

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROCHESTER GIRL SCOUT TECH TEAM, THE HIPPIE PANDAS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor and privilege to congratulate the Girl Scout tech team, known as the Hippie Pandas, who participated in the FIRST 2012 Championship—a celebration of science, technology, and robots involving more than 600 student teams from 32 countries around the world. For their innovative work and outstanding professionalism, the Hippie Pandas of Rochester, New York, were awarded the “Gracious Professionalism Award.”

As someone who places great value on science and technology, I am so pleased to see the tremendous success of these four girls from Rochester, New York. The Hippie Pandas, aged 11–14, are not only an inspiration for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education for girls around the country, but they have also found a creative way to help communities in Nicaragua.

After learning that women in Nicaragua experience a high rate of miscarriage and disease because they drink unpasteurized milk, the Hippie Pandas set out to use their skills to develop an inexpensive and accessible solution to address this pressing problem. With the help of their coach and mentor, Cheryl Lawniczak, a chemical engineer at Eastman Kodak Co, and faculty members at the Rochester Institute of Technology, the girls designed and built a solar powered device to heat milk to 145 degrees to kill harmful bacteria.

The Hippie Pandas initially used a thermometer to determine when the milk reached target temperature, but realizing this would be impractical for most Nicaraguan women, they developed a clever and natural alternative—beeswax, which melts when milk has reached 145 degrees.

This solar powered milk pasteurizing device is currently being implemented in Nicaragua to help women treat raw milk so that it is safe to drink. As one of the Hippie Pandas stated, “One thing we definitely learned is how dangerous raw milk can be and how pasteurization helps. . . We also learned that as kids, we can help people around the world to live safer lives.”

At a time when we as a nation have fallen behind in STEM education, the success of the Hippie Pandas is truly inspirational. The life lessons of teamwork, leadership, and dedication can only be learned through hard work and experience.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each of these girls along with their mentors at Rochester Institute of Technology and Eastman Kodak Co. for their innovative work and dedication to science and technology.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5743) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Chair, I was unable to speak during last week’s floor debate on the FY13 Intelligence bill—the following is the statement I would have made before the amendment was adopted by voice vote:

First, let me thank my esteemed colleague Congressman JOHN CONYERS for giving me the opportunity to speak on this important amendment.

I would also like to recognize Congressman KEITH ELLISON who has been an outstanding leader on issues affecting the Middle East.

Mr. Chair, first let me say unequivocally that we can all agree that we must work to prevent an Iran armed with nuclear weapons—which would never be acceptable.

That is not what this amendment is about, this amendment is noncontroversial.

This amendment is really just about common sense.

It would simply require that the National Intelligence Director give Congress a report outlining their assessment of the consequences of launching a military strike against Iran.

This amendment is necessary because, once again, we have saber rattling voices who are beating the war drum.

If we have learned anything from the past ten years, it is that we have to be deliberate, be thoughtful, be careful, and know exactly what we are getting ourselves into before we launch another war in the Middle East.

These decisions should not be taken lightly, and they must be based on sound reasoning, and the best information, and the best intelligence.

We have a duty to our brave men and women in uniform who have sacrificed so much during the past decade of war to have an informed debate about the consequences of military action.

I urge you to vote “yes” on this amendment.

HONORING ROBERT M. CHUR OF WESTERN NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Robert M.

Chur, the Chief Executive Officer and majority shareholder of 19 independent, assisted living and skilled nursing companies in my home community of Western New York.

These combined entities, which represent Bob’s hard work and dedication to service, currently employ 2,800 full and part-time employees, and care for more than 5,000 people each year throughout the Western and Central New York area.

Before beginning his outstanding career, Bob served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from St. Lawrence University, and received his MBA in Marketing Management from Syracuse University.

Remarkably, Bob has been affiliated with over 25 organizations throughout his career; sitting on various Boards of Directors, and serving as Chairman, President, and holding many other esteemed positions.

Bob has also received numerous awards for his service including his 2004 Health Care Hero for Lifetime Achievement award from Business First of Buffalo, and his 2010 ACHA Gold Award for Quality from ElderWood Health Care at Wedgewood.

Nine of Bob’s skilled facilities and five of his assisted living facilities have earned the Bronze and Silver Awards for Quality from the American Health Care Association. As a result, it comes as little surprise that in 2012 Robert was named one of Western New York’s most influential business leaders by Buffalo Business First.

It is very easy to see why Bob’s facilities have won many accolades over the years. In late April, I was proud to visit one of Bob’s facilities, Westwood Village, located in West Seneca, New York, as they welcomed their 1,000th resident, and Bob’s company’s success was self-evident: they care for people in the most dignified and respectful manner, assisting seniors as they transition through new chapters of their lives. Bob’s facilities are not “nursing homes,” in the traditional use of that term. Bob, his family and staff members work as hard as they can to simply make his facilities home for the many thousands of Western New Yorkers whom they serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to honor Bob Chur on his exemplary career and celebrate his retirement. I thank him for his warm friendship and for his dedicated service to his country and to his community. I know that you and all of our colleagues join with me in wishing Bob good health and the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SALVATORE INGRALDI TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Salvatore Ingraldi of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Ingraldi is a proud

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American, who served in the Air Force for 24½ years. He joined the Air Force as a Security Policeman, and after a distinguished career retired as a Chief Master Sergeant.

Following his retirement, Mr. Ingraldi's enthusiasm and belief that it is our duty to honor WWII Veterans inspired him to found an Honor Flight Hub, in Southern Colorado, and he was subsequently voted President of the organization. It is through Mr. Ingraldi's passion and leadership that the Honor Flight Hub will be sponsoring its first trip to Washington, DC.

Because of Mr. Ingraldi's efforts, four WWII Veterans who without the help of the Honor Flight Hub would not have been able to come to our nation's capital, will now be able to pay respects to their fallen comrades at the national WWII Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Ingraldi for his great service to our country and its veterans. Through Mr. Ingraldi's hard work the Honor Flight Hub, in Southern Colorado, will continue to give WWII Veterans the opportunity to visit and reflect at their memorial.

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION
ACT (PRENDA) of 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 3541, The Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, of which I am a proud co-sponsor. This bill would criminalize the performance of an abortion based solely on the sex of the unborn child.

As you know, on May 31, 2012, the House of Representatives failed to approve H.R. 3541 by a vote of 168-246. I was necessarily absent from Washington on the day of this vote due to the death of a close personal friend. Had I been present, I would have proudly supported the passage of H.R. 3541.

I am unapologetically pro-life and am proud to be a member of the Pro-Life Caucus. I believe that the miracle of human life begins at the very moment of conception. I also believe that every human being, both male and female, has the inherent right to life and that this right must be protected by law.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to fight for the unborn, prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions, and to protect our democratic system from the encroachment of an all-powerful judiciary. As a woman, a wife, and a mother of two small children, I will continue to fight for the life of every child—regardless of their gender.

Mr. Speaker, I take my responsibilities as a member of this chamber seriously, and I regret ever having to miss a vote. I am pleased that my attendance record during the 112th Congress remains above 99 percent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTONIO
S. RESTAINO, JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Antonio S. Restaino, Jr., who passed away on Sunday June 3, 2012 at the age of 78.

Mr. Restaino was born in Niagara Falls in 1934 to the late Antonio and Pasqualina Restaino, where he attended local schools until he began his service in the United States Air Force in 1951. Antonio served his country during the Korean War until his honorable discharge on November 5th, 1953.

After returning home from his service in the Air Force, Mr. Restaino married Rose M. (Morreale) Restaino in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Niagara Falls on June 11th, 1955.

Mr. Restaino began his career working at Bell Aircraft before he was hired by the City of Niagara Falls in 1958 and promoted to the position of Supervisor of Construction and Maintenance in the Sewer & Water Department. In April 1987, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Niagara Falls Convention Center, and in 1988 was assigned to the Niagara Falls Waste Water Treatment Plant as Chief of Buildings & Grounds where he served until his retirement in October 1988.

In addition to his wife of fifty years, Mr. Restaino is survived by his children, grandchildren, sisters and a large and loving extended family. But Mr. Restaino enjoyed a relationship with another extended family—the good people of the city of Niagara Falls.

Following his retirement, Mr. Restaino remained a very active and effective contributing member of his beloved hometown community. He garnered much praise for his work with local organizations and received many awards for his service, which included a 1993 award for Outstanding Service from the Niagara Falls Democratic Committee, a 2004 Diocese of Buffalo Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker, and a 2010 Cittadini Speciali, "Special Citizen" Award from the Pine Avenue Business Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and with members of the House to express our deepest condolences to the family of the late Antonio S. Restaino, Jr., and join with me in recognizing the many good works he performed during his long and full life. May he rest in peace, and may his family know and understand the tremendous impact that Mr. Restaino had on the city, state and country that he loved so much.

MAX WATSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Max Watson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Max Watson is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

SECURE BORDER ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting the following letter exchange between myself and Chairman DAVE CAMP of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, June 5, 2012.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,

Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Longworth House Office Building, Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CAMP, Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1299, the "Secure Border Act of 2011." I acknowledge that by forgoing action on this legislation, your Committee is not diminishing or altering its jurisdiction.

I also concur with you that forgoing action on this bill does not in any way prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this bill or similar legislation in the future, and I would support your effort to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this legislation. The Committee on Ways and Means is considered to be an "appropriate congressional committee" in regards to the reports required by H.R. 1299 with respect to resource allocation for staffing requirements and the level of manpower data available as all ports of entry.

I will include our letters on H.R. 1299 in the Congressional Record, and I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation. I look forward to working with the Committee on Ways and Means as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

PETER T. KING,
Chairman.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, June 1, 2012.

Hon. PETER KING,

Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
U.S. House of Representatives, H2-176 Ford
House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KING. I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 1299, the "Secure Border Act of 2011." This legislation includes several provisions that pertain to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways & Means with respect to Customs and Border Protection staffing requirements and commercial traffic.

The Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1299 and the need to move expeditiously. Therefore, the Committee is willing to forego action on the bill with the understanding that by doing so, the Committee is

not in any way prejudiced with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives or the appointment of conferees on this or similar legislation.

In addition, I ask that the Ways & Means Committee be included within the definition of "appropriate congressional committee" so that it will receive the report required in subsections 2(e)(1) and (2) of the bill with respect to resource allocation for staffing requirements as well as the report on the level of manpower data available at all ports of entry.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1299, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,
Chairman,
Committee on Ways and Means.

Enclosures.

TRIBUTE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on May 30 The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg, SC, published a thoughtful tribute to military families. As chairman of the Military Personnel subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, but more importantly as the grateful dad of four sons currently serving in our military I appreciate the message.

NEEDS OF MILITARY FAMILIES MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED

With Monday's Memorial Day gathering at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, the United States officially begins its observance of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, paying tribute to the 3 million men and women who served during one of the most challenging missions this country has ever faced.

As we remember the military personnel who fell in Vietnam and those who lived to return home, we should also remember the families of our servicemen and women, the challenges they face and the courage they display.

Stressors confronting military families were identified in the 2012 Blue Star Families Military Family Lifestyle Survey released earlier this month.

"The families of America's men and women in uniform are the backbone of the United States military," U.S. Senator Richard Burr, R-N.C., said at a joint session of the Senate and House Military Family caucuses when the Survey results were presented.

"They provide the support that our servicemen and women rely upon as they serve in the finest armed forces in the world, and the more information we have about their unique situations, the better equipped we will be to accurately target assistance and support for them. This survey will help us identify and provide the kind of support they need and deserve."

The survey, which details the challenges faced by military families after more than a decade of continuous war, and the way families and service members are coping, found that among the key concerns are: pay/benefits, with specific emphasis on changes to retirement benefits; the effects of deployment on children; military spouse employment;

and issues surrounding post-traumatic stress, combat stress and traumatic brain injury.

The survey found that 62 percent of respondents who felt their service member had exhibited signs of post-traumatic stress, regardless of any official diagnosis, said the person did not seek treatment, demonstrating there is still much to be done to help service members and their families "cope with the invisible wounds of war."

Frequent separation, the subsequent predeployment and reintegration processes and the issues surrounding frequent relocation place added pressures on military families—those of National Guard and Reserve service members as well as active duty—who also have to deal with the same issues as other families, including balancing work and family, parenting, education and maintaining healthy relationships

According to the survey, since September 11, 2001, more than 2 million service members have been deployed, with a large percentage of those serving multiple deployments—some as many as five tours of duty.

That is a huge period of time for families to have to be apart, representing many missed birthdays, holidays, graduations and other major milestones in the lives of families.

The survey also noted that although service members themselves are surviving head trauma and other catastrophic injuries their predecessors did not because of the vast improvements in medical technology, "those injuries, both physical and non-physical, have an impact on the family unit and are additional and substantial stressors upon a small segment of the population as well as the agencies and community organizations designed to support them."

We must never forget the sacrifices our military families make—the worries, the fears, the loneliness they endure—while their loved ones serve and protect this nation across the globe.

"Often, when discussing our nation's armed forces, we tend to focus primarily on our brave service members who put themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms we cherish," U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop, D-GA, said when the Blue Star Families survey results were presented. "However, we cannot forget that the families they leave behind sacrifice just as much as our heroes who deploy on missions for our country. These families are impacted in countless ways—seen and unseen—and we have an obligation to do right by them. The Blue Star Families survey will serve as an informative guide on what we can do as a nation to ensure that our troops, veterans and their families have the support they need."

The full survey report is available at <http://bluestarfam.org/2012survey>.

NANCY RODRIGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

The dedication demonstrated by Nancy Rodriguez is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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

HONORING THE WOODBURY ROTARY PARK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woodbury Rotary Park's Memorial Walkway in Woodbury, NJ. This memorial is a special tribute to the unsung heroes who assisted the American war effort in both times of war and peace.

Construction of the walkway would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of The Rotary Club's Herbert A. Budd, Jr. A member since 1959 and two-time president of the organization, Mr. Budd raised \$20,000 for the memorial's creation. Mr. Budd's hard work was aided by the contributions of those in the community whom I proudly recognize as playing a critical role in the memorial's construction.

This memorial, featuring an engraved recognition of all who served, reminds us all that "Some gave all, all gave some." This monument serves to honor those who worked behind the scenes to give us a strong foundation upon which our forces relied.

Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club, particularly Mr. Budd, and the surrounding community should be applauded for their efforts and commitment in building this memorial. This memorial represents the crucial role of the American people who have gone unannounced in serving America's forces. I encourage all of my constituents to visit this memorial and peacefully reflect upon such invaluable service.

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month. The area I represent, the 17th District in New York, which comprises areas of the Bronx, Westchester, and Rockland Counties, is home to a significant Caribbean American population that contributes to our State through local businesses, community development and its rich diversity. It has been an honor to learn about the various countries in the Caribbean from where these families come, to experience their cultures, and to observe as they participate fully in all aspects of American society.

My support for Caribbean Americans extends well past the boundaries of my district.

As the Ranking Member and former Chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, I have visited many Caribbean countries and have learned the importance of the region to the United States and the entire Western Hemisphere. In fact, last year I wrote an amendment, which passed the Foreign Affairs Committee unanimously, urging the State Department to place U.S. Embassies in five Caribbean countries that are without a permanent diplomatic post. I strongly believe that bolstering U.S.-Caribbean relations needs to be a priority, and opening these embassies would benefit U.S. ties with the entire region. I also had the honor of joining President Obama earlier this year at the Summit of the Americas where we reinforced our dedication to the Caribbean and, last year, had the unique experience of traveling with a delegation of Caribbean ministers to Israel.

My time spent with my Caribbean American constituents and in the great countries that make up the Caribbean has helped me to truly appreciate the influence of Caribbean culture on the U.S. This June, I am pleased to take this opportunity to commemorate Caribbean Americans Heritage Month, and look forward to a future of working closely with the Caribbean American community ensure positive cross-cultural relations.

HONORING ISRAEL SOTO, LEADING
EDUCATOR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a great force in the education of our children, Israel Soto, principal of PS/MS 57. He is retiring after a long career in public service. Mr. Soto got his start in education teaching in Washington Heights, in my congressional district. As a Puerto Rican immigrant, he has taken an active role in bilingual education, having served as a school Bilingual Coordinator and Assistant Director of Bilingual Education.

In 1999, Mr. Soto ascended to principal of PS/MS 57, a pre-K-8 school in East Harlem. Last year, 67 percent of enrollees were Hispanic or Latino. Mr. Soto's expertise in bilingual education and the fact that his second language was English, like many of the school's students, made him an ideal choice for principal. His talents extend to all facets of education, however. Under his leadership, PS/MS 57 has gone from a near-failing school to one that received a grade of "A" in its latest Progress Report and is ranked in the 93rd percentile of all New York City K-8 schools.

Mr. Soto has deservedly received numerous awards during his tenure as principal. In 2001, he was named "Principal of the Month" in his school district and in 2004 was recognized as the "Educator of the Week" by Channel 41. He has also been inducted into the "Calm Fellows Program for Distinguished Principals" at Columbia University as well as being honored by Children 4 Children, the YMCA of New York, the New York Post and El Diario La Prensa.

Mr. Soto's work at PS/MS 57 serves as a model for current and future educators. He has built strong partnerships with teachers,

parents, community organizations and the private sector while keeping his focus internal, on his students. This outreach has significantly increased the academic resources available to his students and demonstrates the supreme importance of an active and charismatic principal such as Mr. Soto.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring a great man and an impassioned educator who, first and foremost, believes in all of our extraordinary children.

MELANIE KURTZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

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

TO AMEND THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990 TO MAKE CERTAIN UNITED STATES TERRITORIES ELIGIBLE FOR NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS UNDER THAT ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation that will amend the National and Community Service Act, as amended by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, to make the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands eligible for the Nonprofit Capacity Building Grants under that Act.

The Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant Program awards intermediary nonprofit organizations with funding to provide development training to small and mid-sized nonprofits on best practices, financial planning, grant writing, and compliance with applicable tax laws.

In my district, we have hard working nonprofit organizations and advocates who commit themselves to truly noble causes. Whether it is the protection of families from domestic violence or raising funds to find a cure for cancer, nonprofits work tirelessly for the greater

good of all members of our community. The technical correction I offer here today would allow organizations in the Northern Marianas and other U.S. territories an equal opportunity to apply for federal funds to increase the effectiveness of nonprofits and to expand their impact within their communities.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and allow the U.S. territories an equal opportunity to compete for this program.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
REFORM ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act, H.R. 5651, is based on user fee negotiations between FDA and the prescription drug, generic drug, biologic, and medical device industry. This reauthorization of the FDA user fees will provide stability with FDA's new product review as companies submit new and innovative devices and drugs for approval.

In codifying the User Fee Agreement, this committee has included additional provisions designed to address some of the defects of the regulatory structure and overreach by the FDA. Under my Chairmanship of the Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee, we held a hearing into FDA's regulatory efforts in the medical device space. During our hearing, many of the witnesses talked about the reluctance of FDA to approve devices and how FDA continually moved the goalposts for approval. I am glad that Title VII of this bill includes a significant number of reform provisions designed to bring certainty to the medical device field.

In addition to reforming approaches to medical devices through Title VII, the FDA's approach to rare diseases must also be modernized. I'm happy the Committee included the Faster Access to Specialized Treatments Act, FAST Act, H.R. 4132, which I introduced with my friend and colleague, Representative ED TOWNS. FAST updates and modernizes Section 506 of the Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, and updates the Accelerated Approval statute to reflect two decades worth of medical sciences that has occurred since Accelerated Approval was first created. FAST will help FDA implement broadly effective processes for the expedited development and review of innovative new medicines intended to address unmet medical needs for serious or life-threatening diseases by using modern scientific tools.

