

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BETTY CRAWFORD

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Betty Crawford, a resident of Marks, MS, who has used her talent as a folk artist to teach and inspire many audiences. From summer art camps to craft workshops, children and adults alike have had countless opportunities to learn from her original style of art. Using textiles, paint, recycled and repurposed materials, she crafts one-of-a-kind treasures to preserve history and to document southern culture.

Betty serves as a historian for the original Mule Train Journey of 1968, a part of the Poor People's Campaign. She has preserved the history of this event in the form of commemorative art pieces, which have been displayed at museums, schools, churches, community centers and at the Union Theology Seminary in New York.

Betty Crawford, who was too young to participate in the first noble effort, has kept the legacy alive through her artistry and community service. Her depiction of the Mule Train has been nationally recognized as the only original commemoration of that event. Among other awards, she has received the 2002 Outstanding Achievement Award and the 2003 Humanized Education Award both from the Mississippi Association of Education. In 2004 and 2005 she was nominated for the National Education Association Award. In 2005 she was awarded the Tougaloo College Leadership Institute—Strategic Initiative Plan Award; Fannie Lou Hamer Award for Outstanding Community Service and and Peer Award for Excellence—Jackson, MS.

Mrs. Crawford is presently working diligently with local governments, schools and community groups. She supports human rights projects including the Southern Rural Black Women Initiative in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia; Kensington Welfare Union Rights in Philadelphia, PA; Scholars Poverty Initiative at the Union Theology Seminary in New York, NY and other organizations that strive to empower people and rectify injustices. Mrs. Crawford's ultimate vision is to see a Southern Cultural Museum in Marks, MS, to house her Mule Train Quilt as well as other artists' work that would bring people from all around the world to experience a part of the Delta's Southern Heritage.

HONORING DR. REV. EDDIE WALLS

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rev. Eddie Walls,

Jr., a native of Claiborne County. Dr. Rev. Eddie Walls was born March 24, 1928, to the late Eddie and Carrie Walls. His early education includes the Romola School, Old St. Mark School and the Claiborne County Training School. He furthered his education at Alcorn College located in Lorman, Mississippi. On August 15, 1944, he joined Greater St. Mark M B Church.

On September 26, 1956 he was united in holy matrimony to the late Lessie Paris. To this union three (3) children were born: Linda, Eddie III, and Janice. He has five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Dr. Rev. Eddie Walls, Jr., serves as the Minister to two congregations. He was elected October 1976 at New Come & See M B Church, having now served 34 years; and the Jerusalem M B Church having served 25 years. As a citizen, he still finds the time to be involved in community activities. He was past president of the NAACP, where he led the charge during the Port Gibson Boycott for 12 years. The U.S. Supreme court rendered a decision in favor of the citizens of Port Gibson. He was also part of a group that filed a suit to stop At-Large elections in Port Gibson which was won by the citizens of Port Gibson. He was past president of the PTSA for nine years. He is currently serving on the City of Port Gibson's Board of Aldermen with a 22 year history.

He was given an Honorary Doctorate in September 2010 by the Claiborne County Baptist Association.

During his many years of dedicated service to this community, Dr. Rev. Eddie Walls, Jr., has proven himself to be a God-sent man.

HONORING PRESIDENT RONALD
WILSON REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the legacy of President Ronald Reagan—a remarkable statesman and leader—whose 100th birthday would have been last Sunday. Recently, I visited the Reagan Library in his home state of California, and I was reminded of his steadfast leadership and significant achievements on behalf of our Nation.

President Reagan was an icon of conservative principles. He brought about sound policies of individual freedom and fiscal responsibility which showed democracy and capitalism at its best. He was a man whose belief in free enterprise changed the course of difficult economic times towards growth and prosperity.

His influence was felt not only by those at home, but also abroad, as he exemplified leadership with unwavering determination during the Cold War. His mission to achieve "peace through strength" changed the course

of history as our Nation ultimately prevailed against the forces of communism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in taking this time to reflect on the great accomplishments of our 40th President and to join me in honoring him as one of the most influential men of our time.

HONORING ELDRIDGE "BUTCH"
WALKER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rolling Fork Mississippi, native, Eldridge (Butch) Walker. Eldridge Walker was educated in the public schools of Sharkey County, Mississippi. He studied at Worshem College School of Mortuary Science.

Early in his career, Eldridge exhibited the traits of a true leader and activist. He became an active participant in the fight for others and remained focused on improving the quality of life for all Sharkey County, Mississippi, residents, particularly the disenfranchised, poor and vulnerable.

