

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—JOSHUA MOTT

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OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I participated with my Boy Scout Troop in preparing over three hundred food boxes for the poor. We arrived at the headquarters of the "Food for the Families" around 8:30 in the morning. After re-arranging the boxes into three rows of seventy-five, we waited for the truck to deliver the food. Once the food arrived, we stacked it according to type. Vegetables of each type in their own category, hams in another, and so on. Once all the items were stacked, a team was created

for each pile to distribute the food in the boxes. Each box received a set number of each food. Twelve extra boxes, or "gleaning boxes" as they were called, were filled with the extra food. As soon as all the boxes were filled, the doors were opened and the people were allowed in. Each person who signed up for a box was also given a yellow ticket. Those waiting in line outside presented their ticket and were admitted in. A worker then escorted the individual with a box on a cart out of the building. Once their box was filled, the individual and worker walked to their car or house and delivered the box. This process continued until all the boxes were distributed. It was a wonderful experience.

—Joshua Mott

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 471, the private school voucher program for the District of Columbia.

This bill would revive the ineffective and inefficient D.C. voucher program. The bill authorizes \$100 million over the next five years for only 1.3 percent of students to receive vouchers in D.C.—with no offset for the funding.

I do not support any attempt to resume funding the D.C. voucher system using taxpayer dollars intended for public schools. We should be investing public dollars in public schools, not diverting critically needed resources to private institutions. Private schools are not held to the same standards as our public schools—including civil rights laws and accountability measures—and are not required to provide the same services, such as educating individuals with disabilities.

Vouchers take scarce resources away from our children and provide no accountability for our tax dollars. While the D.C. voucher program was in effect, multiple studies found that the students in the program were not performing better academically compared to other students in the District. In fact, the program was so poorly run that some students were allowed to use vouchers to attend unaccredited schools.

The Republican House majority made the largest cut to education in our history in their continuing resolution for Fiscal Year 2011 (H.R. 1) that passed the House. In the same bill, they proposed to fund the D.C. voucher system at \$15.5 million. Again, my Republican colleagues cut public education in all 50 states while reviving millions of dollars for vouchers for one percent of students in the District of Columbia.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 471 and any funding efforts for this failed program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 225 for H.R. 1246, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on April 1, I missed rollcall vote numbered 213. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 213, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1255) to prevent a shutdown of the government of the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to deliver a message from those of us who were young in Dr. King's time.

We cannot honor Dr. King without recalling the difficult and unfair world that he set out to change.

And we do not honor him by pretending that no civil rights challenges remain to be overcome.

It is also critical that we recall how well Dr. King understood that the challenges of civil rights and economic injustice are inextricably intertwined.

He understood that working people—of every background—are too often in a struggle just to survive.

Forty-three years after that tragic moment in Memphis, Tennessee, Americans of good conscience are still in an economic struggle for fundamental human dignity—and we are still in a national debate regarding what kind of nation ours will become.

And, in this ongoing struggle, Americans of Color are not alone in having our fundamental human rights denied.

According to an October 2010 report released by the Congressional Research Service, 3.7 million more persons fell below the poverty line in 2009 compared to the number below the poverty line in 2008.

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These 3.7 million people were pushed into poverty and left to suffer the consequences of a recession they did not create.

As a result, in 2009, a total of 43.6 million people had incomes below the poverty line—more than at any time since we began tracking this measure in 1959—9 years before Dr. King's death.

Within that figure, one in every five children in this country lived in poverty in this nation in 2009. This is a staggering and shameful figure.

Mr. Speaker, far too many Americans are being subjected to the most crippling segregation of all: the segregation from hope that is the inevitable result of poverty.

On the anniversary of Dr. King's assassination, we recall that he was struck down in Memphis while he was supporting a sanitation union's struggle for a living wage.

Dr. King understood that the struggle of workers to win their rights is part of the continuing struggle of labor for opportunity.

More than 40 years after Dr. King's death, this struggle continues—and the victories won years ago are at risk perhaps as never before.

Many are seeking to tear down American workers' most fundamental rights and to undo the advances that paved the paths that have carried so many to the middle class.

As we see that struggle unfold, I urge us to remember what we are fighting for.

As Dr. King often observed, the civil rights objectives of our time are not limited to the struggles of Black people or of any minority group.

Rather, we are engaged in a peaceful struggle to advance the human and civil rights of ALL AMERICANS.

Our mission—Dr. King's vision transported into our time—is to transform the "human rights" of all Americans into civil rights protected by law.

We are fighting, as our colleague and friend Congressman JOHN LEWIS has observed, for the rights that will enable all Americans to have jobs that provide them "the opportunity to realize their full potential as individual people."

At a time when many low-wage jobs do not pay enough to enable a family to make ends meet, and at a time when people can work 40 or even 50 hours a week and still fall behind, we honor Dr. King's struggle by continuing his fight to create a just society where every person can fulfill the potential God has given to them.

And we continue that fight by ensuring that the hard-won rights of working Americans are seen as inviolable and as essential to the success of our entire nation.

I urge every American to join this fight.

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As a representative for Sam Johnson's CYAC of the 2010–2011 year I decided to volunteer in my community by participating with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a global, non-profit organization that seeks to shelter the homeless and poor by building comfortable homes with the help of volunteers from the surrounding community. I volunteered several hours from what would have been just another "lazy" Saturday afternoon to go to Wylie in an effort to help the organization with building a home. The organizers were very friendly and helpful in pointing me in the right direction and very clear and concise on instructions for the work that I would be tasked with. I found a hands-on approach to be the best way to contribute to my community and learned a lot from one evening with fellow charity workers. I was able to make a difference in someone's life by helping build shelter and contributing to society. I learned that community service is an overlooked part of life that when performed can cause a person to feel good in a way that can't be accomplished by common means. I look forward to working with Habit for Humanity again in the future.

—Eric Parker

CONGRATULATING THE MAROON GIANTS OF KALAMAZOO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Maroon Giants of Kalamazoo Central High School on their second straight Michigan state championship win in men's basketball. These outstanding young men have worked hard for this accomplishment and have made their community very proud.

Winning a state championship is a remarkable achievement that few teams attain. Winning back-to-back championships is an incredible legacy that will live with Kalamazoo Central forever. The Maroon Giants and Coach Mike Thomas know what brought this second straight state title back to Kalamazoo—hard work. It was running that one extra sprint and shooting that extra free throw after practice that helped make the Maroon Giants champions. Nobody outworked the Giants, and nobody could beat them in the state tournament, and nobody had a greater following or more community support. The Giants truly lived up to their name on the court.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Maroon Giants squad: Tyler Bell, Allie Buchanan, Tens Buchanan, TJ Buchanan, Jamaal Conger, Brandon Delk, Juwan Gamble, Lee Gardner, H'ian Hale, Quante Hill, JeRon Johnson, Mark Justice, Daquavion McCants-Wilson, De'tavia Moore, Darius Norman, Von Washington III, and Davarius Williams. I also want to recognize head coach Mike Thomas and assistant coaches Thomas Dillard, Anthony Stuckey, Matt Price, Brandon Williams, Tim Gleeson, Alan Lee and team manager Aminder Sohi. We salute all of you.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Maroon Giants, Coach Thomas, and the entire Kalamazoo community—you are an inspiration to us all. It is Giant pride at its finest. Go Giants!