The use of surrogate endpoints may result in fewer, smaller or shorter clinical trials without compromising FDA's existing high standards for safety or efficacy. Surrogate and clinical endpoints only need to be reasonable predictors of clinical benefit to support accelerated approval. They do not need to be validated or proven first. The changes made to current law permitting the Secretary to require validation of surrogates following accelerated approval is not intended to change FDA's long history of granting accelerated approval based on unvalidated, but predictive, surrogate endpoints.

Additionally, FAST includes explicit language for FDA to think about the challenges of rare diseases when developing their guidance and gives the rare disease community an opportunity to publically comment on FDA's draft guidance. FAST ensures that the voices of the 30 million Americans with a rare disease will be heard by FDA. There are about 7,000 rare diseases and only about 250 have any treatment. FAST will save lives, and give a voice to the voiceless; and I am glad it is in the bill.

Lastly, the committee included the Expanding and Promoting Expertise in Review of Rare Treatments, EXPERRT Act, H.R. 4156, a bill my fellow Co-Chairs of the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus and I introduced. EXPERRT will have the FDA consult with experts in rare diseases. This will ensure that FDA has access to the knowledge needed when dealing with drug approvals for diseases where FDA may lack subject matter expertise. As one of the Co-Founders of the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, I am glad that we are giving this tool to the FDA.

I'd like to submit this letter of support for FAST signed by over 150 rare disease groups into the RECORD.

H.R. 5651 is a good bill that will help new drugs and new medicines get into the market and be available to patients. I support passage of the FDA Reform Act.

MARCH 23, 2012.

Hon. CLIFF STEARNS,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

Hon. EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMEN STEARNS & TOWNS: On behalf of patients, physicians, and other members of the health advocacy community we are writing to express our support for H.R. 4132, the Faster Access to Specialized Treatments (FAST) Act. This legislation will modernize and expand the FDA's Accelerated Approval pathway to encompass a broader range of diseases and leverage 21st century drug development tools and strategies. This reform will speed the approval of much-needed therapies and cures to patients who are facing serious and life-threatening conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, autoimmune diseases, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, neuromuscular disease and hundreds of rare diseases that remain untreated.

We commend you for championing legislation that maintains the FDA's high standard for approval while at the same time ensuring the Agency can help facilitate the development of new and novel therapies to patients in a more timely manner. In many cases our patients have no available treatment for their diseases, or they are using a therapy that is older and may not work as effectively and safely. This is not acceptable. We believe that this legislation will ensure patients receive the best, modern treatment as soon as possible and we applaud your efforts on their behalf.

Thank you for your leadership on this important bill and we look forward to working with you as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs; Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness, Inc.; Affiliated American CSA Foundation; Alliance for Aging Research; Alliance for Patient Access; American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association; American Brain Tumor Association; American Childhood Cancer Organization; American College of Medical Genetics;

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering; American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology; Batten Disease Support and Research Association; Break Through Cancer Coalition; Californians for Cures.

Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University; Celiac Sprue Association; Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA); Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Inc.; Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago; Coalition Duchenne; Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis; Colon Cancer Alliance; Cooleys Anemia Foundation; Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America; Cryoglobulinemia Vasculitis Organization; CureDuchenne; CurePSP; Digestive Disease National Coalition; Erik Metzler Foundation.

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases; Fabry Support & Information Group; Georgia PKU Connect; GIST Support International; Hadley Hope Fund; Hannah's Hope Fund; Hayden's Batten Disease Foundation Inc.; HealthHIV; Hope4Bridget Foundation; ICE Epilepsy Alliance; I Have IHH; In Need of Diagnosis, Inc. (INOD); Inspire; International Cancer Advocacy Network (ICAN); Jacob's Cure, Inc.

Jain Foundation Inc.; Jonah's Just Begun—Foundation to Cure Sanfilippo Inc. LAM Treatment Alliance; LGS Foundation; Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative; Little Miss Hannah Foundation; Lung Cancer Alliance; Lupus Foundation of America; Lymphangiomas & Gorham's Disease Alliance (LGDA); Lymphatic Malformation Institute (LMI); Macular Degeneration Support, Inc. Madisons Foundation; Midwest Asian Health Association (MAHA); MLD Foundation; Mpdsupport.org—Myeloproliferative Disease Support; Muscular Dystrophy Association.

National Family Caregivers Association; National MPS Society; National MS Society; National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation, Inc.; National PKU Alliance; National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association; National Venture Capital Association; NBIA Disorders Association; New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research; NKH International Family Network; Noah's Hope—Batten Disease Fund; Oxalosis and Hyperoxaluria Foundation; Pachonychia Congenita Project.

Parkinson's Action Network; Parry-Romberg Syndrome Resource, Inc.; Partnership for Cures; Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation; RARE Project; Russell-Silver Syndrome Support; Scleroderma Research Foundation; Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.; Society for Women's Health Research; Solving Kids' Cancer; Student Society for Stem Cell Research; Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation; Taylor's Tale.

The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD); The Children's Medical Research Foundation, Inc.; The Erythromelalgia Association; The Focus Foundation; The Manton Center for Orphan Disease Research, Children's Hospital Boston; The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA); The Stop ALD Foundation; Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance; Veterans Health Council; VHL Family Alliance; Vietnam Veterans of America; ZERO—The Project to End Prostate Cancer.

IN RECOGNITION OF "HAND IN HAND"

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the efforts of the Hand in Hand organization, as its members gather to honor its outstanding teen volunteers. Hand in Hand continues to cultivate friendships and build life long relationships between local teen volunteers and special needs children. Hand in Hand teen volunteers will be recognized for their outstanding service to the community at an awards dinner on June 5, 2012. Aimee and Gerald Ostrov and Nona and Dennis Drazin will serve as Guests of Honor. Their faithful service and dedication to the community is worthy of this body's recognition.

Hand in Hand is a local volunteer based organization founded in 2006 under the direction of Chabad of the Shore. The organization is dedicated to building friendships between children with special needs and teen volunteers. Students involved in the Hand in Hand organization remain fully exposed to a wide variety of Jewish activities and social experiences. Teen volunteers learn to become effective friends and mentors while children learn to interact and build social skills. The interaction has helped build eye opening experiences and strong, life long relationships. The unending generosity demonstrated by the Hand in Hand teen volunteers has undoubtedly touched many lives and has helped countless people throughout central New Jersey.

Hand in Hand volunteers and children have also benefited from the steadfast leadership and mentoring of Rabbi Laibel Schapiro and the Chabad of the Shore staff. Rabbi Schapiro received his rabbinical ordination from the Central Chabad Yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York. He has directed the Chabad of the Shore of Monmouth County since 2002 and is a powerful presence in the Monmouth County Jewish community. Rabbi Schapiro's steadfast leadership and contributions to Chabad of the Shore, the Hand in Hand organization and Jewish community are an inspiration to future generations throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey.

The 2012 Annual Hand in Hand Dinner will also recognize four outstanding individuals who will serve as the Guests of Honor. Aimee and Gerald Ostrov are residents of Long Branch, New Jersey and Herzliya Pituach, Israel. Aimee served the Hadassah organization for 30 years and has served in numerous prominent positions including President of the East Brunswick Chapter, President of the Southern New Jersey Region and National Board and Executive Committee. She is an alumna of Cornell University and completed a dietetic internship at Massachusetts General Hospital. Aimee worked as a dietician in hospitals and nursing homes before dedicating her time exclusively to family and philanthropy. Jerry is an alumnus of Cornell University and earned his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He has spent most of his career at Johnson & Johnson where he was later promoted to Company Group Chairman. After a short retirement, he returned to work as Chairman and CEO of Bausch & Lomb. He currently serves on several Boards and provides guidance for start-up

companies, particularly in Israel. The Ostrovs are dedicated to sharing their Jewish faith with the community through various charitable and volunteer activities. Their recent volunteer work has provided professional and strategic leadership to educate the community about Israel.

Nona and Dennis Drazin continue to serve with various organizations throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey. Dennis Drazin currently serves as President at Drazin and Warshaw, an esteemed position that oversees 12 attorneys and 40 support staff members. Dennis earned his Juris Doctorate from Dickinson School of Law and is a current member of multiple organizations including the Monmouth County, New Jersey and American Bar Associations. He often lectures for the American Bar Association and Monmouth Bar Association, among others. Dennis Drazin is also chairman of Elite Equine Consultants, providing advice and consultation for the Thoroughbred Horseman's Association. Nona Drazin is an alumna of the University of Pennsylvania and earned her Juris Doctorate in 1994 from American University. She has practiced law in Washington, DC and New Jersey. Nona was also employed by the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horseman's Association as their General Counsel and serves as President on their Board of Trustees. Until recently, she served two terms as an elected Trustee at Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson, New Jersey. Nona was recently elected to the Monmouth Parks Charity Foundation's Board of Directors. The Ostrovs and Drazins continue to provide valuable and dedicated time to the Hand in Hand organization and the Monmouth County community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking the Hand in Hand teen volunteers and congratulating the guests of honor for their service and dedication. Their efforts continue to enhance the lives of individuals throughout Monmouth County and New Jersey.

PEYTON MOORE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

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

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chair, I stand today in opposition to this legislation because it provides funding for the fundamentally flawed and wasteful Delaware Deepening project. Prior to the Army Corps' recent decision to partially fund this \$300 million project, it had previously only been funded through Congressional earmarks for the previous 6 years.

