

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2578) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes:

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Chair, I rise today to offer my reserved support for the legislation before us today.

This bill, like so many others that we vote on, is far from perfect. I have reservations about the continued expansion of Administrative authority to waive laws that we enact here in Congress and I have reservations about continuing to expose some of the most wild and pristine areas of our country to development. However, I will support this bill because of its positive impacts for the people I was sent here to represent.

As many of you are aware, water is the lifeblood of the San Joaquin Valley, the most productive agricultural region in the world. Since I entered Congress, I have made it a priority to increase water supply reliability for both the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. Title I of this bill helps to achieve that purpose.

It achieves this purpose in a very simple way, by allowing for the consideration of a 10-foot increase in the spillway of an existing dam. This raise in the spillway will allow for critical year water supply increases of 15,000 acre-feet and will generate an additional 10,000 Mega-Watt Hours per year of clean, renewable energy, all at no cost to the taxpayer. And importantly, the project still has to meet environmental standards. This is a common sense approach to solve a problem incrementally, and one that I liked so much that I carried the bill in previous Congresses.

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of June 8, 2012, upon request of a leave of absence after 11:00 a.m., a series of votes were held. Had I been present for these roll call votes, I would have cast the following votes: On agreeing to the Broun (GA) amendment (Roll No. 372)—I vote “No”; On agreeing to the Scalise amendment (Roll No. 373)—I vote “No”; On agreeing to the Moran amendment (Roll No. 374)—I vote “Yes”; On agree-

ing to the Flake amendment (Roll No. 375)—I vote “No”; On motion to recommit with instructions (Roll No. 376)—I vote “Yes”; On passage (Roll No. 377)—I vote “No”; and On motion that the House instruct conferees (Roll No. 378)—I vote “No.”

HONORING DARTMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL UPON ITS RECOGNITION AS A SCHOOL TO WATCH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Dartmouth Middle School upon its recognition as a “School to Watch” by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform in 2012.

Located in San Jose, California, Dartmouth Middle School is a public middle school in the Union School District that teaches grades six through eight. It was recently named as one of the top performing middle grade schools in the country and will be recognized by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform at their annual conference in Arlington, Virginia from June 21–23.

In 2012, only 103 schools around the country were named “Schools to Watch” by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. The Forum is an alliance of more than 60 educators, researchers, and officers of national associations and foundations committed to improving schools for young adolescents across the country. Forum members choose schools that are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, and socially equitable.

Dartmouth Middle School meets and exceeds the criteria for a high-performing middle grade school. It involves students in service activities, celebrates diversity, and actively engages its students in their own learning. It has a Homework Club four days a week where students may drop in to get help from teachers with homework questions. At a time when schools are cutting back on afterschool activities, Dartmouth still allows students to put on a school play, participate in various sports, and perform in different levels of band.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have such a dedicated and nurturing institution in my district that appreciates its students, the community, sports, and the arts. I wish Dartmouth Middle School continued success for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO KENNETH FARRELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Kenneth Farrell.

Kenneth Farrell was born the only child of James and Ruby Farrell on the island of Trinidad. At the age of five, the Farrell family migrated to Brooklyn, New York. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Yvonne. Together they raised three delightful daughters, the couple's A-Team: Arroya, Ashley and Alexandria.

Mr. Farrell completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Baruch College, followed by a Juris Doctorate at the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University. While in law school, Ken wanted an opportunity to work with the community. As a proud graduate of the New York City public school system, Mr. Farrell was drawn to the school board and was elected to three terms as a Board Member of the NYC Board of Education, serving District 32. Upon graduation, he continued to serve the community by joining the staff of Congressman Major Owens as a special assistant.

Mr. Farrell found another opportunity to serve his community on a larger scale after working with Congressman Owens. He would do so in my office as my legislative assistant in the 10th Congressional District. He worked with hospital administrators, planning boards and managed special projects. His dedication to the community put Mr. Farrell in touch with real people and issues in the community, and allowed him to see first-hand the true state of Brooklyn communities.

Mr. Farrell, in his quest to reach the community on a different level, began a career in mortgage banking. As a federal and state licensed mortgage loan originator, he provides his clients with pure honesty and guides them in making the right choices for them, not the most profitable choices for himself. Finally, he offers his clients a reason to have faith that they can make their home ownership dreams a reality. Kenneth is very passionate about his work and works hard for his clients.

Mr. Farrell continues to serve as a community advocate, by serving as a board member on the board of the Black Veterans for Social Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Farrell for his leadership in the community as well as the excellent work he performed in my office. I am honored to have had the chance to work with him as we work to make our communities a better place to live.

RECOGNIZING GORDON HIRABAYASHI, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gordon Hirabayashi for posthumously receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his stand against Japanese American internment following the attack on

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Pearl Harbor. This award is our nation's highest civilian honor and is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the United States.

Mr. Hirabayashi was a Seattle native and a student at the University of Washington when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Shortly afterwards, Japanese-Americans were ordered to board buses for internment camps. In an act of bravery and civil disobedience, Mr. Hirabayashi, a second-generation Japanese American, refused to board the bus.

Mr. Hirabayashi, with the assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union, filed a lawsuit against the military executive order stating that Japanese Americans were a threat. Unfortunately, Mr. Hirabayashi lost the suit and was sentenced to 90 days in prison for curfew violation.

In 1987, Mr. Hirabayashi's conviction was overturned after it was determined that there was no military reason for the internment of Japanese Americans. After more than four decades, the effort he put into protecting the rights of citizens during times of war has finally been realized.

Mr. Hirabayashi passed away on January 2, 2012, at the age of 93 in Edmonton, Alberta where he served as a sociology professor from 1959 until his retirement in 1983. His family will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Gordon Hirabayashi for his tireless commitment to justice.

HONORING BRANDON ELIZARES

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart as I take time to remember Brandon Elizares, a young man who left us two and a half weeks ago. He will always be remembered for his smile, his personality, and his desire to serve as an inspiration to others.

Brandon, like 11.7 million people in this country, was gay, and like so many of his peers, was harassed and bullied until he took his life on June 2nd after being threatened with being buried alive and shot. His last message-echoed his infinite love for his family and his apologies for not being strong enough to continue taking the abuse he had faced for over two years. His final words read, "My name is Brandon Joseph Elizares and I couldn't make it. I love you guys with all of my heart."

High school is an exciting time with an array of new experiences and challenges, but one thing it should not be is an environment where young people must worry about being bullied. Children in high school should be focused on their education. The sad reality is that for many students their primary concerns don't lie in textbooks or exams, but in fear that they will not be accepted by their peers, that they will be physically abused, and, in the case of Brandon and countless others like him, that they may consider taking their own life to escape the pain.

Brandon was a young man who exemplified the best in the El Paso community. He em-

bodied what this nation looks for in all of its young people. He was a best friend, a loving son, an aspiring model and artist, an excellent student, and, to a teenage girl who had contemplated suicide due to encounters with bullying, Brandon was a superhero and an older brother.