Butch was the first black president of the Sharkey County Board of Supervisors. As supervisor he was responsible for bringing the first Win Job Center to Rolling Fork, MS. Butch served as mayor of Rolling Fork from 2003 to 2007. While serving in the capacity of Mayor, Butch founded the Mayor's Youth Council in 2006 and hosted the Annual Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens and after his term was over he continues this tradition with his own funds and community contributions. Eldridge owns and operates the Mitchell L. Walker Funeral Home in Rolling Fork. He is dedicated to helping families at such a delicate time in life.

He is a member of 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a deacon and lifelong member of Mt. Lula Missionary Baptist Church and president of the Sharkey-Issaquena Mass Choir for 14 years. He is also team lead for Sharkey/Issaquena Place Matters, a program that brings awareness to communities about health issues such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity. Eldridge is married to Anne Marie Bailey. Together, the couple have six children, Nickolaus, Kimberly, Ashley, Wendi, Robert and Kiara and three grandchildren Dyamone, Elaysia and Jace.

NATIONAL TELEWORK WEEK

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of National Telework Week.

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Beginning on Monday, February 14, thousands of Americans will perform at least one full day of work from their homes or alternate work spaces rather than their traditional offices. It is estimated that about one-third of carbon emissions in the United States are transportation-related, yet the U.S. embraces workforce management practices that encourage long commutes and excessive travel. This pragmatic, commonsense workforce management strategy will provide meaningful relief to workers in the national capital region and across the country.

Late last year, Congress made the United States Government a leader in the movement toward flexible workplaces—significantly expanding telework opportunities for most Federal workers. On December 9, President Obama signed into law the Sarbanes-Wolf-Connolly Telework Enhancement Act of 2010. The product of over three years of bipartisan, bicameral cooperation, the new law requires all Federal agencies to establish a uniform telework policy, ensuring that most employees who wish to telework are able to do so. The Telework Enhancement Act requires Federal agencies to develop training programs for teleworkers and managers, to include telework in continuity of operations plans, and to designate a Telework Managing Officer to lead the telework program at each agency.

This new law will not only increase efficiency in the Federal Government, it will strengthen our national security. By including telework in continuity of operations plans, we can ensure vital services continue in the event of an emergency. The best evidence of this was last year, when a snowstorm shut down the Government for nearly a week. During that period, Federal employees with the ability to telework were able to continue to operate. According to John Berry, the Director of Office of Personnel Management, the Federal Government saved approximately \$30 million per day that would have been otherwise lost.

Telework provides numerous benefits to strengthen our economy and enhance employee work-life balance. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office features a robust telework program and has seen substantial increases in employee productivity and morale since its inception. By implementing an agency-wide telework program, the Patent and Trademark Office has avoided securing \$11 million in additional office space and has developed a more competitive recruitment process. Telework now enables the agency to draw from a talent pool of qualified candidates living anywhere in the country.

In 2009, then-Governor Tim Kaine instituted Telework Day in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For one day, more than 4,000 pledged to telework. Pledges collectively removed more than 82 tons of pollutants from harming our environment, saved more than \$124,000, and avoided driving 140,000 miles—all in just one day. As of February 11, 2011, more than 34,800 people have already pledged to telework at least one day across the Nation. These pledges will collectively save more than \$2.3 million in commuting costs and remove more than 1,595 tons of pollutants from the environment.

In his State of the Union address, the President challenged us to reinvigorate America's competitiveness. He set the goal of "connecting every part of America to the digital age." Telework allows us to leverage today's

technological advances, developed by America's pioneering companies, to enhance our Nation's efficiency, improve the environment, ensure our safety, and elevate our quality of life. As we struggle through another winter marked by agency closures, unprecedented traffic jams and millions of dollars in lost productivity, National Telework Week should serve as a clarion call to the administration to expeditiously implement the new Telework law and as a demonstration of the incredible benefits of a robust Federal telework policy.

HONORING MRS. ELIZABETH
SHARKEY KEGLAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a worthy member of our society Mrs. Elizabeth Sharkey Keglär. Her contributions to society are a great distance from Washington, in terms of miles but they are considered milestones back home in Tallahatchie County also known as the "Free State of Tallahatchie". She was married to Morgan Keglär in 1936 in which they had one son, Morgan, Jr., but one was just the start of her love to protect and teach children and allowed her and her husband to open their arms and home to four other boys.

If you become familiar with her life and take into account the era in which she grew up along with where, the Mississippi Delta, then I am confident that you would join me in recognizing her this day. Mrs. Keglär was born November 12, 1914, in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, to James Sharkey and Roberta Wright Sharkey.