In June of 2002 the General Accounting Office (report # GA0-02-604) found that the Army Corps grossly misrepresented the costs and benefits of the project. The GAO determined that the economic analysis provided for the project contained a number of "material errors," "miscalculations, invalid assumptions, and the use of significantly outdated information." Based on the GAO's findings, the benefit to cost ratio of the project is closer to 0.49 to 1 as opposed to the 1.4 to 1 originally asserted by the Army Corps. A re-analysis completed by the GAO in 2010 (report # GA0-10-420) came to the same conclusion that the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening would not provide a good return on investment for the taxpayers. The latest re-analysis completed by the Army Corps last year fails to re-examine the costs. It also makes highly questionable projections about future benefits based on limited historical data.

The OMB, at President Obama's direction, has said the federal government should only provide funding for projects that are demonstrated benefit for the nation; i.e. projects that have a benefit cost ratio of at least 2.5 to 1. As noted by the Corps of Engineers, the Delaware River Deepening is the only navigation project nationwide that had a benefit cost ratio less than the 2.5 minimum criteria. Previous Presidents, both Democrat and Republican, have not supported this project because it makes no economic sense.

Mr. Chair, there also continues to be an overwhelming number of serious environmental concerns raised by state and federal environmental protection agencies and experts about the project's impact on drinking water, commercial and recreational fish, shellfish, wetlands, wildlife, water quality—not to mention the hundreds of millions of dollars of economic revenue and jobs these natural resources support. This project is an economic loser and Congress should not be in the business of funding old earmarks.

REYNA CANTOR-GUTIERREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,728,112,402,859.92. We've added \$5,101,235,353,946.84 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, with the Senate expected to consider the Paycheck Fairness Act today, it is imperative that the House get serious about addressing pay inequality for working women across the United States. The House version of the Paycheck Fairness Act, H.R. 1519, seeks to achieve this pay equality and fairness by holding employers accountable for sex-based pay discrimination.

On average, women earn only seventy-seven cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts, and that disparity can fluctuate even further across professions. For African American and Latina women, they are paid only 62 and 54 cents respectively for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. For countless families and single mothers trying to make ends meet, this wage disparity threatens their financial stability, and negatively impacts the livelihood of these women and their dependents.

The Paycheck Fairness Act is a common-sense piece of legislation that will ensure equal pay for all hardworking Americans. There is no basis for which pay discrimination should ever exist, and allowing this to continue undermines our Nation's economic recovery and our commitment to equality.

Mr. Speaker, fairness and equality are basic fundamentals that we must promote as a democratic Nation. Allowing pay discrimination on the basis of sex is not consistent with those principles, and I urge this Congress to take action against it. The Paycheck Fairness Act will provide a solid foundation on which we can build to promote fairness and equality in the workplace. As an original cosponsor of this important piece of legislation, I will continue to advocate for the rights of women all across the country.

MIGUEL CALDERON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel Calderon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Miguel Calderon is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

HONORING DR. THOMAS CHAFER
PRINCE, JR.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most well-known and selfless men in my District. Dr. Thomas Chafer Prince, Jr. passed away recently at the age of 85.

Dr. Prince was a well-known physician and surgeon in my District for 64 years, and he undoubtedly touched the lives of thousands of people in many positive ways.

He also served his country admirably in the Korean war in the United States Air Force and continued to fly throughout his life.

One of his favorite activities was to sing in a barbershop quartet called The Dignitaries, which was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

He was also a family man with a deep faith in God who studied biblical prophecy and was scheduled to preach at Harvest Christian Fellowship the week he passed away.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Gail; children, Thomas, III, Gayle, Gary, and Steven; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Dr. Thomas Chafer Prince, Jr.

I can think of no more fitting tribute to Dr. Prince than to request the proclamation by Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett honoring his life be reprinted into the RECORD.

A PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE
OF KNOX COUNTY

By His Honor The Mayor Tim Burchett To
Publicly Recognize

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS C. PRINCE, JR. M.D.

Whereas; On October 9, 2011, at the age of 85, Thomas C. Prince, Jr. passed away; and

Whereas; He graduated from Knoxville High School at the age of 15, the University of Tennessee at age 17 and the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis at age 19. Dr. Prince began practicing medicine at the age of 21 and practiced for 64 years until his death; and

Whereas; He served in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon in the Korean War. Dr. Prince sang with his barber shop quartet, The Dignitaries, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He served as a physician for the University of Tennessee track teams under coaches Rohe and Huntsman. He was an avid runner and outdoorsman who taught bible classes and was a student of the scripture; and

Whereas; He was dedicated to his wife and four children; and

Whereas; Knox County wishes to memorialize Thomas Chafer Prince, Jr. M.D. for his lifetime of service and achievement.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor do hereby proclaim this day in memory of Thomas C. Prince, Jr. M.D.

In Knox County, and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the Moran Amendment.

The streams, lakes, and wetlands of America are in desperate need of protection. These areas provide citizens with clean drinking water, are essential to sports and recreation, and, importantly to my district in St. Louis, protect cities from floods. The Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency developed a guidance plan this past summer to clarify the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act, the paramount piece of legislation protecting these important areas. This guidance will confirm the water protections we depend on to keep our water safe. Thus, I sup-

port the Moran Amendment which would eliminate Section 110. Section 110 prevents the Corps from doing a critical part of its job: maintaining our country's significant water resources.

The Corps has already proposed guidance that would significantly clarify the Clean Water Act and ensure the safety of American waterways. Without these clarifications, 20 million acres of wetlands will continue to be left without legal protections. The American public depends on this Act for clean drinking water, protection from flood waters, and maintaining the habitats of important wildlife. The American public depends on us to support the Corps and place safeguards to keep our water clean. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the Moran Amendment and not prevent the Army Corp of Engineers from doing their job. We must allow the Army Corps of Engineers to clarify the scope of the Clean Water Act, so that Americans can trust their waterways are clean.

RYAN HOEFLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

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

IN RECOGNITION OF MIDDLESEX
COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS
ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Middlesex County Retired Educators Association of New Jersey (MCREA) in celebration of their 50th anniversary. The organization continues to organize in support of various social, educational and financial issues concerning retired educators throughout Middlesex County and New Jersey. Their services to the constituents of New Jersey are worthy of this body's recognition.

The Middlesex County Retired Educators Association is dedicated to protecting the rights of many retired educators throughout

Middlesex County, New Jersey. MCREA has made the protection of the retired school employees' state pension fund and insuring the continuation of current health care benefits among its top priorities. MCREA members are active in their community and have organized assistance programs for nursing home residents, and delivered food for the needy and financial assistance to students. They have also organized various social functions for members to attend various cultural performances and historic sites as well as extended trips throughout the United States and various foreign countries. Today, MCREA is proudly represented by over 1,675 members throughout Middlesex County and New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating the Middlesex County Retired Educators Association for 50 years of service. Their efforts continue to enhance the lives of retired educators throughout Middlesex County and New Jersey.

HONORING JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark Jewish American Heritage Month.

My family's story is very much an American Jewish story. On my father's side of the family, from the Russia-Poland border, an entire 1,000-year culture was wiped out as a result of World War II. My mother's side of the family comes from Thessaloniki, Greece, where there was a very vibrant Jewish community prior to World War II, totaling half of the city's entire population. But by the time the Nazis finished, there were only 1,000 Jews left there and I am not presumptuous enough to think that my family would have been among those chosen to live.

My family escaped both the Russia-Poland area and Thessaloniki in order to come to our Nation's shores. And I grew up hearing stories of what their lives had been and how thrilled they were to come to the safe haven of the United States of America. It was the very survival of my family. Had they stayed where they lived in Europe, we would have been exterminated in the Holocaust, but we came to this remarkable country, where we've not only survived, but we've thrived.

When my grandparents came here—and this is a story that is so common among American Jewish families—they couldn't speak English. They had no money. They had no skills. The only thing they had was a dream that their children and their children's children would have a better life here in the United States than they had where they came from.

We American Jews are lucky to be a part of the fabric of this great country, to have full acceptance, to be able to access the highest levels of power, to be able to effectuate meaningful change in a very positive way by participating in the American political process. We have made more than a life for ourselves in the United States of America. We are very proud Americans, and we are very proud Jews. And we appreciate so much the fact that this country offered so many remarkable opportunities and gave us a chance not only

for survival, but to become a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

I urge my colleagues to join me in marking this special occasion.

NALENE CASTANEDA-ROMERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

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

MARSHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WE
THE PEOPLE TEAM

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. I would like to congratulate a group of students in my district who have earned a national title in their understanding of constitutional issues in a changing world.

Participating in the national round of this year's We the People competition in April, Isabella Burke, Catherine Pouliot, and Samantha Silver of Marshwood High School in South Berwick, Maine, took first place in the unit on "What challenges might face American constitutional democracy in the twenty-first century?"

I am very proud of the level at which these students performed especially on a question of such importance to our country.

I would also like to congratulate advisor Matt Sanzone and the rest of the Marshwood team for making it to nationals for a fifth year. It is an incredible statement of this school's dedication in teaching students the foundations of American democracy.

HONORING RABBI MENACHEM
MENDEL AND NECHAMA DINA
MANGEL

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to two of my constitu-

ents from southern New Jersey. Rabbi Menachem Mendel and Nechama Dina Mangel, are known to their friends as Rabbi Mendy and Dinie. They are a Chabad-Lubavitch Chassidic couple who were married in 1992 in Brooklyn, New York. They have directed Chabad Lubavitch of Camden and Burlington Counties, since settling in their New Jersey community in 1994.

Rabbi Mendy received his Rabbinical ordination in New York and together they began to offer a wide-range of educational programs to increase Jewish knowledge and observance in the area. By the spring of 1994, the Chabad Lubavitch Center was established in a storefront in Voorhees, Chabad Hebrew School was inaugurated, and Shabbat services began. In April of 2002, to accommodate the increasing number of programs and participants, Chabad moved to its present home in Cherry Hill. Rabbi Mendy and Dinie have since expanded their activities into Burlington County. In 2004, they brought Rabbi Yitzchok and Baily Kahan on board to begin the Gan Israel Day Camp at Chabad and to assist with the general growth and expansion of activities at the center. More recently, in the summer of 2010, Rabbi Menachem and Shterna Kaminker joined the staff, to work with the Hebrew-speaking community.

