

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LEIDE  
WILLIAM DEFUSCO

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Leide William DeFusco of Pueblo, Colorado. Capt. DeFusco served as a police officer, SWAT team member and field training officer for over twenty years. Capt. DeFusco was tragically killed in the line of duty, while conducting a narcotics investigation over the San Isabel Forest.

Born in Pueblo on September 15, 1968, Capt. DeFusco attended Trinidad State Junior College, where he was elected Student Body President and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Capt. DeFusco then accepted a position at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, and excelled as a dedicated officer, trainer and detective.

Later, Capt. DeFusco achieved the rank of Commander in the SWAT team and succeeded as a lead instructor. Capt. DeFusco leaves behind his wife, Wendy, four beloved children and a host of family and friends, including those fellow officers with whom he was proud to serve.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Capt. Leide William DeFusco. I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, who are proud to call such a courageous man one of their own.

IN RECOGNITION OF NAVY WEEK  
2012

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 2012 Navy Week, held from August 27th through September 4th in the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area—just one of 15 cities selected from across the nation.

In each of the 15 cities, Navy Week events for local residents will include the Blue Angels Navy Flight Demonstration Team; the Leap Frogs Navy Parachute Team; visiting ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Royal Canadian Navy; Navy Band musical performances; Admirals and several other senior leaders within the Navy who will interact with local business, government, and educational leaders; Navy simulator and interactive displays; visits to area schools; community service projects; and visits with local veterans.

Navy Week in Cleveland was a special event as it ran in conjunction with the commemoration of the bicentennial of both the War of 1812 and our country's national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Cleveland Navy Week included a special ceremony held

on Sunday, August 26th aboard the USS COD Submarine Memorial to honor two local Ohioans, World War II veteran James Tedrick and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Michael Dobec, with combat medals presented by Senator Sherrod Brown. A few of the other special events included a performance at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by the Navy Band, a Navy diver demonstration in the shark tank at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and Navy sailors working together with Habitat for Humanity to help build a home in Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the celebration of the 2012 Cleveland Navy Week.

THE DEATH OF LARRY GRANT

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my regrettable duty to report the death of a great American, Larry Grant. Mr. Grant died on August 22, 2012 in Torrance, California. He was 86. Perhaps more than any other person, Mr. Grant was responsible for founding the parade commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King that was the first in Los Angeles and became one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Grant was instrumental in starting the Kingdom Day Parade where thousands of spectators lined the streets to celebrate civil rights leader Dr. King. With a deep love for his country, Mr. Grant was driven by passion to create a platform to showcase past and present black leaders in the community and hopefully inspire the youth. Mr. Grant traveled the three-mile route in South Los Angeles with a procession of colorful floats, marching bands and dance troupes trailing behind.

Mr. Grant created the yearly event as an entertaining way to unite the community. It also became a means of mending wounds. In the aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, when tensions were still thick between Korean store owners and black residents, Grant appointed a Korean taekwondo master to serve as co-chair.

Mr. Grant was one of the pioneers of Black bankers in the State of California. After serving 20 years in the Army, including World War II and the Korean War, he earned a degree in banking from the University of Maryland. He was the President and CEO of Pacific Coast Bank in San Diego, California where he started banking in 1964 until his retirement in 1984.

In 1979, his colleagues encouraged Mr. Grant to form the nonprofit National Cultural Corp. A year later Mr. Grant threw the first King parade in San Diego, before the civil rights activist's birthday was recognized as a national holiday. Mr. Grant was eager to bring the parade's success to Los Angeles. On January 20, 1986, Los Angeles hosted the first

Kingdom Day Parade. It was also the first year that King's birthday was celebrated as a federal holiday.

I remember fondly Mr. Grant's devotion to keeping the legacy of Dr. King alive through the annual Kingdom Day Parade in Los Angeles. He earned the love and respect from countless people through his selfless acts. Mr. Grant was a leader in the community and was instrumental in sharing Dr. King's philosophy with future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of Larry Grant.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR VINCENT  
SCRIBONI

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Vincent Scriboni for his years of tireless public service to the Borough of Oaklyn, New Jersey. Mayor Scriboni was a pillar of his community who devoted his time to the community as a Councilman and Mayor.

Mayor Scriboni dedicated his life to serving his community members and our country. As a Navy veteran from World War II, Mayor Scriboni served with distinction in order to protect the freedoms that all of us as American citizens cherish.

Serving in the U.S. Navy was only the beginning of Mayor Scriboni's service to the Nation. He served as a Councilman for seventeen years and Mayor of Oaklyn for eight years. During his time in office, Mayor Scriboni was known as the "People's Mayor" because of his can-do attitude and willingness to volunteer to take on community projects. Among his many accomplishments, Mayor Scriboni managed Oaklyn's budget and was able to renovate the public works department without creating a deficit. In addition, Mayor Scriboni combined the two fire companies of Oaklyn, making the fire company more efficient and cost effective while still meeting the needs of residents. In concert with these efforts, Mayor Scriboni organized a coalition of local mayors that could share equipment and services. The coalition also saved the town money because the townships could make joint purchases on new equipment. Mayor Scriboni's excellent budgetary skills allowed him to increase the police force from six members to eleven members, which increased safety in the town.

Furthermore, Vincent Scriboni was a member of several organizations dedicated to giving back to the Oaklyn community, including serving as commander of his VFW Post 4463 and participating in the Oaklyn chapter of American Legion Riders, Post 84. Mayor Scriboni led the efforts to help fellow veterans get the care they needed by providing transportation to the VA Hospital. Along with his VFW Post, the Mayor also participated in Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy, which are

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dedicated to providing scholarships to high school students in the local community.

Mr. Speaker, Vincent Scriboni's endless commitment to Oaklyn Township and the United States of America should not go unrecognized. I join the township and all of South Jersey in honoring this exceptional man.

**CULLMAN AREA TEENAGE  
REPUBLICAN CLUB**

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the outstanding young men and women of the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club for being named the Most Outstanding Teenage Republican Club in the Nation for the second year in a row at the National Teenage Republican Leadership Conference. These fine young men and women should be applauded for their dedication and hard work. Together, they spent over 2,300 hours participating in special projects, grassroots outreach, and community activities.

This organization has also had some outstanding leadership. Under the guidance of Republican State Executive Committee member Rebecca Branch, conservative teenagers in Cullman formed the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club and found an avenue by which they could impact elections at all levels. Rebecca has been a shining example and has provided real leadership to these students over the years.

In addition, Daniel Robinson, a 2012 graduate of Cullman High School, has been recognized as the Most Outstanding Republican in the Nation. Daniel not only worked to increase membership in Cullman, but also helped start new Teen Republican Organizations in Baldwin, Shelby, Madison and Morgan counties. Daniel plans to continue his education at Auburn university this fall and looks forward to having the opportunity to work with Auburn's Young Republicans this fall.

These exceptional young people have worked diligently to recruit Alabama youth, involve them in the political process, and promote the understanding of the conservative philosophy. It is encouraging to see these young students from Alabama's Fourth District do such great things and I applaud them for their accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor the members of the Cullman Area Teenage Republican Club for their achievement and unwavering resolution in building this organization for the conservative youth of Alabama. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them on receiving this award.

**TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOHN  
ALTEE BARGER**

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain John Altee Barger of Pueblo, Colorado. Capt. Barger was a thirty-two

year veteran of the Pueblo Police Department and an avid pilot. Capt. Barger was tragically killed in the line of duty, while conducting a narcotics investigation over the San Isabel Forest.

Born in Goodland, Kansas on April 17, 1948, Captain Barger served as a Patrol Officer in the Pueblo Police Department, and achieved much success there as a Commander in the SWAT team. A detective at heart, Capt. Barger also served in the Investigations Division for eleven years, where his instincts for solving crimes were put to great use.

Additionally, Captain Barger, with the help of his fellow SWAT officers, won the Soldier of Fortune shooting competition in Nevada—an award he cherished. Capt. Barger leaves behind a son and numerous other family and friends, including the officers with whom he served.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Capt. John Altee Barger. I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, who are proud to call such a courageous man one of their own.

**IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF DUBLIN BOROUGH**

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dublin Borough in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this month.

Dublin's history reaches back to before the Revolutionary War and our declaration of independence from Great Britain.

The first Scotch-Irish settlers began settling what is now Upper Bucks County as early as 1681, and in 1832, the people of this community began an eighty-year process of petitioning the state of Pennsylvania to become its own municipality.

In September 1912, the people of Dublin earned their autonomy and have built a community of which they can be proud.

Since the formation of the Borough of Dublin 100 years ago, the population has exploded and a rich diversity of small businesses and families have come to add to its proud history.

While they have faced the same trials and challenges each of our communities have faced over the course of the last century, the people of Dublin have persevered and continue to build a welcoming place to live, work and raise their families.

I commend Dublin Borough for its perseverance and success in these first 100 years, and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED  
WAY OF DENTON COUNTY**

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Denton County and

their 61 years of service. The local chapter aims to improve the quality of life in the critical areas of education, income, and health. The organization estimates that more the 33,000 students in the area are at risk of dropping out of school and approximately 15% of the County's adults over the age of 24 did not graduate from high school. Furthermore, the Texas Food Bank estimates that more than 90,000 individuals in Denton County are food insecure, and the Texas Department of State Health Services reports that \$713 million dollars were spent on preventable hospitalizations over a four-year period in the county.

The United Way of Denton County and partner agency volunteers and donors decided they could overcome these discouraging statistics. Volunteers donated 221,000 hours, valuing a \$4.8 million staff cost savings in 2011. Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, United Way of Denton County staff and volunteers have generated more than \$1,782,899 in Federal Tax Returns to Denton County residents since 2007. In addition, to improve the area's quality of life, 7,361 donors gave a total of \$1,562,851 to the United Way of Denton County in 2011.

The organization's worthwhile efforts have positively impacted the communities it serves, offering assistance to more than 4,500 Denton County residents through United Way of Denton County and their non-profit partner agencies. With the support of the citizens of Denton County, the United Way will continue to flourish and unite the community through its mission of improving lives by affording individuals and organizations opportunities to give, advocate, and volunteer. It is my pleasure to recognize the United Way of Denton County and their 61 years of service, and I am privileged to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER  
170 OF THE CROATIAN  
FRATERNAL UNION HOLDS GOLDEN  
MEMBER BANQUET**

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: Judith Louise Aubuchon, Joan Clavin, Jacqueline Ann Donohue, Judith Ann Hanson, Virginia Mae Luketich, Carol Ann Magliola, Henryetta Massack, Mary Ann Matolin-Mancilla, Frank V. Morzlock, Kata V. Mrzljak, James Gabriel Popovich, Steve Prahovich, Mary Sajin, Joyce L. Schenher, Paulette Ann Smith, and Phyllis Stefankiewicz.

In addition to paying tribute to its Golden Members, the Lodge will honor George Rubick and Lou Chelich for their dedication to the

Croatian Fraternal Union and for their many years of distinguished service.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The banquet will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCORD, NC LIONS CLUB

**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Lions Club of Concord, NC, and the celebration of its 80th Anniversary. The Concord Lions Club is a local service organization dedicated to providing needed and unselfish service to the community, especially to those who are visually and hearing impaired.

Since its inception, the Concord Lions Club has been a staple in the community. The Club is an avid supporter of many key programs in the area, such as the Camp Dogwood program. The Club pays the fee for interested applicants, allowing all to attend this great camp. In addition, the Club collects used eyeglasses, which are refurbished and given to persons in countries around the world who are in need of eyeglasses, but are unable to afford them.

The Concord Lions Club also offers many services, such as free eye and hearing examinations. Residents with vision or hearing disabilities who are financially unable to pay for tests, eyeglasses, or hearing aids are still able to have these vital accessories with the help of the Club and Cabarrus County Social Services. They also place flags throughout Concord to celebrate federal holidays and help raise money for their many worthy projects.

As a former President of the Biscoe Lions Club, I can attest to the phenomenal work that the Concord Lions Club has done, and to their commitment to bettering the community and helping those in need.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Concord Lions Club, as an irreplaceable asset to the people I am proud to represent in North Carolina.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—ADAM HAWKES

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

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

For his Eagle Scout project, Adam constructed picnic tables for a local soup kitchen. 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, Adam 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.

CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grant making, community leadership, and administration.

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grant making.

On behalf of the residents of the 8th Congressional District of Virginia, I congratulate the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedication to service to the 8th Congressional District and the communities of Northern Virginia.

IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR OF COLUMBUS FRANK MARTIN

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspirational and hardworking man and strong community leader, the Honorable Frank K. Martin, Former Mayor of the City of Columbus, Georgia. Sadly, Mr. Martin passed away on August 12, 2012. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of his family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2012, a gathering of family members, friends, and colleagues paid their respects to Mr. Martin at a memorial service held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus.

Former Mayor Martin was born on November 4, 1938 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callier Martin. Known as "Butch," he played for the Columbus High School Football Team. He earned both an undergraduate degree and a law degree from the University of Georgia and became a successful criminal defense attorney before being elected Mayor in 1990.

As Mayor, Mr. Martin led the passage of a 1 percent sales tax to fund the construction of a new civic center, riverwalk and public safety building. He was Vice Chairman of the Columbus 1996 Olympic Committee from 1993 to 1996 and under his leadership, the City of Columbus was able to win a bid to host the 1996 Olympic softball competition.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Frank is his ability to get things done. He sought to make a difference in the community and ultimately elevated the City of Columbus to new heights.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mr. Martin went far in life because he had the courage and insight to help people fight for justice. We are all blessed to have had him touch our lives.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the Columbus, Georgia community, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Martin's wife Helen, their children, and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Human Rights Campaign (HRC), America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality.

