

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JESSE BROWN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Congressman JEFF DENHAM to honor Jesse Brown for his years of dedicated service to Merced County. Jesse is the Executive Director of the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) and will be retiring after twenty-four years in the position.

MCAG was formed in 1967 by the local governments in the Merced County region as a forum for making key decisions on regional growth and transportation issues. Jesse took on his position in 1988. He is well known for his leadership in promoting regional solutions to the many challenges facing the region, including transportation, public transit and solid waste. In his thirty years of public service, Jesse has successfully worked to build partnerships at the state and federal level to ensure the San Joaquin Valley remains a high priority.

Jesse has served as Chair of the California Council of Governments Director Association, President of the San Joaquin Valley Transportation Planning Directors Association, and Executive Director of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System, known as YARTS. Additionally, he served as a committee member through the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce to ensure that Merced was the choice place for the tenth campus of the University of California.

Jesse has a Bachelor's in Public Administration and M.S. in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, we thank you for the opportunity to recognize Jesse Brown and his career with the Merced County Association of Governments. Further, we appreciate you joining us in thanking him for his dedicated service to Merced County and his commitment to the betterment of the region. We wish him well during this next chapter of his life.

HONORING LLOYD LACUESTA
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
KTVU

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Lloyd LaCuesta upon his retirement from KTVU.

Lloyd retires on June 15th, after over 35 years of reporting with KTVU Channel 2 News. Lloyd held the position of South Bay Bureau Chief for decades and is the longest tenured reporter at KTVU. He received his

B.A. in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, Los Angeles, and San Jose State University. He obtained his M.A. in Journalism from University of California, Los Angeles.

Lloyd worked for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner as a high school correspondent and then in radio at KNBC/KNX. Lloyd later served in the U.S. Army as a military broadcast journalist for the American Forces Korea Network before coming to KTVU in 1976.

From 1987–1990, Lloyd served as Asian American Journalists Association's (AAJA) first elected national president. In 1991, Lloyd co-founded the UNITY alliance to increase diversity in the news and served as its first president. His mentorship, reputation, and service earned him AAJA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

Lloyd covered stories ranging from the L.A. Riots in 1992 and the Columbine high school shooting to the first landing of the Space Shuttle at Edwards Air Force Base and a flight into Mr. St. Helen's volcano crater. His reporting led him to the Philippines to cover the Marcos vs. Aquino Presidential campaign, Honduras to report on Hurricane Mitch, and Vietnam to produce a series on Amerasian children.

For his work, Lloyd has won six Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received awards from the Associated Press and the Peninsula Press Club. He uses his expertise to teach journalism at San Jose State University and Menlo College.

We honor Lloyd LaCuesta, on the special occasion of his retirement and will miss him on the ten o'clock news. We commend Lloyd for his invaluable service to our community and wish him the best in his future adventures. We are very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, tenacity, and perspective. He has left his mark in San Jose and the larger community.

SUSAN J. CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Susan J. Campbell of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Susan J. Campbell is passionate about her work and she takes every opportunity to ensure those who work with her are able to break into a similar passion. Balancing work and family is perhaps the greatest stand-out feature within the company. Susan sets the pace by working hard to build the company, encouraging co-workers, and reaching out in service to the community.

Susan is involved in many service opportunities and invites co-workers to join in. Each

year, Susan and her co-workers volunteer at the Royal Family Kids Camp, and Susan is always asking what more can she do to help. She goes above and beyond in her community and in her workplace allowing every employee and independent contractor to set his or her own work schedule.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Susan J. Campbell Copywriting Solutions. This business is a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph community, and I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR RENEE
JONES-BOS OF THE NETHERLANDS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest regards and great appreciation to Ambassador Jones-Bos for her successful efforts to reinforce the strong ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Netherlands.

For four years, Ambassador Jones-Bos has served the Dutch people with energy and grace in a time of great tumult for both the Dutch and American people. During her tenure, our two peoples have stood side-by-side on the battlefields of Afghanistan and as partners in the aftermath of global financial crisis. Throughout these challenges, Ambassador Jones-Bos has been a poised and unwavering advocate for her country and strong ally to the United States. Through her educational efforts and through her sound advice at key times, Ambassador Jones-Bos has played a major diplomatic role in the most significant events of our bi-lateral relationship over the last four years.

The people of the Netherlands and the United States have shared a bond since the Dutch ship, the Half Moon, first sailed up the Hudson River more than 400 years ago. The Dutch helped settle and found New Amsterdam, Brooklyn, and Harlem. Their descendants rose to become Presidents of the United States and to build the great fortunes that helped America attain its stature as the most prosperous and powerful Nation this world has ever known.

As an enthusiastic and committed joint-custodian of those ties since 2008, Ambassador Jones-Bos helped to strengthen our ability to confront with confidence the major challenges that our two countries face today. The strength of our alliance and the endurance of our friendship have made both our nations stronger and the world more secure as a consequence.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on the Netherlands, on behalf of my colleagues and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Ambassador Jones-Bos for her dedicated service in support of the ties between the Dutch and

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American people and I congratulate her on her many successes as her country's representative to the U.S.

CELEBRATING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. John Missionary Baptist Church on the historic occasion of its 136th year anniversary. From its most humble beginnings in 1876, the church has grown to provide a wealth of spiritual guidance and stewardship to so many in the Dallas area.

Like the structure that houses its congregants today, St. John Missionary Baptist Church has been a bedrock of devotion and service to thousands in the community over the years. The church's call to action for decades has been "Where Christianity is a business and not a sideline," and so many have taken up that call to provide leadership and evangelism to their friends and neighbors.

I want to acknowledge the church's current pastor, the Reverend Bertrain Bailey for his stalwart commitment to outreach in his ministry, and the leadership and guidance he has provided.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating St. John Missionary Baptist Church on their 136th year in service to God and their community. St. John Missionary Baptist Church has fed the souls of generations in Dallas and the surrounding communities, and may it in its blessings continue to prosper and grow in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAR ISLAND CORPORATION AND THEIR SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC GOSPORT REGATTA

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the non-profit Star Island Corporation for their successful restoration of the historic Gosport Regatta.

The Star Island Corporation has owned and maintained Star Island for almost 100 years. As part of the National Historic District located on the Isles of Shoals, the Corporation was desirous of re-creating a historic moment in time for the benefit of today's retreats and conferences on the island. Research into the 1875 Gosport Regatta, which was held to celebrate the opening of the Oceanic Hotel on the island, revealed that the race was won by the America, the yacht for which the America's Cup is named. The Captain and owner of the America, General Benjamin Franklin Butler, played a pivotal role in the creation of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Presi-

dent Abraham Lincoln and the restoration of the Gosport Regatta allows for recognition of this important historical connection to the Star Island Retreat and Conference Center, on the Isles of Shoals in Rye, New Hampshire.

I commend the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Star Island Corporation for their time and efforts on this restoration, and wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR MATT DOHERTY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Doherty, Mayor of Belmar, New Jersey. Mayor Doherty is the 2012 recipient of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Irish Man of the Year award. Matt is a respected member of Belmar, New Jersey and continues to dedicate his efforts to improving the community. His commitment to his profession and constituents is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

In 2006, Mayor Doherty was elected to serve on the Borough Council and was re-elected in 2009. He proudly served as Borough Council President and was respected by his colleagues and constituents. Matt Doherty was elected Mayor of the Borough of Belmar, New Jersey on November 2, 2010. During his tenure as Mayor, Belmar has continued to see tremendous growth and prosperity. He has also been the catalyst for growth and prosperity throughout the Borough and an advocate for improvement projects. Of his many notable accomplishments as Mayor, Matt is often praised for his support of first-responders. Mayor Doherty implemented free beach access for all Monmouth County First-Aid and Fire Department Volunteers throughout Belmar. He has also required the implementation of Mobi-Mats on the beach for ADA-approved accessibility. The 9th Avenue pier at the Belmar Marina has been redeveloped as a result of Mayor Doherty's foresight and ingenuity. In addition to his capacity as Mayor, Matt served as ADA coordinator, Harbor Commissioner, and presided as a member of the Belmar Planning Board. Mayor Doherty is a passionate and committed leader, whose unyielding leadership and vision for the future of Belmar are exemplified through his actions as Mayor.

Mayor Doherty demonstrates strong ties to the Irish-American community. Matt is a dedicated member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh of the Jersey Shore and is applauded for his commitment. His participation and contributions to the organization remain, in part, a reason for the organization's success. Matt is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and serves as a trustee for the Inlet Terrace Association in Belmar. In addition to his recreational and professional career, Matt has traveled to Northern Ireland multiple times to participate in the "Bloody Sunday March" in Derry, Ireland. He has also visited Ballybrigen, Ireland and continues to proudly represent his Irish culture and herit-

age. Most recently, Irish Echo named Mayor Doherty to the "40 Under 40" for his efforts and outstanding contributions to the Irish-American community.

Matt Doherty is a Financial Advisor at Investors Bank. He was previously employed as a Licensed Mortgage Banker and owner of Doherty Mortgage, LLC located in Belmar. He earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Matt is happily married to Maggie Moran. Together, they have two daughters, Hannah and Claire.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Matt Doherty continues to exemplify outstanding contributions to Belmar, New Jersey and serves as an outstanding role model and dedicated leader of the Irish-American community. The fitting recognition of Irish Man of the Year bestowed by the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh is a fitting tribute to his outstanding contributions.

HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my vote on H.R. 436, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011. As many of my colleagues know, I helped lead the charge throughout the 2010 healthcare debate to ensure the medical device industry was not overly burdened by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). During negotiations on the final healthcare bill, I made it a point to argue that overly taxing the medical device industry would stomp innovation, affect patient care quality and burden an already struggling job market. When we came together to discuss health care reform, we agreed that it was necessary for everyone to contribute in order to ensure a successful outcome. That is why I fought tirelessly, within my own caucus, to make sure the bill was responsible in the way Congress paid for the legislation.

As we approach the 2014 deadline of final implementation for ACA, many uncertainties have arisen from both the general public and business community. The Republican Majority has addressed this growing concern with an onslaught on key revenue provisions of the ACA. In fact, they have paid for those repeals by targeting programs from those individuals who need ACA the most. For that reason, I was forced to vote against H.R. 436, which CBO estimated, if enacted, could remove over 350,000 individuals off of health care. Given that many of my constituents rely on the health care benefits provided by the ACA, I could not support this bill as written.

However, as the full implementation moves forward, I will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation on the medical device industry. If the capacity that is anticipated to flood the markets does not become realized, I am ready and willing to work with the medical device industry to unburden them of any unnecessary taxes, while responsibly ensuring that the rest of the ACA moves forward.

CHRISTI NORRIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christi Norris of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Christi is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

As the Communications Manager for the Social Welfare Board, Christi's influence extends far beyond the organizing and daily operations responsibilities of her job. Christi has been responsible for developing successful fundraisers, putting together a quarterly newsletter, and promoting a cheerful atmosphere in the organization through birthday celebrations and productive staff functions.

Christi's faith influences her work attitude and she is recognized as one who interacts with people of every age and socio-economic level with consistent charm and effectiveness. Christi demonstrates the high character coupled with high work standards which constitute a career worth imitating.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Christi Norris. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF THE RCA HERITAGE PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The RCA Heritage Program for its tireless efforts in preserving the name and legacy of RCA. For over sixty years, RCA served as a vanguard of progress not only in South Jersey, but in the country as a whole. RCA's visionary leadership and its dedication to industrial innovations led this company to become a world-renowned manufacturer of products for entertainment, communications, and national security. RCA also served as a critical component of the country's defense and manufacturing industries during World War II, giving the United States a significant technological advantage on the world stage. In having such a broad impact on the region, it is only right to preserve RCA's cultural and societal legacy.

The RCA Heritage Program, under the sponsorship of Rowan University, has worked to establish The RCA Heritage Program Museum, which will preserve the memory of RCA and educate future generations on its impact. In further promotion of education, The RCA Heritage Program established a scholarship available to South Jersey residents interested in pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering at Rowan University.

With the help of former RCA employees, The RCA Heritage Program has brought together generations of South Jersey residents, collecting pieces of history which would otherwise be lost to time.

Mr. Speaker, The RCA Heritage Program's continuing mission to preserve the lasting leg-

acy of RCA for South Jersey and its residents should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional organization.

TOP COPS—ISSAQUAH PD

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, September 24 of last year during a beautiful fall afternoon, six police officers in Issaquah, Washington stopped a gunman intent on murdering innocent people. Because of their quick actions and bravery, the officers will be honored Saturday evening at the 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony in Washington, DC.

On that fateful day last fall, the gunman walked through yards and on sidewalks indiscriminately firing a rifle at homes, businesses, and passersby. Not far away, more than 100 people were watching a youth football game at a local school. Before the players and spectators could find refuge, the six officers put an end to his rampage utilizing the information being relayed via 9-1-1 operators.

On that day, as on every day, law enforcement officers saved lives calmly, swiftly and selflessly.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Police Organizations recognizes law enforcement officers from federal, state, county and local agencies for acts of bravery, courage and outstanding service to their communities over the preceding year. I am proud that six of our nation's finest officers—and who serve in the district that I represent—8th of Washington—will be acknowledged with the rest of our heroes during police week.

Mr. Speaker, to Officers Brian Horn, Jesse Petersen, Laura Asbell, Tom Griffith, Corporal Christian Munoz, and Sergeant Chris Wilson, I say "thank you." I will continue to support you and all of our law enforcement professionals around the country.

DIANE WATSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Diane Watson of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Diane is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Diane's recent retirement from the St. Joseph School District Board of Education ended more than 40 years of total service to the public school system as a teacher and volunteer, including 12 consecutive years as a Board Member. During her first term on the board, she helped lead a \$36 million bond project for school improvement. In her later term, she helped with the establishment of personal computers for students. Diane's volunteer career extends across the community, including roles as a docent at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art; Chapter and Reciprocity President of P.E.O.; and an elder, deacon and

committee member to the First Presbyterian Church. As Area Coordinator for Phi Delta Kappa, she traveled the western part of Missouri encouraging quality education. She has also contributed her time and talents to the Calla Varner Board, the Junior League, the Flower Society, the St. Joseph Symphony, and the Performing Arts Association, among others. With an enthusiastic personality and a "can-do" attitude, Diane Watson has become an outstanding community volunteer and an admired friend to many—all of which she humbly attributes to "going wherever the Lord leads."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Diane Watson. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 562

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Local 562 has a proud history in local labor movement which began in the 1800s and I am honored to rise today to honor its people, and its work, over the last 100 years. Local 562's 4,500 members serve the plumbing and mechanical industry in 67 counties in Eastern Missouri. In 1999 Plumbers Local 35 was merged by the International Union with Pipefitters Local 562 to create the new Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Plumbers and Pipefitters local 562 provides some of the best educated and trained labor workforce in the world. Its workers have participated in the successful construction of some of St. Louis' most significant initiatives, ranging from large private buildings to major transportation and infrastructure projects. This success is due to Local 562's attention to quality service and craftsmanship.

Local 562 has also been a leader in the industry, as exemplified by its investing over \$12 million in a new training facility. Because of rigorous training, members of local 562 are at the forefront of innovative new industries in our ever changing economy. They are integral to our regional and national economic development, as a well skilled and educated workforce is critical to a growing economy.

For all of Local 562's contributions to our economy, it is also well known for its volunteer and charitable efforts in the community. The Plumbers & Pipefitters annually provide thousands of dollars worth of services to help St. Louis' poor and elderly citizens pay for their utility bills; donate plumbing repairs and home renovations for the less fortunate; help build decent and affordable housing; raise funds for police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders who have fallen in the line of duty; and volunteer time and money to children's hospitals.

Recognizing a century of leadership and excellence in the construction industry, and in our community, I offer hearty congratulations to the members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562, and thank them for their service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 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, on the 200th anniversary of President James Madison signing a declaration of war against Great Britain, it is \$15,736,971,094,472.17. We've added \$5,110,094,045,559.09 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.

LEECHIA JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leechia Jones of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Leechia is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in the Workplace.

Leechia is humble regarding her numerous accomplishments she has earned through her leadership and dedication, which include the Communicator of the Year award from Southwestern Bell; the Sullivan Award from Catholic Charities, and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership and from Leadership St. Joseph. Often called upon to help with new initiatives, Leechia extended her wisdom and leadership as coordinator for the St. Joseph Youth Alliance during its beginning phases, serving there as a loaned team member from Family Guidance Center for three years.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Leechia Jones. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

CELEBRATING CHIEF DAVID
DUBOIS' TWENTY NINE YEARS
WITH THE ROCHESTER POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2012 Chief David Dubois retired from the Rochester Police Department after 29 years as a law enforcement officer in that community. A native of Somersworth, New Hampshire, Chief Dubois decided from an early age to pursue a career in law enforcement based on the example of his father who also enjoyed a career as a police officer.

Chief Dubois began his career as a part-time police officer in Somersworth and became a full-time officer in Rochester in 1983.

He quickly rose through the ranks, serving the community in many capacities during his tenure. In May of 2002, he was appointed Police Chief and served in that position for a decade. Throughout his career, he has been known as a community leader committed to protecting the citizens he represented and the men and women under his command. Chief Dubois has also been active in the Rochester community and has participated in many civic organizations like the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Rochester.

I want to commend Chief Dubois for his service and wish he and his family well in the coming years.

MONTFORT POINT MARINES: JOE COBBS AND JOHNNY THOMPSONS; DISTINGUISHED MASON AND SON OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN LUKE MARTIN, JR.

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two American trail blazers from North Carolina's first congressional district; Montfort marine veterans Johnny Thompskins and the recently deceased Joe Cobbs. I would also like to recognize the son of a Civil War veteran Luke Martin, Jr. Thompskins, Cobbs, and Martin will be honored by the Christian Community Charity Workers (CCCW) Inc., on June 24 at the Flame Banquet Center in New Bern, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, recruiting for the "Montfort Marines" began on June 1, 1942, following public pressure on President Franklin D. Roosevelt by Black leaders to issue Executive Order 8802, which barred government agencies and federal contractors from employment discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. The order also required all of the U.S. Armed Services, including the United States Marine Corps, to recruit and enlist African Americans. Despite an era thick with racial discrimination, Black recruits lined up by the thousands to defend the freedoms of people abroad, while still being denied basic unalienable rights at home.

Among the inaugural class of Black Marines were Johnny Thompskins and the late Joe Cobbs. Thompskins, a man of small stature but enormous courage; and Cobbs, who developed a strong work ethic while working his family's farmland, received basic training at the segregated Camp Montfort Point in North Carolina, because no Black recruit was allowed to enter the main base of nearby Camp Lejeune unless accompanied by a white Marine.