The Mangels are the proud parents of eight wonderful children, ka"n, ranging in age from 18–2 years. Many people have come to know Rabbi Mendy and Dinie and their children through their involvement and service to their community. They participate in their community's annual Menorah lighting ceremony, deliver Purim gift packages, teach classes in the synagogue, or invite friends and neighbors in to their home to enjoy a delicious and spirited Shabbat meal. They have opened their home and their hearts to share the warmth of Jewish life and tradition with the many Jews in our area. Rabbi Mendy and Dinie and their family have devoted their lives to ignite a passion for greater commitment to Jewish life in all whom they meet.

Rabbi Mendy will be honored this week at the annual Chai Gala celebration in Cinnaminson, New Jersey and I urge my colleagues to join me in offering my most sincere congratulations.

SAMANTHA GROENHOF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

I extend my deepest congratulations to Samantha Groenhof for winning the Arvada

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

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE
JUNE 5, 2012 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to welcome Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation to our Nation's Capital today. These veterans, accompanied by volunteer guardians, traveled to Washington, DC to visit the National World War II Memorial that was built in their honor.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the stone from which the World War II Memorial was built. That piece of marble, just like the memorial it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our Nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that are the basis of our great Nation. They did so as one people and one country.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation of Americans since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our Nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our Nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our Nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FORMER STATE SENATOR
CATHIE WRIGHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of former State Senator Cathie Wright, who represented the Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys in the California legislature for 20 years, and with whom I was proud to serve.

Born in Old Forge, Pennsylvania on May 18, 1929, Cathie Maranelli Wright launched her political career in the 1970s as a member of the Simi Valley City Council. Wright was the city's mayor when she ran for and won an open Assembly seat in 1980. During her tenure in the Assembly, Wright carried several pieces of legislation to address local issues, including a bill that added the valley's four

water purveyors to the Castaic Lake Water Agency. The legislation brought the water purveyors to the table for the purpose of negotiating a valley-wide management plan, something the local water community continues to do on a regular basis. She was an early and ardent supporter of the creation of the City of Santa Clarita, which incorporated in 1987.

In 1992 Wright, ascended to the state Senate when former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis retired and served until 2000. As a Senator, Wright helped craft California's welfare and child support laws. She was instrumental in securing funding for the College of the Canyons, particularly a new library and a media & fine arts building. Senator Wright worked tirelessly to develop a Systems of Care approach that would provide early intervention for at-risk mentally ill youth.

Mr. Speaker, Cathie Wright's two decades of dedicated public service make her an outstanding example of her generation and its commitment to our Nation. It is appropriate therefore that we honor her life and contributions today.

RYAN PFANKUCH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

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

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

TRIBUTE TO MOLLIE EMERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mollie Emerson of Rockford, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Mollie redecorated patient rooms at doctor offices in her community

to help patients feel more comfortable when visiting the doctor. The work ethic Mollie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Mollie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her in obtaining the Gold Award, and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH LEE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Lee, a resident of San Mateo, California, who died at the age of 81 at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Hospice.

John Lee served his country as a Marine in Korea and Vietnam; was a successful businessman; a founder of Telogy Inc; was a highly respected member of the San Mateo City Council and served as Mayor. He was responsible for the completion of three major projects during his twelve year tenure—a movie theater complex, a new library, and a new police station.

He was known to all for saying "It's outstanding!" While he could be stern and firm minded, he was never disagreeable. He appreciated hard work and supported dedicated city employees. He worked to help the less fortunate, and in the words of San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer, "He was a man who believed in valor and chivalry and duty."

John is survived by his son, John Lee Jr., of Oregon, daughters Brenda Lee Woodward, Karen Frost and J. Marcella Lee; his stepson Michael Streim and many grandchildren. He also leaves four siblings.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a true public servant who served his Nation with honor, valor, and generosity. He served his community with equal distinction, and earned the respect of his colleagues in public service and the deep regard of his entire community. I ask my colleagues to extend to his children, grandchildren and siblings our most sincere sympathy on their great loss. John Lee will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him, and I count myself among those so blessed. Our community and our country have been strengthened by the life and the service of John Lee.

HONORING THE PLASMA PROTEIN
THERAPEUTICS ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA) as that organization celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Since PPTA's founding in 1992, the organization has been at the forefront of promoting innovation and patient access to safe and effective therapies used to treat rare and chronic conditions. PPTA is a globally active trade association, representing six plasma protein therapy manufacturers in the United States, and 16 plasma collection companies that operate nearly 400 plasma collection centers across the country.

PPTA is distinguished in the pharmaceutical and biologics industries for the Association's dedication to the continual innovation of therapies for rare disease patients. Today, plasma protein therapies are used to treat a range of rare diseases including primary immune deficiency diseases; neurological disorders such as chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy; hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other bleeding disorders; and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, as well as specialty immune globulin therapies that treat a range of conditions. Recognizing the unique concerns of the patients living with these rare diseases, PPTA continues to act as a diligent advocate for the protection of therapeutic innovation and patient access to plasma protein therapies. One example of that commitment is the Association's strong support of my bill, the Medicare IVIG Access Act, H.R. 1845, which will make whole the home infusion benefit for patients with primary immune deficiencies. In addition to my work on this legislation, my interest, support, and commitment extend to all of the rare disease patients treated with life-saving plasma protein therapies, and I'm proud to work on issues so vital to the health of these fragile groups of patients.

In addition to the Association's outstanding advocacy, PPTA has also led the industry in quality and safety assurance. In 2000, PPTA and its members implemented the Quality Standards of Excellence, Assurance and Leadership (QSEAL) as voluntary standards that complement FDA regulatory requirements for manufacturing plasma protein therapeutics. QSEAL certification provides a pathway for industry participants to provide independent certification of adherence to the QSEAL standards. The QSEAL program works in concert with the International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP), instituted more than 20 years ago to help ensure the safety of plasma used to produce lifesaving therapies and plasma donors.

A global organization headquartered in the United States, with an office in Belgium, and that serves the needs of chronic, rare disease patients around the world, PPTA and its members should be commended for their ongoing commitment to supporting patient access to innovative, safe and effective treatments.

HONORING THE GRADUATING 5TH GRADERS AT GLEN MARLOWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the graduating 5th Grade class of Glen Marlowe Elementary School. They are about to enter an exciting new phase of their lives: making new friends, advancing their edu-

cation, and moving closer to the adults they are destined to become. Some of the most fundamental lessons that one can be taught, such as the importance of hard work and respect for others, have been instilled by the faculty of Glen Marlowe over the past few years and will shine through in every future action taken as they become young men and women.

I would like to offer my thanks to Ms. Kristi Duckett, Ms. Julia Meeks, Ms. Jessica Hudgins, Ms. Deanna McNaughton, and Ms. Kathy Plount for leading by example, and helping to build the foundation of a wonderful group of young people. I would also like to acknowledge the parents of the graduates. All of those carpools, parent-teacher conferences, and late night homework checks have not been in vain, and have helped prepare these graduates for a future that will be shaped by their values and vitality.

It is my honor to congratulate these graduates on achieving this important milestone and I encourage them to follow all of their dreams, wherever they might lead. I encourage my colleagues to join me today in honoring the graduating 5th graders at Glen Marlowe Elementary.

RECOGNIZING GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL IOWA IN DES MOINES AND THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the AbilityOne program, which in the last several years has helped more than 50,000 Americans who are blind or who have significant disabilities gain skills and training that ultimately led to gainful employment.

The AbilityOne program harnesses the purchasing power of the Federal Government to buy products and services from participating community-based nonprofit agencies that are dedicated to training and employing individuals with disabilities. This program affords Americans with disabilities the opportunity to acquire job skills and training, receive good wages and benefits, and gain greater independence and quality of life.

I am proud to acknowledge an important local partner of the AbilityOne program, Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa in Des Moines. It is one of 207 regional Goodwill organizations throughout North America and across the world. Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa has been serving Iowa communities since 1955 with a dedicated mission, a clear vision and a strong set of values to empower people with significant disabilities to achieve greater independence, education and employment. With the support of the AbilityOne program, Goodwill's training and job placement programs help clients and their families live more independently while allowing them to make positive contributions to their communities.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I strongly support the AbilityOne program and Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa in Des Moines. I also want to commend the dedication and commitment of President Marlyn McKeen and her staff for helping individuals who are blind

or have a significant disability find employment opportunities. Their work helps people live fuller lives and become more active members of society. I also commend each AbilityOne employee who works every day to improve their lives and make our country a better place to live.

HAZING IN THE U.S. MILITARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remind my colleagues about the ongoing problem of hazing in the United States military. Hazing, particularly racially motivated hazing, undermines our military.

Multiple suicides in 2011 by service members of color after suffering hazing drew increased attention to this problem. These incidents involved dehumanizing service members through racist taunting, harassment and physical assault.

Private Danny Chen, 19, a Chinese American, took his own life in Kandahar, Afghanistan in October 2011 after being hazed. Investigators found that he had been physically assaulted and taunted with racial slurs. Eight soldiers were charged with dereliction of duty, assault and involuntary manslaughter in the death of Private Chen.

In his annual holiday message on December 23, 2011, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta condemned hazing in the military. He later directed military commanders to review hazing policies and ensure compliance.

At the outset of this year, our colleagues in the Congressional Tri-Caucus called for public hearings and hosted a forum on the issue. In March, the Armed Services Committees' Subcommittee on Military Personnel hosted a hearing on this subject and heard testimonies from U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard representatives. Those testifying all agreed that hazing is wrong and should not be tolerated.

However, the hearing also highlighted the need for greater transparency and regular oversight in order to ensure real, measurable success in combating hazing within the ranks of our military. Thankfully, a portion of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 calls for annual reports by the U.S. Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security as well as a report by the Comptroller General, which will create help define hazing as well as create systematic means by which data about hazing can be collected and tracked.

