

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TAYLOR KNABE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Knabe for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Taylor Knabe is a 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Knabe is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Taylor Knabe for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

### A TRIBUTE TO ELSIE FURR

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Elsie Furr.

Ms. Furr became an integral part of a team that provides state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer care to New York residents when she Joined Queens Hospital Center, as Senior Associate Director, in July 2004. Today, as Administrator of the Queens Cancer Center, she maintains product line responsibility for the Center's management, budget and accounts receivable. Ms. Furr also collaborates on marketing strategies to promote the Queens Cancer Center and its key initiatives.

Queens Cancer Center received a three-year accreditation under Ms. Furr's administrative leadership. This accreditation included designation as a Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The Queens Cancer Center also played a pivotal role in Queens Hospital Center's major accomplishment: receiving the American Hospital Association-McKesson Quest for Quality Citation of Merit in the spring of 2010.

Prior to joining Queens Hospital Center, Ms. Furr served in various finance management capacities at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York. In her last position, she was responsible for a revenue target of nearly \$50 million in outpatient revenue collections. She successfully met that challenge, as she had always done in prior years. Ms. Furr acquired a wealth of knowledge through these

commitments, a knowledge that serves as the foundation for her effective decision making.

Ms. Furr exudes enthusiasm and vitality when she speaks of her devoted husband, Carlos Furr, and their two lovely children. Her oldest child, Cherette Furr, earned a Master's in Businesses Administration, in 2010, from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Her other son, Brian Furr, is an aspiring musician/spoken word artist; he is currently a junior at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ms. Furr has a Bachelor of Arts degree from York College-City University of New York and a Master of Science degree from Long Island University. She has a passion for collaborating with members of the community and other cancer care organizations to promote the Queens Cancer Center and the wellbeing of others.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Elsie Furr.

### HONORING FAYAZ SHAWL

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Fayaz Shawl, who has been widely recognized as one of the world's foremost interventional cardiologists. He currently serves as Director of Interventional Cardiology at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, and as Professor and Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Dr. Shawl, who immigrated to the United States from Kashmir, has performed more than 18,000 cardiac interventional procedures and has written more than 150 important articles, abstracts, editorials, and books. He is also the founder of the "Dr. Fayaz Shawl Philanthropic Foundation," which he founded to treat impoverished patients.

Dr. Shawl's life has been dedicated to restoring to good health those who suffer from cardiovascular disease; he has saved countless lives and improved the quality of life for many more. He has our sincere gratitude for all that he has done to preserve his patients' health and longevity.

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

Over 15 years has passed since Hillary Clinton famously declared in Beijing that wom-

en's rights are human rights. Since then, we have seen considerable gains in momentum surrounding the importance of women's empowerment, not only as a matter of equality—but importantly—as good development and national security policy. Nevertheless, despite the growing call for women's rights and elevation of their roles in decision-making processes, there is still much more progress to be made.

Today, women and girls are disproportionately impacted by extreme poverty, making up 70% of the world's 1 billion people who live off less than \$1 per day. While women account for over half of the population, they occupy slightly less than 19% of seats in national parliaments on average worldwide. They are vastly more vulnerable in the face of crisis; four of every five people displaced by war or natural disaster are women and children. Women continue to face broad challenges such as access to health care, education and economic opportunities, lack of legal rights and judicial process, and targets of trafficking and sexual and gender-based violence.

While the world's women face daunting obstacles, they are also the most promising and untapped agents of change. What has become increasingly clear is everyone benefits when women and girls have access to equal educational, political, and economic opportunities. When women are free to earn a living—as farmers, entrepreneurs, business owners, etc.—they make their families and communities stronger and more secure. When women and girls have access to educational opportunities, their empowerment allows families and entire communities to flourish and prosper. And evidence shows that when women are empowered to engage in the political process, governments are more effective and responsive to their people.

The world simply cannot achieve lasting peace and prosperity if half of the population is not empowered. For real advancement in women's rights, we must take a comprehensive approach that combats all barriers—physical, economic, socio-cultural, psychological and otherwise—to women's equality.

On this 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, let us celebrate the strides we have made in advancing women's rights, and therefore, human rights and human progress. Let us also reaffirm our commitment to continue these gains until women and men, girls and boys, have equal opportunities to realize their hopes and dreams on every corner of the globe.

I have also included a statement on behalf of Peace X Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting women's voices, strengthening women's capacity to connect across divides, promoting leadership and gender equity, and nurturing the global network of peacebuilders.

On this 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, Peace X Peace ([www.peacexpeace.org](http://www.peacexpeace.org)) stands proudly for peace and justice in solidarity with women around the world, especially those who are

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engaged in the struggle for human rights. We stand with all those who uphold the right of women and men to self-expression, self-determination, and a decent standard of living for themselves and their families. We stand for the efforts of all women to have an equal voice and representation in their communities and nations. We stand for connection, not division: for building bridges of understanding across every divide.

We celebrate the power of mothers, sisters, and daughters to nurture the feminine in themselves and others, to remind us that we win when we win together and we all lose when we practice violence, revenge, demeaning the 'other' and spreading fear of those who are different from ourselves. Women by every name have the same message, and it's our message too: Love and respect one another, and win peace by peaceful means—voice by voice, peace by peace.

VINNY PADILLA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Vinny Padilla for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Vinny Padilla is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Vinny Padilla is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Vinny Padilla for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA JONES

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna Jones.

With an entertainment career that expands over thirty years, Ms. Jones has been using her talents to educate and expose others to the industry. Graduating from high school at the age of fifteen, Ms. Jones set out to take over the world by being the first black traveling journalist. Her career began at NBC (Channel 4), where she worked on a variety of popular shows, such as Saturday Night Live and The Cosby Show.

While attending a Saturday seminar at her alma mater L.I.U., Ms. Jones met Spike Lee, Monty Ross and other members of 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks. They introduced her to comedienne/actress Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, who she started managing personally and pro-

fessionally. From there, Ms. Jones found herself negotiating contracts and business deals throughout the entertainment industry. When Ms. Stickney became the opening act for Patti LaBelle, fortune smiled upon Ms. Jones once again and she became part of the LaBelle team, putting together traveling tours.

Being the constant networker, Ms. Jones had continuous opportunities to meet industry leaders and work on large films, TV shows and other projects. Ms. Jones eventually transitioned to work with Virginia Tech University's School of the Arts Management Team. While at Virginia Tech, she also obtained a Master's Degree and produced shows educating the community on the tremendous work of Moms Mabley, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Denmark Vesey.

With her writing, organizational and networking skills, Ms. Jones is always reaching out to others to afford them an opportunity to realize their own dreams and goals. Understanding the impact the industry has on young minds, she formed the organization LEAD Inc. The organization exposes young adults in failing schools to thousands of jobs that support the entertainment business and allows these individuals to put together the parallels between entertainment and education.

Ms. Jones is grateful for her opportunities to work with Congressman EDOLPHUS "ED" TOWNS, Senator John Sampson, and other local politicians; these experiences increased her ability to help others. Ms. Jones attributes her achievements to God first who orchestrates our journeys and her wonderful family who exposed her early to the business of entertainment. But she is most proud of the person she is and the character they have imparted in her. "When God uses my hands to help others realize their journey, it frees me to complete the journey he has designed for me!"

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Donna Jones.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Family History Month.

