

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER OF LOIS ROCKHILL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the long and distinguished career of a true community leader in east central Indiana. After more than two decades in service to those within our community who need a helping hand, Lois Rockhill will be retiring as the executive director of the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana.

Before coming to Indiana, Lois had already distinguished herself while serving in Turkey as a member of the Peace Corps. When she came to Second Harvest in 1989, the organization had distributed 450,000 pounds of food to those in need. Under her leadership, that amount has grown to more than 9.5 million pounds of food this past year, which exceeded their goal for 2011.

The Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana is now the region's largest charity dedicated to alleviating hunger. Each year, the organization provides food assistance to more than 69,000 low-income Hoosiers facing hunger. That includes nearly 31,000 children and more than 5,000 senior citizens.

The leadership Lois has shown over the last 23 years will be sorely missed, but I am confident that the proud legacy she built at Second Harvest will continue. And though her retirement plans include spending more time with her grandchildren and traveling with her beloved husband Erv, Lois will always be a voice for those in our community who are less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, Lois Rockhill dedicated her career to serving the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens. Her career at Second Harvest and tireless advocacy for those in need will long be remembered as a blessing to Eastern Indiana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 3992, the E-2 Nonimmigrant Visas for Israeli Nationals. Had I been able to I would have cast an "aye" vote in favor of the legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. GEORGE RAZ AUTRY JR.

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Raz Autry, Jr., a proud veteran, a defender of education and a dedicated, lifelong contributor to the great State of North Carolina.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps out of High School, Mr. Autry honorably served our country in World War II. Upon his return, he attended East Carolina Teachers College where he served as Student Body President. Raz married his wife Ireni Toumaras Autry in 1951.

Mr. Autry then moved to my home county of Montgomery County, North Carolina, and helped open East Montgomery High School, my alma mater. Mr. Autry found further opportunity in Hoke County in 1967, where he became Hoke High School Principal and later School Superintendent. He continues his life of service today in Hoke County as a peach farmer, author, columnist, speaker, auctioneer and respected community leader.

An ambassador for education in North Carolina for more than 45 years, Mr. Autry has served in a multitude of prominent and important roles in support of youth, farmers and our community as a whole. Mr. Autry's impact on North Carolina will last for generations. His selfless service has inspired countless others, including myself. Mr. Autry has led through both example and instruction, and continues to serve as inspiration to all of us who know him. I was honored to nominate Mr. Autry for The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest order that can be bestowed in our State of North Carolina. Raz received that recognition recently, and he is certainly deserving of such a distinction.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of my friend, a mentor, and my former High School principal, Mr. Raz Autry. Let us thank him for his life of continued service to the future of our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately delayed by a meeting and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 111 on the evening of March 19, 2012. I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3992—"To allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel."

COMMENDING THE 2012 SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SERVICE AWARD

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the honorees of the 2012 Suburban Chamber of Commerce Service Awards. The Chamber is an accomplished partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life in our communities. The Chamber, which represents the communities of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, brings people together who live or work in the area and who want to better their community. I congratulate the 2012 honorees for "Tying the Communities Together."

President's Award—The Honorable Jordan Glatt, Former Mayor of Summit, New Jersey.
 Beautification Award—McGrath's Hardware, New Providence, NJ.

Business of the Year—Investors Bank.
 Public Service Award—The Honorable Jon Bramnick, Minority Leader in the New Jersey State Assembly.

Public Service Organization—The Summit Area YMCA.

Silver Service Award—Karen Olson, Family Promise.

I thank these public servants and organizations for their tremendous public service.

CELEBRATING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF CURTIS MEEDER

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a skilled engineer, devoted public servant and faithful patriot, on a distinguished 33-year career with the Army Corps of Engineers.

On March 31st, 2012, Curtis Meeder will retire from the Corps to begin a new chapter in his life. Since 1979, he has used his extensive knowledge of economics and water resources management to improve the navigability of our Nation's waterways, to aid in disaster relief efforts and to reduce the risk of flooding in our local communities.

Curt began his career with the Corps in the Detroit District as an economist and water resources planner. From there, he went on to work as a study coordinator and technical reviewer in the North Central Division for 5 years, and then as a supervisor in the St. Paul District for 6 years.

Since moving to Pennsylvania in 1988 to work out of the Pittsburgh District, Curt has taken leadership roles in a number of projects

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aimed at improving existing water navigation systems, including the Upper Ohio Navigation Study, the Nation's largest such study on an inland river system. He has also demonstrated a clear commitment to helping communities in need. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, he served two deployments in New Orleans, during which he coordinated requests for Federal debris removal assistance with parish and local municipal officials, monitored contractor curb-side collection from private properties, and worked with regulatory agencies to reduce the environmental impacts of disposal operations.

Currently, Curt serves as the Pittsburgh District's Chief of Planning and Environmental Branch. One of his most critical responsibilities in this capacity is to be a leader in the Corps' public outreach efforts. He has demonstrated a flair for concise and effective communication in his interactions with private citizens, regional organizations and government agencies. He consistently articulates esoteric engineering concepts and flood repair processes in easily understandable terms.

Curt's laudable service has earned him a number of well-deserved Army Civilian Service honors. These include the Superior Civilian Service Award; two Commander's Awards for Civilian Service; and three Achievement Medals for Civilian Service.

Mr. Speaker, I have worked closely with Curtis for over a decade. He's a first-class public servant whose experiences and expertise will surely be missed.

I wish Curt the best of luck as he transitions into retirement. I share in the pride that his devoted wife Cindy and two sons feel in his accomplishments, and have the utmost confidence that he will continue to be successful in whatever he chooses to do next.

HONORING ALFRED L. MARDER AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to rise today to join the many friends, family, and community leaders who have gathered to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Alfred L. Marder as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Al is one of our community's most active advocates—dedicating much of his life to fighting for social justice and the improvement of the quality of life for all.

Al Marder is an institution in our community. He is perhaps best known for his work to promote peace, social justice, worker's rights and equality. His commitment to these issues is unwavering—regardless of controversy, he always stands firm in his fight to protect human rights.

Over the course of his 90 years, Al has made innumerable contributions to our community and our nation. In his early years, Al served as Executive Director of the Connecticut CIO Youth and Sports Organization and was President of the New Haven Youth Conference. He served in the United States Infantry during World War II and was stationed in the European Theater where he received the Bronze Star. Following the war, Al com-

pleted his college education at the University of Connecticut and soon found a passion that he would pursue for the rest of his life. During the McCarthy era, Al was one of those singled out for proudly sharing his thoughts and ideas. Standing firm in his support of civil liberties and the right of every American to freely express themselves, Al discovered his passion for civil and workers rights—two issues to which he has dedicated a lifetime of advocacy.

Here in New Haven, Al has made many contributions that have changed the face of our community. One of those outstanding efforts was his work to bring light to story of the Amistad captives and its lessons of unity to achieve freedom. The Amistad story has a special connection to the New Haven community and its resurrection and celebration has become a great source of pride. It has led to the erection of a statue of Sengbe Pieh at City Hall, the re-creation of the Amistad ship at Mystic Seaport, and the formation of the Connecticut African American Freedom Trail. Through each of these efforts, the story of the Amistad and its captives' fight for freedom teaches new generations of the fundamental liberties on which our nation was built. It has had an extraordinary impact on our community and would not have been possible without Al's commitment to ensuring its success.

I am honored to have this opportunity to join all of those gathered today in wishing Alfred L. Marder a very happy 90th birthday. At 90-years young, Al continues his work on behalf of those whose voices are too often silenced. Al has left an indelible mark on our community and a legacy of advocacy and compassion that will certainly inspire generations to come. I extend my very best wishes to him, his children, Rebecca and Kenneth, and his grandchildren, Emily and Adam, for many more years of health and happiness.

