance of preventing substance abuse. Like many of its younger counterparts, when the TCC was organized in 1991, its members focused on the need to educate area residents on the deleterious effects of substance abuse on their community. As the TCC grew, it assembled a broad alliance of community stakeholders and gradually shifted its mission from education to changing the environment and public policy of Troy to prevent substance abuse.

As one of the first community coalitions, the TCC has been a model for coalitions across

the country. Thanks to the advocacy of its members, in 1998 federal legislation was passed creating the Drug Free Communities program, which provides important resources to seed developing coalitions. Recognizing the innovation and knowledge base created by the TCC, its Executive Director at the time, Ms. Mary Ann Solberg, was tapped to be Deputy Director of the Executive Office of National Drug Control Policy in 2002.

Being a model coalition, the TCC has been the originator of many novel and innovative programs that have been implemented by its sister coalitions. The TCC's staff has even been tapped by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, a national advocacy group, to provide instruction to coalitions from around the country. Locally, the TCC has also gone on to mentor other area coalitions that are now recipients of Drug Free Communities resources.

Mr. Speaker, as families across my state of Michigan and the Nation feel the increasing pressures of our current economic environment, the work of community coalitions, like the TCC has become increasingly important to prevent individuals in crisis from turning to illicit substances. The TCC regularly engages thousands of members in the Troy community in activities which promote the strength of families and mold our youth into independent leaders of their generations. I congratulate the Troy Community Coalition and its members on twenty years of success in the fight to save the lives of youth across our community and I know its members will continue to lead the national dialogue in this important endeavor.

IN HONOR OF MR. PHILLIP MORRIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Phillip Morris, a columnist with the Cleveland Plain Dealer, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland and inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Phillip attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism. After graduating in 1987, he began working as a police and courts reporter for the Dayton Daily News. He would eventually work as an editorial writer for the paper.

In October of 1990, Phillip joined the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Editorial page. His responsibilities included editorial coverage of Cleveland city government, Ohio state government, the state and federal penal systems, education and children's issues. In 1995, Phillip began writing a weekly column for the Plain Dealer's Forum page and continued to do so for eleven years. In April of 2007, he became a metro columnist and gained national recognition in this role. Currently, Phillip is working as a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan; he will return to the Plain Dealer in the spring of 2012.

Despite being at the Plain Dealer for less than twenty years, Phillip has garnered local and national recognition based on his work on criminal justice issues. He has been awarded

a National Association of Black Journalists award, a National Headliner Award and has been a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize twice. He is also a finalist for a second Association of Black Journalists award this year.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Mr. Phillip Morris as the Press Club of Cleveland inducts him into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 810, I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

THE WORSENING PLIGHT OF EGYPT'S COPTS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the record a copy of Chuck Colson's recent Breakpoint Commentary which movingly speaks of the worsening conditions facing Egypt's Coptic community.

According to an October 25 Washington Post article, "Attacks on Christians have significantly increased since the uprising. The violence on October 9 began when about 1,000 Christians tried to stage a peaceful sit-in outside the state television building." The Egyptian military forcefully broke up their protest leaving at least 21 Christians dead in the single deadliest incident since the end of the Mubarak regime.

This carnage is evidence of an ancient faith community which is increasingly under siege. Not only are Coptic Christians not reaping the promise of the so-called "Arab Spring" but as Colson writes, "It's getting clearer for parts of the Arab world, its going to be a long, cold winter."

The Obama administration must press Egypt's ruling generals to uphold the rights of the country's vulnerable minority communities. Their sustained presence in the region is crucial.

[Oct. 24, 2011]

IONIC COPTIC WINTER: DEMOCRACY AND CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT

On October 9, at least two dozen Christians were killed by Egyptian police. Their only "crime" was in insisting that they be treated in a manner consistent with what the "Arab Spring" was supposed to be about.

It's getting clearer that for parts of the Arab world, it's going to be a long, cold winter.

The killings happened during a march organized by Coptic leaders to protest a church-burning by Islamists. The military regime responded lackadaisically to this outrage, just as it has to other outrages perpetrated against Egypt's Christian minority.