As a result of these reports, we will have the common language, tools, data and communication needed to better prevent hazing in our military. By learning from our failure to protect Private Chen and other victims, we also hope to honor their memory.

Mr. Speaker, we owe an immense debt to our brave members of our military who risk their lives for our national security. I join my colleagues in their steadfast effort to make sure that Congress does its due diligence to ensure that hazing has no place in our armed services.

HONORING SOUTH STANLY HIGH SCHOOL, HOME OF THE 2012 NORTH CAROLINA 1A BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty, staff and coaches of South Stanly High School in Norwood, North Carolina. This past weekend, the South Stanly Rowdy Rebel Bulls baseball and softball programs finished their seasons with each team capturing its second North Carolina 1-A State Championship, handily winning their championship games held this weekend in Durham and Raleigh, respectively. With their combined victories, South Stanly High School became just the third program in the history of North Carolina baseball and fast-pitch softball to sweep both titles in the same season.

The South Stanly baseball team finished the 2012 season with a 30-4 record, capping the season with a 6-1 victory over Voyager Academy in the State Championship game. I congratulate head coach Terry Tucker, who, in his fourth year with the program, has led the team to its third state championship appearance and its second state championship since 2009.

The South Stanly softball team finished the 2012 season with a 27-7 record, completing the season with a 9-2 win over Camden to win the state title. I congratulate South Stanly softball head coach David Poplin, who led the team to its second title since 1998.

Most importantly, sincere congratulations are due to the dedicated young men and women of these two teams. Their hard work and sacrifice throughout the season put them on the road to championships, and together their dedication and focus has brought two more state titles back to Norwood.

Folks throughout our community have always had a way of banding together in support of one another, and this year's baseball and softball seasons showed a perfect example of that at South Stanly. From dedicated parents and siblings, to friends and church members, our community came out in full force to cheer the Rowdy Rebel Bulls on to victory. I'm honored to represent the people of Stanly County, the players and their dedicated families, and the coaches and faculty of the school.

Before Congress and our great nation, I am proud to recognize the members of South Stanly High School's baseball and softball teams, Coach Tucker and Coach Poplin, Principal Mike Campbell, Athletic Director Sean Whitley and the entire Stanly County community as a whole for another local championship season. Go Rowdy Rebel Bulls!

GREENVILLE ELEMENTARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the dedication of the administration,

staff and students of Greenville Elementary School in Greenville, Illinois, who went above and beyond in caring for, and ultimately saving the life of, one of the school's kindergarteners.

Emma Young started kindergarten at Greenville Elementary this year, but Emma is not your typical kindergartener. Since she was very young, Emma suffered seizures and unconsciousness due to a condition that doctors were unable to diagnose due to a lack of data. Finally, doctors placed an implantable loop recorder in Emma's chest to collect data for up to three years in the hopes of collecting the information necessary to diagnose Emma's condition.

Emma's parents met with the school nurse to ensure that school staff were aware of her condition and knew what to do. But instead of just filing the information away, school staff made a superior effort to inform everyone involved with Emma's daily activities in the event that their help was needed in an emergency. The school nurse, Emma's teacher, and all the faculty and staff who had contact with Emma on a daily basis had a special meeting after school to learn about Emma's condition and about the monitor implanted in her chest. Her teacher made posters with her picture and a photo of the device, with step-by-step instructions for staff or substitutes to review. The staff even developed a plan called "Code Emma", and taught the other kindergarteners how to recognize when Emma needed help and how to announce a Code Emma.

This spring, Emma's mother, Jill, was at home when she received a breathless call from the school secretary informing her that Emma had suffered a seizure. She rushed to the school, where an ambulance had already arrived to take Emma to the hospital. Riding to the hospital, Jill was grateful for the fast response by the school staff, but wondered if the staff had remembered to press the button on Emma's device so that the data could be collected, and a diagnosis finally determined. Emma's condition returned to normal over the next few minutes, and she was released from the hospital that day. An hour later, Emma's cardiologist called and told Jill that the data had been collected, and Emma's condition could finally be diagnosed and treated. Emma now has a pacemaker and is receiving life-saving treatment, thanks to the doctors and nurses who worked with her, but perhaps most importantly, due to the students and staff at Greenville Elementary who called out and responded to the Code Emma.

Emma's mother writes that the students and staff at Greenville Elementary are deserving of recognition for their "commitment to education, and their dedication to nurturing and loving children in the community. The lessons that are taught inside of the walls at Greenville Elementary are not just the mandated ones, but the ones that will mold these children into the types of individuals they will become."

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to salute the entire team at Greenville Elementary for the good work they do in educating children in not just the Three Rs, but in caring for others and being good citizens. I am proud to represent such an outstanding community and such outstanding people.

ETIENNE CHARLES

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young and talented jazz trumpeter from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Etienne Charles, in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, nationally recognized during the month of June.

Born on the island of Trinidad in 1983, Etienne Charles defies easy musical categorization. An alumnus of the prestigious Julliard School, Mr. Charles has received critical acclaim for his exciting performances, thrilling compositions and a knack for connecting with audiences worldwide. Etienne's musical lineage runs at least four generations deep: His great-grandfather emigrated to Trinidad from the overseas French department of Martinique bringing his folk music to the village of Mayaro. The young trumpeter's grandfather's distinct *cuarto* style can be heard on the classic folk and calypso recordings of the Growling Tiger; and, Etienne's father was a member of Phase 11 Pan Grove, one of Trinidad & Tobago's most progressive steel bands and one that Etienne himself would later join. Immersed in his father's vast record collection, and suffused with the sounds of calypso, steel pan and African Shango drumming, Etienne imbibed many of the influences that presently constitute the diverse colors of his harmonic palette.

Perhaps more than any other musician of his generation or of Caribbean origin, Etienne brings a careful study of myriad rhythms from the French, Spanish, English and Dutch speaking Caribbean to the table. Crucially, this young jazz professional fully understands the New Orleans trumpet tradition (which is readily discernible in his trademark instrumental swagger) and what the famed Crescent City pianist, Jelly Roll Morton so succinctly captured in the now immortal phrase, "The Spanish Tinge".

In his latest opus, *Kaiso*, this Trinidadian trumpet maestro, Etienne Charles, cooks up an ambrosial *bouillabaisse* of New World music genres, with jazz and calypso genres standing out as piquant flavors. He explores the songbooks of three legends in calypso; The Lord Kitchener, The Mighty Sparrow and the Roaring Lion, using many different instrumental palettes ranging from duet to chamber orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize this young talent, Mr. Etienne Charles, for the many contributions he brings to the nationals of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the world.

HONORING EULESS POLICE CORPORAL ROGER GATLIN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize retiring Corporal Roger Gatlin for his 30 years of public service with the Euless, Texas, Police Department.

Corporal Gatlin graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, Tennessee. Following high school, Cpl. Gatlin continued his education at West Tennessee Business College in Jackson, Tennessee, and Tarrant County College in Fort Worth in pursuit of a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Business. His post-secondary education included over 280 academic hours and over 1630 training hours. Cpl. Gatlin has received training in: Background Investigations, Crisis Intervention, Terrorism and Homeland Security, Narcotics Investigations, Family Violence and Child Abuse, Management and Supervision, and SWAT/Tactical Training. He holds the following licenses: Master Peace Officer, Mental Health Officer, School Resource Officer, and Basic Instructor. For the past several years, he has been working at Central Junior High in Euless as the School Resource Officer.

Cpl. Gatlin's career as a police officer began with the Jackson, Tennessee, Police Department in 1975 where he served until 1976. From 1976–1980, he worked in Communications for the Tennessee Highway Patrol. In September, 1980, Cpl. Gatlin moved to Texas where he joined the Euless Police Department and served until November 1982. After a brief absence, he returned to the Euless Police Department in September 1984. While with the Euless Police Department, he has held the positions of Police Officer, Field Training Officer, Acting Sergeant, and Corporal.

Cpl. Gatlin is a member of the Euless Peace Officer Association. He was awarded the 1987 Euless Police Officer of the Year. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, baseball, traveling, and woodworking.

I am very proud of the Euless Police Department, and I am honored to recognize Corporal Roger Gatlin for his contribution to the community. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Roger Gatlin for his service as a police officer.

WILKERSON CHAPEL 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the 150th anniversary of an important community institution in Collinsville, Illinois.

In 1862, the Wilkerson Chapel was founded in Collinsville, and for 150 years it has served the people of Collinsville; along the way becoming the oldest and only African Methodist Episcopal Church in Collinsville. The church was originally located at the corner of South and Clinton Streets, on a piece of land donated by Mrs. Josiah Peers. In 1922, Wilkerson Chapel moved to its present location at 317 Summit Avenue.

The original land for the AME church was donated by a white woman in town, Mrs. Josiah Peers, and when the second location was built, the white churches in town donated such items as communion robes, a piano, and even the church bell. Marian Hoskin, an 81-year-old church member, talked about the harmony between the races which has always been an important part of Wilkerson Chapel's history,

saying that, "they always talk about this diversity situation here. And there was always prejudice on both sides of the fence. But we got along here. We have always worked together in this town."

Today, Reverend Carl F. Berry is the current pastor, and under his leadership, Wilkerson Chapel continues its efforts to improve the lives of the citizens of Collinsville. The church continues its outreach efforts, which include open houses and cookouts, but also performances by Just Us and The Rest, the church choir, and work with the Collinsville Area Ministerial Alliance food pantry.

Before the church's 150th anniversary banquet, Rev. Berry told the local paper, "The community is there for the church and the church is very much there for the community. This is truly about us sharing ourselves. The doors to the church are always open for service to the community."

