

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE NATIONAL BLACK HOME EDUCATORS

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the National Black Home Educators, which is located in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. This week they celebrate their annual banquet marking twelve years of service both locally and nationally.

Founded in July 2000, the National Black Home Educators supports families who are actively involved in their children's education. The NBHE is comprised of more than 5,000 families, organizations, and companies which offer services, tools and resources to assist in children's education. The NBHE assists and equips families to best educate children at home while empowering children, with the support of their families, to achieve academic excellence. NBHE acts as a cornerstone in the homeschooling community by facilitating a supportive environment for all black home educators through field trips, meetings, and conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I heartily commend the National Black Home Educators in their success and efforts in supporting and facilitating parents who are whole-heartedly invested in their children's education. The National Black Home Educators are an important asset to Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District as well as the rest of the nation. I wish them continued success in their mission to promote and support the homeschooling community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF POLICE CHIEF RICHARD J. BRADY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard J. Brady, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after his outstanding service and career in law enforcement, most recently as Chief of Police of Montgomery Township. Chief Brady has served with the Montgomery Township Police Department since 1970. He rose through the ranks from patrol officer to Detective (1976), Detective Sergeant (1980), Deputy Chief of Police, and finally was promoted to Chief of Police in 1982. As Chief, Richard Brady presided over the Department's growth from 11 officers in 1982 to its current compliment of 36 officers. Chief Brady established the Department's Special Operations Unit and helped to usher in a new era of technological crime-fighting devices including: computers in patrol cars, live scan fingerprinting, photo imaging, video arraignment, and in-car video systems. Under Chief Brady's leadership, the Mont-

gomery Township Police Department became just the 22nd police department in the state to be awarded P.L.E.A.C. Accreditation status by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Brady is a member in good standing of many law-enforcement commissions and organizations including: Pennsylvania Municipal Officers Education and Training Commission, Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions, Montgomery County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, Montgomery County Child Death Review Team, Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy Advisory Committee, and the U.S. Congress' National Children's Study. Chief Brady also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Montgomery County Local Emergency Preparedness Council and on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lansdale.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of exemplary service to his community and litany of sterling accomplishments too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Chief Richard J. Brady for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION HONORING CONNECTICUT STATE REP. MARIE LOPEZ KIRKLEY-BEY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on June 14th, Connecticut State Representative Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey received a Community Service Award during the 14th anniversary celebration of Hartford Communities That Care, a local non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families, and developing youth leaders across the greater Hartford area.

I was proud to present the following letter of commendation to Ms. Kirkley-Bey in recognition of her efforts:

JUNE 13, 2012.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE KIRKLEY-BEY: I would like to commend you for your dedication to making Connecticut and the City of Hartford better places to live and work, and to recognize your numerous accomplishments and awards during your ten-term service in the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Your strong work ethic and commitment to giving back to Connecticut is perfectly illustrated in your journey to becoming Deputy Speaker and a leader on a number of State Legislatures and Committees. You built your career from the ground up, calling on your inner strength and motivation to advance from an entry-level job with Aetna, to management positions, and finally to the House of Representatives, all the while remembering your roots, hardships, and con-

cerns in order to empathize with and better assist your constituents. Your negotiation skills and relationship with your constituents will be missed.

With a focus on quality of life issues, you were able to address the needs of Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens, namely homeless and unemployed mothers, children and seniors. In a time when a quality education is more difficult to attain due to rising costs, your work on increasing access to and quality of education served as a crucial step to helping Hartford residents become more self-sufficient. Your success in working toward this goal is best portrayed in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) legislation, which continues to help single parents find a balance between work, education and raising a family.

Additionally, I appreciate your commitment to rejuvenating Hartford's appearance and work and enrichment opportunities. By negotiating the contract compliance portion of the Adriaen's Landing Bill, you ensured that Hartford-based minority contractors and laborers were employed, while your contributions to the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) enabled non-union minority contractors to receive fairer contracts. Finally, the creation of the Construction Jobs Funnel re-emphasized your commitment to the community and education. You recognized that in order to be employed, people need to know and have confidence in certain basic job skills. These three initiatives truly helped better Hartford.

I applaud your hard work, time and dedication in pursuit of a better Hartford and Connecticut and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

All the Best,

JOHN B. LARSON,
Member of Congress.

ENTREPRENEUR DAY IN KC

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me as I rise today to recognize June 26th as Entrepreneur Day in Kansas City.

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kauffman Foundation have a unique vision to make Kansas City America's Most Entrepreneurial City. In turn, they are hosting One Week KC, a nine-day celebration of innovators and job creators in our region that will encourage community entrepreneurs to come together, get inspired, learn and connect.

The final day of this celebration, June 26th, will be known as Entrepreneur Day at the K. Over 40 local mayors from both Missouri and Kansas will attend this event at Kauffman Stadium to declare June 26th as Entrepreneur Day in their cities. Entrepreneurs are the foundation of the American economy, and I applaud our local leaders for recognizing and encouraging entrepreneurship in our region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in the celebration of Kansas City's entrepreneurs. I

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commend the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kauffman Foundation for leading the initiative to make Kansas City America's Most Entrepreneurial City, and I look forward to demonstrating the strength of entrepreneurship in our region to the rest of the nation.

HONORING MARTIN J. INGRAM

HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend and neighbor Martin J. Ingram, who is retiring after more than 34 years of federal service.

Marty spent 30 years with the Air Force on active duty and with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. He was a rescue helicopter pilot in the USAF Air Rescue Service, served as mission commander on multiple types of rescue aircraft and held key management positions as Instructor Pilot, Helicopter Flight Commander and Wing Chief of Safety. In May and June of 1996, he also flew combat support operations for Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey and northern Iraq.

In his civilian career, Marty flew as First Officer aboard Sikorsky S-61 helicopters for New York Airways, which included rooftop landings at the famed heliport atop the Pam Am Building. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot Rating in multi-engine and rotary aircraft, including the Boeing 747, Grumman Gulfstream G-II and Sikorsky SK-61 and SK-58 aircraft. He is a certified flight instructor in single and multi-engine aircraft and instruments, and is a certified Dispatcher and Flight Engineer with a Turbojet rating.

Marty began working with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1978 as an Air Traffic Controller at New York Center in Ronkonkoma, Long Island. In 1984, he launched his Flight Standards Service career by becoming an Aviation Safety Inspector (Operations) at the Farmingdale Flight Standards District Office (FSDO). He later served as a General Aviation and Air Carrier Safety Inspector, Principal Operations Inspector, and was Manager of the Charlotte FSDO and Executive Officer for the Southern Region Flight Standards Division. He is retiring as the Assistant Manager for the FAA Eastern Region Flight Standards Division at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City.

I would like to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to Marty for his military service to our country, a public service career well spent and all that he has done to keep our airlines and passengers safe over the years. I wish him many successful, happy and healthy years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. ZABLE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Walter J. Zable upon his passing. Mr. Zable was a leader, job creator, and a great contributor to the San Diego community.