The study of family history gives individuals a sense of heritage and sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began. The involvement of national, state, and local officials in encouraging genealogy and providing family history records in archives and libraries is an important factor in the successful perception of nationwide participation and support. Our nation's libraries and archives hold treasured records that detail the history of our nation, states, communities, and citizens. Increasingly, individuals across our nation are embarking on genealogical journeys, discovering who their ancestors were and learning how various forces have shaped their pasts.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is a high level of interest in genealogy and family history research throughout the state. Vir-

ginians contribute to our commonwealth's rich cultural diversity and history, and it is important to recognize the positive contributions to our society made by people throughout the history of our commonwealth. Through genealogical research, Virginians are finding renewed interests in history, languages, laws, and social science. Virginia's libraries and archives contain records of history that detail the background of the Commonwealth of Virginia, our communities and our citizens. There are over 250 genealogical and historical societies, archives and libraries throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to assist with family history research.

Several genealogical research organizations and centers exist in Northern Virginia that include hundreds of members, giving significant research opportunities to the communities of Northern Virginia such as Fairfax County, which is an ethnically diverse jurisdiction in which nearly everyone has a family origin from another place. One such organization, the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society, has almost 300 paid members with 100 individuals meeting monthly and volunteers assisting the general public at its research center. The Fairfax Genealogical Society has approximately 400 members with over 100 individuals meeting monthly, and holds both a fall and spring conference. Within the Washington area, there are up to 40 lectures, seminars, and conferences in a month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as Family History Month and celebrating the preservation of family and heritage within our communities, states, and nation.

RECOGNIZING THE EXCHANGE CLUB'S CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National Exchange Club as it celebrates a centennial of service. The National Exchange Club—a service organization with 700 clubs and over 22,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico—will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary March 27, 2011, with celebration events occurring throughout the year.

To kick-off this milestone, the Exchange Clubs of the Toledo area will host a special ceremony on the date of the anniversary, Sunday, March 27, 2011, with dignitaries, members and guests at the National Headquarters located in the city of Toledo. A display of 100 American Flags on the front lawn will greet visitors who will be able to view a Freedom Shrine featuring a collection of 29 original historic documents chronicling our nation's journey to freedom, including the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and several Presidential addresses.

Founded on March 27, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan by businessmen who wanted to "exchange" ideas, the Exchange Club moved its headquarters to Toledo, Ohio, in 1917. Through a century, its volunteer efforts have supported the needs of the country and of local communities, making it the country's oldest American service organization operating exclusively in the United States.

With a focus on "Americanism" the Exchange Club promotes the grand ideal that our country plays a special role as a beacon of freedom, democracy, equality and inclusiveness. Living the ideal, the Exchange Club's national project is the Prevention of Child Abuse. Exchange also sponsors activities designed to benefit, award and develop our nation's youth, prevent crime, serve senior citizens and recognize military and public safety service providers. Even as it remembers a century in practicing the ideals of "Americanism" in voluntary service to all citizens—from those who are vulnerable to those who protect—The Exchange Club moves forward to bring its mission into the next century. We honor the efforts of the members of the Exchange Club for leadership, vision, and compassion. Onward!

WALKER DESHAZER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Walker DeShazer for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Walker DeShazer is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Walker DeShazer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Walker DeShazer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA FISHER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Barbara Fisher.

Ms. Fisher was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She has been a homeowner in East New York since 1978 and has successfully nurtured three children (two sons and a daughter) in the community. Today, Ms. Fisher is a grandmother of seven children and a great-grandmother of four.

Ms. Fisher began her postal career in 1966, as a clerk. She is a diligent worker and team player. While taking care of her children, Ms. Fisher took college courses in order to further her career with the Postal Service and successfully worked her way up through several positions. She served as a Level 15 Supervisor, Level 16 Tour Superintendent of Mails, Level 17 General Forman, Level 18 Tour Superintendent and a Level 20 Assistant Manager-Tour Superintendent of Postal Oper-

ations. During her tenure at the United States Post Office, Ms. Fisher also received the following accolades: a Patriotic Service Award, a Certificate of Appreciation for Twenty Years of Service and a Service Award Pin in Commemoration of Twenty Five Years of Service.

As a member of several civic and religious organizations, Ms. Fisher is active within her community. She is involved with the Retirement Division of the National Alliance of Federal Postal Employees and the American Postal Workers Union. She serves as President of the New Jersey Avenue Block Association and was the Vice President of the East New York Homeowners Association. Ms. Fisher received service awards from Assemblyman Darryl Towns and State Senator Thomas Bartosiewicz. In addition to her extensive community involvements, Ms. Fisher is a proud member of the St. Paul Baptist Church.

Ms. Fisher states, "I was always concerned about improving the quality of life on my block and my community. She is a woman who works toward the betterment of others and sets an example for all to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Barbara Fisher.

**"WE MUST NOT LEAVE THEM WANTING"**

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to put this important piece on early-childhood education into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Its author is Jack Bailer, an outstanding Maryland educator and President of the Judith P. Hoyer Foundation, which promotes early-childhood education for Maryland's at-risk children.

WE MUST NOT LEAVE THEM WANTING

By Jack Bailer

"For Want of a Nail" is a proverbial verse showing that actions—or inactions—which may seem insignificant can often have significant consequences:

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost.  
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost.  
For want of a horse, the rider was lost.  
For want of a rider, the battle was lost.  
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost.  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

I suggest we could draw a strong parallel between the nail in the verse and a young child's having (or not having) the benefit of one or two years' participation in an early childhood (pre-kindergarten) education program.

Two examples of such programs would be "Head Start" and Maryland's 25 "Judy Hoyer Family Education Centers," aka "Judy Centers." The Judy Centers offer early education for children from birth through five years of age. They also arrange for many other services to be provided to these children and their families—either located on site year-round, or brought in on a visiting basis as needed.

The primary candidates for these programs are three- and four-year-old children who are in home environments often referred to as "economically and/or culturally disadvantaged." This includes those who get little or no exposure to learning about the world around them, as well as those families where little or no English is spoken.

Lacking experience in an early learning program, these children will enter kindergarten with a very low level of "readiness to learn."

You may ask, what is the difference between "readiness to learn" and actual learning? Sesame Street provides many examples throughout its episodes. Here are just two:

When Grover gets out of breath repeatedly running back and forth from off in the distance yelling "This is far," to face-in-the-camera panting "This is NEAR," the child viewer learns the concept of Near vs. Far.

When we see one of their spots with the song, "One of these things is not like the others; three of these things are kind of the same," the child learns the concept of Same vs. Different.

If you'd like more examples, ask any early childhood education professional and they'll give you many, all falling under one or more of seven domains: Social Personal; Language; Mathematical Thinking; Physical Development; Scientific Thinking; Social Studies; The Arts.

For a child who has not had the pre-kindergarten opportunity to achieve a "readiness to learn" so essential for a successful K-12 experience, the sequence of consequences could look something like this:

Grades K-3: For want of having acquired few if any readiness-to-learn experiences prior to kindergarten, a child doesn't get the full value of what the teacher is saying. And often neither the child nor the teacher realizes that a point made by the teacher is missed because the child is lacking the benefit of an earlier learning experience.

Grades 4-6: For want of the cumulative effects of full value of instruction because of a weaker K-3 foundation, student progress during this period is further diminished—especially in reading comprehension.

Grades 7-8: For want of reading skills which even approach grade level, in the face of an increased need to be able to read to learn, the student slips further behind.

Grades 9-10: For want of reading and learning skills which would make school interesting and satisfying, the student becomes increasingly disconnected from class work and school in general. The student shows up less and less frequently, and even then it is more to be around their friends than to go to class.

Grades 11-12: For want of any further interest in or hope of ever catching up, the student drops out, drifts for a while, maybe works at a menial job, and/or ends up in the criminal justice system.

This discouraging sequence is not an exaggeration. Longitudinal studies have been done—the most notable being the Chicago school system study. That study tracked two groups of students for over 20 years. One group had a strong beginning with the benefit of a pre-kindergarten readiness-to-learn experience. The other group did not.