125 REASONS TO CELEBRATE THE GREATER ORANGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tonight, this vibrant Chamber will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. This great advocate for small business began back in 1887 as a citizens committee and then became the city's Board of Trade just before the turn of the 20th century.

The city of Orange was born the same year Texas won its Independence, but its history goes much further back. The area first settled around 1600 by the Atakapas tribe is now a shining jewel in the Golden Triangle's crown.

Following up on Orange's proud heritage of ship building for America's military, it was this Chamber that saw the future of petrochemicals and brought jobs to the area just as our soldiers, sailors and marines were returning from World War II.

This Chamber has a long history of bringing civic leaders and business leaders together to make Orange a better place to live and work. The community, led by a vibrant Chamber of Commerce, has taken on the tough tasks from

building better roads, a first rate port, strong local schools and a growing college.

Named for its Orange groves, the modern Orange boasts its very own Shangri-La and the world class Lutch Theater as well as the renowned Stark Museum of Art. This is a community that doesn't shy away from a challenge. Hurricanes Rita and Ike only hardened the resolve of this Golden Triangle treasure and I expect more great things from Orange in the next 125 years as this community continues to grow, while maintaining its signature small town charm mixed with world-class culture.

Today, I honor all those who have made this Chamber great and look forward to meeting those who will lead it in the future.

HONORING JESSIE BENTON
FREMONT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during Women's History Month, to acknowledge and honor the life and legacy of Jessie Benton Fremont, a California resident, who helped inspire and lead efforts to preserve and protect what is now a very significant part of Yosemite National Park.

Jessie Benton Fremont was born May 31, 1824, near Lexington, Virginia to United States Senator Thomas Hart Benton and his wife, Elizabeth. Her father, a Senator from Missouri, was very influential in the development of her independent and visionary nature. While in Washington, Mrs. Fremont met her husband, United States Army Lieutenant John Charles Fremont. John Fremont became a great explorer of the Western United States after he was assigned to lead expeditions reaching from the Midwest to California.

In the late 1850's, the Fremonts and their children settled in Bear Valley, near Mariposa, California. While living there, Mrs. Fremont fell in love with Yosemite Valley. Like all who view the valley for the first time, she was awestruck by the grand rock formations, Giant Sequoia trees, waterfalls, and impressive scenery. She shared her love for Yosemite Valley with those who visited her home. She took visitors on tours and hosted afternoon teas and Sunday dinners at her Bear Valley and Black Point homes for well-known authors, editors, photographers, and military and political leaders. Some of her guests included Horace Greeley, Thomas Starr King, Carleton Watkins, Richard Henry Dana, Jr., and United States Senator Edward Baker of Oregon.

During these social gatherings, Mrs. Fremont shared her concern for the need to preserve Yosemite Valley and the Giant Sequoias. Many of her friends and acquaintances joined her effort to lobby Congress and President Abraham Lincoln to protect Yosemite Valley and what would later become known as the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

Mrs. Fremont's passionate leadership in preserving Yosemite Valley was an instrumental first step in a long chain of activism that resulted in designating the land as a National Park. In 1864, Mrs. Fremont and her associates encouraged their friend, Israel Ward Raymond, to send United States Senator John

Conness of California photographs and a letter asking Congress to pass a bill to protect Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Their successful effort culminated on June 30, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed an Act of Congress that granted Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to the State of California. This was the first time the national government set aside scenic lands for future generations.

The Yosemite Grant gave the State of California 36,111 acres of Yosemite Valley and 2,500 acres that contained the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The establishment of this grant was significant in preserving Yosemite for activists like John Muir, who first visited Yosemite in 1868 and subsequently led a 20-year campaign to establish the area outside the existing park as Yosemite National Park.

Jessie Benton Fremont passed away December 27, 1902. Less than four years later, Yosemite National Park was established as it is today. One hundred and ten years after her death, Yosemite National Park remains the crown jewel of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. Both the Park and the Mariposa Grove are visited by upwards of 4 million tourists per year, who come to enjoy the awe-inspiring vistas, waterfalls, glaciers, meadows, rock faces, and Giant Sequoia trees.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in posthumously honoring Jessie Benton Fremont for her unwavering leadership and activism to preserve the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite Valley for generations to come. Her legacy serves as an example of excellence, and her accomplishments and contributions to Yosemite National Park will never be forgotten.

MARKING 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF
PASSAGE OF THE AFFORDABLE
CARE ACT

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on this two year "check up" of the Affordable Care Act, I'd like to share with you some real life examples of how this important legislation is helping Missourians not only stay healthier personally, but improve the health of their small businesses as well.

Last week I took part in a workshop for small businesses, to help arm them with solid information on how the Act can help their bottom line. Lew Prince is a co-owner of Vintage Vinyl, a St. Louis record store. It's a landmark. He's been in business for some 30 years and he's always provided health insurance for his employees. BUT, he said for the first time EVER, his health care costs went down, went DOWN to the tune of 25 percent. With the money he saved, he was actually able to give out a few raises, and he's hired a couple of new people.

The Act has also made a difference for the Wells Family. Sharon Wells and her husband Russell have dealt with inordinate expense for his medicine for Parkinson's disease for years. Thanks to the donut hole coverage provided in the Affordable Care Act, Sharon tells me they have more money in the household budget now for groceries and gas, maybe even a movie from time to time.

Even though these are just two small examples, they contribute to the overall ripple effect of the profound difference this law is making in real people's lives all over the country. In closing, when it comes to helping Americans be more healthy, the Affordable Care Act is precisely what Americans needed. Let's not do anything to interrupt this healthy course of action.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIAM
EVANS ON RECEIVING THE 2012
REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William Evans, PharmD, Director and CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, on receiving the Remington Honor Medal from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The Remington Honor Medal was established in 1918 to recognize those who have contributed long periods of distinguished service on behalf of American pharmacy. Dr. Evans was honored by APhA for his innovative research with anticancer agents and pharmacogenomics as well as his work for the advancement of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Remington Honor Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the American Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Evans received his PharmD from the University of Tennessee in 1975. While at the University of Tennessee, he established the Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics as a Center of Excellence. This program provided training for new investigators and served as a structure to advance interdisciplinary laboratory-based clinical research that addressed questions central to children's health. Dr. Evans continues to make significant contributions to the University of Tennessee as a Professor and the Endowed Chair at the school's Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Dr. Evans has an expansive career with St. Jude Hospital. He served as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1986 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004, he served as the Scientific Director and Executive Vice President before being named the hospital's fifth Director and CEO. Under his leadership, St. Jude has been ranked the #1 Children's Cancer Hospital by US News and World Report, #1 in The Scientist magazine's best places to work in academia and was listed among Fortune magazine's 100 Best Places to Work.

Dr. William Evans is an active member of the medical community and has amassed an impressive list of awards over the course of his profession. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the American college of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He serves on the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and has served as President of the ACCP, Chair of AAAS's Pharmaceutical Sciences Section and President of APhA-

Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science.

Dr. Evans has received three consecutive NCI MERIT Awards from the National Institutes of Health, several national and international awards including the Rawls Palmer Progress in Medicine Award, the Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award, the Volwiler Research Award, and the APhA's Research Achievement Award and Tyler Prize. In addition to his many awards, Dr. Evans is widely published in the field of medical research dating back to 1986. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Dr. William Evans on receiving the 2012 Remington Honor Medal.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD E.
MOORE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF
THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard E. Moore, following his retirement on February 1, 2012 from Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. A hardworking and successful financial advisor for the company since 1971, he has fostered loyal partnerships with many colleagues and clients throughout his forty year career. Among his professional peers he has earned industry-wide recognition while acting as the president of the Bond Club of Chicago and chairman of the Securities Industry Association Central States District.