"The soul would not have a rainbow if the eyes didn't have tears." Her beginning was challenging and unsure. On the national scene she was born at the beginning of World War I (1914–November 1918) under the Woodrow Wilson Presidential administration. She lived through the Great Depression (1929–1940s) and a Second World War (1939–1945). She also lived through the Jim Crow laws of the dirty south. She along with other poor minorities and southerners in the south gained a sense of optimism with President Roosevelt's New Deal. On the local scene back home in Tallahatchie County, she was trying to live through two horrifying tragedies. One being the murder of her sister-in law in January 1966, Mrs. Birdia Keglär, longtime voting rights activist from Charleston, Mississippi, because of involvement in the civil rights. The other being the horrific murder of Emmett Till a fifteen-year-old, young black boy who was accused of whistling at a white woman in Money, Mississippi.

However, in the midst of those and countless other events that helped to shape this country and Mrs. Keglär's life, she persevered. The way she dealt with them was through education. Education at that time was viewed as the only means of having a fighting chance of survival. Racism and murder were so rampant in the "Free State of Tallahatchie" that an education was vital. She told her high school principal, Professor Hopkins that she wanted to teach as her means of helping others. Professor Hopkins then took Elizabeth who was in

eleventh grade at the time to the Tallahatchie County Courthouse to take a test to determine which grade levels she would be proficient enough in to teach. It was determined that her grade to teach would be the first grade. Afterwards, Elizabeth received her high school diploma in 1937. Teaching was a revered profession during that time because school houses for black, "Negroes" were done anywhere possible and often during certain times of the year (i.e., churches, outdoors, back rooms, after harvesting, etc.). In addition, she had to teach children of all ages in the same class. Mrs. Keglär taught at Mt. Levy Church School, which was a twelve mile walk from her home. She later transferred to Blue Cane Community School where she served as teacher and then principal. Her longest commute in the name of education was fifteen miles a day for eighteen years to and from Adams Quarter in the Town of Charleston. In 1960, Elizabeth graduated from Alcorn State University with her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Elizabeth said her drive in life which has helped mold her young and now ninety-seven years old is, "to live right and reach for the stars" and that is how she has contributed to minorities, her people, and children throughout her home county of Tallahatchie. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Elizabeth Keglär and her commitment and contribution to this country.

A TRIBUTE TO NEW REVELATION
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church of Pasadena, California, upon its fiftieth anniversary.

New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church was established in Pasadena in 1961 by Minister Ike Morris. In 1963, the church purchased a building on Orange Grove Boulevard—a three-bedroom house—which served as the new place of worship. In 1967, with the resignation of Pastor Morris, William Turner, Jr. a minister who served faithfully under the tenure of Pastor Morris, was called to become the new Undershepherd and Pastor of the church.

Under the leadership of Pastor Turner, and with the vision and support of the congregation, a vision to "serve the whole person" was set forth. To that end, a massive ten-year building project was undertaken to create a Sanctuary, child development center, full-court gymnasium, and tutorial program. In 1967, the church purchased and renovated a twelve-room apartment house. In 1968, the church completed the plans for the project, a building permit was granted in 1969 and the church began building. Church members and friends among the community donated their labor and financial assistance, and the Sanctuary was completed in August of 1970. Soon thereafter, with the assistance of Mr. Raymond Jones, the church was able to secure a loan liquidating some of the building expenses. In 1973, with the help of Mr. Vaughn Hardy and Mr. Nick Nickolson, the church received a loan from Prudential Insurance Company for the

completion of the project, and in 1974 the building project was finished.

Since its inception, New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church has provided spiritual guidance and tangible support to the Pasadena and Altadena community—living by their dictum: “until the whole person is saved, our mission remains.” This ideology is apparent in the church’s many programs and ministries that include the Family Counseling Center, New Revelation Twelve Step Sober Living Home for Women, Street Ministry, Pastor’s Care Ministry, Inner City Word Processing Center, New Revelation Shelter Home for Men, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, and New Revelation Community Development Center. Additional programs include the Revelation Enrichment Academy Preschool, the Spiritual Manpower Program, a Cell Evangelism Ministry, the Critically Homeless Program and a Love and Care Ministry for homeless disabled Veterans.

I consider it a great honor to recognize New Revelation Missionary Baptist Church, and I invite all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation upon fifty years of service to the community.

HONORING EVELYN GORDON-MURRAY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Evelyn Gordon-Murray. Evelyn Gordon-Murray was born on June 22, 1964, the youngest of 10 children. She is a 1982 graduate from Leland High School in Leland, MS. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy from Alcorn State University in 1986. She also received her Masters degree in Agronomy from Alcorn State University in 1998.