By the time both groups were well beyond high school age, nearly all of those in the group with early childhood education were clearly on their way to living successful, productive lives. Sadly, most of those in the other group were not.

As for societal and budgetary impacts, one study showed that, for every one dollar spent on pre-kindergarten preparation for learning, seven dollars are saved on government spending for public safety, the justice system, and the prison system.

In the years ahead we will continue to face tough choices among priorities competing for limited public funds. I believe that overarching all of these is the critical need to give every young child a preparation for learning upon which to grow intellectually for the rest of their lives. Among the benefits we get are: A more highly skilled work

force; A highly employable work force; An increase in workers contributing to the tax base; A decreasing percentage of our population who fall into the justice system; A higher quality of life for all.

What can you do to make a difference?

Contact your local school board members and superintendent and urge them to fully fund early childhood (pre-kindergarten) education for all children in your jurisdiction who need it.

Insist that the system determine how many children in your district currently need to be in a readiness-to-learn environment—but are not.

Continue following up to see that, using these data, the school system creates and implements an action plan to reallocate funds as necessary, and to deal with staffing, space, and other issues to get all those children into the system by opening of school next year, or the following year at the latest.

Clearly the increased funding for this will be a challenge. Nevertheless, if our nation is to survive and thrive, we simply must do this. We must not leave behind a single child who may have succeeded in life, but for want of an early childhood education which got them ready to learn. We must not risk the loss of our nation, for want of giving this our most urgent attention.

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STEFAN YOUNG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stefan Young for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stefan Young is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stefan Young is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stefan Young for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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A TRIBUTE TO SHARON GOODINE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sharon Goodine.

Sharon Goodine is the president and CEO of J.D.S. Paralegal Services, Inc. She is also the proud mother of two, Dominique and James Goodine.

For nearly 25 years, Sharon relentlessly served the community of Brooklyn, New York. She regularly organized and sponsored the Annual Brooklyn Community Outreach, a program focused on feeding and clothing the

homeless population of Brooklyn. Ms. Goodine also dedicated her time to the empowerment and education of young people; she understands their value and sees the importance of making a positive impact on their lives. Advancing community initiatives eventually required Ms. Goodine to extend her talents to political activism.

Ms. Goodine's work with civic and religious organizations is extensive. She held leadership positions with the Ms. & Mrs. Corporate America National Pageant and the National Council of Negro Women. She also served in membership positions with the Nehemiah Home Association, Community Board Five's Transportation Committee, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the N.A.A.C.P., the New York State Fraternal Order of Police, the United Democratic Club, the National Federation of Paralegals Association, the T.D. Jakes Bishop Circle and the Worthy Matron of Shining Start Chapter O.E.S.

There is not enough that can be said about this mighty woman of God. Today, Ms. Goodine continues to use her talents, contacts, and name recognition to advance charitable causes and community initiatives. Her accomplishments were recognized by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, who issued a proclamation declaring May 7, 2005, "Sharon's Day in Brooklyn." Ms. Goodine is also the recipient of many awards, including the following: KISS FM's 2004 Phenomenal Women Award; the Paul Robeson Theatre Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication; the City Council Citation for Exemplary Services to the Community 42nd District; the Mary McLeod Bethune Achiever Award; a Community Service Award by Assemblyman William Boyland, Jr.; and a Community Service Award by "You Can Go To College Committee."

Ms. Goodine attributes her success to her relationship with the Lord. Ms. Goodine's lives by the motto, "Only what you do for Christ will last."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Sharon Goodine.

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IN HONOR OF RAYMOND L. FLYNN  
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LIFE-  
TIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND  
DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Raymond L. Flynn in recognition of his lifetime of accomplishment and dedicated public service.

Ray was born and raised in South Boston, Massachusetts by his proud parents Steve and Lillian Flynn. He remains a lifelong resident of South Boston with Kathy, his wife of 46 years, raising their six children and seventeen grandchildren.

Ray worked several jobs as a kid, including selling newspapers at Fenway Park, Braves Field, and the Boston Garden. It was his time at the Boston Garden that led to him becoming a ball boy for the world famous Boston Celtics. As a student at South Boston High School, Ray was named to the Massachusetts All-Scholastic Basketball Team.

After graduating from South Boston High School, Ray attended Providence College and was an honors graduate in 1963 and an Academic All-American; the only Providence College student-athlete to receive such an award.

During his playing career at Providence College, Ray was selected as a member of the NCAA College All-Star Team and was named the Most Valuable Player at the 1963 National Invitational Tournament, which at the time was the most prestigious college basketball tournament in the Nation. The following year, Ray was named captain of the nationally ranked Providence Friars' championship basketball team and was selected to the NCAA 25th Anniversary team as one of the top student-athletes in America. In the culmination of his tremendous collegiate basketball career, on February 20, 2011, Providence College retired Ray's #14 jersey to the rafters at the Dunkin Donut's Center (Providence Civic Center), joining other great Friar Basketball Legends.

Ray served in the U.S. Army and played professional basketball in Wilmington, Delaware. In 1964, Ray made it to the final cut with the World Champion Boston Celtics. Returning to South Boston, Ray founded the South Boston Summer Basketball League which would later become the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League. Ray was proud to have organized the South Boston Men's Softball League and later coached at the South Boston Boy's Club and at Stonehill College.

As an elected official, Ray served as a Massachusetts State Representative from South Boston and Dorchester from 1971 to 1978, Boston City Councilor from 1978 to 1983, Mayor of Boston from 1984 to 1993, President of the United States Conference of Mayors from 1991 to 1992, and was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See (Vatican) by President William J. Clinton from 1993 to 1997.

Ray Flynn grew up in a family and neighborhood which placed the dignity of a job and hard work as its highest priority.

A long time admirer of Pope John Paul II, Ray is the author of two best-selling books, *The Accidental Pope and John Paul II, A Personal Portrait of the Pope and the Man*.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take to the floor of the House today to join with Raymond L. Flynn's family, friends, and contemporaries to honor him for his lifetime of accomplishment and his dedicated public service.

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SPENCER STAPP

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Spencer Stapp for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Spencer Stapp is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Spencer Stapp is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and

develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Spencer Stapp for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO SANDRA R. MARTIN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

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*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sandra R. Martin.

Born to Rita and Theodore P. Martin, Ms. Martin is one of seven children. She grew up in a very loving and nurturing environment and was spiritually fortified at St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church. Ms. Martin was born and raised in Harlem and attended New York City Public Schools throughout her formative educational years. She spent her high school years working as a Senior Counselor at St. Ambrose Community Center, a Unit Clerk Assistant at Cabrini Health Care Center and a teacher's assistant at Chama Child Development Center, where she worked with special needs children.

Upon graduation from Mabel Dean Bacon Vocational High School, Ms. Martin enrolled at Long Island University, C.W. Post College. She majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Sociology; she was also a charter member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Kappa Chapter. Due to her academic success, she earned placement on the Dean's List, received the Presidential Merit Award, and garnered multiple graduate studies scholarships. Upon completion of her studies at LIU, Ms. Martin was employed at Downstate Medical Center as the Night Administrator then as the Assistant Director of Operations.

Ms. Martin had a long career in Criminal Justice. She started as a Case Manager, preparing cases for alternatives to incarceration. She later served as an investigator for the Department of Buildings, conducting surveillances to monitor City employees and contractors. For the next 20 years, Ms. Martin served as a member of the New York City Department of Correction. During her academy training, she was one of two officers selected as company leader for her squad. While the inmate population proved to be difficult and unyielding, she was able to work effectively with inmates by utilizing her problem solving and human relations skills to subjugate potentially violent situations. Her diligence, professionalism and interpersonal skills earned recognition from the department's institutional division and gang intelligence unit. Ms. Martin was promoted to Captain in 2001, and provided supervision to a staff of 25 officers; she eventually empowered five officers to take promotional exams and become captains themselves. Ms. Martin was respected by her peers, higher ranking officers and the inmate population, who often sought her advice.