Born on September 8, 1943, Mr. Moore grew up in the Chicago area. He earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1964 to 1970. His dedication to service continued with his extensive involvement in community organizations throughout Chicagoland. In 1974, he joined the Union League Club of Chicago, a social club that helps sustain many of the city's most important cultural organizations, and has since served on several of the club's committees. His dedication to civic responsibility earned him election as president of the Union League Club in June 2005. In addition to these roles, he has advocated for children's education and empowerment in Chicago by serving as a trustee of both the Marine Math and Science Academy and Union League Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Moore married his beloved wife, Patricia, in 1994. He plans to spend his well-earned days of retirement with his wife, three sons, and six grandchildren.

On behalf of all the Chicagoland residents who have benefited from his dedication to philanthropy, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Moore on his retirement from Robert W. Baird & Company. His commitment to improving his community makes him a model citizen in his community. I am thankful for his extensive volunteer and military service contributions, and I wish him the best in this next chapter in his life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
WILLIAM J. PIENTA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of William J. Pienta, the United Steelworkers District 4 Director.

Bill began his forty-one year career as a labor leader in my Western New York Community working at the former Allegheny Ludlum steel mill in Dunkirk, NY as an electrician. He became a union activist in 1970 and eventually was elected President of Local 2693.

Throughout Bill's career he tirelessly represented the working families in the public and private sectors of organized labor. He joined the USW International staff as an organizer in 1990 and was appointed Director in 2004.

As Director of USW District 4, Bill was responsible for all USW activities in New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and the island of Puerto Rico.

In addition to his duties as director of USW District 4 Bill held elected positions in multiple labor organizations. He served as a Vice President of the Buffalo, NY Central Labor Council and as Secretary to the Western New York Area Labor Federation. Additionally he represented the USW as a Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO. He was also a director of the New York State Workforce Development Institute, Inc and was a member of the Univera Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I am able to honor Bill Pienta on an exemplary career and celebrate his retirement. I thank him for his service to our community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF R. STEVEN BAILEY ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th birthday of a very dear friend of mine, Chief R. Steven Bailey, the Chief of the Miami Township Police Department.

To call Chief Bailey a public servant would be an understatement. His biography reads like a to-do list for an entire police department, but let me point out a few of the many significant accomplishments Chief Bailey has achieved throughout his career.

Since May of 1995, R. Steven Bailey has been the Chief of the Miami Township Police Department where under his watch, the Miami Township Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies an astounding five times. Additionally, the Miami Township Police Department achieved CALEA's flagship status in 2007 and 2010—something less than 1% of police departments do.

In 1999, after 27 years, Chief Bailey retired from the Ohio Army National Guard where he

held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Logistics Executive Development Program, the National Defense University National Security Program, and the U.S. Army War College Defense Strategy Studies program.

Chief Bailey is also a Certified Law Enforcement Executive—one of just 100 in the State of Ohio. In December of 2000, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, and is also a graduate of the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Bailey's accomplishments don't stop there. Since 1986, he has been a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Middletown where he currently holds the rank of Reserve Captain. He was President of the Clermont County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association for eight years, and has been President of the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation as well as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

If that wasn't enough, Chief Bailey has somehow found time to be an Adjunct Instructor in the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Cincinnati and for Northwestern University in the School of Business, and has been a Visiting Instructor of Political Science at Miami University.

I could go on and on about Chief Bailey's awards from the Boy Scouts of America, his extensive experience with local government, or the numerous and well deserved accolades he has received throughout his career.

It was a privilege to call Chief Bailey a colleague when I was a Miami Township Trustee. It is an even higher honor to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chief Bailey for his years of service to our community. Additionally, I want to send my gratitude to his wife of over 30 years, Sharon, to his two children, Caryl and Matthew, and to his grandson, Logan, for the sacrifices they've made.

Chief Bailey is the epitome of a true public servant. His career and commitment to our community is something every public official should strive for, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief R. Steven Bailey on his 60th birthday.

COMMENDING ROSCOE BOLTON,
WORLD'S LONGEST-SERVING ROTARIAN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I have the opportunity to recognize deep-rooted Alexandria businessman, Roscoe Bolton, who was recently named the world's longest-serving Rotarian.

On March 7, Mr. Bolton celebrated his 99th birthday, and is currently serving his 77th year as a Rotarian. To celebrate the occasion, the local club dubbed him the longest-serving among the world's 1.2 million members.

Bolton is a true product of the Alexandria community, having being born here as well as attending Bolton High School and Louisiana College before graduating from the University

of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance. In 1933, he began work for the insurance agency Alexander & Bolton, where he continued to work into his 90s. During his tenure at the agency, Mr. Bolton served as chairman of the board and only took leave to serve his country in World War II.

A bona fide member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Bolton has earned the respect and regard of everyone he's met along the way. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Roscoe Bolton. His dedication and contributions to the Rotary Club and to the citizens of Alexandria warrant this laudable recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN LEE BEDWELL

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Tennessee's heroic Marines, 22-year-old Lance Corporal Jonathan Lee Bedwell of Morristown.

Lance Corporal Bedwell was nearly killed in an IED explosion while on patrol in Afghanistan, protecting a position on a mission that he volunteered for. After losing his leg and sustaining multiple other injuries in the explosion, he is well on his way to a full and healthy recovery. It is because of the heroic actions such as this one that our brave service members make every day that we are able to enjoy the freedoms this great nation has to offer.

I salute Lance Corporal Bedwell as he not only exemplifies the best of America, but also the best of the United States Marine Corps. For this reason I ask you to join me in commemorating the valor of this extraordinary Marine. Also, I ask that a poem by Albert Caswell, written in honor of Lance Corporal Bedwell, be entered into the RECORD.

BECAUSE OF THESE

Because of these . . .
Because of all of these this night . . .
Our nation's future looks very bright!
And as you lay your head down to sleep, all
in your prayers so to keep . . .
All in this golden peace, all because of their
heroism that which does so speak . . .
All in your hearts of love so very deep, but
remember . . . remember all of these
. . .
Magnificent men, who all in such shades of
green who carry on that fight . . .
Southern Sons, who so defend . . . and live
and die, all in honor's light!
Men of honor, and such faith . . .
Whose most magnificent hearts shall never
so wave!
And oh what a most brilliant sight they so
cast!
The United States Marines,
One of the greatest things in our nation that
which has come to pass!
And your support is all they ask!
So sleep well this very night, while far
across our shores such fine men of
might . . .
All for us carry on that fight!
Men like Jonathan, who so live and die . . .
And so give up their strong arms and legs,
and yet do not ask why!
Men who so rest in peace this very night,
All in such soft quiet cold graves this sad
sight!