IN CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF MONSON'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the yearlong celebration of the town of Monson, Massachusetts' 250th anniversary. The town was founded by a small group of residents from Brimfield, Massachusetts, who petitioned for a town of their own. The first town meeting of Monson was held in 1760. When it was founded, Monson was a center for manufacturing in Massachusetts, with an abundance of mills powered by the water found in the nearby hills. Today, Monson is known primarily for their involvement in the arts, especially the theater and festivals.

To honor this historic occasion, the town of Monson held a yearlong celebration with different events held by members of the Monson Steering Committee and several non-profit organizations located in the town.

This yearlong celebration of the town's anniversary began in April 2010, and will conclude

on April 9, 2011. The inaugural event of the festival was a bonfire held at Veterans Field. Throughout the year there were family events and festivals, including the annual Summerfest held on the 4th of July, and the family ice cream social and concert sponsored by the Friends of the Keep Museum. Families also enjoyed the picnic held at Flynt Park. Other outdoor activities included a walk/run sponsored by the Peaked Mountain Committee and a motorcycle hill climb sponsored by the Quaboag Riders & Monson Lions Club. There were many cultural events as well, such as the Monson Arts Council's craft fair, the Monson Bellmen Antique Fire Apparatus Club and Museum's open house, and the Monson Rotary Club's concert at Dave Grieve Park.

A quilt show was held in which 50 Monson quilters donated a block to make a commemorative 250th anniversary quilt. This quilt will be on display continually in various buildings in the town. The concluding event of this festival will be the Monson 250th Gala Ball with the theme of "Remembering Monson." The ball will have a continuous slide show of all the old and new businesses and homes in Monson, as well as a display of Monson's non-profit organizations.

The town of Monson has been an important part of Massachusetts since well before the United States was founded. While this quintessential New England town is a place where families have lived for generations, Monson has also grown into a dynamic center for arts, culture and a thriving workplace. On its 250th anniversary, I am honored to represent the town of Monson and I look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries.

HONORING MARCH 25, 2011 AS THE
190TH ANNIVERSARY OF
GREECE'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 190th anniversary of Greek independence. It is an honor to recognize a nation whose rich and vibrant history not only laid the foundation for democracy, but whose immigrants and descendants have enriched the cultural landscape of our nation.

The warm friendship that America shares with Greece is rooted in the indelible mark of democracy and self-determination that Hellenic culture has left on our country. Just as our founding fathers were guided by these principles in their fight for independence from a foreign empire, so too were the founders of modern-day Greece, who declared their independence from the Ottoman Empire on March 25th, 190 years ago. Since the birth of both nations, we have striven together to uphold the values of freedom, equality, and justice championed by the Ancient Greeks. We have joined together to promote peace and stability in the world, and Greece has allied with the U.S. in every major international conflict throughout the 20th century.

From architecture to the democratic ideals we cherish, Greek culture has had a continued influence on the way Americans live their everyday lives. Illinois' Third District is fortunate to have one of the largest and most vibrant

Greek-American communities in America. And just as Greek citizens were integral in transforming Ancient Greece into a beacon of democracy and culture, Greek-Americans in Oak Lawn, Palos Hills, and throughout Southwestern Chicagoland have proudly contributed their strong cultural heritage and values into the patchwork that makes the Third District so distinct.

It is with great gratitude and pride that I rise to honor the independence of a nation that, from ancient times, has bestowed upon its citizens the fundamental rights of liberty and participation in the democratic process. Though rooted in ancient ideals, our strong allegiance with Greece continues to this day through a shared belief that freedom and democracy are the building blocks of peace. At home, I have witnessed firsthand the positive cultural heritage Greek-Americans bring to our local communities, and I trust that the bonds between our two nations will remain strong for years to come.

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For the past three months, I have been volunteering my time weekly at the local elementary school by my house, Faith Lutheran. I am a volunteer basketball coach for a group of about eleven 5th and 6th graders who attend the school. We have a couple of games each week and have practices every Saturday morning at the school. The group of kids is very inexperienced as a whole so our practices are very important. We practice dribbling, passing, team building, team plays, and shooting for fun at the end. The practices were highly successful as I managed to teach the guys 8 plays total and everyone improved their skills individually as well over the year. The weekly games were always a fun and frustrating experience as I tried to coach a team to win as well as making it a fun learning experience for the kids. In the end all the hard work paid off as the boys had the first-ever undefeated season for the school and won the tournament at the end of the season. I can tell the kids learned a lot throughout the season, and I know I learned how rewarding an experience it can be to teach young children and watch them learn and grow.

—Zack Palisch

RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF DR. RICHARD LINTON, VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

HON. PETER A. DEFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a person who has made an important impact on the state of Oregon and the federal research enterprise through his work at the University of Oregon as Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Dr. Richard Linton is the longest serving vice president of research in the University of Oregon's history and among the longest-serving vice presidents of research within the Association of American Universities' membership.

He leaves the university after more than a decade of service. Dr. Linton's leadership has markedly improved the university's federal research enterprise, enabling university faculty and researchers to engage in discovery, innovation and scholarship that contribute to society's well-being and our understanding of our world.

Dr. Linton deserves special recognition for his guidance of sponsored programs, research initiatives, graduate education, technology transfer and the university's research park. Under his leadership, UO has seen sustained growth in federal research grants and technology transfer activities. He has guided the UO in growing and launching interdisciplinary centers and initiatives spanning the innovation cycle, from basic discovery to commercialization.

I am particularly pleased that companies directly derived from University of Oregon research currently employ more than 255 Oregonians and in 2010 generated more than

\$32 million in revenue for Oregon's economy. A remarkable accomplishment.

At the core of Rich Linton's decade of accomplishment at the university is his ability to be collaborative and to establish important strategic partnerships that have contributed greatly to the region's economic security and future. Thank you, Dr. Linton!

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH F. GIANETTO II

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II. Originally from Oswego, NY, Sergeant Gianetto enlisted in 1971 and subsequently has spent over 39½ years with United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. Sergeant Gianetto has been decorated with numerous medals, awards and service distinctions. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and airman.

Sergeant Gianetto began his military career in the Air Force on the delayed enlistment program in June 1971 and was called to active duty in October 1971. Upon completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in November 1971, Sergeant Gianetto began technical school training as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In March 1972, he was assigned to 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Organizational Maintenance Branch, Flight-line Maintenance, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and began on-the-job training for his five-skill level on the C-130E Hercules aircraft. He remained in that position until May 1973.

In May 1973, Sergeant Gianetto was reassigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing, Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Flight-line Branch, Nahkon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia. While assigned with the 56th Organizational Maintenance Squadron he performed duties as Aircraft Crew Chief on the OV-10A Bronco aircraft and deployed to forward operating locations at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base, and Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base.