Evelyn is married to Darnell Murray. She has one daughter, Kenyatta Anderson. She belongs to Beulah Grove Baptist Church, where she serves as the secretary; a member of the Washington County Alumni; a member of New Organization of Women Social & Civic Club; a member of Eastern Star; the President of the Leland School Board; and also a band parent.

Evelyn has worked for the federal government 23 years. She loves and enjoys helping others get assistance, especially in housing. She is currently the Area Specialist in Rural Development.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT MANZO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual who I am proud to call a friend, Albert Manzo, who will be recognized by the Roma Club as their 2011 Man of the Year for his distinguished service and dedication to his community.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democ-

racy ever known, for his story is a true embodiment of the American Dream.

Albert is co-owner of The Brownstone, one of New Jersey’s premier catering facilities, located in my hometown of Paterson. In addition to working long and tireless hours to provide guests with the finest dining and party experience, Albert gives freely of himself, and is willing to listen and lend his support to numerous charitable organizations. The Brownstone is an important part of the greater Paterson community, and a special place for so many families who mark life’s milestones with gatherings there.

Albert also serves as a Commissioner with the North Jersey District Water Supply, and served as the first Chief of the Passaic County Deputy Sheriff’s Division. Albert also sits on the Board of the Passaic County Technical Institute Education Foundation, as well as serving as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for North Haledon, NJ. Albert is a past President of the Paterson Rotary and a member of Passaic Valley Elks Lodge 2111. He is a Board member of CROC—Citizens Reunited to Overcome Cancer, and served on Paterson’s Blue Ribbon Committee to Review Public Safety.

Albert has been married for 26 years to his lovely wife, Caroline, and they have three beautiful children, Albert IV, Lauren, and Christopher. The Manzo family currently resides in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Albert Manzo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Manzo’s family and friends, all those whose lives have been touched by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Albert Manzo to his community.

HONORING JESSIE POLLY HOLLOWAY BEVERLY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Jessie Polly Holloway Beverly. Mrs. Beverly was born on January 3, 1910 to the late Jesse and Minnie Rice Holloway on Spring Street in Fayette, Mississippi. She was the older of two children.

Mrs. Beverly was married to her hometown sweetheart, Superintendent Mason R. Beverly, on June 26, 1936. To this marriage one daughter was added, the late Camille M. Beverly who was born on July 9, 1941.

Mrs. Beverly is a long life educator. She knew at an early age that she had the desire to become a teacher. She began teaching at the age of 17.

Mrs. Beverly’s educational background included: Charles Summer School and Jackson State College. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Rust College in 1959 and a Master of Science Degree in Library Science from Atlanta University. She also furthered her studies at St. Louis University, Indiana State University, and Delta State University.

Mrs. Beverly retired from the public school system after teaching 50 years. Her first job

was in 1927 at Charles Summer School in Fayette, Mississippi. She was the first Black librarian in Jefferson County. She worked as a librarian in Jefferson County and Claiborne County School Districts.

Mrs. Polly Beverly was also affiliated with Fayette Garden Club, Professional Teachers Association, Chamber of Commerce member, and the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Beverly is presently a church mother at Mt. Zion Church of God In Christ but was reared in Adams Chapel Methodist Church.

The city of Fayette named the Polly Beverly Apartments and Beverly St. in her honor.

DIRECTING COMMITTEES TO REVIEW REGULATIONS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, our first priorities in the House of Representatives must be helping to foster job creation and supporting middle class families. More than one month into the 112th Congress, we have not considered one bill that would achieve these goals.

The symbolic resolution before us last Friday directs House committees to conduct oversight of government regulations, one of their principal job functions. We do not need a resolution to tell us to do our job. We need to get to work on behalf of the American people.

On the first day of this session of Congress I introduced a series of bills that would provide tax relief to businesses struggling in this economy and invest in the innovation that leads to long-term economic growth and jobs that will not be shipped overseas. Rather than wasting valuable time to make a political statement, we ought to be considering these or other bills that would promote jobs, innovation, investment, and growth.

One of my bills, the Creating Jobs from Innovative Small Businesses Act, would encourage small business investment by establishing a temporary 20 percent tax credit for investments in research-intensive small businesses. Angel investors play a crucial role in supporting early-stage companies. Angel investors and their investments have a strong local impact and some have immense potential. A \$100,000 angel investment, for example, allowed Larry Page and Sergey Brin to move out of their dorm rooms and make Google a commercial success.

A second bill, the Create Jobs by Expanding the R&D Tax Credit Act, would help businesses by strengthening the research and development tax credit, which rewards businesses who invest in innovation and allows them to expand and hire new workers. Another bill would make permanent the R&D tax credit, which studies show returns two dollars in private research investment for every dollar spent. Businesses need the certainty that the R&D tax credit will exist year after year, and they should be able to use the credit to generate capital now.