Ms. Martin recently retired from the New York City Department of Correction. Now she likes to work behind the scenes without fanfare. Ms. Martin is tireless in her efforts to assist those in need. She thanks God for all

blessings bestowed upon her and looks forward to continued service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Sandra R. Martin.

HONORING JOHN VAN GELS

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Van Gels of Boeing Defense, Space & Security. John will be retiring this month after nearly 50 years serving in various positions in the aerospace and defense industry in St. Louis and southern California.

John Van Gels is the quintessential American story. In 1963, when he first joined the McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis he took a job as an hourly employee making \$2.13. Over the years he did his job, worked hard and was rewarded with increased responsibility on the shop floor—holding positions as assistant foreman, foreman, and general foreman on numerous programs.

In 1981, John exchanged his blue collar for a white one and was named Production Manager for McDonnell's Tomahawk cruise missile program. Five years later he was named the Director of Production for the Tomahawk and in 1989 was named vice president of Production Centers—Missile Company.

Most folks would consider nearly 30 years with one company a great career, but not John Van Gels. In 1990, John accepted the position of vice president of Product Center Operations at Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, California. There he oversaw production of the MD-80, MD-90, MD-11 and Trunkliner programs.

In 1997, he returned to St. Louis to assume the position of VP/GM Production Operations and General Services for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace. He will finish his career as Senior Site Executive for Boeing Defense, Space & Security—responsible for the day-to-day St. Louis operations.

While his career took him from the floor to the executive office building, John never forgot his time on the floor or the value of the men and women who produce the world's most capable military and commercial aircraft. Throughout his career, John was actively involved in labor negotiations, helping more than once to bridge the gap between blue collar and white.

I've had the pleasure of meeting John on more than one occasion during my time in Congress. His knowledge and dedication to "team" have been a help to both myself and my staff. You don't "replace" a man with the knowledge, experience and character of John Van Gels, you simply adapt, move on and hope to honor his commitment to the industry he poured his professional life into.

Thank you, John. I wish you God's speed and blessing in your retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF BISHOP JOHN RICARD

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Bishop John Ricard after 14 years of serving as Bishop of the Roman-Catholic Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Bishop Ricard entered the priesthood in 1968. He served in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. until 1984, when he was named auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In 1997, Bishop Ricard was named Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, holding that post until his recent retirement. The Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese is home to 64,000 Catholics in 18 North Florida counties. As head of the Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese, Bishop Ricard led an impressive expansion of services, including a \$2.8 million Pastoral Center. These expansions increased the ability of the Catholic Church to provide outreach and charitable work throughout North Florida.

Increasing the accessibility of the Catholic Church in North Florida is a lasting achievement; however, Bishop Ricard's lasting legacy as a servant of the Lord is a result of his tireless work fighting poverty around the globe. Bishop Ricard encouraged his local parishes to increase their efforts combating hunger and poverty. Bishop Ricard, however, is not simply a man of words. He practiced what he preached. After Hurricane Ivan devastated the Northwest Florida area in 2004, Bishop Ricard helped to rebuild homes destroyed during the hurricane. Bishop Ricard also worked to ensure that working class families had the support necessary to avoid becoming victims of homelessness. He led the effort to create the Interfaith Housing Coalition, which provided affordable homes for working class families.

Bishop Ricard was also a leader in the global community. He served as president of Catholic Relief Services, an international charitable organization that delivers food, water and other essential items to the developing world. Additionally, Bishop Ricard served as head of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of International Justice and Peace. In these capacities, he traveled around the globe, frequently to famished and war-torn countries, to preach the gospel and help the local community build a better future.

Spiritual leaders impact their communities in numerous ways, providing spiritual and emotional guidance, as well as charitable work. Bishop Ricard's dedication to the Lord ensured that his outreach expanded far beyond the confines of his local parishes and diocese, and his legacy will endure far beyond the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Bishop Ricard on his retirement. My wife Vicki and I wish him all the best as he continues to walk in the light of the Lord.

VENISSA AUGUSTIN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Venissa Augustin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Venissa Augustin is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Venissa Augustin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Venissa Augustin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

## A TRIBUTE TO LOUISA JOSEFINA MORRIS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Louisa Josefina Morris on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Morris was born on January 17, 1911, in Colon, Panama. Her parents are Elmina Cox and Charles Watts; but, she was raised by her grandparents, Ella and Ernest Beury. Her grandparents were important role models, fostering her development and growth with a loving and caring home.

Ms. Morris married Irving Benjamin Morris. Together they had five children: Irene Walker, Davina Morris, Olivia Aikens, Leo Morris, and Elisa Morris.

In 1958, Ms. Morris relocated to the United States to work at a local hospital. After becoming a citizen five years later, her children and husband followed. Today, all of Ms. Morris' children are adults. She helped raise multiple generations of her family and is now a great grandmother.

Ms. Morris lived a full life in the past 100 years. She witnessed the events of World War I, World War II, Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement. She experienced the lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, President John F. Kennedy, and President Barack Obama. Ms. Morris has seen it all and did what many are unable to.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Louisa Josefina Morris.

## RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK

**HON. LARRY KISSELL**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the millions of veterans who have served our country with honor. As the son of a WWII veteran, I understand the sacrifices these men and women have made for our country. We must all remember that we need to find ways to say thank you year round. I am always challenged to find an adequate way to show my appreciation to these modern-day heroes. No matter how heartfelt and sincere our "thank you" is, it can never be expressed enough. Today, I come to you Mr. Speaker, with a resolution that was passed unanimously by the North Carolina House and North Carolina Senate. This resolution honors the dedication of the new North Carolina Veterans Park in Fayetteville, NC, the most military friendly city in America, for its grand opening on July 4, 2011. The resolution reads:

[North Carolina Senate Resolution 85, Feb. 21, 2011]

## A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK.

Whereas, the citizens of North Carolina have a long and proud history, dating to this country's birth, of paying special honor and respect to its sons and daughters who protect our country's freedoms; and

Whereas, the lands of North Carolina and our country are enjoyed by all its citizens due to the unending efforts and sacrifices made by all of our veterans; and

Whereas, North Carolina is proud to be the home to Cherry Point Air Station, 8 Charlotte Air National Guard, Camp Lejeune, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, New River Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base; and

Whereas, North Carolina is proud to call itself the most military friendly state in America and, as a state, North Carolina has one of the highest percentages of veterans in America; and

Whereas, July 4, 2011, will mark the dedication of the North Carolina Veterans Park; and

Whereas, the purpose of the North Carolina Veterans Park is to honor all North Carolina veterans and be a composition of objects, spaces, and images that symbolize gratitude, reflection, celebration, and education, and commemorate achievement, service, dedication, and sacrifice; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Park is located in Fayetteville, North Carolina, home of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, and is adjacent to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, which is a part of the United States Army Museum System, providing an exciting educational experience and preserving the legend of airborne and special operation forces; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Veterans Park will consist of seven water features and public art representing participation of individuals from across the State; and

Whereas, the hands of 100 veterans were cast to honor and represent every county in North Carolina and are displayed in this park's Wall of Oath; and

Whereas, soil from each of the State's 100 counties will be included in the construction of the columns in the park; and

Whereas, public art sculptures in the public plaza at the North Carolina Veterans Park signify our veterans' commitment, courage, dedication, heroism, sacrifice, service, and strength, as well as the incredible talents of our State's artist; and

Whereas, the city of Fayetteville has directed the design and construction of the North Carolina Veterans Park to meet or exceed all guidelines and guidance provided by a large segment of the veteran population, including Content Committee members from all five branches of the military service; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

SECTION 1. The Senate joins the citizens of this State in expressing its pride and gratitude to the veterans of this State for their service, dedication, and sacrifice in protecting the freedoms of this country and designates July 4, 2011, as "North Carolina Veterans Park Day."