After completion of his tour of duty in Southeast Asia, Sergeant Gianetto was reassigned to 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Field Maintenance Branch, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, where he worked in the Repair and Reclamation Shop as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician performing heavy maintenance on the C-130E aircraft. He was subsequently reassigned to the 314th Headquarters Squadron as an Aircraft Job Controller coordinating the maintenance efforts on a fleet of over 100 C-130E Hercules aircraft.

Sergeant Gianetto applied for a release from active duty under the Palace Chase Program. His release from active duty was granted in September 1979. He became a member of the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, Organizational Maintenance Branch, Flight-line Maintenance, New York Air National Guard, Niagara Falls, New York, and was assigned as a Crew Chief on the RF-101 Voodoo aircraft. In January 1980, Sergeant Gianetto transferred

to the 174th Fighter Wing, assigned to the 174th Maintenance Squadron as Crew Chief on the A-10A Thunderbolt aircraft, and subsequently held assignments in the 174th Maintenance Operations Flight, and the 174th Operations Group, supporting F-16C Fighting Falcon Maintenance Operations, and RC-26 Counterdrug Operations.

The 174th Fighter Wing was called mobilized and called to active duty on 29 December 1990. On 2 January 1991, Sergeant Gianetto deployed to Al Kharj Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War. He returned from the Persian Gulf on 20 May 1991 and was released from active duty on 13 June 1991. He also served in Operation Northern Watch from 23 August to 16 September 1997, and Operation Southern Watch from 28 February to 8 April 2000 and again from 28 July to 28 August 2001, all in support of contingency operations against Iraq. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, he performed over 40 days of active duty supporting Combat Air Patrol sorties in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

On 14 October 2003, Sergeant Gianetto volunteered for his fourth Air Expeditionary Force deployment in Support of the Global War on Terrorism. He deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Emirate of Qatar, and was attached to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron, from 17 October 2003 to 5 December 2003, in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On 28 November 2006, Sergeant Gianetto was again called to active duty deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was assigned to the 332d Expeditionary Maintenance Group. While there he worked as a Senior Weapon Systems Controller and Shift Supervisor, coordinating maintenance operations for three different active duty and Air National Guard assigned aircraft supporting contingency operations throughout the Iraqi theater of operations. Sergeant Gianetto redeployed after 96 days in-theater and was released from active duty on 1 April 2007.

Sergeant Gianetto had been employed as an Air National Guard Technician since June 1980, working as an A-10 Aircraft Mechanic; Aircraft Production Controller; Aircraft Production Control Supervisor; Aircraft Production Control Superintendent; and a Logistics Management Technician. He retired from his full-time technician position on 1 March 2008.

Militarily, he was assigned as the NCOIC for the 174th Fighter Wing RC-26 Counterdrug office on 23 June 2008, and is a former Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant. He has over 39½ years combined service, eight years of active duty in the United States Air Force, and the remainder with the New York Air National Guard.

During these times and throughout his career, Sergeant has displayed honorable character and service to the United States Air Force and 174th Fighter Wing, and our country. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal, with one oak leaf cluster; and Air Force Achievement Medal; five oak leaf clusters. His military unit and achievement awards include the Joint Service Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Award, with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Outstanding Unit

Award with Combat "V" device and nine oak leaf clusters; Air Force Good Conduct Medal, with one oak leaf cluster; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, with nine oak leaf clusters. His military campaign and service awards include the National Defense Service Medal, with two bronze service stars; Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal with one bronze service star; Viet Nam Service Medal with one bronze campaign star; Southwest Asia Service Medal, with three bronze campaign stars; Iraq Campaign Medal, with two bronze campaign stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon, with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, with gold combat frame and two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, with eight oak leaf clusters; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass device, mobilization "M" device, and numeral "7"; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Ribbon, with two oak leaf clusters; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; and Air Force Training Ribbon. Sergeant Gianetto's Foreign Service awards include the Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross with palm device; Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal with date bar; Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia; and the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait.

Sergeant Gianetto also holds the following New York State awards and decorations: New York State Military Commendation Medal; New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, with one gold and one silver device; New York State Desert Storm Service Medal; New York State Defense of Liberty Medal; New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, with one silver device; New York State Conspicuous Service Star, with one gold and two silver devices; New York State Recruiting Medal; New York State Counterdrug Ribbon; New York State Exercise Support Ribbon, with three "E" devices; and the Medal for Humane Service to New York State; and the New York State Air Guard First Sergeant Ribbon.

He is also the recipient of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association, Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award for 1995; the 1999 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5885, All-State Commanders Award; and the 174th Fighter Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award for 2001. In May 2004, Sergeant Gianetto received the American Red Cross Veterans award. He was also named the 174th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2005.

His effective dates of promotion are: Airman—16 November 1971; Airman First Class—1 April 1972; Sergeant—1 November 1973; Staff Sergeant—1 November 1976; Technical Sergeant—1 October 1980; Master Sergeant—1 February 1986; Senior Master Sergeant—13 February 1990.

Sergeant Gianetto is a Past Post Commander and "Life" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Quatrini-Dehm Post No. 5885, located in Oswego, New York. He is also member of the American Legion, James Harvey Spire Post No. 787, Cicero, New York. He is a member of the Air Force Association; the Air Force Sergeants Association; the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United

States; the Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard; and the 174th Alumni Association. He is a member of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association; and the American Veterans (AmVets). He is also an active member of the 174th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard, and a member of Bugles Across America.

Without question, Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Gianetto is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service, Sergeant Gianetto can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years, as he will now be able to spend more free time with his wife Dale, his three daughters, Christina Gianetto, Jennifer (Gianetto) Rowan, Brynn Leigh (Shattuck) Shamp, sons Ryan and Kegan Shattuck, and grandson Nehemiah Shamp. Sergeant Gianetto, thank you for all your years of hard work, dedication and service to our country.

CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF THE
EAST TOLEDO FAMILY CENTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize a milestone on the long road of service of the East Toledo Family Center in my District. At this Sunday's annual Renaissance Gala, our community will pay tribute to this achievement. The East Toledo Family Center is an incredible community-building resource. Every year, its dedicated staff and volunteers touch the lives of thousands of citizens of all ages—for recreation, health care, meals, community activities, holiday gatherings and family support. Every neighborhood should be so fortunate as to have such a welcoming, caring, and effective community center. The East Toledo Family Center surely is the heart of East Toledo.

Nearly 110 years ago, according to the Center's historical records, on Sunday, August 4th, 1901, Rev. H.W. Hoover held a tent meeting on factory grounds owned by D.J. Nysewander in East Toledo. A list survives of those who contributed towards the "interest on loan, sidewalks, hymn books, lights and piano tuning" for this first Industrial Heights Mission. Contributors included such well known East side names as Metzger, Rideout, Tracy, and Hirzel. The Mission lasted for several days and was enlarged into "settlement work" to help the many new immigrants in the area become adjusted to life in America.

A Baptist minister from Ontario, Canada, Rev. Hoover was just past the age of 40 when he began his mission work in Toledo's East Side. His efforts resulted in the formation of the Neighborhood House, where he spent the remaining years of his life until his passing at the age of 72. By the summer of 1902, property was obtained on Vinal Street, and adjoining lots were soon added through the generosity of East Toledoans Alexander Black, George Metzger, Isaac Gerson, and Mr. Nysewander.