Founded in 1980, the Human Rights Campaign's mission is dedicated to ending discrimination against LGBT citizens and working

toward a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC has more than one million members and is supported by even more people throughout the country.

On August 25, 2012, HRC will be hosting the "Making Equality Count" 2012 Human Rights Campaign Cleveland Gala. The event will be held at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center and will feature HRC President, Chad Griffin; Lana Parilla; and University Hospitals receipt of the Corporate Equality Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the decades of work that the Human Rights Campaign has done on behalf of equality for our country's LGBT community.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT—CALEB DOWDY

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

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

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, Caleb 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.

HONORING GEORGE LANGSTAFF

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George Langstaff, a man whose dedication to mentoring economically disadvantaged students in Middle Tennessee has resulted in more than 340 students obtaining a post-high school education.

After a very successful career in the footwear industry, Mr. Langstaff recognized the need to help at-risk young adults obtain a college education. In 1995, he partnered with a Nashville nonprofit to found The Sponsors Scholarship Program. To date, the program that Mr. Langstaff established has raised more than \$2.2 million dedicated to scholarships for financially disadvantaged young people.

For more than 15 years, The Sponsors Scholarship Program and its hundreds of volunteers have provided college counseling, mentoring and college scholarships to capable high school students in Middle Tennessee.

Today, I join the citizens of my district in honoring George Langstaff for his tireless commitment to ensuring that financially challenged young people from Middle Tennessee

have the opportunity obtain a complete education.

We need more citizens like George Langstaff. His Volunteer spirit makes all Tennesseans proud, and a generation of young people successful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, July 31, 2012 was the date of the primary election in Georgia, and I regret that I was absent from votes on that day. However, I would like to make clear my position on the bills that received recorded votes:

(1) S. 679—Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act of 2011—I would have voted "aye."

(2) H.R. 828—Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011, as amended—I would have voted "nay" on this bill that singles out middle class federal workers.

(3) H.R. 3803—District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—I would have voted "nay," against this misguided bill that continues the majority's disrespect for the District of Columbia and all American women. I am pleased that this bill failed to pass the House.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOANN  
BOUGHMAN'S BECOMING SENIOR  
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Joann Boughman, who will become Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Maryland this month. Dr. Boughman is a geneticist with more than 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education. The University System is fortunate to have her join its leadership team.

For the past 11 years, Dr. Boughman has done outstanding work as Executive Vice President of the American Society of Human Genetics ("ASHG"), which is located in my congressional district. In that capacity, she has been instrumental in ensuring that scientists are engaged in public policy. She has served on federal advisory committees on the regulation of genetic tests and has testified before government panels. She has been a tireless advocate for the need to protect the American people against genetic discrimination and was a leading champion of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Under her leadership, ASHG partnered with the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health in pioneering a Congressional fellowship to bring young geneticists to Capitol Hill.

Dr. Boughman has a long record of service at the University of Maryland. Before joining

ASHG, she was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Prior to holding those positions, she had served as Assistant Professor of epidemiology and preventive medicine and Director of the School of Medicine's graduate program in human genetics.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the University System of Maryland on its appointment of Dr. Boughman and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH JERSEY  
PARALYMPIANS

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our South Jersey Paralympian, April Holmes, who traveled to the London 2012 Paralympics to compete in track and field.

April represents the United States on the world stage, serving as a role model for citizens across South Jersey and the entire nation. Her success, derived from her hard work and dedication, and exemplified through her competitive spirit, is something to which every American can aspire. In the same way that our national ethos rewards fortitude and persistence, April earned the opportunity to compete on the Paralympic stage through tireless training and sacrifice.

Since the beginning of her career in 2002, April has succeeded on the world stage, setting and breaking her own world records. Through fierce competition amongst the greatest athletes in the world, she continually pushes the limits of human achievement. The bonds of friendship gained through equally world-class sportsmanship enrich her and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of this South Jersey Paralympian and her teammates should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our pride in April's efforts.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT—MITCHELL KOEBKE

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

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

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, Mitchell 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.

HONORING GLORIA GRIFFIN

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and work of Gloria Griffin, a pioneer who dedicated her career to improving women's status in Minnesota.

Gloria Griffin was born in Iowa, grew up in California, and started her career in New York City as art director at Harper's Bazaar and Good Housekeeping. In 1967, she moved to Minnesota with her husband and their four children. In 1976, she entered politics as the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-endorsed candidate for Minnesota's Second Congressional District. She lost the race to the incumbent, but Governor Rudy Perpich recognized her potential and appointed her as Chair of his newly created Open Appointments Commission, where she helped change the face of government by placing more women and minorities in important positions.

After the 1980 election, when Gloria witnessed that "women and children lost big in the legislature," 23 organizations came together to create the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Gloria was unanimously elected as the first Coordinator, and led the Consortium for 15 years. Under her leadership, the Consortium achieved significant milestones that helped it grow into the largest association of women's organizations in the country.

For the better part of a decade, the Minnesota Women's Consortium was run out of a small storefront office. In 1988, Gloria Griffin led a group of women who transformed a decrepit building near the State Capitol into the Minnesota Women's Building at 550 Rice Street. Gloria not only oversaw the new headquarters, but with cooperation from the League of Women Voters Education Fund, Chrysalis, and the Minnesota Women's Consortium, the building was purchased and renovated debt-free.

Gloria Griffin was the key to many more accomplishments and victories. In 1990, under pressure from anti-abortion groups, the Dayton Hudson Foundation withdrew their funding for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota's educational programs. Gloria, along with thousands of women across Minnesota, was outraged at the defunding of these teen pregnancy prevention programs. She correctly predicted that this would only be a "momentary mistake," and organized a successful campaign that resulted in Dayton Hudson reversing its decision and restoring funding.

Gloria Griffin was not only a leader on women's policy issues; she was also a mentor to individual women. In the years to come, her championship of women earned her numerous awards, including the YWCA St. Paul Leadership Award for Outstanding Contribution to Government/Politics, Women of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International for her accomplishments in Human Rights/Advancement of the Status of Women, the Ann Bancroft Dream Maker Award for Achievement and Leadership, and the DFL Woman of Distinction Award.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Gloria Griffin's steadfast commitment to the advancement of women's lives, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

IN HONOR OF THE HUNGARIAN SCOUTS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Hungarian Scouts.

The first Hungarian Scout group to form in the United States was founded in Cleveland, Ohio in 1951. By the fall of that year, two troops, one East side and one West side, had formed and registered with the Boy Scouts of America. In 1952, the Hungarian Scouts expanded and formed a girls' troop. By 1957, the girls' troop had also split into two groups located in the same neighborhoods as the boys' East and West side versions.

In 1973, the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble was created in order to study Hungarian culture and teach it the Hungarian youth. The Ensemble aims to preserve dying folk arts of the Hungarians in the Carpathian basin and pass them on to the public and future generations. Their performances include lively song, dance, and music accompanied by true-to-culture costumes.

Each year the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble performs at the Hungarian Festival held in the Greater Cleveland area during Labor Day weekend. This year marks the 57th annual festival. Celebrations begin on Sunday, September 2nd with a twelve o'clock Hungarian mass followed by the opening of the kitchens at one o'clock serving traditional Hungarian fare such as goulash, chicken papriakas and dumplings, and a variety of pastries. Throughout the day events include soccer matches, free animal programs, challenging children's games, folk art presentations and authentic Hungarian music capped off by the performance of the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Hungarian Scouts.

EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™ accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a pres-

ence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation of Martinsburg, West Virginia has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking.

On behalf of the residents of Martinsburg, I congratulate the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedicated service to Martinsburg and communities in West Virginia.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT—TRACY MURPHY**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

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

For his Eagle Scout project, Tracy provided benches for resting on a local hiking trail. 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, Tracy 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.

TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN PEACE-  
MAKERS PROGRAM AT THE UNI-  
VERSITY OF SAN DIEGO ON ITS  
10TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute today to the Women PeaceMakers Program at the University of San Diego, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

The award-winning Women PeaceMakers Program, which is based at the university's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, IPJ, documents the stories and practices of international women leaders who are involved in human rights and peacemaking efforts in their home countries. It was founded on the idea that history is rarely recorded from women's perspectives, especially women on the frontlines of efforts to end violence and secure peace.

In 2011, the power of such documentation was confirmed when three women received the Nobel Peace Prize. One was Leymah Gbowee, whose story of pushing for peace in Liberia might have been forgotten if not for the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." Similarly, the Women PeaceMakers Program in San Diego records the stories that are overlooked or neglected in the media and in history books.

To date, the program has documented the stories of 35 Women PeaceMakers from 30 countries. This year it has selected four more women, from Colombia, Kenya, Nepal and the Solomon Islands, to reside for two months on the campus of the University of San Diego and have their stories recorded by professional writers and a documentary film team. The location of the university, overlooking San Diego's Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, is an idyllic one for rest and reflection for women who often face violence on a daily basis, and who must struggle for space and security to do their work for peace.

The process of reflection that the women undertake as they share their stories, contemplating their motivation to become leaders, and why the initiatives they developed were successful teaches them how to be more effective peacebuilders when they return to their countries.

It is not only the professional writers, however, who get to hear the women's stories and learn of their methods of building peace. Members of the local community, as well as students and professors at the University of San Diego and neighboring schools and colleges, have the opportunity to attend the Women PeaceMakers' lectures and other public events, and those events are often streamed live online for national and international audiences as well. Last year, the university received the Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award from NAFSA: The Association of International Educators, in recognition of the Women PeaceMakers Program and its success in internationalizing the campus.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice and the University of San Diego on a momentous 10th year of the Women PeaceMakers Program.

IN RECOGNITION OF PLAINFIELD  
MAYOR SHARON ROBINSON-BRIGGS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs as she is honored by the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP at its 2012 Annual NJ NAACP State Convention. As the NJ NAACP celebrates African-American mayors throughout New Jersey, Mayor Robinson-Briggs should also be recognized as the first female Mayor of the City of Plainfield.

Serving as mayor of the City of Plainfield since 2006, Mayor Robinson-Briggs has committed herself to the residents of Plainfield by creating a Welcome Desk at City Hall, a Community Garden for the city and a Feed the Children program to provide groceries to local families. She has established herself as an

advocate for the community of Plainfield and all of the residents of New Jersey, participating in several organizations, including the NJ State NAACP Executive Committee; the American Cancer Society; the American Diabetes Association; and the NJ Sharing Network, which strives to promote organ and tissue donation. She is also an exemplary leader, having served as past president of the Plainfield Board of Education and past president of the Plainfield Area NAACP.

Mayor Robinson-Briggs has been commended by several organizations for her efforts on behalf of the residents of Plainfield and New Jersey. The State NAACP, as well as the Plainfield Area NAACP and Regional NAACP, have honored her with Certificates of Achievement. The YMCA of New Jersey also decorated Mayor Robinson-Briggs with the Minority Achievement Award. Her dedication to the community is demonstrated in her many accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in honoring Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs as the NJ State NAACP gathers to celebrate its annual convention. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking her for her leadership and service to the City of Plainfield.

IN HONOR OF MS. MARGARET  
"PEG" BARKER

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Margaret "Peg" Barker for her tireless service to Maple Shade Township, New Jersey. Ms. Barker was a pillar of her community who ceaselessly worked to end adult illiteracy and protect the natural resources of Maple Shade Township.

Ms. Barker was a tireless advocate for literacy. As the founder of the Maple Shade Friends of Literacy organization, she tutored international residents so they could learn to read and write in the English language. Ms. Barker volunteered a majority of her time teaching English because she viewed books as a window to knowledge and satisfying curiosity. She wanted other residents to have the ability to enjoy reading and writing as much as she did.

However, Maple Shade Friends of Literacy was only the beginning of Ms. Barker's service to her community. She was a member of several town planning committees and various environmental committees that were dedicated to improving the lives of residents in Maple Shade. As a member of the Pennsauken Water Shed Committee, Ms. Barker volunteered her efforts protecting the environment by making sure that the water shed was safe for fellow residents. Furthermore, on her own time, Ms. Barker volunteered by mapping and marking every storm drain in the town of Maple Shade in order to protect turtles. Ms. Barker was dedicated to protecting the environment, but also extended her services to help the residents of Maple Shade in any way she could.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Barker's endless commitment to Maple Shade Township should not go unrecognized. I join the township and all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional woman.

SUPPORT OF THE BETTER  
BUSINESS BUREAU

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the nation's Better Business Bureau ("BBB"; originally known as Advertising Vigilance Committees).

The BBBs came into being at the annual meeting of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America in May, 1912, following an editorial in Printer's Ink magazine challenging false and misleading advertising. The first such Vigilance Committee was organized later that year by a group of industry leaders in the fight for truth in advertising and selling.

BBBs are private, non-profit organizations collectively constituting the United States' oldest and largest grassroots business self-regulatory organizations and pre-date the creation of the U.S. government's Federal Trade Commission by two years. Today, they consist of 116 independent BBB offices serving every market area in the United States, an additional 10 international offices serving Canada, and a national coordinating office located in Arlington, Virginia.

Over the past 100 years, BBB's have sought to foster an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other—advancing marketplace trust by creating communities of trustworthy businesses, setting standards, encouraging and supporting best practices, celebrating marketplace role models, and denouncing substandard marketplace behavior.