While, all across our nation their mother's cry!
 For they have lost their greatest of all loves,
 Their most blessed of all sons for us who
 have so died . . .
 As some have lost their strong legs, arms
 and even eyes . . .
 While awake in the middle of the night, as
 PTSD rules their lives . . .
 Sleep well this night . . .
 Upon the Bed of Freedom that they so pro-
 vide!
 And as you lay yourself so down to sleep . . .
 All because of our brave sons from Ten-
 nessee, ones like Jonathan . . .
 Who his fine promises did so keep!
 Whose fine blood has so run red,
 All for us so very deep!
 This Volunteer, from this great state . . .
 Jonathan whose courage so makes us weep!
 As even the angel's too so cry . . .
 All at selfless sacrifice,
 All for God and Country as he did not so ask
 why!
 As it was on that day, out on his patrol . . .
 When his fine life almost went away . . .
 When, an IED . . . went off putting him so
 close to the grave . . .
 With his leg lost and dying, as death just
 minutes away so lying . . .
 As when he so made a choice, listening to his
 most inner voice . . .
 As when Jonathan woke up on that next day
 . . .
 Telling him go forth marine,
 For you have mountains to so climb all out
 upon your way!
 As when his new battle would begin,
 As his fine heart would so command him to
 win!
 Command him, to a recovery . . .
 Step by step, day by day . . .
 As this United States Marine how so makes
 his way . . .
 As this Tennessee Titan,
 So teaches us all in his actions upon each
 new day . . .
 As he so beseeches, so deep down as he so
 reaches us . . .
 All in what his fine heart so to convey!
 As if I ever had a son, I wish he could have
 the heart half as this one . . .
 As I watch in awe, all in what I saw . . . as
 this marine gets up and so runs!
 For heaven so holds a place,
 All for such men or honor and of such grace
 . . .
 As Thy will be done . . .
 Sleep well this night,
 All in your hearts ever so hold these heroes
 and their families so tight . . .
 These fine women and men,
 Who but country tis of thee do so defend!
 United States Marines, like Jonathan who so
 gallantly fight that fight!
 That kind of man,
 That Andrew Jackson would love and so un-
 derstand,
 And hold up to such great heights!
 So as you lay your heads down to rest,
 Remember all of these, our very best . . .
 and sleep well this night!
 All because of these . . .

HONORING LEE COLLEGE ON RE-
 CEIVING AN OFFICIAL TEXAS
 HISTORICAL MARKER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker,
 I rise today to commend Lee College on re-

ceiving an Official Texas Historical Marker.
 Lee College is known as one of the fastest
 growing community colleges in the Nation. It
 currently ranks 6th in the Nation for degrees
 awarded in science and technologies; and of-
 fers more than 130 degrees and certificates. I
 am proud to honor Lee College, located in
 Baytown, Texas, for receiving this marker.

On Friday, March 23, 2012, the Texas His-
 torical Commission will dedicate the Historical
 Marker with the following text:

In 1934, during the Great Depression and
 after several years of planning, the residents
 of the Goose Creek Independent School Dis-
 trict voted to establish Lee Junior College,
 stressing the importance of higher education
 opportunities for area residents. One hun-
 dred seventy-seven students registered dur-
 ing the fall 1934 semester, and paid less than
 \$15 per semester in fees. The junior college
 first shared facilities with Robert E. Lee
 high school, and classes met at night. In 1935
 four women made up the first graduating
 class, and vocational education was inaugu-
 rated with a non-credit class in child psy-
 chology. The school's name was changed to
 Lee College in 1948, and a separate campus
 was first utilized in 1951. In 1965, the college
 separated from Goose Creek C.I.S.D. and ob-
 tained its own board of regents.

Lee College instituted a college level pro-
 gram in Huntsville at the Texas Department
 of Corrections in 1966, becoming a pioneer in
 prison education. The program was designed
 to reduce recidivism of inmates by offering
 them educational opportunities, and remains
 a vital part of the college's programming.
 The Lee College Honors Program was estab-
 lished in 1974 to serve gifted and highly mo-
 tivated students by preparing them for success
 in education and employment opportunities.
 Classes in the program are taught in a sem-
 inar format, and several scholarships are
 awarded through the program based on aca-
 demic excellence. Lee College continues
 today to offer academic as well as voca-
 tional-technical and continuing education
 classes to the residents of Baytown and the
 surrounding area.

I congratulate the past and present adminis-
 tration, faculty, staff, and students of Lee Col-
 lege for all of their hard work and dedication
 to education. And so it is with great pleasure
 that I recognize Lee College on receiving an
 Official Texas Historical Marker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 19,
 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was un-
 able to record my vote for rollcall No. 111.
 Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall
 No. 111: "yes"—To allow otherwise eligible
 Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant
 visas if similarly situated United States nation-
 als are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status
 in Israel.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MIRIAM V.
 HENSON ON THE OCCASION OF
 HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
 acknowledge and honor a beloved leader in
 the Co-op City community, Mrs. Miriam V.
 Henson, on her 105th birthday.

Mrs. Henson, affectionately called Mother
 Henson by her neighbors, is an inspiration to
 me and to many of my constituents, so I'd like
 to take this opportunity to discuss her life and
 achievements.

Mrs. Henson was born in Bangbridge, GA in
 1907, but her family shortly thereafter moved
 to Harlem, NY, where she graduated from
 Wadleigh High School.

She had one daughter, Virginia Henson,
 with her late husband, Mr. Wallace Henson.
 After her husband's passing in 1969, Mrs.
 Henson moved into Co-op City with Virginia
 and began working for Macy's Department
 store.

Mrs. Henson might now live alone, but she
 is never truly alone—since she is such an ac-
 tive member of her community.

From a young age, she has been involved
 with philanthropic efforts such as the Young
 Women's Christian Association, YWCA, and
 the moment she moved into Co-op City, she
 began to reach out to help her neighbors.

She is one of the founding members of the
 Community Protestant Church, and also
 served as a Board Trustee, President, and
 founding member of the Community Protestant
 Church's Willing Workers Organization.

The ambitious Mother Henson is also a
 founder of the Dreiser Loop Retirees and a
 member of the local AARP Chapter, serving
 each organization with love, compassion, and
 understanding. And to continue serving others,
 she represents the needs of seniors in our
 state capital in Albany.

A woman of many hobbies, Mrs. Henson is
 a real globe-trotter. She has visited countries
 throughout the world including Canada, Aruba,
 Switzerland, Australia, France, Germany and
 Brazil, just to name a few.

She especially loves cruises, and has been
 on many in her lifetime. Mrs. Henson re-
 charges her batteries at home with card
 games, and bridge is among her favorites.

Throughout her 105 years, Mother Henson
 has survived the stock market crash, the
 Great Depression, two World Wars, and the
 World Trade Center attacks on September 11,
 2001. Despite these tragic events, she still has
 a positive outlook on the world.

Mr. Speaker, I think we can all learn a les-
 son from her.

There's no doubt that Mrs. Henson has
 seen and done a lot in her lifetime, but she
 says the greatest thing she's done was having
 the opportunity to vote for our 44th Presi-
 dent—something she did not think would ever
 happen in her lifetime. Not only did she expe-
 rience it, but now she is looking forward to
 voting in the next presidential election.

Mrs. Henson, as one may imagine, is no or-
 dinary woman. Her philosophy in life is to
 keep the "pep in her step" with "good living,
 good friends, trusting in God, and a little tonic
 twice a day." And clearly, it's working.

A woman of strong religious faith, Mrs. Henson has said she would not have made it through her life's tragedies without the Lord on her side.

But made it she has, and it is my great honor to recognize her now.

And with that, I hope all my colleagues will join me in wishing Miriam Henson a happy 105th birthday, and continued health and happiness.

Her unwavering leadership and accomplishments serve as an example of excellence to us all and will forever resonate in the community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, George W. Bush was inaugurated, the national debt was \$5,727,776,738,304.64. When Barack Obama was inaugurated, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08. This was a \$4,899,100,310,608.44 increase in 8 years. Last week, the debt climbed to \$15,574,238,368,104.89, which means that President Obama has raised the debt more in just over 3 years than President Bush did in 8 years.