Like so many El Pasoans, I feel a personal connection to Brandon, and his death reflects the unfortunate truth that many young people in our community continue to suffer. I stand before you today asking you to help me in ensuring that Brandon's death was not in vain. Please join me in support of the Student Non-Discrimination Act (H.R. 998) and the Safe Schools Improvement Act (H.R. 1648) to protect LGBT students from discrimination and bullying in schools. I also ask you to stand with me in support of the "It Gets Better" campaign, a project whose goal is to prevent suicide among youth by having adults and allies convey the message that these teens' lives will improve.

In our country today the facts are clear:

56 percent of students have personally felt some sort of bullying at school. Between 4th and 8th grade in particular, 90 percent of students report being the victim of bullying.

9 out of 10 LGBT youth reported being verbally harassed at school in the past year because of their sexual orientation.

1 in 4 teachers see nothing wrong with bullying and will only intervene 4 percent of the time.

A victim of bullying is twice as likely to take his or her own life compared to someone who is not a victim.

41 percent of principals say they have programs designed to create a safe environment for LGBT students, but only 1/3 of principals say that LGBT students would feel safe at their school.

Every day thousands of children wake up fearing for their well being as they go to school; if the Student Non-Discrimination Act and the Safe Schools Improvement Act were enacted today, we could provide students a sense of relief and some reassurance that their government is working to improve their lives by increasing awareness about their daily struggles.

This issue, as all of you know, is not limited to one district or state, but has been felt throughout our country from California to New York. As a proud grandfather, I could not imagine what it would be like to have any of my grandchildren be bullied at school. There is no place in our society for bullying or discrimination, whether it's in our schools, communities or in our military. I want to provide hope to our youth and remind them they are not alone and that there are many venues they can turn to for help. I want to send a simple and powerful message: it gets better. If you are a student or a teacher there are resources available and I encourage you to visit www.stopbullying.gov or www.itgetsbetter.org for more information.

To the family of Brandon Elizares, no words can lessen your pain or bring your son back, but I stand with you today in honoring this kind young man. The display of love and affection from those who were close to him, those he helped, and those who have gone through experiences similar to his are a testament to the person he was and to the way you raised him. Brandon's genuine spirit and love will live on in all of those he touched. Today, the House

of Representatives and our nation honors Brandon Elizares.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I was ill with food poisoning and missed rollcall vote No. 379 and rollcall vote No. 380 on Monday, June 18, 2012, as well as rollcall vote No. 381 and rollcall vote No. 382 on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

If I had been present, I would have voted "aye" for each of the following: rollcall vote No. 379 (S. 684), rollcall vote No. 380 (S. 404), rollcall vote No. 381 (On Ordering the Previous Question), and rollcall vote No. 382 (H. Res. 688.)

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR MOLINELLI JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to Mr. Arthur Molinelli Jr.

Mr. Molinelli Jr. is the owner and operator of The Modern Meat Market located on 771 New Lots Avenue. The Modern Meat Market was founded by his father after their family moved from Manhattan to Brooklyn in 1914. The market opened at 383 Milford Street on the corner of New Lots Avenue and has been in his family since 1944. Mr. Molinelli emphasizes that education and leadership, community service and entrepreneurship are deeply rooted values in his family.

Mr. Molinelli was in the Army Reserve and also served as a New York City Police Department Detective from 1974 to 1982. He and his wife, Louise, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Arthur's brother, Steven, was the Principal of Public School 302. His brother's wife, Rose, is currently the Assistant Principal of Public School 218. Arthur was born and raised in East New York in 1945. He went to St. Rita Catholic School located at Sheppard and Liberty Avenue. Arthur also attended and graduated from Franklin K Lane High School where he was a member of the Varsity Baseball Team. His son Justin started his career as a public school educator at Intermediate School 292 located at Wyona and Pitkin Avenue.

Arthur's entrepreneurship experience spans from the time The Modern Meat Market was opened by his father to when he had officially joined the family business as the owner and operator. The Modern Meat Market services numerous Day Cares and Private Schools in East New York. Presently, he is still the owner and operator of the family business.

Lastly Arthur Molinelli Jr. and The Modern Meat Market are very active in the community. Mr. Molinelli demonstrates his commitment to community service through The Modern Meat Market yearly Turkey Giveaway, in which they distribute over 500 turkeys to the community. Arthur is a member of The New Lots Avenue

Merchant Association which is responsible for the Plaza Triangle located at New Lots Avenue train station. In addition to these services The Modern Meat Market donates food and attends the Annual Precinct Community Picnic.

Arthur Molinelli Jr. is truly an outstanding businessman who sets an example for other business and community leaders through his entrepreneurship, education and leadership, and dedication to community service.

Mr. Speaker I urge my college to join me in recognizing the talents, achievements, and community spirit of Arthur Molinelli Jr.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM FOEGE,
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL
MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Foege for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom for developing a strategy for immunizing people against, and eventually eradicating, small pox. This award is our nation's highest civilian honor and is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the United States.

Mr. Foege, a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Washington School of Medicine, was instrumental in developing the plan to eradicate smallpox. While serving as a missionary in Nigeria where we gave vaccines to the locals, Mr. Foege experienced a critical vaccine shortage. In order to be most effective, he started actively seeking out infected people, using photos and rewards to draw people in and immunizing anyone who had come in contact with those suffering from smallpox.

The immunization strategy Mr. Foege developed became known as "surveillance and containment." It is widely credited for the eradication of smallpox, which is often deadly especially in developing countries. For example, while using this technique in India during the 1970s, Mr. Foege and his colleagues found 11,000 cases of smallpox and within a week delivered immunizations to those infected people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring William Foege for his dedication to effectively delivering immunizations to the world's most at risk populations and for being instrumental in the eradication of smallpox.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE WHITSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable educator, civic leader and a dear friend. Dr. Caroline Whitson is retiring on June 30, 2012, after serving as the 17th President of Columbia College for 11 years. Her leadership of this great institution will be sorely missed.

Dr. Whitson is a native of Arkansas, who grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, and returned to her home state to earn a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in English from the University of Arkansas. She also earned a diploma in international relations from the London School of Economics.

She began her career as an English professor, and climbed the ranks of academia to become a vice president for advancement, and a provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Since coming to Columbia College, Dr. Whitson has embraced the college's original mission, a dedication to the education of women. She expanded the college's Women Leadership Institute and helped found the Alliance for Women, which is a partnership between Columbia College and the Governor's Commission on Women, to prevent the latter's closure in 2004. Dr. Whitson has also instituted on campus the 4C leadership model that develops in young women Courage, Commitment, Confidence, and Competence. All of these efforts combine to support and grow women leaders in South Carolina.

Her leadership of the college has also resulted in annual fundraising that has doubled during her tenure. The endowment has grown by 40 percent, and she has established the McNair Scholars program and the Reeves Endowed Chair in Leadership Studies.

A college cannot grow without providing the necessary facilities. So under Dr. Whitson's watch, the college has added a new student union, residential cottages, and an athletic complex. She has also led the renovations of the freshman center, the Goodall Art Gallery, Edens Library and the Cottingham Theatre. She has also made environmentally friendly updates to the campus, adding solar panels to reduce the carbon footprint, and revitalizing the landscape.

Dr. Whitson has also expanded academic opportunities on campus by signing agreements for research and for faculty and student exchanges with both the State University of Mongolia and the Hiroshima Jogakuin Women's University in Japan.