The junta's response to peaceful protest was a combination of tear gas, live ammunition, and armored vehicles ramming into the

crowd. A few protestors threw rocks in response to the attacks, which gave state-controlled media a chance to claim that protestors started the violence and urge “honorable,” that is, Muslim, Egyptians to help the soldiers.

While I expect that kind of deception from Egyptian state-run media, I am appalled by The New York Times’ characterization of the killings as “sectarian violence.” For the Times, Christians are only victims if they endure violence without uttering the merest peep in protest. If they protest or try to defend themselves, however feebly, the Times paints them as the moral equivalent of their persecutors.

The situation in Egypt has become so dire that one Coptic bishop compares it to a “dark tunnel of violence.” Quoting the Apostle Paul, he writes that he and his flock are “hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed . . . perplexed but not lost, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed.”

While they pray for the victims and the offenders, it’s our task to make sure they are not forsaken, which is what all the euphoria over the “Arab Spring” threatens to do.

Lost in the buzz over democracy, Twitter, and Facebook, was any recognition that ousting dictators and establishing democracy are means, not ends. In other words, it doesn’t matter if you replace the rule of dictators with popular rule if, in the end, Christians and other minorities become targets for persecution and violence.

Our founding fathers, when they set out to “establish justice, insure domestic tranquility . . . [and] promote the general welfare,” knew the dangers of an unchecked majority. That’s why our Constitution is filled with checks and balances—between the people and the government, and between branches of government.

The “Arab Spring” has not resulted in greater justice and increased tranquility for Middle Eastern Christians. As John L. Allen wrote in the National Catholic Reporter, “many analysts wonder whether Christianity will be the first victim of the new order taking shape” in the Middle East.

There’s no reason, as writer Rod Dreher reminds us, to assume that democracy and religious tolerance go hand-in-hand. On the contrary, recent history suggests that what the so-called “people” often want is to mistreat the “others” in their midst.

Now, there is little standing between them and what they want. If Christians resist, they are run over by armored vehicles and blamed for their fate. While God has not forsaken them, the world that cheered on the Arab crowds last Spring seems intent on doing so.

NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, last month was National Infant Mortality Awareness Month and was established to highlight the tragic occurrences of infant deaths across the nation and to raise awareness about those programs that can help save lives and ensure our children are healthy. As we know, infant mortality, the rate at which babies die before their first birthday, is an important measure of the nation’s health and a worldwide indicator of health status and social well-being.

Although the overall infant mortality rate (IMR) in the United States (U.S.) steadily declined for several decades, it has leveled off for the past several years. In 2009, the rate of infant deaths before age one for the U.S. was 6.4 per 1,000 live births. Unfortunately, the U.S. IMR is higher than the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) average and that of most European countries.

Though the rate for Maryland has dropped from 7.2 to 6.7, the rates throughout the state remain astoundingly high. Last year, the infant mortality rate for Prince George’s County was 9.0 or 22% of all infant deaths in the state of Maryland. Montgomery County realized a decline from 5.5 the previous year to 4.3 this year, but still had the fourth highest number of deaths in Maryland (behind Baltimore City, Prince George’s County, and Baltimore County).

In our nation, minority communities are especially affected by higher IMR. For example, across the country African Americans have higher incidences of infant mortality than do their white counterparts. In Maryland, the IMR for African American mothers was 11.8 compared to 4.1 for white mothers. These statistics bring to light the staggering disparities between race, ethnicity, age, education, and socio-economic levels.

National Infant Mortality Month gives us an opportunity to raise public awareness about the levels at which this problem continues to affect our communities, and to educate women about ways they may reduce infant mortality with good health care during the mother’s pregnancy and the early years of the child’s life. Research indicates that a number of federal programs may reduce the IMR. Programs such as the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and Healthy Start are vital programs tasked with bringing awareness to factors that contribute to the nation’s high infant mortality rate, including low birth weight, congenital abnormalities, and sudden infant death syndrome. With the support of local organizations and clinics like the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and the Suitland Health and Wellness Center, we can advance a number of strategies to reduce infant mortality and help mothers and children live long and healthy lives.