This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LCDR
DALE TAYLOR

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of LCDR Dale Taylor of the United States Coast Guard. Lieutenant Commander Taylor was a native of Snow Hill, North Carolina, which is in my Congressional District. Lieutenant Commander Taylor was one of four Coast Guardsmen that tragically lost their lives when Coast Guard Helicopter 6535 went down off the coast of Alabama while conducting a training exercise on February 28, 2012.

Lieutenant Commander Taylor was a source of great pride in his hometown of Snow Hill. He exemplified to the community what was possible with hard work and determination. Lieutenant Commander Taylor graduated from Greene Central High School and later Appalachian State University. After receiving his bachelor's degree he joined the United States Coast Guard and completed Officer Candidate School. Shortly thereafter, he received his wings of gold, making him a naval aviator.

Lieutenant Commander Taylor epitomized what it meant to serve with honor and distinction. These facts were demonstrated in December of 2003 when Lieutenant Commander Taylor jumped from a Coast Guard helicopter into the Atlantic Ocean during a violent winter storm to save the final person aboard a sinking sailboat. He was awarded the Coast

Guard Medal for these heroic actions, and later earned two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and Five Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons, along with numerous unit and service awards. In only 36 years, Lieutenant Commander Taylor accomplished more than most people do in a full lifetime.

Lieutenant Commander Taylor is survived by his two sons, Evan D. Taylor and Emmet J. Taylor; his wife, Teresa D. Taylor; and his parents Larry T. Taylor and Judy L. Taylor. I offer my sincere appreciation to his loved ones for his service in the United States Coast Guard and his selfless efforts in the defense of our great nation. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering heartfelt condolences to Lieutenant Commander Taylor's family. I pray that his life serves as a guiding force in his sons' lives. Their dad gave them an example that is paralleled by no other.

HONORING THE LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. RAY MAHMOOD ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my distinguished colleagues, Congressman HOWARD BERMAN of California and Congressman JIM MORAN of Virginia, to honor the outstanding life achievements of Mr. Ray Mahmood, as he celebrates his 60th birthday on March 23, 2012.

Ray began his "American Dream" story when he moved from Pakistan to Alexandria, Virginia in the early 1970s, bringing with him a belief that anything is possible in America. Starting out with nothing, Ray saved \$5,000 to invest in a gas station in Alexandria. His hard work turned the business venture into a success, and he seized the opportunity to earn his real estate license and establish Mahmood Investment Corporation. Ray proved to have the genius and creativity to rapidly expand his enterprises into a broad array of developments. His projects have revitalized numerous locations, creating economic activity and employment through his developments in the residential, hotel, and commercial sectors of the real estate industry.

We congratulate Ray on his remarkable success in business, but we believe his greatest achievements are found in his tireless dedication to civic, political, and diplomatic work. Ray and his wife, Shaista, have made it their mission to bring people together to meet the challenges of United States-Pakistan relations. Ray's passion for this important diplomatic work and his ability to unite people of many backgrounds, have made him an indispensable factor in efforts to strengthen ties between America and south Asia. His unique talent to work with community leaders, and with all levels of government make him a legend as a problem-solver and as a citizen-statesman. As Ambassador-at-Large for Pakistan to the United States, Ray is an integral part of crafting effective foreign policy, and building person-to-person relationships between the two countries.

Ray and Shaista have turned their home into a hub of political discussion, hospitality, and a place where countless friendships are

made. We are proud to be among the many, many friends of Ray Mahmood. On the occasion of his birthday celebration, Congressman BERMAN, Congressman MORAN and I honor Ray's innumerable achievements in business and political life, and wish Ray and Shaista all the best in the coming years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR RAYMOND J. WIECZOREK ON 22 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, last month, one of New Hampshire's greatest citizens and political figures announced his retirement after nearly twenty-two years of continuous public service to the State of New Hampshire and his home city of Manchester. It is my honor and privilege to thank and pay tribute to my personal friend and predecessor, former Manchester Mayor and current New Hampshire Executive Councilor Raymond J. Wieczorek.

Councilor Wieczorek is among the finest examples of the selfless public servant who has served his country, state, and city in various capacities for many years. Raised in rural Connecticut in a tight knit Polish family, Ray Wieczorek learned from an early age the importance of honesty, generosity and hard work. Ray applied these lessons throughout his life beginning with his service in the U.S. Armed Services during the Korean Conflict and later opening the Wieczorek Insurance Agency in his adopted home of Manchester, New Hampshire. Throughout his professional career, Ray gave back to his community by volunteering for over twenty community clubs and non-profit organizations like the United Way and the Boys and Girls Club of Manchester. However, his professional career is most noted by his leadership and service as Mayor of Manchester for five consecutive terms and six subsequent terms as an elected Member of the New Hampshire Executive Council.

Over the years, Ray has been recognized by numerous groups for his citizenship and leadership by such organizations as the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the Granite State Taxpayers, the United States Small Business Administration and the New Hampshire State Republican Committee, just to name a few. However, far surpassing these recognitions is Ray's great love for both family and friends. He dutifully served as loving husband to his late wife Susan and continues to be a loving father to his children, stepchildren and grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD
MILANOVICH

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a dear friend and great

leader who was taken from us far too soon, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich.

For those who knew Richard, and for the countless others who did not but were touched by his impact on our community and nation, his passing leaves an enormous void. We shall greatly miss Richard's warmth, humor, humility, compassion and leadership. But most of all, we will miss the man: a beloved and caring leader whose dedication to his people was unmatched and never wavered.

Richard Milanovich's character, and also his vision for a more prosperous future for his people, were shaped by the experiences of his youth and the circumstances confronting the Agua Caliente during an era when the fortunes of the tribe he would come to lead for over a quarter of century were far more challenging and the future far more daunting. In his youth, he was profoundly influenced by the strong leadership of several remarkable women tribal council members, especially Chairman Viola Olinger and Vice Chairman LaVerne Saubel, who helped the Agua Caliente tribe reclaim control of its destiny and establish a model for future tribal land use agreements throughout our nation. Richard always felt a great connection to the Agua Caliente leaders who came before him, and the strength of his will and keen political insight were reflections of their determination and commitment to the tribe.

As tribal chairman, Richard Milanovich, earned the respect of not only his tribe but of all those who witnessed his tireless work ethic, sharp mind and gracious nature. He was revered throughout the nation as a tribal leader who achieved historic accomplishments that directly benefitted his people and numerous other tribes. He rose to become a legendary figure within Indian Country, and yet, he never lost his common touch and remained deeply grounded in the traditions and spiritual connection to the ancestral lands and heritage of his people.

Richard loved life and lived it to the fullest. Even when fighting his last great battle, he deflected concern for his condition and looked first to the welfare of others. I recall his last visit to my office in Washington on behalf of his tribe, only days after he had undergone one of the grueling treatments he endured to keep the cancer at bay, and how the strength of his spirit willed the body to soldier on. I suspect that his comportment during this painful and exhausting time was a reflection of his distinguished service in the U.S. Army; service that provided him with an opportunity to travel the world and experience other cultures and political institutions, and reinforced his fierce love of country.

Of course, one cannot speak of Richard without mentioning his love of family and friends. He was dedicated to his family, his wife Melissa and children Tammy, Travis, Scott, Trista, Sean and Reid, and he made friends wherever he went. Equally comfortable in jeans and boots or black tie, Richard instantly connected with people and was a much in demand guest at any social gathering—not merely due to his stature as a leader in our community but also for the good times that were sure to follow wherever he went. Witty and charming, he could disarm foes and captivate friends with a kind word or clever remark—all delivered with that trademark twinkle in his eye.

The legacy Richard leaves will not be measured simply by the number of hotels and casinos the tribe operates or the political battles he won on behalf of his people. Richard Milanovich's legacy will be measured by the impact his indomitable spirit had on the tribe he led, the community in which he lived, and the country he loved so deeply.