SECTION 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Mr. Speaker, the storyline of the Veterans Park reads:

From the soils of North Carolina,  
You left your families and homes  
With purpose to serve your country.  
In service, you made sacrifices.  
You are our veterans.  
This is your place to reflect on and  
Share your experience.  
To feel pride in your service,  
Bond with fellow veterans, and heal.  
Here, may you find support and inspiration  
To live your lives today.  
The people of North Carolina  
Honor your service and welcome you home.

May all our veterans continue to be honored with the utmost regard, both those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country as well as those who are still with us who continue to carry the burdens and scars of war every day.

TANYA ESTRADA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tanya Estrada for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tanya Estrada is a 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tanya Estrada is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Tanya Estrada for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. JUNE  
MONTAGUE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. June Montague.

Rev. Montague is a woman who dares to make a difference. She entered ministry in 1978, in an era when men dominated the ministerial offices and women were denied the opportunity to preach from the pulpit or hold spiritual leadership offices. Despite this adversity, she preached the word with faith, boldness and power, paving the way for other women with similar callings.

Rev. Montague was baptized and raised in the Methodist church, serving in the choir, teaching Sunday school and counseling young people. She was called to the Deliverance ministry in the early 1970s, under the leadership of the late Apostle Arturo Skinner. Rev. Montague sat at the Apostle's feet and was nurtured in the way of holiness and the ministry of Deliverance.

Anointed by God to carry on the vision of the Deliverance ministry, Rev. Montague organized and founded the United Pentecostal Deliverance Temple Church in 1980. The ministry started in a basement and then reached into the streets and schools. The congregation outgrew its first store front building at 1125 Church Avenue, Brooklyn (1980–1988) and relocated to 75 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn (1988–1991). The need to have adequate space to worship further led the Church to its present site, 810 East 49th Street, Brooklyn (1991–present). The Church is dedicated to providing the community with exposure to, and instruction in, the teachings of Christ.

Rev. Montague received her Biblical training at the Bethel Bible Institute and the New York School of Bible. Her achievements include honorary doctorate degrees in Divinity and Humane Letters. She received awards for outstanding achievement in Church and Christian Development and International Evangelist. Rev. Montague was also awarded Pastor of the Year by the Church Women United.

Rev. Montague has been on the battlefield for over thirty years, sharing the gospel across the globe, such as London, South Africa, Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, Antigua and Costa Rica. Because of her faith and labor of love, thousands have received salvation, healing, and liberation from the captive of their souls. She has a unique talent for breaking down the revealed word in terms that everyone can understand, whether it be the learned or the unlearned.

Another chapter of this book is about to be written. Rev. Montague vows to continue the Deliverance ministry. She acknowledging that greater works are on the horizon, knowing that she was called to ministry for such a time as this; a time of widespread theological and moral apostasy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Rev. June Montague.

INTRODUCTION ON THE BILL: TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF JUDGES BY EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE TO REDACT SENSITIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THEIR FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, every day, our federal judges make decisions in cases that directly and personally affect lives. They may find someone guilty and sentence that person to a lengthy prison sentence. They may rule against someone for thousands of dollars. Or, they may dismiss a medical malpractice case. Chicago district judge Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz did the latter and tragically, shortly thereafter, the plaintiff in that case went to her home and murdered her husband and mother in 2005.

One way a disgruntled litigant can learn of a federal judge's home address and avenge a ruling is by requesting a copy of the judge's financial disclosure report under the Ethics in Government Act. Information in financial disclosure reports can reveal the filer's or a family member's residence or regular presence at an unsecured location such as a spouse's place of employment. Fortunately, Section 105(b)(3) of the Ethics in Government Act (5 U.S.C. App), allows the Judicial Conference to redact statutorily required information in a judge's or judiciary employee's financial disclosure report in circumstances where release of the information could endanger the filer or the filer's family.

The Judicial Conference uses its redaction authority carefully. Under the regulations that the Judicial Conference promulgated in accordance with the statute, there must be a clear nexus between a security risk and the information for which redaction is sought, before redaction will be permitted. As required by the statute, the Judicial Conference reports to Congress annually on the number of redactions and the reasons for them, usually involving over 200 judges and judicial employees per year.

This redaction authority is set to expire on December 31, 2011, pursuant to the "Court Security Improvement Act of 2007" (Pub. L. No. 110–177). Allowing this redaction authority to sunset will create tremendous security risks to judges and judiciary employees. Consequently, I am introducing legislation today which would extend the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in judges' financial disclosure reports. Where we can prevent tragedies such as Judge Lefkowitz's from happening, I believe we should. As our federal judges uphold the law, they should not have to worry about whether they or their family members will be harmed.

I, together with my good friends, Representative COHEN and Representative HANK JOHNSON, ask Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this critical and timely legislation. We fervently hope that Congress will act expeditiously on it.

STEPHANIE SCOTT

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Scott for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Stephanie Scott is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stephanie Scott is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Stephanie Scott for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO HATTIE RUTH  
PERSONS-NELSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson.

Hattie was born on July 20, 1938, in Beuna Vista, Georgia. Her parents are the late Woodward Thomas Person and Hattie Williams-Persons. During her adolescence, Hattie loved to laugh and had a zest for learning; she completed two grades in a single school year.

Hattie migrated to New York City in 1959. She resided on Washington Avenue with her aunt and uncle, Fannie and Elder Williams. Her uncle was the founding pastor of the Evergreen Church of God in Christ, where Hattie was a dedicated member for several years. In 1972, she joined the New Canaan Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. A.L. Cunningham and the current pastor, Rev. Richard J. Lawson.

Hattie's dedication to the Lord and her church compelled her to work tirelessly in pursuit of the crown she will receive in heaven. In her service at Evergreen Church of God in Christ, she served as a trustee, data entry secretary, hospitality committee president, Christian councilmember, Women's Day Committee secretary, and special projects organizer. At New Canaan Baptist Church, Hattie was senior choir president, Georgia/Alabama Club president, Traveling Mass Choir member, Matron Mission Club member, Women's Day chairperson, Pastor's Aide Club member and church clerk.

Hattie loved organizing projects and was dedicated to upholding the legacy of the African-American experience. She was involved in extensive community activities: yearly Black History Month celebrations, youth with educational trips to Washington, D.C., literature handouts, yearly family reunions, fundraising,

and various events designed to bring family and friends together (including her famous Reach One, Teach One program). Hattie can only be described as a passionate, purposeful, ambitious, and charitable person. She was always willing to lend a hand in support of a cause, whether large or small.

Hattie was an employee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in New York for thirty years before retiring. Hattie was always dedicated to the service of her community. She will be dearly missed by all who worked with her.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Hattie Ruth Persons-Nelson.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,164,360,361,278.80.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,525,934,614,985.00 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

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RECOGNIZING RENA GOOLSBY ON  
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Rena Goolsby upon the occasion of her 100th birthday. Ms. Goolsby has lived a long life full of service to her community and to her family, and I am humbled to recognize her today.