Throughout the 1920s—at a time when pernicious investment frauds and schemes threatened to undermine public trust in securities markets—BBBs across the country served the nation as a de facto securities regulator until the creation of the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1934. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the nation's BBBs were nearly alone in their fight to promote "Truth in Advertising" and protect the public from the myriad frauds and schemes that preyed on the nation's beleaguered consumers. During the 1940s, BBBs conducted a relentless effort to educate and protect families on the home front from a number of war-related schemes and provided major technical assistance to the U.S. Government's efforts to coordinate war relief. As U.S. and Canadian soldiers returned from the war, and throughout the dramatic economic expansion of the 1950s, BBBs helped educate veterans and their families on a wide variety of marketplace trust issues—significantly expanding "truth in advertising" review, consumer complaint handling and the availability of consumer information—all at no cost to North American taxpayers.

The BBB system responded to the challenges of the consumer revolution of the late-1960s by merging activities of its National BBB and its Association of BBBs—under the leadership of businessmen Henry Ford II and Elisha ("Bud") Gray II—into a single, international organization—the Council of Better Business Bureaus. In the period following the creation of that new coordinating body, the BBB system:

Launched its National Advertising Division and National Advertising Review Board (in a

partnership with leading advertising industry associations) and created a special Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU) to evaluate child-directed advertising and promotional material in all media against its own standards and relevant laws;

Created a National Consumer Arbitration Program to provide consumers and businesses with a fast, fair and free method of resolving disputes without resorting to overburdened courts;

Consolidated BBB's long-standing role—reviewing publicly-soliciting charitable organizations against a set of standards—into a single Philanthropic Advisory Service (now the BBB Wise Giving Alliance);

Served as the organizing body to create the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business (SOCAP) to “. . . provide for and promote the exchange of ideas, expertise and opinions relevant to consumer affairs” and “to aid business in anticipating, recognizing and responding to consumer needs, desires and expectations”; and

Began the process of utilizing emerging computer technology to better understand consumer dissatisfaction with the marketplace and provide timely, fact-based data for business, consumer groups, regulators and the public.

The BBB system accepted a major challenge in 1983, when the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and General Motors Corporation (GM) signed a consent order, agreeing to use BBB AUTO LINE<sup>®</sup>—a consumer mediation and arbitration program—to resolve disputes arising out of certain specified component parts of GM vehicles. In 1991 (when the consent order was to expire), the FTC noted that more than 233,000 consumers received in excess of \$68 million from GM through BBB arbitration and millions of other owners received settlements from GM through BBB conciliation and/or mediation. A similar consent order was signed by Volkswagen of America in 1988, also providing for arbitration through the BBB. Today, 28 manufacturers continue to participate in BBB AUTO LINE<sup>®</sup> nationally, with others participating on a state-by-state basis.

In 1997, the BBB system launched BBBOnLine<sup>®</sup> at a briefing at the U.S. Capitol for legislators and regulators with business and consumer leaders. This BBB program was designed to take advantage of Internet technology to provide timely information to the millions of people who were becoming “wired” through emerging Internet technologies. In 2004, the BBB system launched BBB Military Line to provide free, specialized resources to support military communities in the areas of financial literacy and consumer protection through education, outreach to service members and their families, information, data collection and BBB complaint-handling and dispute resolution.

100 years after the first BBB launched in Minneapolis, BBBs will likely have responded to over 100 million requests from consumers for BBB assistance, will accept, process and attempt to resolve roughly one million consumer complaints and will be supported in that effort by over 400,000 BBB Accredited Businesses and national partners representing many of the world's largest advertisers. In addition, BBB will very often be the “first responder” to Wed the public to new and fast-moving frauds and schemes that increasingly use high technology to prey on victims.

This fall, from September 30—October 3, 2012, BBBs from the United States and Canada will gather to celebrate their centennial anniversary in Washington, D.C., highlighting an extraordinary century of service to business and consumers with events in both the District of Columbia and at Mt. Vernon, the home of America's first President. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the BBB, and that this Congress:

(1) Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the advertising industry's “fight for truth in advertising” that culminated in the founding of the Better Business Bureau; and

(2) Honors and praises the Better Business Bureau system on the occasion of its anniversary for its work to advance marketplace trust on behalf of businesses and consumers, in cooperation with government and the local, state and federal level, through a transparent process of voluntary self-regulation, public education and marketplace conflict resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE LEMON GROVE LITTLE LEAGUE SENIOR DIVISION ALL-STARS ON WINNING THE U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Lemon Grove Little League Senior Division All-Stars on becoming U.S. champions and coming in second at the Senior Division World Series in Bangor, Maine.

Getting to the World Series in Maine was no small task, and Lemon Grove showed how practicing hard and working together can really pay off.

Actually, Congress could probably learn a lot from how well this group worked together.

Lemon Grove's run to becoming U.S. champions was inspiring for everyone in the community, and we are all very proud.

Congratulations to all the families, the coaches, and of course, the players!

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lemon Grove Little League All-Stars and wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOSNOLD ON THE CAPE

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gosnold on Cape Cod as the facility celebrates its fortieth year of service to southeastern Massachusetts.

Gosnold on Cape Cod is the largest provider of addiction and mental health services on the Cape and has been helping individuals on the road to recovery since 1972. It has grown since its founding, when it was originally known as the Pocasset Detox Center, and has continuously expanded throughout the years in order to better serve its patients. Two years after it first opened its doors,

Gosnold incorporated one of the first residential treatment programs in the country designed exclusively for women, and expanded again in 1996 to treat individuals with mental and emotional disorders in addition to individuals suffering from addiction.

Gosnold has been recognized nationally for its excellence as it has grown. In 1987, Forbes Magazine recognized Gosnold as one of the twelve leading substance abuse treatment programs in the country, and in 1995, the Emerson House Pregnancy Program, Gosnold's residential treatment center for pregnant women and women with children, was selected to be featured on ABC's Nightline. Recently, the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association named Gosnold as the 2010–2011 Mental Health Agency of the Year. These are all such fitting accolades for a center whose employees have worked tirelessly to ensure that patients receive the treatment they need, along with the compassion they deserve.

Focusing on individualized treatment as well as group therapy, twelve-step principles, family involvement, and continuing care, the specialists at the Gosnold center understand that addiction is a chronic disease requiring lifelong management. Gosnold's mission—to excel in addiction and mental health treatment, to serve men, women, and families affected by these illnesses, and to promote lasting recovery—has guided the center since its inception. Surrounded by the restorative and calming qualities of the Cape Cod shoreline, Gosnold has allowed those affected by addiction and mental illness to find peace and stability after turmoil.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor Gosnold on Cape Cod as it celebrates its fortieth year of service to its patients and to Massachusetts. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the center for its steadfast leadership in the treatment of addiction, and for its dedication to the patients it serves.

TO HONOR THE LIFE OF JUDY GALLO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a tireless advocate for workers, Judy Gallo. She is survived by her husband, two sons, a step-daughter, a sister, a sister-in-law, a daughter-in-law, co-grandmother and grandson.

Ms. Gallo's work experience included spending three years in the 1960's campaigning for civil rights with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee in the south, working as a youth leader in New York City, helping lead the Cleveland peace movement, acting as a leader with Peace Action and Women Speak Out for Peace, and attempting to organize a nurses union at MetroHealth.

Upon retiring, Judy remained active in the United Labor Agency serving as Outreach Coordinator, and beginning in 2001 helped register several thousand Cleveland voters through the development of the Greater Cleveland Voter Coalition.

As her illness became more assertive Ms. Gallo did not allow her inability to walk, read,

or write hinder her hard work and dedication. Not only did she spend hours making countless phone calls to help organize speakers against S.B. 5, she also initiated and oversaw the completion of an informative booklet, "Women's History Project." This literary work identifies 16 local social activists and explains their background and experiences with social justice causes. The Western Reserve Historical Society has included this booklet in its research catalog.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life and achievements of Judy Gallo. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her memory will live on through the legacy of her dedicated service to the community, and her tireless advocacy of social justice.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASBURY  
PARK MAYOR ED JOHNSON

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mayor Ed Johnson as he is honored by the NJ State Conference of the NAACP at its 2012 Annual NJ NAACP State Convention. The Mayor's leadership and dedication to the City of Asbury Park is highly deserving of recognition.

First elected to serve as mayor in May 2005, Mayor Johnson is currently serving his second term in office. In addition, Mayor Johnson is a member of the Governing body of Asbury Park, the Transportation Center Subcommittee, and the Neighborhood Preservation Program, among many others. He is no stranger to leadership roles within the City of Asbury Park, having previously served as Chairman of the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone. Through his work at the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone, Mayor Johnson helped develop an organization dedicated to supporting economic growth in Asbury Park and his commitment to opportunities for residents continues today.

Mayor Johnson is also a strong advocate for accessible quality education. He is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned both a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Master of Arts Degree in Social and Political Science. His commitment to education is evident in his role as Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center and his previous employment as an educator.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing Mayor Ed Johnson as the NJ State NAACP gathers to celebrate its annual convention. Mayor Johnson's leadership and service to the City of Asbury Park is truly honorable.

IN HONOR OF POLICE CHIEF PAUL  
FRAZIER FOR HIS DEDICATED  
PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE TOWN  
OF BRAINTREE AND THE COM-  
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-  
SETTS

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Police Chief Paul Frazier of Braintree, Massachusetts, in recognition of his thirty-two years of dedicated public service to the families of the Town of Braintree and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Chief Frazier was born and raised in Braintree, Massachusetts, by his proud parents, Mary and Robert Frazier. He is one of ten children. He currently resides in Braintree, Massachusetts and is the proud parent of two wonderful daughters, Jenny and Katie.

Chief Frazier graduated from Braintree High School in 1973 and, following in his father's footsteps, he joined the United States Marine Corps earning the rank of Corporal. After serving our country, he attended Northeastern University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Subsequent to his graduation from Northeastern University, he was hired by the Braintree Police Department on June 2e, 1980. Early in his career, he earned the American Legion's "Medal of Honor" for apprehending an armed felon during a shooting incident. He was later promoted to Sergeant on September 1st, 1987, and Lieutenant on February 5th, 1990. As a Lieutenant, he led the Detective Division and worked with the South Shore Drug Task Force.

In 1993, he became the Chief of Police and was reappointed by Mayor Joseph Sullivan in 2010. As the Chief of Police for 19 years, he has implemented a number of improvements to the department that helped train and equip the police force. Most recently, he helped guide a \$1 million renovation of the police station.

Chief Frazier has volunteered countless hours to various causes, notably the Alzheimer's Disease Memory Ride, where funds are raised to combat Alzheimer's Disease, and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Ralph LePore Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament. Fittingly, Chief Frazier was recognized for his leadership with the Ken Coleman Extra Mile Award, given to the outstanding volunteer to the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take to the floor of the House today to join with his family, friends and contemporaries to thank Braintree Police Chief Paul Frazier for his dedicated public service to the families of the Town of Braintree, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the United States of America. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Police Chief Paul Frazier's career of unselfish commitment to his community and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN  
FRESSOLA

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleague, Mr. Neal, rise today to recognize Mrs. Helen Fressola on her ninetieth birthday.

Born Helen Haluszka on September 14, 1922, Helen has experienced much throughout her ninety years. Raised in Chicopee as one of three siblings, Helen grew up in Western Massachusetts and also often spent time in Cape Cod, which she considered her second home. Helen began work as a branch manager for Springfield Institution Savings Bank as a young woman, and remained there until her retirement. She also worked as a real estate agent for many years, helping families throughout Massachusetts to find the right home. In her spare time, Helen enjoyed "flipping" houses—the act of purchasing, remodeling, and then selling old homes—and eventually, she expanded this hobby to include restaurants as well. The many homes and restaurants that she renovated remain scattered throughout western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Today, Helen's life is dominated by her love of the ocean, and she is an active member of the Hyannis Yacht Club. She has been interested in politics for decades, and recalls attending events on the Cape that were hosted by members of the Kennedy family. She attributes her longevity to staying young at heart, a way of life that Helen has personified. Even at ninety, she enjoys going out to dinner with her friends and visiting her favorite casino, and she still insists on driving herself to every social occasion that she attends. Helen spends much of her time with her ever-expanding family in Massachusetts. She is the proud mother of son Alfred and daughter Carol, grandmother of Joan, and great-grandmother of Shylae.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud to honor Helen Fressola as she celebrates the joyous occasion of her ninetieth birthday. She is an extraordinary member of our community and her positive spirit is an inspiration to us all. We ask that our colleagues join us in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF 1ST LT. TODD W. LAMBKA

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of 1st Lt. Todd W. Lambka. On August 1st, 2012, he passed away while serving in the Paktika province of Afghanistan.

1st Lt. Lambka attended Robbinsville High School where he participated in both football and wrestling. He was known for his maturity as well as his work ethic, building a reputation for outworking his teammates and making others around him better. Following high school, 1st Lt. Lambka excelled as a student at the United States Military Academy at West Point,



NY. He was awarded the Robert Foley Scholarship of Honor for receiving high marks and persevering despite the loss of his mother, Donna. After graduation in 2010, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 28th Infantry Regiment in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Infantry Division based in Fort Riley, Kansas.

1st Lt. Lambka is survived by his wife, Cassie, twin brother Jordan, who is also serving in Afghanistan, and father Brian. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart posthumously.

In his writings with others, 1st Lt. Lambka frequently referenced a quote from President Teddy Roosevelt, "There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease whose name is worth remembering." Mr. Speaker, with the life that 1st Lt. Lambka has lived and the sacrifices he made, his name is not merely worth remembering. Rather, it shall be engrained in our national consciousness with the other fallen servicemembers of this generation—men who sacrificed their lives for our country and freedom. I urge my colleagues today to join me in honoring 1st Lt. Lambka.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOSEPH  
MEISSNER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Joseph Meissner upon his retirement from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and upon his new career as a neighborhood lawyer where he will continue to serve clients and advocate for justice.

I have known Joe Meissner for many years and recognize that Joe's love of justice has deep roots. In the "Freedom Summer" of 1964, while a law student at Harvard University School of Law, Joe was co-chair of the Harvard Civil Rights Committee and marched for civil rights in the South.

After service with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and receiving the Bronze Star and other commendation medals, Joe began his career with Legal Aid. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves and eventually earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Since 1967, he has been advocating for low-income clients as a lawyer for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He is well-known for his knowledge of public utilities law. He used his wealth of knowledge to demand justice and fairness in public utility cases on behalf of those in need. Informed by the needs of his clients, Joe fought for a "percentage of payment plan" which keeps gas and electric costs low for low-income customers.

As an attorney, Joe has not only represented private clients, but has also been an advocate for neighborhood economic development and environmental justice. He was an organizer of the Neighborhood Environmental Coalition in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood and other nearby downtown neighborhoods. His ability to navigate utility and environmental law helped stop the siting of incinerators near downtown and helped keep utility emissions in check in the low-income and racially diverse neighborhoods of Cleveland's

urban core. Years after his victories, Joe continued to build on the relationships that he developed with the people in those neighborhoods and government agencies.

At this juncture, Joe Meissner begins a new career. He will soon hang his shingle and practice law from a storefront on Cleveland's near West Side, not far from where he went to high school at St. Ignatius.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in wishing Joseph Meissner well in his retirement from 45 years with Legal Aid and in his new endeavor to represent the people of Cleveland as a neighborhood public interest attorney.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN GURLEY  
BROWN

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Helen Gurley Brown, one of the world's most influential magazine editors and authors. As editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine for over three decades, Ms. Gurley Brown promoted the idea of a modern career woman and left a permanent mark on American culture. She passed away at 90 years old.

Even from an early age, Ms. Gurley Brown never let anyone set limits on what she should do with her life. She put herself through Woodbury Business College and jumped into a career in copyediting, all at a time when society demanded that women marry young and start families instead. She knew that women could have it all: successful careers, relationships, and the confidence to take charge of their own lives.

In 1962, Ms. Gurley Brown authored her famous book, "Sex and the Single Girl." Three years later, she became editor of Cosmopolitan, transforming it into the bold and trendy magazine we know it as today. Her frank advice on sex and careers revolutionized the entire media industry and sparked a nation-wide conversation on what it meant to be a feminist and modern woman. Although her publications were considered shocking and risqué when first published, she ushered in a new wave of ideas and made women's empowerment a mainstream concept.

Ms. Gurley Brown changed the way an entire generation of women defined themselves and their future aspirations. Her outspoken and pioneering nature will be greatly missed, but her lifetime's work has already liberated a whole generation from outdated ideas of women's place in society. Her legacy will live on through the countless women Ms. Gurley Brown has inspired.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing deep condolences to Ms. Gurley Brown's friends and family.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN BUCKEY

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from

Nantucket, Massachusetts. This year, John Buckey was honored as the Massachusetts High School Principal of the Year.

A lifelong learner himself, John received his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Asbury College and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Education Leadership at Northeastern University. Sixteen years ago, John began his career in education as a Spanish teacher and Chair of the World Language Department at the Lexington School in Lexington, Kentucky. From there, he pursued a Master of Education from Harvard University and began his first—of many—administrative assignments serving as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Littleton High School in Littleton, Massachusetts. Four years ago, he took over as Principal of Nantucket High School during one of the most difficult periods in the high school's history. It was his leadership, along with the help of the school and greater community that Nantucket High School has achieved tremendous growth over this period.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Principal John Buckey on this joyous occasion. He is an extraordinary member of our community and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him for this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO COACH LIANG CHOW

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Iowa's own Coach Liang Chow for placing West Des Moines, Iowa among our nation's premier training destinations for aspiring Olympic gymnasts through his world-class coaching.

Coach Chow's life in gymnastics began nearly 10,000 miles away from West Des Moines when he was just five years old in Beijing, China. For more than a decade Liang represented China's national men's gymnastics team and won numerous competitions across the globe, including the World Cup master championships in 1990 and earning a bronze medal at the 1989 world championships. Unfortunately, a back injury before the 1992 Olympic Games forced him to retire prematurely from the sport he loved. However, in every challenge lies opportunity. Liang took advantage of an opportunity to move to Iowa in 1991 and hasn't looked back. Coach Chow began attending the University of Iowa on an English scholarship where his gymnastics experience led to his selection as the university's assistant coach of the men's program. Chow coached five of his gymnasts to the national men's team in his first year. After his exemplary coaching skills became evident, Coach Chow was offered a full time coaching role with the University of Iowa women's gymnastics program. Chow accepted, but soon realized that his coaching technique could reach new heights if his students were a bit younger, to better mold their early gymnastic development.

After searching across the country for an ideal location to open his own gym, Chow knew Iowa was where he was meant to be. In 1998, he secured a small warehouse and opened his first gym. By 2003, he expanded to his current facility, which includes two gyms

and spans 11 acres. Since 1998, Coach Chow's gym maintains a steadfast philosophy of hard work mixed with fun, which emphasizes the journey just as much as the destination. It is in his gym and through his philosophy that Liang Chow has become an international name by coaching American gymnastic icons like Shawn Johnson and Gabby Douglas to Olympic gold.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Chow's contribution to gymnastics and to Iowa cannot be understated. His unwavering commitment to his dreams and the dreams of his students truly embodies Iowa's spirit. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Coach Chow on his stellar career, and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he continues to proudly represent the best of America and her heartland.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, due to my primary election I was detained from voting on Thursday, August 2, 2012. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 550, rollcall 551, rollcall 553, rollcall 555.

I would have voted "nay" on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 549, rollcall 552, rollcall 554, rollcall 556.

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COMMEMORATING IFSTL FOR ITS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN FIGHTING TO INCREASE GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the one-year anniversary of the International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL) at the University of Maryland. This ground-breaking public-private-academic partnership puts to work government, university and private industry resources to expand the capacity of food safety scientists globally.

The global food trade has soared over the past two decades. Increasing public demand for international foods has resulted in global food exports exceeding \$1 trillion per year. With changing regulations and technologies coupled with shrinking budgets from tough economic conditions, assuring food safety has become a growing challenge.

We know how important it is for our food supply to be 100% safe. Americans need confidence that the food they provide their families is free of contamination. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a big job to do, and the recent Food Safety Modernization Act will help them protect our food supply. But even with the added protections afforded by this law, the FDA still can't respond to the hundreds of requests from foreign governments to train their officials on U.S. regulatory

standards and requirements. And the best way to ensure food safety is make sure the food is safe before it reaches our borders.

The IFSTL greatly assists the FDA by training food safety scientists from around the world on the best food safety practices. They learn how to better detect food borne contamination and what they have to do to meet U.S. regulatory standards. This training will enable governments and food manufacturers to more easily detect contaminated food at farms, ports and manufacturing plants and it will increase compliance with food regulations. Over time, this will make food safer when it reaches our tables.

The IFSTL also creates permanent channels of communication between food regulators and producers from around the world, allowing them to work together to identify and resolve food safety challenges. This supports trade between countries and enables food safety standards to rise across the board.

I am proud to join IFSTL in celebrating their first of many anniversaries. I thank them for their work and commend their partners that have helped: the University of Maryland, the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, the FDA, and Waters Corporation. Thank you.

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HONORING MR. HERBERT M. SACHS

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Herbert M. Sachs for over fifty years of dedicated service to Maryland and his longstanding commitment to protecting and improving our region's water resources. In the countless water resource management projects he led to success, Mr. Sachs has made an indelible mark on our state and his efforts will have an enormous impact that will benefit us for many years to come.

From the beginning of his career, Mr. Sachs has been a true leader in solving environmental and natural resource issues in Maryland. In the early 1960s, Mr. Sachs played a critical role in creating and directing both the Maryland Department of Water Resources and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. For more than 40 years, he served in various positions at the Maryland Department of Planning as well as Director of the Water Resources Administration and Assistant Secretary at the Department of Natural Resources, overseeing efforts related to water pollution control, water resources management, wastewater treatment and flood control.

Mr. Sachs' model for success is distinguished by the integration and collaboration of all stakeholders. While serving as the Executive Director of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin from 1992 until 1997, Mr. Sachs supervised efforts related to the coordination of water supply and activities between Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. In 1998 he returned to the State of Maryland at the Maryland Department of the Environment where he worked on the Coastal Bay Restoration Program, the Susquehanna River Basin

Commission, the Patuxent River Commission and the Potomac River Basin, among others. In each position, Mr. Sachs applied his unparalleled knowledge and his spirit for team work to ensure that our water sources in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Basin are preserved and protected.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Sachs has been recognized for his expertise, his passion and his good nature. He is a thoughtful leader who strives to find new and creative ways to solve problems and give back to his community. Mr. Sachs' dedication to the State of Maryland and to the conservation of our water resources is commendable and I thank him for his many years of outstanding service as well as for his visionary leadership and dedication to improving the environment.

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IN HONOR OF FRED AND JAKKI NANCE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fred and Jakki Nance who are the recipients of the 2012 Pan Award at Cleveland Public Theatre's Pandemonium 2012: House of Dreams Gala.

Founded in 1981 by James Levin, the Cleveland Public Theatre is an arts complex located in Cleveland's Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. The Cleveland Public Theatre is recognized for shows that are often progressive, political, and provocative. It also serves the area's urban youth and homeless through educational programs. Cleveland Public Theatre's mission is to raise consciousness and nurture compassion through ground-breaking performances and life-changing educational programs.

Both Fred and Jakki Nance have long histories of community involvement and have committed their lives to improving Northeast Ohio. Jakki is a board member for the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame & Museum, Union Club, Laurel School and the Thomas Moyer Judicial Center and Foundation. She is the president of Philanthropic Solutions and has already been a leader with the LeBron James Family Foundation, Cleveland Browns Foundation and Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Fred Nance currently serves on the boards of the Cleveland Clinic, Greater Cleveland Partnership, The Cleveland Foundation and RPM International Inc. He has also been a board member for the Cleveland Museum of Art, BioEnterprise Inc. and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. He is integral in the leadership of the Ohio Business Roundtable and the 50 Club of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fred and Jakki Nance who, because of their contributions to the community, are the winners of the 2012 Pan Award.

TRIBUTE TO OLYMPIC GOLD  
MEDALIST GABRIELLE DOUGLAS

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabby Douglas of West Des Moines, Iowa for her outstanding accomplishments in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. Gabby will be remembered by history as the first African-American individual all-around champion and as the first American gymnast to earn a gold medal in both the individual all-around and team competitions in the same Olympics.

Gabby has been training in West Des Moines under former University of Iowa gymnastics coach Liang Chow for nearly two years. Originally from Virginia Beach, Gabby has dedicated her life to gymnastics since enrolling when she was just six years old. In 2010, Gabby felt it was time to take her training to the next level and moved halfway across the country to train under Coach Chow and make her Olympic dreams a reality. While Gabby's move was not an easy decision for her mother Natalie, or her two sisters Arielle and Joy, Gabby's move to Iowa has been a wonderful experience thanks to her host parents, Travis and Missy Parton of West Des Moines. Gabby quickly became another daughter to her host parents and another sister to their four daughters, Hailey, Leah, Lexi, and Elissa. In London, Gabby's two mothers stood side by side as they cheered Gabby to a first place finish and into the history books.

Gabby Douglas has shown America, and the world, that anything is possible through hard work and dedication. She has taken her newfound fame with elegance and humility, attributing her success to her supportive families and unwavering faith in God. It is no surprise to those who know Gabby that her infectious positive attitude and incredible athletic ability has captured the nation's attention. Gabby returns to America both as a champion and as a role model for millions of young Americans.

Mr. Speaker, witnessing the historic achievements of Gabby Douglas has captivated the nation and the world. Miss Douglas has represented the very best of Iowa's work ethic and people on the international stage, and it is a great honor to represent Gabby and the Partons in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Gabby, thanking her supportive families, and welcoming all of our athletes home from a truly historic Summer Olympics in London.

HONORING ELIZABETH AND  
HENRY SNIPES

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the union of Elizabeth and Henry Snipes has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; One such descendant being Mr. Maceo Snipes who was a World War II veteran; and

Whereas, their union produced many well respected citizens, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Snipes and Turner families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Snipes and Turner families, whom are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Snipes and Turner families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Snipes and Turner families;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 7, 2012 as Snipes and Turner Family Reunion Day in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of July, 2012.

THE GREATER KANAWAH VALLEY  
FOUNDATION

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™ accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation of Charleston, West Virginia has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking.

On behalf of the residents of Charleston, I congratulate The Greater Kanawha Valley

Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedicated service to Charleston and communities in West Virginia.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOE MORRIS

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Joe Morris, who retires from law enforcement after having completed over 40 years of outstanding service to his community and Western North Carolina.

Joe has shown devotion to upholding the rule of law and ensuring the safety of our mountain communities throughout his career. He began in 1964 as a Highway Patrol Officer, a position in which he excelled until he retired as a Master Trooper in 1985.

