

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

#### HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt Dam, the cornerstone of water resource operations in Central Arizona. The reliable, sustainable water supply provided by the dam and its reservoir, Theodore Roosevelt Lake, has served as an economic catalyst that spurred decades of growth and helped create the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

The Salt River Valley, home to metropolitan Phoenix, was little more than a few military outposts and prospecting camps until the first modern canal company was organized in 1867. The success of this venture encouraged more irrigation concerns. Most used the ancient canal networks created and maintained by an indigenous civilization that thrived in the area more than 1,000 years earlier.

As a result of these canal companies, settlements cropped up across the Valley. Local leaders agreed a dam was needed to regulate the flow of the Salt River, which fed the canal networks, to ensure a reliable source of water and sustain development.

A group including a surveyor, journalist, and canal company superintendent identified a possible dam site in 1889 about 80 miles east of Phoenix near the confluence of Tonto Creek and the Salt River. The site was nestled among the Superstition wilderness area, the Sierra Ancha Mountains, and the Salt River Canyon.

Next, residents had to determine how to pay for such a massive undertaking. The Salt River Valley Water Users' Association was organized in 1903 when Valley landowners pledged their property as collateral for a government loan to build the proposed dam. It was a unique arrangement only made possible by an act of Congress the previous year, the National Reclamation Act of 1902.

Dam construction began in 1905 under the supervision of the U.S. Reclamation Service, now the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. When completed in early 1911 and dedicated personally by the president whose name it bears, Roosevelt was the world's largest masonry dam.

Hydroelectric generation from the dam provided early power to, and served as the basis of, power operations for the Salt River Project (SRP), a water and power entity that includes the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association.

Roosevelt Dam has undergone various improvements through the ages, including three separate upgrades of its hydroelectric generating capacity. A major modification of the dam and reservoir was completed in 1996 when the height of the dam was raised by 77 feet and the dam envelope was strengthened.

This modification was part of a comprehensive project to increase water storage, improve dam safety and enhance flood control throughout central Arizona.

Through a partnership with SRP, the federal government, and state and local communities, central Arizona has grown into a vital metropolitan region in the Southwest.

Mr. Speaker, as Theodore Roosevelt Dam embarks on its second century of service to the people of the Salt River Valley, it deserves special recognition for its historic and invaluable contributions to my state.

### TRIBUTE TO ALEX GURGANUS

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Alex Gurganus, a seventh-grade student at Ames Middle School in Ames, Iowa. Alex was recently named one of only four state winners of the VSA/CVS Call for Art.

Alex's participation in and of itself is stellar. Alex attained this honor despite being visually impaired. In the classroom, Alex requires large print, magnifiers, and a closed circuit TV system to facilitate his learning and compensate for zero vision in his right eye and low visual capacity in his left eye.

However, Alex did not allow these obstacles to deter him as he has been meticulously perfecting his award-winning artwork, "Design by Surprise," for the last three years. When composing a piece of art, Alex must memorize where the colors are on the palette in addition to utilizing a hand-held magnifying dome to ensure perfection.

The example set by this young man demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance, and I am honored to represent Alex Gurganus and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating him on overcoming such a difficult hurdle as a means to achieve such wonderful results. I speak for all my colleagues as I wish Alex continued success in his future education and career.

### FAIR ACCESS TO VETERANS BENEFITS, H.R. 810

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, the Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Access Act of 2011, H.R. 810, is a bill that would help our veterans who file appeals before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. This legislation would require the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans'

Claims to hear appeals of administrative decisions by veterans denying them benefits when circumstances beyond their control render them unable to meet the deadline for filing an appeal.

This legislation would extend the 120-day limit for the filing of an appeal to the Court of Veterans Appeals after a final decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals upon a showing of good cause for such time as justice may require. The bill considers as good cause the inability of a veteran to file within the 120-day period due to a service-connected disability. The bill would make such extension applicable to appeals of final Board decisions issued on or after July 24, 2008. This bill also requires the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reinstate untimely appeals already dismissed as a result of the court's failure to toll the filing period for good cause.

Under the current system, the veterans' appellate processes are very difficult to navigate especially since so many veterans are pro se at that stage. Additionally, as TBI and PTSD are the signature disability of the current conflicts of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn, many veterans are also filing claims and appeals while suffering from a physical or mental disability. The adherence to rigid filing deadlines by the CAVC potentially has resulted in the denial of benefits for many veterans. My bill seeks to rectify this issue by allowing the veteran to show "good cause" for missing the filing deadline if related to the veteran's service-connected disability. It is clear to me that Congress intended to allow equitable tolling when it created the veterans' court.

The VSO community wholeheartedly supports this legislation and its costs are likely discretionary. I urge my colleagues to support this bill without delay to give these veterans the access to justice that they deserve.

### HONORING LINDSEY WALKER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lindsey Walker. Lindsey is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Lindsey's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Lindsey has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Lindsey can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lindsey Walker for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA

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and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING PURVIS E. ISLER, SR.

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

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

Whereas, Ninety years ago a tenacious man of God was born in Newport News, Virginia on March 9, 1921; and

Whereas, Mr. Purvis E. Isler, Sr., born to Mr. Elijah and Mrs. Esther Isler, grew up in New Jersey when his family moved north and attended Perth Amboy High School where he met and married his high school sweetheart Jeanette Deay Eaton and to their union seven daughters and three sons were born; and

Whereas, Mr. Isler has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Father and Motivator, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the U.S. Army, as a broadcast electronics technician and being the ideal father and grandfather; and

Whereas, Mr. Isler has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mr. Isler along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 90th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside these days to honor and recognize Mr. Isler on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim March 9th and March 12th, 2011 as Mr. Purvis E. Isler, Sr. Days in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

PROCLAIMED, THIS 9th day of March, 2011.

NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FOUNDATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, as Congress closely scrutinizes federal programs to reduce our massive federal debt and deficit, we must take a hard look at troubled, taxpayer-financed programs that play a role in destroying American jobs. The February 25, 2011 edition of *The Washington Examiner* contained a column by Mr. Ron Arnold that discusses the legislative history and current activities of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation—a non-profit organization authorized by Congress in 1984 pursuant to Public Law 98-244.

Mr. Arnold's column illustrates how Congress originally authorized an average of \$100,000 per year in federal taxpayer money to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Yet, more than a quarter century later, the organization receives \$53 million annually in federal government funds according to its own records. Some of this money funds zealous and litigious environmental groups whose actions threaten the livelihoods of America's hard-working farmers and ranchers. At a time when American agriculture is threatened by onerous regulation, bureaucratic intimidation, unfair taxation, and high energy costs, our farmers cannot afford to defend themselves from advocacy groups funded by their hard-earned tax dollars.

I urge my colleagues to read Mr. Arnold's column on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and to question whether the federal government should continue supporting it and other non-profit groups that use taxpayer money to put people out of work.

[From the *Washington Examiner*, Feb. 25, 2011]

CONGRESS SHOULD STOP FUNDING BIG GREEN  
LAWSUITS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

(By Ron Arnold)

America's taxpayers need to know about a thorny federal program lurking in the Obama budget: the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. It began decades ago as a millionaire's hobby horse and grew into a Frankenstein monster that today feeds millions of taxpayer dollars to green groups that sue the federal government—and thus sue the taxpayer.

I began researching NFWF in a 1995 report on Big Green's federally funded trial lawyers, "Feeding at the Trough" ([www.undueinfluence.com/feeding-at-the-trough.pdf](http://www.undueinfluence.com/feeding-at-the-trough.pdf)).