Rena Allene Howard was born in Montgomery, Alabama on March 14, 1911. She was the third of five children to John and Genella Howard. In 1928, at the age of 17, Ms. Goolsby married her sweetheart, Walter Goolsby. The two remained married for 57 years until his passing in 1985. She is the matriarch of her family, raising two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

For many years, Ms. Goolsby was an integral member of Coosada Baptist Church, and she was granted Lifetime Member status in the Garden Club of Millbrook, Alabama. She is also a member of the Red Hat Society.

Mr. Speaker, Rena Goolsby is valued member of our community, a true "Southern Lady", and an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of being a part of her life. My wife Vicki and I wish her a happy birthday and her entire family all the best.

SHANYN SPRINGFIELD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shanyn Springfield for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Shanyn Springfield is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shanyn Springfield is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Shanyn Springfield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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A TRIBUTE TO GLORIA THOMAS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Gloria Thomas.

Gloria Thomas was born and raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York. She currently resides in the East New York community, where she has lived for 35 years. Ms. Thomas is a graduate of Manual Training High School and later attended New York Community College. She has a certificate in Advanced Church Ministries from the Evangelical Training Association.

For over twenty years, Ms. Thomas worked as a payroll manager for Robert B. Samuels Electrical Contractors. She retired in 2000 and became a volunteer at the Penn Wortman Senior Center. On November 15, 2002, she became the President of the Penn Wortman Voices and later served as the program committee chairperson as well (June 2004–2010). As part of her duties, Ms. Thomas coordinated programs to entertain, inspire, and empower seniors. She is currently President of the FGC Penn Wortman Voices, where she and other choir members sing songs of inspiration at various events.

Ms. Thomas attends Universal Baptist Church where Reverend Dr. James R. Green, Jr. is the pastor. She has been a member of this church for over 20 years. Prior to her retirement, she served in the Food and Clothing Ministry, Celestial Choir and the Liturgical Dance Ministry. She is committed to securing a better quality of life for seniors. As a newly recruited board member of the East New York Council for the Aging, Inc., her primary goal is to continue to support the mission of providing adequate programs and services for seniors.

Ms. Thomas was featured in "Remembered Lives," Our Times Press, December 2005. On May 20, 2006, the East New York Interagency Council for the Aging honored Ms. Thomas for

her outstanding service and commitment to seniors. She also received a Beacon of Hope Award on August 5, 2006, from the East New York United Concerned Citizens, Inc. for her contribution and diligent work in the East New York community.

Ms. Thomas remains a committed member of the community. She still works closely with the New York Branch of the NAACP, the Local 3 IBEW Retirees Association (Brooklyn Chapter); and the East New York Interagency Council for the Aging. She thanks God for the energy and strength to continue her work in the community.

Ms. Thomas has a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Paul Gary. She also has a granddaughter, Imani Safiya Gary, whom she loves dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Gloria Thomas.

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RECOGNIZING SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and support Taiwan's bid for effective participation in the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Taiwan has experienced rapid economic growth and industrialization, and its technological advancement has played a significant role in the global economy. While Taiwan is a major world economy with 23 million residents, it is only recognized as a non-governmental organization (NGO) under the name of "Industrial Technology Research Institute" (ITRI) by the UNFCCC. This NGO status only allows Taiwan to partake in UNFCCC side events, which is neither effective nor appropriate.

This listing goes against the Convention's spirit and dampens the enthusiasm and expectations of the 23 million people of Taiwan. Taiwan's inability to participate in either the discussions over the post-Kyoto mechanism or the international carbon market has serious consequences affecting the welfare of the people and the development of Taiwan's industries.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Taiwan, I know the value of the bilateral relationship and hope to increase relations with Taiwan's cooperation and participation in the UNFCCC. I hope that the leadership of the UNFCCC will soon invite Taiwan to participate in an official capacity as the World Health Assembly has invited Taiwan to participate in its activities as an official observer in 2009 and 2010. Taiwan, since the inauguration of President Ma Ying-jeou in 2008, has been a responsible member of the global community and deserves to be invited to the activities of the UNFCCC and other international conventions and organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting Taiwan's participation in the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change.



YEKATERINA MOROZOVA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yekaterina Morozova for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yekaterina Morozova is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yekaterina Morozova is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yekaterina Morozova for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO FAY DOUGLAS-LANE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane for her service to and excellence in the practice of nursing.

Fay was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her extensive nursing career began at the University Hospital of the West Indies' School of Nursing, where she received certification in both medical and surgical wards. Throughout her life, Fay provided critical services to her community as a nurse, mentor and volunteer to those in need.

Fay began her career in 1983, as an Operating Room nurse at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. For nearly nine years she served in this capacity. She left Downstate Medical Center for a brief period, but returned in 1994. When Fay returned, she served in supervisory roles until her promotion to Associate Nursing Director in 2003. Fay has a unique understanding of perioperative nursing; her expertise was instrumental to the healthcare team at SUNY. Among her accomplishments, Fay championed and facilitated the Team STEPPS Program, an evidence-based teamwork system designed to improve quality, safety and efficiency for perioperative services. Fay retired from Downstate Medical Center on December 31, 2010.

Fay has always been committed to achieving excellence in the practice of nursing. She was involved in the Brooklyn Chapter of the Association of Operating Room Nurses, including two separate terms as President. She also served as mentor to numerous Registered Nurses, Operating Room Technicians, Nursing Assistants, and Resident Physicians.

Fay was not consumed by hospital work. She devoted time to assisting teachers and

staff at P.S. 397, a children's elementary school in Brooklyn, NY, and has been actively involved in the Parent Teacher Association of Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. Fay also spent significant time volunteering. In 1986, she worked with a team of doctors and nurses to care for the poor and needy in Jamaica, West Indies. In 1998, she contributed her time and service to the People United to Save Our Children Community Choir.

Fay has a strong commitment to her faith. In March of 2000, she received a certificate for Outstanding Christian Services from Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn. In December 2010, she was ordained a deacon at Berean Baptist Church, where she has been a member for over twenty years.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Fay Douglas-Lane.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Association of Parliamentarians. I would also like to welcome the Robert Rocks in Cleveland biennial District Four Conference to Cleveland, Ohio. The district four region consists of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada.

The National Association of Parliamentarians advocates the studying and teaching of the philosophies and principles of various legislative bodies. The Association, based in Independence, Missouri, is currently entering its 80th year of existence, a monumental occasion for the organization.

In addition, the current congregation of the fourth district is only the fourth time the conference has taken place in the state of Ohio. This year marks the first time that Cleveland has been chosen as the host city.

The goal of this conference is to educate the public about meeting management and various other parliamentary procedures. Educational workshops will be open to the public and the election of a new district director will take place.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, join me in honor of the National Association of Parliamentarians as they gather in Cleveland, Ohio for their District Four Conference. This conference is a benefit to both those in attendance and the community as a whole.

HONORING EBBY HALLIDAY ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dallas legend Ebby Halliday on her 100th Birthday.

On March 9, Dallas legend Ebby Halliday will celebrate a century of life. From her humble beginning on a farm in Kansas where she

started selling tins of Clovertine Salve at age eight to her successful real estate company, which is now one of the largest privately owned real estate firms in the United States, Ebby has always reached for the stars and inspired others to do the same.

From her first job after graduation selling hats, to the real estate mogul we all know and love today, Ebby Halliday truly personifies the American Dream. Not only has she revolutionized the real estate business with her savvy, her wit, and her charm—Ebby's dedication to serving her community has made her a household name and a true Dallas treasure. Known to many as "The First Lady of Real Estate," I am privileged to call her friend.