Nevertheless, these three men were unafraid by the onslaught of World War II. They understood that victory in war was only achievable with the talent of its Black citizens. As a result, these men served their country with distinction, chartered uncharted territory, and set the bar for exemplary African American servicemen.

At 94 years old, Martin is widely known around the state of North Carolina as one of a few living children of Civil War veterans. His father, Luke Martin, Sr., was a slave in Hertford County when he joined the Union Army

and began to bravely fight for the freedoms of his loved ones.

Nonetheless, Martin, Jr. is a distinguished mason who has earned enormous respect for building a several structures across Craven County. Martin's son Frederick Martin was killed in the Vietnam War in 1968.

Today, Thompskins and Martin reside in New Bern, North Carolina. Cobbs also lived there until his passing in May. All entered the world as young men determined to forge independence and enthusiastic to contribute to the country and their communities.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of Thompskins, Cobb, and Martin to America expand the definition of patriotism. Their trailblazing efforts will forever remain a cornerstone in American history.

LINDA JUDAH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Linda Judah of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Linda is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in the Workplace.

Ms. Judah has served as Director of Buchanan Child Support Enforcement, a hospital and school nurse, and is currently the Executive Director of the Social Welfare Board. Linda has grown to have a compassionate understanding of the specific health challenges faced by low-income patients and has worked aggressively to overcome those challenges. Through her hard work and dedication to ensure that the Social Welfare Board achieve the highest level of care, the clinic now serves as a standard for others seeking to provide high-quality care.

In addition to serving as a leader for several overseas medical trips, Ms. Judah has worked diligently to secure funding for the free clinic through a period of economic uncertainty and has earned such a respect among nursing students and interns that she was invited to be the commencement speaker at graduation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Linda Judah. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE NEIGHBORHOOD
MUSIC SCHOOL AS THEY CELEBRATE
THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many who have gathered in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, Connecticut. This is a remarkable milestone for this wonderful institution of learning.

The Neighborhood Music School is not your ordinary school. Its 3,000 students hail from communities across Connecticut and range from 6 months to over 80 years of age. The Neighborhood Music School offers a myriad of programs in music and dance that are open to children and adults regardless of age, economic status, or experience. The arts, in all of its many mediums, are both a celebration of culture and tradition as well as a means of personal expression. The Neighborhood Music School has opened the doors of opportunity to thousands throughout its century-long history and has become a beloved community treasure.

The Neighborhood Music School has a particularly interesting history. When it first opened in 1911, on Wooster Street in New Haven, it was established in conjunction with St. Paul's Church as a settlement house and social services organization for local immigrants known as the Neighborhood House. However, in its first four years Neighborhood House saw such a demand for music programs it was decided that a separate entity, the Neighborhood House Music School was created and placed under the leadership of its first director, Susan Hart Dyer, a violinist and graduate of the Yale School of Music.

Faculty came from the Yale School of Music and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. The school grew rapidly and even during the most difficult economic times of the Great Depression, the demand for the programs remained high. In 1945, Neighborhood House Music School officially became an independent entity called Neighborhood Music School and during the next decade a change in admission policies broadened the school's reach and enrollment reached new heights. It was in 1968, after a 4-year long building fund campaign, that the Neighborhood Music School opened its new home on Audubon Street, in what is now the heart of New Haven's thriving arts community.

Today, in its 30,000 square foot facility, Neighborhood Music School is home to thirty-three studios, practice rooms, a recital hall, and a library, showcasing the extraordinary talents of thousands of children and adults every year. In fact, just a few years ago, eighteen students from the Neighborhood Music School participated in the White House Community Classroom Music Series program with First Lady Michelle Obama. It was an extraordinary opportunity for them and a testament to the incredible opportunities this organization provides.

The Neighborhood Music School is an extraordinary organization—a place where anyone can explore their passion for music and dance. I am proud to join our community in congratulating them on their 100th anniversary and wish them all the best for many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAIRMAN
VICTOR V. SCUDIERY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Victor Scudieri upon his retirement from his position as Chairman of the

Monmouth County Democratic party. Chairman Scudieri has faithfully dedicated his time and political experience to the constituents of Monmouth County, New Jersey and is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Victor Scudieri was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey where he was active in local politics. Chairman Scudieri is an alumnus of Seaton Hall University where he earned a degree in business administration. Chairman Scudieri served two years active duty and four years as a reservist with the United States Army upon graduation. Along side his brother, Chairman Scudieri began to embark on his business endeavors and opened Interstate Electronics, Inc. (IEI) in 1968. Interstate Electronics was the beginning of a successful business enterprise that later included a record company, a series of children's albums and coloring books, and numerous successful music and pictorial productions. The Airport Plaza Shopping center on Route 36 in Hazlet, New Jersey remains the Chairman's primary base of operation. Through his efforts, Airport Plaza has been revitalized. Chairman Scudieri continues to admirably oversee several other business ventures throughout the State of New Jersey.

In addition to his business ventures, Chairman Scudieri served under former Governor Brendan Byrne on the Ethics Advisory Council. Chairman Scudieri was also appointed to serve as Co-Chairman of the Boy Scouts of Monmouth County, Technical Advisor at Kean College and Chairman of the Buck Smith Scholarship Award Foundation. Chairman Scudieri sits on the Bayshore Community Hospital Board of trustees and is the Chairman of the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center Board of Directors. He is a dedicated member of the Bayshore Hospital Health Care Center. Chairman Scudieri is also a long time member of the Northern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors. As a result of his hard work and dedication, he was honored with the 2008 Business Ambassador of the Year Award.

Victor Scudieri was elected Chairman of the Monmouth County Democratic Party in 1989. Under Chairman Scudieri's leadership, the Democratic party of Monmouth County continues to make impressive strides to assure that Democrats are elected to office. Multiple towns in Monmouth County with long tradition of Republican leadership now have a Democratic presence as a result of Chairman Scudieri's direction. The Chairman will be retiring from his position in 2012. His steadfast leadership has boosted the Monmouth County Democratic party. He will continue to serve as an inspiration to future Democratic leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Chairman Victor Scudieri has dedicated his life to various philanthropic, business and political endeavors. Please join my colleagues in thanking the Chairman for 23 years of service to the Democratic Party and dedication to the Monmouth County, New Jersey community.

LORI PRUSSMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lori Prussman of

Saint Joseph, Missouri. Lori is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in Volunteerism.

Lori Prussman is a valuable volunteer leader and has provided faithful services within the PTA for nearly 20 years. Ms. Prussman has served two terms as the St. Joseph PTA Council President. In that capacity, she has worked tirelessly promoting new schools and new technology and has patiently addressed hundreds of questions from concerned citizens. Ms. Prussman has been actively involved in leading PTA projects like the Character and Spiritual Scholarship and has worked to keep the organization solvent through the Major Savers Fundraisers. Thanks to Lori Prussman, the PTA manages to keep attention focused on advocating for children in the St. Joseph community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Lori Prussman. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 362, On agreeing to the King Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 363, On agreeing to the King Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 364, On agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 365, On agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 366, On agreeing to the Sullivan Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 367, On agreeing to the Turner Amendment—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 368, On agreeing to the Polis Amendment—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 369, Motion to Recommit H.R. 5855—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 370, Final passage of H.R. 5855—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act—I would have voted "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER LANSING BUSINESS MONTHLY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Greater Lansing Business Monthly, which this month will mark the 25th anniversary of its founding by mid-Michigan entrepreneur Chris Holman.

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Holman saw the need for a publication that would promote, publicize, and support local companies, provide a forum for ideas, and keep members of the community informed of the services and products offered by businesses in the area.

The first issue of The Greater Lansing Business Monthly hit the streets in June 1987. In its 25 years of existence, the magazine has become known for its consistent quality and for the positivity of its content.

The magazine is distributed to all non-resident addresses in the cities of Lansing, Mason, Holt, Grand Ledge, East Lansing, Haslett, DeWitt, Williamston, and Okemos. Readership has grown to an estimated 40,000 per month.

The Business Monthly's content includes feature stories centered around a theme each month. Whether the topic is banking or business travel, health care or hospitality, articles highlight the quality products and people of the Greater Lansing area. These stories highlight successful businesses in the community and the people who comprise the companies.

In response to market needs, The Greater Lansing Business Monthly has become involved in many other endeavors. For example, The Greater Lansing Business Index & Survey provides an in-depth look at mid-Michigan's economy. Other projects include CEO networks, the Greater Lansing Entrepreneurial Awards, the Greater Lansing Business Showcase and the Greater Lansing Business + Sports Luncheon. The magazine is also represented on more than a dozen boards in the area. The magazine enjoys a 92 percent awareness and readership rate among businesses in the Greater Lansing market.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring The Greater Lansing Business Monthly and its staff for 25 years of exceptional service to mid-Michigan employers and their customers.

MORGAN BRAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Morgan Brand of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Morgan is active in the community and in her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Leadership is a hallmark of Morgan's high school career. While earning high academic honors each semester, she remained involved in Student Council and was a delegate to the Missouri Association of Student Council Summer Leadership Workshop. Morgan's leadership extends to the broader community where she has worked part-time and was essential to the organization of the Senior Citizen Prom. She is often seen at athletic events supporting her peers, and is a member of the varsity tennis team as well as a gifted actor and singer. Morgan was also named to the Scholastic Honor Society at its May induction ceremony. Morgan is a natural tutor and mentor, leading activities for struggling students.