In 1951, Mr. Zable formed the Cubic Corporation in Southern California. Today it employs over 8,000 people worldwide in the field of defense systems, mission support services and transportation systems for government and commercial customers. Mr. Zable served as the chairman, president, and CEO of the corporation for five decades.

Prior to forming Cubic, Mr. Zable attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia studying physics and mathematics while enjoying football. It is during this time that he married his beloved wife, Betty.

Excelling in football, he played on scholarship at William and Mary and credited the sport to helping him get through the Great Depression. Mr. Zable later played professional football with the Richmond Arrows and the New York Giants. Multiple sports awards followed, including the 1962 Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary All-American Team. Today, the William and Mary football stadium bears the Zable name.

Mr. Zable began putting his engineering skills to work in the early 1940s in Southern California. His drive and determination led to the creation of Cubic Corporation. Regular growth has led the company to great success including worldwide offices and the public trading of its stock on the NYSE.

Our military relies on the work of Cubic as a provider of realistic combat training systems, cyber technologies, asset tracking solutions, and defense electronics. Many of the world's public transportation systems rely on Cubic for collection systems and services.

At the age of 97, Mr. Zable's passing marks a lifetime of great accomplishments. His legacy lives on in the continued achievement of the Cubic Corporation and his personal philanthropy. In 1971, he established the San Diego Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (NFFCHF). NFFCHF assists student athletes in achieving their full individual potential.

Mr. Zable is an example of the American Dream fulfilled. Through hard work, dedication, and a deep sense of community, he lived a full and inspiring life. Today we remember his contributions to San Diego and our country.

RECOGNIZING HEATH HAWKS
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Rockwall Heath Hawk's baseball team which brought home the title of "State Champions" this year in the University Interscholastic League Class 4A Texas baseball championship. Led by Coach of the Year Greg Harvey, the Heath Hawks had an exceptional season and playoff run before achieving victory over Cleburne for a 10-1 win for the state title. After making regional finals the past two years, this year is a culmination of the hard work and dedication of these young men.

The Heath Hawks' record testifies they are successful competitors, but what makes them great is their work ethic, teamwork, and good attitude. These admirable character traits will carry these men far in life.

The seniors in every team hold a special responsibility, and the eleven graduating seniors

on this team should be congratulated for the leadership they provided throughout the season. Seniors Jovan Hernandez and Jake Thompson were specifically recognized this year for their skill and leadership. Jovan Hernandez was named State Tournament MVP and All-District Pitcher of the Year. Jake Thompson was named All-District MVP and was drafted in the Major League's second round by the Detroit Tigers as their first pick.

I am proud of Coach Harvey, his aide, and the Heath Hawks baseball team for their accomplishment in achieving the State Championship. I look forward not only to cheering for the Heath Hawks in the future, but to cheering on the men of this year's team as they pursue their goals in the years to come. I have every confidence that they will succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those here to join me in honoring Texas State Champions, the Heath Hawks, and in wishing them success in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERTRUDE
KNOWLTON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gertrude Knowlton of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, who celebrated her 100th birthday this year.

Gertrude was born on January 13, 1912. The youngest of four children, she grew up in the greater Boston area. She lived and raised her family there, eventually relocating to Southborough. In 1990, she moved to Martha's Vineyard with her daughter and has lived on the island ever since. There, Gertrude enjoys displaying her watercolor paintings in local fairs, as well as reading new bestsellers as soon as they arrive in the local library. Even as a centenarian, she has maintained a very active and busy life on the Vineyard.

Born just months before the Titanic sank and Fenway Park opened, Gertrude's story is truly a living history of major American events. She has lived through two world wars, Prohibition and the Depression, the Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement. She recalls seeing five-cent silent movies and attending big-band concerts led by Guy Lombardo and Rudy Valee. She remembers being voted "best dancer" in high school and of dressing in the flapper style of the 1920s as a teenager. During World War II, she worked at a drugstore lunch counter in Milford. Gertrude grew up in a time before automobiles or airplanes were commonplace and before most people had landlines or radios in their homes, but lived to see a man walk on the moon and the establishment of instant worldwide connectivity through the Internet.

Gertrude raised six children—five of her own as well as a teenage girl who she took in—and has seen her family grow by four generations. She has three surviving children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Gertrude believes that the secret to living to the age of 100 is always to have a good attitude toward life, and I couldn't agree more.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Gertrude Knowlton as she celebrates this joyous occasion. She is an extraordinary member of our

community and I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

my financial net worth as of March 31, 2012, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-three preceding years I have served in the Congress.

estimated market value. (Unencumbered): \$139,600.00.

Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family Residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,465,700: \$ 832,784.09.

Total real property: \$ 2,336,939.09.

FINANCIAL NET WORTH DECLARATION

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making

ASSETS

REAL PROPERTY

Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,350,288). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered): \$ 1,364,555.00.

Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	61.29	\$747,738.00
Alcatel-Lucent	135	2.27	306.45
Allstate Corporation	370	32.92	12,180.40
AT&T	6752.771461	31.23	210,889.05
JP Morgan Chase	4539	45.98	208,703.22
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	45.00	162,180.00
Centerpoint Energy	300	19.72	5,916.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	30.01	19,026.34
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	2160	51.16	110,505.60
Discover Financial Services	156	33.34	5,201.04
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	84.73	105,912.50
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	52.90	63,480.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	540	51.69	27,912.60
Eastman Kodak	1080	0.32	345.60
El Paso Corp.	150	29.51	4,426.50
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	86.73	843,709.44
Frontier Comm.	470.451694	4.17	1,961.78
Gartner Inc.	651	42.64	27,758.64
General Electric Co.	15600	20.07	313,092.00
General Mills, Inc.	5760	39.45	227,232.00
GenOn Energy	236	2.08	490.88
Hospira	1220	37.39	45,615.80
Imation Corp.	99	6.19	612.81
Kellogg Corp.	3200	53.63	171,616.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	8203	38.40	314,995.20
3M Company	2000	89.21	178,420.00
Medco Health Solutions, Inc.	8218	71.85	590,463.30
Monsanto Corporation	2852.315	79.76	227,500.64
Moody's	5000	42.10	210,500.00
Morgan Stanley	312	19.64	6,127.68
NCR Corp.	68	27.71	1,884.28
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	17.81	29,849.56
JP Morgan Cash	345.12	1.00	345.12
PG & E Corp.	175	43.41	7,596.75
Pfizer	30415	22.65	688,899.75
Century Link (Formerly Qwest)	95	38.65	3,671.75
Sandusky Voting Trust	26	1.00	26.00
Solutia	72	27.94	2,011.68
Tenneco Inc.	182	37.15	6,761.30
Unisys, Inc.	16	19.72	315.52
US Bancorp	3081	31.68	97,606.08
Verizon	1796.367277	38.23	68,675.12
Vodafone Group PLC	323	27.67	8,937.41
Wisconsin Energy	2044	35.18	71,907.92
Total common & preferred stocks & bonds			\$5,833,307.72