Let us move beyond symbolic, political resolutions such as this one and get to the important work of rebuilding our economy.

HONORING MS. HATTIE R. JORDAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Hattie R. Jordan, the daughter of slaves who was reared on various plantations and the last one being owned by the late State of Mississippi Senator James O. Eastland. Her goal was not continue to chop and pick cotton for the rest of her life. Her goal was to get herself and her family off the plantation for a better way of life. Seven months after receiving her degree in Social Studies from Mississippi Valley State University she was able to build a house in Ruleville, Mississippi, and moved her surviving relatives, her father and sister from the plantation.

Ms. Jordan's dedication to other blacks in the Mississippi Delta to have a better life propelled her to become the first black educator to work at Rosedale High School in Rosedale, Mississippi, and be involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She joined the NAACP where she still has membership. She entered political office in 1993 as an Alderwoman for the City of Ruleville and served four terms ending in 2009.

She was and is instrumental in keeping the legacy of Ms. Fannie Lou Hamer alive. Ms. Jordan raised \$115,000 to construct the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Garden. Her commitment to her community has developed into sponsoring the Ruleville Scholarship fundraiser, Ruleville Employees, and Senior Citizen's Dinner, organizing Annual Back-to-School Rallies, Annual Christmas give-away for the youth of Ruleville, sponsoring Student Council Debating Teams, Senior Class sponsor, and volunteering with numerous community organizations which enhance citizens' lives.

Ms. Jordan lives by the motto: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthen me".

Mr. Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Hattie Jordan's dedication to education and the civil rights of others. Her life has touched the lives of people both young and old.

HONORING JONAS D. BUFF FOR HIS SERVICE TO McDOWELL COUNTY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community leader, Jonas D. Buff. For ten years Mr. Buff served on the Board of Commissioners for McDowell County while also serving as its chairman in 1994. His dedication and commitment have brought growth and progress to McDowell County.

Mr. Buffs work to strengthen his county has included securing the location and grants to oversee the purchase of the McDowell County Industrial Park which is now home to three industries that are currently providing jobs to residents and economic development to the area. Mr. Buff also sought to recruit the State Prison facility to the county which now employs close to 400 individuals.

A strong proponent for the Nebo community owning its own water supply, Mr. Buff's advocacy helped bring about the "Nebo Community Water System." Water lines and waste management are now extended to include a greater area, servicing more residents and laying a foundation for future growth.

In addition to aiding in the county's infrastructure growth, Mr. Buff was a strong supporter of volunteer and emergency services. During his tenure, the county implemented E-911 and Emergency Medical Dispatch and two EMS Base Stations were constructed.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the dedication that Mr. Buff has demonstrated in creating positive change for his county. His legacy highlights the lasting impact each hardworking person can impart to their community.

HONORING JOAN RICHARDSON, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joan Richardson a long-time community activist in the Mississippi Delta, one of America's poorest regions, who has given tirelessly and selflessly to improving the lives of many who are in greatest need.

She lifts up her community not only through her generous volunteerism but through her business. Her grant writing and small-business assistance company has raised hundreds of millions of dollars in grants and government contracts to benefit the Delta region. Her company, Richardson's Writing Service in Darling, Miss., has for 20 years helped community, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations obtain grants for programs that benefit children, the elderly and others in need. She knows economic development is essential to improving life in Quitman County, where she lives, and the rest of the Delta, and works with small businesses to develop business plans and win contracts to boost the region's economy.

She is the publisher of By U Magazine, a magazine that highlights the good deeds of people in the Delta and calls on them to help their neighbors who are in need. She serves on the board of Delta Missions Outreach Ministries. She dismisses praise about her community service, saying she is only answering God's call and whatever contributions she makes is through Him.

She lives in Sledge, Miss., with her husband, Victor a GED instructor at Northwest Community College and in the Quitman County School District. Her daughter, Latricia, teaches fifth grade in the school district. She has four grandchildren: Imani, Anaiah, Akeria, and India, a goddaughter, Monisha Wade and godson, Gerard Burt.

Mrs. Richardson exemplifies how people in the Delta are building up their communities to improve life for everyone, especially those who need an extra lift up.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF SISTER ELLEN LEDDY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sr. Ellen Leddy of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Below is a brief biography of Sr. Leddy and a history of her accomplishments.

Sr. Ellen Leddy, the historian of the Sisters of Providence Congregation, is the daughter of the late Edmund and Margaret (Golden) Leddy. She entered the SPs from Harvard, MA. Formerly Sister Marie de Lourdes, she served as the SPs' historical librarian in Horan Library at Providence Mother House, Holyoke, from 1982 until its closure in 1999. She was also an invaluable consultant for *Seeds of Hope: The History of the Sisters of Providence*, published in 1999.