NFWF's origins are bizarre: Congress created it as a nonprofit corporation in 1984, specifying that it "is not an agency or establishment of the United States Government." President Reagan denounced that double talk when he reluctantly signed the bill, writing, "Entities which are neither clearly governmental nor clearly private should not be created."

The intent for NFWF was to develop private sector support for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a government agency. This perverse purpose allows a well-connected private elite—originally including timber heirless Nancy Weyerhaeuser, oil billionaire Caroline Getty, and now hedge fund billionaire Paul Tudor Jones—to carve out government funds, solicit limitless private funds, and funnel the cash to whom they please, including \$25,000 to Nancy Weyerhaeuser's son Rick for an anti-logging project he ran in Montana—and \$23,500 to a Planned Parenthood-type group in Rajasthan, India, for population control near Ranthambhore National Park.

As it grew, NFWF created one horror story after another. It gave \$89,748 to the Grand Canyon Trust, which filed suit and shut down the coal-fired Mojave Power Plant in Laughlin, Nev., and cost 200 Navajo miners their high-paying jobs at the Black Mesa coal mine that supplied the plant.

NFWF gave nearly \$442,000 to the National Wildlife Federation and in return got a lawsuit to divert water from generating electricity in Pacific-Northwest power dams—and spill it for migrating salmon. The suit now threatens to remove four vital hydroelectric dams on the Snake River. Another NFWF recipient, American Rivers (\$296,700), is also a party to the suit, which is still in court.

The list goes on and on, lawsuits against fisheries, agriculture, energy, construction, manufacturing, the whole economy. NFWF claims that grantee lawsuits do not use fed-

eral money. After examining the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 reports of major litigious NFWF recipients, I found no separate segregated accounts for lawsuits—you can't tell federal money from private—making NFWF's claims appear disingenuous at best.

NFWF's original \$100,000 "one-time seed money" appropriation has bloated to \$53 million in 2009, exactly what Reagan feared when he famously muttered, "The definition of immortality is a government program."

Even though NFWF's wealthy directors should be ideal fundraisers, two-thirds of its income is routinely taxpayer money, and now the Obama administration wants to give it more millions of federal dollars that we don't have.

House appropriators tried to cut NFWF's taxpayer umbilical in 1996. Immediately, a Byzantine cabal of Big Green leaders and hired lobbyists materialized, somehow convincing the appropriators to lay off. Reagan should have added, "Environmental funding is forever."

Last week, a gutsy congressman tried again. Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, R-Calif., chairman of the House Natural Resource Committee's Power and Water Subcommittee, introduced an amendment to the House's \$1.2 trillion continuing resolution bill to permanently defund NFWF.

Once again, Big Green sent out its minions, and MCCLINTOCK's amendment failed on a voice vote.

That shouldn't be the end of it. We need congressional hearings to stop feeding taxpayer money into NFWF's funnel. And we need elected officials with the fortitude to instruct the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's insatiable billionaires to stop feeding at the trough.

EEOIPCA AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011  
AND THE ENERGY EMPLOYEES  
OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleague, Rep. JARED POLIS (D-CO-02) to introduce two important pieces of legislation, the EEOIPCA Amendment Act of 2011 and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2011, which will help ensure former employees at certain Department of Energy sites receive the benefits and care they are due while also bringing transparency and oversight to the program charged with administering compensation.

During the Cold War, thousands of workers employed in the nation's atomic weapons programs were exposed to radioactive and toxic substances. For this reason, Congress passed the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) in 2000 to provide compensation to employees who have become ill as a result of work at atomic weapons facilities. Individuals, or their eligible survivors, who worked as an employee, contractor, or subcontractor at certain Department of Energy facilities may be eligible for compensation in the form of lump sum payments and medical expenses. Yet all too often workers and surviving family members, such as those in my Congressional District,

run into challenges when weaving through the federal government maze to claim the benefits they deserve.

The EEOICPA Amendment Act is based upon a recent study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on how best to improve the EEOICPA program. Specifically, this legislation will require the President to establish and appoint an advisory board on toxic substances and worker health responsible for overseeing a portion of the original EEOICPA legislation known as "Part E." The Part E program provides eligible employees with compensation payments of up to \$250,000, plus medical expenses for health conditions as a result of having been exposed to toxic substances while working for DOE. Further, the Ombudsman for the Department of Labor will be required to provide an annual report to Congress on the program and make the report available to the public online.

The second bill we introduce today, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2011, will amend Part E of the EEOICPA program to allow survivors of family members who file claims under Part E but who pass away before their claims are approved to receive the full benefit that would have been awarded to the claimant, rather than a lesser survivor's benefit. This bill will correct the sort of inequity in the case of a Kentucky resident who passed away from complications sustained while working for DOE and whose claim was approved just days after his death.

The EEOICPA Amendment Act of 2011 and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2011 are two important pieces of legislation that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of EEOICPA and, in turn, help ensure workers and their families receive just compensation in a timely manner.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these two bills and to push for swift passage in the House.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. SI McCURDY

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Si McCurdy for his retirement from his position as Dean of Students from the Saint Anthony Catholic School. Mr. McCurdy contributed to the San Antonio and Randolph Air Force Base, Texas area for decades with his military and education background.

Mr. McCurdy attended the Elliott School of Saint Mary's Hall for two years, and then he studied at the San Antonio Academy and the Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas. In 1970, he obtained a Bachelor Associates degree from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia. In the summer of 1969, Mr. McCurdy worked as a Train Order Operator for the Southern Pacific Railroad in San Antonio. After graduating from Hampden Sydney College, he received his Master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. His exceptional academic achievements propelled him to hold outstanding positions in Air Force bases in Texas and the nation and ultimately serve as a Dean for the Saint Anthony Catholic School.

In 1971, Mr. McCurdy enrolled in the Air Force at Office Training School in Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. He later moved to Wichita, Kansas, at the McConnell Air Force Base where he served as Combat Crew Commander, Command Post Controller, and Emergency War Order Coordinator for seven years. After his time in Kansas, he moved to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, where he served as an Instructor at Officer Training School from 1979 to 1982. He also became a ROTC Instructor at the University of California in Berkeley for three years. By 1989, Mr. McCurdy returned to Texas and lived at the Randolph Air Force Base as a Texas Officer Accessions for four years. In October of 1993, he retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Mr. McCurdy began his career in education at the Saint Anthony Catholic School in 1993, and was appointed Dean. He pursued his passion for teaching history and classics to grade levels sixth, seventh, and eighth. His tireless dedication to students and education continued for eighteen years at Saint Anthony Catholic School. After nearly two decades of service to the school and students, he retires leaving his mark as a great leader and educator.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this time to pay tribute to Mr. Si McCurdy for his outstanding service to Air Force bases throughout the nation and recognize his retirement from the Saint Anthony Catholic School after eighteen years of service. He has truly contributed to the community and nation in his efforts to protect the nation and serve our schoolchildren. Thank for you this time.

#### HONORING ALAMEDA FIRE CAPTAIN SCOTT CARNEVALE

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative FORTNEY PETE STARK, to honor the memory of a man who gave his life serving the people of the San Francisco Bay Area. Alameda Fire Captain Scott Carnevale, a resident of Mill Valley, California, died at the age of 42 on January 3, 2011, of occupational cancer.

Cpt. Carnevale was a proud Mill Valley native. He attended Mill Valley Middle School and Tamalpais High School, and it was at Tam High that he first met his future wife, Elizabeth. Mill Valley is also where Cpt. Carnevale took an early interest in firefighting, volunteering with the Mill Valley Fire Department in 1992. Cpt. Carnevale then attended the fire academy in Santa Rosa and graduated the following year.