The Center records its early years as the land on Vinal Street near East Broadway, which was originally a neglected dump, was

quickly improved. Dirt from the streets was used as fill, grass was sown, East Side florists provided flowers, the Monroe Nurseries gave shrubs and the old dump was transformed. The Ohio Neighborhood Institute, commonly called the Neighborhood House, was incorporated and the property at 1019 and 1027 Vinal Street developed rapidly. M.J. Riggs, superintendent of the American Bridge Company in East Toledo, helped purchase playground equipment along with paint, fencing, and ornamental gates and posts.

A depression in 1908 led to what some families called the "slim winter." When no assistance was available to help the many families who were out of work, Mrs. Hoover and East Side businessmen stepped in to provide food and aid through the Neighborhood House. During the years of World War I there was a need for classes in English for both children and adults as more and more immigrants came to work in the factories of America. Before Oakdale School opened, school classes were held at the Neighborhood House for small children of various grades.

By 1916 the Neighborhood House had a large playground. It featured a merry-go-round, basket swing, May pole and an enormous sand box. A "Sunshine House" donated by Dorothy Kimball was used to help children learn how to keep house. Tea parties were held to teach the children "proper manners" when entertaining and of course there were sports of all kinds, including boxing matches.

Attendance records from 1916 show just how important the work of the Neighborhood House was to the community. The Vinal Street playground was used by five thousand children that year and almost thirty-five hundred people attended American Citizenship classes. Over two thousand people came to other lectures while a "School of Conduct" attracted nearly twenty-seven hundred people. A satellite ministry of the Neighborhood House, the Ironville Neighborhood Settlement, called Lincoln Place, had seventy-eight hundred participants during 1916. For the year, 28,766 people were involved in all the activities of this important East Side ministry.

The importance of the Neighborhood House to the community is apparent by the number of companies and individuals who contributed to its support. A list of hundreds of donors includes the names of some of Toledo's most prominent citizens. Here can be found the names Ernest Tiedtke, Thomas DeVilbiss, Edward Ford, General Sherwood, Mr. Walbridge, Mr. Detwiler and Mr. LaSalle, along with such East Side names as Winchester, Hoeflinger, Eggleston, Gardner and Tucker. Edward Drummond Libbey was also an important early benefactor.

By 1927 there were three buildings on the Vinal Street property. During the dark days of the Great Depression the bad times began to take their toll on the working class families of East Toledo and the Neighborhood House lost its founder when the Rev. Hoover passed away in early 1932. An article by Isabel Toppin of the East Side Sun family records that "now many are losing the houses they tried hard to maintain." she continues "the streams of little wagons and push carts headed for the city's dole measures the depression into which we have fallen." It would be during these times that the Neighborhood House would be needed all the more. Ms. Toppin goes on to say "In the midst of the general

unhappiness, the Neighborhood House has striven to relieve the drab hopelessness of the situation." During these hard times the Neighborhood House was often a last resort for people.

Volunteers would bring in clothing, a baker would send surplus stock and mothers, as it was recorded, would "accomplish wonders with a yard of goods and a button. The Neighborhood House became a clearing house for the needs of the community and the human spirit would not be extinguished by these hard times. By the 1940's as the economic times began to improve and the Neighborhood House continued to provide a place for people of all ages in the community to grow and become better citizens and better Americans.

The Neighborhood House kept growing following the post-World War II boom years until a new building was needed in the early 1970's. The Center stood as a bulwark through neighborhood changes in the 1980s and 1990s and adapted to the changing needs of East Side residents. Now as the 21st century progresses and it is into its twelfth decade of service, The East Toledo Family Center serves more people and provides more services than at any other time in its long history. Tradition has been maintained even as services develop and grow so that efforts continue to be directed toward providing educational, economic, social and recreational opportunities for working class families and children.

Through more than a century of careful stewardship, the leaders of the East Toledo Family Center have carried forth the vision of Rev. Hoover and the founding members. It remains a beacon of light, shining on into a new century of service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ZACH RALSTIN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

Beginning last semester, one of my best friends and I started visiting Frankford Middle School to partake in their Friday Night Academy event, where high school volunteers such as ourselves tutor younger students. We made a habit of going to many of these sessions to help several students with assignments and homework that they had missed or fallen behind on. I continued to incorporate this as a part of my service project for CYAC. As I have volunteered at my old school over these past few months, I have come to realize that it is extremely important for us to give back to the generations behind us and provide them with an even better education than we had received before them. If younger students do not fully comprehend their math or other lessons before reaching high school, chances are they will be less inclined to do as well as those with a more solid educational foundation, something that every good student deserves. I hope that I have been able to help teach or reinforce some of those concepts with the students I have spent time working with at Frankford, and that I will continue to do so to help them with and prepare them for high school and the rest of their academic career.

—Zach Ralstin

HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the atrocious record of human rights in Iran. Across the Middle East, we have seen a growing pressure for change, with individuals standing up for their right to live free. Yet, Iran remains a theocratic and violently repressive dictatorship.

Iran's opposition Green Movement—reinforced by recent protests in the Middle East—has faced brutal suppression, including beatings and arrests. A recent response by the Iranian leadership to a weekly Tuesday protest calling for reforms included a brutal assault on demonstrators. More disturbing, there has been a spike in executions—with the International Campaign for Human Rights estimating more than 90 individuals including political prisoners have been executed over the past two months.

Clearly, any facade of Presidential and Parliamentary elections is exposed through this

record of appalling religious and military control and abuse of the Iranian people.

In Iran, there is no freedom of speech, no freedom of the press, no freedom of religion—with life imprisonment or death meted out as punishments for these "crimes."

As Americans, we—along with our international allies—must speak out against these abuses. The United Nations Human Rights Council should appoint a special expert to monitor and document the deterioration of human rights in Iran and I urge this Congress and our Administration to continue to impose and broaden strict U.S. sanctions, including on the companies that provide the technology that enables government monitoring and suppression of dissent.

As a nation, we must support the desire of any people to live free and stand strong against abusive regimes.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act. I appreciate Chairman MICA and Chairman PETRI for crafting a fiscally conservative bill that meets the significant needs of our aviation sector.

Having previously run an aerospace company for 10 years and now having the honor of representing the Air Capital of the World, Wichita, Kansas, I know first hand the importance of this legislation.

First of all, I want to thank Chairman MICA for including a provision of mine in the Manager's Amendment that will allow the FAA to increase the number of UAS Test Ranges around the country. These Test Ranges are essential to fostering innovation and private sector development of the Unmanned Aerial System industry. If implemented properly by the FAA, I believe research and development and manufacturing hubs will grow up around these ranges. I know of several communities in Kansas—including El Dorado, Salina, and Herington—where a Test Range not only makes sense, but could help stimulate the local economy.

Second, I want to thank the Chairman for not including something in this bill: User Fees. Aviation user fees would devastate the general aviation industry. User Fees would place an unnecessary administrative burden and unwarranted additional costs on the system users. Simply put, these Fees would hurt the General Aviation manufacturing industry, which has already lost tens of thousands of employees due to the global recession.