She first ministered for 22 years as a registered medical technologist in laboratories at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Providence Hospital, Holyoke, and St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield. She then served as local superior for Sisters attending Boston College and followed that service with nine years as director of formation for the Community's newest members.

She entered the social service and pastoral counseling fields in the late 1960s, first serving at the Municipal Home and Holyoke Day Nursery, and then at Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home, all in Holyoke. Additional ministries included service as sacristan at Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home, and both assistant coordinator and coordinator at Providence Mother House. She also served as a Minister of the Eucharist and Mount Saint Vincent Nursing Home and Blessed Sacrament Church, also in Holyoke.

Sister Ellen attended schools in Harvard, graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton and attended Fitchburg Normal School. She holds a master of arts degree in religious education from Providence College in Rhode Island and a master of education and bachelor of science in education degrees from Boston College.

She is a former member of the Catholic Theology Society, the Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine, the Social Workers of Nursing Homes and Hospitals Organization in Massachusetts, and Community Workers Association of Holyoke.

She is only the second Sister of Providence of record to reach her 80th Jubilee, and lives an active lifestyle at Providence Place in Holyoke.

HONORING ANNIE PEARL SPEARS NICHOLS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Annie Pearl Spears Nichols, a lifelong resident of Canton, Mississippi. Born November 20, 1944, Annie Pearl Spears Nichols attended school in the

Canton area and later received her Licensed Practical Nursing Degree from Hinds Community College in 1972. Mrs. Nichols has spent a great majority of her lifetime actively participating in the Civil Rights struggle. She began her involvement in 1965 when she became an intricate voice in the Voter Education/Registration Movement in Canton. Many local mentors, such as the late Ms. Annie Devine, taught her pivotal information on organizing movements towards the integration of public facilities and schools. Her efforts were rewarded in the establishment of Freedom Schools and the successful organization of boycotts and civil rights demonstration in the area.

In 1968, Annie married Attorney John Andrews Nichols, who was Canton's first Black attorney and first Black to run for Mayor for the City of Canton. Mrs. Nichols gave birth to four (4) children: Andrea, April, Alexis, and Adam. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols both pursued positions in public office; unfortunately, they were both defeated. Despite much opposition from the whites in the community, she and her husband continued their quest for equality and civil rights by participating in the March to Washington, DC and voicing concerns for continued funding of the Head Start Program. Through her struggles, she was afforded the opportunity to work alongside legendary figures of the Civil Rights Era, including James Meredith and Fannie Lou Hamer.

Her community outreach expands to a number of civic organizations in which she is involved, such as Founder of the "Let's Talk Cancer" support group of Canton, commissioner of the Canton Housing Authority, President of the Eastside Neighborhood Watch Association, and a member of the Women for Progress. Mrs. Nichols has been honored with Excellence in Leadership Awards and continues to be a model for hard work and dedication in her community through volunteering with the Triple C and the Canton PTSA.

HONORING DR. REGINALD RODGES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life of Dr. Reginald Rodges who in 1997 was the youngest African American to graduate with a doctorate from Parker College of Chiropractic.

In 1998 he obtained his license to practice and opened the Mid-Delta Chiropractic Clinic. During that same year he was severely injured in an automobile accident where he sustained a broken neck and severe damage to his right hand and legs and underwent rehab for a year. He refused to give in to his disability and be a burden on society and in 1998 resumed practicing chiropractic.

In 2002 J&R Chiropractic was created to implement his innovative ideas and philosophies which laid the foundation for the opening of Chiro/Elite Natural Pain and Health Center. This facility specializes in three unique areas of service; herniated disc in the cervical and lumbar spine; fitness/gym; and nutritional weight loss center.

Dr. Rodges realized there was a void in the black community relative to fitness and weight loss in the Mississippi Delta. Through his inno-

vative health practices he has enhanced the health and lives of his patients, and the first in the Mississippi Delta to address issues with the morbidly obese and obese.

His facility caters to a diverse population with varied socio-economic backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Reginald Rodges and his dedication to the Mississippi Delta citizens in his health endeavors. His career has touched and is touching the lives of people both youthful and aged.

H.R. 359, TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING AND THE DEFICIT BY TERMINATING TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND PARTY CONVENTIONS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, with the passage of H.R. 359, House Republicans voted today to give corporations and other special interests even more power to influence America's elections. I strongly oppose this legislation and will continue working to restore transparency and balance to our country's broken campaign finance system.