I will continue to support and bring awareness to programs that increase access to health care and improve the quality of prenatal and newborn care to prevent the causes of infant mortality. As our nation recovers from these difficult economic times and families may experience gaps in health coverage due to job loss, transitions, and financial instability, it is especially vital that we continue to support adequate funding for these programs. We need to ensure that our babies get a healthy start to celebrate their first birthday and beyond.

I am pleased that even though the House of Representatives did not recognize National Infant Mortality Awareness Month by passing a resolution, the Senate did. By doing so, it brought much needed attention and awareness to the importance of reducing our infant mortality rate.

ROBERT B. COWDREY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise in commendation of Sgt. Robert B. Cowdrey who served our country with great honor and pride. Sgt. Cowdrey gave his life for our country on October 13, while attempting a helicopter rescue of his fellow soldiers under fire.

Sgt. Cowdrey was raised in La Junta, Colorado. He graduated from La Junta High School in 1990. He was a devoted outdoorsman, who enjoyed bow hunting. Cowdrey enlisted in the Army in 2003 and was serving his third tour of duty in Afghanistan at the time of his death. Sgt. Cowdrey’s duties included flying into active combat zones to deliver medical assistance and rescue troops while under fire. He was highly decorated for his heroic service, earning the Bronze Star and two army commendations for valor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sgt. Cowdrey, a selfless American hero whose bravery and sacrifice are examples of what makes this country great. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jill, their three sons, Justin, Jacob and Nathan, and the entire Cowdrey family.

COMMEMORATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Filipino American History Month. We have, as a nation, commemorated October as Filipino American History month since 1988. The legislature in my home state of California also recognizes this month. California has long historical ties with Filipino Americans, and our state is home to over half of the Filipino population of the United States.

This month is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich culture and history of Filipino Americans, who have contributed so much both to California and to the United States. I’m pleased that recently there has been some legislative acknowledgment of their military contributions. Just this month in California, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 199 into law, which would encourage the inclusion of the role of Filipinos in World War II in social studies curricula. Over 250,000 Filipinos fought with the U.S. in World War II. Their valiant service was largely uncompensated and unrecognized until recently.

I’m hopeful that my colleagues will take a moment to recognize the Filipino American community. This country is a nation of immigrants, and we are so much richer for the contributions that Americans of every background have made, and will continue to make as we move forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY
WORKMAN

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jerry Workman. Brother Workman, as he was called by the almost 5,000 students he taught, was a beloved science teacher for over 40 years at Pecos High School in Pecos, Texas. After battling colon and abdominal cancer, Mr. Workman passed away on October 6, 2011. However, his memory will live on through the thousands of students he mentored and inspired through his love of teaching.

Jerry Samuel Workman, Sr. was born on March 7, 1940 in Angel-Flatts, Texas. Mr. Workman moved to Pecos in 1965 to pursue a job opportunity after serving in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. Unable to find the job he was seeking, he was invited to apply for an opening as a teacher at Pecos High School and teach "for a year or two." Forty-six years later, he was still teaching. Over the years Mr. Workman selflessly taught thousands of students and coached numerous UIL Science teams; drove countless miles in a school bus, and helped students find scholarships to attend college.

When Jerry Workman was diagnosed with cancer, his family set up a Facebook page to update past and present students on his health. The page called, "Jerry Workman taught me more than Chemistry," has become populated with friends, family, and former students sharing memories of Brother Workman. Jerry Workman dedicated his life to serving the youth of Pecos, Texas. His passing is a great loss to not only the community, but the entire State of Texas.

IN HONOR OF MR. HERB THOMAS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Herb Thomas, a photojournalist and news videographer for Cleveland's WJW, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland with the 2011 Chuck Heaton Award.

Herb attended Thomas Edison High School in Cleveland, Ohio before joining WJW in 1969 as a set designer. Throughout the years Herb has worked in a number of capacities for the station including director of print operations, member of the studio camera crew, photojournalist and videographer. He is also responsible for creating WJW's sign off programs "Meditation" and "Celebration."