Those who work with Morgan describe her as highly organized and able to win the participation of others through her own example and dependability. Morgan Brand has a bright smile and a bright future both in terms of personal success and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Morgan Brand. She is an amazing individual and a tremendous asset to our com-

munity. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL IMAGING AND BIOENGINEERING

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10-year anniversary for one of the newest Institutes at the National Institutes of Health. The Congress authorized the creation of the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering over a decade ago, and I am proud to say I was a cosponsor of the enacting legislation. Since 2002, the NIBIB has worked diligently towards its mission to develop new technologies that are combating a myriad of diseases and conditions. NIBIB is unique in the sense that unlike most Institutes at NIH, NIBIB doesn't focus on a particular body area. Its mission is not bound to a particular disease either. Instead, it fills a vital need: it creates the tools and technologies for clinicians and researchers to fight all diseases. In a way, we are all patient advocates for NIBIB.

Some of the technological advances include innovations like advanced imaging tools, such as functional MRI and PET/CT. These not only save lives by diagnosing disease noninvasively and earlier than ever before, but they have provided researchers in other areas of medicine new tools to study and combat their particular disease of focus. In its unique role at NIH, NIBIB is not only providing new bench-to-bedside diagnostics and therapies for patients, but also delivering novel bench-to-bench tools and technologies that are revolutionizing the way other researchers fight diseases in the laboratory.

In this vein, NIBIB is providing an enormously positive return on the taxpayers' investment. The therapies, diagnostics and treatments created by NIBIB research have forever changed patient care and the way we conduct research. But perhaps equally as important, these technologies are being commercialized and manufactured by the private sector here in the U.S. We are an exporter of these incredible technologies, created and manufactured by highly-skilled workers. And when the NIBIB delivers on the next game-changing technology, the U.S. will again be the home to those job-supporting companies.

With that, I would like to congratulate NIBIB, its Director, Dr. Rod Pettigrew, Deputy Director Dr. Belinda Seto and all of the dedicated staff that have made NIBIB a model of success. I hope my fellow colleagues can agree that these are important federal programs deserving of our sustained support.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL AND SYLVIA HOLLINGER

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul and Sylvia Hollinger for

their contributions and years of service to the Christian broadcasting community.

Both born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Paul and Sylvia graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in 1958 and were married that same year. After starting a "temporary" job at the Christian radio station WDAC in July of 1961, Paul's role expanded from salesman to station manager, and eventually to partner in the WDAC Radio Company. Along the way, Sylvia served as chief encourager and critic, while assisting Paul as an editor and typist.

Beyond their roles at WDAC, the "Voice of Christian Radio," Paul and Sylvia have contributed to the greater Christian broadcasting community through the National Religious Broadcasters organization. Ever-present at NRB national conventions, Paul and Sylvia developed sincere and lasting friendships with other station owners and broadcasters like David Jeremiah, James Dobson, and Joni Eareckson Tada.

From their stone farmhouse and farm in southern Lancaster County, Paul and Sylvia spent over four decades raising their two children and welcoming visitors. They are devoted grandparents to six grandchildren and eagerly await the arrival of their first great-grandchild. When not at work or home, Paul and Sylvia played an integral role in the life of Calvary Church of Lancaster. Since 1973, they have served in the capacity of Sunday school teachers, choir members, and on various church boards.

Paul is a past member of the Moody Alumni Board and I share his and Sylvia's passion for the Moody Bible Institute. I also commend them both for their unwavering commitment to upholding and defending the rights of the unborn. They have actively supported pro-life organizations and Sylvia hosts a weekly pro-life radio report titled "Heartbeat."

Today, Paul and Sylvia live in the Willow Valley retirement community where they continue to welcome family and guests, and together are writing a 70 year history of their church. Paul and Sylvia have led rich, dedicated lives to each other and for their Maker. To paraphrase a familiar verse in the Gospel of John, were all their stories written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FIREFIGHTER NATHAN RAULZ

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nathan Raulz, 18, of Conroe, Texas. Raulz had been a volunteer with Central Montgomery County Fire-Rescue (formerly River Plantation Fire Department) Station 171 for the past three years and planned to continue his career in public service.

After graduating from Conroe High School approximately three weeks ago, he joined the department full time. He loved serving his community and his country, which explain why he recently enlisted in the military as well. His dream was to serve his country, gain valuable training through the military, and then return

home to resume his career in professional fire fighting. The city of Conroe, and all of Montgomery County were shocked when such a bright light of a young life was snuffed out in a tragic motorcycle accident June 6. Nathan's legacy of service and dedication to his dreams will stay with our community for years to come.

The Central Montgomery County Fire-Rescue Station 171 issued this statement after learning of the loss of Raulz: "Today our department suffered a great loss. Firefighter Nathan Raulz was killed in an automobile accident on Stidham Road. This young man won our hearts almost three years ago when he joined our department as a junior firefighter. Immediately he stood out as a stellar newcomer, and grew into an amazing young man and firefighter. The dedication and promise he showed earned him the title Junior Firefighter of The Year two years in a row. We will truly miss our "Ragoo"! We would like to send our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Nathan. You will be in our thoughts and prayers."

Today we honor the life of Nathan Raulz, we pray for his family, and we remember his dedication to others and hope it will challenge us all to live each day to the fullest.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF VINCENT WILLIAMS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Vincent Williams. Though he was 85 years old and lived a full and happy life, to all us who knew him, his sudden passing this week came much too soon.

Vinnie was a fixture at 59 Elm Street—the building where my District Office is located. Sitting next to his shoeshine stand in the first floor lobby, he always had a kind word and a contagious smile for any passerby. Vinnie was one of those people who always brightened the days of others. He had a kind and generous nature and he loved seeing people every day—always ready for a conversation. If he saw that you were a little down, he would do what he could to make you smile. He was the last of the shoeshine men in New Haven and he was a beloved member of our building's community.

Born in North Carolina, one of Vinnie's first jobs was as a shoeshine. A local barber offered him the position and it came naturally to him. He later joined the United States Navy and served our country with honor and integrity during World War II. It was after his service that he arrived in New Haven where he took up work at the Winchester firearms factory. After five years at Winchester Vinnie took a job with the U.S. Postal Service where he worked until his retirement. However, retirement did not suit Vinnie well—he did not like sitting at home. So he went back to where he began—a shoeshine stand—setting up shop at the 59 Elm Street building.

My staff and I will always carry fond memories of Vinnie. Almost every afternoon, Vinnie would close up shop and take a walk around

the building stopping in each office to wish everyone a good afternoon. I am not sure how many people knew about Vinnie's sweet-tooth, but he had one. My staff always made sure the small candy dish at our front desk had something in it—because the few times it did not, Vinnie was the first one to let us know. He also loved the word jumbles in the daily paper and worked them out every day. Every once in a while, however, he would get stumped. There is one member of my staff that he would always ask for help. After memorizing the letters, he would come upstairs, poke his head in her office, repeat the letters and give her a minute to come up with a suggestion. Even if the others he asked were stumped as well, he would work at it until he figured it out—and then would let everyone he had asked know the answer as well.

On behalf of myself and my staff, I extend my deepest sympathies to his six children, Ulysses, Cynthia, Gail, Michael, Latanga, and Vincent, Jr., as well as his family and friends. I want them to know how many lives he touched and the impact he had on others. Vinnie was a remarkable human being. His absence leaves an emptiness in our hearts that will never be quite filled. He will be deeply missed by all of those fortunate enough to have known him.

A SALUTE TO THE LIFE OF DR.
GARDNER CALVIN TAYLOR

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor on the occasion of his 94th birthday. Dr. Taylor's indispensable contribution to American preaching and his instrumental role in the Civil Rights Movement underscore a life devoted to uplifting the human soul and the equal treatment of men and women everywhere.

Dr. Taylor was born June 18, 1918 in segregated Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was the only child born to Reverend Washington and Selina Taylor. He was only 13 years old when his father "Wash" Taylor passed away. Even the short time Gardner had with his father; he had already impacted Gardner's delivery of the spoken word. Originally pursuing hopes of one day becoming a lawyer, a single event would forever change his course and life pursuits. Gardner survived a horrific car accident that claimed the lives of two others. Convinced that his survival was no happenstance, it was then he experienced a call to ministry.

In 1937, Dr. Taylor forewent plans to attend the University of Michigan Law School and enrolled in the Oberlin School of Theology. It was there he met his wife, Laurabelle Scott, whom he married in 1940 and had one daughter, Martha. During his studies at Oberlin, Dr. Taylor preached at Bethany Baptist Church from 1938 to 1941. He later went on to pastor Concord Baptist Church of Christ in New York City in 1948. When he commenced his pastoral duties at Concord, church membership was a very respectable 5,000 members. By the end of his tenure in 1990, his unparalleled leadership and sermonic delivery grew the membership to more than 14,000 members.

Striving to serve equally beyond the pulpit, in 1961, he unsuccessfully sought the presidency of the National Baptist Convention. His close affiliation with Martin Luther King, Jr. and other Civil Rights leaders placed him at odds with members of the National Baptist Convention. Not one to be deterred from service, Dr. Taylor along with Dr. King, went on to found the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Dr. Taylor's talent was revered. He taught at several elite divinity schools including Yale, Harvard, and Duke Universities. In 1979, Time magazine named Dr. Taylor one of the seven greatest Protestant preachers in America, and in 1980, the publication deemed him the "Dean of the Nation's Black Preachers".