Lastly, I want to highlight the inclusion of a Repair Stations provision. This section imple-

ments a risk-based inspection regime consistent with the U.S.–E.U. aviation safety bilateral agreement. This provision supports 130,000 American jobs, including many in my home District.

This is a good bill which deserves this body's strong support. I urge my colleagues to join with me in voting for this important legislation.

SHIRLEY ATENCIO TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Shirley Atencio, of Center, Colorado. Ms. Atencio was recently named Center Teacher of the Year for her outstanding efforts in the classroom. As a veteran teacher of 33 years, she has had a profound effect on the students and parents of her community.

Ms. Atencio earned Teacher of the Year honors this year because of her increased role in curriculum planning around the district. She is a leader among the teaching community in modernizing and streamlining lesson strategies. Largely due to her efforts, students have access to a clearer and more focused education. One of her primary goals is teaching self respect and reliance to her students and to ensure that they have a strong affluence in the English language.

Mr. Speaker it is an honor to recognize Shirley Atencio today. Her leadership within the community is an important part of the area's success. I have no doubt she will continue to be an excellent teacher for many years.

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For my CYAC community service project, I volunteered as an attorney at the Collin County Teen Court, providing 30 hours of service between October 2010 and January 2011. The mission of Teen Court is to teach first-time juvenile misdemeanor offenders a lesson by sentencing the defendants with service hours and jury duty. The jury at Teen Court hears the testimony of the defendants and the arguments of the attorneys in order to come to a decision. A judge presides over the court proceeding and makes the court session formal and official. Teen Court is vital to the lives of young people in the Collin County community. Not only do the defendants in Teen Court begin to strive for better character; the jury members that hear the testimony of the defendants make sound changes in their own lives also. Through my work at Teen Court I have helped the teens who have made poor judgment. My job as an attorney has been crucial to bring the facts of the cases to the jury so that they can deliver fair verdicts. In addition, my experience in the Teen Court has inspired me to consider law as a potential career choice.

—Grant Powell

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 225. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 225.

OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS TO EXPAND A FEDERALLY-FUNDED SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. NORTON. I submit the following letters:

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, DC, March 30, 2011.

Senator HARRY REID,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR REID: We write to express our opposition to renewed efforts to expand a federally-funded school voucher program in the District of Columbia. We appreciate your interest in providing support to public education in the District. We strongly believe, however, that federal funds should be invested in the existing public education program—both the public schools and the public charter schools—rather than diverted to private schools.

We support the decision by Congress and the President several years ago to phase out the voucher program. Multiple US Department of Education reports of the program indicate that the program has not lived up to the promises made by proponents. Moreover, a Government Accountability Office report revealed that many of the voucher students attend private schools with fewer resources and lower standards than our public schools. The evidence is clear that the use of vouchers has had no statistically significant impact on overall student achievement in math or reading, or for students from schools in need of improvement.

We have serious concerns about using government funds to send our students to private schools that do not have to adhere to the same standards and accountability as do public and public charter schools. For example, private religious schools, which 80% of voucher students attend, operate outside the anti-discrimination provisions of the District's Human Rights Act. Moreover, the voucher proposal is inequitable: if fully funded, the authorization would provide at least \$8,000 per student for vouchers, but only about \$723 per public charter school student, and even less—about \$437 per public school student.

Although we believe that students who are already receiving a voucher should have the opportunity to maintain and use that voucher through graduation from high school, we do not support expansion of the program to new students. The District has devoted considerable funds to public education. As a result, parents in the District have both public school choice and access to the most extensive set of alternatives to traditional public schools in the country.

We appreciate your willingness to take into account the wishes of the District's elected officials on the quintessentially local matter of education as you consider this issue.

Sincerely,

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COREY LAUGHLIN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker it brings me great pleasure to pay tribute to a young man who has exhibited a level of caring and selflessness well beyond his years. Corey Laughlin of Pueblo, Colorado, has taken it upon himself to bring the sport of baseball to underprivileged children who play in the Runyan Field Baseball Program.

Corey, a member of East High School's baseball team, has loved baseball for as long he can remember, and thinks that America's pastime has taught him some invaluable life lessons. Earlier this year he was going through his own baseball gear in anticipation of the upcoming season, and discovered he had an excess supply of lightly used baseball equipment; then he realized that many others would also have extra baseball bats, cleats and mitts. Corey then took it upon himself to rally the community in support of the Runyan Field Baseball Program, a youth league in Pueblo. Corey solicited teammates, neighbors and community members to donate used baseball gear. Corey organized a sale of the equipment, and announced all profits would go towards helping the underprivileged members of the Runyan Program.

Corey Laughlin's desire to share the game he loves with the less fortunate members of his community shows an incredible level of maturity, a deep sense of thoughtfulness, and gives me faith in future generations of Americans. Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to stand and pay tribute to the charitable efforts of Corey Laughlin.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—GINU SCARIA

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Through community service and involvement, I have learned to view matters in a whole new perspective. When I look at my goals now of changing the world one step at a time, I know I am getting a step closer by taking part in service activities and events. Helping out is now part of who I am and my definition. It is definitely going to part of future in college as well as afterwards when earning a career. Gandhi once said to, "be the change you wish to see in the world." I believe the world gets a positive change every time someone steps up to the plate to make a difference, whether is it through community service or starting a charity. It is through generous hands that we learn a better role of ourselves and gain a better knowledge of viewing matters in a whole new angle. As Student Council President, helping out becomes an everyday routine, and I am very proud to have the opportunity. As a member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, I am happy to take part in community involvement, and because of it I have learned a life lesson. I cannot forget.

—*Ginu Scaria*

COMMENDING JOHN TWITTY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of one of Missouri's finest leaders and my personal friend, John Twitty.

John is an icon in the 7th District. He's provided Springfield, Missouri with affordable electricity, inexpensive natural gas, and clean drinking water for almost a decade as the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of City Utilities. You would be hard-pressed to find a better leader with more integrity, which is evidenced by the high regard in which he is held throughout the city of Springfield, the State of Missouri, and across the country.

Whether he is dealing with employees, the general public, or community leaders, John maintains his professionalism and character. He sincerely cares for each one of the employees at City Utilities and for the entire Springfield community.

I am just one of many in the community that recognizes John as an outstanding leader. For his national leadership, he received the American Public Power Association's Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award—its top honor. He has also served as their Chairman. For his statewide leadership, he received the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities Distinguished Service Award. For his contribution to Missouri and the nation, he received the Missourian Award and the Outstanding Missourian Award from the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate.

John has also been very active in the Springfield community. Although he would be the last to say so himself, John has given

much to Springfield through his outreach and involvement in community organizations. He has worked with the United Way of the Ozarks, the Springfield Business and Development Corporation, the Partnership Industrial Center West Administrative Council, St. John's Health System, Empire Bank, the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast, the Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, and other local organizations.

John will retire this June. No doubt, he will enjoy spending more time playing golf and with his family. John's family includes his wife, Jean, a retired Greene County Assessor and current member of the Springfield Public Schools Board of Education, and his daughter, Dr. Anne S. Twitty, an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Mississippi.