The Agua Caliente believe that the strength of their people is drawn from the sacred origins of the tribe in the mountains, canyons and desert in which they have resided for millennia. Richard Milanovich's spirit has passed from his physical body to reside with the spirits of the great tribal leaders who went before him. When I walk in the Indian Canyons of the Agua Caliente people, I shall feel strongly the spirit of my dear friend in the breeze on my face and the rustle of the wind in the palm fronds.

My deepest condolences go out to Richard's family, the Agua Caliente people and the many others who loved him. Richard will be deeply missed by us all, but he will also remain with us forever in our hearts and memories. Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to take a moment and join me in paying tribute to the memory of a truly great American and the late leader of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Chairman Richard Milanovich.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEFFREY MARXEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it's an absolute privilege that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Jeffrey Leonard Marxen, who died at the age of 60 on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

Dr. Marxen was a dedicated, loving father, and renowned orthopedic surgeon. After graduating from college and completing his residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, he moved to San Diego to begin his orthopedic practice. He specialized in replacement and reconstruction of the knee, hip and shoulders.

Anyone who knew Dr. Marxen is aware that he was an extremely respected and accomplished surgeon who took great satisfaction in forming lifelong relationships with his patients over the course of his 32-year practice. He was president of the San Diego chapter of the Western Orthopedic Association and held numerous leadership positions within Sharp Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa, California.

Dr. Marxen was interested in community service, sports and pursuing his passion and love for music. He loved playing in evening sports leagues, including softball and tennis, within the community. In addition he was an avid fan of the Chargers, Padres and Aztec Basketball. Along with sports, he enjoyed playing the coronet and the trumpet with the Acme Rhythm and Blues band, which performed all over venues in the San Diego area.

My condolences go to Dr. Marxen's wife and best friend, Dr. Annette Conway Marxen; his children, Philip, Jeffrey Christopher and Marissa.

Dr. Marxen was truly an inspiration to the San Diego community. I am honored to have

the opportunity to recognize such a great American and I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Dr. Jeffrey Marxen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 111. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 3992.

HONORING ROBERT JAMES ZINK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert James Zink. Robert is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 38, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SEAPORTS TO THE ECONOMY AND NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, even before coming to Congress last July, ports have been a top priority for me. I served on the Los Angeles city council for ten years and represented the Port of Los Angeles—that, with the Port of Long Beach, are America's ports.

When I arrived in Congress, I wanted to raise awareness of ports and their impact on our nation's economy. So, I started the bipartisan PORTS Caucus to work with my colleagues over the past couple months to educate my colleagues and include ports in our national dialogue. This week, I took the next step in that mission by introducing a resolution honoring our ports.

The United States is served by more than 350 commercial sea and river ports that support 3,200 cargo and passenger handling facilities. Each day United States ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8

billion worth of goods through all 50 states. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. These numbers speak for themselves: ports are a crucial component of our national economy, and they deserve Congress' attention.

This resolution honors both the tremendous contribution ports make to our national economy and the extraordinary service of Americans employed at our nation's ports. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution in order to advance our national dialogue on ports.

HONORING U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT JORDAN L. BEAR'S SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Jordan L. Bear. A resident of Elton, Wisconsin, Staff Sergeant Bear died while serving our country in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Jordan Bear died protecting the freedoms we take for granted every day. His heroic sacrifice will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant Bear embodied the best qualities of a true American soldier. He served this country with honor and exhibited profound bravery and selflessness. Staff Sergeant Bear was a loving son, a devoted father and now he will forever be known as an American hero. He is remembered by friends and family as a man with a courageous and strong spirit who earned the unwavering respect of his peers. Although the loss of Staff Sergeant Bear left a void in the hearts of many, his dedication and exemplary service has made Northeast Wisconsin and his country proud.

It is my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Staff Sergeant Bear for the sacrifice he made for the United States of America.

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE
MILESTONES

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the work of the men and women of Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, we are a country that has been at war for over 10 years. Whether it is the 317th Airlift Group delivering troops and supplies to the front lines, or the 7th Bomb Wing putting metal on target, the missions at Dyess have played indispensable roles in the war against terror. Today I would like to honor two recent major milestones that have been achieved by these exemplary airmen.

Earlier this month the B-1 bomber flew its 10,000th combat mission. Since 2001, the B-1 has been providing intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and close air support to our troops on the ground nearly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In fact, at this very moment, there is a B-1 in the air over southwest Asia. Able to carry a larger payload than any other aircraft in the military, one supersonic B-1 can do the same job of multiple aircraft. It is truly a workhorse in our military.

Additionally, March 7th marked the 3,000th consecutive day of deployment for the 317th Airlift Group. Since December of 2003, more than 7,000 airmen from this unit have been put in harm's way. The air mobility mission is one of the most important missions in the modern military. Operations that used to take weeks or months now take days or hours. The 317th has often been labeled the "busiest C-130 unit" in the Air Force, and this current deployed streak is another honored mark in the long history of Dyess Airlifters.

Mr. Speaker, I have come to the floor today to recognize and celebrate these achievements, and to honor the sacrifices the men and women of Dyess have made. And I am a firm believer that when one member of the family serves this country—the whole family serves. Deployments across the globe over the last decade have meant many missed birthdays, holidays, and special moments for our soldiers and their families. May we never take for granted the sacrifices our men and women in uniform make every day for our freedom and security.

I ask that the two attached articles also be made a part of the RECORD.

[Feb. 27, 2012]

THE BONE NOTCHES 10,000 COMBAT MISSIONS

(By Philip Ewing)

America's favorite low-flying, long-loitering, wing-swinging bomber has flown its 10,000th combat mission, Boeing announced Monday.

The B-1B Lancer in question flew its sortie over Afghanistan—where the Bone has had a second career supporting troops on the ground—and returned to its base in, er, "Southwest Asia," Boeing announced. (The bases in Qatar and the UAE aren't actually there, and the Air Force clings to that non-fact like a vise.)

Here's more of what Big B said:

The heavy bomber entered service with the U.S. Air Force on June 29, 1985, and has been in nearly continuous combat for the past 10 years. The milestone mission took off from a base in Southwest Asia and was flown in support of operations over Afghanistan before returning to base.

"The B-1 brings tremendous flexibility to our nation's defense," said Lt. Col. Alejandro Gomez, mission team lead. "In any mission, the B-1 has the ability to loiter, dash, positively identify targets, show force, and strike targets precisely. Whatever our aircrews are asked to do, they can perform with this aircraft."

B-1 crews in Southwest Asia fly a variety of missions, including close air support for troops on the ground, giving them cover and alerting them to threats they cannot see. On-site maintainers keep the fleet ready to fly.

"10,000 conventional combat missions for a relatively small fleet of 66 B-1s is a major milestone and a testament to the men and women who built, sustain and modernize the fleet, including the U.S. Air Force, Boeing and our subcontractors," said Rick Greenwell, Boeing B-1 program director. "We

continue to draw on expertise and experience from across Boeing to enhance our support of this amazing aircraft."

The B-1 bomber has advanced over the years as it is modified for current needs. The aircraft began as a nuclear bomber and moved into a solely conventional role in the 1990s. It carries the largest payload in the Air Force's long-range bomber fleet—during Operation Iraqi Freedom, it dropped 40 percent of all weapons while flying only 5 percent of the sorties.