Life insurance policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual #4378000 ...	12,000.00	102,638.40
Northwestern Mutual #4574061 ...	30,000.00	246,909.07
Massachusetts Mutual #4116575 ...	10,000.00	14,830.32
Massachusetts Mutual #4228344 ...	100,000.00	386,190.35
American General Life Ins. #5-1607059L	175,000.00	42,706.25
Total life insurance policies		\$793,274.39

Bank & IRA accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	\$20,610.04
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	41,468.07
M&I Bank, checking account	7,726.64
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	1,481.66
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	151,175.38
Total bank & IRA accounts	222,461.79

Miscellaneous	Value
2007 Chevrolet Impala	\$8,174.00
1994 Cadillac Deville—retail value	1,678.00
1996 Buick Regal—retail value	2,006.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	150,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	214,651.34
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	431,418.50
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	5,000.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	8,000.00
Total miscellaneous	1,009,727.84
Total assets	10,195,710.83

Liabilities: None.
Net worth: \$10,195,710.83.

STATEMENT OF 2011 TAXES PAID

Federal Income Tax	\$130,442.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	44,972.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	2,379.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	22,126.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	13,476.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.,
Member of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 21, 2012, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 408, 409, 410, and 411.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall no. 408, the amendment to fully fund the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to limit speculation in energy markets.

I oppose the irresponsible H.R. 4480. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall no. 409, and I would have voted "no" on rollcall no. 410.

Finally, had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall no. 411, the motion to instruct transportation conferees to supersede the EPA's authority to permit coal waste disposal sites.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHANIE MORRISON, U.S. COAST GUARD, FOR HER SERVICE AS DEPUTY LIAISON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service, dedication and professionalism of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Stephanie Morrison, who has served as the Coast Guard's Deputy Liaison to the House of Representatives from August 2009 through June 2012. The consummate professional, LCDR Morrison exemplified the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus" or Always Ready, as she coordinated staff and Member briefings, worked with Committee staff and Coast Guard leadership to prepare for critical operations, acquisitions, and policy hearings, and helped respond to hundreds of constituent issues from around the country. She was an integral part of the Coast Guard's Congressional Affairs team that supported my Subcommittee's efforts in the passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, and has continued to be an invaluable resource as we move forward to support the Coast Guard's vital recapitalization and modernization efforts during the 112th Congress. In addition to her numerous duties and responsibilities here in Washington, D.C., LCDR Morrison also deployed to the Gulf Coast in the Spring of 2010 during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response, where she assisted numerous congressional staff and Members of Congress with detailed briefings and site visits, which were vital to Congress' ability to execute its oversight responsibilities during this tragic event.

As the Ranking Member of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, I am honored to represent the fine women and men of the United States Coast Guard not only from my District, but everyone who has accepted the challenge and endured the sacrifice necessary to serve. The men and women who serve as Congressional Liaisons take on a particularly difficult challenge; one which can easily be overlooked but is nonetheless as important to the success of the Coast Guard as the cutter and aircraft crews who protect our waterways every day. I would like to thank LCDR Morrison for her dedication and service in this challenging position. She has been a tremendous help to me and my staff, and I wish her well as she transitions to her new assignment as the Chief of Waterways Management at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore.

HEALTHCARE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

DALLAS HEALTHCARE POLICY CONFERENCE
Congressman Pete Sessions, Congressman Michael Burgess, MD., Congressman John Fleming, MD, and Congressman Bill Cassidy, MD.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Safety Net

We support a healthcare safety net, which guarantees all Americans access to healthcare that is consistently and adequately funded by a rational system that ensures coverage regardless of employment or economic status to encourage maximum participation by physicians. Funding for this safety net should be government subsidized without mandates.

Patient/Doctor Relationship

The sanctity of the patient-physician relationship must be the foundation of healthcare in America and is the product of every individual's right to choose. This bond is freely chosen and based upon mutual trust, informed consent, and privileged confidentiality involving every citizen. This sacred trust must not be violated.

Personal Responsibility

In order to have a sustainable healthcare system every patient has to have a personal investment in the cost and maintenance of their care. The patient should be empowered to responsibly choose the best use of their health care resources.

Choice (Physicians and Patients)

Patients are entitled to the maximum possible freedoms in choosing how to care for themselves and their families. Physicians and healthcare professionals are entitled to the maximum possible freedoms in choosing how they provide care for their patients, manage their practice, and compete in the market.

Privacy (Digital and EMR)

Privacy must stand at the core of the trusted and inviolable patient/physician relationship in order to maximize the quality of care we provide our patients. Patient's personal information, particularly digital, must be protected. That information must be owned by the patient. It is the only the patients' to share with their informed consent and must be protected from all third parties including the government.

Patient Ownership/Portability

Health insurance may be purchased across state lines consistent with interstate commerce. Each American deserves the opportunity to own their individual healthcare policy with guaranteed renewability and community rating that is appropriate for their family needs, not contingent upon a specific job, and irrevocable except by personal choice or cases of fraud.

Payment and Price Transparency

Transparency should be encouraged by all those who participate in the healthcare marketplace. It is the patient's right to know the cost of care and the payment provided by insurance or government. It is the core of the free market for consumers and professionals to know the true costs and prices of all goods and services provided.

Funding (Premium Support/Defined Contributions)

Individual citizens should be permitted to own a Health Liberty Account (HLA) that may receive defined contributions from employer or government, or a tax-deductible contribution from any source, that is dedicated to the purchase of healthcare coverage and payment for healthcare services. Those unable to fund their own HLA would be eligible for adequate funding for annual healthcare coverage with a defined contribution from the government.

Tax Parity (Deductions)

The purchase of health benefits are should be tax deductible whether purchased by the employer or individual, regardless of income. Charitable healthcare should be a tax deductible item by the physician.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Inefficiency)

Physicians are committed to protecting the taxpayers by stopping fraud (e.g. phantom billing, home health, and medical equipment fraud) and considering methods to accomplish this goal, including smart cards. Physicians are committed to strengthening and reinvigorating the peer review system. Physicians and their professional scientific organizations should continue to seek efficiencies by eliminating wasteful healthcare spending that does not improve outcomes.

Liability Reform

The fear of lawsuits drives up the cost of medical care due to the practice of defensive medicine. Tort reform will lower inefficient spending and help to ease the upward pressure on healthcare costs. Examples of such reforms include caps on non-economic damages and the formation of expert medical panels to evaluate and when indicated compensate significant adverse outcomes to eliminate costly litigation.

THE TEN CANNOTS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday at the Patriotic Sunday service of Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Bill Egerdahl, the Church's Pastor quoted an extraordinary pamphlet which has real meaning today:

"In 1916, a minister and outspoken advocate for liberty, William J. H. Boetcker, published a pamphlet entitled "The Ten Cannots":

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they will not do for themselves.

Simply put, the central government cannot give to anybody what it does not first take from somebody else."

CONGRATULATING THERESA LOU BOWICK

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theresa Lou Bowick, BSN, RN

upon the realization of her vision and to recognize her for her dedication to the Rochester, New York community.

July 7, 2012 will mark the official kick off of the Conkey Cruisers, a free neighborhood "biking to better health" program that will journey throughout the northeast crescent of Rochester, otherwise known as the Conkey-Clifford Neighborhood. The Conkey Cruisers is an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has singlehandedly unified an inner city neighborhood by addressing two important factors: crime and health.

Just one year ago, Ms. Bowick was out running in her neighborhood when she had two disturbing encounters. First, a young boy called out to her, "Hey, lady! Are you on probation?" He assumed that Ms. Bowick was running from the police, as he apparently had little understanding of any other reason for running in that particular neighborhood. Soon after, an older man accused Ms. Bowick of being an undercover cop, boldly stating, "She is the police, because nobody exercises in this neighborhood!"

These encounters inspired Ms. Bowick to start an exercise program in the ConkeyClifford Neighborhood. The program advocates "Getting fit, one street, one person, one bike at a time." As a registered nurse, Ms. Bowick understands the health benefits of regular exercise, particularly at a time when our nation is experiencing an epidemic of obesity. Her efforts are getting an entire neighborhood up and moving, all the while restoring safety and a sense of home back to the residents.

The signature black, yellow and white Conkey Cruiser t-shirts can now be seen daily on the streets of Conkey Avenue, as neighbors both young and old exercise on their bikes. Beginning July 7th, youth from the Conkey-Clifford neighborhood will participate in the six-week, five days a week free Conkey Cruisers program, which provides an introduction to safe bicycling and healthy eating, as well as an opportunity to earn President Obama's Active Lifestyle Award.

I am proud that such dedicated individuals call my district home, and that they have committed themselves to improving their neighborhoods, increasing safety, and pursuing health for all of our residents. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Theresa Lou Bowick and the Conkey Cruisers.

IN RECOGNITION STEVEN ROLLINS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephen Rollins upon his retirement after twenty-five years of public service as Town Administrator and Town Manager of Hanover.

Mr. Rollins' career in public service began in 1973 when he worked for the Illinois Department of Local Government Affairs following his graduation from The University of Vermont. Since then, he has proved himself to be an innovative and efficient administrator in a variety of public service roles. He was a leader in the centralization of the Hanover town government, and was instrumental in streamlining the

town's process for grants and expenditures. Mr. Rollins has received national recognition for his work on Hanover's health plan and local praise for his simplification of the town's yearly budget.

As town administrator, Mr. Rollins demonstrated his flexibility and leadership ability. Not only were these characteristics seen in the day-to-day operations of local government, but they were also evident in crisis situations—perhaps, most memorably, when Hanover's town hall was severely damaged in a fire. As de facto contractor overseeing the town hall's renovations, Mr. Rollins repeatedly demonstrated his ability to improvise and assume unconventional roles when necessary. It was therefore very fitting when he was given the title of Town Manager in August of 2010, and became the town's first person to occupy this position. In his role as a representative of Hanover, Mr. Rollins typified the best of what the town has to offer. Always putting the community first, he dedicated his career to making local government work for the people.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Stephen Rollins on this remarkable occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a wonderful retirement and many years of happiness, as well as in thanking him for working tirelessly to build the town of Hanover into the beautiful community we know today.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE REHAB AND AHMED AMER FOSTER CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2012

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Rehab and Ahmed Amer Foster Care Improvement Act of 2012. The Act will enhance the existing federal policy of encouraging state foster care programs to place children in the care of willing and able relatives.

This legislation accomplishes that goal by requiring States that receive federal funding for foster care programs to add certain procedural enhancements to their foster care programs so as to ensure a more fair placement decision-making process.

Specifically, my bill requires that, within 90 days after a State makes a foster care placement decision, the State must provide notice of such decision to the following affected parties:

- the child's parents;
- relatives who have informed the State of their interest in caring for the child;
- the guardian;
- the guardian ad litem of the child;
- the attorney for the child;
- the attorney for each parent of the child;
- the prosecutor involved; and
- the child if he or she is able to express an opinion regarding placement.

Additionally, States must establish procedures that:

- allow any of the parties who receive notice of the State's placement decision to request, within five days after receipt of the notice, documentation of the reasons for the State's decision;

- allow the child's attorney to petition the court involved to review the decision; and

require the court to commence such review within seven days after receipt of the petition and conduct such review on the record.

The harrowing story of Rehab and Ahmed Amer of Dearborn, Michigan prompted me to craft this bill.

In 1985, the Amers lost two of their children to Michigan's foster care system after Rehab had been subject to criminal charges related to the death of her two-year-old son Samier, who died because of head injuries resulting from a fall in a bathtub.

Although Rehab had been acquitted in August 1986 of any criminal wrongdoing in connection with Samier's death, the State refused to return the Amers' other two children to them and, in fact, removed a third child from the Amers' custody four months after Rehab's acquittal.

As a temporary alternative, Rehab's brother petitioned to be a foster parent to the Amers' three children, but was denied his petition even though he had previously served as a foster parent for other children.

It is important to note that the Amers are Muslim. Nevertheless, the State, rather than placing the Amers' children with a foster family of the same faith and cultural background, sent them to live with an evangelical Christian family, which re-named the Amers' children—Mohamed Ali, Sueheir, and Zinabe—with Christian names and raised them as Christians.

Today, only the oldest of the Amers' three living children, Mohamed Ali, now known as Adam, communicates with them.

In reaction to the Amers' story, Michigan enacted what became known as the Amer Law. That law requires foster care placement agencies in Michigan to consider and give special preference for relatives when making a foster care placement decision.

The Amer Law is consistent with federal foster care policy, which also seeks to give preference to a child's relatives and, for Native American children, a family of the same cultural background as the child, when making placement decisions.

The Amer Law, however, has several provisions that go beyond current federal law to ensure due process. In sum, this law gives parents, relatives, guardians, and the child in certain cases additional procedural rights, including the right to written notice and an explanation of a placement decision. In addition, it authorizes judicial review of a placement decision by a foster care agency.

My legislation simply adds these enhanced due process features of the Amer Law to existing federal foster care law.

The best interests of the child should always be the overriding consideration when making foster care placement decisions. That standard, however, should also require foster care agencies to give special preference to placing a child with relatives, where the child can be raised in the same culture or religion as his or her own, all other things being equal.

I thank Rehab and Ahmed Amer for bringing this issue to light and for their tireless efforts to make the foster care placement process fairer for everyone, first in Michigan, and, now, nationally.

HONORING GUS MACHADO FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. DAVID RIVERA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Mr. Gus Machado, who exemplifies the virtues of hard work, dedication, and contribution to the community.

Mr. Machado was born in Cuba, and came to the United States when he was only fifteen years old where he studied at the Edwards Military Institute in North Carolina and Greenville College before working for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Illinois.

In 1956, he moved to Miami with no more than a few thousand dollars. He used the money to get started in the automotive business by investing in a gas station and sending used cars to Cuba until Castro established himself as the nation's dictator and targeted free enterprise. Nevertheless, Mr. Machado persevered by refocusing his business operations to the Cuban exile community in South Florida. He began concentrating on the retail aspect of car sales and utilized his keen insight to business to identify and cater to the emerging demands of the market. For example, in 1973, he began a business that exported vehicles to Puerto Rico to fulfill the high demand in the area. Soon after, the only other General Motors distributor in Puerto Rico closed down, leaving Mr. Machado as the main dealer in the market.

Throughout the following years, his business endeavors multiplied and he established himself as one of the most successful automotive dealers in the country. In 1984, he purchased a Ford dealership in Hialeah and quickly became the #1 Ford dealer in Miami-Dade County.

Today, Mr. Gus Machado is one of the most respected and successful car dealers in the country. When the recession hit, the future of the auto industry looked very grim. Like many other Americans, Mr. Machado's business faced unprecedented hardship. Nevertheless, he took a bold risk by expanding his domain and buying another Ford dealership in Kendall. Like many of his other ventures, this too proved fruitful. He continues to provide his services to the community, and has been honored with countless awards for his work, including the Ford Motor company's highest honor, the President's Award.

Furthermore, Mr. Machado has established himself as one of the most generous philanthropists in South Florida. His endeavors include the establishment of the Gus Machado Family Foundation, which provides hundreds of children with backpacks and school supplies every year, and the founding of the Gus Machado Classic Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society, among many, many others.

Mr. Machado has also worked hard to promote the transition to democracy in his native Cuba, the most oppressive nation in the Western Hemisphere. His dedication to the cause of liberty and freedom is truly remarkable.

Due to his hard work, his ambition, and his generosity, Mr. Machado embodies the American Dream. He is a model citizen for aspiring

businessmen and civic leaders because he reminds us of what it truly means to be an American.

However, I doubt that he could have made it this far without the support of his wonderful family and particularly his loving wife Lillian who has organized many charitable events in our community.

On June 29th, the community will show its appreciation by dedicating "Gus Machado Way" in his honor. On behalf of the South Florida community, I thank Mr. Machado for everything he has done for this community, and I take great pride in being a part of this celebration.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 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 \$15,782,570,144,097.96. We've added \$5,155,693,095,184.88 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.

Forty-nine years ago today, John F. Kennedy delivered his *Ich bin ein Berliner* speech in West Berlin. At that time, America had the economic security to challenge her communist foe. We must rid ourselves of this crippling debt.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Austin N. Krohne for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Austin coordinated an oyster reef restoration project to benefit marine flora and fauna, and to improve water quality within the Indian River Lagoon. 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, Austin 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOT LEDGER'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 175th birthday of The Patriot

Ledger, the long-standing newspaper of record for Massachusetts' South Shore communities.

Headquartered and published in Quincy since its inception, The Patriot Ledger is one of Massachusetts' oldest local daily newspapers and serves twenty-six communities on the South Shore with approximately 55,000 residents in its circulation. Founded on January 7, 1837, the paper was originally known as the Quincy Patriot and was once the hometown newspaper of President John Quincy Adams. When Adams was serving in the House of Representatives following his presidency, he frequently wrote letters to the editor regarding the many issues that the House was facing at the time, such as the abolishment of slavery, the admission of Texas as a state, and the heated debates that Members of Congress often had with one another. The Patriot Ledger has served as a trusted chronicler of local and national news ever since, and it continues to be one of the region's most popular daily papers.

In addition to providing important and reliable news to the South Shore every day, The Patriot Ledger has frequently been at the forefront of many aspects of newspaper production and technology. In the 1950's, experimentation by the paper's printing staff led to the development of the first practical photo-typesetting machine, an innovation that attracted the attention of newspaper executives around the world. The paper was also among the first in the nation to establish zoned editions for local news and advertising, and it paved the way in establishing many other modern features of the print news industry. Such features pioneered by The Patriot Ledger include the use of 35-millimeter photography, the transmission of daily editions to the printer via facsimile, the use of a computer editing system, and the installation of a two-way radio system for spot news coverage. While many newspapers struggle with the technological advancements of the twenty-first century, The Patriot Ledger continues to grow and move forward.

As a result of its excellence in reporting and its frequent innovation, The Patriot Ledger has been the recipient of many awards throughout its 175-year tenure. It was named as the New England Press Association's Newspaper of the Year in 2005 and 2006, and won the title of the New England Newspaper Association's Newspaper of the Year in 2007. Among the awards The Patriot Ledger received in 2011 were seven national journalism awards from Suburban Newspapers of America and six additional awards from the New England Associated Press News Executives Association. Already this year, the paper has been awarded two national prizes from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers, including the General Excellence award for the paper's business section. Notably, The Patriot Ledger was the only daily paper with a circulation of less than 100,000 to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor The Patriot Ledger as the newspaper celebrates 175 years of publication. I fondly remember reading it when I was young and look forward to reading it for many more years to come. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great paper that has long been woven into the fabric of our country's history.

COMMENDING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND ERADICATE POLIO

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Rotary International and others for their efforts in vaccinating children around the world against polio. I also rise to encourage continued commitment and funding by the U.S. Government to the global effort to eradicate polio. In this regard, I want to thank Senator DICK DURBIN for his leadership in bringing this timely resolution to the Senate.

Polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children and for which there is no known cure. It can leave survivors permanently disabled or paralyzed. Eradication of polio is a high priority for Rotary International, whose membership extends across the country and in more than 170 countries. I am proud to represent the Rotarians of the 7th congressional district of Washington, who have generously given their time and financial support to the global fight against polio.

The U.S. Government is the leading public sector donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Centers for Disease Control and the United States Agency for International Development have been at the forefront in the U.S. Government's work to eradicate polio both nationally and internationally. Polio is now endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Over the past week, it has become more difficult for international organizations to distribute polio vaccines to children in Pakistan. There is a critical lesson for the U.S. Government to learn. When humanitarian workers are used for intelligence collecting purposes, as we saw in Dr. Shakil Afridi's case, it erodes trust and undermines legitimate humanitarian work.

The immediate and long-term consequences of the CIA's ill-conceived project with Dr. Afridi are grave. The immediate consequence of Dr. Afridi's bogus vaccination program run by the CIA was that the Pakistani Taliban in northern Waziristan have since used it as an excuse to ban polio vaccinations to 161,000 children. The long-term impact is that it will be fodder for conspiracy theorists that American espionage is everywhere and that medical programs could have sinister motives.

The tragic impact of CIA's operation is that thousands of Pakistan's children who could have been vaccinated will suffer or die from polio.

As we recognize our achievements in eradicating polio, I urge my colleagues to look at countries where polio is still endemic and work to ensure that intelligence agencies are not using medical workers as tools to collect information.

CONGRATULATING GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Galveston Bay Foundation for their 25 years of dedication and continual service to preserving, protecting, and enhancing Galveston Bay and its surrounding communities.

Since 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation has demonstrated a lasting commitment to the conservation of our environment and community through the institution of essential and effective environmental programs. These programs continue to collectively improve the environment and well-being throughout our community. In doing so, the foundation has established a reputation of unyielding excellence and as a result earned accolades such as the Texas Environmental Excellence Award, a 5-Star Award from the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more.

Through conscious action the Galveston Bay Foundation continues to promote environmental responsibility and provide a safe coastal environment that enhances the welfare of the community, economy, and environment. The continuous service of the Galveston Bay Foundation has made an enduring impact on our community and for their continued efforts I am proud to support the Galveston Bay Foundation.

I congratulate the board of trustees, staff, and volunteers at the Galveston Bay Foundation for all of their hard work and dedication to the conservation of the Galveston Bay and surrounding communities.

COMMENDING THE TRANSLATIONAL GENOMICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Arizona to commend the Translational Genomics Research Institute for a decade of biomedical research success.

TGen was founded in Arizona in 2002 to leverage new scientific discoveries from the mapping of the human genome, and its establishment promptly accelerated the state into the era of genomics and personalized medicine.

Significant to TGen's establishment was the confluence of support from all sectors of the state to attract this new institute to base its operations in Arizona as well as recruit the renowned geneticist, Dr. Jeffrey Trent to lead it, and position the state as a worldwide leader in bioscience and medical discovery. Academic, business, philanthropic and government leaders all joined forces in a statewide campaign within a matter of months to strategically assemble the necessary support. The members of Arizona's delegation also rallied behind this collective vision.

What most excited Arizona leaders was the vision put forth by Dr. Jeff Trent, to accelerate

and translate scientific discovery into more immediate and effective benefits for patients, all made possible with the new information from the human genome and rapidly developing technology.

It was on this day ten years ago, June 26, 2002, with high expectations and hopes, that Governor Hull and state leaders announced the successful launch of TGen and the genomics era in Arizona. A decade of exciting growth and new research discoveries has since transpired, with TGen's rising tide lifting all boats.

Investment into TGen and the biosciences spurred growth across the state, catalyzing the launch of the Critical Path Institute and Bio5 in southern Arizona, to ASU's Biodesign Institute and a northern Phoenix bio campus, and TGen North and expansion of W.L. Gore in northern Arizona. The bioindustry has flourished over the past ten years, even during economic downturns, becoming a significant high-performing sector of the Arizona economy.

For patients, TGen is offering hope where there had been none with novel treatments offered only in Arizona. By partnering with clinical entities like the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen is focusing on utilizing genomic analyses to improve and customize patient treatments. Patients with pancreatic cancer and rare diseases like basal cell carcinoma are finding answers to their treatment struggles, improving quality of patient lives and allowing more years to spend with loved ones. Whether it's sequencing anthrax or the plague, investigating H1N1 or Valley Fever; finding new clues to triple-negative breast cancer or Alzheimer's disease; or, leading new collaborative research partnerships addressing pediatric and canine cancers, TGen's research has made substantial inroads over the past ten years.

More than a decade ago, the mapping of human genome represented a challenge to the world to make use of this new knowledge for the benefit of humankind. Arizona answered this challenge and now TGen is leading the model to fuse modern medicine with the power of translational research to fuel the next wave of treatments for all manner of human diseases.

As the tenth-year anniversary of TGen's launch is celebrated today, I applaud Dr. Trent and the scientists at TGen for their unwavering commitment to make a difference for patients and lead innovative research for Arizona into the next decade.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROLLING THUNDER DEMONSTRATION RUN

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Rolling Thunder Demonstration Run, held annually over Memorial Day weekend in Washington, DC.

Rolling Thunder was founded in 1987 by Vietnam veterans Ray Manzo, Walt Sides, John Holland and Ted Sampley to bring attention and awareness to unaccounted for servicemen and women at the conclusion of the Vietnam War.

Exercising their First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to assemble, these proud veterans organized a motorcycle rally to take place in our Nation's Capital to ensure that we, as a nation, demand a full accounting of our members of the armed forces held as Prisoners of War (POW's) and those still Missing in Action (MIA's).

This moving tribute to our American war heroes started in 1988 when an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 bikers rode in the streets surrounding the United States Capitol, to bring awareness to the POW/MIA issue.

Over the last 25 years, their efforts to increase the awareness of the POW/MIA issue and honoring all military veterans has grown; so have the days since the last soldier left Vietnam.

Over Memorial Day 2012, on the 25th Anniversary Rolling Thunder Run, an estimated 1.3 million people and 500,000 motorcycles participated making it the largest one-day event in our Nation's Capital, and one of the largest one-day events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, as this dome of the United States Capitol stands as a beacon of liberty, freedom and democracy throughout the world, it is only fitting for the last quarter century that the men and woman who have ridden their motorcycles in the shadow of this building send a message from our shores and beyond that our American POW's/MIA have served honorably and will never be forgotten.

I would like to add my voice in commending Rolling Thunder for their efforts to honor America's POW's/MIA's, and also raise awareness around the issues facing the brave men and women who have served and currently serve in this nation's military.

RECOGNIZING JOANNE LANE FOR
HER ACHIEVEMENTS AS A
UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION
DIVERSE SCHOLAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joanne Lane for her achievements and for being named a United Health Foundation Diverse Scholar.

As a student in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology at Tacoma Community College, it is evident that Joanne is dedicated to her education in the health care field and to improving the quality of care patients receive. She is learning how best to learn and carefully meet individual patients' emotional, physical, and cultural needs. Joanne has shown great enthusiasm toward offering patients the best medical treatment regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or income, and she will undoubtedly apply these beliefs as she prepares to begin her career.

Joanne has used the United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative to devote her time to her rigorous course work. She has learned new skills through interactions with a variety of people and has gained a new appreciation for people from different backgrounds. In an ever-changing field, Joanne's adaptability gives her the skills to learn continuously evolving methods for helping her future patients.

The United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative helps increase the number of students from multicultural backgrounds in higher education working towards degrees and careers in the health care sector. Since 2007, more than \$3.5 million in scholarship funds have been awarded to high-achieving and promising students. Students like Joanne will help to increase cultural relevance in health care and improve the care of all patients, including those from underrepresented populations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Joanne Lane. Her dedication to patient care will undoubtedly lead her to great success in her career and to the improved wellbeing of her community and all of those who call it home.

CONGRATULATING TGEN ON THEIR
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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IN RECOGNITION OF STEVEN
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven Patrick Moynihan for being awarded a James Madison Fellowship.

This extremely competitive fellowship is directed toward current and prospective teachers of American history and civic studies, and it supports such individuals as they study the principles of the Constitution of the United States. Founded by Congress in 1986 and named in honor of the fourth president of the United States—the credited "Father of our Constitution and Bill of Rights," the award aims to recognize distinguished teachers and to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and progression of American constitutional governance.

This year, only 58 fellowships were awarded and Mr. Moynihan, a teacher at Barnstable High School in Hyannis, Massachusetts, was selected for one among the applicants from across the nation. The James Madison Fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Mr. Moynihan's course of study toward an advanced degree.

Mr. Speaker, it always brings me great pride to honor a dedicated and deserving teacher, such as Steven Patrick Moynihan. I congratulate him for being awarded a James Madison Fellowship and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this award and of Mr. Moynihan's service to the students of Barnstable.

COMMENDATION OF MR. DONALD
PATA

HON. HANSEN CLARKE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donald Pata, a physics teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School (Grosse Pointe North), for receiving the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST is awarded annually to outstanding K–12 science and mathematics teachers across America. After an initial state-level selection process, the PAEMST winners are chosen by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators. Mr. Pata, the only teacher to receive the PAEMST from Michigan this year, is a Grosse Pointe native. He graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and later returned to get a teaching certificate and Masters Degree in Physics Education.

Shortly after earning his undergraduate degree, Mr. Pata joined the Peace Corps and taught biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics in Ghana. Mr. Pata later returned to Grosse Pointe and began teaching a wide range of physics classes at Grosse Pointe North, including conceptual physics and AP Physics. He also serves as the Science Department Chairperson and is the faculty advisor for the school district's FIRST Robotics Team.

Mr. Pata appreciates the value of effective teaching. Mr. Pata creates a positive "hands-on" classroom atmosphere where students feel free to contribute to discussion and construct their own knowledge. He leads by example and empowers his students to achieve their highest potential. Mr. Pata seeks out opportunities to develop his knowledge of teaching methodology and physics, and travels across the United States attending advanced physics teaching workshops and classes.

As a member of the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I know how important it is to have dedicated, innovative, and engaged science teachers working in our schools. Mr. Pata is teaching our children to think creatively, be open to new ideas, and embrace scientific and technological change.

I recognize Mr. Pata as a leader in science education in Metro Detroit and thank him for his commitment to his students and community.

CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

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. BARBER. Mr. Chair, I rise today to raise concerns about H.R. 2578. I support the goal of the provision (H.R. 1505) which will strengthen our efforts to secure the border, but I believe it was overreaching.

I have long believed that securing our border is of paramount importance to the safety of the people who live and work along the border, but I do not believe that this end needs to be achieved at the expense of maintaining a strong commitment to our environment and the regulations that ensure its protection. I would have preferred that we consider a standalone bill which specifically responded to the expressed needs of the Department of Homeland Security regarding access to public lands.

I do not support those provisions of H.R. 2578 which seek to privatize public land and significantly reduce the scope of existing laws which protect those lands.

I am against the rule specifically because I believe that amendments should have been heard to improve this bill.

THE TEXAS AGGIES—NO ONE
QUITE LIKE 'EM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the sun was lazily rising on the horizon. It was around breakfast time on a stunning Sunday morning. It was quiet, peaceful, calm. People felt secure. There was a small tropical breeze as the American flag was being raised on a nearby flagpole.

Suddenly over the horizon, a large formation of aircraft darkened the glistening sky. They broke formation and dove down from the sky, unleashing a fury of deadly, devastating bombs and torpedoes on a quiet place called Pearl Harbor in the Pacific Ocean. It was on that day, 70 years ago, when sailors, soldiers, airmen, and marines saw war declared on America. It was December 7, 1941.

Over 5,000 miles away from terror stood a small, quiet town covered in maroon décor known as College Station, Texas. College Station is not only home to Texas A&M University's Fightin' Texas Aggies, but also to the patriotic Corps of Cadets. Around campus you can spot the Corps of Cadets marching in sync wearing the uniform that matches their rank whether it is brown leather boots or trousers made of serge material.

December usually holds a brisk chill in the air in College Station, but the Texas sun kept the weather from being unbearable. Word traveled fast of chaos on the Pacific as America became engaged in another world war. Aggie tradition tells us that on that day teenagers turned soldiers when the entire 1942 junior class enlisted into the war along with half of their senior level comrades. They were all volunteers. They stood together as Aggies, brothers, Texans and Americans. They stood shoulder to shoulder and raised their right hands in unison and swore to defend their homeland. College Station became an image in a rear view mirror as pens and pencils were traded for guns and ammo. They left Texas to go fight on small islands in the Pacific, brutal deserts in North Africa and bloody beaches in Italy and France.

The year 1942 was also the time of the most well-known Aggie Muster under the command of General George Moore during World War II. Aggie Muster is on April 21st which also happens to be San Jacinto Day, the day Texas won independence at the battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Amid fierce enemy fire, General Moore and 25 fellow Aggies mustered in the trenches and caves on Corregidor in the Philippines. A war correspondent observed the make-shift ceremony and the world was introduced to the Aggie spirit. Every one of those Aggies were either killed or captured by the Japanese. Four years later when the Americans returned with Gen. McArthur and retook the island the Aggies mustered again. When I went to the Philippines recently, I saw a photo of those returning Aggies on the fortress wall of the Malinta Tunnel on Corregidor.

According to Aggie Muster tradition, "if there is an A&M man in one hundred miles of you, you are expected to get together, eat a little, and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas." During times of war, Muster is especially poignant. Texas A&M has produced more officers in the United States military than even West Point. It has the distinction, other than West Point, of having more Medal of Honor recipients than any other university in the United States. When General George Patton was in Europe going into combat in the Third Army, he made a comment about the Texas Aggies and the soldiers that he had under his command. He said, "Give me an army of West Point graduates and I will win a battle. You give me a handful of Texas Aggies, and I will win the war."

The Aggies' long tradition of duty and service to our great nation dates back to their beginning, to the days when A&M was an all-male military academy. Texas A&M trained nearly 4,000 troops during World War I and over 20,000 Aggies served in World War II, 14,000 as officers. World War II was hard. Millions served in uniform overseas; millions served on the home front; all sacrificed for the cause of America. Many of them gave their lives all over the globe in places known only to God.

The Aggie band doesn't play an Aggie "Fight Song". There is no such thing. The band plays the "Aggie War Hymn", quite a different concept. The "Aggie War Hymn" was written by Aggie Marine J.V. "Pinky" Wilson while standing guard on the Rhine River during World War I. It remains the most recognizable school war hymn across the country—probably the world.

Today, Muster is observed in more than 400 places worldwide and this year's "Roll Call of the absent" honored 970 people around the world, including those remarkable young men and women who gave their lives for our country in lands far far away. While Muster is a time to honor those that have died, it also is a time when Aggies, young and old, come together to reconnect and celebrate a way of life known only to those that proudly hail from Aggieland.

Muster means different things to different people. Every Aggie will tell you something different, something personal about what it means to them as an Aggie. One thing that is consistent in every answer is their dedication to tradition. It is the rich heritage of tradition that sets Texas A&M apart from all the rest. It is the Corps, the Aggie War Hymn, the 12th Man, Midnight Yell, Bonfire, Texas State pride

and as much as it pains me to say it—it's TU. It's the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, Silver Taps and "Hallabaloo, Canek, Canek." It's the Junction Boys, Howdy, Gig'em, Reveille, the Dixie Chicken and of course, the ring. But above all else—it's Muster.

Most of the junior class of '42 who fought in World War II have died as with most of the veterans of World War II. But, in Texas we remember them all this July 4th. Seventy years after, when America called they all answered to the sound of reveille.

There is nothing quite like an Aggie. Gig 'Em.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS AND
CAROLYN SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Thomas Reeves and Carolyn Finley Smith.

Thomas Reeves Smith was born on October 31, 1939, in Lineville, Alabama to John William and Velma Reeves Smith. His wife, Carolyn Finley Smith, was born on October 8, 1940, in Anniston, Alabama to Claude and Nile Finley. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were married on June 23, 1962 at First United Methodist Church of Weaver. Together they raised two children, Alicia Ann Smith Simmons, married to Steve Anson Simmons, and Thomas Reeves Smith, Jr., married to Jill Valocik Smith. They have three grandchildren, Lindsey Marie Smith, Thomas Reeves Smith, III and Mia Liane Smith.

Tom is a retired Methodist minister and retired Colonel in the United States Army for which he served as a Chaplain in Viet Nam and throughout the U.S. and Europe during his career of service. Carolyn worked in civil service, for government contractors and in higher education throughout her career.

Tom and Carolyn are active members of First United Methodist Church of Anniston in Anniston, Alabama. On June 23, 2012, a reception was held in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary with approximately 300 of their friends and family members in attendance. I salute this lovely couple on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

EXPRESSING REGRET FOR PAS-
SAGE OF LAWS ADVERSELY AF-
FECTING THE CHINESE IN THE
UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 683, expressing the regret of the House of Representatives for the passage of laws that adversely affected the Chinese in the United States, including the Chinese Exclusion Act.

In 1882, the U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act to prohibit people of Chinese descent from immigrating to the U.S. and becoming naturalized citizens. While the Chinese Exclusion Act was finally repealed in 1943, severe restrictions on Chinese immigration continued until the Immigration Act of 1965.

For sixty years of our history, America closed its doors to the Chinese people. During this period, Chinese immigrants already living in the United States were prevented from becoming citizens, regardless of how long they had called this country home. This official discrimination by the government of the United States against people of Chinese descent was deeply wrong and a fundamental violation of America's principles of equality and justice.

The pain caused by the Chinese Exclusion Act and other discriminatory policies cannot be undone. Still, Members of Congress have an obligation to recognize these injustices as a means of apology to all Chinese-Americans. Today, one hundred and thirty years after passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Congress is voting to express our regret on behalf of the American people. May this action also strengthen the resolve of this body to protect and defend the civil rights of all peoples, in all times.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF TGEN'S LAUNCH IN AR-
IZONA

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Arizona to commend the Translational Genomics Research Institute ("TGen") for a decade of biomedical research success.

TGen was founded in Arizona in 2002 to leverage new scientific discoveries from the mapping of the human genome, and its establishment promptly accelerated the state into the era of genomics and personalized medicine.

Significant to TGen's establishment was the confluence of support from all sectors of the state to attract this new institute to base its operations in Arizona as well as recruit the renowned geneticist Dr. Jeffrey Trent to lead it, and position the state as a worldwide leader in bioscience and medical discovery. Academic, business, philanthropic and government leaders all joined forces in a statewide campaign within a matter of months to strategically assemble the necessary support. The members of Arizona's congressional delegation also rallied behind this collective vision.

What most excited Arizona leaders was the vision put forth by Dr. Trent, to accelerate and translate scientific discovery into more immediate and effective benefits for patients, all made possible with the new information from the human genome and rapidly developing technology.

It was on this day ten years ago, June 26, 2002, with high expectations and hopes, that Governor Hull and state leaders announced the successful launch of TGen and the

genomics era in Arizona. A decade of exciting growth and new research discoveries has since transpired, with TGen's rising tide lifting all boats.

TGen has kept its promise to the State of Arizona to invigorate and diversify the economy. Beyond growth in TGen's operational impact, TGen has also been instrumental in the creation and expansion of commercial businesses. Investment into TGen and the biosciences has spurred economic growth across the state, including the establishment of such bio centers as the Critical Path Institute and Bio5 in southern Arizona, and ASU's Bio-design Institute. The bioindustry has flourished over the past ten years, even during economic downturns, becoming a significant high-performing sector of the Arizona economy.

For patients, TGen is offering hope where there had been none with novel treatments offered only in Arizona. By partnering with clinical entities like the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen is focusing on utilizing genomic analyses to improve and customize patient treatments. Patients with pancreatic cancer and rare diseases like basil cell carcinoma are finding answers to their treatment struggles, and through its work, TGen is improving the quality of patient lives and allowing more years to spend with loved ones. Whether it's sequencing anthrax or the plague, investigating H1N1 or Valley Fever, finding new clues to triple-negative breast cancer or Alzheimer's disease, or leading new collaborative research partnerships addressing pediatric and canine cancers, TGen's research has made substantial inroads over the past ten years.

More than a decade ago, the mapping of human genome represented a world challenge to make use of this new knowledge for the benefit of humankind. Arizona answered this challenge, and now TGen is leading the model to fuse modern medicine with the power of translational research to fuel the next wave of treatments for all manner of human diseases.

As the tenth-year anniversary of TGen's launch is celebrated today, I applaud Dr. Trent and the scientists at TGen for their unwavering commitment to make a difference for patients and lead innovative research for Arizona into the next decade.

CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

WISCONSIN

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:

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Conservation and Economic Growth Act, H.R. 2578, a measure that will not create jobs in our country, but instead poke gaping holes in the Clean Air and Clean Water Act.

I support pieces of this legislation, including the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act, H.R. 3065. This bill, introduced by Representative HEATH SHULER,

would facilitate the construction and expansion of target shooting ranges by increasing the federal share of funding that can be used for such purposes. Had this provision come up for a vote on its own, I would have strongly supported this pro-sportsman legislation.

Unfortunately, this lands package incorporates 13 other bills including several poison pills meant to score political points, not ad-

dress real issues. This bill includes sections that would wave dozens of federal statutes, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Farmland Protection Policy Act. I will not support legislation that severely weakens the laws that protect the public health of Americans.

Instead of tackling the significant challenges facing our country, House Republicans cre-

ated a partisan patchwork of legislation that does not create jobs. With the highway bill extension and student loan interest rates set to expire on June 30, and with millions of jobs and students in limbo, I believe Congress should work on bipartisan legislation that strengthens American infrastructure, keeps college affordable, and puts Americans back to work.