Although John is about to embark on a much-deserved leave of absence, his legacy will live on whenever a family cooks dinner using low-cost electricity or when children drink clean water from a school water fountain. He has faithfully performed the duty shared by all public servants; he left the institutions in his care stronger and better for the next generation. Let us all draw humility and purpose from his example.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Chair, I mistakenly cast my vote on this measure as a "no" vote. I intended to cast an "aye" vote on this measure.

A TRIBUTE TO ALBERT B. WASHKO

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Albert B. Washko. Al concluded 21 years of dedicated service to the Department of Veterans Affairs when he retired on March 31, 2011.

Ensuring our nation's veterans were provided with the world-class benefits and services they earned was not a mission Al took lightly as evidenced by his dedication to serving the men and women who served in uniform.

Over the course of his time with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Al held positions which took him from coast to coast. Before he was named the Director of the V.A. Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System in 2003, Al oversaw 23 medical centers in New York, New England, and Puerto Rico as Director of V.A. Northeast Region. He also worked at V.A. Medical centers in Albany, New York; Palo Alto, California; and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Al has served on numerous hospital, social service agency, and community boards which demonstrated his commitment to public service both on and off the job.

Over the course of his career, Al helped fulfill President Abraham Lincoln's promise "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan." While the V.A. loses a valued member of its team with Al's retirement, his impact on our nation's veterans will be felt for years.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending the career of Mr. Albert B. Washko as he begins his well-deserved retirement.

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on helping The North Texas Food Bank with their current event called "The Souper Bowl of Caring". This event is done in conjunction with local grocery stores and allows shoppers to buy pre-packed bags of non-perishable food items to donate for distribution to the local food banks and shelters. I walked my neighborhood distributing flyers informing people about the event and solicited cash donations to help me pre-purchase bags for the event. I was able to collect enough money to buy 23 bags of groceries. Because I will volunteer for the event on Sunday, February 6th, several others I talked to promised to go in to Market Street and purchase bags on Sunday. This experience has shown me how much one person in a short amount of time can help several families survive for a couple of weeks. It confirmed to me that we can all make a difference in the lives of others by just taking a few hours out of our lives and focusing on helping others.

—Dallas Rodriguez

IRENE PARSONS SHATTERED MANY GLASS CEILINGS IN HER YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Irene Parsons, of Wilkes County, North Carolina, who passed away last week.

Parsons was a woman who knew a thing or two about shattering glass ceilings. After she graduated from the Women's College of the University of North Carolina in 1941, she then went on to graduate with the first class of the Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard, known as SPARS. She then served at the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington.

After the war Parsons worked at the Veterans Administration. She was eventually appointed by President Johnson as director of personnel at the Veterans Administration. At the time, the VA was the second largest government agency with over 200,000 employees and Parsons was the only female director of personnel for a major government agency.

Later, in 1972, Parsons was honored with a Career Service Award from President Nixon for her many years of service to our nation. She was also the first woman to receive the VA's coveted Silver Helmet award. Parson's also received the Federal Women's Award during her service in the federal government.

After retirement from government service she returned to her home in Wilkes County where she remained very active in the community. Irene Parsons made many strides for women during a time in which men still filled most leadership roles in government and business. Her life is an inspiring example for today's generation of young female leaders. She will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones who mourn this great loss.

PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, Social Security and Medicare bring economic security within

reach of working American families, regardless of income. Workers deserve the benefits they are owed after a lifetime of paying into these programs.

And, yet, there are some, driven by blind ideology and partisanship, who aim to chip away at those guarantees, bit by bit. There are budget proposals—reducing the operating expenses for the Social Security program, and curtailing the ability of Social Security to pay benefits—that hint of a radical restructuring of the program. There are budget proposals that are unabashed in their radicalism toward Medicare.

In the name of fixing deficits in other areas of the budget, some will try to point fingers at seniors programs as the culprit, but don't you believe it. We must be extremely cautious and jealous in protecting Social Security and Medicare, or we may find that they will be taken away forever.

DENNIS MANN WILL BE MISSED

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 8th, the Town of Sharon and many others will be honoring Dennis Mann on the occasion of his retirement as the Fire Chief of Sharon, Massachusetts. Sharon is a town very well represented in this body—it has been, since 1982, in the district I am privileged to represent, and it is the hometown of my colleague from Massachusetts, Mr. KEATING, who served Sharon as a State Representative and State Senator before moving on to become the District Attorney for the county in which it is located and, most recently, our colleague here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, Dennis Mann exemplifies public service at its best, and at a time when too many people are prone to denigrate public servants, I am very proud to hold him up as an example of the kind of dedication, integrity, and commitment from which the public benefits. Dennis Mann has been a member of the Sharon Fire Department for over 30 years, and he was Chief for 13. In addition to the difficult job of running a fire department, with all that that entails, Dennis Mann's commitment to others has led him to teach CPR and also serve as an instructor in karate.

Mr. Speaker, we are as a society very lucky to have people who are prepared to risk their lives in the fire service, one of the most dangerous occupations in the world, and we too often take for granted the safety that they provide for us. I very much regret that there are those who would deny them the resources we need—and I say we and not they—for them to do their job on our behalf.

Mr. Speaker, to Dennis Mann, his wife Kathy, and their children Jamie and Carissa, I send my very best wishes; my congratulations on a job well done; and gratitude for the example Mr. Mann has set for public service at its best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 225 on H.R. 1246. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this vote.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ALEX ROBINSON

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

Since I have been a competitive swimmer for over ten years, I thought that it would be a good idea to volunteer at the Plano Special Olympics Swim Team. Not only did I help these kids with their swimming, I made friendships that mean the world to the kids.

I worked for about three months with them, and most of my swimmers achieved their goal at the championship meet, which was a gold medal. One swimmer was constantly afraid of getting in the water, but I eventually got him to conquer his fear and jump into the pool. Often, especially at schools, the mentally challenged kids are written off and no one pays attention to them, but that is just wrong. These are some of the nicest people that you will ever meet, and they are especially eager to learn. Not only is this a great opportunity to make these kids better swimmers, it is a chance to make these kids feel like they fit in and it makes them feel very good about themselves. I was very apprehensive about volunteering at first, but it was one of the most rewarding decisions that I have ever made. The Special Olympics is often short on volunteers, and I really recommend volunteering.

—Alex Robinson

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Air Force Sergeants Association's 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated at its 2011 Professional Airmen's Conference and International Convention in San Antonio, July 23 through 27, 2011.

The Air Force Sergeants Association is a not-for-profit organization serving the professional and personal interests of its 110,000 association members, made up of active duty, veteran, and retired enlisted members of the Air Force, as well as the Air National Guard and Reserve. The AFSA advocates for 955,873 active duty and retired Airmen, whether they are an association member or not. Including family members, who also "serve," the number of enlisted "Airmen" represented by AFSA is huge. The association has an auxiliary to which family members of Air Force enlisted members can belong.