Under her guidance, Columbia College has received a number of recognitions for teaching and scholarly excellence from the Theodore Hesburgh Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, the National Collegiate Honors Council, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Foundations of Excellence for the first College year, the NAIA Champions of Character, the National Communication Association, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Dr. Whitson has also lent her leadership skills to the community. She chaired the S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities President's Council and the Richland County Transportation Commission. She has also served as a member of the S.C. Tuition Grants Commission, Mayor Bob Coble's City of Columbia Arts Task Force, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and The Nurturing Center board.

Currently, Dr. Whitson chairs the S.C. ETV Endowment Board. She is a member of the Midlands Business Leaders, Eau Claire Development Corporation, and the United Way board. She is also a member of the regional technology council, EngenuitySC, and serves on the President's Circle of the National Council for Research on Women.

Her tremendous work has earned her the honor of a "Woman of Distinction" from the

Girls Scouts of the Congaree Area, "Outstanding Advocate for Women in Business" from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and the Martha Kime Piper award from the South Carolina Women in Higher Education.

Dr. Whitson is married to Turner Whitson, and the couple has one daughter, Dr. Heather Whitson. They have a son-in-law, Dr. Ben Maynor, and two grandsons, Jacob and Christopher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Caroline Whitson for her years of service to higher education and to her community. Her work has improved Columbia College and the greater Columbia Metropolitan area. While her public role will be greatly missed, I look forward to her continued good work on behalf of women's education and improving the status of women worldwide.

HONORING CHARLES M. JONES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker: Our Nation recently lost one of its most patriotic Americans, Mr. Charles M. "Chuck" Jones, on May 16, 2012. Chuck had been a close friend of mine for many, many years and was one of the finest men I have ever known.

Chuck joined the Navy as a teenager toward the end of World War II and continued his service for 22 years on troop ships and submarines. He served during the Korean Conflict and the 1962 Naval blockade involving the Cuban Missile Crisis, but his service to our Country did not stop here.

Later in his career, Chuck served as the Veterans Service Officer for Knox County, Tennessee, from 1985 to 2012. He was involved in various military organizations over the years and helped spearhead the movement to bring to our area what is now known as the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home, which opened in 2007. In fact, a road near the Veterans Home was renamed in his honor and will be known from hereafter as Chuck Jones Drive.

Along with his exemplary military career and outstanding work in our community, Chuck Jones had a profound impact on my staff and me personally. My Knoxville Office Manager, Jenny Stansberry, worked closely with Chuck on Veterans issues, and I echo her sentiments.

After his passing, she said:

I feel very fortunate to have worked so closely with a man whom I admired tremendously. His accomplishments in serving our Country are only outdone by the character and integrity Chuck displayed every day of his life. I will miss our working relationship, but more than that I will miss our friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Chuck Jones. He was truly a great American and I feel this Country is certainly a better place because of his life.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL B. MITCHELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Pastor Paul B. Mitchell, senior Pastor and visionary for Changing Lives Christian Center in the East New York section of Brooklyn, NY.

Pastor Mitchell was born in Kingston, Jamaica and is the sixth of seven sons to his parents Alfred and Myrtle Mitchell. Pastor Mitchell and his family migrated to United States in 1971. He can recall at the very young age of six, his parent's diligence and tireless work effort to provide for him and his brothers. Admiring their work ethic, determination and zeal to make a happy home for the family was the motivation needed to fuel and fulfill the calling on his own life.

Pastor Mitchell served as a successful banker for over fourteen years, working with well-known institutions like JP Morgan Chase, First Card and EAB were fundamental in preparing him to take on the leadership role that he now holds today. On January 1, 2003, Pastor Mitchell was called to serve a new role, as a Pastor.

In addition to his work with his congregation in the East New York section of Brooklyn, Pastor Mitchell is known all over the Tri-State area through radio and TV. Currently, he can be heard on WLIB 1190 AM every Sunday morning and can also be viewed on BCAT Television, Manhattan TV, and on Trinity Broadcasting Network (T.B.N). Pastor Mitchell ends all of his sermons with this phrase, "if you work the word the word will work for you." Truly the "Change Your Life" Broadcast is changing lives through the taught word of God.

Pastor Mitchell ministers directly to the hurts, issues and challenges that people face in a very practical and relevant way. He believes that the human spirit, which houses the purpose for which we've all been created, must be nurtured naturally and spiritually. He believes that everyone is intrinsically designed with a gift that has the power to propel them into their destiny. The goal of the Changing Lives Christian Center is to meet each person at the point of their need and equip him or her for success, by teaching them how to live successful Christ centered lives. Pastor Mitchell is a man of integrity and uprightness. He's a giver of himself. Most importantly he is a man of God that seeks to honor and obey God in all his ways.

Pastor Mitchell is a loving and devoted husband and friend to his wife Yasmin of fifteen years. He is a gentle, loving and encouraging Pastor to his people. He is a dedicated and loving son to both his parents, Myrtle, 77, and Alfred, 88.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Pastor Paul B. Mitchell for his service as Pastor of the Changing Lives Christian Center in East New York, Brooklyn.

HONORING CAPTAIN FRANCIS
GARY POWERS**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Captain Francis Gary Powers, a loyal, devoted citizen of the United States, who was posthumously awarded the Silver Star last week.

A native of Virginia's Ninth Congressional District, Captain Powers grew up in Pound, Virginia. According to the official award citation, from May 1, 1960 to February 10, 1962, Captain Powers served in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. While assigned to the Joint U.S. Air Force, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), U-2 Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 10-10, Captain Powers was held captive in solitary confinement in the infamous Lubyanka Prison in Moscow after his U-2 aircraft had been shot down by a Soviet surface to air missile.

For almost 107 days, Captain Powers endured interrogations, harassment, and unmentionable hardships on a continuous basis by numerous top Soviet Secret Police interrogating teams. Although greatly weakened physically by the lack of food, denial of sleep and the mental rigors of constant interrogation, Captain Powers steadfastly refused all attempts to give sensitive defense information or be exploited for propaganda purposes. Captain Powers resisted all Soviet efforts through cajolery, trickery, and threats of death to obtain the information they sought.

Captain Powers was subjected to a trial and was sentenced to an additional 542 days of captivity in Vladimir Prison before finally being released to the United States in 1962. As a result of his unconquerable spirit, exceptional loyalty, and continuous heroic actions, Russian intelligence gained no vital information from him.

For his sustained courage in an exceptionally hostile environment, Captain Powers was publicly recognized by the Director of the CIA and the Senate Armed Services Committee. By his gallantry and devotion to duty in the dedication of his service to his country, Captain Powers has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

It is with great admiration, respect, and appreciation that I stand before you to honor such a courageous American. I know I speak for so many when I say, we're proud of our native son, Captain Francis Gary Powers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 383 on agreeing to the DeFazio Amendment to H.R. 2578. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING CAMELOT ELEMEN-
TARY FOR BEING NAMED A
GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Camelot Elementary School, in Auburn, Washington, for being named a Green Ribbon School. This honor, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, is given to schools participating in activities to promote and encourage a healthy and environmentally sustainable learning environment.