In 1993, his influence reached into public service when he delivered the sermon for President William Jefferson Clinton's Inaugural Prayer Service. President Clinton was so impressed with Dr. Taylor that in 1997, he again enlisted Dr. Taylor to deliver the benediction at his second inauguration. And, in 2000, President Clinton honored Dr. Taylor with the Nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Taylor is commonly referred to as the "dean of American preaching" and the "poet laureate of American Protestantism." For many, Dr. Taylor's oration and style is considered the standard for young ministers seeking to learn the art of preaching. His brilliant ability to merge significant metaphors and powerful language into a seamless narrative continues to inspire clergy and laymen alike.

Dr. Taylor's life constitutes a worthy example for others, one in which everyone uses his or her individually bestowed talents to enrich the lives of the beloved community. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor on his 94th birthday and honoring his lifelong commitment to the betterment of society.

SARA SUMMERS STEIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sara Summers Stein of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Sara is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Emerging Leader.

Sara is an intelligent and highly motivated young woman who is considered a sparkplug wherever she happens to be serving. During an outstanding college and post-graduate career, Sara demonstrated strong leadership both in her personal work and her ability to head up major University programs. Since graduating with a PhD in Education Leadership, Sara has used her considerable talent to improve the lives of others. Sara has worked with the youth through EmpowerU and has been pivotal in the success of the parent-child reading program Read from the Start. Sara is currently working to bring awareness to Clean Air St. Joe while being a wife and a mother of two.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sara Summers Stein. She has already made an amazing impact on countless

individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF BRUCE KATSIFF'S
RETIREMENT FROM THE JAMES
A. MICHENER ART MUSEUM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bruce Katsiff, Director and CEO of the James A. Michener Art Museum, who is retiring after 23 years of dedicated service to the museum and the Bucks County community.

The Michener Museum is an important part of my district's art and cultural identity and this is due in no small part to Mr. Katsiff's leadership and vision. In fact, it was he who changed the name from the James A. Michener Arts Center to the now nationally recognized James A. Michener Art Museum.

In 1989 when he began as director, attendance at the museum averaged 8,000 visitors a year. Now, 120,000 people come to see the exhibits each year and the museum ranks among the top art museums in the greater Philadelphia region.

Bruce's love of art goes back to high school, where he discovered photography and participated in his first exhibit at the age of 17. He then studied photography at Rochester Institute of Technology, earned a Master of Fine Arts at the Pratt Institute and completed post-graduate work at the University of Oxford.

Mr. Katsiff's keen business sense blended well with his passion for art. Under his guidance, the museum flourished in size and staff. Just this month, the Edgar N. Putman Event Pavilion was opened to establish the museum as a premier destination for facility rentals in our area.

For Bruce's final project, the museum will host an exhibition from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy, of Old Master paintings and tapestries, including oil paintings from legendary artists such as Botticelli and Titian.

Because of all that Mr. Katsiff has accomplished, I know that he will leave this position in high spirits. Thanks again to Bruce Katsiff for all that you have done for not only the Michener Museum, but for the entire Bucks County community. I am honored to serve as your representative in Congress, and I wish you many more years of continued success.

HONORING MR. RICHARD ZILKA

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Zilka, outgoing president of the Clearing Civic League in Chicago, Illinois, for his lasting service to the community.

Mr. Zilka's community owes him an enormous debt. A member of the Clearing Civic League since 1965, he has been president for 26 years during which time he has distinguished himself as a tireless fighter for the

success and safety of the neighborhood. Instrumental in securing a public library for the citizens of Clearing and establishing the Clearing Night Watch, he also successfully campaigned against the installation of high-pollution medical incinerators in the area. These are just some of the many successes that he spearheaded on behalf of the residents of Clearing.

Mr. Zilka and his wife of 54 years, Marie, have two sons and one daughter. Prior to his retirement he worked for International Harvester, which has since become Navistar. He has also fulfilled a number of diverse roles in the community, including serving on the advisory council of Chicago's John F. Kennedy High School, and the Community Advisory Council in Bedford Park. He has also served as a member of the nearby Garfield Ridge Civic League. In recognition of his achievements, South Rutherford Avenue was recently renamed in his honor.

A resident of Chicago his entire life, Richard Zilka has been a tireless fighter for the well being of his neighbors on the Southwest Side. Held in the utmost regard within the community, I have been inspired by his loyal and enduring service. As he retires from his position as president of the Clearing Civic League, I wish him all the very best for the future.

COLONEL TODD P. "SLEDGE"
HARMER RETIRES AFTER 26
YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Colonel Todd P. "Sledge" Harmer on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

I have had the pleasure of working with Sledge on a number of occasions during his tenure in the Air Force House Liaison Office, and greatly appreciate his professionalism, knowledge, and dedication, which has benefited me personally, as well as numerous other Members and staff.

Colonel Harmer has given much to this Nation through his dedicated and selfless service. His Air Force career started the day he arrived at the U.S. Air Force Academy in June of 1982. He established himself as a serious student with a great aptitude for flying. Upon graduation on May 28, 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering, Lt Harmer was competitively selected among pilot training selectees to attend Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Lead-In Fighter Training, and F16C Operational Course, excelling in each course. He was assigned to the 14th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Misawa AB, Japan where he started flying combat training missions and preparing for greater aerial tasks. His superiors rated him the "best wingman in the squadron" and recognized him as a gifted fighter pilot. As a new Captain, he was upgraded to instructor pilot (IP) and mission commander in absolute minimum time, then selected to be a Standardization/Evaluation Flight Examiner because of his great flying skill and leadership. He was reassigned to the 69th Fighter Squadron at Moody AFB, GA

as an IP and Chief of Weapons and Tactics. He was certified as combat-ready, and qualified in air-to-surface, air-to-air and nuclear roles. To no one's surprise, he was selected to attend the coveted F-16 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, and completed it with honors. He went on to complete Squadron Officer School, again completing it with honors and the designation of Distinguished Graduate. He returned to the 69th Fighter Squadron for a few years to train and evaluate pilots, and contributed greatly to the success of this important fighter squadron. Captain Harmer was reassigned to the 23rd Operations Support Squadron at Pope AFB, NC where he was responsible for planning and coordinating F-16 employment supporting contingencies, exercises and readiness inspections. After serving as a flight commander and IP, he was sent overseas to serve in the 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea. He was hand-picked to command a flight of fighter pilots flying wartime taskings in a upgraded F-16C. His superiors identified him as an "aviator without peers", and the "greatest contributor to the combat readiness of the most forward deployed fighter squadron in the Air Force." He was promoted to the rank of Major and give greater responsibility as the Assistant Operations Officer, and later the Aide-de-Camp to the Seventh Air Force Commander, Lt General Joseph Hurd. General Hurd recognized his superior airmanship and trusted counsel and called him the finest aide he had ever seen. Sledge was sent to the U.S. Naval War College and earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, then went on to the Air Force's School of Advanced Airpower Studies and spent a year excelling in a rigorous curriculum. Following this, newly promoted Lt Colonel Harmer was assigned to the prestigious Checkmate Division at the Pentagon to lead the European Command Pacific Command Branch. There he continued to contribute, lead and inspire his research teams through keen analysis and writings. Senior Air Force leadership had been impressed with his papers and reports over the years, but his writings would receive special recognition while in Checkmate and would help shape the employment and advancement of air and space power. Perhaps more importantly, however, Lt Colonel Harmer would become an impact strategist and leader in the days following 9-11. He led teams developing Air Force position on Grand Military Strategy, air and space operations plans, combat search and rescue, and the air attack plan for Operation Enduring Freedom. His years of training, education and performing every mission in a superb manner would help him to continue on the track to senior leadership. He was assigned as the Commander, 63rd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ and given the difficult task of commanding in the Air Force's largest fighter wing. He did not disappoint. He set the benchmark for training and air operations. Following this assignment, Lt Colonel Harmer would attend National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, DC and receive a Master of Science in National Security Strategy, and the designation of Distinguished Graduate. He would spend the following year in Turkey as an Executive Officer to the Commander of CC-Air and 16th Air Force, and, U.S. Senior National Representative, Allied Air Component Command HQ Izmir. He was promoted to Colonel and assigned as the Vice

Commander to a very demanding and active fighter wing, 388th FW, Hill AFB, UT, and to prepare him to later command his own wing, the 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, FL. His boss, Lt General Gary North, tasked him to direct important sorties such as protection to POTUS, space shuttle and several deployments at home and abroad. General North also hand-picked Colonel Harmer for a demanding position in Iraq's Ministry of Defense where he led a highly specialized planning and training team, and advised the U.S. Forces-Iraq leadership on sensitive Arab-Kurd issues. Upon returning to the U.S., the Air Force continued to challenge Sledge by assigning him to one of the most demanding positions within the Air Force, his current job as the Chief of Air Force House Liaison. Since June 2010, Sledge has advised the Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Director of Legislative Liaison, and numerous other senior military and civilian leaders on issues of the greatest concern to HQ Air Force and the Congress. He has more than served as a liaison between the Pentagon and the Hill, he has developed and improved key relationships that help us make better decisions about the Air Force. He is extremely intelligent and articulate, and has helped shape my thinking and influenced many Members of Congress. Simply, we trust him!

Colonel Harmer is a command pilot with over 3,300 flying hours primarily in the F-15 and F-16. He is the recipient of the following major medals and decorations for his service and accomplishments: the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Throughout his distinguished career he has represented our country and Air Force with dignity and honor, and this is why I am so privileged to pay tribute to this fine Airman. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Colonel Todd Harmer, his wife Stacie and their daughters, Jordan, Leigh and Erika, for their service and sacrifices over the past 26 years. I wish them Godspeed, and continued happiness as they start a new chapter in their lives.

RECOGNIZING JOHN GUALTIER

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Gaultier of Vinton, IA for his years of service to veterans in Eastern Iowa.

John's service to the veterans and his community in Eastern Iowa has been a lifelong endeavor, as he's drawn on his own experience in war and battling PTSD to ensure that returning veterans are better served and that students are aware of the service and sacrifice their elders made in the Second World War.

At the age of 18, John served as an Army Medic in the European Theater of Operations where he saved many American lives and participated in the liberation of two concentration camps and a Russian POW camp.

Since 1995, John has logged over 7,000 hours of volunteer service at the Iowa City Veterans Medical Center visiting with his fellow veterans and drawing on his own experience battling post-traumatic stress to help them recover. John has worked with psychiatrists at the Medical Center to help them in treating servicemembers with PTSD returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. John has also donated money and vehicles to ensure that veterans have transportation to VA facilities for their care.

John's service to his community also extends to students at Vinton-Shellsburg and North Linn Schools where he has shared stories of his experience in the war for the past eight years. John has turned his difficult experience in war into a lesson for our community's youth.

For his work volunteering at the Iowa City VA hospital and sharing his experiences with students, John was honored earlier this year by Cedar Rapids' KCRG's "9 Who Care" Awards, and he was nominated to represent Eastern Iowa at the Jefferson Awards for Public Service, where he is a finalist for the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for "Outstanding Community Service Benefiting Local Communities."

As the son of a World War Two veteran, who landed on Iwo Jima when he was 17, I understand the service and sacrifice made by veterans like John. They truly are members of the Greatest Generation, and John deserves to be commended for continuing to serve after he returned home and turning his own trials from war into a learning experience for others.

Congratulations John for this well-deserved honor. Thank you for your continued service to our community and work on behalf of Veterans. You represent the best of Iowa, having served your country and community for over half a century. Keep up the good work.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

HON. CHAKA FATAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. FATAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Leadership Alliance. The Leadership Alliance, established in 1992, is a national academic consortium of leading research universities and minority serving institutions with the mission to develop underrepresented students into outstanding leaders and role models in academia, business and the public sector.

Through an organized program of research, networking and mentorship at critical transitions along the entire academic training pathway, the Leadership Alliance prepares young scientists and scholars from underrepresented and underserved populations for graduate training and professional apprenticeships. Leadership Alliance faculty mentors provide high quality, cutting-edge research experiences in all academic disciplines at the na-

tion's most competitive graduate training institutions and share insights into the nature of academic careers.

In the 20 years since its establishment, the Leadership Alliance has mentored over 2,000 undergraduates who have participated in the Summer Research Early Identification Program and over 200 alumni who have obtained their PhD (215) or MD-PhD (19) degrees as Leadership Alliance Doctoral Scholars.

More than 53 percent of Leadership Alliance early identification students enroll into a graduate level program versus the national rate of 40 percent enrollment into graduate programs. Of this 53 percent, 42 percent enrolled into or completed PhD programs. Of the 42 percent of students enrolling into doctoral training programs, 46 percent completed PhD programs and more than half of those were in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Leadership Alliance institutions graduated approximately 25 percent of all biomedical sciences PhD degrees to underrepresented minority students in a five year time period (2004-2008), making it a leading consortium grantor of PhD degrees in the biomedical sciences in the United States.

In my district, over the past 18 summers, the University of Pennsylvania has hosted 210 undergraduates who were mentored by faculty and had an in-depth research experience designed to provide them with theoretical knowledge and practical training in research and scientific experimentation and other scholarly investigations.

Leadership Alliance Doctoral Scholars are diversifying the academy with 58 percent of them at research-intensive institutions. Doctoral Scholars also are engaging in career positions in government and industry. The Leadership Alliance has demonstrated its effectiveness as a model for identifying, training and mentoring underrepresented minorities who are poised to expand and diversify the base of the 21st century workforce.

I am pleased today to recognize the importance of sustaining efforts to invest in programs that identify, train and mentor talented underrepresented and underserved students; recognize the continued dedication of institutional leaders, faculty members, administrators and students across the United States and support their roles in the continued training and mentoring of underrepresented students along the academic pathway; and to congratulate and commend the Leadership Alliance, including the University of Pennsylvania, for 20 years of mentoring a diverse and competitive research and scholarly workforce.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNT WASHINGTON CRUISES ON THEIR 140TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mount Washington Cruises on reaching your 140th anniversary.

New Hampshire is proud to be home to some of the most beautiful sights in the Northeast. The White Mountains and Lakes Region have attracted tourists from all over the world, and the beauty and grandeur of Lake

Winnepesaukee has been shared with thousands of visitors thanks to the *M/S Mount Washington*.

The *M/S Mount Washington* is truly one of New Hampshire's greatest treasures and continues to be one of the state's leading tourist attractions in the Lakes Region and for Weirs Beach. The daily in season tours give visitors the chance to view firsthand the beauty and majesty of Lake Winnepesaukee. With the ability to hold 1250 passengers, the "*Mount*" has also been a popular venue for parties, weddings and various celebrations. Today *Mount Washington Cruises* is owned and operated by local individuals ensuring that this fine vessel and her operations maintain in New Hampshire and are run by New Hampshire's great citizens.

I congratulate the owners, officers and crew of the *Mount Washington Cruises* for their continued success and their dedication to maintain the great legacy of the *M/S Mount Washington* here in the Granite State. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP T.D. JAKES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop T.D. Jakes, senior pastor and evangelist at The Potter's House in Dallas. The Potter's House is not only a house of worship, but a global humanitarian organization with over 30,000 members, which Bishop Jakes has faithfully served for more than 15 years. As well as celebrating a career in service with over 35 years of ministry, Bishop Jakes also celebrates his 55th birthday this month.

During an event in his honor this month, Bishop Jakes was joined by various church members, celebrities, and dignitaries in Dallas for a spiritual celebration of his 35 years of accomplishments in the ministry. The event, titled "Triumphant Journey," highlighted Bishop Jakes' contributions to his congregants and supporters as a pastor, author, and husband.

Few people have the ability and the calling to lead such a great following into a life of devotion and compassion. Yet, Bishop Jakes has devoted his efforts in his commitment to helping the needy, and empowering the disillusioned. Through his ministerial work, Bishop Jakes has used his talents to unite tens of thousands of North Texans under a united spiritual cause. Harnessing the generosity of his congregation, Bishop Jakes continues to lead a commanding effort to better his community, and bring humanitarian assistance to other parts of the world.

Mr. Speaker, faith-based leaders and the powerful following they command serve as powerful tools in the furthering of altruism, and the building of strong communities. Bishop Jakes is a unifying force in North Texas, and his contributions to the faith-based community are undeniable. I commend Bishop Jakes for his leadership, and wish The Potter's House continued success in its pursuit of a better understanding of the faith.

A TRIBUTE TO COACH FINLEY
READ

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding North Carolinian, Finley Read, of Lumberton, North Carolina. Coach Read has dedicated over twenty years coaching and administrative work Lumberton High School, which is my alma mater. Coach Read deserves to be honored here today for his tireless contribution to the community of Lumberton. I ask that you join me in recognizing his long and remarkable career.

Coach Read enrolled and graduated from NC State University, where he was active in the football program. His impressive record during this time was interrupted only to serve our country in the U.S. Army. After returning to Lumberton, Coach Read became a high school teacher and multi-sport coach for the Lumberton Pirates, where he remained for two decades. In addition to his role as an administrator, Coach Read has bettered his community in countless ways. Through his leadership in football, baseball, and basketball, Coach Read has touched the lives of many Lumberton High students. He has been quite influential in our community, where he is known for his integrity and kindness.

Recently, the loss of long-time colleague and close friend, Coach Alton "Turmey" Brooks, left a hole in the lives of Lumberton High School students. His passing galvanized the community to honor Coach Brooks, which in turn has reminded us of the quiet, humble integrity of Coach Finley Read. His award today from the community of Lumberton comes in the form of a pirate ship, in recognition of his winning leadership for the Lumberton Pirates. His friends, former colleagues, and students from all walks of life have come together to praise him for role as a successful mentor, devout Christian, loving husband, and dedicated father.

I have known Coach Read all of my life, and I have personally witnessed and experienced Coach Read's powerful and positive influence in many different settings—from teaching me and other youngsters how to swim at Woodside Pool when I was in the third grade, to his giving me the opportunity to serve as Manager of the Pirates baseball team while I was in high school, to my work with him as a fellow Elder in our home church, First Presbyterian, in Lumberton. Coach Read, his wife Ruth, and all of his children, Kathy, Carey, and Allison, are dear friends that my family and I have long-known and respected.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Finley Read has mentored students in Robeson County for decades. As Co-founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I especially appreciate the work Coach Finley Read has done to make our community a better and healthier place. I wish Coach Read and his family God's richest blessings, and I ask that you join me today in recognition of his impressive career.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA
WILLIAMS-SKINNER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, who is being honored by President Obama as a Champion for Change. Dr. Williams-Skinner is being commended for her dedication to addressing the needs of low-income men and boys.