Early in his career, Cpt. Carnevale served as a seasonal firefighter in Marin and worked for the Tamalpais Fire District before finally joining the Alameda Air Station as a full-time firefighter. When the airbase closed in 1997, Cpt. Carnevale was hired by the city of Alameda, where he was promoted to Apparatus Operator in 2001 and Captain of Station Two in 2007.

Cpt. Carnevale was also dedicated to his fellow firefighters. He served as an Executive

Board Trustee and Shift Vice President for the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 689. He was also an active member of the Fire Labor Management Team, and he organized Alameda Fire Department's participation in the California Professional Firefighters Exposure Reporting Program.

Cpt. Carnevale had many outside passions and skills, including craftsmanship and the outdoors. He helped design and build his family's home in Mill Valley. He also helped to restore the fire department's two antique fire rigs, and he took it on himself to repaint the insignia at the front door of Station Three. Even a diagnosis of cancer could not slow him down, as he continued to enjoy spending time with his family, traveling, and kayaking.

Cpt. Carnevale is survived by his wife Elizabeth Carnevale and his eight-year-old son.

Mister Speaker, it is with a profound sense of loss that we ask you to join us in honoring the life of Cpt. Scott Carnevale. Family and friends remember Cpt. Carnevale as an adventurer who was loved and respected for his integrity, selflessness, and dependability. The people of the Bay Area remember him as a true hero.

#### HONORING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ASPIRA

### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the fiftieth anniversary of ASPIRA, and the valuable contributions this organization has made enriching the lives of the Puerto Rican and Latino communities across our country.

Since its founding in New York City by the educator, civil rights leader and Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee Dr. Antonia Pantoja, ASPIRA has helped strengthen Puerto Rican and Latino communities through education and outreach programs.

Over the past five decades ASPIRA has helped nearly half-a-million Puerto Rican and Latino youth, giving them the tools they needed to succeed through education and leadership development programs. From its humble beginnings, ASPIRA has grown today to 30 centers serving 50,000 Latino youth and parents in 79 communities across nine states, as well as Puerto Rico and Washington, DC. In fact many "Aspirantes," from actor Jimmy Smits to elected officials like Anthony Romero, Fernando Ferrer and Billy Ocasio, trace their success to this organization.

At a time when too many Latino youth do not complete a high school education, over 95-five percent of participating ASPIRA youth graduate. Of these, over 90 percent go on to a college education.

Indeed, this is the kind of success we are celebrating today with the fiftieth anniversary of ASPIRA. Their accomplishments have improved the quality of life and opportunities for the Latino community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today, March 10, in recognizing 50 years of service by ASPIRA and its contributions to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our great nation.

HONORING ETERNITY HAYNIE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eternity Haynie. Eternity is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Eternity's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Eternity has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Eternity can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eternity Haynie for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING GARNETT RHODES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

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

Whereas, One hundred years ago a tenacious man of God was born in Taliaferro County, Georgia on March 11, 1911; and

Whereas, Mr. Garnett Rhodes was born to Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Mary Jane Frazier Rhodes, he grew up farming in Taliaferro County, Georgia and continued to farm in Greene County, Georgia and Athens, Georgia until he turned 90 years old; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Father and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God, and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mr. Rhodes along with his family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, his 100th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Rhodes on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim March 11, 2011 as Mr. Garnett Rhodes Day in the Fourth Congressional District. Proclaimed, this 11th day of March, 2011.

IN HONOR OF MARC JOHNSON, 2011 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished educational leadership of Marcus Johnson, Superintendent of Sanger Unified School District in California's Central Valley, who has been honored as the 2011 Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators.

A California native, Marc Johnson lives in the small community of Reedley, where at age four he moved with his parents and where his home sits ten miles away from his office. He is a graduate of Reedley Community College, California State University, Fresno and Fresno Pacific University, where he received his Masters degree and completed his credential programs.

Marc Johnson embarked on his career with Sanger Unified School District, first serving as an assistant superintendent of human resources and later as an associate superintendent in the district. In 2003, Marc assumed a new role of Superintendent, overseeing a highly diverse student population of 10,800 students. He entered amidst turmoil for the rural school community and one year later was faced with the challenges accompanied with an entire school district being designated for program improvement by the State of California. With boundless energy and enthusiasm, Marc proved from early on that his leadership was promising. By 2006, he led the district out of the state improvement status and on a path to reorganization that would later earn him accolades from colleagues and admirers of his professional endeavors across the country.

Under the leadership and guidance of Marc Johnson, Sanger Unified School District has been transformed into a professional learning community focused on student learning, high quality instruction and teacher collaboration. The Sanger district now boasts some of the highest overall achievement gains in the state of California, including: 13 schools have been designated as State Distinguished School; 12 schools have been designated as Title I Academic Achieving Schools; two schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools and all 13 elementary schools have been honored for their outstanding character development programs.

Dick Sheppard, editor of the Sanger Herald, called Marc Johnson, "the guy who pulled the district out of darkness into light." This could not be a more true statement and characterization of the person who commits to visiting the 1,000 classrooms in the district twice annually, using the first occasion each year to affix a pin of appreciation he has selected on each teacher in front of his or her students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today to congratulate Mr. Marcus Johnson on the occasion of his special recognition as the 2011 Superintendent of the Year and, on behalf of the students, parents and teachers of Sanger Unified School District, thank him for his leadership and unwavering dedication to raising education standards in our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWEST APPOINTEES TO THE DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the five newest members appointed to the Depository Library Council by Public Printer William Boorman. The Council is composed of 15 members, each of whom serves a 3-year term. Its purpose is to advise the Public Printer on policy matters relating to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which is administered by the Government Printing Office.

The FDLP provides public access across the United States to the published information of all three branches of the Federal Government through partnerships with more than 1,220 libraries nationwide—public libraries, university and college libraries, law libraries, research libraries, libraries of state appellate courts, Federal libraries, and others—about 3 per congressional district. Federal depository libraries serve as vital links between "We the People" and our Government. Anyone can visit Federal depository libraries and use the Federal documents collections, which are filled with information on careers, business opportunities, health and nutrition, laws and regulations, statistical data, demographics, consumer information, and numerous other subjects. Today, this partnership is predominately electronic, but tangible formats are distributed where online equivalents are not available.

The five new DLC members for the June 1, 2011–June 1, 2014, term are:

Stephanie Braunstein, Assistant Librarian at the Troy H. Middleton Library at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, one of Louisiana's two regional depository libraries. Braunstein's outreach with the library community includes presenting at conferences, partnering with GPO to host an online list of Federal agency web sites, and contributing to Browse Topics, an online subject-based portal for government information. She currently serves as Coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force (FDTF) of the American Library Association (ALA) and is the Louisiana Library Association Councilor to ALA.

Donna Lauffer, County Librarian for the Johnson County (KS) Library system's 13 branches. Lauffer has a strong track record in delivering government information to the public and in promoting civic engagement. Her leadership in support of government information and relevant programming in her library system led to the Johnson County Library being honored as the 2010 Federal Depository Library of the Year.

Susan Lyons, Reference and Government Documents Librarian at the Rutgers University Law School Library in Newark, New Jersey. Lyons' professional interests include digital preservation, authentication, and permanent public access to government information. She has served as Chair of the Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), President of the New Jersey Law Librarians Association, and President of the Documents Association of New Jersey.

Mark Phillips, Assistant Dean for Digital Libraries at the University of North Texas in

Denton. Phillips specializes in digital collections, knowledge of infrastructure for digital collections, preservation techniques, and web harvesting. He currently serves on the Access Committee in the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) and the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative's, Dublin Core Library Profile Workgroup.

Arlene Weible, Government Documents and Technical Services Librarian at the Oregon State Library in Salem. Weible has a broad background in technical services and public services, and experience working in state and academic libraries. She currently serves on the National Digital Stewardship Alliance and as the regional coordinator for Oregon's intra-state shared regional, a successful shared housing arrangement that serves the depository libraries in Oregon.