Students and staff at Camelot Elementary have taken a wide variety of steps toward reducing energy consumption. Since 2007, the school has reduced energy usage by 50 percent. They replaced light bulbs, removed personal appliances, and placed reminders on light switches and computers. Teachers and students use green checklists in every classroom to remind each other about ways to decrease energy consumption and waste.

To address the threatened salmon population in Washington State, students raised salmon in classrooms to release into local streams. Students also published a newspaper with information and resources about conservation. To decrease the use of plastic bottles, the school organized a fundraiser for reusable water bottles.

In addition to becoming good stewards of the Earth, staff, students, and parents are taking steps to improve health and nutrition. The school raised money from the community to build a community garden on the school grounds and the school follows the United States Department of Agriculture standards to make sure students have balanced meals. Nearly 60 percent of the student body walks or bikes to school. On the weekends, the school and the Parent-Teacher Association send backpacks filled with healthy foods home with disadvantaged students.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the students, staff, and parents from Camelot Elementary. The steps they are taking to reduce energy consumption, improve nutrition, and protect our environment and resources will continue to benefit our community for many years to come. I hope many other schools follow Camelot Elementary's example.

A TRIBUTE TO LEROY SAWYER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Mr. Leroy Sawyer, a man who has spent much of his life working for the public good.

Mr. Leroy Sawyer was born to William and Georgina Sawyer. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School with a Science Major, a Math Minor Diploma, and lettering in baseball.

Mr. Sawyer rose quickly as a member of the New York City Police Department. Though not graduating from the Academy he was placed in "plainclothes" and promoted to Detective

after his third year on the job. He was only twenty-four years old.

Mr. Sawyer embodies the term ambitious. He has owned three taverns in Brooklyn, and managed five taverns in Manhattan include the "Spotlight Bar" next to the Apollo Theater. He's owned four Laundromats, liquor stores, an office supply store, and scores of houses in Brooklyn.

Mr. Sawyer is also very active in the community; he came out of retirement, and presently serves as my community liaison for the 10th Congressional District. He has been a member of the Board of Managers at the North Brooklyn YMCA for over twenty years, serving as chairman for ten of those. In addition, he is a Founding member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Eufaula, Alabama and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Mr. Sawyer is married to Rosa Beatrice and together they have two children, Lisa and William, and four grandchildren, Tyra, Tammara, Leasia and Karima.

Mr. Sawyer believes that we all have an opportunity to succeed in life. He believes we should not be afraid to follow our dreams. He certainly followed his own advice and is now enjoying the sweet fruits of his labor. Mr. Sawyer and his wife currently split their time between homes in Brooklyn, New York and Eufaula, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Leroy Sawyer for his unceasing ambition in life, as well as his commitment and leadership in his community.

HONORING STEVEN ANDREW
MULLINS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Steven Andrew Mullins, a devoted businessman and member of the Salem and greater Roanoke Valley communities, who passed away Saturday, June 9th at the age of 62.

Born on November 8, 1949, Steven was an athlete, student, and great friend to those around him. Everyone seemed to know Steve or know of him. In 1968, he graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, and then went on to obtain a Business Degree from the University of Georgia in 1973.

His first attempt at running a small business came in 1973 in Salem, VA when he and his father, Harold, opened Steve's Famous Hot Dogs with only \$500 in initial capital. Doing what he loved most, serving his community, Steve's business exploded with success and spread throughout the region to 17 different locations.

Later, Steve helped open Famous Anthony's in 1986. These business ventures helped Steve discover his interest in real estate, and he eventually became known as one of the best commercial realtors in the Roanoke Valley.

Despite all of Steve's business success, his brother Brad found only one accolade in his brother's lock box. It was a printout of the motion Steve made to form Salem City Schools. At the time, the schools were part of Roanoke

County schools, so—as a member of the Salem City School Board—Steve made the motion to form Salem's independent school district. Described by many as a man with a passion that is hard to understand, this is just another example of Steve wanting to do well for his community.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Steve's family and loved ones. His love for his family, neighbors, community, and contributions will always be remembered and cherished in Salem and throughout the Roanoke Valley.

IN SUPPORT OF WORLD, REFUGEE
DAY

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of World Refugee Day. Across the globe approximately 43.7 million people have been displaced after being forced to flee their homes due to the threat of persecution, violence and conflict. The majority of these people are forced to live in extreme poverty and endure unspeakable conditions.

This is a day where we can honor the courage and strength of those that have lost everything, through no fault of their own. Many have had to make the terrifying decision of risking their lives, and their families lives by staying in a conflict stricken area, or leaving their home, families and possessions behind in an attempt to find safer conditions.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provides lifesaving assistance and protection to 33.7 million of those displaced, but even this is not enough. Women and children in camps experience high levels of rape and assault, and there is rarely enough food to go around. Health conditions in these camps are often extremely poor and disease runs rampant.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has taken in countless numbers of refugees in our history. They have become an essential part of the fabric of our society, but we can still do more. This is why I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 690, a resolution that recognizes America's positive impact on the international refugee community, but calls for important changes to be made to H.R. 2185, the Refugee Protection Act of 2011.

These changes would eliminate the 1-year filing deadline for asylum applications that puts at risk thousands of people each year, create a path to legal citizenship and ensure that victims of persecution are not inadvertently forced back to the countries they fled to begin with.

Mr. Speaker, this is a day to remember that we are the lucky ones. We live in the greatest country in the world where freedom of belief, speech, and press amongst others are God given rights, not privileges. As a member of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus I fully support the efforts of the UNHCR and H.R. 690 to try and make that a reality for all, regardless of nationality.

Today I rise to recognize all those living in poverty stricken refugee camps because it is safer than going home, and those all those who dream of returning to the land of their fathers, but are unable to do so. I ask my col-

leagues to support H.R. 690, and I support the honorable efforts of World Refugee Day.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND TITLE IV OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974 TO PROVIDE FOR A GUARANTEE BY THE PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FOR QUALIFIED PRERETIREMENT SURVIVOR ANNUITIES UNDER INSOLVENT OR TERMINATED MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to rectify an inequity regarding the benefits provided to surviving spouses through the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). I am pleased to be joined by Rep. ROB ANDREWS in this effort.

PBGC provides pre-retirement survivor coverage, which provides a benefit to the surviving spouse of a pension participant who dies before retirement. However, in the case of a multiemployer pension plan turned over to PBGC, this benefit is guaranteed only if the plan participant dies before the plan is turned over. For single-employer plans the benefit is guaranteed regardless of when the participant dies.

The PBGC web site acknowledges this discrepancy, stating ". . . For the most part, the PBGC guarantees the same type of benefits for multiemployer pension plans as for benefits in the single-employer program, with the exception that preretirement survivor annuities are forfeitable in multiemployer plans if the participant has not died as of the termination date."

The debate over how to best provide income security for older Americans will continue for some time. However, in the meantime, it is unconscionable that a widow or widower would be denied the modest benefits provided under the PBGC multiemployer plan simply because his or her spouse did not die before the plan was turned over to the PBGC.

This discrepancy appears inadvertent and deserves to be corrected by Congress. I ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation so we can address this issue quickly.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, I can clearly recall my youth when I and my female classmates didn't participate in sports simply because there weren't any sports for girls to play.