Herb is a local celebrity in Cleveland and played "Soul Man" on the Big Chuck and Little John Show for many years. He has been featured in PM Magazine, listed in the "Who's Who" in Success Magazine and named "One of Cleveland's Most Interesting People" in Cleveland Magazine. Herb is also the founder and president of thomasvisions and of the performing arts choir, "Prayer Warriors."

Herb has been honored in the past as well for his quality of work and dedication to jour-

nalism. He has won 12 Emmys, two International Gabriel awards and documentary honors by the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists. Herb was also inducted in the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2000.

In addition to being inducted in the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011, Herb is this year's recipient of the Chuck Heaton Award. The Chuck Heaton Award honors an individual who best exemplifies the qualities of the Plain Dealer's longtime sports writer and columnist, Chuck Heaton. Mr. Heaton was known for his dedication to journalism and community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating WJW's Herb Thomas as the Press Club of Cleveland names him the 2011 Chuck Heaton Award recipient.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 812, I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MR. MAURICE VEISSI

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Maurice "Moe" Veissi, an outstanding realtor and person who has supported the Miami community for over 40 years. Having known Moe for several years, I can attest to his exemplary character and his commitment to his profession and the people he serves.

Moe is the 2011 President-Elect of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), and broker-owner of Veissi & Associates located in Miami, FL. He served on the Strategic Investment Reserve Advisory Board for NAR, also serving as a regional vice president for Region V in 2005. Moe has served on NAR's Board of Directors since 1999, along with numerous NAR committees.

Moe was also elected president of the Florida Association of Realtors (FAR) in 2002, and in 2003 was named "Realtor of the Year". On the local level, he has served as president of the Realtor Association of Greater Miami and The Beaches, and was twice appointed to as the Economic Development Chairman. Active in his community, Moe founded the Silent Angels Charitable Foundation, has coached several youth sports teams and also volunteers for numerous organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Maurice Veissi for his continued service to the Miami community. It will be great to have a model South Floridian representing such a well-respected national organization. He is an exceptional leader for the community, and I am privileged to call him my friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HOUSTON M. TAYLOR

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Army Sergeant First Class Houston M. Taylor who was killed on October 13, 2011 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. He was working in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while serving with Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Sergeant First Class Taylor was posthumously promoted to Sergeant First Class and awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions.

Sergeant First Class Taylor was 25 years old, attended Azle High School, in Azle, Texas, and enlisted in the Army in 2005. His first assignment was to Fort Lewis, Washington, with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Sergeant First Class Taylor deployed to Iraq in 2006 and 2008 before deploying to Afghanistan in early 2011. Sergeant Taylor was killed during his third combat tour. He leaves behind his high school sweetheart and wife, Kelsey Rae Taylor, and two young children, Rylan, and Avery.

Sergeant First Class Taylor gallantly and selflessly gave his life in the service of his country when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire while they were on foot patrol in Afghanistan. Major Dave Eastburn, a spokesman for the brigade in which Sergeant First Class Taylor served, said Sergeant First Class Taylor "was a warrior, a great leader, and will be truly missed." This affirmation only confirms what his family and friends already knew about Sergeant First Class Taylor. His mother knew from an early age that he was destined for the service and his wife said that "he never complained about anything he had to do" in the Army.

I wish to extend my condolences to Sergeant First Class Taylor's wife, Kelsey Rae, his children, Rylan and Avery, his parents, and all of his family and friends. I hope they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on both this grateful nation and his fellow soldiers.

MAKING PROGRESS ON PAID SICK
LEAVE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support employers and businesses that provide paid sick leave to American workers across the country. Workers should be able to take care of themselves or family members who are sick without risking losing their jobs or a day's wages. The businesses in my district have worked closely with the City of Seattle, and particularly Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata, to be leaders on this issue. I want to commend the City of Seattle for recently adopting paid sick leave for workers, demonstrating direct support for working families

and protecting public health. Seattle joins with San Francisco, Milwaukee, Washington, DC and Connecticut in taking a big step to ease some of the burden on working families. I also applaud the work of the many coalitions across the country that are building support for implementing paid sick leave for the forty-four million workers who cannot take the time off they need.