In making these five appointments, Public Printer Boarman noted the talent and expertise these outstanding individuals bring to the Depository Library Council. Nearly all of us have depository libraries in our districts providing our constituents with public access to Government information. I trust all Members will join me in congratulating the appointees to the Council, and wishing them well as they embark upon their mission to strengthen and improve the Depository Library Program for the benefit of all Americans.

#### HONORING ALLISON DAVIS

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Davis. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Davis for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

#### HONORING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE W. DALE YOUNG

##### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor a legal legend from my District on the occasion of his retirement.

Circuit Court Judge W. Dale Young has served the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee, admirably and with humor and humility for 26 years.

I served as a state trial judge in nearby Knoxville for 7 years before I was elected to

Congress, and I was in private law practice 8 years before that. I do not know another person whose integrity honors the legal profession more than Judge Young.

At a recent reception in his honor, hundreds of people lined up to thank Judge Young for his service.

The Daily Times Newspaper in Maryville, Tennessee, reported, "Kind, fair, and the ultimate gentleman—that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young . . ."

Judge Young has a long history of protecting and strengthening families, and his favorite part of the job was the many adoptions he helped finalize. He would often pose for photos with the families and showed great compassion during the process.

Judge William Brewer said, "He is a wonderful fellow. He's a gentleman."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in recognizing Judge W. Dale Young's 26-year service to Blount County, Tennessee.

On the occasion of his retirement, I submit the Daily Times article offering tribute to Judge Young's service.

[From the Daily Times]

#### HUNDREDS ATTEND RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JUDGE YOUNG

(By Chloe Morrison)

Kind, fair and the ultimate gentleman, that's how friends and admirers described Blount County Circuit Judge W. Dale Young Friday at his retirement reception.

"He has just been so good to so many people and I just feel like we should turn out and let him know how much we appreciate him," Louisville resident Sandra Stricklin said at the reception, which was on the third floor of the Justice Center.

Over a period of two hours, hundreds flowed through the reception, many stopping to shake the judge's hand, give him a gift or thank him for his service.

"He is a man of high integrity and character," Maryville Police Chief Tony Crisp said after the reception. "He has done a wonderful job for Blount County."

Young is retiring after 26 years at the bench. He is 72.

During decades of service Young has touched many area residents, such as Mike Everett, who came to Friday's ceremony to honor the judge.

Everett's granddaughter, Allie, 20 months, was the last adoption that Young finalized. Allie's parents—Morgan and Glenda Everett—couldn't attend the ceremony, but Everett said it was important for him to come and bring his grandchild.

"I was involved every step of the way," Everett said about the adoption process. "She's the only grandchild I have and will probably ever have, so I've been in the middle of it."

Everett also said that he heard that adoptions were Young's favorite part of the job, and he said the judge showed care and compassion for his family.

"He was so kind to us that day," Everett said of the day Young finalized Allie's adoption. "He made pictures and sent us copies."

Judge William Brewer summed up his thoughts about Young, keeping his words simple.

"He is a wonderful fellow," he said. "He's a gentleman."

At the retirement reception, Rick McNear, with the Blount County Sheriff's Office, also had praise for the retiring judge.

"He's a gentle, compassionate caring man," he said. "(He's) a loving man."

Former Blount County Mayor Jerry Cunningham said at the reception that he's known Young since high school.

He called the judge brilliant, compassionate—a gentleman.

"He brings dignity and fairness and equity to the bench," Cunningham said. "Anything he's every done, he's done it well."

Cunningham also said that Young has a good sense of humor and that the pair have had many fun times together. "Sometimes in court, things happen that you just have to stop and laugh," he said. "Then sometimes things happen that are funny but you are not supposed to laugh and he would always manage to drop his pencil and duck down behind the bench (to laugh). We've always teased him about that."

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE JERUSALEM EMBASSY AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2011

##### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce The Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act of 2011. This legislation closes a loophole that has allowed the United States Embassy in Israel to remain in Tel Aviv, despite the passage of the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995 and the passage of multiple resolutions (passed with overwhelming and bipartisan support) affirming the U.S. commitment to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Embassy Act declared that it is the official position of the United States that Jerusalem is, and rightly ought to remain, the undivided capital of Israel. On June 4, 2008, while still serving as a United States Senator, President Obama pledged that: "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided." United States officials do conduct diplomatic meetings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Israel, but the Embassy remains firmly grounded in Tel Aviv.

Despite this declaration of support and due to presidential waivers, the United States has failed to carry out our promise to our Israeli friends and has never acted to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Every sovereign country has the right to designate its own capital and the United States maintains its Embassy in the functioning capital of every country. Why is it then that we continue to delay the relocation of this, our most important embassy in the Middle East?

Not only have we not relocated the embassy but our President has seemingly weakened the United States' resolve to do so. Presidential Determination 2011-6, which was transmitted by the Administration to Congress just a few months ago, renewed a legally required waiver which allows the Administration to suspend the 1995 law requiring the U.S. Embassy in Israel to move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. While the renewal of the waiver was not unexpected or unusual, the Obama Administration once again neglected to include a key sentence that the previous Administration had included in previous determinations; specifically: "My Administration remains committed to beginning the process of moving our embassy to Jerusalem."

During such an unstable time in the Middle East, it is more important than ever that the United States and this Congress stand firmly behind Israel. From the recent unrest in Egypt and the collapse of the Lebanese government, to the threat of Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and many other anti-Israel terrorist groups, Israel is constantly facing new challenges to maintaining its sovereignty and security. We must show that we are dedicated to our alliance and fulfill the commitments that we have made. In a country where security is an elusive goal, Israel should be secure in knowing that the United States will deliver on its promises.

I believe it is well past time to revisit the Jerusalem Embassy Act and close, once and for all, the loophole that has continued to allow the diplomatic embarrassment of not having our Embassy located in the capital city of Israel to continue for ten years. That is why I, along with a number of bi-partisan co-sponsors, am reintroducing this bill which mandates the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and reaffirms U.S. policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel.

I strongly urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this important bill.

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HONORING SARAH HEAD

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sarah Head. Sarah is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Sarah's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Sarah has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Sarah can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sarah Head for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

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HONORING LENORE CROUDY

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the achievements of Lenore Croudy. A Birthday Tribute will be held on March 30th in Flint Michigan in her honor.

In addition to being a dear friend, Lenore Croudy is a tremendous asset to the Flint community. She was an educator for the Flint Community Schools for over 40 years. During that time she worked as a teacher, instructional specialist, assistant principal, assistant

dean, Director of the Reading, Language Arts and Humanities Department, and Steward for Resource and Information. Prior to her retirement she also served as President of the Congress of Flint School Administrators.

Lenore has also served as a member of the Mott Community College Board of Trustees for over 20 years. Re-elected to her 4th term in 2005, she has been the board chairperson since 1995. Recognized by her peers, Lenore has served on the National Board of Directors and as Central Region Chairperson for the Association of Community College Trustees. She is active with the YWCA of Flint, Center for the Visually Impaired, Salvation Army, Flint Rotary Club, Voluntary Action Center, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Boy Scouts of America Tall Pine Council, Hundred Club of Flint, and Flint Chapter of the NAACP. She is also the founder of the Youth Leadership Institute. In appreciation of her accomplishments, Lenore has received numerous awards including the Governor's Service Award in 2007—the George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Lenore Croudy. I have known Lenore for many years and she is always compassionate, focused, faithful, and dedicated to improving the lives of those around her. Her enthusiasm for serving others is contagious and I am proud to call her my "lifetime" friend. I wish her a happy birthday and many, many more.