Many believe that Title IX applies only to athletics. While it's true that Title IX has literally changed the playing field for women in sports, this landmark legislation has also created opportunities for women in math, law,

science, and other fields where women and girls have historically faced considerable barriers to access and involvement.

Prior to Title IX, sex discrimination was rampant. Many colleges limited the number of women by requiring higher grades and test scores than men, pregnant students were frequently expelled from high schools, and athletic programs for females were virtually nonexistent.

Today, women comprise over half of undergraduate students, roughly half of students in medical and law schools, and girl's participation in high school sports has increased tenfold.

To commemorate this landmark legislation, I am introducing a Resolution to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX along with Reps. GWEN MOORE, MARCIA FUDGE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, BARBARA LEE, FEDERICA WILSON, BETTY MCCOLLUM, LAURA RICHARDSON, EDOLPHUS TOWNS, RUSS CARNAHAN, LYNN WOOLSEY, JIM MCDERMOTT and JIM MCGOVERN. The countless girls and women that have benefited from Title IX are a testament to the importance of gender fairness and the obstacles girls and women still face in overcoming the wage gap, sexual harassment and shattering ceilings in lines of work that still favor men.

It's my great hope that we will use this momentous occasion to affirm the equal treatment of men and women and boys and girls and endeavor to work towards a time when women and girls can achieve true equality in athletics, education, and employment.

HONORING UNITED WAY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pennsylvania's First District Chapter of United Way, in honor of the nonprofit's Annual Day of Action and 125th anniversary.

In 125 years, United Way has become the world's largest privately supported nonprofit dedicated to combating social welfare issues in cities across the country. The organization now boasts nearly 1,800 community-based United Way chapters in 41 countries, raising more than \$5 billion dollars annually. The nonprofit's efforts have translated into a nationwide campaign to create programs that foster healthy children, families and communities.

United Way and its partners are a leading community impact organization as they increase public awareness of social welfare issues affecting our nation. Dedicated to improving education, income stability and healthy lives, the organization has relentlessly challenged the system to create better opportunities for all. United Way's ability to make connections between individuals and government agencies, have made it easier to address the pressing needs of local communities.

Thousands of individuals across the country will participate in United Ways Annual Day of Action to advance the common good by creating strategies to improve education, income and health. More than 125 years later, United Way still honors its original mission that fo-

cuses on utilizing the resources of local communities to make a difference in people's lives.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the First District Chapter of United Way for their commitment to improving the lives of families and communities of millions of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and the designation of 2012 as the Year of the Girl.

In 1912, Daisy Low began the Girl Scouts Movement with only 18 girls. Low's mission was to give girls the opportunity to develop skills in self-reliance and resourcefulness that will help them as professional women and citizens.

Over the years, more than 50 million girls and women have participated in the Girl Scouts, giving them the tools to lead with courage, confidence and character. Some of the most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education and the arts are alumnae of the Girl Scouts.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA is developing more programs to help girls become more involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship. Across the country, Girl Scouts dedicate over 70 million hours of service to their communities annually. Girls who achieve their Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, take extraordinary steps to solve a problem and make a lasting impact on their community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the great accomplishment of the Girl Scouts of the USA. I know today's Girl Scouts will be part of the next generation of women leaders in our country.

HONORING DIANE NUNN FOR SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a remarkable constituent of California, Diane Nunn, for receiving the First Annual Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change. Ms. Nunn is characterized by her leadership, humility, and her deep driving compassion for the lives of families and children in California.

Ms. Nunn was recognized for this award because of her lifetime commitment to improving the lives of families and children in California as a teacher and through her work at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Ms. Nunn joined the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1986 as an attorney in private

practice with an emphasis on family and criminal law, including domestic violence prevention and intervention. Since 2000, Ms. Nunn has been the Division Director of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. During her time in this office, Ms. Nunn also served as a juvenile court referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles and has published influential written material for her field.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a pioneering and inspirational community leader like Diane Nunn in my home state of California and I congratulate her on the receipt of this award.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT MITCHELL CORBIN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin of the Texas Air National Guard for his immense bravery and heroism. After Houston, Texas resident Marie Decker's car crashed and flipped on its side on Beltway 8, Corbin saved her life by pulling her out of the vehicle moments before it caught on fire. Corbin put his own safety in jeopardy to help a stranger. He is a true hero.

When Decker's vehicle crashed, Corbin, who was traveling with a friend, pulled over to help. After multiple attempts to get Decker out of the car, Corbin used a fire extinguisher that a bystander brought to the scene to break the passenger window. He then pulled Decker to safety moments before the vehicle burst into flames.

Corbin joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2005 and is a technician for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, located at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston. Using his military skills, Corbin provided first aid to Decker and made sure she was safe until paramedics arrived. Decker suffered a concussion and a broken heel in the crash, but her life was saved because of Corbin.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin exhibited true military bravery on behalf of a stranger. His actions are a tremendous source of pride for our community and our nation. On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, I thank him for his incredible valor.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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

Today, it is \$15,784,676,619,110.62. We've added \$5,157,799,570,197.54 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.

On this day in 1782, the Great Seal of the United States was adopted. This seal represents the freedom that we as Americans so

cherish. Let us not relinquish the freedom depicted by our seal by shackling ourselves to the national debt.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LAWRENCE E. GARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lawrence E. Gary, Ph.D., LICSW, on the occasion of his retirement as a full professor from Howard University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a scholar, researcher, educator, author, administrator, and clinical counselor spanning more than half a century. He is recognized as one of the nation's preeminent scholars on the impact of mental health issues on African American males and African American families. Dr. Gary received his Bachelor of Science degree with high honors from Tuskegee University and earned his Master of Public Administration degree, Master of Social Work degree, and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Gary has received appointments at the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan and Howard University School of Social Work and was the Samuel S. Wurtzel Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has received funding for research totaling more than \$8 million, authored and published hundreds of scholarly articles and papers, and has presented lectures at more than 50 universities and colleges throughout the United States and in South Africa. He has provided consultation to scores of public and private entities in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.

Dr. Gary is a devout Christian and has been a devoted member of the Saint Paul African Methodist Church in Washington, DC where he has provided exemplary leadership as a servant leader on the Board of Trustees and the Steward Board for several decades. He is a devoted husband to Dr. Robenia Gary and father to three children: Lisa, Andre and Jason.

Dr. Gary received the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the Alumni Association at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Scholarly Contribution to Mankind Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, inc., as well as awards and distinction from numerous organizations, and is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions Dr. Lawrence E. Gary has made to the social work profession and to the well-being of citizens of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Lawrence E. Gary.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF NANCY TAKAHASHI HATAMIYA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically abbreviated life of an extraordinary woman, Nancy Takahashi Hatamiya, who passed on May 15, 2012, at the age of 52. She was a woman of integrity, a great professional, a passionate advocate for human rights, a true and loyal friend, an exceptional mother and a devoted wife. She will be missed by everyone who was privileged to know her, and I count myself among those so blessed.