Representative ROSA DELAURO of Connecticut recently sponsored H.R. 1876, The Healthy Families Act, which I support. This piece of legislation requires certain employers to allow workers to earn an hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work. The Healthy Families Act provides workers with the flexibility to address their own health needs as well as those of their family members. This Act also keeps public and private health care costs low by enabling workers and their families to seek early and routine medical care. This creates a vital safety net for working parents who shouldn't have to risk a day's wages or losing their jobs when they or their family members get sick. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

RECOGNIZING SHEKEMA SILVERI,
WINNER OF THE 2011 NATIONAL
MILKEN EDUCATOR OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor a hard-working and talented educator in my district, Ms. Shekema Silveri.

Ms. Silveri teaches Language Arts at Mount Zion High School in Jonesboro, Georgia, and she received the Milken Educator Award on Friday, October 21, 2011 at a surprise ceremony held at the school. This award is one of the most prestigious national honors an educator can receive. The Milken Educator Award recognizes extraordinary educational talent, models of excellence, and great potential for professional and policy leadership.

Ms. Silveri is an outstanding example of excellence in teaching. She continues to innovate and strives to motivate her students to become visionaries. At a school with a large at-risk student population, Ms. Silveri's students are doing exceptionally well—all of her students passed the Georgia American Literature End of Course Test. She is also a leader outside the classroom, mentoring fellow teachers and leading the implementation of a remediation program for seniors.

Ms. Shekema Silveri is an inspirational role model not only to her students, but also to her fellow teachers. Mr. Speaker, honorable colleagues, I invite you to join me today in recognizing this exemplary educator for all of her achievements. I look forward to hearing news of her future success.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
AND SERVICE OF DANIEL E.
MULLINS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Mullins, upon his retirement from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), Santa Rosa County Extension Office. For over 40 years, Daniel Mullins has dedicated his career to educating and serving the Gulf Coast region through his passion for horticultural science.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Daniel Mullins joined the University of Florida IFAS Extension office in Escambia County in 1970 and became the first horticulture agent in the Florida Panhandle and west of Tallahassee. He established a weekly gardening clinic, local nursery association chapter, published a weekly gardening column in the Pensacola News Journal, and served as part of a team documenting Northwest Florida beach dune plants. He also visited Europe to study cut flower production in Holland and applied those lessons to Florida. After seven years in Escambia County, he returned home to his native Mississippi to open his own landscape business, The Country Gardener.

Returning to Florida in 1989, Mr. Mullins began work with the Santa Rosa County Extension Office as the Commercial Horticulture Agent. Mr. Mullins was responsible for Extension educational programs for specialty crop producers of fruits and vegetables and the horticultural services industry, including nurseries, garden centers, and landscape professionals.

In Santa Rosa County, Mr. Mullins helped establish the Florida Digital Diagnostic System, designed a diagnostic lab that was included in the Santa Rosa County's Extension facility, taught plant grafting to nursery personnel and 4-H youth for more than 15 years and helped establish the Panhandle Butterfly House. He was the first person to identify chestnut blight on Chinquapin in Florida, and established a low-chill apple demonstration orchard to teach the importance of variety selection.

Throughout the course of his career, Mr. Mullins has received over fifty awards and honors, most at the state, Southeast regional, or national levels. Mr. Mullins also wrote over 1,200 newspaper columns, conducted over 3,000 field visits, and served as the National Horticulture Chair for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 2002, as well as both the Audit Committee Chair and Communications Committee Chair for the Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents. As he begins retirement, he leaves behind a remarkable career full of accomplishments and one through which he has touched the lives of thousands in Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate Daniel Mullins on his retirement and thank him for his service to the Gulf Coast. My wife Vicki and I wish him and his wife Vickie, and their three children, Katie, Sarah, and Jackson, all the best.