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STATEMENT APPLAUDING THE  
ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY  
IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enactment of Illinois Senate Bill 3539, which abolishes the death penalty in Illinois. As a lifelong resident of Illinois, I want to thank Governor Quinn and each and every state legislator who courageously voted for this important bill.

I strongly oppose the death penalty because I have always believed that the government should never take a person's life as punishment for a crime. This is especially true in our judicial system which is wrought with inequity and unfairness that can lead to the conviction of innocent people. In fact, since 1977, 20 people sentenced to death in the state of Illinois were ultimately exonerated. This is a shameful record that troubles me deeply. Imagine if any of these persons were executed before evidence could be presented to prove their innocence.

The enactment of Senate Bill 3539 in Illinois is a tremendous step forward for justice. Already, Illinois had set an important example for the rest of the country, when in 2000, it placed a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. Today, with the stroke of his pen Governor Quinn has helped turn the tide against the use of capital punishment in America and I sincerely hope that other states will soon follow.

Mr. Speaker, the existence of the death penalty is not necessary to ensure that the

most heinous crimes go punished and I will continue to fight for a fair justice system that does not use death as a means of achieving justice.

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INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF  
ALL WORKERS AND CALLING  
FOR AN END TO THE RECENT  
ATTACKS ON WORKERS

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, in advance of leading a special order this evening, to offer a resolution supporting the rights of all workers, including federal employees and other public employees, and calling for the end to attacks on their ability to organize and to collectively bargain. There are only a few salient rights recognized by every democracy, such as freedom of religion and freedom of speech, and on that list always appears the right for workers to organize in order to bargain collectively with an employer. It has long been recognized that individual workers have little, if any, bargaining power sitting alone with an employer who has hired or could hire her. When unions organize workers, the ground becomes more level and economic conditions decide the outcome.

Mr. Speaker, the American labor movement has been a major catalyst for the formation of a majority middle class in the United States by leading the way for improvements for all workers, which unions have gained through collective bargaining. I ask the House to join me in recognizing the American union movement and those who work in the public and private sectors.

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HONORING ADRIEL BENNINGFIELD

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adriel Benningfield. Adriel is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Adriel's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Adriel has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Adriel can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adriel Benningfield for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

NEWSPAPERS WIN LAP DOG  
AWARD FOR BIASED COLUMNS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post are the winners of this week's Media Fairness Caucus "Lap Dog Award" for biased news coverage.

Most of the regular columns in these newspapers have a left-wing bias. Combined, they feature a total of 19 columnists who show a liberal perspective in their articles and only four who regularly offer conservative views. That's a ratio of almost five to one, liberal to conservative.

It's no surprise that the great majority of Americans say the media are too liberal rather than too conservative, according to a recent Gallup public opinion poll.

Columnists certainly are entitled to their opinions, but I hope the national media will look for opportunities to give Americans more balanced commentaries.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISSEY  
YOUNG OF CLYMER, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MARK S. CRITZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special young woman who has done a great deed for our servicemen and woman. The actions of Chrissy Young of Clymer, Pennsylvania, truly embody what it means to honor those that serve.

On September 2, 2010, Ms. Young experienced an angst that the family members of our brave uniformed men and women dread to bear. She received the call that her high school sweetheart, Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg, had lost his life while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

While Chrissy suffered a great loss, she did not recluse herself from the world. Instead, she decided to organize a care package drive to deliver essentials to her fallen hero's unit, the Marine's 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. By leveraging resources from area churches, schools, businesses, and individuals, she was able to send almost 300 care packages to the Marine unit on Veterans Day 2010. It is efforts like these that convey to our service members that there are Americans who care about you, who miss you, and who are thankful for the job that you are doing to protect our freedoms and to keep our Nation safe.

This past February, Chrissy had to bear the brunt of Lance Corporal Twigg's unit returning home without him or the fourteen other Marines who lost their lives in Afghanistan. While he did not return with his unit that day, Chrissy could stand proud knowing that he had served his country bravely and that her act of kindness had deeply touched this Marine unit.

In referring to the dedication someone must possess to serve in the military, Chrissy wrote,

"it takes a person of character, a person who knows what they have, is thankful for what they have, and is willing to give whatever it takes to preserve those freedoms for all of us."

Mr. Speaker, although she may not be in the military, Chrissy exemplifies the person of character, valor, and dedication that she so eloquently spoke of. Once again, I would like to honor Chrissy Young for her actions and selfless efforts.

FLAKE AMENDMENT No. 370 TO  
H.R. 1

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, due to a voting error that I was unaware of at the time, my vote on the Flake amendment, No. 370 to H.R. 1 (to reduce funding by \$18,750,000 for unneeded boards and commissions) was recorded incorrectly. Please let the RECORD show that I support this amendment.

HONORING ANN CAMPBELL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ann Campbell. Ann is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Ann's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Ann has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Ann can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ann Campbell for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU  
GAVE

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD a poem written by Kaprise Anuu, a 5th grader from Tulsa, Oklahoma, that was written for her Veteran's Day celebration at Wesley V. Jarman Elementary School. It is entitled, "Thank You For The Time You Gave."

Thank you for the time you gave  
I wish I were just that . . . very brave  
You fought for all the country  
You even fought for liberty

Before you thought of yourself  
You thought of me  
You thought of me so I'd be free  
Thank you for the time you gave  
You thought of me night and day  
I always pray you'll be okay  
Thank you for the time you gave.

I commend the patriotism of Kaprise. It is wonderful that young people like her express such gratitude and appreciation for those men and women who put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms we cherish in America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
DONALD "DON" A. JACKSON

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald "Don" A. Jackson, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. As Maddy Institute Chair, Mr. Jackson was committed to ensuring the strength of the Maddy Institute since its inception in 2000.

Don attended the University of Arizona where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959. He then went on to Stanford University and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1962. While attending Stanford University, he earned class honors in Corporate Finance and was selected to be a member of the Stanford Law Review. In 1962, he was admitted to the bar in the State of California. Don is a member of the Bond Lawyers Association and is listed as a Bond Attorney in the Bond Buyer's Directory.

Outside of Don's professional career as an attorney, he has been an active member in the community of Fresno for over 40 years. He has served on several state boards and agencies including the Public Employee Relations Board, the Senate Cost Control Commission, and the Bureau of Repair Services. Don has also been an active member with the St. Agnes Medical Center Foundation Board, the Central California Women's Conference, the Fresno Redevelopment Agency Board, and Rotary Club of Fresno.

Don was a confidant and "very, very close friend," according to the late California State Senator Kenneth L. Maddy. Senator Maddy credited his own success during his 1978 political campaign to Don Jackson, describing Don as a "key strategist." After Senator Maddy passed away, Don was instrumental in establishing the Maddy Institute at Fresno State. Under Don's leadership, the Maddy Institute created scholarships for over 150 Federal and State legislative interns, in addition to raising over \$1 million for grants, events, and programs. During Don's tenure, the institute has also successfully established an outreach program through radio, television, the Internet, and its public affairs seminar series. The Costa Scholars Internship in Washington, DC is a program Don helped me bring to fruition. Since 2005, we have created an opportunity for students from Fresno State to spend an entire semester interning in San Joaquin Valley congressional offices.

Having worked closely with Don Jackson and the Maddy Institute during my years in the California State Senate and now as a Member of Congress, I know firsthand of Don's outstanding abilities. The dedicated effort he has

put forth in preserving the legacy of late former Senator Kenneth L. Maddy is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Don Jackson for his tremendous contributions and outstanding service to the Maddy Institute and Fresno State.

CENTENNIAL OF THE THEODORE  
ROOSEVELT DAM

**HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, next week we will celebrate the centennial of the Theodore Roosevelt Dam; I rise today to recognize the important role this structure has played in Arizona's history.

Drought and floods often plagued the first settlers of our area. In 1902 the National Reclamation Act was signed into law paving the way for a unique public-private partnership that formed the Salt River Valley Water Users Association and later the Salt River Project (SRP). Soon after the Act was signed, residents in the area pledged their land to the Federal Government in order to build the Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River.

Completed in 1911, just one year before Arizona gained statehood, the Roosevelt Dam helped our area flourish, first as a farming community and then as a growing population center. As the Valley landscape changed, SRP also adapted to the changing needs of the community by delivering water to both city treatment plants and farms.

The history and growth of our area all began 100 years ago with the dedication of the Roosevelt Dam—it helped transform the Valley into one of the largest metropolitan regions in the country. Roosevelt Dam services an area covering more than 375 square miles and a 13,000 square mile watershed. I wish to honor this structure for the important role it plays in meeting Arizona's water and power needs, both in the past and into the next century.

HONORING KATRINA LAFFOON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Katrina Laffoon. Katrina is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Katrina's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Katrina has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Katrina can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Katrina Laffoon for her accom-

plishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING THE MISSISSIPPI ARMY  
NATIONAL GUARD 287TH FROM  
LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and determination of a group of my fellow soldiers who have recently returned home to Mississippi after a long deployment in Afghanistan.

Over 100 troops from the Mississippi Army National Guard 287th from Lucedale, MS have just finished a yearlong deployment in Paktia Province. These brave soldiers have been providing route clearance, removing improvised explosive devices and roadside bombs allowing their fellow troops serving our Nation safe passage.

The 287th faced danger and uncertainty every day. I am truly honored to represent these brave Americans in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Having served in the military, I believe that all of our soldiers deserve the utmost respect from all of those they protect. I ask that my colleagues here in Washington and the American people take a moment to thank these selfless men and women and continue to keep all of the brave men and women serving our Nation in their thoughts and prayers.

THE EXTENT OF RADICALIZATION  
IN THE AMERICAN MUSLIM COM-  
MUNITY AND THAT COMMU-  
NITY'S RESPONSE

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to a hearing being held by our colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee. For those who may not be aware, the House Committee on Homeland Security is currently holding a hearing titled "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response."

I applaud my colleagues' diligence in ensuring that our Nation is safe. However, I am saddened to see that Members of this body feel the only way to do this is by singling out their fellow citizens, most of whom have done nothing wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I was especially saddened to read a quote from the gentleman from New York, Mr. KING, who is quoted in the New York Times as stating, "The threat is coming from the Muslim community." This is a prime example of history repeating itself. I would like to remind my colleagues of the abysmal treatment our nation subjected Japanese-Americans to during World War II. I encourage those who are not familiar with this disdainful period in our history to speak to those who had to live through that degradation and humiliation. In fact, they would not have to go far

as our very own Mr. HONDA of California can speak first-hand as to what he endured at an internment camp in Colorado.

More recently, Mr. Speaker, civil rights groups in the 1960's were subject to espionage and charges of subversion.

Examples such as this go to show us that time and time again this government has seen fit to exclude its own citizens and treat them as an internal threat. All of this, Mr. Speaker, without foundation.

This nation, Mr. Speaker, has always been a rich, diverse landscape of different ethnicities, religions, and cultures. So much so that our founding fathers saw fit to include on our Great Seal the phrase "E pluribus unum", out of many, one. One. One people, one country, one identity. To single out a subgroup out of the greater American identity is blatantly un-American. Our recent history has far too many examples of domestic terrorist that did not stem from the Muslim community. Names such as Timothy McVeigh, Terry Nichols, Ted Kaczynski, Eric Rudolph, The Weather Underground, and the KKK have, unfortunately, become all too familiar in our national dialogue.

All of these, whether an individual or a group, was responsible for reprehensible acts of terrorism on their fellow Americans. None of these has been found to have any connection to the Muslim community—a community that has been helpful to law enforcement in catching suspected terrorists, such as the Times Square bomber.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind my colleagues and our constituents of the words of Deputy National Security Advisor, Denis McDonough. Mr. McDonough, this past Sunday, reminded Americans that "In the United States of America, we don't practice guilt by association. And let's remember that just as violence and extremism are not unique to any one faith, the responsibility to oppose ignorance and violence rests with us all."

HONORING MELISSA ANDERSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Melissa Anderson. Melissa is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Melissa's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Melissa has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Melissa can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Melissa Anderson for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.



THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD'S 45TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, THE OKLAHOMA STABILIZATION TRANSITIONS TEAM AND THE 146TH AIR SUPPORT OPERATION SQUADRON

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), the Oklahoma Stabilization Transitions Team and the 146th Air Support Operations Squadron that are set to deploy to Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terror.

A farewell ceremony honoring more than 3,200 deploying members of the 45th IBCT, the Oklahoma Stabilization Transitions Team and the 146th Air Support Operation Squadron was held at the Oklahoma City Arena and Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Families and friends throughout the state had the opportunity to celebrate the patriotism and courage of Oklahoma's citizen soldiers and airmen. This will be the largest single deployment since the Korean War, an important event in the history of the Oklahoma National Guard.

The 45th IBCT recently began training at Camp Gruber Maneuver Training Center and then they will move to the mobilization station at Fort Bliss, Texas. The brigade is undergoing intense mission specific training that will prepare them for any mission unique tasks that they will be required to perform while deploying to Afghanistan.

I know this is not the first deployment for many of these brave men and women and their families back home. Their collective sacrifice for our nation's security is symbolic of the pride Oklahoma has for our citizen soldiers and airmen serving in times of war and conflict.

I am confident these soldiers and airmen are ready to answer the call in the defense of our nation. With this deployment, they are carrying forward the proud history of this brigade. It is an honor to represent many of these brave citizen soldiers in Congress, and I look forward to supporting their critically important missions to the fullest extent possible. My prayers go out to the soldiers and their families during this deployment. They have my full support and I pray for not only successful missions but their safe return home to their families.

HONORING KEVIN HUNTER

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

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

Whereas, we are saddened by the untimely death of Mr. Kevin Hunter because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man . . . who gave of himself in order for the betterment of our beloved DeKalb County; and

Whereas, Mr. Kevin Hunter's work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being one of DeKalb's favorite sons; and

Whereas, this highly effective civil servant utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of DeKalb County since 1999; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life as he served his family, his friends and his community; and

Whereas, Mr. Kevin Hunter was a son, a father, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the fourth district of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Mr. Kevin Hunter for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation 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 of the United States that Mr. Kevin Hunter of Ellenwood, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring

Mr. Kevin Hunter

U.S. Citizen of Distinction

in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2011.

HONORING MAZIE EARLY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mazie Early. Mazie is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Mazie's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Mazie has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Mazie can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mazie Early for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

CONGRATULATING KAY KATZ

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I stand before you today to congratulate Kay Kellogg Katz who is being recognized as the Monroe Rotary Club's Woman of the Year. She is truly deserving of this honor for her exemplary service and dedication to Northeast Louisiana.

A woman who embodies the spirit of public service, Kay's legislative career spans a decade, and she presently serves as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives. In addition, she is the immediate past Louisiana Republican national committeewoman, which

made her an automatic member of the 168-member Republican National Committee.

Preceding her legislative service, Kay was a valued member of the Monroe City Council. In this capacity, she served as council chairman and as a member of the Street Improvement Committee.

Among her lengthy civic accomplishments, Kay is active with Rotary International, American Heart Association, Ouachita Parish Recycling Commission, Monroe Tree Board, Fort Miro chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Monroe Airport Advisory Committee and Monroe Garden Club.

In addition to her citizenship activities and community organizations, Kay is also a committed patron of the arts through her involvement with the Monroe Symphony and sits on the boards of both the Northeast Louisiana Arts Council and the Louisiana State Arts Council. She served as vice president of the Monroe Little Theatre, and in 2000, the Louisiana Museum Association selected her as "Legislator of the Year." She is also associated with the Masur Museum, University of Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) Art Department, ULM Foundation for the Performing Arts, Children's Museum, Twin City Ballet and Masterworks Chorus.

Kay is a homegrown hero having graduated from Neville High School in Monroe. She went on to obtain her college degree from Mississippi State University.

Her dedication to community and career is exceeded only by her devotion to her loving family. Kay and her late husband Ben Katz are the parents of three. Ben, like his wife, was a faithful public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Kay Kellogg Katz on being named the Monroe Rotary's Woman of the Year. Her commitment, compassion and leadership warrant this laudable recognition.

HONORING THE LATE JUDGE DOUG LUNA

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay special tribute to my friend, the late Judge Douglas Luna. Judge Luna was born in 1944 in Seattle, Washington, where he grew up in the Central District.

Doug Luna served honorably with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, assigned to Da Nang until the late 1960s. After returning from his distinguished military service, he completed law school and served as the Deputy Corporate Administrator for The Boeing Company's Small and Minority Business Program. Doug loved the law; he became an administrative law judge for the Washington State Department of Employment Security, and also served as a review judge for the Department of Social and Health Services.

Among Doug Luna's many lasting achievements is the judicial structure he helped to create for Alaska's Tlingit-Haida Tribe. The Tribe was part of his heritage, and he was proud to serve as an elected judge on the Tribal Court for nearly twenty years. Judge

Luna later served on the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission, an agency charged with determining if racial or ethnic bias exists in the courts of the State of Washington. He was a Eucharistic minister at Immaculate Conception Church and also was active with Saint Matthew's Church.

Throughout his life, Doug Luna was deeply involved in the Native American and Asian communities—in addition to his Tlingit heritage, Doug also shared Filipino heritage. He was a founding member of the Asian American Bar Association, and volunteered with the Seattle Indian Center, the Interlm Community Development Association, the International District Housing Alliance, and the Filipino American National Historical Society. Doug was the volunteer every organization dreams of: he was smart, dedicated, absolutely reliable, and a pleasure to be with.

Doug Luna championed the poor and the underrepresented throughout his life. His efforts to better his community were limitless, and he brought to his work a gentle spirit that touched hundreds of lives. Doug will be long remembered for his kindness, his generosity, and his unwavering integrity. He was a proud and loving father to his daughter, Mercedes, and I join her and so many others in mourning the loss of this extraordinary friend. It was a privilege to know Doug Luna.

TRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE  
RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS  
BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lady Knights, the Rialto High School girls basketball team, and congratulate them for winning the CIF—Southern Section Division 2AA title game.

The Lady Knights came back from behind in the final minutes of the championship game to beat Ventura Buena 55 to 53 at the buzzer, clinching the first section title in the school's history. After a season of hard work and determination, Rialto trailed by three points with just over two minutes to go in the game.

Point guard, Summer Webb, tied the game with a three-pointer. Following the play, Janae Sharpe stole the ball, passing to Webb for an assist that pushed the Lady Knights two points ahead. Ventura Buena answered with two free throws, tying the championship game. Sharpe converted another steal to a lay-up but Buena Ventura tied the game again with nineteen seconds remaining.

This game was the Lady Knights first section appearance in the history of the Rialto girls' basketball program and it came down to the last tenth of a second. With seventeen seconds remaining on the clock, Coach Michael Anderson designed a play to give Sharpe the final shot of the game. Hundreds of fans looked on from the stands of the Anaheim Convention Center. Sharpe received the inbounds pass.

Crossing half court with composure, she let nine seconds tick off the game clock. Sharpe paused again at the three-point line, only three seconds remained. She drove into the lane, released a jumper, and scored the game-win-

ning shot as the buzzer sounded. The blue-clad Rialto fans celebrated in an uproar as the players on the floor rushed into a dog-pile. The Lady Knights secured the championship in their first section final appearance.

I would like to extend my heart-felt congratulations to Head Coach Michael Anderson and his coaching team, Bryant Young, Toneisha Knox, Erika Matkins and Juanita Perez. I would also like to acknowledge the families, fans, and teachers in the greater Rialto community for their support. Of course, I want to congratulate the girls on the Rialto High School basketball team: Janae Sharpe, Bianca Brown, Brittani Walker, Channe Armstrong, Summer Ramsey, Summer Webb, Cynthia Mora, Montoya Washington, Ma' Kaela Buhl, Danae "Mary" Williams, Jasmin Samano. I wish you all the best of luck in the Southern California Regional playoffs.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
MR. ROBERT C. HOWELL

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to commemorate the life and service of one of my constituents, Mr. Robert C. Howell. A native Georgian, Mr. Howell passed away at the age of 93 on Tuesday March 8th, 2011. He was an honorable man, devoted to his country and his community.

Mr. Howell served our nation in the United States Army during World War II as an infantryman and an engineer. One of his most dangerous duties was to remove undetonated land mines to protect his fellow soldiers. His dedication to service did not end with his retirement from the armed forces. He continued to support his fellow servicemen and veterans by actively participating in Veterans of Foreign Wars and his local American Legion post. Each time a veteran would pass in his community, Mr. Howell would attend their funerals to honor their service and express his gratitude. He himself was honored by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners with an engraved brick in the Pathway of Service Walkway at the Douglas County Courthouse.

Mr. Robert Howell was devoted to the Lord. During his lifetime he was a member of the New Georgia Baptist Church, the First Presbyterian Church and the Lithia Springs First Baptist Church. A member of the Baptist faith, he attended a Men's Bible Study, served at a deacon and taught Sunday School.

Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his first wife, Henrietta Howell; his second wife, Martha McMichen Howell; stepdaughter, June Roland; stepson, Tony Pilgrim; and sister-in-law, Marie Howell. My deepest sympathies lie with the surviving members of this family: his sister and brother-in-law, Virgie and Ervin Chandler; his brother, Herman Howell; and his stepdaughters, sons-in-law, stepsons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, I hope you will join me in honoring Mr. Robert C. Howell for his life of service to Georgia and to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, I was unexpectedly detained and missed rollcall vote No. 166. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

MIKE COLLINS—AT BEST

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, the following entry is a poem that was given at the Irish Embassy by the Democratic Caucus' Poet Laureate the Honorable BILL PASCRELL. As we approach the "Day", I think it only fitting to submit Mr. PASCRELL's work for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—in which he honors Ambassador Michael Collins and the Nation of Ireland.

MIKE COLLINS—AT BEST

(By the Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr.)

Raising glasses to a white sky,  
Pausing . . . to look at twinkling eyes,  
In blue skies hemorrhaging avocado  
dreams of a homeland of Irish monks who  
saved Ireland—

as Cahill wrote,  
indeed,  
saved the world . . .

Raising glasses many times, with many  
chimes and voices clear  
And monks as advocates of avocados  
And prose to beat for Gaelic friends good  
cheer

And  
Have no fear . . .  
Long live Ireland

HONORING THE LIFE OF CATO  
WALKER III

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Memphian, saxophonist, manager and promoter Cato Walker III. Mr. Walker has been on the music scene in Memphis for many decades and was a huge proponent in the revitalization of Memphis's Beale Street. He also served as the longtime vice president of development at Performa Entertainment Real Estate.

Cato Walker III was a beloved member of the Memphis music community. Mr. Walker came from a very musically talented and well-known family, and he and his family have contributed so much to the musical community. His father, Cato Walker, Jr. was B.B. King's original road manager in the 1950s while his beloved mother, Polly Walker, confirmed all show bookings and travel arrangements. Cato Walker III, continuing his family's legacy with B.B. King, became the band leader and road manager during the late 1970s. He also later worked with Lou Rawls, The Barkays and J. Blackfoot.

Mr. Walker has influenced future musicians through his work by teaching recording at the Kansas Vocational Technical Center and as an adjunct professor at Memphis State University. Through running his own record label, Strick 9, he helped advance the musical careers of many contemporary Memphis musicians, including Academy Award winning group Three 6 Mafia.

Cato Walker has touched the lives of many and influenced a great variety of musicians from the 1970s to today. Mr. Walker will be remembered forever in the heart of not just his family and friends, but also Memphians and musicians everywhere. He is survived by his wife, VanEsta Walker, two sons, Tondtrict Dixon, and Dietrich Dixon, stepson, Ahmed Jenkins, stepdaughter, Angela Cunningham, and sisters, Lora Walker, Thelma Brim and Joanna Brown. His was a life well lived.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID RONALD REED, SR.: AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to acknowledge the loss of a gifted man who loved his country, his family, and his fellow man and who, throughout his life, moved seamlessly through diverse cultural and political communities all with a focus on making our country a better place to live. I'm speaking of my dear friend and former political colleague, David Ronald Reed, Sr., whose life on Earth ended on March 4, 2011. David's legacy, however, lives on through his dear wife, Judith Reed, and the family and friends he leaves behind throughout our nation. David spent the early part of his life in Chicago and the political footprint he left in our city and state still resonates in the lives of thousands of grateful Chicagoans and others, throughout our state, whose lives he touched during an important time in the rise of African-Americans and other progressive communities in the State of Illinois.

I first got to know David by observing his friendship with my brother, Fred. Aside from their friendship and their competitive spirits, I watched this brilliant man look at problems and see opportunities. David's quick mind and determination to succeed led him to step way beyond the cultural and political boundaries that, in the 1960s, so often defined the life experience of middle-class African-Americans.

David was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 20, 1941. He was educated in the Chicago Public Schools where he attended Willard Elementary School and DuSable High School. While a student at DuSable, David honed his skills as an accomplished basketball player. Upon graduation from DuSable in 1959, his skills on the basketball court allowed him to gain a full basketball scholarship to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. While at Drake, David became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He graduated from Drake University in 1964 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Political Science.

David returned to Chicago where all that he had learned—in the classroom and on the basketball courts—would serve him well in the

rough and tumble world of Chicago politics. After graduating from college, David worked for People's Gas Light & Coke Company for almost two years until his entry into politics in 1966.

While for the better part of his life David was a Democrat, he first came to prominence on the national stage as a young, 25-year-old Republican. Like many African-American youth in the 1960s, David and a talented group of his friends chafed at some of the old guard, "machine" politics of Illinois' Democratic Party. In response, David and some of his friends formed a political group, the "New Breed Committee," that represented forward thinking African-American youth. Only months after they were formed, their brilliance and boldness of spirit captured the hearts and minds of a whole new generation of young African-American political activists, including me.

In 1966, in what was then a stunning political move that inspired me and so many other young people who believed in America's political process, 25-year-old David Reed—who, as a community activist, was admired in Chicago's black community for his brilliance, his organizing skills, his articulate speech, and his comfort in speaking truth to power—responded to a call from, then, candidate for the U.S. Senate, Charles Percy, to switch from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party! It was a strategically inspired move aimed at defeating the intransigent political forces of the long-time incumbent Congressman William L. Dawson and other factions of the Democratic machine. Shortly after David filed as a "New Breed" Democratic challenger to Dawson, Percy's senate campaign reached out to David and his supporters. Illinois' statewide Republican Party recognized David's passion and the opportunity to help elevate a younger generation of African-Americans while also boosting Republican Party fortunes—in Illinois and across the nation. Percy and leaders of his political organization appealed to David and his forces and told him he'd have a better opportunity to unseat Dawson if he joined the Republican ticket. David and his supporters agreed and they folded the "New Breed Committee" into the Republican Party's political apparatus. And the result was electric!

While David's candidacy ultimately fell short, David was part of a broader trend among African-American voters, in 1966, that led to some of the largest gains by the national Republican Party among black voters in a generation. Not only did Percy win his first campaign for the U.S. Senate that year, but 1966 was the year the U.S. Senate gained its first African-American Senator in a generation. Edward Brooke, from Massachusetts, became the first African-American to be elected to the Senate since reconstruction. Although David lost his election contest, Percy and others in Illinois' Republican Party recognized his talent. Only weeks after the election, David became one of the first, top leadership appointments by the Republican President of the Cook County Board, Richard V. Ogilvie.

David's leadership exploits brought national pride and acclaim to millions of African-Americans and others of goodwill throughout our nation. His accomplishments were profiled in the December 22, 1966 edition of *Jet* magazine who described him this way, "David R. Reed, 25, the "New Breed" Republican who challenged Congressman William L. Dawson on Chicago's South Side was one of the first five

people Richard V. Ogilvie, newly elected President of the Cook County Board, appointed to his administrative team. Reed, a native Chicagoan and former Drake University basketball star, was named an administrative assistant in the President's office. . . The members of the New Breed are mostly young, militant Negroes who are college graduates and many are Vietnam Veterans." From 1967 to 1971, David worked as a chief administrative aide to Ogilvie during his tenure as President of the Cook County Board and, later, during his statewide run for Illinois Governor.

In the 1970s, David returned to the Democratic Party and was active, for years, in progressive grassroots politics. David went on to play a leading role in helping to elect Chicago's first African-American Mayor, Harold Washington, in 1983. After the Mayor's death in 1987, David became chair of the Harold Washington Party where, for years, he worked tirelessly to help other African-American candidates reach their political dreams.

By the mid-1970s, David left government and launched a string of successful entrepreneurial pursuits—it was a level of work and success that would span four decades. Most of those businesses were based in Chicago and focused on various industries including a restaurant (Seafood Safari), a skating rink (Rolla World), a security agency (Best Security) and other business interests in real estate and construction. Over the years, David's consulting practice grew and he served several leading clients and companies throughout metro Atlanta, where he spent the latter part of his life.

With all that David meant to Chicago, the state of Illinois, our nation, and especially my wife, Carolyn, and I, he was so much more. He and his adoring wife, Judith, were life-long friends and adoring life partners. David and his wife, who was his high school sweetheart, led a life of passion, joy, service, and style that set an example for our nation. Over the years that I got to know him in Chicago, David remained a very dear friend. The two of us, and our wives, shared many joyous moments, and a few sorrows, along the path of life we walked together. I can truly say that the love and devotion David and Judy shared is a classic American love story that, in and of itself, is worthy of acclaim.

David was a tremendous inspiration to me, not only because of his brilliance and political skills but because of the way he carried himself. He was comfortable speaking truth to power but he did it with dignity, class, and in a way that made me, and generations of African-American men and women like me, so very, very proud.

In addition to his wife, Judy, David's legacy endures through their two children, Karren Grant who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and David Reed, Jr., who currently resides in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful city, state and nation, it is my privilege to enter into our nation's permanent record the inspired life story of my friend, David Ronald Reed, Sr., a man whose contributions to our nation are worthy of recognition. May his soul rest in peace. And, as I close, I want Judy and his children to know that they will always have the love and support of Carolyn and me as well as a large and loving extended family in Chicago, and the State of Illinois, whose lives they so magnificently touched. May God bless all of you.