H.R. 359 terminates the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, which was created in response to the campaign corruption exposed by the Watergate Scandal. The voluntary PEF allows taxpayers to set aside \$3.00 of their federal taxes so that eligible candidates spend less time fundraising from special interests. H.R. 359 eliminates an important option citizens now have to support fair federal elections and takes another, worrisome toward corporate control of U.S. elections.

Many non-partisan organizations strongly oppose H.R. 359 and are raising alarm about the consequences of its passage. The League of Women Voters said the Presidential Election Campaign Fund "has substantially reduced corruption and the appearance of corruption in the executive branch" since its creation, and "has given average citizens and small donors a critically important role to play in funding presidential campaigns and provided more meaningful choices to voters." Minnesotans agree. My home state has one of the most successful public campaign finance models in the nation, one that has provided real incentives toward limiting campaign spending. The bill before us today is a direct contradiction of Minnesota values, and I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

H.R. 359 is the second major assault on free and fair elections in the past year. The U.S. Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission declared corporations have the same free speech protections granted to individuals. I completely disagree with the Court's decision, but the result of this decision is now clear—the floodgates are open to waves of special interest money in federal elections. The few protections that existed in law have been removed. In response, Democrats in Congress introduced the DISCLOSE Act to ensure Americans knew who was paying to influence their vote and to prevent foreign corporations

and governments from funding U.S. elections. I voted for the DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 5175) when it passed the Democratic-led House in 2010. Unfortunately, Republicans in the Senate blocked the DISCLOSE Act from passage.

America's elections are for the American people. Unregulated corporate spending and new barriers to citizen-contributions will lead to more of the negative campaign ads and less citizen inspired democracy. I strongly disagree with the drive to corporatize America's elections which is an obvious priority for my Republican colleagues. It is fundamentally anti-democratic to fight to protect corporations' right to free speech while voting to prevent citizens from making their voices heard in the political process.

CONGRATULATING CALLIE M. COFFMAN ON HER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of my Chief of Staff, Callie M. Coffman. Twenty years ago today, I made one of the best decisions of my career by hiring a young, intelligent and ambitious intern to join my staff. I was so impressed by her work that after she graduated from the University of Michigan I asked her to join my permanent staff. Over the years, Callie worked her way up from interning to running my entire office. On the wall next to Callie's desk, she still has the original letter I sent to her offering her an internship.

It is not often that we get to celebrate a staffer's 20th anniversary on the Hill, especially in the same office. Over the years, I have seen many talented staff come and go. Today, I am thankful that Callie decided to stay and dedicate the last 20 years working for the people of mid-Michigan. Over the years Callie has put her mark on almost every legislative issue in my office. She has been instrumental in accomplishments such as welfare reform, reauthorization of Child Nutrition programs, the Higher Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the reauthorization of Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

It is a testament to her character and ability that she rose to become Chief of Staff. It is not only important to find staff with a good head, but also a good heart and Callie is blessed to have both. I am fortunate to have had Callie on my staff for the last 20 years. Today, I want to thank her from the bottom of my heart for her service, friendship and loyalty.

OPPOSING FAILURE TO EXTEND TAA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lament the expiration of the improved Trade Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act enacted in 2009. By refusing to extend this, the

Republicans have severely undermined the effectiveness of this vital program that helps people who have lost their jobs due to trade.

TAA has had bipartisan support for fifty years. There are workers in all 50 states who received assistance under this legislation. TAA ensures that we support American workers when their jobs are shipped overseas. It provides these workers training for new jobs, health coverage and assistance with their job search.

The 2009 reforms brought TAA into a new era so that service sector workers could also benefit from the program. This improved program allowed workers who lost their jobs to China or India, and not just countries with which we have a Free Trade Agreement, to benefit from the program. It also expanded the health coverage tax credit to 80% from 65% of premium costs and granted an extra 26 weeks of income support for workers in training.

In just the last eighteen months, over 400,000 workers qualified for benefits under the TAA program, and nearly 27,000 of them are in California. Nearly half of those workers qualified under the provisions adopted in 2009. These new, expanded benefits have now expired because of Republican inaction.

The Republican majority is focused on cutting \$100 billion from the budget, voting on Patriot Act wiretaps, and taking away health care from millions of Americans. What they aren't doing is helping workers. By allowing the 2009 TAA reforms to expire, the Republicans have once again demonstrated that their priorities are out of line with the needs of ordinary Americans.

We owe it to these hundreds of thousands of workers to support them when their job moves overseas. I urge the Republican leaders of Congress to bring an extension of Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 to the floor as quickly as possible.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986 TO MODIFY THE IN-
CENTIVES FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF BIODIESEL

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that extends to the end of

2016 the \$1.00 per gallon biodiesel tax credit and the additional \$0.10 per gallon tax credit to small agri-biodiesel producers. Extending the biodiesel tax credit for another five years will provide the certainty and stability in the marketplace that is needed to encourage companies to invest in the development and production of biodiesel.