He later served as a Captain for Sheriff Homer Holbrooks at the Macon County Sheriffs Department until 2002. Joe once again returned to service the same year, working as the Jail Administrator and as a Captain at the Cherokee County Sheriffs Department. It is from this position that we can celebrate his retirement.

Through literally decades of service, Joe has shown extraordinary dedication to law enforcement in Western North Carolina, and as has had a particularly important impact on Macon and Cherokee Counties. As his nephew, I could not be prouder. Thank you, Uncle Joe, for all of your service to Western North Carolina.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN  
BOULÉ II

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and service of a friend and constituent, Colonel John Boulé II of Plattsburgh, New York, and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. Col. Boulé has a long and decorated career, rising to his current position as Commander of the New York District for the Army Corps of Engineers. This country and the State of New York are fortunate to have benefitted from his years of dedicated service.

Col. Boulé graduated in 1986 from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He went on to earn two Master of Science degrees from Stanford University, and later used those skills to help further the careers of fellow soldiers by teaching at West Point. Col. Boulé also served the Army in a variety of operational, command, and staff assignments in the U.S. and overseas including in Iraq, Somalia, and in New York at Fort Drum with the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division. His decorated career includes the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab, and the Combat Action Badge.

In addition to his work overseas, Col. Boulé has been a positive force for change in New

York and in my congressional district. Since coming to Congress, I have benefited from his knowledge and experience in our efforts to improve Plattsburgh Harbor, attend to the district after Hurricane Irene, and strengthen Fort Drum. His dedication to these efforts has always helped to keep New York moving forward, and I am proud to have worked with him.

It has been a pleasure and honor to work with Col. Boulé. On a personal note, I am glad to have John as a friend and look forward to seeing him in Plattsburgh visiting with his family in the years ahead. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well in whatever comes next.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE ROCHESTER GIRL SCOUT  
TECH TEAM, THE HIPPIE PAN-  
DAS

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Emily Sabo, Carolyn Grant, Ashley Stafford and Jodie Reese—members of the Hippy Pandas Girl Scout team of Rochester, NY. Along with their coaches Cheryl and Christa Lawniczak, the Hippy Pandas recently pioneered an invention that is preventing disease, and saving lives.

The young ladies of the Hippy Pandas recently partnered with engineers at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Eastman Kodak Company to design and build a device to change the world. Through extensive research and hard work, the young women created a solar-powered pasteurization system that processes raw milk. As I write, this invention is providing women in developing countries with an easy and inexpensive way to access safe milk for themselves and their families.

This invention was spurred by a desire to help women in Nicaragua, where unpasteurized milk has caused women to suffer from higher-than-normal rates of miscarriage and disease. They've done exactly that, as their invention has already been put to use in Nicaragua, and requests have come in to expand its use to other countries.

Across the world, women face the tremendous challenge of accessing safe, affordable and secure health care. Indeed, in many countries, lack of resources and gender discrimination conspire to leave women vulnerable to contracting preventable disease. Every day, some of the most accomplished and heralded professionals in the world work to address these challenges. Yet, quietly, a small group of dedicated young women in Western New York solved one such challenge with an incredible invention.

Through their hard work, the Hippy Pandas have helped change the course of life for women a world away. In the process, they have shown this Congress, and this country, the important role that science and technology play in making our world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such intelligent, innovative, and accomplished young women. Through their work, the Hippy

Pandas have shown the best that the Rochester area has to offer. Their scientific and technological knowledge, together with a deep passion for serving a greater good, embodies the values that serve as a foundation for my hometown and our Nation.

In honor of the Hippy Pandas' service to the global community, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emily, Carolyn, Ashley, Jodie, Cheryl and Christa, and their mentors at Rochester Institute of Technology and Eastman Kodak Co. for their innovative work and dedication to science and technology. I speak for all of Western New York in expressing our pride and gratitude for the life-changing work the Hippy Pandas have done.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD AND  
DARLENE LUNDQUIST

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Edward and Darlene Lundquist on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. Their milestone took place Saturday, September 8, 2012.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist have been a happy couple since their days as high school sweethearts in Corning, Iowa. Never ones to waste time, Edward and Darlene eloped in neighboring Missouri on September 8, 1942 and haven't looked back.

Edward and Darlene have resided in Osceola, Iowa since 1959 when they purchased a lumberyard that is now in its third generation. In addition to building their successful business, Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist have also raised three children—Nancy, Jim and Alan—who have blessed them with eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, with another on the way. The Lundquists continue to be a visible and important part of their community, and it is an honor to represent them in the United States Congress.

Edward and Darlene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. I salute this lovely couple on their 70th year of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

DR. MURTAZA BAXAMUSA—FEL-  
LOWSHIP HONOREE OF THE  
YEAR!

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proclaim that there are several unsung community leaders in our nation that deserves our utmost admiration and recognition.

One such leader hails from my 51st Congressional District, Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa, the Director of Planning and Development for the Family Housing Corporation of the San Diego County Building and Trades Council, as well as an Adjunct Faculty with the Sol Price

School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He is a certified planner by the American Planning Association. He has over 10 years experience in economic development and sustainable urban planning and works with several non-profits to expand affordable housing in the San Diego area.

Dr. Baxamusa is a founding board member of the Middle Class Taxpayers Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the San Diego City-County Reinvestment Taskforce, Utility Consumer Action Network, and Cleveland National Forest Foundation. He writes the blog, Middle Class Thinker for VoiceofSanDiego.org and serves on the real estate panel for the San Diego Union Tribune.

Dr. Baxamusa received his doctoral (PhD) in Planning from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2008. His study on community benefits agreements received the award for the best doctoral dissertation in planning use at USC and was published in the academic journal of record in American planning education. He received a Master's degree in Planning at USC, and a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the Indian Institute of Technology.

In his last position as the Deputy Director at the Center on Policy Initiatives, Dr. Baxamusa authored numerous policy briefs and studies on issues concerning working families and is frequently cited by the media and legislators as an expert on these issues. His public policy accomplishments include: expanding the living wage to outsourcing, economic prosperity in the General Plan, and responsible contracting. His report on city finances, "Bottom Line," is one of the most referenced municipal budgets in the city of San Diego. The City of San Diego proclaimed June 17, 2008 to be "Dr. Baxamusa Day" in recognition of his work in the city.

Prior to moving to San Diego, Dr. Baxamusa was a researcher at the USC Center for Economic Development. He worked on sustainable development strategies for several cities in Southern California. The Center was recognized as the National Center for Eco-Industrial Development by three federal agencies.

Congratulations are indeed in order today as we honor and recognize Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa as the John S. Lyons Foundation's Fellowship Honoree of 2012!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR THE AD-  
VANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOP-  
PLE, CLEVELAND BRANCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cleveland Branch.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 by W.E.B. Du Bois, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, among others. The NAACP initially began as an organization fighting against discrimination and for protection under the law for African-Americans. The NAACP's mission

is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

The Cleveland Branch of the NAACP was established in 1912 by a small group that consisted of a cook, machinist, engineer, caterer, janitor, tailor, barber and seven postal workers. By 1914, the Cleveland Branch had 214 members. Throughout its history, the NAACP Cleveland Branch has worked to end discrimination in area schools, businesses, public establishments, and hospitals. It has fought for equal justice from the law, employment opportunities and voting rights among other campaigns. It has been led by 32 presidents, including former Cleveland City Council president George Forbes, who served from 1993 to 2012. Today, the NAACP Cleveland Branch is comprised of 15,000 members and is led by James L. Hardiman.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the National Association of Colored People, Cleveland Branch on 100 years of working for civil rights.

#### HONORING POWELL'S BOOKSTORE

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Powell's Bookstore, a Portland landmark, on the occasion of its 41st anniversary.

One of the benefits of my job is an opportunity to become a part of a lot of exciting events: Groundbreakings, anniversaries, ribbon-cuttings, commencement speeches. On August 25th, in Portland, I shared a truly unique moment. It's one of the reasons why people come from all over the world to share in the Portland experience. No tour of Portland is complete without a visit to Powell's City of Books. This is not just because this bookstore is the one attraction in Portland that's open 365 days a year, and bad weather doesn't stop you. In fact bad weather makes the trip to Powell's even more fun. It's iconic but I think few people really understand why and how it got to be that way.

Portland is the livability capital of the United States. And livability is about things like bikes and beer, about restaurants that are locally owned, gluten-free organic and free-range with everything sourced from less than four blocks from the restaurant. It's a powerful concept, to be local, human-scale and high quality.

Think about Powell's. It's local in the extreme, but it's been on the web for almost 20 years now. The staff is amazing! It's full of Reed college double majors in physics and philosophy who are members of the longshoreman's union and speak Swahili and Gaelic.

It's probably the best place in Portland for a first date. You really get to know someone wandering through the stacks at Powell's with them. It's a great place to ditch a kid for a long period of time, although that sometimes makes Michael and the staff a little nervous. It is the ultimate Christmas experience as all of the last-minute shoppers flock here. It's not just what you get, it's what you do, sharing in the frenzy of the wild-eyed, strange people who are wandering the aisles at the last moment.

Powell's is uniquely Portland because it is a family enterprise. On August 25th, I was joined by Alice Powell who is Michael's partner in life and a professional in terms of counseling that I think often has helped move the institution along. There may have been a few moments in the history of taking risks in this enterprise where maybe another income made a difference.

Michael Powell is a shy semi-curmudgeon, so it's hard to tell about all the contributions that Michael has made to the community. It's not just about his business. He's one of the people who understand that what's good for the community is good for his business, and what's good for his business is good for his community. For the better part of these 40 years, I've had a chance to work with him on a wide variety of projects, from parks and planning, to transportation and downtown development. Michael has helped lead the charge for business people to tax themselves to improve the quality of the downtown experience. For 20 years he's been not just active, but a leader, in bringing the streetcar to Portland and then expanding it. Because of Michael's efforts, the streetcar is one of those experiences that make Portland unique.

Now with their daughter Emily, it's been three generations of Powell's involved with this institution going head-to-head against the big chain establishments. With all the changes in publishing, all the changes in the economy, they've been a constant. Powell's has been a leader in ways that have made a big difference to us all.

I was asked to share a memory of Powell's, which was kind of hard because I've got so many of them over the years.

There is one experience that stands out. I love books. I'm a library junkie. I have my own study carrel in the Library of Congress, perhaps the most magnificent building in Washington, DC. I was having a tour for some Oregonians that were in town, going through the Library of Congress. We went up the staircase to look over that magnificent reading room, just a spectacular sight. It is hard to believe that it was built by the Corps of Engineers over 100 years ago.

While we're standing there, looking down at the reading room, there were people from another tour crowding behind the Plexiglas, quietly oohing and ahing. I turn to my right and there's someone wearing a Powell's City of Books t-shirt. I interrupt to say, "That's cool, I'm from Portland, I represent the Powell's." Before you know it, the whole tour is disrupted because people are noticing the Powell's shirt and they're talking about how much they love Powell's. I thought it was a perfect expression of what Powell's means to Portland and to people around the country. Congratulations on 41 years. Thank you for enriching our city and our experience. We look forward to many more years of your success.

#### RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL OF COMMUNITY LENDING

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some recent innovations in private

lending to graduate and undergraduate students in U.S. colleges and universities. I also want to encourage our nation's wealthy individuals to think about participating in these programs as one way to give back to our communities. Since its inception in 2011, the Social Financial company, or SoFi, has offered compelling community-based lending and consolidation programs, and this academic year will assist students from 45 colleges and universities across the country.

At its core, SoFi demonstrates the powerful idea of community lending. It brings alumni, students, and schools together to ensure students' debt burdens are manageable. For the upcoming 2012-13 academic year, SoFi used its equity base and additional capital from alumni to secure \$80 million to finance, fund, and support new student loans. This innovative student loan solution benefits students, alumni, higher education institutions, and our nation. The funds from school-specific lending pools allow students to enjoy comparatively low-interest loan rates and opportunities to refinance previous loans. In addition, the alumni that contribute to the pool earn a significant and low-risk return, while schools gain access to low-cost funding.

Mr. Speaker, although I do not expect private lending schemes to supplant available federal loan structures, I believe Social Financial's commitment to the betterment and transformation of the financial services landscape for students sets an example for how to innovate in this field. I commend SoFi for its hard work, community partnerships and innovation, and congratulate SoFi on its continuous expansion to schools across the U.S. In order to tackle student debt, we will need to be creative, in exactly the ways SoFi has been. I encourage those who have the means and desire to give back to follow Social Financial's example and invest in the education of the next generation.

#### HONORING FANNIE SHERIDAN

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself to her community, church and family; and

Whereas, Mrs. Fannie Sheridan's spirit is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being a mother, a community worker, neighbor and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman was born in Eufula, Alabama to Maceo and Loftie Tennelle on October 12, 1925, she has been on the move ever since as a woman of God, touching lives in Alabama, Chicago, Illinois, Gary, Indiana and Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune just fairness for the people, she was our quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, Mrs. Fannie Sheridan led by doing behind the scenes, she encouraged all those around her who wanted to make a difference, be it her family, her elected officials,

her neighbors and her church members at Saint Philip AME Church; she was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and our district; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Fannie Sheridan for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Fannie Sheridan of Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition": Mrs. Fannie Sheridan, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of July, 2012.

TOM LEMMON—JOHN S. LYONS  
FOUNDATION LABOR LEADER OF  
THE YEAR!

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proclaim that organized labor and its leaders are often the sole-source fighting for the rights of working men and women all across this great nation for many decades.