Today's B-1 can carry a mixed load of weapons in each of its three bays. Its long range allows it to base far from the conflict and loiter unrefueled for long periods. Its swept wings allow it to fly fast, slow, low or high as the situation demands. With only four crewmembers required, missions can rapidly be adjusted in flight to keep up with adversaries. The radar and targeting pod can be used for positive target identification and the aircraft can employ a variety of other weapons, including Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs), Laser JDAMs, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles-Extended Range, and BLU-129 warheads.

"The B-1 fleet and crews have readily adapted to an ever-changing environment to accomplish this 10,000th combat sortie milestone," said Greenwell. "This aircraft has proven its ability to continue to evolve and be effective well into the future."

And as the B-1's adopted parent, Boeing isn't the only one pleased with its performance. The Air Force appears to have quietly shelved its onetime idea of beginning to pare back bombers to save money, at least in the near term. Its fiscal 2013 budget submission this month included this unambiguous sentence: "The Air Force does not plan to retire any bomber aircraft in FY 2013."

That will mean ever more combat missions for the Lancer fleet, at least for now.

DYESS' 317TH AIRLIFT GROUP CELEBRATES
3,000 CONTINUOUS DAYS OF DEPLOYMENT
TODAY

(By Brian Bethel)

They call Dyess Air Force Base's 317th Airlift Group "purple ops" these days, said Maj. Jason Anderson, who bears the lengthy title of 317th operation support squadron assistant director of operations.

"We called the 40th blue squadron, the 39th red squadron," Anderson said, musing about the tail colors that once graced the C-130s of the base's 39th and 40th Airlift Squadrons.

But now the 317th, which today at the base marked 3,000 days of continuous deployment, is one. Since Dec. 20, 2003, Dyess' 317th has had "folks in the theater fighting the war," Anderson said.

"The tails changed," Anderson said. "They're now both red and blue. And the attitudes changed. It's one team fighting for one another."

It takes a four-month on, four-month off rotation to keep up that tempo, he said, with both squadrons, a "maintenance package," and numerous others, from tactics to intelligence, working together to keep planes flying and missions running smoothly.

In general, "a little over 200" people from the 317th Airlift Group are deployed at any time, with more than 7,000 airmen deployed over the 3,000-day period, Anderson said.

"There's always a squadron that's out there at any given time," he said.

Gray Bridwell, an honorary commander for the 317th Airlift Group, said that when the initial deployment began, he was honorary commander for the 317th Maintenance Squadron and "as a civilian" had little understanding about "massive deployments of this nature."

"Little did I know 3,000 days later this routine would be the normal mode of operations," he said.

Typically, deployments are a little more than 120 days, Anderson said, meaning that there have been more than a million "airmen days" of deployment since the first.

Dyess' C-130s have been key in providing combat and humanitarian aid in overseas operations, most recently in Operation New Dawn since the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq, said Master Sgt. Matt Rossi, 39th Airlift Squadron loadmaster superintendent.

"But when we're not doing that, we answer the nation's call with humanitarian aid, whether it's in South America, Japan, Africa or wherever it's needed," Rossi said.

Anderson said that the airdrop and medical evacuation are essential pieces of what the 317th's planes are regularly called to do.

"The airlift piece is probably something you could equate to the air-land mission of FedEx or UPS," he said. "We are delivering goods, but with us, we're delivering what the military needs. So it's not only beans, bullets and water but people, as well, to different locations. And a lot of the time, we do that in harm's way, so that's where we're different."

The airdrop portion of the C-130 mission is primarily dropping "air packages, supplies, sometimes even special reconnaissance teams" to forward-operating bases, such as those in the mountains of Afghanistan.

The medical evacuation component is "the saving lives piece" of the mission, Anderson said.

"You can think of us as a hospital in the sky," he said.

Wounded soldiers, "even wounded Iraqis," are served by that part of the mission, he said, while other humanitarian missions, such as providing aid to those affected by flooding in Pakistan, are another vital component.

Time away from home can be tough, said Rossi, who once spent a year deployed in Afghanistan as an air adviser.

Being away from home for a year, and working with individuals of an at-times profoundly different culture, proved challenging but rewarding, he said.

"You're not only building an air force but a good relationship between the Americans and the Afghans, and not just the soldiers but the civilians," he said.

When squadron members come home, their work doesn't end, Rossi said.

"We have to maintain proficiency in the aircraft," he said. "We're constantly training, and we train like we fight."

Such training can include low-level flying, tactical approaches and landings, Rossi said, with a goal of becoming proficient in such before being in a deployed environment, especially if facing combat.

For Anderson, training also is time to prepare for "a multitude of different types of contingencies."

"We have to be forward-looking at what could happen and make sure our military is ready," he said. "If we fight in other theaters, like we're down in South America or we're in a different theater, it's a very different scenario."

Looking back on the accomplishment of 3,000 deployment days Tuesday, Bridwell said he was exceptionally proud of all the Dyess personnel "who serve our country so well."

"I especially want to thank the families for their daily contributions to our nation's hard-earned security," he said.

Anderson said that the support of the community is essential in achieving the milestone.

"Living in Abilene, folks here understand what we go through and support us, and they do that in a million different venues," he said.

Rossi said that the accomplishment was important not only to highlight what troops had done but also to "highlight the support that we've received."

"People on the base would be lying if they say they don't get a warm spot in their heart when someone out in the public thanks them for their service," he said.

A seven-aircraft launch is among activities scheduled today, a day of storytelling and remembrances, Anderson said.

"When you're running so hard, a lot of the time you don't remember how far you've gone," he said of the need to stop and reflect.

And then? Back to work.
"We know this is not stopping," Anderson said of the 317th's future. "And we know we are ready and will be ready to answer the nation's call."

HONORING DR. BERNARD SIEGEL
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to stand today to join the many family, friends, colleagues and community members who have gathered to pay tribute to an outstanding member of our community and my good friend, Dr. Bernard Siegel, as he is honored by the Connecticut Children's Center of Hamden. Bernie, an Oncologist who earned national and international acclaim for his focus on the correlation between a patient's emotional state and the healing process, has not only brought a powerful voice to patient empowerment, but has also devoted much of his time to supporting local organizations like the Children's Center of Hamden. His work has touched countless lives around the world and I am honored to have this opportunity to join our community in recognizing his remarkable career and invaluable contributions.

Bernie has dedicated a lifetime to teaching those facing the most difficult of life's challenges about the healing power they hold within themselves. Well before its time, Bernie recognized that the better a patient was able to cope with the emotional complexities of health issues, the more improved their overall health outcome was—the mind-body connection. Upon this simple, yet innovative idea, Bernie has built a distinguished career. He is the founder of ECaP, an individual and group therapy program for recovering cancer patients, the author of twelve books which have been invaluable resources to patients and loved ones alike, and retired from Yale-New Haven Hospital as the Assistant Clinical Professor of General and Pediatric Surgery.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks to Bernie for his many years of special friendship and counsel. During my tenure in Congress, I have focused much of my attention on health issues and I have often sought Bernie's expertise and guidance. He has always made himself available, proving to be a wealth of knowledge on even the most complex of matters. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to call him my friend.

Physician, author, advocate, mentor, community leader, and friend, Dr. Bernard Siegel has changed the face of how we view the re-

lationship between the patient and the healing process. His compassion and generosity has also gone a long way in helping those most in need in our community. For his many invaluable contributions, I am proud to rise today to join the Children's Center of Hamden and all of those who have gathered in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Bernie Siegel as well as my very best wishes to him, his wife, Bobbie, and their five children and eight grandchildren for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
MILITARY SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MICHELLE
GREENE

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Greene, an exceptional Army officer and true patriot, in honor of her upcoming retirement. For over twenty years, Lieutenant Colonel Greene has worn her nation's colors with grace and honor. Her career-long steadfast commitment to the defense of liberty is a testament to her inherent courage and selflessness.