Nancy Hatamiya was born in Rome, Italy, lived in Pakistan as a child, attended elementary and junior high school in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the Jakarta International School before attending Stanford University, where she studied architecture and urban design. She became a Coro Foundation Fellow and it was from Coro that she was assigned to my 1982 campaign for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as an aide. After winning the election, Nancy served as my capable Administrative Assistant for four years. She went on to serve as an advisor to President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. She was a senior advisor at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, and with her husband Lon, formed the Hatamiya Group, an economic, strategic and communications firm. She proudly served as a member of the Board of Directors of the California Council for the Humanities for nine years and as the Board's Chair. Her accomplishments were many, and her career was a most distinguished one.

The center of Nancy's life was her family. She adored her sons, Jon and George, and reveled in all of their activities. She was their most ardent supporter and biggest booster. She had a team of her own. From bands to baseball, she was there for them. Just days after Nancy died, her son George played in a baseball game at Sacramento City College. He said,

'Something allows us to fight adversity. My Mom loved watching us play. We were her team. She was a role model for so many, especially to my older brother (Jon) and me. She talked about education, music, sports. She wanted the best for us.'

Just a week before she died, Nancy wrote the following words:

I am convinced that it is the white, healing light, healing thoughts, and prayers that are keeping me uplifted. I feel my role is to appreciate every moment in response to the universal support you are giving me. [. . .] Every visit literally helps save my life and there is nothing more precious than being alive!

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Nancy Hatamiya's beloved husband Lon, her sons Jon and George, her sister Tina Takahashi, her brother Joseph Takahashi, and to all those who were part of her large community of friends. Nancy's life is one of an accomplished, exceptional citizen. Her passion for public service, her abiding de-

votion to her community, her love of our country and her service to it, have inspired everyone who knew her. She deepened our patriotism, and made us better individuals because of her shining example of a life lived exceedingly well.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM S. KNOWLES, NOBEL PRIZE WINNING PHYSICIAN FROM CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Dr. William S. Knowles.

Dr. Knowles of Chesterfield, MO passed away on June 13 at the age of 95, but not before contributing something of significant value to the world. In the 1960's Dr. Knowles began working as a chemist at Monsanto Co. in St. Louis. After years of research he and his colleagues were able to formulate a process that produces L-Dopa, a molecule that effectively limits the tremors associated with Parkinson's disease. For his successful efforts, in 2001 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for having helped open a completely new field of research.

Though he is no longer with us today, Dr. Knowles' legacy lives on. With his discovery, the nearly 500,000 Americans who are afflicted with Parkinson's disease are now able to better treat their symptoms. They and their loved ones are able to live richer, fuller lives than was previously thought possible.

Dr. William Knowles and his research represent the thoughtful innovation that Missouri has to offer the world. His ingenuity and dedication to his field, and the people he has helped, will long be remembered and recognized as an honorable service. It is without question that Dr. Knowles helped make this world a better place. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of his contributions.

SGT. WARREN WATTS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts of Pueblo, Colorado. Sgt. Watts was a highly respected and distinguished 18-year veteran of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, who tragically passed away last Saturday at the age of 53, after falling ill during his routine morning jog.

One of Pueblo County's finest, Sgt. Watts spent much of his career in patrol and investigations. He was also the commander of the SWAT unit, and served for two years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force. After years of outstanding service he was appointed to the position of Inspector of Internal Affairs.

Sgt. Watts was recognized for his professionalism and commitment to the people of Pueblo County when he received the Medal of Valor in 2004. Sgt. Warren Watt's was a devoted husband to his wife of 32 years, Lori,

and father to his daughters, Nicole and Britany.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts for his great service to the people of Pueblo County. His loss is mourned by many and he will be sadly missed.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT D.
PETERSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Colonel Robert D. Peterson, an outstanding West Virginian who served in our nation's military. Col. Peterson is responsible for overseeing the 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River basin. Col. Peterson employs over 800 staff members to maintain 35 reservoirs, and nine locks and dams. I want to personally congratulate Col. Peterson for his continued success.

Col. Robert D. Peterson is an outstanding soldier, friend, husband and father. He is a 1985 graduate from the prestigious academy of West Point, graduating with a Bachelors of Science and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. Col. Peterson was awarded the Bronze Star, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

The awards of Col. Peterson are just a fraction of what he has truly accomplished. Col. Peterson has successfully managed 35 flood projects that prevented over \$11.3 billion in damages while allowing over 30 million visitors to support these regions. In the Huntington District, he has made the most of 3,000 volunteers, doing over \$2 million worth of service. He has also been responsible for 94 tons of commercial traffic with 35,000 lockages valuing at 18.6 billion dollars. He has issued 800 permits for mining, highway construction, flood emergency and more. Of these permits he was responsible for placing the Boy Scout Jamboree within our beautiful state of West Virginia. He has worked and encouraged the support for projects overseas within Afghanistan and Iraq. Col. Peterson's efforts have allowed these regions to thrive.

Col. Peterson's work has greatly enhanced the state of West Virginia and the world around him. Congratulations to Col. Peterson on his numerous accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CENTER OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the International Services Center of Cleveland, Ohio, which is observing World Refugee Day on June 20, 2012, with an evening of international food, music, friendship, and celebration of all refugees who call Northeast Ohio "home."

The International Services Center (ISC) was founded in 1916. The ISC settles refugees through the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), of which it is a partner agency. Thousands of refugees are brought to the United States every year because they cannot return to their home countries and do not enjoy basic rights in the countries where they sought refuge. Hundreds are resettled in Ohio.

The International Services Center helps these refugees integrate quickly into the Greater Cleveland community by providing them with the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement, employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes, and community orientation. The ISC offers other services as well, including immigration consultation and representation, interpretation and translation, citizenship preparation, acculturation classes, anti-trafficking, and urban agriculture for entrepreneurship.

The International Services Center has helped resettle 106 refugees in the past year alone. Since the office opened in 1916, more than 13,000 refugees from many countries have embarked on a path to reach their full potential and enjoy safety, security, and a second chance in life.

World Refugee Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees domestically and throughout the world. Refugees are a testament to the United States' long, proud history as a sanctuary for those who seek lives free from violence and oppression. World Refugee Day is an opportunity for the entire Cleveland-area community to come together to celebrate the contributions of our friends and neighbors who are immigrants and refugees who bring great diversity to enrich the Northeast Ohio region.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating World Refugee Day and acknowledging the important work of Cleveland's International Services Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 and part of the day on Thursday, May 31, 2012, I was absent from Washington D.C. due to the funeral of a close friend of the family that I was attending.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 30, 2012:

Rollcall 294 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 5651, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendment, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 295 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 4201, the Servicemember Family Protection Act, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 296 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 915, the Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act, I would have voted Aye.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 31, 2012:

Rollcall 297 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 298 on agreeing to H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 299 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 3541 Prenatal Non-discrimination Act of 2012, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 300, on motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 5743, I would have voted Nay.

Rollcall 301, on passage of H.R. 5743, I would have voted Aye.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH MARINE REGIMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 5th Marine Regiment and Regimental Combat Team 5. The 5th Marine Regiment was activated in 1917 during World War I as the United States made preparations for deployment to France, where the Regiment won the moniker the "Fighting Fifth." The Regiment has served in every major U.S. military engagement since World War I, most recently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 5th Marine Regiment, deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 as Regimental Combat Team 5, has spent the last seven months in southern Helmand province serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Based out of Camp Dwyer, the Marines of Regimental Combat Team 5 are conducting operations and training Afghan forces in the Marjah, Garmsir, and Nawa districts.