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EX-
CHANGE AND CONSERVATION
ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1904) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes:

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chair, I rise reluctantly to oppose this legislation that authorizes a land exchange between the federal government and a private company to benefit that company's commercial interests. The bill conveys 2,400 acres of federal lands to Resolution Copper, an Australian mining company, in exchange for 5,300 acres of Resolution Copper's land to the federal government. In principle, I am strongly in favor of the privatization of federal government land and I only wish we would do more of it. This is not the way to privatize federal land, however. Rather than determine the real market value of the land, such as through a public auction process, the legislation names the company to receive the land with the stipulation that a yearly assessment of the land may result in a value adjustment payment to the federal government by that company. This additional fee would be paid to a special fund controlled by the Department of the Interior.

Absent any free market mechanism to determine the real value of the land being conveyed, this looks like a special deal for one company. Even with the best intentions and intelligence on the part of the government, only free market mechanisms can accurately determine value.

Also, doing the math on this bill it will result in the federal government controlling more land than before the bill! So rather than a privatization program it is an anti-privatization program.

I am all for privatization of federal lands, and I am all for private industry profiting from this country's labor and natural resources. However, setting up these public/private partnerships and special deals is not the way to go about it. I sincerely hope that we will rethink this approach in favor of an open and public auction where as many companies may compete as might have an interest, even if we must change existing laws to do so.

IN HONOR OF KELLY O'DONNELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kelly O'Donnell, a political reporter for NBC, who is being honored by the Press Club of Cleveland and inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

Born and raised in Euclid and Cleveland's University Heights neighborhoods, Kelly attended Northwestern University. After graduating in 1987 from Northwestern's School of

Education and Social Policy, Kelly returned to Cleveland and began working with the then CBS affiliate WJW-TV8 as a reporter and part-time anchor. She gained national recognition while covering the Southern Ohio Correctional riots in Lucasville, Ohio in 1993. She eventually won a regional Emmy based on her work of the riots.

Less than a year after the Lucasville prison riots, Kelly was working as an NBC reporter. During the past seventeen years with NBC, Kelly has covered stories including the September 11th attacks, the passing of Pope John Paul II, Queen Elizabeth's 50th Jubilee, the Shuttle *Columbia* disaster, the CIA Leak trial, the Columbine school shooting, John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crash, the Oklahoma City bombing and trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the O.J. Simpson saga and numerous Olympic Games. She has also been embedded with the Third Infantry Division in Fallujah, worked several presidential campaigns, and served as the NBC News' White House Correspondent from May 2005 to December 2007. Today she can be found as a contributor to NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, TODAY, and on MSNBC.

In addition to her local Emmy, Kelly has been nominated for several national Emmy Awards. She was inducted into the Ohio Radio/Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2004 and received two first place awards from the Los Angeles Press Club. Kelly was twice part of NBC Nightly News' teams to be awarded the Edward R. Murrow Award, and in 2007 she was named Capitol Hill Correspondent.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating NBC's Kelly O'Donnell as the Press Club of Cleveland inducts her into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, Class of 2011.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 811, I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF
TOMMIE SPEIGHTS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tommie Speights, upon his retirement from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as District 3 Public Information Director, after 22 years of service to the State of Florida.

Born in Panama City, Florida and raised in Marianna, Mr. Speights worked in a number of

different capacities prior to joining FDOT. A true patriot, he chose to serve his country during the Vietnam era and wore the uniform of the United States Army. Upon being honorably discharged from the Army, he attended Chipola Junior College and Florida A&M University. After completing his studies in Broadcast Journalism, he worked as a television news reporter for CBS affiliate WTVY-TV 4 News in Dothan, Alabama. During his 15 years there, he received several awards, including one from the Associated Press for "Best Investigative Reporting."

In 1989, Mr. Speights began his impressive career with FDOT as Public Information Director for District 3. This district includes 16 counties in Northwest Florida, stretching from Jefferson County in the east to Escambia County in the west. For the last 22 years he has devoted his professional life to helping those in need. Serving others brings him great satisfaction, and co-workers and supervisors alike applaud Mr. Speights for his dependability and unwavering commitment.

My wife Vicki and I wish him; his wife, the former Lillie Kendall of Marianna; their three children, Sheilah, Ron, and Marisa; and four grand-children, Alexis, NyAsia, Amariion, and Kensley all the best.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to congratulate Mr. Speights on his retirement and thank him for his service to Northwest Florida and our great nation.