Dr. Williams-Skinner has worked tirelessly through her organization, the Skinner Leadership Institute, to promote leadership building and evangelism. The organization prides itself in its holistic approach, which builds moral character, technical skills, and spiritual growth. Using this approach, the organization trains youth, ministry, and political leaders. Her work with young men, in particular, highlights the importance that she places on fatherhood within the family.

As former Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, Dr. Williams-Skinner helped to coordinate the Congressional Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast, which today attracts leaders from across the Nation. Since 1992, she has worked through the Leadership Institute to empower the communities around her. She has helped to train up-and-coming leaders, many of whom are today the stalwarts of their communities. The Skinner Leadership Institute hosts bi-weekly prayer walks through the halls of Congress, and its African American Leadership seminars have helped to foster a sense of community among African American leaders. Dr. Williams-Skinner has also served as a board member of Operation Push, the Christian Community Development Association, and the Neighborhood Learning Center.

Mr. Speaker, the work of faith-based leaders should not go unnoticed. Dr. Williams-Skinner's commitment to cultivating spiritual maturity and public service has shaped leaders that help to reconcile the spiritual, moral, and technical needs of our country. These leaders will help build strong communities. Her work not only benefits today's leaders, but helps to secure leaders of the future. Her accomplishments and contributions to our Nation are indisputable. I applaud Dr. Williams-Skinner's leadership, and I wish her continued success with the Skinner Leadership Institute.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-
LOVED WENDELL GRIFFITH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Wendell Griffith.

For nearly 25 years, Wendell Griffith was a constant presence on the campus of Northwest Florida State College. As a professor of United States and World History, Mr. Griffith

had a unique personal teaching style that inspired his students to engage with history and learn invaluable life lessons. A true patriot, Mr. Griffith served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps and his reverence for our Constitution guided both his service to our nation and the community.

Mr. Griffith was remembered by students and colleagues alike as a truly world class story teller. By framing historical events in this unique context, he was able to reach thousands of students and instill in them a true and full appreciation of history and of the importance of historical events and documents. Mr. Griffith was also an ardent follower of politics, and he bestowed upon his students an appreciation for the importance of participating in American democracy.

Mr. Griffith was also a loving and committed husband, father and friend. He is survived by his wife, Sara Lynn, his three sons, Edward, Brett and Lucas, his two grandchildren, Nathan and James, and scores of friends, colleagues and students. To some, Wendell Griffith will be remembered as an inspiring teacher, to others as a true American patriot. To his family and friends, he will be remembered as a loyal and caring family man.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Wendell Griffith. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Griffith family.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH
POTTER

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sorrow today following the passing of Ralph Potter of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mr. Potter was a proprietor of almost fifty restaurants in the Carolinas, beloved member of the community, devoted family man, dear friend, and effective public servant. Mr. Potter passed away on June 2, 2012 at the age of 75, and he will be dearly missed.

Ralph Potter grew up in Wilmington, attended New Hanover High School, and then enrolled at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was the first in his family to graduate from college. He went on to earn his juris doctor from UNC School of Law, which he would later use to serve his community as the president of the state restaurant association. His strong work ethic and intelligence helped earn him the Methodist University's Entrepreneur and Businessman of the Year award, and his restaurants can now be found throughout North and South Carolina. Outside of business, Mr. Potter was devoted to his family, to his church and his community, and he will long remain a well-known and influential figure in Fayetteville.

Mr. Potter was very active in the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association as a reflection of his proud Greek heritage, and supported education efforts through his such as the Ira Douglas Potter Memorial and Ralph M. Potter Scholarship Funds at UNC, as well as a scholarship fund at Salem College. He pushed for the creation of the first Cumberland County Public library, along with

his roles at the board of trustees of Fayetteville Academy and ARC of Cumberland County. He always worked hard to address community challenges in Fayetteville, and always did so with humor and kindness.

Mr. Potter was also recognized for his deep faith in Christ, and was active at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. There he taught Bible study, established the Paris and Potter Endowment Fund for the church, and became a godfather for the church at its consecration. We know today that he is resting at home in peace and joy with his Savior.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Potter was a personal friend of mine and I have the utmost respect for his integrity, business acumen and his strong commitment to church and community. May we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined his life. He is survived by his wife, Dena Fasul Potter, son Nicholas D. Potter, daughter Rebecca Cooke and numerous grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. May God continue to bless all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

DEPORTATION EXEMPTION FOR
IMMIGRANT ALIENS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I was taken aback by the Administration's announcement last week that it would decline to enforce the law when it comes to the deportation of illegal aliens who were brought to our Nation as young children.

I believe that the president is wrong on this issue—as wrong as he can be.

We are a Nation of immigrants. We take pride in our immigrant roots. Southern West Virginia has a proud history of immigrant families and workers who migrated to the coal fields to live and work.

For every immigrant who came to this country legally, abiding by the process and respecting the law, this action is a slap in the face. For the immigration and border security officers, who are working and risking their lives to enforce the law, this announcement is a slap in the face. For the American workers who will be forced to compete for American jobs against immigrant aliens, this announcement is a slap in the face.

I share the frustration of many Americans in the stubborn refusal of the House Republican Majority in not taking action on critical legislation—a long-term surface transportation, budget and appropriations bills, and a host of expiring laws that run the gamut from tax breaks, to Medicare payments to our hospitals and health providers, to critical government programs; all of which are undermining confidence in the Congress as an institution and acting as deadweight on job creation and growth. To some extent, one could even argue the Congress has invited this executive action by refusing to act to strengthen our Nation's borders and immigration enforcement.

But, a chief executive's decision, to bypass the Congress and refuse to implement the law, is unacceptable. It may make for good

politics in some quarters of our Nation, but it sets a terrible and dangerous precedent.

The Constitution requires the president to enforce the law. It authorizes the president to recommend changes to the law. It does not—does not—permit the president to selectively choose which laws to enforce.

The Congress must disabuse the president and every future president of the notion that laws with which the executive branch disagrees can be ignored. More important than party, and more important than presidential politics, must be the upholding of the Constitution and seeing to it that the laws are faithfully executed.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF WILLIE J. O'NEAL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Willie J. O'Neal who passed on June 12, 2012 at the age of 74. Mr. O'Neal, known to his family and friends as "Deacon Bill," was an esteemed member of the Northwest Florida community, a proud veteran, and a dedicated servant of God. I am humbled to commemorate his life.

Born in 1937, Deacon Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Upon retirement from the Air Force, he continued to serve his country in the civil service. Earlier this month, Deacon Bill celebrated his 20th year as a deacon at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Niceville, Florida. He spent his days as a fixture at the Eglin Air Force Base Exchange (BX) ministering to countless people from his favorite booth at the BX Starbucks. Deacon Bill was a mentor to some, a minister to many, and a friend to all.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life and dedicated service of Willie J. "Deacon Bill" O'Neal. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his children, Monica, Steven, and Mark, five grandchildren, Melony, Ethan, Clare, Grace and Matthew, and their entire family. He will truly be missed by all of us throughout the community.

A TRIBUTE TO ALTON G.
"TUNNEY" BROOKS

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alton G. "Tunney" Brooks, a long-serving coach and athletic director at Lumberton High School, my own alma mater. Coach Brooks was an irreplaceable mentor for many students in our community, a devoted family man, and a dear friend. Coach Brooks passed away on the morning of May 4, 2012, after a three-year battle with lung cancer, and he will be deeply missed.

Driven by a strong love for his community and a deep investment in its youth, Coach Brooks coached numerous sports during his

lifetime and served as the Lumberton High School Athletic Director. In this capacity, Coach Brooks was a valuable leader and role model, who pushed young athletes to achieve things they never thought possible and worked to shape their senses of integrity, character, discipline, and teamwork.

This dedication is evident through his many recognitions, as he was named to the N.C. Athletic Directors and N.C. High School Athletic Association's Halls of Fame. His legacy will also be remembered through the Lumberton High School football stadium, named in his honor, and through an endowment scholarship at UNC-Pembroke. Coach Brooks also received honors as a superior athlete himself—at Charles Coon High School, where he received all-state honors and won state championships, at Wake Forest University where he was team captain of the baseball and basketball teams, and on the national level in 1951, when he helped the U.S. win silver at the first-ever Pan American Games in Argentina as the catcher for the U.S. baseball team.

I knew Coach Brooks personally, not only as the father of my good friend, Richie Brooks, with whom I grew up with in Lumberton, and with whom I served on the Student Council at LHS, but also through his being the first Manager of Woodside Pool, which he and my father spent countless hours developing through Recreation Facilities, Inc. As President of the Student Body at LHS and as Manager of the Lumberton Pirates baseball team when I was in high school, I knew first-hand of Coach Brooks' leadership as our school's well-respected and dynamic athletic director.

As a Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I have a deep, personal respect for Coach Brooks' dedication to this cause. Over several decades, he has taught hundreds of youth in the Lumberton area valuable lessons and skills that have made a meaningful and lasting impact on their lives, and our community will always remain grateful.

Mr. Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, and character that defined the life of Alton "Tunney" Brooks. May God continue to bless his three children, Debbie, Richie and John, all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

ENSURING SOUND SCIENCE IN AGENCY RULEMAKING AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Sound Science in Agency Rulemaking and Risk Assessments Act to help restore sound science and scientific integrity to the rulemaking process at our federal agencies.

On March 9, 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential memorandum directing the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to require federal departments and agencies to develop procedures "for restoring scientific integrity to government decision making." To date, this worthwhile and sensible project has not been completed.

This bipartisan bill, which I am introducing with my colleague from North Carolina, Mike McIntyre, seeks to build on the President's initiative by codifying the requirement that the Director of OSTP require each agency to develop guidelines to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information used by federal agencies. This legislation requires appropriate peer review, the disclosure of scientific studies used in making decisions, and an opportunity for stakeholder input. The bill requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method. Further, it deems agency actions that do not follow such procedures to be arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, we all want the best science used in decisions made by the federal government. This bill will help accomplish that goal.

RECOGNIZING LONGWOOD STUDENTS WHO HONORED VETERANS

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, both past and present, of the Longwood School District in my district on Long Island for the completion of two major projects—the Longwood Veterans Walk and the accompanying Longwood Veterans History Project, which honor those men and women who have served this nation in overseas conflicts.

In tribute to the service our veterans have given to this country, a monument commemorating the service of former Longwood school students who served in the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the continuing War in Afghanistan, has been constructed and will be dedicated on June 16, 2012, in Bartlett Pond Park.

This monument is the last in a series honoring the Longwood veterans from every war in our nation's history, dating back to the Revolution. The first, dedicated in 2007, created an enthusiasm for local history and the personal stories of these men and women.

Since then, the students of Longwood Junior High School have, using a variety of sources, conducted their own research to locate the names and lives of every Longwood veteran, an undertaking that resulted in six volumes of biographies. Through the generosity of the local community, sufficient funds were raised for the completion of this ambitious and moving project.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply proud of this project and the students who have made it a reality. On behalf of New York's first congressional district, I urge my colleague in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the inspiring civic duty demonstrated by these students who have honored our community's veterans.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. DEWAYNE CHARLES HESTER

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tremendous public servant, Deputy Sheriff Dewayne Charles Hester, who served the people of Bladen County as a law enforcement officer for more than a decade. The Bladenboro community recently and unexpectedly lost this dear friend and beloved lawman, but his influence and compassion for the people he served will live on. I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Deputy Hester's career in law enforcement began in the City of Elizabethtown Police Department, and his hard work earned him the title of Sheriff's Deputy with the Bladen County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Hester was well-respected for his dedication to keeping the citizens of Bladen County safe.

Deputy Hester made a lasting mark on his community, our state and our nation. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and we can best honor his memory by honoring his commitment to public service.

A man of faith, Hester was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Bladenboro. We know today that he is resting at home in peace and joy with his Savior.

As a Member of the Law Enforcement Caucus, I have been personally aware of Deputy Hester's commitment and service. Following the tragedy befalling our friend and colleague, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, I benefitted from the professionalism, courtesies, and respect he showed as he provided protection for me during one of my "Conversations with the Congressman" meetings at the Town Hall in Elizabethtown. This was but one example of his answering the call of duty wherever and wherever he was needed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout North Carolina and a wonderful husband, loving father, and dutiful son. Deputy Dewayne Hester will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Tammie Hester; his daughters, Haley and Hannah Hester; his two brothers, Jamie and Kenneth; and his mother, Elfriede Hester.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time, and we will continue to remember him as an honorable man who gave his life in the line of duty.

CONGRATULATING MURDIC AND BEULAH BOWEN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 3, 2012, Mr. and Mrs. Murdic and Beulah Bowen will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. Murdic and Beulah were married on July 3, 1942, in Columbia, South Carolina, and are longtime residents of the Elgin community in Richland County, South Carolina.

Together, the Bowens have contributed a great deal to their community, the State of

South Carolina, and our Nation. On December 3, 1942, Murdic reported to the United States Army and served in the 94th Division during World War II throughout the European Theatre. After his tour of duty, he returned to Elgin where he began working in textiles and became the owner of a mercantile business and a used car business. Beulah worked with the Citizens and Southern National Bank in Elgin, South Carolina, and retired from the bank after 40 years of dedicated service.

Murdic and Beulah have remained active and devoted members of the Highway Pentecostal Holiness Church in Elgin, South Carolina, and continue to remain a steadfast example of devotion, patience, and understanding to their three daughters, six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. I would like to congratulate Murdic and Beulah Bowen on this momentous occasion and offer my best wishes to them and their family in the future.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans are anxiously awaiting the Supreme Court's ruling on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Many of these individuals await this decision in fear, as they stand to lose their sense of security if the law is struck down. Since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law on March 23, 2010, millions of Americans have already benefited from its sweeping reforms, and millions more stand to benefit once the law is fully implemented in 2014. Texas has the highest percentage of adults without health insurance, and striking down the Affordable Care Act will only worsen this predicament for Texans.

If the Supreme Court strikes down the Affordable Care Act, there will be no winners. The Affordable Care Act forces insurance companies to play by the rules, giving Americans greater control over their own health care. Under the health care law, insurance companies are required to publicly justify their actions if they chose to raise rates by 10 percent or more, and can no longer impose lifetime dollar limits on health benefits. In a major show of support, several insurance companies, including UnitedHealthcare and Aetna, have even pledged to preserve certain provisions of the health care law no matter what the Supreme Court decides.

A repeal of the Affordable Care Act would further exacerbate health disparities between minorities and non-minorities. Minorities suffer disproportionately from serious illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS. Historically, minorities have faced considerable barriers to accessing affordable health insurance, and these barriers have contributed to significant health disparities. Under the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 3.8 million African Americans and roughly 5.4 million Latinos who would otherwise be uninsured will gain coverage by 2016. If the Affordable Care Act is struck down, millions of minorities will be forced to seek primary care in our Nation's overcrowded emergency rooms, and the costs of care will be shifted to taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, while the Republicans have introduced numerous measures to undermine and repeal the Affordable Care Act, they have not yet offered one piece of legislation which would reduce health care costs for young adults and seniors or address the growing health disparities between minorities and non-minorities. As we await this monumental court decision, I, along with my Democratic colleagues, will continue to advocate for access to affordable, quality health care for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM BEING NAMED
NORTH CAROLINA 2-A STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing the Whiteville High School baseball team of Whiteville, North Carolina, on being named North Carolina 2-A State Champions.

The Whiteville Wolfpack finished their season strong with a 16-game winning streak for a record of 26-5, including the championship game win over the 2011 returning State Champions. The Whiteville team also received the honors for All-Cape Fear region baseball coach of the year, Brett Harwood, and player of the year, Nathan Hood.

As founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, a long-time little league coach and one who grew up playing baseball, I appreciate the dedication, determination, and teamwork that earned these players the esteemed title of State Champions. I am also impressed by Coach Brett Harwood who led this team to victory, as well as the parents of each player and the Whiteville community as a whole for supporting these young baseball players as they worked to achieve their dream.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Whiteville High School baseball team, and wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the initial public offering (IPO) process, focusing on ordinary investors.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Patent and Trademark Office, focusing on implementation of the Leahy-Smith "America Invents Act" and international harmonizing efforts.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine risks, opportunities, and oversight of commercial space.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Holocaust-era claims in the 21st century.

SD-226

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense programs and policies to support military families with special needs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

JUNE 21

Time to be announced

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider H.R. 1160, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, S. 1324, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, S. 1201, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships

that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, S. 2018, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship, S. 3264, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, S. 2104, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act, S. 3304, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. in Washington, D.C., as the "William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building", to redesignate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 200 East Wall Street in Midland, Texas, as the "George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse and George Mahon Federal Building", and to designate the Federal building housing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Headquarters located at 99 New York Avenue N.E., Washington D.C., as the "Eliot Ness ATF Building", H.R. 1791, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse", and the nominations of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, and Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on money market mutual fund reforms.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Finance

To hold hearings to examine Russia's World Trade Organization (WTO) accession, focusing on the Administration's views on the implications for the United States.

SD-215

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the New Start Treaty, and related matters.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine an update on Olmstead enforcement, focusing on using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to promote community integration.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 250, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA

samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, S. 285, for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke, S. 1744, to provide funding for State courts to assess and improve the handling of proceedings relating to adult guardianship and conservatorship, to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a pilot program for the conduct of background checks on individuals to be appointed as guardians or conservators, and to promote the widespread adoption of information technology to better monitor, report, and audit conservatorships of protected persons, and the nominations of Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Terrence G. Berg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jesus G. Bernal, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lorna G. Schofield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Grande Lum, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Jamie A. Hainsworth, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, John S. Leonardo, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, Patrick A. Miles, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, and Danny Chappelle Williams, Sr., to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

1:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Universal Music Group/EMI merger and the future of online music.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine security clearance reform, focusing on sustaining progress for the future.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 27

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine health and benefits legislation.

SR-418

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1897, to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 2158, to establish

the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway National Heritage Area, S. 2229, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, S. 2267, to reauthorize the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area, S. 2272, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 2273, to designate the Talkeetna Ranger Station in Talkeetna, Alaska, as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station, S. 2286, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and

Scenic Rivers System, S. 2316, to designate the Salt Pond Visitor Center at the Cape Cod National Seashore as the "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center", S. 2324, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Neches River in the State of Texas for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System, S. 2372, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and S. 3300, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee,

Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington.

SD-366

JUNE 28

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine innovative non-federal programs for financing energy efficient building retrofits.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine creating positive learning environments for all students.

Room to be announced