Happy Birthday Ebby, and thank you for the many contributions you have made to the State of Texas and our nation over the past 100 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

**HON. KEVIN YODER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, as a 5th generation Kansan and proud alum, I would like to offer ecstatic congratulations to the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

This weekend, the KU men's basketball team charged their way to a 2nd consecutive Big 12 Tournament Championship and clinched their 7th straight regular season Big 12 title. As Coach Larry Brown said of Kansas: "There's no better place to coach, there's no better place to go to school, there's no better place to play."

Thanks Jayhawks for again proving those words true. As the proud and mighty Jayhawk Nation gets ready for the big dance, I would like to wish Coach Bill Self and his team the best of luck in the tournament. ROCK CHALK JAYHAWK! Go KU!

REMEMBERING ARVIN DALE SHORT, M.D.

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of Dr. Arvin Short, who passed away on March 3. For decades, Dr. Short provided a public service to the North Texas community through his work in General Surgery.

Arvin Dale Short was born on September 21, 1942 in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Dr. Short graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1969, after completing his undergraduate work at Southwestern State College. After completing his internship and residency in General Surgery at the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio, he earned his certification from the American Board of Surgery in 1975.

Dr. Short was recruited to practice surgery in Denton by my father, the late H.M. Burgess, and the two men formed a lifelong bond. No matter what the circumstance, Dr. Short was

always available with an encouraging word or fresh perspective. Since 2004, he has served as the Medical Director of the Wound Center at Texas Health Resources Presbyterian Hospital, where he also served on the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2007.

Dr. Short has an established career which included serving as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Lewisville Memorial Hospital, Flow Memorial Hospital and Denton Community Hospital. Committed to his field, he was affiliated with the J.B. Aust Surgical Society, the Texas Medical Society and served as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, as well as President of the Denton County Medical Society.

Dr. Short's legacy extends beyond his contributions as a surgeon. His support of the arts went beyond his interests in reading, music, and history. Arvin Short was also an accomplished writer, poet and playwright. His works include the published novel, "Reckoning", the award winning play, "The Call Room," and numerous other short stories, novels and poems. A philanthropist, Dr. Short served on the Board of Directors of the Denton Community Theatre and received the Greater Denton Arts Council Community Arts Recognition Award in 1991.

Through all his service as surgeon, artist, and philanthropist, Dr. Short was known first as a family man. His real love being his wife Carol, his sons, his daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to join his family, friends and colleagues in honoring the life of Dr. Arvin Short. His legacy as family man, surgeon and artist is one that will endure for years to come. I am honored to have known him and represented him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ELLIOT L. LUONI

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial of Elliot L. Luoni of Massachusetts. Elliot celebrates his 100th birthday today, March 14.

An avid musician and former professional drummer, Elliot has entertained young and old on cruise ships across the Atlantic. His sharp talent has given him a place in history; he has performed with the likes of Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra.

A hero of his community, he was present at the infamous Cocoman Grove nightclub in Boston, Massachusetts on November 28, 1942 when disaster struck. Tragically, 492 people lost their lives in a building fire that night—many of them young soldiers celebrating a night off duty. Without hesitation, Elliot organized transportation for the injured to the nearest hospital. The families of the Cocoman Grove fire survivors have Elliot to thank for his selflessness.

No one appreciates Elliot more than his three children, nine grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren—sweet reminders of his fifty-five year marriage to the lovely Elsa Luoni.

I extend my happiest wishes to Elliot on his 100th birthday, and I wish him the best of health and happiness in many more to come.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH MELENICK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph Melenick, a 17 year-old man who has dedicated his adolescence to finding a cure for Crohn's disease.

Five years ago, Joe was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a disorder that causes swelling in the digestive tract, severe pain, and gastrointestinal complications. Since being diagnosed, Joe has remained committed to raising money to find a cure for the disease, to helping others with his condition, and to keep fighting for the benefit of others.

On his twelfth birthday, Joe decided to host a fundraiser at a bowling alley, with the hope of raising \$1,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation for research. With over 100 participants in the fundraiser, Joe well surpassed his goal and raised approximately \$4,700. Since that first fundraiser, he has made this an annual event and has raised close to \$50,000.

In addition to his annual bowling fundraiser, Joe often speaks to groups in the Cleveland area about the disease and how he copes. His presentations show the group that they are not alone in battling this terrible disease, and that there is hope for a cure.

Joe has facilitated other events to raise awareness and gather donations for the foundation in collaboration with a team he formed, called the "GI Joes." Events include a 2-mile walk around Progressive Field with the Bay High School drum line and the GI Joes. The team has collected sponsorships from local companies, friends, families and concerned citizens.

As a result of his hard work and dedication to finding a cure for the disease, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation chose him as the 2010 Honored Hero for the Cleveland area. In addition, Joe was recently named one of the top two youth volunteers for 2011 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Joseph Melenick as he strives to raise funds for finding a cure for Crohn's disease, and for acting as a role model for Cleveland's young people.

THE PREVENT LOCKOUT OF  
ATHLETES THIS YEAR ACT

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the PLAY Act. This bill will ensure that a congressionally granted antitrust immunity is never again misused to build up an improper "war chest" to gain leverage in a football lockout and put our nation's most popular sport at risk.

An independent United States District Judge recently found that the NFL acted in bad faith by negotiating broadcast contracts ensuring the league would be paid even if it locked out players. In other words, the league manipulated broadcast negotiations to maximize its ability to force and win a lockout, and did so—

in the Court's words—"to advance its own interests and harm the interests of the players."

Those flawed negotiations were conducted under the protective umbrella of the antitrust immunity given to football by the Congress. Accordingly, the PLAY Act would strip this immunity from professional football so it can never be misused in this way again.

FURTHER BACKGROUND

The Sports Broadcast Act of 1961. Under the Sports Broadcast Act of 1961, the four major United States sports currently enjoy immunity from our antitrust laws so they can negotiate league wide broadcast contracts. Without this immunity, the antitrust laws could limit league competitors from jointly negotiating these deals. And potentially anti-competitive provisions of the broadcast pacts such as overly extended blackout territories could be subject to antitrust scrutiny.

Broadcast revenue is critical to the National Football League and its players. According to recent court testimony of Commissioner Roger Goodell, "broadcast contracts generate approximately half of the NFL's total revenues"—or over \$4 billion per year. This revenue is critical to the players as well as the league and its owners, as it forms the heart of the shared revenue pool that is used for health and other benefits, as well as salaries.

Congress—and the House Judiciary Committee in particular—has long been vigilant in the exercise of its antitrust jurisdiction regarding the economic impact of major sports business on America's communities, in particular taking action in the wake of a professional sports work stoppage.

In 1994, following the baseball strike, the Judiciary Committee under Chairman Brooks held hearings and passed legislation partially repealing baseball's antitrust exemption, which culminated four years later in the enactment of the Curt Flood Act. In 1996, after the Browns left Cleveland, the Committee, under Chairman Hyde, again considered legislation and held antitrust hearings. In 2001, under Chairman Sensenbrenner, after Major League Baseball announced the possible contraction and elimination of the Minnesota Twins franchise, we conducted hearings on antitrust legislation that I introduced.

Bad Faith Contract Re-negotiations. In May 2008, the National Football League re-negotiated its contracts with the major broadcasters who televise professional football. While the particulars of these negotiations varied, in all or most cases, the district court's opinion describes how the league insisted on provisions that would shield it from the economic impact of a lock out.

In response, the National Football League Players' Association (at the time, the certified bargaining representative for NFL Players), petitioned the United States District Court overseeing the league's collective bargaining relationship with its players for a declaration that the league's approach to the negotiations violated its contractual duty to maximize total revenue to the league and the players each season.