Lieutenant Colonel Greene began her distinguished career in the Army at Fort Stewart in Georgia, where she served as the C Company Ambulance Platoon leader and Battalion S-1/Adjutant in the 24th Forward Support Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, and then as the Patient Administration Officer at Winn Army Community Hospital. From there, she went on to work at Walter Reed Medical Center as the A Company Commander of the Medical Center Brigade, before going to work within the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, first in the Office of Clinical Operations, and then as Secretary to the General Staff.

After earning a Master's of Science in Health Evaluation Sciences from the University of Virginia in 2001 through the Army's Long Term Health Education and Training program, Lieutenant Colonel Greene moved to Hawaii, where she served in the Patient Administration Division at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

Lieutenant Colonel Greene's most recent assignments have been in Washington, DC. In 2004, she became the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General. After two years in this capacity, she went to work as a Legislative Liaison in the Army Budget Congressional Liaison Office. It was here that then-Major Greene began working with my boss and predecessor, the late-Congressman John P. Murtha—and she soon became a capable and trusted liaison between the Chairman and the Army. Most recently, she has served as Chief of Congressional Affairs for the Office of the Army Surgeon General.

Lieutenant Colonel Greene moves on to the next chapter of her life bolstered by the abiding love and support of her husband, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Craig Greene, her two sons, Jackson and Austen, and her parents, Ken and Linda Snow.

Mr. Speaker, the strength of Lieutenant Colonel Greene's character will ensure that she is successful in whatever she chooses to

do next. I congratulate her on a distinguished career, and I thank her for her many years of service.

COMMENDING THOMAS GILMORE
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE NEW
JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas Gilmore for nearly three decades of leadership and dedication to the New Jersey Audubon Society. Tom Gilmore is a known conservation visionary and respected voice for wildlife and I congratulate him on this well deserved retirement.

Under Tom's dedicated watch, thousands of acres of threatened and endangered species habitats have been protected and open space, farmland and historic preservation became a priority in our great Garden State.

Throughout Tom's tenure, wildlife research and environmental education blossomed across the state. Tom's leadership paved the way for the Audubon Society's Citizen Science program to flourish. This important program empowers volunteers of all skill levels and backgrounds to engage in wildlife conservation and leverages the strengths and talents of hundreds of individuals while training our state's future conservation leaders.

Tom's passion, skill and perseverance have transformed New Jersey, marshalling in the preservation of our most significant and beloved natural treasures.

I honor this remarkable leader and welcome the new era of conservation talent that will guide the Garden State's environmental future.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DR.
DOROTHY INGRAM

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great educator, pioneer, mentor, and role model, Dr. Dorothy Ingram.

Dr. Dorothy Ingram, the first African American teacher in San Bernardino County, passed away March 14, 2012, at the age of one hundred six.

Dr. Ingram was the youngest of 7 children, born on November 9, 1905, to Henry and Mary Ingram in San Bernardino, California. She started school in 1911 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School and graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1923.

Dr. Ingram later attended San Bernardino Valley College from 1928 until 1933, where she wrote the school's alma mater, which is still in use today. Dr. Ingram was the first African American student to attend the University of Redlands. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education in 1934.

After graduating from college, and teaching in Texas for a few years, Dr. Ingram moved back to San Bernardino in 1939 to continue her teaching career. In 1951, Dr. Ingram was promoted to the position of principal of Mill

School. In 1953, Dr. Ingram elevated to the position of the San Bernardino School District Superintendent. That made her the first African American school district superintendent in the State of California.

Based on her childhood experiences and the strong example set by her parents, Dr. Ingram was an outspoken advocate for underprivileged children to have an equal opportunity to succeed. She stood above the racial prejudices of her time and served as an excellent role model for others to emulate. Dr. Ingram was seen as a mentor for her tireless work and dedication to the children of San Bernardino.

As a community leader, Dr. Ingram encouraged others to always do their personal best and to work towards making a positive contribution to society. In recognition of her numerous contributions, the City of San Bernardino honored Dr. Ingram in 1977 by naming one of the city's libraries after her. At age 97, she was again recognized for her outstanding work by receiving an honorary doctorate degree from California State University San Bernardino.

Dr. Ingram's siblings also left their mark on San Bernardino. Her brother, Howard, was the first African American physician in San Bernardino. Another brother, Ben, worked as a chef at one of the finest restaurants, the Chocolate Palace. And her sister Ruth worked as a nurse.

My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Dr. Ingram's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy Ingram.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CRAWFORD
HOUSE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary organization in Colorado Springs that provides shelter and services for homeless veterans in Southern Colorado.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its Crawford House this year. The House provides emergency shelter to veterans in downtown Colorado Springs.

Established in 2002, the House is named after World War II Medal of Honor recipient, retired Master Sergeant William J. Crawford.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition takes great pride in offering safe, healthy, alcohol and drug-free emergency housing. The group also offers VA-sponsored substance abuse rehabilitation.

The Crawford House and the transitional homes can take in up to 25 residents at a time. Currently, the House has a waiting list of 100 veterans. The Crawford House is very unique in homeless programming in that, they provide job placement assistance through coordination with workforce centers, compensated work therapy and numerous other partners including the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition has served more than 1,100 homeless veterans since it was established.

Eighty-one percent of veterans who successfully completed the 90-day homeless program were gainfully employed and moved into their own housing.

I thank the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition for their compassionate service to our veterans in Colorado Springs and congratulate them on the 10th Anniversary of the Crawford House.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
RICHARD MILANOVICH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great tribal leader, role model, and veteran Richard Milanovich. Richard, Chairman of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, passed away on March 11, 2012, at the age of sixty-nine.

Richard was born on December 4, 1942, and spent his childhood living with his mother, LaVerne Saubel, who was a strong advocate for Indian rights in her own right. LaVerne set an outstanding example for her son, and was a member of the all-female tribal council that persuaded Congress to allow self-governance for the Agua Caliente Band of Chaiilla Indians in 1957. Richard's upbringing in his mother's home instilled in him a passion for the Indian community.

Richard lived with his mother until the age of 17, when he left home to join the United States Army. After his time in the service, Richard worked as a door-to-door salesman, selling items such as vacuum cleaners and encyclopedias, until joining the tribal council at age 35.

Richard was one of the earliest patriarchs of Indian gaming in California. During his first few years on the council, he convinced the tribal council to purchase the Spa Hotel in downtown Palm Springs in 1992. This purchase helped to revitalize downtown Palm Springs and paved the way for the future economic stability of the Agua Caliente band of Chaiilla Indians, as well as other tribes in California.

At the time of his passing, Richard was the Chairman of the Agua Caliente band of Chaiilla Indians. Richard's 30 years of service to the tribe left a lasting impact not only on his tribe, but California at large. Richard was not only passionate about protecting the future and stability of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, but he also gave back to his surrounding community through his advocacy for the gaming industry. Indian gaming is one of the surest ways to create economic development in a region; proving jobs and revenue for tribal self governance, maintenance, and education.

Richard's strong advocacy at the state and national level for the rights of the Indian people and gaming allowed his tribe to gain respect and high standing among tribes across the country.

Richard was known as a great mentor to the younger leaders; his tireless work on behalf of the Indian community left younger tribal leaders with a strong example of hard work and

dedication. He taught young tribal members the importance of cherishing and understanding the past, in order to pave the way for a bright future for the Indian community.

Richard is survived by his wife, Melissa, and their six children. He leaves with cherished memories and a loving family. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto Councilman Joe

Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Ruben's family at this time. Mister Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a beloved community member and tireless advocate, Richard Milanovich.