One such leader from my 51st Congressional District, who has been at the forefront of this unified labor movement in Southern California, is the very dynamic Business Manager of the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, Tom Lemmon. In Tom's capacity, he oversees twenty-two affiliates with separate jurisdictions, in addition to directing fourteen independently operated joint labor-apprenticeships.

In addition to his other accomplishments, Tom is Chairman of the Board for the San Diego Buildings Trades Housing Corporation that owns and operates a four hundred and fifty-unit affordable housing complex in National City that he lived in during his early teens.

Tom served as member of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Diego Schools Prop MM Construction Bond, he was the Chair of the San Diego Community College District's Construction Sub-Committee, and further served as Chair to the Advisory Committee for the Tech Academy which is located at Kearney High School.

Tom is currently a very active member of the United Way and still finds time to serve as a trustee for the Western States Health and Welfare Benefits Trust Fund; he is the President of the Imperial County Building Trades Council. Tom is also a long time member of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club having served their Board for several years in the capacity of their 2nd Vice President.

Tom attended San Diego Mesa College before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, earning an honorable discharge. He then earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Labor Studies from the National Labor College.

Tom started his career in the building and construction trades as an entry-level construc-

tion worker and took full advantage of educational opportunities offered by the Insulators & Asbestos Workers Local Union #5 Apprenticeship Training Trust. After gaining experience in the field and classroom, Tom rapidly advanced to managing a variety of major construction projects throughout the Southwest and Hawaii. He is a life-long resident of San Diego where he still resides with his wonderful wife and daughter.

We need to congratulate Tom Lemmon for his many years of dedicated service to the organized labor movement in San Diego and to working men and women all across this great nation!

### TRIBUTE TO TIM CONLEY AND THE PEOPLE OF MORGAN COUNTY

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley and the first responders of West Liberty, Kentucky in honor of their steadfast resolve and perseverance to rebuild and recover the town of West Liberty in the midst of disaster.

On Friday March 2, 2012, thousands of lives changed across southern and eastern Kentucky, when multiple deadly tornadoes ravaged our region, including an EF-3 tornado that destroyed downtown West Liberty with winds reaching 165 mph. Homes were leveled, businesses and community centers annihilated, families were displaced all over the countryside, and loved ones were lost. County Judge Tim Conley, West Liberty Mayor Jim Rupe, and first responders took charge immediately, serving as heroes both during and after the storm. Along with many others, Judge Conley risked his own life to rush a family into shelter at City Hall, barely hanging on as the violent eye of the storm nearly swept them away. Within days of the disaster, Conley made tough decisions to get the county back into operation after the tornado shut down every bank, grocery store, gas station, and government building in town. Through his dedication and hard work, Conley kept up morale, supplied vital information to residents, and rallied the community as they began to envision a new future for West Liberty.

Thousands of volunteers and tireless emergency crews helped Kentucky families get back on their feet after the deadly tornado outbreak. Our brave first responders searched every home for survivors, staying awake until everyone was accounted for and had received medical attention. The volunteer efforts ranged from people of all ages, including Boy Scouts and Disabled American Veterans, who fed and clothed dozens of families in addition to cleaning and rebuilding homes and businesses. Volunteer efforts were so abundant that FEMA did not have to set up any temporary shelters, due to the numerous families in West Liberty that selflessly took in their neighbors and family members.

As West Liberty continues to rebuild and look forward, we must remember and honor the hundreds of first responders, local officials such as Tim Conley, and volunteers who worked hard to lend a hand in the darkest

hour. It was through their selfless service, resilience, and valiant leadership that helped put Morgan County on the path to recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tim Conley, our first responders, and the numerous volunteers throughout Kentucky for their heroic acts of bravery, compassion for those in need, and determination to recover and succeed.

### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPTAIN EMILIANO TELLADO

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Captain Emiliano Tellado of the United States Army for his dedication and service to our Nation. Captain Tellado recently moved on from his assignment as a Congressional Liaison for the Army to become the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Land Command Stand Up Team Special Initiatives Group Leader.

A native of Puerto Rico, Captain Tellado graduated from Norwich University and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Studies. Following his graduation from Norwich University in May 2003, Captain Tellado was commissioned in the Field Artillery branch. His first assignment was with 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Light, where he served as a Fire Direction Officer and Platoon Leader. During that time he deployed as part of Combined Joint Task Force-76 to Afghanistan from March 2006 to November 2007. Upon his arrival he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Light, where he served as a Battalion Fire Support Officer and a Rifle Company Commander, deploying for a second time.

For his second deployment, Captain Tellado deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the "Surge" from November 2007 to January 2009. Throughout his deployments Captain Tellado led soldiers in combat at both the platoon and company level in Afghanistan and Iraq. His awards and decorations are as extensive as they are impressive, and include: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, and Parachutist Badge.

After transferring command in August, he attended the Field Artillery Captains Career Course. Upon completion, Captain Tellado was selected for the prestigious Army Congressional Fellowship Program, where, as part of the Program, he earned his Master's in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

This Master's would serve him well, as Captain Tellado was then chosen to serve as a Defense Department Fellow on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He utilized the skills he learned from his Master's program, together with his extensive deployment experience, to provide expert advice on Middle East and South Asian affairs.

In January 2011, he arrived in the House Army Liaison Division where he assumed his

duties as a Legislative Liaison and continued to honorably serve as a conduit between the Army and Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work closely with Captain Tellado over the last few years of his decorated career, both as a Fellow for the Foreign Affairs Committee, and as a Legislative Liaison for Congress to the Army. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Captain Tellado for dedicating his life in service to his country.

For all he and his wife have given, and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish him and his wife Sindia Luz Tellado all the best as they continue their journey together, wherever that may lead them.

IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKLYN  
CENTRE'S BICENTENNIAL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the bicentennial celebration of Brooklyn Centre, a historic neighborhood within the City of Cleveland.

Brooklyn Centre was founded by James Fish of Connecticut in 1812, marking the first settlement west of the Cuyahoga River. Just a few years later, more than 200 people had begun living in the area. On June 1, 1818, Brooklyn Township was formally organized. Throughout the next several decades immigrants from Germany, Poland and Ireland moved to Brooklyn Centre. The area became known for its tanners, shoemakers, and other skilled tradesmen. Brooklyn Centre was annexed by the City of Cleveland in the latter half of the 19th century, after which it began to grow rapidly.

Less than a century later, following World War II, the residents of Brooklyn Centre began focusing on the preservation and revitalization of their neighborhood. In 1946, the Southwest Citizens Area Council was formed. The Brooklyn Center Community Association, also known as Archwood Concerned Citizens, and the Brooklyn Centre Historical Society were founded in 1978. In 1981, the Crossroads Development Corporation was established. In 1984, the City of Cleveland recognized the historic importance and architectural significance of the neighborhood with the creation of the Brooklyn Centre Historic District. More recently, Friends of Big Creek and the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists have been established and the new Jones Home National Historic District was designated. In November 2008, Brooklyn Centre became a National Wildlife Federation registered Community Wildlife Habitat Site.

The Brooklyn Centre Bicentennial celebration began on Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Brooklyn Centre Burying Grounds, which was founded in 1835. The neighborhood will also celebrate with a parade, community picnic and historic home tour, among other festivities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing 200 years of history and culture in Cleveland's Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

HONORING IRIS M. ARCHER AS 2012  
ANGELS IN ADOPTION HONOREE

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iris M. Archer of Macon, GA, as a 2012 Angels in Adoption Honoree for her outstanding advocacy of adoption in the State of Georgia.

Mrs. Archer is the founding director of Covenant Care Services, a statewide adoption agency based in Macon and serving all of Georgia. Mrs. Archer founded the organization and served as Executive Director from 1989 until her retirement in May 2011.

Adoptive parents often endure a long journey that requires them to endure a great deal of sacrifice. Their journey begins long before they ever meet their bundle of joy and to prepare for this momentous occasion they often secure an advocate to help them navigate the arduous process. However, in the late 1980s, during a time when unplanned pregnancy was still very much considered shameful, one woman noticed that a very important player in this process often did not have a voice in the world of adoption. While adoptive parents were cooing over the new addition to their family with their advocates by their sides, the baby's birthmother was left by herself to overcome the sadness that often accompanies the difficult decision she made.

Mrs. Archer felt that she could be that voice for the birthmother. Utilizing her degree in counseling and previous work experience for a national adoption agency, she set out on a mission to offer counseling and education to mothers of unplanned pregnancy and offered herself as an advocate for them all around the state. By 1989, her one-woman mission had grown into a full-time cause and Covenant Care Services was established. In that time, she worked to change general adoption practices to identify a triad that included separate advocates for the family, baby and birthmother. The triad's purpose was to alleviate conflict of interest and ensure that all parties are fully served.

As the demand for their services increased around the state, Mrs. Archer began to expand the organization. By the mid-1990s Covenant Care had staff in five communities around the state and employed seventeen full-time staff members. At the insistence of Mrs. Archer, Covenant Care was built as an organization that depends on fundraising for two-thirds of its annual budget. This means that the agency is not dependent on adoption revenue to operate. Not only does it allow the agency to offer some of the lowest adoption fees in the state but more importantly the ability to emphasize education and counseling for the mother without the pressure of being forced to choose adoption. Covenant Care's work has resulted in an average of 25 adoptions each year, nearly 600 adoptions since 1989.

Iris Archer is a woman who simply saw a problem and dared to believe that she could do something about it, and something she did. Mr. Speaker, for her tireless devotion to the entire adoptive family, please join me in honoring Mrs. Iris M. Archer as a true "Angel in Adoption."

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW  
AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of New Avenues to Independence, a volunteer organization that provides services to individuals with disabilities.

New Avenues to Independence was founded in 1952 by a group of parents with disabled children. Instead of sending their children off to live in institutions, the founding parents had a vision of an organization that would facilitate independent lives for their children and others with disabilities. For the past sixty years, New Avenues to Independence has provided opportunities for employment and education to the individuals it serves, in addition to various forms of therapy and recreational activities both inside and outside of its group homes. New Avenues to Independence serves people with a wide range of disabilities and is committed to meeting the specific needs of each individual.

Since its founding, New Avenues to Independence has grown in the number of people it serves as well as the number of services it provides. There are now eight homes located in the Northeast Ohio area, serving 600 disabled people each year. Over the years, New Avenues to Independence has received many awards recognizing its contributions to the community. This year marks the 60th anniversary of its founding.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring New Avenues to Independence, an organization that has provided individuals with disabilities the means to lead independent lives for the past sixty years.

HONORING TERYLE L. BERRY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself to her country, family and community; and

Whereas, Ms. Teryle L. Berry served six (6) years in the United States Navy, she was an educator, community advocate and business owner; and

Whereas, Ms. Berry gave of her time and talent to uplift those in need by demonstrating unwavering commitment to serving the citizens of her community, her family and her country; and

Whereas, she was a mother, a daughter, a sister and a friend; she was a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting and service to our district; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Ms. Teryle L. Berry as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Ms. Teryle L. Berry is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional

Honor" by declaring Ms. Teryle L. Berry U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of July, 2012.

HONORING 2012 UPPER PENINSULA  
OF MICHIGAN VETERAN OF THE  
YEAR

**HON. DAN BENISHEK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, let it be known that it is an honor and pleasure to pay tribute to Corporal Richard M. Morrison for his extraordinary service to our country both on and off the battlefield, for which he has been named the 2012 Upper Peninsula of Michigan Veteran of the Year.

Corporal Morrison served in the Fighting 4th Division of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima, and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Long after he retired his Marine Corps' uniform, Corporal Morrison has continued to serve our country as a public servant and mentor to our veterans. He has dedicated his life to serving veterans and their families in communities throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Corporal Morrison is currently affiliated with the Walter W. Cole American Legion, the Marine Corps League Detachment and Military Order of the Devil Dogs among other organizations. Corporal Morrison has also been elected as the Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander of American Legion Post 301, as well as the American Legion 11th District Commander.

For his more than 25 years of work as a Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer and his 8 years as Chairman of the American Legion Department of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee, the American Legion officially named their annual officer service school the "Richard Morrison Service Officer School."

During 2012, Corporal Morrison attended all American Legion district and zone meetings; visited four Marine Corps Detachments; served on the 2012 Michigan Marine Corps League State Convention Committee; taught students about military history at six local schools; trained American Legion Service Officers; and was a member of the Delta County Veterans Council Funeral Honor Guard.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First District, it is my privilege to recognize Corporal Richard M. Morrison as the 2012 Upper Peninsula of Michigan Veteran of the Year for his service, sacrifice, and continued patriotism.

RECOGNIZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of

the Emancipation Proclamation. On September 22, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation as of January 1, 1863 all slaves residing in the states in rebellion against the Union would be forever free. President Lincoln's bold move changed our Nation for the better and is a defining moment in American history. In honor of this historic moment many organizations from coast to coast are hosting celebrations.

In my district, radio station Classical KUSC, MusicUNTOLD and the Colburn Foundation are partnering together to support a 150th Anniversary Emancipation Proclamation concert. The concert program will consist of solo and duet performances interspersed with spoken texts describing the American journey from slavery to the election of President Barack Obama. The concert will be preceded by a lecture about the music and the Civil War era giving participants a historical context of the inspiring music following.

Featured artists represent a wide range of styles and have appeared on the stages of great opera houses and concert halls worldwide. Artists include tenor George Shirley, baritone Donnie Ray Albert, soprano Latoria Moore, violinist Sanford Allen and Annela Gregory, violist Nokuthula Ngwenyama, soprano Jammieca Mott, composer-pianist Richard Thompson and pianist Lukas Swidzinski, Polli Chambers-Salazar, and Althea Waites.