Companies throughout the United States have emerged as pioneers in this growing renewable energy sector. The founder of Hawaii's Pacific Biodiesel observed that large quantities of used cooking oil were going directly to a local landfill and proposed converting this restaurant waste into biodiesel in order to fuel the landfill's generators. This is but one example of how an innovative idea can turn a problem into a solution. By producing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly fuel, companies like this one have helped Hawaii—the most oil-dependent state in the country—become more energy self-sufficient. In addition, producers like these not only diversify our domestic energy portfolio but also boost our local economies by creating jobs for biodiesel production and distribution as well as for feedstock farming and collection.

President Obama noted in his recent State of the Union speech that he supports incentives to invest in and develop the biofuels industry in order to break our country's dependence on oil. This legislation takes us a step forward to achieving that goal.

INTENT TO OFFER AN
AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time during the debate on H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, I plan to offer the following amendment to amend Page 303 of H.R. 1 by striking lines 3 through 9 and inserting the attached language.

This amendment would fully restore all funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) that H.R. 1 aims to eliminate. A portion of this funding would provide CPB with the funds necessary to assist with the transition to digital broadcasting, provide for the costly infrastructure and maintenance that connects

rural to urban, and assist with radio inter-connection.

RECOGNIZING THE GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH BRUNCH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Genesee District Library as it celebrates the 10th Annual Black History Month Brunch on Saturday, February 19th in Grand Blanc Michigan.

Proceeds from the Brunch help fund the Genesee District Library's Summer Reading Program. The Library operates this program at its 19 locations with 5,000 young people participating. This year the program will feature renowned gospel singer, Vickie Winans, and jazz recording artist Randy Scott.

The Genesee District Library will also present six individuals from Genesee County with the Award of Excellence. These individuals have made significant contributions to the community and provide inspiration to future generations. These individuals are: Dr. George Ross, a Flint Northern High School graduate who is the first African-American President of Central Michigan University; former state representative and educator, Genesee County Commissioner Brenda J. Clack; Floyd Clack, former state representative and educator, currently an Eastern Michigan University Regent; Samuel Cox, owner and operator of three area McDonalds Restaurants; Dr. Reginald G. Flynn, pastor of Foss Avenue Baptist Church and community activist; and Judge Tracy Collier-Nix of the 68th District Court and the second African-American female to join the Genesee District Bar Association.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Genesee District Library for showcasing Black History Month through its recognition of these outstanding citizens and providing a nurturing environment for all generations to contemplate new ideas, discover new skills, encounter new cultures, and develop the enthusiasm to work for a brighter tomorrow.

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, February 15, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
FEBRUARY 16

Time to be announced
Finance
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress. SD-215
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress. Room to be announced
9:15 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine saving the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program. SD-342
9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2012; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to examine subcommittee assignments, revise recusal policy for executive nominees, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress. SD-366
10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine safeguarding our future, focusing on building a nationwide network for first responders. SR-253
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine national leaders' call to action on transportation. SD-406
Finance
To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012. SD-215
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine targeting websites dedicated to stealing American intellectual property. SD-226

Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine the worldwide threat. SH-216
10:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress, Public Health Service nominations, and an original bill entitled Technical Amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act. SD-430
11:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
Organizational business meeting to consider electing Chairman and Vice Chairman, committee rules, and any other organizational business items during the 112th Congress. SD-628
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 improving Federal employment of people with disabilities. SD-342
3 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. SD-226
3:30 p.m.
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine Lithuania's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the challenges that the Lithuanian chairmanship faces. SD-562

FEBRUARY 17

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program. SD-G50
10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Dodd-Frank implementation, focusing on a progress report by the regulators at the half-year mark. SD-538
Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 and revenue proposals. SD-608

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress. SR-253
Judiciary
Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee membership and jurisdiction, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress, S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of Sue E. Myerscough, and James E. Shadid, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael H. Simon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice. SD-226
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the SBIR and STTR programs. SR-428A
2 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Latin America. SD-419
2:30 p.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine agriculture and growing America's economy; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 112th Congress. SR-328A
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Homeland Security. SD-342
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219
3:30 p.m.
Rules and Administration
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for the 112th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine Senate committees that have presented budgets above guidelines for the 112th Congress. SR-301

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012

and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

MARCH 2

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

MARCH 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the USDA Forest Service.

SD-366

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SH-219 following the open session.

SD-G50