I am proud to salute the 150 years of service by the parishioners of the Wilkerson Chapel, as well as the example they have set for our community. I am honored to represent such great people and such a great community like Collinsville.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I strongly support two important provisions in this bill, included at my request, which provide necessary direction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This bill withholds Additional Funding for Ongoing Work until the Corps provides this Committee with an acceptable explanation of their allocation decisions. The accompanying report from the Committee also recommends various national domestic priorities for additional funds, including harbors that support domestic manufacturing. This language will greatly enhance the Corps' ability to ensure that our maritime infrastructure meets the changing needs of our nation.

The Fiscal Year 2013 Energy and Water Appropriations bill provides \$325 million in additional funding for the Corps to address priority projects throughout the country. When given a similar allocation last year, the Corps disregarded this Committee's directive to establish a rating system of projects to be funded and explain why each project was given priority.

This is unacceptable. I share the concern of the Chairman and many of my colleagues that the Corps must be accountable for their distribution of these extra funds.

Given significant backlogs in many of our nation's ports, these additional funds provide an opportunity for improved maintenance of our water borne infrastructure, which is so cru-

cial for growing our economy and creating jobs.

But it would be irresponsible to provide these dollars without exercising proper oversight to ensure that these funds are spent responsibly.

The Committee report already included direction to the Corps to report to the Committee their decisions regarding the use of these funds, but given the previous disregard for this directive last year, it became necessary to include this directive in the bill itself and establish consequences for the Corps, should it fail to meet this obligation.

Additionally, the report accompanying this bill recommends several priorities for the rating system to be created by the Corps. In particular, I strongly support the inclusion of domestic manufacturing as a component of the economic assessment for determining funding.

The significant backlogs of Corps maintenance activity across the country, especially in the Great Lakes region, greatly reduce the competitiveness of American manufacturing.

In the Great Lakes region, which has long been the heart of manufacturing in the U.S., heavy manufacturers are severely affected by light loading restrictions in our harbors. Bulk commodity shipments, which are essential to heavy manufacturing, are being transported inefficiently, preventing domestic manufacturers in the region from competing with foreign manufacturers.

The directive language in the report establishes this necessary manufacturing-oriented priority in determining which projects are to be funded by the additional funds provided in the bill.

The Corps' work is critical for maintaining critical U.S. maritime infrastructure. The language in this bill and the accompanying support will ensure that this work meets the needs of our nation.

I appreciate the willingness of the Chairmen and the Ranking Members of both the full Appropriations Committee and the Energy and Water Subcommittee to work with me to include this language. In response to the Army Corps' disregard for Congressional directives during fiscal year 2012, language in this bill demand proper compliance to the Constitutional authority of Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
KARL VAN DEUSEN'S 27 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Karl Van Deusen, United States Navy for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Captain Karl Van Deusen will retire as the Director of Naval Congressional Liaison for Appropriations Matters. His service spans over twenty-seven years of active military duty to the United States Navy and the Department of Defense.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, Captain Karl Van Deusen received his commission in 1985 through the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Marquette University, where

he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. His rise in the Navy began at sea, when Ensign Van Deusen reported aboard the Knox-class frigate, USS MILLER, and served as Gunnery Officer and Damage Control Assistant.

Afterwards, he subsequently served on five other warships, including the Commander of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer, USS GONZALEZ, and Commander of Destroyer Squadron FIFTY, home ported in Manama, Bahrain. His shore assignments have been focused in the areas of surface warfare, appropriations, and congressional liaison which included duty on the Navy staff, and the staff of the Secretary of Defense. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exemplary service in duty to the mission and care of his Sailors.

In his culminating assignment as the Director of Naval Congressional Liaison for Appropriations Matters Captain Karl Van Deusen forged and maintained countless valuable relationships with Congressional members and staffers, key leaders at the Office of Management and Budget, leadership in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and with his Service counterparts. These relationships were critical communication links when the Navy needed to provide crucial key information and have a voice in critical resourcing decisions that affected its programs and priorities.

The United States Navy, the Department of Defense and the Nation will dearly miss one of its most respected and valued leaders as Captain Karl Van Deusen leaves active duty. We will miss his humility, selflessness, candor and integrity. Captain Karl Van Deusen's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully two generations of Sailors, Department of the Navy Civilians, and their Families.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work closely with Captain Karl Van Deusen over the last several years of his long and decorated career. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Captain Karl Van Deusen for a lifetime of service to his country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Beth, his two sons, Jon and Todd, and his three daughters, Bonnie, Margaret, and Cora, all the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE FOREST
PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Forest Park Civic Association on its 50th anniversary.

The Forest Park community and its people have played many significant roles throughout their rich history. Many communities across this great nation have been modeled after Forest Park and its pedestrian-friendly design. In 1976, resident Tina (Bishoff) Lovin set a then-world record when she swam the English Channel at the age of 17. The Montreal Olympics featured a Forest Hill local, Debbie (Keplar) Wilson, when in 1976 she won an Olympic Bronze Medal in the Platform Diving event.

The hard work and selfless contributions of Forest Park and the members of its community have contributed to the vibrancy and sense of unity in Central Ohio. I ask that all Members of Congress join me as I offer my congratulations to the Forest Park Civic Association on its 50th anniversary.

HONORING DR. PRADEEP KHOSLA

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Pradeep Khosla and to thank him for his many years of service to Pittsburgh.

Dr. Khosla is one of the finest technical minds of our time, and for nearly 30 years, Pittsburgh has had the honor of calling him one of our own—first as he worked towards a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University, which he received in 1986; then later as a professor at CMU; and then finally, beginning in 2004, as Dean of CMU's Carnegie Institute of Technology. Additionally, as the founder of CyLab, he began cutting-edge work in the realm of cyber security years before many recognized the vital importance of these issues. He has done much to both enrich CMU students' day-to-day experiences and elevate CMU's national and international reputation.

Sadly for us, he has been offered and has accepted a new position as Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego. He leaves us in August, but he leaves behind a city and school that are better because of his residency and tenure there.

Pittsburgh has not been the only beneficiary of Dr. Khosla's considerable talents though. Corporations and non-profits, nation-wide and worldwide have sought his expertise and counsel. He has lent his skills and time to countless boards of directors, councils, and advisory boards. He has served as a consultant for companies, venture capital funds, and start-ups.

Amidst all of this, it's amazing that Dr. Khosla had time to do anything else, but his research work has remained exemplary. He has authored or co-authored 3 books and over 350 articles, and has served on many journals' editorial boards.

Pradeep Khosla has had a considerable impact on the life of the mind of both CMU and Pittsburgh. He has also helped transform southwestern Pennsylvania into a leader in high-technology research, development, and commercialization. I've worked closely with Pradeep on a number of issues and initiatives over the years, and through those experiences, he's also become a good personal friend. He will be sorely missed.

I want to congratulate the city of San Diego and the University of California at San Diego. You are gaining an incredible scientist, administrator, and teacher. Pittsburgh is a better place as a result of his work, and San Diego will be, too.

I want to thank Dr. Khosla for his many contributions to our city, congratulate him on his new position, and wish him continued and much-warranted success.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR HUBERT
WEBB

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a good friend of mine, Arthur Hubert Webb. Hubert passed away Friday, May 25, 2012, at his home in Riverside, California. A resident of Riverside, California, for 78 years, he was a pillar of the community and will be deeply missed.

Hubert was born May 5, 1929, in Los Angeles, California, the son of Albert A. and Rebecca B. Webb. After graduating with honors in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California, Hubert served honorably in the United States Army for two years. Hubert joined Albert A. Webb Associates in 1955 and served for 56 years, becoming President in 1984 and Chairman of the Board in 2000.

Hubert was an expert in water resources engineering, aiding clients such as Western Municipal Water District, Jurupa Community Services District, Crestline Lake Arrowhead Water Agency, City of Norco, and Edgemont Community Services District and shaping the dramatic growth of Southern California through his work. He was instrumental in designing 36,500 feet of pipeline and three pump stations to deliver water from the Riverside and Gage Canals to Western Municipal Water District's agricultural system. Hubert also served as the Chief Technical Advisor for the Riverside/Corona Feeder Project which stored water in wet years in the San Bernardino Valley ground water basins and delivered water during dry years to communities in Riverside County.

As a Professional Engineer in the State of California, he was active in the American Society of Civil Engineers, California Society of Professional Engineers, American Water Works Association, National Ground Water Association, California Water Environment Federation, Federal Water Environment Federation, and National Society of Professional Engineers. In 2008, Hubert was recognized as a Water Hero Award recipient for his donation of valuable and historical water resource documents from the library of Albert A. Webb Associates to the Water Resources Institute's archives.

Hubert was preceded in death by his wife Diane S. Webb. He is survived by his daughter Sandra Webb (Roger Prend); sons, Scott Webb and Steve Webb (Suzanne Anderson); sister Mary Webb (Gene Schaefer); 8 grandchildren; companion Diana Lingren, his nephew Matt and many other nieces and nephews.

On Thursday, June 7, a memorial service celebrating Hubert's extraordinary life will be held. Hubert will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family. His dedication to his family, work, and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Hubert's family and friends; although Hubert may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes No. 294–314, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: On rollcall No. 294, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 295, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 296, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 297, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 298, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 299, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 300, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 301, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 302, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 303, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 304, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 305, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 306, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 307, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 308, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 309, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 310, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 311, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 312, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 313, had I been present, I would have voted “no”; on rollcall No. 314, had I been present, I would have voted “no”.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST
ARRONN D. FIELDS**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Army Specialist Arronn D. Fields.

SPC Fields, a 27-year-old native of Terre Haute, Indiana, lost his life in combat on May 21st in Parwan Province, Afghanistan, during an insurgent attack when his military vehicle received rocket-propelled grenade fire.

SPC Fields was assigned to the 381st Military Police Company, 81st Troop Command, Army National Guard located in Plymouth, Indiana. SPC Fields deployed to Afghanistan as a member of Task Force Guardian, a multi-unit military police force from Indiana.