On March 3, 2011, United States District Judge Doty, who is expert in NFL-related matters and has handled league/player disputes for roughly twenty years, issued an order agreeing with the players' contention. Judge Doty explained: "The NFL sought to renegotiate broadcast contracts to ensure revenue for

itself in the event of a lockout. The record shows that the NFL undertook contract renegotiations to advance its own interests and harm the interests of the players. . . . Here, the NFL renegotiated the broadcast contracts to benefit its exclusive interest at the expense of, and contrary to, the joint interests of the NFL and the Players. This conduct constitutes a design to seek an unconscionable advantage and is inconsistent with good faith.”

A Lockout Harms All Americans. These bad faith negotiations—carried out under the protective umbrella of the Sports Broadcast Act’s antitrust immunity—are of particular concern given the great harm to our national economy a lockout would likely cause. One recent report states that a single NFL game generates over \$20 million in local economic activity—a total of over \$5.1 billion each year in NFL and peripheral businesses. Over 100,000 stadium workers would be directly affected by a lockout, and undoubtedly vastly more across different segments of the economy that are connected to the football industry.

A Congressionally Granted Immunity Should Not Be Used to Gain Leverage in a Lock Out. A business that intentionally misuses a Congressionally granted immunity to build up an improper “war chest” and gain leverage of collective bargaining negotiations should not be allowed to retain such immunity.

The PLAY Act thus removes professional football from the protection of this immunity.

HONORING GREEN BAY PACKERS  
WIDE RECEIVER GREG JENNINGS

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Green Bay Packers wide receiver Greg Jennings. Jennings, a native of my district from Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a star for the Packers in their recent 31–25 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV.

Jennings began his football career playing for the Kalamazoo Central High School Maroon Giants. There, he was not only recog-

nized for his accomplishments on the gridiron, but also as a basketball player, runner, and long jumper.

After high school, Jennings went on to play football at Western Michigan University where his athletic accomplishments continued to soar and he won the 2005 MAC Offensive Player of the Year Award. In 2006, Jennings was selected in the second round of the NFL Draft and signed to the Green Bay Packers. During Super Bowl XLV on February 6, 2010, he scored two touchdowns that helped to secure a Super Bowl victory for the Packers.

In his private life off the field, Jennings is a family man and a person of faith who continues to give back, including his work through The Greg Jennings Foundation. He is truly a model athlete and a treasure to southwest Michigan. True to his high school’s moniker, Greg has truly been a Giant, both on and off the field. It is no wonder that the city of Kalamazoo proclaimed March 14th as Greg Jennings Day.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE  
JUSTICE NIAL FENNELLY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the Honorable Justice Nial Fennelly, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland, to Cleveland as a guest of honor at the Collins and Scanlon annual St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 17th, 2011.

A graduate of University College Dublin with a degree in economics, the Honorable Justice Fennelly completed his studies of law at King’s Inns, and was formally called to the Bar in 1964. He practiced law from 1966 to 1995, becoming Senior Counsel, working in commercial and constitutional law with a specialty in European Community law.

Justice Fennelly became the first Irish lawyer to be appointed Advocate General at the European Court of Justice in 1995, and served in this capacity until 2000. His rulings dealt with issues regarding the free movement of persons, goods and services, as well as tax and competition.

In 2000, he was appointed to be a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland, where he has served since. In addition to these achievements, he is also a Bencher of the Honorable Society of King’s Inns and of the Middle Temple in London. He is President of the Irish Society for European Law, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of European Law at Trier in Germany, and is a former Chairman of the Irish Centre for European Law.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming our distinguished guest from Ireland, the Honorable Justice Nial Fennelly, to Cleveland, as the city celebrates St. Patrick’s Day.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF WHITE ROCK LAKE

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2011*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commemorate the 100th anniversary of White Rock Lake.

As Dallas began to grow in population during the early 1900s, the availability of water became an increasing problem. In 1909, the City of Dallas awarded a contract to build a dam on White Rock Creek which, two years later, led to the creation of what is known today as White Rock Lake.

Over the last century, White Rock Lake has not only provided essential water resources to one of the fastest growing areas of the country, it has also become an ideal place for outdoor activities for Dallas residents and visitors alike. Often referred to as “the jewel of Dallas,” White Rock Lake is home to the Dallas Arboretum and maintains numerous playgrounds and trails for hiking, running, and biking. Like many Dallas residents, I enjoy spending quality time at this lake with my family, and am proud to have White Rock Lake in my district.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 16

9 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To receive a closed briefing on Libya.  
SVC-217

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from AMVETS, Jewish War Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, Gold Star Wives, Blinded Veterans Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Fleet Reserve Association.  
SDG-50

10 a.m.  
Budget  
To hold a joint hearing with the Task Force on Government Performance to examine modernizing performance, focusing on using the new framework.  
SD-608

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the state of online consumer privacy.  
SR-253

Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine the report to the President from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.  
SD-406

Finance  
To hold hearings to examine health reform, focusing on lessons learned during the first year.  
SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments and any pending nominations.  
SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Supporting Employee Competency and Updating Readiness Enhancements for (SECURE) Facilities Act of 2011", S. 550, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, an original bill entitled, "Electronic Rulemaking Improvement Act of 2011", S. 531, to amend section 5542 of

title 5, United States Code, to provide that any hours worked by Federal firefighters under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be excluded for purposes of determinations relating to overtime pay, S. 300, to prevent abuse of Government charge cards, S. 498, to ensure objective, independent review of task and delivery orders, S. 191, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, S. 514, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, and the nominations of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.  
SD-342

10:15 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State.  
SD-419

10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Navy.  
SD-192

2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Environmental Protection Agency.  
SD-124

Aging  
To hold hearings to examine securities lending in retirement plans.  
SH-216

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine Northern Ireland, focusing on justice in individual cases and accountability for past abuses by security services in the region.  
210, Cannon Building

2:30 p.m.  
Armed Services  
To receive a closed briefing on the updated National Intelligence Estimate on Iran and other related matters.  
SVC-217

Foreign Relations  
To receive a closed briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on progress and expectations.  
SVC-217

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, J. Paul Oetken, and Paul A. Engelmayer, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.  
SD-226

MARCH 17

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.  
SD-G50

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine current global investment trends in clean energy technologies and the impact of domestic policies on that investment.  
SD-366

10 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine recouping improperly paid Federal assistance in the aftermath of disasters.  
SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), focusing on evaluating returns on taxpayer investments.  
SD-538

Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee  
Green Jobs and the New Economy Subcommittee  
To hold joint hearings to examine the "Clean Air Act" and jobs.  
SD-406

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine popular uprisings in the Middle East, focusing on the implications for U.S. policy.  
SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine health insurance exchanges and ongoing state implementation of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act".  
SD-430

Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider S. 216, to increase criminal penalties for certain knowing and international violations relating to food that is misbranded or adulterated, S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, S. 410, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, and the nominations of James Michael Cole, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Edward Milton Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, John J. McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Goodwin Liu, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kevin Hunter Sharp, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Roy Bale Dalton, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Claire C. Cecchi, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.  
SD-226

10:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science and Space Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine investing in Federal research and development.  
SR-253

2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Food and Drug Administration.

closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

APRIL 5  
9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.  
SD-G50

Budget  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Heather A. Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

Intelligence  
Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

MARCH 29  
2:30 p.m.  
Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives.

APRIL 6  
10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.  
SR-418

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State.

MARCH 30  
10:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations from Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project, Vietnam Veterans of America, The Retired Enlisted Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War.

APRIL 7  
9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.  
SD-106

2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on if FEMA is ready for the next big disaster.

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the National Park Service.

APRIL 12  
9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SH-219 following the open session.  
SD-106

Appropriations  
Legislative Branch Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

MARCH 31  
9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, and base