As a nation, we are proud of their courageous service and selfless dedication to defending the ideas that framed our Constitution and continue to sustain our democratic republic. There is no greater debt than that owed by people of this country to those who place their lives on the line for our nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Regimental Combat Team 5 as they complete their deployment, and with their families as they eagerly await the safe return of the brave Marines and sailors.

CAPTAIN STANCIL GEORGE
"STAN" JONES

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Captain Stancil George "Stan" Jones who passed away on June 17, 2012. Captain Jones was a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Captain who spent more than 55½ years serving the citizens and the communities of Los Angeles. He was the longest serving firefighter in the history of the United States.

The last 37 years of his career were at fire stations serving the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, where he served at Fire Stations 49, 53, 112 and 38. In his honor, there is a monument outside San Pedro's Fire Station 112, where Stan spent many years. The towering column engraved with his picture overlooks the newly named Stancil G. Jones Fire Plaza.

Stan Jones was the second of three children and was born on August 3, 1926 to Sadie and Stencil Jones in Los Angeles. He graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles in 1944. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Stan trained as a radar technician and while stationed on Guam Island repaired and refurbished the electronics of many ships. Stan was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned home and enrolled at Northrop Aeronautical Institute.

He entered the LAFD on November 1, 1948, where he served for 55 ½ years, a tenure of service unprecedented to this day. He was promoted to Auto-Fireman, Engineer and Fire Captain, attaining 43 years of seniority as a Captain. Stan retired from the LAFD on May 14, 2004.

Stan responded to some of Los Angeles' most historical fires and disasters, including the 1961 Bel-Air Fire, the Sansinena tanker ship explosion and fire, the Mandeville Canyon Fire, and the Northridge earthquake disaster.

Stan was a caring man actively involved in the raising of his children. He provided support and guidance for all his children, right to the last remaining days of his life. He was also quite the runner, winning events in high school track, the Firemen's Olympics and the World Senior Olympics.

I extend my deepest condolences to Stan's wife, Mary; his sons, Dory, Stencil (George) III, William, Gregory, Jeffery, John and Westlie; five daughters, Janine, Mary, Elizabeth, Stacey, and Laura; two step children, Sheila and Rob; and his 40 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Tobyhanna Army Depot, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 23, 2012.

In the summer of 1912, the Army arrived in Tobyhanna, PA and established a temporary artillery training camp under Major Charles P. Summerall, Commander of the 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia. Based on the camp's success, Congress authorized the Army to purchase land to create a permanent camp in 1913. Since then, it has been a military testing facility, a prisoner-of-war camp, and, since 1953, an Army facility that repairs communications equipment for all branches of the military.

Today, Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest full-service electronics maintenance facility within the U.S. Department of Defense. With a regional economic impact of an estimated \$4.4 billion, Tobyhanna is northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer with more than 5,400 employees. In addition, Tobyhanna Army Depot employs an additional 300 personnel who permanently work at Forward Repair Ac-

tivities and its presence alone creates 19,300 regional jobs.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 100 years, the Tobyhanna Army Depot has proudly served the citizens of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the United States. Therefore, I commend the Tobyhanna Army Depot and all those personnel who have faithfully served their community and the country.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Kristopher A. Eagle for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kristopher constructed an enclosure to house a monitor lizard for the C.A.R.E. Foundation. To fund his project, Kristopher held a car wash, bake sale, and a yard sale, investing a total of 360 hours into the project. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Kristopher has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF PULASKI
TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESIDENT,
DR. DAN F. BAKKE

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Pulaski Technical College president, Dr. Dan F. Bakke, on the occasion of his retirement and to recognize his contribution to my home state of Arkansas.

In his twelve years at the helm of the college, Dan focused on improving the quality and accessibility of education at Pulaski Tech.

When he became president in 2000, Pulaski Tech's enrollment was only 4,300 students, and, today, as he leaves, the college has an enrollment of nearly 12,000 students.

Not only did he help triple the size of the college's enrollment, he oversaw its expansion from four locations in Pulaski County to seven locations in Pulaski and Saline Counties.

Through this expansion, Pulaski Tech was able to provide a quality education to thousands who otherwise might not have had the chance to attend college. This is a remarkable accomplishment and one that has had a positive impact on job opportunities across Arkansas.

Additionally, Pulaski Tech is home to the Business and Industry Center, which provides

customized training for more than 200 companies in central Arkansas. At this center, students obtain training in cutting-edge industries to become qualified for job opportunities coming online each day.

Pulaski Tech continues to graduate well-prepared and well-educated adults equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's job market.

Dan leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment, achievement, and success at Pulaski Technical College along with a record of having improved the lives of thousands of students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dan on his retirement and wishing him and his wife, Jane, well on their new journey.

RECOGNIZING KENNY RICHARDS,
RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL
ZAK HOLLIS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Kenny Richards, the 2012 recipient of the national annual Zak Hollis Youth Achievement Award presented by the National Tourette Syndrome Association. The award honors youth who display a great commitment to helping those with Tourette Syndrome (TS) and who have notable achievements in their daily lives.

Kenny, an eighth-grader from Hudtloff Middle School in Lakewood, WA, was recently named the Washington and Oregon representative for the National Tourette Syndrome Association Youth Ambassador Training. Kenny, who lives with TS, visits schools and clubs to teach his peers about the neurological disorder. Kenny also serves as an ambassador for TS by meeting with teachers, school administrators, and Members of Congress, including myself, about policies that would best serve young people with TS.

In addition to serving as an ambassador for young people with Tourette Syndrome, Kenny also advocates for all special-needs children. He understands the challenges of growing up with a special need and wants to make sure that all children are accepted and given an opportunity to thrive.

Because he has the firsthand experience of growing up with a younger brother who is on the autism spectrum, Kenny and his mother started a monthly support group for children with TS and autism. About 25 participants attend monthly to have a safe space to discuss their experiences.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Kenny Richards for winning the Zak Hollis Youth Achievement Award. He is a strong advocate for young people with Tourette Syndrome and special-needs, and a role model for all who strive toward the acceptance of all children.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 4348, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
EXTENSION ACT OF
2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of Congressman WALZ's Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348, the surface transportation reauthorization bill. This motion would instruct conferees to resolve all issues and file a conference report no later than Friday, June 22nd. June 22nd is exactly 100 days since the Senate passed its bipartisan surface transportation bill by an overwhelming vote of 74–22. As a conferee to the transportation bill, I support this motion as we simply cannot afford to further delay this critical legislation.

This conference process has been bogged down by House GOP conferees, who are obstructing the process and standing in the way of the jobs that would be created by passage of this bill. We are in the height of the summer construction season, and without a transportation bill, we are wasting an opportunity to spur our manufacturing sector and get those in the construction industry back to work.

Mr. Speaker, if House Republican conferees are going to stand in the way of a conference report, I ask that you call up S. 1813, the Senate-passed MAP–21. We do not need another piecemeal extension. We need a comprehensive reauthorization.