Indiana lost a great citizen, who enlisted in the Indiana National Guard in 2006.

I would like to offer my most heartfelt condolences to SPC Fields' family and friends. His commitment to his fellow soldiers and the Indiana National Guard make SPC Fields a patriot. We are a grateful Nation and SPC Fields will be missed, but not forgotten.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER WESLEY A. BROWN**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Commander Wesley A. Brown '49, CEC, USN (Ret.), the first African American graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who died on May 22, 2012, for his service to his country and to the residents of the District of Columbia. Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 6, 2012, the U.S. Naval Academy will hold Commander Brown's memorial service in the Academy's Main Chapel, a short walk from the stadium, the Wesley A. Brown Field House, named for him in recognition of his historic place in history.

The District of Columbia had no representation in Congress at the time, but Representative Adam Clayton Powell (NY) nominated Mr. Brown to the Naval Academy in 1945. According to historian Robert J. Scheller, Jr., who was commissioned by the Navy to write a book about Lieutenant Brown, *Breaking the Color Barrier: The U.S. Naval Academy's First Black Midshipmen and the Struggle for Racial Equality*, “Having attended high school, played sports, led the Cadet Corps, held a full-time job, and taken a college course all at the same time, Brown was accustomed to working hard, working smart, and budgeting his time.”

Commander Brown never stopped serving his country. He chaired the District of Columbia Service Academy Selection Board and was Chairman Emeritus until his death. A life-long resident of the District of Columbia, Lieutenant Commander Brown, the first in his family to be college-educated, grew up in Washington's Logan Circle neighborhood, and attended Dunbar High School, where he led the Dunbar Cadet Corps battalion. Upon his graduation, Mr. Brown attended Howard University through the Army's Specialized Training Reserve Program, because he was not old enough to apply to West Point.

Lieutenant Commander Brown is remembered as a hero at the United States Naval Academy and in his home town. With his beaming smile, Wes, who was always good for conversation and armed with an extraordinary memory and a sharp intellect, offered anecdotes instructed with living history. Lieutenant Commander Wes Brown, who withstood battle and gave generously of himself, had the heart of a warship.

I ask the House to join me in offering our sincere condolences and sympathy to Wes Brown's widow, Crystal, his children, Willeta, Carol, Wesley, Jr. and Gary, and his seven grandchildren, and in thanksgiving for a lifetime of service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
KEVIN A. LEONARD'S 33
YEARS OF UNIFORMED SERVICE
TO OUR NATION**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Major General Kevin A.

Leonard for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major General Leonard will retire from the United States Army in May 2012 after serving his country with integrity, dedication and visionary leadership for over 33 years. While his accomplishments are numerous, these deserve special notice. Major General Kevin A. Leonard has distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Army from May 1979 to May 2012, concluding 33 years of exemplary service culminating in his assignment as Commanding General, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Major General Leonard is a genuine selfless servant leader who consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism, dedication, and a genuine heart-felt concern for the welfare of Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families. His efforts, sacrifices, and selfless service have made significant and enduring contributions to the development, training, and leadership of the United States Army and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Major General Leonard has performed with expert distinction in all of his assignments throughout a remarkable career. He has led and molded Soldiers while serving in a myriad of significant positions of ever-increasing responsibility to include the following: Infantry Rifle and Scout Platoon Leader in Germany during the Cold War; Company Commander at both Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Riley, Kansas; every key development position at battalion level to include Battalion Commander in the 1st Infantry Division; Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander Special Operations Support Command (Airborne), in both Afghanistan and Iraq; Chief Sustainment Division and Executive Assistant (EA) to the Director, Joint Staff, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; Deputy Commander, United States Army Field Support Command with duty as Commanding General, Army Materiel Command Forward-Southwest Asia/C-4, Coalition Land Forces, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Commanding General 1st Corps Support Command (Airborne)/1st Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Camp Arifjan Kuwait; Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Operations, United States Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and finally, Commanding General Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

Major General Leonard's phenomenal success leading SDDC and several other organizations is attributable to the core traits and values he has demonstrated throughout his service in the United States Army. He is a committed and resolute leader who has consistently built incredibly agile, innovative, and mission oriented teams. His formula for success is simple: he knows, trusts, and empowers his subordinates to execute his intent; he has always founded his leadership on the credo “Mission First, Soldiers Always, and Self Last”; and he has led by example with his professional competence and unflinching confidence in his team. He believed each of his organizations could achieve the highest standards possible and without fail, they did. Through his energy, optimism, and emphasis on collaboration, he has created teams of nimble and innovative problem solvers that have fundamentally improved organizational efficacy

while making enduring contributions to the nation's defense and welfare. His principle message and command philosophy is perfectly epitomized by his maxim: "One Mind focused on the mission; One Heart willing to serve; One Purpose to keep soldiers alive". At all levels of command in peace and war, Major General Kevin Leonard has demonstrated himself to be an exceptionally adept leader and logistician, a sincerely caring commander, and a consummate Soldier.

Major General Leonard exemplary service culminated with his assignment as Commanding General, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. This organization is a jointly staffed Army Service Component Command (ASCC) of United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) and a Major Subordinate Command (MSC) of United States Army Materiel Command (AMC). As Commander of Surface Deployment and Distribution Command he was responsible for all SDDC operations and for directly leading a headquarters and five subordinate commands composed of over 4,825 active and reserve military personnel and civilians. Major General Leonard's contributions to SDDC are significant and enduring. His leadership has cultivated an SDDC team that is readily postured to respond to any contingency ranging from abrupt closures of the Pakistan Ground Lines of Communication (PAKGLOC) to humanitarian disasters across the globe.

During Major General Leonard's tenure SDDC successfully executed 235 unit cargo deployments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation NEW DAWN, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as well as the movement of 101 million square feet of cargo. Under his direction, SDDC successfully coordinated the drawdown of ocean shipping containers in Iraq from over 43,000 containers in June 2011 to fewer than 20,000 containers in November 2011 thereby resulting in a \$6.4 million dollar reduction in container detention costs. He also effectively employed SDDC Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA) to serve as the command's liaison officers (LNO) in Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Uzbekistan. He deployed forces to effectively posture and support the rapid reverse surge and departure of all U.S. forces from Iraq; the largest drawdown of forces since Vietnam. Major General Leonard demonstrated exceptional dexterity while overseeing the execution of over-the-shore logistics operations into earthquake ravaged Japan during Operation TOMODACHI while simultaneously and seamlessly supporting operations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR). Additionally, the Defense Transportation Tracking System (DTTS) directorate received the 2010

St. Louis Federal Executive Board's "Team Excellence" award for their expert response to over 200 incidents and emergencies involving the commercial carrier movement of arms, ammunition, and explosives (AA&E) and other sensitive materials on behalf of the DoD. Overall, DTTS personnel effectively tracked over 70,000 high security risk shipments during the past year. Regarding household goods (HHG) movements, SDDC successfully oversaw the movement of well over 500,000 HHG shipments and 80,000 personally owned vehicle shipments in fiscal year 2011 alone. Through collaboration with the US Department of Defense (DoD), the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), and DoD's commercial moving partners, MG Leonard oversaw the final development and successful implementation of the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) an internet-based system to manage DoD household goods moves. Major General Leonard proved himself to be an able consensus builder as well. His Strategic Planning initiatives integrated the priorities and plans of two four star headquarters achieving significant synergies leading to better and more efficient distribution operations.

SDDC accomplished these achievements and far too many more to mention during Major General Leonard's 19 months of command. Because of Major General Leonard's superb leadership, SDDC has indeed become the recognized and trusted leader in delivering innovative end-to-end deployment and distribution excellence across the full range of military operations.

Major General Leonard's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully three generations of Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and their Families. His integrity and credibility are unsurpassed, and his expertise is unquestioned. Major General Leonard's 33 years of service to our Army and the Nation can only be characterized as honorable and distinguished.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Major General Kevin A. Leonard for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army and we wish him, his wife Pam, his daughters Melissa and Jessica, and son Kris, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in Indiana last week due

to family health problems and therefore unable to be on the House Floor for rollcall votes 294 through 314 inclusive.

Had I been present I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall vote 294; "yea" on rollcall vote 295; "yea" on rollcall vote 296; "yea" on rollcall vote 297; "yea" on rollcall vote 298; "yea" on rollcall vote 299; "nay" on rollcall vote 300; "yea" on rollcall vote 301; "nay" on rollcall vote 302; "yea" on rollcall vote 303; "nay" on rollcall vote 304; "yea" on rollcall vote 305; "nay" on rollcall vote 306; "yea" on rollcall vote 307; "nay" on rollcall vote 308; "yea" on rollcall vote 309; "yea" on rollcall vote 310; "yea" on rollcall vote 311; "nay" on rollcall vote 312; "nay" on rollcall vote 313; and "nay" on rollcall vote 314.

RECOGNIZING MATT WOODRUM

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of Central Ohio's very own hometown heroes, fifth-grader Matt Woodrum of Worthington, Ohio.

Matt is battling Spastic Cerebral Palsy, but his courage, inner strength, and determination came together in May when he ran and completed a 400-meter race at a Colonial Hill Elementary School field day.

When I learned of Matt's story from a YouTube video that gained worldwide attention, I was particularly moved by his courage and perseverance. The inspiration I felt became two-fold when Matt's classmates surrounded him and cheered by his side all the way to the finish line. The explosion of excitement at the end of the video from the children, parents, and teachers was truly infectious.

I invite all Members of Congress to take a moment to think about the drive and discipline Matt Woodrum demonstrated that day when he charged through the pain of his condition to continue onward and finish that race—one determined step at a time.

I am so proud to represent the people of Central Ohio in Congress, because our communities shine with genuinely kind and selfless heroes like Matt and his classmates. Those same students at Colonial Hill Elementary School will grow up to be the future of our communities in Central Ohio, and their story gave me hope that it will be very, very bright.