The association began in 1961, and has earned the respect of Congressional, Pentagon, and Veterans Affairs leaders for its relentless role as a voice of the Air Force enlisted. The association was instrumental in the establishment of the Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses of retired veterans. They played a major role in the recent passage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, a comprehensive overhaul of the previous education benefits that will ensure Air Force members and their families are provided with improved educational opportunities. The association has ensured that many military family issues have been brought to the forefront, including the need to construct additional child development centers for child care needs and the establishment of an oversight office in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the Exceptional Family Members Program to better manage special needs across all military services.

The association also played a significant role to assure veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other Overseas Contingency Operations receive the proper and well-earned benefits, care, and treatment for their selfless and heroic service to a grateful nation.

At the vanguard of the effort to achieve cost-of-living adjustments for all those in uniform and those who have retired, the association was a main force in implementing TRICARE for Life medical benefits for retirees over 65 and the implementation of "concurrent receipt" of retirement and disability pay for disabled veterans, rated over 50% disabled.

Additionally, the Air Force Sergeants Association has been a reliable source of information for the legislative process in support of military members and their families.

This well-known and highly respected veteran's organization has been dedicated to serving the total Air Force enlisted corps and their families for 50 years. For 2011, they have adopted "The Air Force Sergeants Association—A Global Voice for over 50 years" as the theme for their Professional Airmen's Conference and AFSA International Convention. May the association continue its good work for many years to come.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. BERG. Mr. Chair, for eight years, Washington has failed to provide our nation with a long term and stable plan for our aviation infrastructure.

This bill will ensure the much-needed long-term stability and development of our nation's aviation infrastructure.

However, I'm incredibly concerned about the provision in this bill that would phase out Essential Air Service support.

EAS is critical in large states like my own. Rural regions rely on EAS support for vital air transportation. In North Dakota, airports like those in Jamestown and Devils Lake would not be able to provide critical air service without EAS support.

I've talked with North Dakotans, and I know how much they rely on access to air service. Numerous North Dakotans depend on air travel as an essential part of their jobs, and for many rural residents, driving in bad North Dakota weather to get to a larger airport simply isn't viable.

Eliminating EAS would have a significant, detrimental effect on my state and on North Dakotans' access to air service.

As we prioritize spending, we also must promote economic development and job creation. In areas like North Dakota, maintaining essential air service is critical for commerce—we want businesses to invest in our cities.

A Goodrich plant in Jamestown employs nearly 500 North Dakotans. They rely on local air service to do business—air service that would not be possible if essential air service support was phased out.

We can't ask companies to invest in our state if we are unable to provide the basic infrastructure necessary for them to be competitive and do business.

I've spoken with Congressman MICA and with the Transportation committee and I understand the need for this process to keep moving forward.

This bill contains many good provisions that I support. It will expand research and development for remotely piloted aircraft, a growing field that holds enormous potential not only for our nation's military, but also our academic institutions and farmers and border security.

North Dakota has established itself as a leader in the development and research of remotely piloted aircraft technology, and I'm confident that the creation of new test sites will benefit this technology's continued success in our state.

But while I support these things, I also know how vital rural access to essential aviation is. That's why, before it is sent to the President, it is critical that the final version of this bill maintains EAS support.

So I ask the gentleman from Florida if he will commit to working with me and other concerned members to support the EAS program and maintain critical rural air service.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER S. HAMILTON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Christopher S. Hamilton for his outstanding service to the Tall Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America. Christopher will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, April 7, sponsored jointly by the Tall Pine Council and the Burton Rotary Club, where he will be presented with the Jack A. Hamady Good Scout Award.

Christopher S. Hamilton grew up in the Flint area, earning the Eagle Scout distinction from Troop 120 in Linden Michigan. He went on to play football for Purdue University and was a member of the only Purdue team to win the Rose Bowl. After graduation he returned to the Flint area and worked for AC Spark Plug until his retirement in 2007. During this time he was an avid promoter of Scouting. Christopher was an Explorer Advisor for Post 651, a volunteer committee member of the Tall Pine Council Golf Tournament for over 20 years, and a Friends of Scouting Captain for the Tall Pine Council. In 1999 he received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to an adult volunteer in Scouting.

In 2008 Christopher became the Executive Director of the Old Newsboys of Flint. This was the culmination of several years working as a member of the Old Newsboys of Flint Board of Directors. He served as President of the Board and Secretary/Treasurer before assuming the duties of Executive Director. He has been active with Easter Seals, the United Way, the Burton Rotary Club, F&AM Lodge Number 23, Flint Elks Number 222, Burton Eagles, and several local Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Christopher

S. Hamilton as he is honored by the Tall Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America for his work on behalf of the children in the Flint community. He has touched numerous lives and I wish him the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—MICHAEL ROBERTO

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I greeted the troops at DFW Airport. My schedule only allowed me to go on the weekends, but I took advantage of any plane coming into Dallas. I called the Welcome Home a Hero hotline and found out when the planes would arrive each day. In order to never miss the greeting, I would get to the appropriate terminal and wait there for sometimes up to an hour for the troops to come out. I will one day be one of those soldiers walking through those doors, and I seem to already appreciate the fact that there were so many people

there. The administrators make sure the troops are directed towards different terminals or gates if they have connecting flights. Also they have people bring snacks and water which the troops seem to like for obvious reasons. This event only takes a few hours including driving, but every second is worth it when you see the smiles on their faces. They are so happy to be home and ready to see the relatives that they miss so deeply. God Bless those soldiers, God Bless America.

—Michael Roberts

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 1, 2011, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 223 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1255 with instructions), and "no" on rollcall vote No. 224 (on passage of H.R. 1255).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I was unable to cast my votes on Monday, April 4, 2011 due to a scheduled meeting in my District with constituents in St. Joseph and Ogden, Illinois and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote on H.R. 1246.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 225 on H.R. 1246, to reduce the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for printing and reproduction, I would have voted in favor of this bill. It is imperative in these times of rising deficit and debt levels that we take a fine tooth comb to every budget and find wasteful spending. This bill, sponsored by an ex-member of our military, is a prime example of the types of bills we should continue to pursue as we tackle the overall levels of spending through the annual budget and appropriations process. Had I been present to vote on this bill, I would have voted, "aye."

INTRODUCTION OF THE VIRGINIA ACCESS TO ENERGY ACT (VA ENERGY ACT)

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, each week, folks across Virginia and the nation are confronted with the rising cost of energy. However, Virginians understand that a major component in lessening energy costs is to produce more energy.

I believe that Virginia should have every tool available to access their energy supplies. For

many years, the Commonwealth of Virginia has seriously been considering the potential positive impact that Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) development off Virginia's coast would have on the Commonwealth. In fact, there has been wide support for environmentally responsible energy production by the Governor of Virginia, the Virginia General Assembly and by many local governments in the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has made it clear that they want to access their energy resources. I believe that we should access these resources and we can do it while being environmentally responsible. Therefore, I rise today, with the majority of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, to introduce the "Virginia Access to Energy Act," to give the Commonwealth access to these energy supplies. This legislation would start energy production off of Virginia's coast based on the Department of Interior's own proposal. This legislation simply requires that the Department of Interior proceed with their proposed Virginia lease sale no later than one year after passage of this legislation.