IN HONOR OF MARION SANDLER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, Marion Sandler. A great American, philanthropist, and Democrat; Mrs. Sandler passed away at her home on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the age of 81. She is survived by her devoted husband of 51 years, Herb Sandler, their two children and two grandchildren. Marion's life exemplified the American dream; working hard, breaking down barriers and climbing the corporate ladder to success, earning the distinction as the first and longest serving woman chief executive officer in the United States. Mrs. Sandler and her husband would use their accomplishments to advance philanthropic causes and promote democracy. The Sandlers have made a commitment to the Giving Pledge, a charity where the participants pledge to give away the majority of their wealth to philanthropy.

Marion was born on October 17, 1930 in Biddeford, Maine, to immigrant parents whom ran a hardware store. She graduated from Wellesley College; and pursued her business interest at the Harvard-Radcliffe business administration program before earning an MBA from New York University. In 1955, Marion landed a job with Dominick & Dominick as their first female executive. She would stay on Wall Street for several more years before meeting her husband, Herb Sandler, and

heading west, to San Francisco in 1961. I first met the Sandlers in 1963. When they offered to buy my Beacon Savings and Loan in Antioch, CA. Together, Marion and Herb purchased Golden West Savings and Loan. Starting with just two branches and twenty-six employees, the company eventually grew to 11,000 employees and 285 branches. I should have developed a partnership with them when I had the chance.

In the late 1980's the couple began seeking out philanthropic causes to support. Their search was methodical and they were adamant that whatever organization they supported was properly run and managed by people who would keep it that way. When they weren't satisfied with their options, they created their own non-profits. The Sandlers co-founded the American Asthma Foundation, the Center for American Progress, Center for Responsible Lending, ProPublica, and the Sandler Center for Basic Research in Parasitic Disease. They also generously contributed to organizations involved in medical research, the environmental protection, human rights, and civil liberties through the Sandler Foundation.

I invite my colleagues to join me in remembering Marion Sandler who has contributed so much to helping others through her philanthropy. Hers is a story of breaking down barriers and achieving success in a male dominated industry as well as living up to a high standard of excellence. Mrs. Sandler was a wonderful woman with enormous compassion for those in need. She will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS
KATZENBACH

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw the attention of this body to the passing of Nicholas Katzenbach in the past month and to recognize the life and career of one of the most noteworthy public servants of our time. Anyone who lived through the 1960's, the civil rights movement, and the Vietnam era in American politics will remember the name of Nicholas Katzenbach. However, because Nick was more interested in promoting liberty and justice than promoting himself and because he worked to help more famous people succeed—John Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Bill Clinton, among others—many people may not know as much as they should about this great American.

U.S. Attorney General, Under Secretary of State, author of and political strategist for the principal legislation on civil rights, international envoy, decorated war hero and prisoner of war, he was directly involved in many of the major developments and events of our government during the Kennedy and Johnson years. Coming out of a distinguished lineage and an upbringing of privilege and accomplishment—Phillips Exeter, Princeton University, Balliol College on a Rhodes Scholarship, Yale Law School and editor of the Yale Law Journal—he became a forceful activist for civil rights and equality of opportunity for all Americans and a determined advocate for an anti-imperialist posture with respect to other countries. Anyone who observed Nick's confrontation

with Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett in 1962 to force the enrollment of the first African American James Meredith at Ole Miss or his confrontation with Alabama Governor George Wallace in 1963 to force the enrollment of Vivian Malone and James Hood at the University of Alabama will not forget his commanding stature, his coolness and courage, and above all his obvious commitment to equal justice under law. In those situations Nick Katzenbach embodied by himself our national dignity and the authority of our government even more than the Federal Marshalls or the National Guard flanking him.

Nick Katzenbach moved in the circles of the most powerful, where he became a master of our governmental mechanisms, yet he never forgot the purpose of power—to realize the hopes and aspirations of the people. He applied his impressive intellect to argue the law at the loftiest levels, yet never lowered his respect for the powerless whom the law is to protect. He recognized that the sharecropper or the Vietnamese rice farmer was as entitled to full respect as the banker or magnate. For years with unfailing determination he worked to extricate the United States from the Vietnam War, although unappreciated by the anti-war activists. He gave up his own vacations and holidays to work to defuse one after another domestic or international crisis or to bring prisoners home from foreign counties to the United States in time for Christmas.

Despite his many accomplishments, and despite the real progress he brought to many areas of our society, his sense of duty and devotion to our country's founding democratic ideals were so great that he carried a lifelong disappointment that he and all the powerful, talented people with whom he worked still fell short of providing liberty and justice for all. The lingering harmful effect of race in our system of justice, our schools, and our economy weighed on him to the end. He lamented the crass and inglorious behavior that we see in so many public officials. I am sure Nicholas Katzenbach believed that all public officials, of course, should be as dignified, capable, and dedicated as he. Mr. Speaker, we should wish it were so.

RUSSIA PNTR

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the case for congressional approval of Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with Russia who is set to join the WTO later this summer. As a result of their accession into the WTO Russia will be required to open up its market and comply with the rules and regulations of the WTO. However, the U.S. will not receive any of these benefits until Congress grants Russia Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR). Any delay in granting Russia PNTR will cause U.S. employers, workers, farmers, and ranchers to lose ground to their competitors in other countries.

Establishing PNTR will provide a much-needed boost to the U.S. economy, doubling exports to Russia in just five years and helping create jobs across every economic sector

especially in manufacturing, services, and agriculture. With the world's 9th largest economy, a population of 142 million, and a large and growing middle class, Russia holds outstanding potential for U.S. companies and workers to export more goods and services. My home state of Texas is the top exporter to Russia among U.S. states, with its exports to Russia growing faster than its exports to the rest of the world. Specifically, Texas exported \$1.6 billion worth of goods to Russia in 2011, which directly supported an estimated 4,100 jobs.

With those key stats in mind, I'd like to draw attention to some success stories of Texas

companies active in the Russian market. First, Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions, based in Garland, exported more than \$4 million worth of heavy drilling equipment to customers in the Russia energy sector in 2010. Secondly, ExxonMobil Corporation has partnered with Rosneft, Russia's largest oil company, to develop oil resources in the Arctic, the Black Sea and Siberia. ExxonMobil also leads the development of the Sakhalin-1 oil and gas field project in Russia's Far East, where the company has employed its proprietary drilling technology to safely drill to record depths and optimize the project's output. Lastly, Irving based Fluor Corporation has provided engineering,

procurement, and construction management for ExxonMobil's Sakhalin-1 operations.

Until Congress passes PNTR with Russia, our foreign competitors—but not the United States—will be able to use WTO mechanisms to enforce Russia's commitments for their companies and workers. PNTR is the only way for Congress to ensure that U.S. companies and workers get equal protection and can lock-in the benefits of Russia's WTO accession agreement. The bottom line is simple: Russian PNTR will lead to more U.S. exports and more American jobs.

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 Thursday, June 21, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 26

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine empowering and protecting servicemembers, veterans and their families in the consumer financial marketplace, focusing on a status update.

SD-538

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1994, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 1039, to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, for the conspiracy

to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 27

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine health and benefits legislation.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, Department of State.

SD-419

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, S. 3300, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and S. 3078, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day.

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

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219