In past years, John Malveaux, president of the Long Beach Central Arts Association and a longtime arts promoter who runs MusicUNTOLD and Classical KUSC radio station have presented an annual Juneteenth Concert in Long Beach. Promoting historical awareness through music has been a strong tradition of MusicUNTOLD and Classical KUSC radio stations. I commend their tireless work in the Long Beach community.

Mr. Speaker, the Emancipation Proclamation established a moral strength that reverberates throughout American history. The Emancipation Proclamation was a milestone along the road to slavery's final destruction and has justly assumed its hallowed place among the great documents of human freedom.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 199TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF  
LAKE ERIE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

Fought on September 10, 1813 during the War of 1812, the Battle of Lake Erie was a naval victory for the Americans led by Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry. The American fleet consisted of nine vessels: Brig *Lawrence*, Brig *Niagara*, Brig *Caledonia*, Schooner *Ariel*, Schooner *Scorpion*, Schooner *Somers*, Sloop *Trippie*, Schooner *Porcupine*, Schooner *Tigress* and Schooner *Ohio* carrying 557 crewmen. Commander Robert Heriot Barclay led the British forces and their six vessels: the *Trois*, *Queen Charlotte*, *Lady Prevost*, Brig *Hunter*, *Little Belt* and *Chippeway*.

The Battle of Lake Erie, waged over control of Fort Malden, started early in the morning.

Following hours of fierce gunfight, the American flagship, the *Lawrence* had been disabled. However, the *Niagara* had been spared and within another half hour, Perry and his crew from the *Lawrence* had moved over to the *Niagara* from which they led the Americans to victory. They had captured all of the British vessels.

This year's celebration will span from August 30 to September 8. It will feature performances by the U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band at the Port of Cleveland Harbor and the Navy Band Concert at Catawba Island Club. This year's events have been selected to be a lead up to next year's bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

HONORING MARGARET JEAN  
LABORN

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, twenty-nine years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Government of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn began her career service with two years in the United States Marine Corps and since 1987, has served in the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) retiring today as an Economic Development Assistant; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents in both military and civilian service giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn on her retirement and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 31, 2012 as Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of July, 2012.

HONORING MR. ROMAN PUCINSKI  
AND HIS WORK UNCOVERING  
THE KATYN MASSACRE

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roman C. Pucinski, whose tireless efforts helped shed light on the horrific Katyn Massacre of 1940. Mr. Pucinski was a leader



in the Polish-American community in Chicago, serving as a U.S. Representative and an Alderman. He passed away on September 25, 2002, but I rise to honor him today because some of his most important life's work will be available to the public for the first time this week. Beginning today, September 10th, the materials related to revealing the Katyn Massacre, that he spent much of his career in Congress working to compile, will be declassified and put on display at the National Archives. I am certain that he would be overcome with emotion if he were able to see the fruits of his labor on this special day.

During World War II, Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany on September 1, 1939, then by the Soviet Union on September 17th. The Soviet Army met little resistance as it advanced through Poland from the east, because Polish troops were ordered not to engage, incorrectly thinking that the Soviets were there to help. The Soviets subsequently took thousands of Polish prisoners of war. Soviet troops, by the order of Joseph Stalin and the Politburo, ordered approximately 22,000 executions of Polish military officers, police officers, and other government officials. These executions are now known as the Katyn Massacre. Nazi troops found the mass graves in 1943 and the Soviet Union denied any responsibility, and maintained that position until 1990.

Leading to the Soviet Union's acknowledgment of crime, Congress established the Select Committee on the Katyn Forest Massacre from 1951–1952, chaired by Congressman Ray J. Madden of Indiana. The committee hired Mr. Pucinski as the bilingual Chief Investigator for the committee because of his experience as an investigative reporter with the Chicago Sun-Times, and his fluency in both Polish and English. Mr. Pucinski worked endlessly to provide conclusive documentation that it was indeed the Soviets, and not the Nazis, who were responsible for this heinous crime. Traveling across Europe and the United States, he found witnesses, took depositions, and uncovered secret documents. He worked to uncover the truth about a great tragedy of World War II, and has helped ease the pain of those affected by Katyn Massacre. I am happy to say that many of the documents he helped uncover and compiled are finally available for public viewing. These documents will serve as a reminder for all visitors to the National Archives the horrors of World War II and the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom.

Mr. Pucinski was born in Buffalo, New York, but grew up in Chicago. He graduated from Northwestern University, and while there began his work at the Chicago Sun-Times. During World War II, Mr. Pucinski served in the U.S. Army Air Forces where he became a Captain and led his bombardier in the first B-29 bomb raid on Tokyo. Following the war, Mr. Pucinski attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago and graduated in 1949. He then went on to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1959 to 1973 and as a Chicago Alderman from 1973 until 1991. Throughout Mr. Pucinski's lifetime, he was a leader for both Chicago and the city's expansive Polish-American community.

Please join me in honoring Mr. Pucinski's work to investigate and uncover the truth behind the Katyn Massacre. I commend his efforts not only as an investigator, but also as an elected official and I am happy his important work will be available to educate Americans for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF CAMP WALTON SCHOOLHOUSE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Camp Walton School located in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Construction on the Camp Walton School began in 1911 by a group of local citizens who sought to ensure that their children would have a permanent location to pursue their education. Located in historic downtown Fort Walton Beach, the school opened in 1912 with 15 students and one teacher. The one-room schoolhouse held classes for eight grades. In 1927, a second room was added to the schoolhouse for students in grades 9 through 12. The Camp Walton School continued to serve as a bastion of education until 1936, when a hurricane damaged the school.

After the hurricane of 1936, the local residents decided to build a new school for their community; however, the Camp Walton School building continued to be used by the local community. During World War II, the building served as an apartment house for several families. In 1974, the building's owners donated the Camp Walton School to the Junior Service League to restore it to its original status and preserve it as a historic museum. The Junior Service League, in conjunction with the Okaloosa County School Board, completed the restoration of the Camp Walton School in 1976 when it was reopened to the public.

The City of Fort Walton Beach assumed operation of the Camp Walton School in 1986, and since that time, it has come to serve thousands of local students and visitors from across the United States and around the world. The Camp Walton School is an important historical piece of the Northwest Florida community, and in 2010 it was placed on the National Register of Country Schools.

Education is the foundation for future success, and it has served as one of the cornerstones of our nation. The citizens of the Fort Walton Beach community realized this important fact and came together to ensure that their children had a suitable location to pursue their studies. One hundred years later, the Camp Walton School still stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together to preserve its history.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize the 100th Birthday Celebration of Camp Walton Schoolhouse. With the dedication and commitment of the Fort Walton Beach Community, this historic site will continue to teach future generations about their shared history and inspire them to achieve great success.

JOB PROTECTION AND RECESSION PREVENTION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 8, which should be called the Protecting America's Wealthiest 2 Percent Act of 2012.

Our main priority in the House of Representatives must be to support middle class families. It should not be to protect the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans by extending the so-called Bush tax cuts for them. As a body, we should work together to make our nation's tax system more equitable while continuing to support the middle class.

I opposed the so-called Bush tax cut plans in 2001 and 2003. In the aftermath of these cuts, federal revenue fell, real GDP grew at a rate less than 2 percent and the cumulative deficit grew to \$6 trillion. Today, I rise in support of the Democratic Substitute to H.R. 8 which extends all income tax cuts for the 98 percent of Americans and asks the richest households to contribute to deficit reduction by reverting back to the 1990s rates—a decade in which the workforce grew by 22 million jobs and saw the largest budget surplus in recent history.

My colleagues across the aisle have shown that their priority is to protect only privileged Americans by giving away tax breaks to the wealthiest in this country and continuing to ignore the needs of middle class families. Republicans are holding tax cuts for 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses hostage to deficit-busting tax breaks for the top 2 percent, while rewarding Big Oil, special interests, and corporations that outsource American jobs.

H.R. 8 would raise taxes on 25 million American families by an average \$1,000 by ending vital expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit and end the American Opportunity Tax Credit entirely. These 25 million families are earning the least and who rely on these credits to put more wages in their pockets, increase access to child care services, and make college more affordable. It would add to the deficit by extending tax breaks for the highest-earning households, giving millionaires a tax break savings of \$160,000 annually. Republicans are holding the middle class hostage by demanding tax cut extensions for the richest 2 percent and by adding \$50 billion to the deficit. What is even more egregious is that H.R. 8 would disproportionately affect those military families who sacrifice every day to protect our freedoms. The American middle class, including our military families, would see a tax increase on January 1, 2013 if we fail to come to an agreement on taxes for the top 2 percent.

I want to protect hard working Americans, including our military families. I support making sure everyone, especially the wealthiest Americans and large corporations, pays their fair share. That is why I am an original co-sponsor of the Democratic Substitute to H.R. 8, which is identical to The Middle Class Tax Cut Act which passed the Senate last week. The Middle Class Tax Cut Act would preserve the current tax rates for 98 percent of Americans and only increase taxes on the richest 2

percent who earn the most and have seen the largest tax breaks over the last ten years. We can act now. If we pass The Middle Class Tax Cut Act today we can keep taxes low for the 98 percent of Americans who rely on the tax breaks and credits extended in this bill. Then we can separately debate the issue of extending the so-called Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest among us. Instead, the majority will adjourn today until September having done nothing to protect the middle class or to make sure everyone pays their fair share.

Under the Republicans' plan, 30.5 percent of tax cuts going to my home state, New Jersey, would go to the richest 1 percent, and 45.8 percent would go to the richest 5 percent. That is 76.3 percent of tax cuts going to the top 6 percent of state residents, leaving 23.7 percent of cuts for the remaining 94 percent of New Jerseyans.

I strongly support The Middle Class Tax Cut Act and the Democratic Substitute to H.R. 8. We can no longer afford to continue giving the biggest breaks to those who need them the least. It's time to put money back into the pockets of hard working Americans.

HONORING OTIS A. BRUMBY, JR.

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there is a time-old saying that one can either be respected or loved, but not both, and that leaders should always strive towards the former. As one of the most beloved and well-regarded leaders in our community, though, and as only Otis could, he managed to be both.

My family moved to Marietta in 1975 and, like so many families, we got to know the Brumbys through Marietta City schools. Our children were in the same grades, played on the same sports teams, and went to one another's birthday parties. One of our daughters, Phyllis, was particularly close to Betsy Brumby. They were, as we called it, "spend-the-night" friends. Just like he and Martha Lee, their children were respectful and well-liked by everyone. Their son, Otis III ("Little O") became the starting quarterback for the Marietta Blue Devils. My wife and I know how proud Otis and Martha Lee were on those Friday nights at Northcutt Stadium.

Otis was deeply involved in and steadfastly dedicated to Marietta schools. He was a staunch supporter of the Marietta School Board and, for a time, was a member himself. I began my political career on the Marietta School Board and have always admired his commitment to our local schools. In many ways—and for many reasons—he inspired me.

As the editor of the Marietta Daily Journal, Otis was always fair and even-handed. When he identified a problem, he drew attention to it, regardless of party affiliation. When he shined a light on something, he always left the situation better than he found it. Otis always sought the truth, but in his quest for it, he still treated everyone well. Besides being fair to Republicans and Democrats alike, the diehard Dawgs fan even managed to be gracious to this Georgia Tech alum.

Our community mourns his loss alongside his wife, children, and beautiful grandchildren. Otis will be deeply missed. But we will honor his memory today and every day. Because of one man's rich life, we've all gained so much.

### TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT PATRICK J. WOOD

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from the 44th Congressional District of California who has dedicated his life to defending the people of this country and preserving the basic freedoms and liberties that we hold dear. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Master Sergeant Patrick J. Wood for his 26 years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force.

Chief Wood enlisted in the Air Force on June 26, 1986 after graduating from Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Michigan. After graduating from basic military training he was assigned to the 29th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan as a Load Planner. In September of 1990, then-Staff Sergeant Wood joined Air Force Reserve Recruiting and was again assigned to Selfridge. While there, he was recognized as "Rookie of the Year" for the Recruiting Service, an honor given to the recruiter who enlists the most airmen during their first recruiting year.

This was the first of many recruiting awards Chief Wood would receive. His other accomplishments include numerous "Two Per Week" awards, "Top Fifty" recognition for 6 years, Top Senior Recruiter, and five consecutive "Goal Excellence Awards" for his operating locations. Chief Wood was also a distinguished graduate from the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. In Recruiting Year 2011, his squadron enlisted more than 2,600 citizen airmen to become the "Top Recruiting Squadron" for that year.

As a result of his achievements, Chief Wood was eventually chosen to be the Superintendent of the largest squadron in Reserve Recruiting. During his 23 years in recruiting, Chief Wood was responsible for enlisting over 8,000 new citizen airmen. Chief Wood's innovative ideas and leadership positions allowed him to influence recruiter training practices to ensure that the Air Force Reserve Command met or exceeded goals for 12 consecutive years.

Most recently, Chief Wood has served as the Superintendent, Western Recruiting Squadron, Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service, March Air Reserve Base, California—the most senior ranking noncommissioned officer in the western region. In this role, he has been responsible for the oversight of recruiter production as well as the welfare of over 100 personnel across 17 states, one U.S. territory, and in three countries.

Chief Wood could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his wife Major Mia Wood (Retired), and his daughters Airman First Class Lauren Wood and Ashley Wood. Helping to build the

foundation for success early in life were his father Alfred, a United States Marine Corps Veteran from the Korean War, and his mother Anna.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Patrick J. Wood for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great Nation. Chief Wood will retire from the United States Air Force service with more than just his experience, decorated career and remarkable accomplishments. He will also have served as a shining example and constant reminder of what it means to be an American patriot and leader. I am grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from the United States Air Force.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF JAMES "PAPPY" DUNN

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask for the House's attention today to honor Mr. James "Pappy" Dunn.

James "Pappy" Dunn was born in Georgia, and was married to the former Barbara Lawson, of Talladega, Alabama. Together they had five children (Jimmy, Claudette, Bertis and Anrae) and one grandchild.

In 1939, after earning a bachelor's degree from Alabama State University and a master's degree from Fisk University, Pappy began his career in education as a teacher and coach at Hobson City's Calhoun County Training School. During this time he served in World War II and oversaw the school's integration. In 1973, he was elected as the Alabama Education Association's second black president. Students remember him as someone who defined servant leadership. In 1986, Mr. Dunn retired as the school's principal.

After his retirement from education, Pappy was elected to the Calhoun County Commission. It was here that he was named "The Anniston Star's" Citizen of the Year in 1997. In 2005 he received the SCLC Calhoun County Chapter Humanitarian Award, and in 2008 he received the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Award for Outstanding Contribution to County Government.

Mr. Dunn was involved in numerous other organizations. These include the National Association of Counties' Health Steering Committee, the Anniston-Calhoun County Fort McClellan Joint Powers Authority, the East Alabama Regional Planning Commission, the Epsilon Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Community Action Agency, the Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. Dunn today and thank him for his dedication to Alabama's Third District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED, PAULA RIGGS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Paula Riggs. Mrs. Riggs was a dedicated public servant, a staple in the community, and all of Northwest Florida mourns her passing.

Paula Riggs was born in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba while her father was serving our nation in the United States Navy. As the daughter of a naval officer, her family moved around often; however, her parents instilled in Mrs. Riggs an everlasting love and affection for their native home in Northwest Florida. Her interest in public service began at a young age, when she would spend hours with her uncle Harold Goodwin, a former mayor of DeFuniak Springs, listening and learning.

After receiving her college degree from the University of North Florida, Paula Riggs decided to move her family to Northwest Florida to raise her four children along the Gulf Coast. Mrs. Riggs was a loving and devoted mother to her children, and she was also known throughout her community as a true neighbor who offered her kindness to all those she knew. She became a successful small business owner, before joining the Mary Esther City Council in 1995.

Mrs. Riggs' had a deep commitment to helping those who were most in need of assistance, and she continued her service to Northwest Florida in 1998 when she was elected as a County Commissioner for Okaloosa County, Florida. As a County Commissioner she was known for her assiduous work ethic and steadfast commitment to improving the community. In addition to her service on the County Commission, she served as Chairman of the Okaloosa-Walton County Transportation Planning Organization, as well as Chairman of the State Library Council, and her hard work and leadership earned her an appointment by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to serve on the Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Council. Although she was forced to step down from her position on the County Commission in 2004 due to illness, she remained a steadfast presence in the community.

To some, Paula Riggs will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and a successful small business owner. To others, she will be remembered as a generous and caring neighbor always willing to lend a hand. To her family, she will most fondly be remembered as a wonderful and loving mother to her four children and an inspiration to her two grandchildren. Her impact on Northwest Florida was immense, and her legacy will never be forgotten.

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

JIM AND BOBBIE MELLO'S 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Jim and Bobbie Mello on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on September 6, 2012.

James Mello, born in Turlock on April 18, 1922, was destined to meet Barbara (Bobbie) McDonald, born in Turlock on April 12, 1926. Fate finally intervened on a summer day when they met when she was picnicking at Crane Park. Jim came by riding his horse and spotted her. Being a 20 year-old romantic, he devised a plan to meet Bobbie. The plan was to come back a while later and throw watermelons at her. Well, it worked perfectly, and Jim and Bobbie were married about two months later.

The plan was to borrow the best man's car and drive to Minden, Nevada on September 5, 1942, to marry. However, on that day, the best man had his tires repossessed. Undaunted, they borrowed the car of Jim's employer, drove to Minden, and were married the next day.

Two months later, in November, Jim left to join the U.S. Army. Bobbie moved back to live with her Grandmother, who had raised her and her younger sister, Gloria, since they were very young children. Three years later, Jim returned from World War II, where he served as a tanker under General George Patton and was in the famous "Battle of the Bulge."

After his return from service, he worked for Turlock Trenching Company. Jim and his brother-in-law, Clinton Hayes, bought the company in 1951 and ran it out of Jim and Bobbie's 10 acre ranch for many years. In 1987, Jim went to work for Swanson Farms until his retirement in 2003.

After Jim retired, he and Bobbie moved into their present home in the city of Turlock. They have two daughters—their eldest daughter is Sandra, married to Steve Vieira. Sandy and Steve just celebrated their 49th anniversary. Their youngest daughter, Janice, married Bob Borba. Jan and Bob will soon celebrate their 47th anniversary. Jim and Bobbie have four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to running their own business, Jim and Bobbie were very involved in their community. Jim served 30 years as a volunteer fireman and retired as Assistant Chief of Turlock Rural Fire Department. They both are lifetime members of the Turlock Horsemen's Club and belong to several organizations including American Legion, VFW, Native Daughters of the Golden West, and have volunteered for many organizations and causes over the years. They serve as great role models for their family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the partnership, love, and trust that aided Jim and Bobbie in reaching this milestone of an anniversary. Congratulations on the past 70 years, and I wish you the best success in the years to come.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MAJOR GENERAL GERALD L. PRATHER AND HIS BEING NAMED "PERSON OF THE DECADE" IN DEL RIO, TX BY THE BOY SCOUTS

**HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of a true American hero—Air Force Major General Gerald L. Prather. General Prather was born in LaGrange, Georgia in 1935. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1954, and received his pilot wings and commission in August of 1956. During his distinguished career, General Prather has flown F-84F's, F-100D's, C-130's, and was a B-52 pilot and training instructor. In 1967 he was assigned to Mactan Isle Airfield in the Philippines, where he completed more than 500 combat support missions in Southeast Asia. The general eventually became the commander of the European Communications Area in 1977, and was promoted to Major General in March of 1983, with date of rank July 1, 1979. General Prather's military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with two oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force and Marine Presidential Unit Citation Emblems, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Organization Excellence Award Ribbon.

General Prather's life and career embodies the best of America and of our armed forces, and just recently he was named by the Boy Scouts as the "Man of the Decade" in Del Rio, TX, home of Laughlin Air Force Base. General Prather was also honored this past weekend when Laughlin Air Force base named a street on the base after him—a great honor for a great American.

As the representative of the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Del Rio and Laughlin Air Force Base, I wish to congratulate General Prather on his recent honors and thank him for a tremendous life of service to our nation.

NAVY LT. BRAD SNYDER EARNS OLYMPIC GOLD

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to provide my colleagues with an update on a remarkable young man, Navy Lt. Brad Snyder, of St. Petersburg, Florida, an American hero who lost his eye sight in Afghanistan while carrying out an extremely dangerous mission as a member of an explosive ordinance detail.

When I last reported to you in July, Lt. Snyder, who I had the privilege to appoint to the U.S. Naval Academy, had just qualified to represent the United States swim team at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Today, I am proud to report to you that Lt. Snyder has brought home two gold medals and one silver

medal. He was one of the truly inspirational stories of these games. So inspirational in fact, that his teammates selected him to serve as the U.S. flag bearer for last night's closing ceremonies.

Lt. Snyder is symbolic of the indomitable spirit of our men and women in uniform in our all volunteer force. He volunteered to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and upon graduation he volunteered for assignment to the dangerous explosive ordnance disposal team. With injuries that would have devastated most people, he found the courage to reenter the pool to represent our nation in front of the world in such a dramatic manner.

You will recall that Brad was selected as the Captain of the Naval Academy Swim Team because his coaches, teammates, and fellow sailors all recognized his exceptional work ethic and trustworthy behavior. After graduating in May 2006, Lt. Snyder became an Explosive Ordinance Officer. He served for six months in Iraq and was deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2011. While his unit was on patrol there on September 7, 2011, the front of the patrol team set off an IED. While providing aid, Lt. Snyder stepped on a pressure plate, detonating another unseen IED. The second blast inflicted severe burns and permanently blinded him.

Less than two months after losing his sight, Lt. Snyder returned to the swimming pool and swam several hundred meters on his first attempt. Appropriately enough, it was one year to the date of his injuries that Brad won his second gold medal at the London Games.

As I said in July, I was struck when I went back and read Brad's candidate statement to me from 11 years ago as part of his application to the Naval Academy. In it he wrote, "Initially it was Olympic gold that I dreamed of, but as reality set in I realized that the military was a more realistic dream. Today I dream that I will be an officer in the best Navy the world has ever seen, and I hope that my contributions to the Navy can help it grow strong."

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Brad Snyder has achieved his goals on both fronts—serving our nation with honor as a United States Naval officer, and winning Olympic gold. Far greater though, is the way in which he demonstrated to the world the courage and commitment of all U.S. service members when he entered that pool and when he carried the Stars and Stripes into the Olympic Stadium. This is a remarkable young man with a remarkable story and he deserves the thanks and appreciation of all of the members of this House for a job well done.

#### JOB CREATION

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to urge Senate Democrats to halt President Obama's job-killing tax hike. According to one study, this massive tax increase would eliminate 700,000 jobs, raise taxes on the middle class, and deal a massive blow to our nation's economic engine, small businesses.

The President and his czars continue to burden our nation's job creators with onerous, anti-growth regulations. Along with his tax

hikes and burdensome regulations, President Obama's health care law threatens patient access, raises taxes, and takes over one-sixth of the U.S. economy.

In the meantime, House Republicans have maintained a laser-like focus on jobs, passing more than 30 pro-growth jobs bills, which continue to stack up on Senator REID's desk.

Mr. Speaker, President Obama's economic policies have failed. This massive tax hike on the middle class is unsustainable and a hindrance to growth and job creation. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to take up our jobs bills and stop the tax hike.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED THOMAS SOLOMAN (T. SOL) JOHNSON

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Thomas Soloman (T. Sol) Johnson.

T. Sol Johnson was a lifelong resident of Northwest Florida who gained a well-earned reputation as one of the finest and most respected attorneys in Santa Rosa County. Mr. Johnson was raised in a household that respected and revered our Nation's legal system. His father, A.L. Johnson, established a successful practice in Santa Rosa County, in addition to his service as County Judge. After graduating from the University of Florida School of Law in 1963, T. Sol returned to his native Milton, Florida to join his father's practice, where he quickly distinguished himself as an exceedingly qualified and honest attorney.

T. Sol was a tireless advocate for his clients, and he often performed pro bono work to ensure that all those in need of legal counsel had access to the highest quality representation. In addition to his successful private practice, he served his community in multiple public capacities. He served on the Milton City Council from 1970–77, as attorney for the Santa Rosa Beach Administration from 1967–73, and as Santa Rosa County Attorney from 1977–81.

Outside of the courtroom, Mr. Johnson was a loving and committed family man with an unwavering devotion to the Lord. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Milton, and he served his church in various capacities as a Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, R.A. Leader, and constant volunteer on mission trips. Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mary; his four sons, Robert, Jon, Bradley, and Steven; fourteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

To some, T. Sol Johnson will be remembered as a world class attorney of impeccable repute. To others, he will be remembered as a leader in the Northwest Florida community. To his friends and family, he will be remembered most fondly as a loving and devoted family man. His tireless work and immense contributions to the community cannot be overstated. Northwest Florida has truly suffered a great loss with his passing.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the

life and service of Thomas Soloman Johnson. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Johnson family.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.

##### Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 3469, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366

10 a.m.

##### Environment and Public Works

##### Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of recommendations for enhancing nuclear reactor safety in the 21st century.

SD-406

##### Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on an intelligence update on Syria and Iran.

SVC-217

##### Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the future of the General Services Administration.

SD-342

##### Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Citizens United court and the continuing importance of the "Voting Rights Act".

SD-226

##### Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

2 p.m.

##### Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the path from low-Earth orbit (LEO) to Mars.

SR-253

2:45 p.m.

##### Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph E. Macmanus, of New

York, to be Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Sharon English Woods Villarosa, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Walter North, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands, and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

## SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues related to the quality of disability benefit awards involving 300 case files of claimants under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplement Security Income (SSI) programs involving initial applications and subsequent levels of appeal.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) accountable, focusing on a review of the semi-annual report to Congress.

SD-538

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 645, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, S. 3486, to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty, S. 1894, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, S. 3523, Innovative Design Protection Act, and the nomination of William Joseph Baer, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Dawn M. Liberi, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine improving college affordability, focusing on a view from the states.

SD-430

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 675, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and S. 1684, to amend the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005, to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the impacts of the Carcieri and Patchak decisions.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

## SEPTEMBER 14

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin K. Washburn, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

SD-628

## SEPTEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine homeland threats and agency responses.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational orga-

nized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, S. 3310, to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, S. 3341, to require a quadrennial diplomacy and development review, S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, S. Res. 516, expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras, the nominations of Richard G. Olson, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Department of State, and John Hardy Isakson, of Georgia, and Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, both to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and lists in the Foreign Service.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine investing in an effective Federal workforce.

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## SEPTEMBER 20

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine advancing the Federal-tribal relationship through self-governance and self-determination.

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## SEPTEMBER 25

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense.

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