Passage of this legislation and development of VA's OCS will significantly boost the economy of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It has been estimated by the U.S. Department of Interior that Virginia's OCS has 130 million barrels of recoverable oil and 1.14 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas. This translates into a significant boost to the economy of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In fact, some estimates have shown that development of Virginia's OCS will create 2,578 full-time equivalent positions on an annual basis, induce capital investment of \$7.84 billion, yield \$644 million in direct and indirect payroll, and result in \$271 million in state and local taxes. While exploration activities alone will infuse the Virginia economy with a significant amount of new capital, this legislation will also authorize any qualified revenues generated by the lease sales to be shared between the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Additionally, the legislation sets up revenue-sharing for the Commonwealth for any future lease sales off of Virginia's coast.

My legislation, the Virginia Access to Energy Act, is an important component to any long-term strategy to reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil. This legislation ensures that Virginia has every tool available to access its energy supplies, while at the same time creating thousands of jobs for Virginians and infusing the Commonwealth with new capital growth. I urge Congress to pass this legislation to allow Virginia to move towards a path of energy independence.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,251,174,516,308.48.

On January 6, 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 \$3,605,505,817,922.70 since then.

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

PASSING OF FORMER REP. JOHN ADLER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a dear friend and colleague, former Congressman John Adler. It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve with John during the 111th Congress, where we worked together on legislation such as the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Employee Free Choice Act. John always put the interests of his constituents first, and I can confidently say that the people of New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District were privileged to have a representative as dedicated and committed to his job as John.

John and I also shared a particular interest in Veteran's issues. As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he worked tirelessly to ensure that our Nation's veterans received the benefits they deserved as a result of their tremendous sacrifice and service to this country. As a veteran myself, I take particular pride in saluting John's accomplishments in this field.

Again, I join with my colleagues in expressing my sincerest condolences on the passing of Congressman Adler. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Shelley, and his four sons. I hope that my colleagues will take this time to reflect on his life and his work, and may he serve as an example to all of us of a life well lived.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF SUSAN BENDER

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek Congressional recognition of the exceptional achievements and outstanding career of Susan Bender. Over the course of her almost 40-year professional career with Jewish Community Centers (JCC) in New York City and Long Island, Susan worked tirelessly to ensure that families and individuals living in New York City and Long Island had access to mental-health and social-service programs. She has not only been an innovative leader and unyielding advocate for individuals with disabilities, but also a dedicated leader in her community.

After graduating from Brooklyn College with a degree in speech pathology, Susan began working at JCCs with distinction. She started her career at the Staten Island Jewish Community Center as the Director of Early Childhood Development. In 1988, she moved to be the Executive Director at the Young Men's—Young Women's Hebrew Association in Westchester, New York. Then, in 1992, Susan became the Executive Director of the Sid

Jacobson Jewish Community Center in East Hills, New York, in my congressional district.

Under Susan's enthusiastic direction, Sid Jacobson has flourished. The Center dramatically expanded its facility in East Hills and also added the Bernice Jacobson Day School and Camp in Old Westbury, New York. Susan developed the Center's noted innovative programs for autistic children, single parents, and the bereaved. She helped found a first-of-its-kind program for adults with early-onset Alzheimer's and their families.

Today, the Center has a staff of over 250, an annual budget of \$12 million, and offers an extensive catalog of dynamic programs for people of all ages and abilities. The success of the Center is a direct testament to the strength of Susan's leadership and her dedication to providing community members with the best possible services.

In addition to her work at Sid Jacobson, Susan has applied her energy and vision in a variety of leadership roles in the national JCC movement. She served as a member of the Jewish Community Center Association's board of directors, was president of the Association of Jewish Center Professionals (AJCP) for the Eastern Region, and, in 2002, was named the national president of the AJCP.

Mr. Speaker, this year Susan Bender will retire having contributed immeasurably to her community. I am proud to recognize Susan and I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her lifetime of tremendous work for others.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—MADELINE MINCHILLO

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An average teenager might have spent 6 hours on a Saturday sleeping, playing infamous video games, or hanging with friends. I spent my 6 hours building a ramp through The Dallas Ramp Project. That morning and afternoon I learned how to construct a ramp so that a 96 year old woman, Lovey, could be freed from her home. I, a teenager, who could have been doing all the things listed above like a "normal" teenager, but I didn't. I decided to make a difference in someone else's life for the better. I learned how important and how valuable time really is. 6 hours to some is 3 movies. 6 hours to another person is giving back a person's freedom. I strive not to be a success but to be a value. I now have a better understanding of life. Not only did I build a ramp, I built relationships with my team members. I encourage you to do something with your 6 hours because you too are able; able to change the world, able to be a blessing to others, and able to make an impact. So the next time you have 6 hours what will you do?

—Madeline Minchillo

IN HONOR OF STAFF SERGEANT
FRANK E. ADAMSKI III

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to honor Staff

Sergeant Frank E. Adamski III of Moosup, Connecticut. Staff Sergeant Adamski was killed on March 29, 2011, by small arms fire during combat operations in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. More than a hundred people gathered in Plainfield today to honor him and his service to our nation.

Frank graduated from Plainfield High School in 2002 where he was a well-known and well-liked student athlete who played on the Panthers football team. Following graduation, Frank enlisted in the Army and served a combat tour in Iraq from January 2006 to February 2007. Most recently, he deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in Kentucky.

Friends describe Frank as a bright young man who loved his country and was passionate about serving in the military. Moreover, he was a great family man as husband to Danielle Lee Adamski, also of Plainfield, and a father to Victoria, his one-year-old daughter. Sadly, he would have celebrated his 27th birthday last week as well as his 4th wedding anniversary.

These milestones, as well as the countless memories, make his passing all the more difficult for the family, friends and community who mourn his passing.

Sergeant Frank Adamski served his country bravely, and his dedication and patriotism serve as an inspiration to us all. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family in this difficult time. I ask my colleagues to join me and so many across eastern Connecticut in honoring the service and sacrifice of this young man.

CONGRATULATING THE EAGLES
OF SCHOOLCRAFT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eagles of Schoolcraft High School on their men's basketball state championship title. These outstanding young men

have worked hard for this accomplishment and have made their community very proud. Their 73–59 victory is an achievement that will be remembered forever.

Winning a state championship is a remarkable achievement that few teams ever experience. This championship is a legacy that the 2010–2011 Eagles will remember forever. The Eagles and Coach Randy Small, along with assistant coaches Bob Saxman, Derrick Small, Lee Ingram, Jon Tone, and Aaron Beery, know that success comes through teamwork and dedication. The Eagles' commitment to the game and their drive to go the extra mile, led them to victory.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Eagles squad: Jon Cakmakci, Kody Chandler, Benny Clark, Zac Decker, Tyler Dow, Bryan Jones, Blake Krum, Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Lenning, Jacob Marshall, Luke Ryskamp, Joe Savage, Cam Schwartz, Jeffrey Scott, and Trent Skippers. We salute all of you.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Schoolcraft Eagles, Coach Small, and the entire Schoolcraft community—you are an inspiration to us all. Go Eagles!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 31, I attended the service and funeral of my dear friend and mentor, Geraldine Ferraro, and missed rollcall votes Number 205 and 206. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 205, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 and 206, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters.