

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Volunteering in my community has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Each event provided me with a unique life experience and has added to my sense of community. One of the events I volunteered at was Matthews Elementary School's Fall Carnival. Seeing the interactions between the families and friends was amazing and brought back memories from when I was that age. I also volunteered at Huffman Elementary School's Math Night where I super-

vised math oriented games. Another place I earned service hours was at Mustang Creek Nursing Home, where I played bingo and talked with the residents. I have sincerely enjoyed the time I have spent at Mustang Creek and I plan on continuing to visit the residents there. One of the longest events I have volunteered in was at my church's aide station in Dallas's Whiterock marathon. I spent six and a half hours helping set up and run the station. These volunteering experiences have changed my perspective and made me feel like a greater part of my community. In the future I plan on continuing to volunteer in my community and help other people.

—Samantha Todd

THE RESTART ACT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bipartisan bill to avert a U.S. rare earth supply crisis by restoring our nation's production of rare earth metals. This bill, the Rare Earths Supply-Chain Technology and Resources Transformation Act of 2011 (RESTART Act), would achieve this by reestablishing a domestic rare earth industry in the United States.

Currently, the world is nearly 100 percent reliant on Chinese exports for these critical materials and China's trade policies of restricting rare earth exports pose a serious threat to both the economic and national security of the United States. China supplies about 95 percent of the world's rare earth metals, used in everything from wind turbines, electric car batteries, television sets, smart phones, and advanced weapons systems. Chinese officials have announced a decision to cut exports of rare earth metals by 35 percent in the first half of 2011. The Chinese government-ordered reduction in rare earth metals exports demonstrates the urgent need for us to act to correct our rare earth supply chain vulnerability.

I became alarmed early in 2009 when I learned that many U.S. defense contractors rely heavily on Chinese exports of rare earth metals to make everything from night vision goggles, tanks, and fighter aircraft, to precision guided munitions. This reliance on China poses a key vulnerability.

My comprehensive, bipartisan legislation will put in place mechanisms to assist U.S. companies with meeting their needs for rare earth metals and ensure our national security needs are met in the near term.

The legislation does not waive environmental laws, but it directs appropriate federal agencies to expedite the permitting process in order to increase the exploration and development of domestic rare earth elements, and the legislation establishes a multi-agency Task Force to carry out this process. The legislation makes federally-backed loans available to start rare earth production only when private

capital is not available. The bill sets-up a Defense Logistics Agency rare earth domestic inventory to generate a domestic market and facilitate the domestic sourcing of rare earth alloys and magnets. It establishes a rare earth program at the U.S. Geological Survey, and it require the various cabinet Secretaries appoint Executive Agents for rare earths.

Our Nation must act to protect our security interests with regard to rare earth elements. China is neither an ally of the United States nor is it a reliable trade partner when it comes to these strategic metals.

My legislation has the support of the Coalition for a Prosperous America, CPA, the United States Magnet Materials Association, USMMA, and their members who are most affected by the disruption in the rare earth metals market.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
JOSHUA S. GIRE

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect us, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's seventh congressional district to recognize and honor the life of Army Staff Sergeant Joshua S. Gire.

Gire, 28, lived a purposeful life. He served the United States with honor. Regrettably, it was Staff Sergeant Gire's duty as a soldier defending the interests of this great country of ours that led to his death. He was killed in combat in Afghanistan on March 22, 2011. Staff Sgt. Gire showed exceptional courage and bravery while defending the United States.

Joshua S. Gire graduated from Huntington High School in 2000 and enlisted in the Army in 2001, just prior to the terrorist attacks of September 11th. This was Gire's second deployment to Afghanistan. He also served time in Iraq and Kosovo. Staff Sergeant Gire comes from a family dedicated to military service. He followed his grandfather, a World War II veteran, and father, a Vietnam veteran, into the Army.

He had recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Gire was based in Germany before his deployment to Afghanistan, where he lived with his immediate family. Staff Sergeant Gire is survived by his wife Jackie, as well as their 5-year-old son Nicolas and their daughter Riley, who just turned 3.

Those who know Staff Sergeant Gire speak highly of him, saying he is a role model to young children, and that he did his job and he did it right. My heart goes out to his widow and their children. Joshua S. Gire is a true hero who will never be forgotten.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's seventh

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congressional district in honoring the life and memory of Staff Sergeant Joshua S. Gire.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BILL
SAMUELS, JR.

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Kentuckian, Mr. Bill Samuels Jr. On April 15, Mr. Samuels will retire as President of Maker's Mark Distillery in Loretto, Ky., leaving a legacy of old fashioned integrity and quality craftsmanship.

Our Commonwealth produces many incredible products. Along with Kentucky grown horses and tobacco, we are also known for our fine bourbon.

Samuels has dedicated his career to Kentucky's signature industry, helping to make Kentucky bourbon world renowned and contributing so much to such a vital part of the Commonwealth's heritage that provides thousands of jobs.

A seventh-generation distiller, Samuels took over the family business from his father, Bill Samuels, Sr., who invented the Maker's Mark recipe.

Samuels followed his father's lead in crafting a superior product by continuing the tradition of small, closely supervised production—keeping the bottling to about 600,000 cases per year, a fraction of most distilleries.

Though Samuels grew up around the bourbon industry, playing Lincoln Logs with an aged Col. Jim Beam, he had other ideas for his future. Samuels played basketball in high school; however, he realized he was not very good.

He then went to college at Case Western Reserve University where he studied rocket science and solid propellants. When solid propellants became obsolete, Samuels decided to attend law school at Vanderbilt University.

When he finished law school, he returned to Kentucky to work temporarily for his father, but 13 years later he was still with the company, and his father, Samuels, Sr., passed him the mantle of Maker's Mark.

Of the Nation's bourbon distilleries, Maker's Mark is the oldest distillery, continuously operating on its own site. I am proud to represent them here in Washington and look forward to their continued success.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Bill Samuels, Jr., for his dedication and contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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I assisted with an Eagle Scout project at the Heritage Farmstead in Plano, Texas. The project consisted of planting eight trees along a fence. This required digging holes about four feet deep and four feet wide. After placing the trees in the holes, we had to fill the holes back up with soil, then place mulch around each tree, and finally water the trees. I also played in the orchestra for the Christmas performance at the Custer Road Methodist Church. This allowed me to work with some of the professionals in our community. This opportunity allowed me to gain more experience as a musician, as well as contributing as a member of the orchestra for my church. I played in the King's Players for the Church on two different occasions. This gave me an opportunity to give back to my church.

—Zachary Stubblefield

HONORING MAX POMERANC

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Max Pomeranc. Mr. Pomeranc has been a member of my staff since 2007. For almost four years, he has served the

United States Congress and the people of Brooklyn and Queens with honor and distinction.

Max is a native New Yorker who brought the characteristics associated with being a New Yorker to work with him every day: hard-nosed determination, a keen sense of justice and fairness, and a strong willed refusal to allow any of my constituents to get anything less than fierce advocacy and unyielding assistance from my office.

Over his many years of service, Mr. Pomeranc helped secure millions of dollars for the communities I represent. He worked with all levels of government to get the 9th district in New York as much funding as possible. Max oversaw the operations in my office that protected the elderly and disabled, give a voice in government to the disenfranchised, and honored the sense among citizens that elected officials are here to help people, first and foremost.

Max steered my district ship through many battles. There was an historic presidential election, budget battles with an all-time feverish pitch, and the passing of the most sweeping health care reform legislation since the creation of Medicare.

This chapter of Max's storied career gives way to his next adventure, and I rise to give him due recognition. He will be missed by his colleagues, my constituents, and by me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my vote on the House floor during the vote on H.R. 1246 on Monday, April 4, 2011 because of family commitments in Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1246 (Roll no. 225).

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

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give." This quote by Winston Churchill describes me and my life. Since the seventh grade, I have dedicated my time in volunteering for various organizations that bring the community together. As teenagers, there are times when we are all busy with homework or competition, but there is always a time where we have nothing scheduled. It's moments like these where I know that instead of watching television and being a couch potato, I could actually be helping my community. I have volunteered at numerous school events, programs held by the Salvation Army, as well as activities at retirement homes. Throughout my experiences with volunteering for these activities, I have learned how to speak with the different age groups, which has improved my communication skills greatly. I also learned how many teenagers take basic necessities for granted and that we should think of those less fortunate. There is nothing better than the feeling of giving back to the community, not in one way, but in many! There is no better feeling than knowing that I helped the community by dedicating my time.

—Tina Sharma

HONORING STEPHEN M. BLOCK

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Stephen M. Block, who is retiring as Legislative Director of the American Civil Liberties Union for the National Capital Area.

Steve has demonstrated outstanding leadership and integrity during his service with the ACLU. Throughout the past 17 years, Steve has worked tirelessly on a broad range of civil liberties matters in order to bring about a more fair and just society.

One of Steve's most noteworthy accomplishments was his work on the Sexual Of-

fenders Registration Act (Megan's Law). Steve identified numerous objectionable features that would have discriminated against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Thanks to his tireless efforts, the bill that was enacted was significantly improved. For his effective and determined work on this law, Steve received the Distinguished Service Award from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance.

Steve also played an invaluable role in drafting and lobbying for the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004, which established a new regime for the exercise of First Amendment rights in the District. And he was integral to the passage of the statute establishing the Office of Police Complaints.

ACLU Executive Director Johnny Barnes puts it well:

Steve Block, in my view, cannot be replaced. A combination of intellect, wisdom, vision, grit, gnash, and tenacity, this is one gentle man with whom you don't want to tangle. Do not be deceived by his soft eyes, ready smile and grandfather-like persona, this is one tough cowboy. A former Navy officer and CIA and State Department employee, Steve reflects, in every respect, the highest honor, unblemished integrity, and flawless principle. Yet, while he is strong, he can be very sensitive. He has the capacity to address complex matters dispassionately, and at the same time demonstrate appropriate compassion. He is easy to work with, yet unafraid to stand alone. He hears the call of Ghandi and respects the legacy of King. Still, Steve happily follows, and readily leads. He is a brilliant thinker, a superb researcher, and a provocative and penetrating writer. He has been the sage on our staff, one who is always able to find a way to bring seemingly diametrically opposing forces to the same end. . . . He cannot be replaced, his impact will be felt well into the future. Yet, at the same time, the imprint he leaves will serve as a guidepost for the one who comes after him.

Steve will be sorely missed by the ACLU and the countless people for whom he has fought so hard, but his work for the advancement of civil liberties will continue to benefit us all for many years.

HONORING BOB YOUNG

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you to honor Bob Young, the retiring president of Central Vermont Public Service.

In his time at CVPS, Bob led the company through a cultural, service and environmental transformation to the benefit of its customers and the Green Mountain State. He turned CVPS into a leaner, more responsive company that placed customer service, reliability and corporate citizenship as its cornerstones.

When Bob assumed the presidency in 1995, CVPS faced a host of challenges, from utility restructuring to rate pressures to low employee morale. CVPS was often perceived as out of touch with Vermont values, and regulatory conflicts were common.

Bob put an end, to 'business as usual' and transformed CVPS into a world-class utility, recognized by Forbes as one of 100 most trustworthy companies in the U.S. Under

Bob's leadership, CVPS won the Edison Electric Institute's Emergency Recovery Award three times. It is the nation's smallest utility to win it even once.

Bob focused the company on reducing environmental impacts, improving wildlife habitats and creating the nation's first manure-to-energy customer choice program. The Department of Energy subsequently awarded CVPS the 2009 Utility Green Power Program of the Year.

Bob made CVPS a model of corporate civic engagement, providing leadership on a host of community projects in Vermont, and organizing blood drives that have broken the New England record three years in a row.

Bob will leave a lasting legacy when he retires on May 3, 2011. Please join me today in thanking Bob Young for his leadership and in wishing him and his wife, Vicky, the very best in the next phase of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 due to a flight delay caused by mechanical difficulties. Had I been present, I would have voted in against the previous question motion on H. Res. 200 (Roll no. 226), against H. Res. 200 (Roll no. 227), and in favor of approving the Journal (Roll no. 228).

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For the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council year I participated in the Plano Teen Court program. This program deals with underage teenagers who have committed class "C" misdemeanor, whether it is a traffic violation, disturbance of class, assault, or possession of drug paraphernalia. To be able to participate in the role that I am honored enough to have been able to land, that is, the role of one of the most loved (or the most ill despised) people in the court room (chiefly, rotating between the prosecuting and defense attorney positions), I had to undergo a training session. The training was aimed at making me acquainted with the more simple aspects of the judicial system, with the proper way to carry myself in a court of law, and with oratory skills necessary for proper presentation of the circumstances. As a Teen Attorney I defended/prosecuted the defendants, in order to give them a punishment, consisting of simple court fees and community service. This community service, with specialized hour ranged being given for each offense. A panel of peers, teenagers who have volunteered their time to admonish a punishment that they feel is fair to the miscreants.

—Anna Shapovalova

HONORING RALPH M. BARUCH

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ralph M. Baruch, who will receive the WNET Distinguished Service Award, and to honor his pivotal role in American broadcast media.

Ralph Baruch has led a truly remarkable life. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he fled as a young child from Nazi Germany to Paris. He again sought exile from France during the war and on a three-month journey through France he heroically transported his grandmother over the Pyrenees Mountains.

From an early age, Ralph understood the vital power of the free media to ensure a just and fair world. Following his immigration to the United States in 1940, Mr. Baruch began his long and distinguished career in communications in radio then joined the DuMont Television Network in 1950. As television became

a force in the American lifestyle, he began a long stint at CBS in 1954, then co-founded Viacom International Inc. and served as President and CEO from 1971 to 1983. During his tenure, he played a role in establishing or acquiring some of the most popular cable networks in the nation including Lifetime, MTV, Nickelodeon, The Movie Channel, and VH-1.

Events during Ralph's formative years were perhaps the most poignant in history in demonstrating the influence of media and the suppression of information on society. Perhaps that is why he sought to ensure an open government and freedom of the press throughout his career, including by co-founding C-SPAN. He believed strongly in the public's right to a real-time connection to our government's proceedings and in the responsibility of our citizens to actively participate in our government. C-SPAN has grown to provide unprecedented unedited coverage of government events throughout the nation as well as cultural and educational opportunities, like literary discussions and materials for teachers and students.

Mr. Baruch has already been honored with numerous awards for his leadership including an induction into the Cable Hall of Fame in 2006, cable television industry's highest honor, the Vanguard Award, their Chairman of the Year Award, and the International Radio & Television Society's Gold Medal.

Mr. Baruch has also donated his time to a number of important positions in his community to support public television and to promote the history of broadcast media. He served as vice chairman of Carnegie Hall, a Trustee of the Museum of Television and Radio, and a member of the New York City Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission under former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani. He currently serves on the board of Thirteen and as a Trustee of Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Baruch has balanced his distinguished career and philanthropic work with an equally impressive family life. He and his wife Jean have four daughters, Eve Baruch, Renee Baruch, Alice Baruch, M.D., and Michele Baruch Jeffery. Mr. Baruch is the author of an autobiography, *Television Tightrope—How I Escaped Hitler, Survived CBS and Fathered Viacom*, published in April 2007.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a national broadcast media icon, Mr. Ralph Baruch.

HONORING CAPTAIN BRIAN RINGER

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Brian Ringer served the Morgan County Sheriff's Department with distinction, integrity, and dedication. He consistently demonstrated the highest standards of outstanding leadership and public service.

Captain Ringer has been a trusted member of the Morgan County Sheriff's Department for over 29 years and has played a central role in securing and protecting the citizens of Morgan County. He left the Department on January 20

of this year to begin work as a fulltime instructor with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and will continue his dedication to public service.

I am proud to honor Captain Brian Ringer in recognition of his accomplishments, exemplary leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

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This year on CYAC we were required to have five hours of community service. Being a busy senior with a huge to do list, I wrote this off as yet another project and essay I was required to complete. Little did I know that I would be so impacted by my volunteering for CYAC. It started with me helping clean up the trash and mess at my school. Gross as it was, we made a difference at

school by getting more people involved in cleaning up our campus and helping to prevent trash from being thrown everywhere so often. Then I decided to volunteer at Spring Creek Gardens, an assisted living home and memory care facility. I volunteered with the memory care patients, playing bingo, singing songs, helping a children's choir, reading, doing a bible study and mostly chatting with the patient's whom did not have many visitors because of their Alzheimer's disease. I was excited to see the growing smiles on their faces as I chatted and heard stories of their kids and their long lives. I decided to continue volunteering each Sunday and helping out as much as possible. Not only did this project help me to make a difference in my community, it made a difference in me as well.

—*Caitlyn Woolum*

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEROY DAVIS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of South Carolina's outstanding academic leaders as he is honored by his alma mater. On April 28, 2011, South Carolina State University is dedicating Leroy Davis Sr. Hall, a science and research complex, in honor of the former student who returned to S. C. State as a professor and went on to serve as its eighth President. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

Leroy Davis was born in Garden City, South Carolina, and is a graduate of the old Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg. He attended South Carolina State College (now University) and graduated in 1971 with a B.S. degree in Biology. The following year, he earned a master's degree in Microbiology from Purdue University. In 1979, Dr. Davis received his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology.

After earning his academic credentials, Dr. Davis returned to his roots and took a position as an assistant professor of biology at South Carolina State. He went on to become a full professor, and published numerous articles and papers in general and technical journals.

Dr. Davis continued to climb the professional ladder at South Carolina State, successively holding positions as Program Director for Talented and Gifted Workshops; Director of Academic Counseling and Tutorial Programs; Director of the Office of Institutional Self Studies; Vice Provost for Academic Administration; Vice President for Student Services; and Interim President.

On April 10, 1996, Dr. Davis became President of South Carolina State University by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees. He took over during a troubled time at the college, becoming the second president in just 3 years.

During his career at South Carolina State he accrued a number of honors, including Outstanding Young Men of America 1978, 1979 and 1980; "Teacher of the Year" in 1985 and South Carolina Business Visions Top 25 Influencers for 1997.

After 6 years as President, Dr. Davis retired from South Carolina State on June 30, 2002. The highlights of his tenure include securing \$10 million in federal funds for the James E. Clyburn Transportation Center, renovations to Lowman Hall, expansions of the Whittaker Li-

brary and Hodge Hall, improving Internet accessibility on campus and allowing students to register for classes by computer. He successfully completed construction of the 1890 building that had been mired in contractual disputes for years.

In addition, he secured \$9.5 million for a fine arts center, oversaw enhancements to the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Monument, and erected an SHM historical marker for the three students killed in the Orangeburg Massacre. He also led the effort to establish the Nuclear Engineering program at S. C. State, the first degree program of its kind at a historically black college.

Today, Dr. Davis serves as Executive Director of the Center of Excellence in Rural and Minority Health and Distinguished Professor of Biology at Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina. He is also a leading consultant with the Southern Education Foundation's Center to Serve HBCU Leadership Project.

He is also very active with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, SACS, and has chaired many visiting committees, presented workshops and symposia, and served on special committees. In 2002 he was awarded the SACS Distinguished Service Award for his long-term service and commitment to SACS.

Dr. Davis holds membership in numerous professional and civic organizations, including the American Council on Education, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the New York Academy of Science, and Rotary International.

He also sits on a number of boards and commissions including the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees, the Jessie Ball Dupont Fund Board of Trustees, the Southeastern Council of Foundations Board of Trustees, the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Board of Trustees (Chairman) and the Purdue University College of Science Advisory Board. He previously served on the boards of the National Collegiate Athletics Association, NCAA, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, SACS, the South Carolina Aquarium, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, NAFEO.

Dr. Davis is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including South Carolina's highest civilian award—the Order of the Palmetto—and honorary degrees from Tuskegee University, Francis Marion University, South Carolina State University, and Purdue University.

Dr. Davis is married to the former Christine McGill of Kingstree, South Carolina and they have two adult children—Tonya and Leroy, Jr.—and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Leroy Davis on an extraordinarily distinguished career in academia. It is fitting that he is being recognized for his lifetime of contributions to South Carolina State University. I add my voice to those celebrating his commitment to his Alma Mater. It has been my honor to work closely with Dr. Davis, and I look forward to his continued contributions to academia and society as a whole.

HONORING ELIZABETH OKERSTROM MURGUIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Okerstrom Murguia of Eureka, California on the occasion of her retirement after more than 35 years of extraordinary public service for the people of California's North Coast.

Born and raised in beautiful rural Mendocino County, Liz's parents, Merle and Astrid Okerstrom, instilled in her a deep appreciation for the important things in life: family, community, and civic engagement. From age 10 and on, Liz was raising "Dollars for Democrats" and serving in student government, paving the way for a long career in public service.

Early visits to the Bookmobile growing up nurtured Liz's lifelong passion for books and reading. Graduating from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature in 1972, Liz quickly became a committed and dynamic library advocate. She served on the Humboldt County Library Construction Advisory Committee from 1979 through 1995, playing a central role in raising the funds to construct a new Main Library for the Humboldt County Public Library system. In 1991, she was appointed as a California Delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries in Washington, DC. As Co-Founder and President of the Humboldt Library Foundation since 1996, Liz was the recipient of its distinguished Helen Everett Award in 2006 in recognition of 25 years of tireless work on behalf of public libraries. In 2008, Liz was also appointed to serve on the Library of California Board to ensure that all Californians have access to library resources and services for life-long learning and enrichment.

Following her graduation from college, Liz worked for Zero Population Growth in Washington DC., after which she returned to California and began working for former State Senator and Assemblyman Barry Keene in 1975, where she remained for 18 years.

In 1993, I was honored that Liz joined my State Senate staff as District Representative and then my Congressional staff in 1998, serving as my representative for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties in the United States Congress. Throughout the past 18 years, Liz has proven herself to be an invaluable asset, trusted adviser, and cherished friend. She is a creative and effective problem solver with a breadth of knowledge of public policy and local issues relating to health care, education, community development, and working with Native American Tribes. Liz also has a developed expertise in understanding and solving the North Coast's wide range of natural resource issues, including public land management, timber, salmon restoration, and ocean resources.

Liz is a masterful writer and fundraiser, well known and deeply respected by the community. Her impact has been far-reaching through her service on many boards and committees such as the Open Door Community Health Clinics Board, Keep Eureka Beautiful Board, St. Joseph's Hospital Advocacy Committee,

Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee, Aligning Forces 4 Quality Care Leadership Team, and Timber Heritage Museum Advisory Council. She has also previously served on the North Coast Regional Land Trust Advisory Council, Humboldt Child Care Council, Women's Resources For Work Board, and the North Coast Pro-Choice Pac Board. In 1988, Liz was selected as Democrat of the Year by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee.

Liz is fortunate to be surrounded by a large circle of loving family and lifelong friends. She shared 30 years with the great love of her life, her late husband Sef, with whom she shares four children, Todd, Dana, Adam, and Michael, and nine grandchildren. Liz has a deep appreciation for the arts and music, and is known for her warm and welcoming nature as a hostess of frequent dinner parties, as well as being a passionate gardener, how she spends much of her time.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Elizabeth Okerstrom Murguia for her 35-plus years of dedicated service and extend our best wishes for a well-deserved retirement. She will be greatly missed.

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

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For my mandatory service project, "CYAC in the Community," I had the distinct privilege of serving my community both physically and intellectually. Specifically, I, on behalf of the Frisco Blackbird Squadron of The Civil Air Patrol, was a road guard for Frisco's annual Gary Burns Fun Run as well as a tutor for many of my fellow peers. My intellectual service presented itself in the form of tutoring. During what was, for many, the most stressful time academically of the whole year, I was repeatedly asked to help the struggling with certain tough concepts. I gladly agreed and spent time that I could have used to study for my tests in order to prepare them. My physical service was given in the name of the entire community in the form of the City of Frisco's 11th Annual Gary Burns Fun Run. By setting up barriers, managing the obstruction-free race route, and controlling the restless spectators, I was able to contribute to Frisco's biggest event and one of the nation's largest "fun runs." Additionally, I learned that the nature of servant leadership necessitates actively looking for needs in the community or in an individual.

—Sean Whitney

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I mistakenly cast my vote on rollcall vote No. 209 on Representative DEFAZIO's Amendment No. 9 to H.R. 658 as a "no" vote. I intended to cast an "aye" vote on this measure.

RECOGNIZING ROGER KIRWIN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roger Kirwin of Everett for being named Bedford County's Historian of the Year for 2011 by the Bedford County Historical Society.

Mr. Kirwin is commended for his efforts in preserving, protecting, and documenting the history and heritage of Bedford County and its people.

The Historian of the Year Committee selected Roger in recognition of his contributions to the historical programs at Old Bedford Village. Throughout his term as Executive Director he enhanced many of the already existing programs and added many new programs to the Village's calendar.

Roger has helped provide resources for educational programs for use by local schools.

He also routinely takes educational materials to schools in the county to make presentations on various topics of interest in the county. Roger has often provided programs for senior citizens, civil groups, and organizations such as the Rotary Club, Lions, churches and Scouts.

These events have always been exceptional and well-received by locals and the many tourists who come to participate. Not only did he plan these events, but he has been a part of the many re-enactments and programs.

Roger's visits to the schools and youth organizations of Bedford County to educate young people on county history are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Kirwin's enthusiasm for the history and heritage of Bedford County is admirable and I commend him for his efforts.

HONORING FISHER/NIGHTINGALE HOUSES

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize and celebrate the grand opening of the new Fisher House located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the birthplace, home, and future of aerospace, but most people are not aware that it is also the birthplace of compassionate care housing in the Department of Defense. The base opened the Nightingale house in May of 1990 by converting a base house, making it the first compassionate care house in all of DoD.

In 1991, Zach and Elizabeth Fisher were asked to build one Ronald McDonald type house at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Maryland. What started as a request to build one house has blossomed into a network of 53 compassionate care locations world-wide. Although both Zach and Elizabeth have passed on, their legacy continues today through their nephews and grandnephews.

The Wright-Patterson AFB Fisher and Nightingale Houses provide an opportunity for wounded, injured, and ill military men and women and their families to stay together and support each other while undergoing medical treatment. Guests do not pay for their stay in one of the homes. Furthermore, each house has a wonderful staff and volunteers who provide loving support and ensure all of their needs are met. In 2010, the two Wright-Patterson AFB houses assisted more than 600 families from all branches and components of our Armed Forces, and more than 10,000 families since the opening of the first home nearly 22 years ago.

The new Fisher home opening today is a 10,000 square foot single story home, with 12 bedrooms, 12 handicapped accessible bathrooms, formal living room, large family room, large kitchen and dining room, and expanded laundry facilities. This new home will give Wright-Patterson an additional 1,460 bed nights a year, bringing the entire capacity to 7,665 bed nights a year.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in celebrating the grand

opening of Wright-Patterson AFB's new Fisher House and Compassionate Care Facility.

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

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OF TEXAS

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A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For my volunteer work, I went to Truett Elementary School on three occasions. During my time there, I got to work with underprivileged kids in their after-school program, because many of the children have working parents who cannot pick them up from school until 2 hours after the school day ends. Depending on the day and time, I would help with homework for the day, do arts and crafts, and play with the kids on the playground. Each time, I made friends with the kids and helped them in some way or another, whether it was walking with them to the bathroom or teaching them how to do their math homework. Much of the after-

school program is run by volunteers, and without all of us the teachers would not be able to have as many activities for the children or be able to control all of them. This experience showed me how well I had it as a child, as well as how young children in our community need people to look up to and help them. I plan on going back to Truett at least once a week if I can, and continuing to help all of the children with their work.

—*Jill Waller*

RESTORING GI BILL FAIRNESS ACT OF 2011

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I have introduced the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011.

This bill will temporarily authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, to pay tuition and fees on behalf of eligible veterans attending non-public education and training institutions in an amount that is the greater of \$17,500, or the maximum in-state rate for undergraduate tuition and fees in effect on October 27, 2010.

Mr. Speaker, this temporary change would prevent students who have already enrolled in non-public schools from experiencing a reduction in tuition and fees paid by VA on their behalf due to changes made under Public Law 111-377, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010.

Under the original Post 9/11 GI Bill passed in 2008, the maximum tuition and fees paid to any school—public or private—was equal to the highest in-state rate for undergraduate tuition and fees. Most students attending private institutions in a few states with high public school tuition and fees like New York, Michigan, and Texas receive more assistance under the state-based formula than they will beginning next August under the \$17,500 per year cap required by Public Law 111-377. Such was the expectation of those who enrolled in private schools before the changes were made. I believe it is only fair to "grandfather" those veterans who, through no fault of their own, were adversely affected.

I am pleased to note that this bill is fully paid for in compliance with House rules. The offsets required by this bill are preliminarily estimated to be about \$105 million and will be covered by a temporary, short-term freeze in the monthly Post 9/11 GI Bill housing stipend amounts at the current level for a period of 30 months beginning August 1, 2011. After that period, the monthly housing stipend will be restored to the full rate in effect at that time.

Mr. Speaker this is a temporary, but important fix to the GI Bill that will benefit hundreds of veterans in several states and I encourage all Members to cosponsor the bill.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the threat posed by a nuclear armed

Iran poses an unacceptable risk to the United States and our close ally Israel.

It is clear that Iran is not pursuing a purely civilian nuclear program, but rather one that is designed to further their ability to access and utilize nuclear weapons. This is supported by our country's military and intelligence leaders. Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen said he doesn't believe "for a second" that Iran's nuclear program is for civilian use. While Director of Intelligence James Clapper testified to Congress that Iran is developing "various nuclear capabilities that better position it to produce such weapons."

Yet, Iran's nuclear program continues unabated.

With enough low-enriched nuclear material to produce three nuclear bombs, Iran could be at most two or three years away from a nuclear weapon. They are also developing the capacity to stockpile highly enriched nuclear material.

Quite simply, United States policy must remain focused on preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. I believe that sanctions remain the best tool at our disposal to peacefully persuade Iran to abandon its reckless defiance of international law.

While existing sanctions from the U.S. and the international community had achieved a crippling effect on the Iranian economy, I believe that our sanctions should be tougher to keep pressure on the Iranian leadership. This includes sanctioning foreign banks and energy companies.

The choice is ours: we must continue to engage the international community and do everything in our power to protect our vital ally Israel.

RECOGNIZING REV. CHARLES L. CURRIE, S.J.

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to a dear friend, Rev. Charles L. Currie, S.J., on his retirement from the presidency of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU).

For over four decades, Father Currie has served as a tireless advocate of independent higher education. His passion and dedication have had a tremendous influence on the lives of countless students through his multiple roles as an educator, spiritual leader, and humanitarian. A true renaissance man, Father Currie has personified the AJCU mission of leading a meaningful life of leadership and service.

A product of the Jesuit system, Father Currie earned degrees from Fordham University, Boston College, and Woodstock College, as well as a doctorate in physical chemistry from the Catholic University of America. Following his post-doctoral studies at Cambridge University, Father Currie went on to serve as a noted faculty member at Georgetown University before serving as president of Wheeling College (1972-1982) and Xavier University (1982-1986). At Wheeling and Xavier, his vision and leadership placed an emphasis on the importance of academic quality, effective

planning and management, active involvement and commitment to the community, and strong public-private and ecumenical partnerships.

Following his tenure at Wheeling and Xavier, Father Currie returned to Georgetown University to direct the University's Bicentennial Celebration, which included over 90 academic, cultural and celebratory events from September of 1988 through September of 1989. Later in 1989, following the assassination of six Jesuit priests and two female coworkers by members of the El Salvadorian military, Father Currie was named special assistant to the President of Georgetown to coordinate the university's response to this tragedy. Working closely with congressional leaders and aides, Father Currie successfully organized a number of educational programs at Georgetown and participated in the extensive Congressional response to block military aid to El Salvador.

In 1997, following several years serving as Rector of the Jesuit Community at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Father Currie took the reins as president of the AJCU. Under his leadership, the AJCU has implemented numerous initiatives to increase the free flow of information and communication between the 28 member institutions of the Association. The development of the Jesuit Distance Education Network (JesuitNET) has earned national acclaim, receiving two federal grants and selection by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the Distance Education Demonstration Program. Similarly, the creation of the AJCU Leadership Development Seminar, the promotion of mission and identity activities, and the concerted effort to promote the education of justice have combined to significantly enhance the coordination of Association goals among member institutions.

Perhaps Father Currie's greatest accomplishment as president of the AJCU arose out of tragedy. In 2005, following the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe, Father Currie organized a rapid response from the AJCU members to admit over 1,600 students from Loyola University New Orleans and other affected area universities. By allowing the affected students to continue their studies before returning to the Gulf area in the spring semester, the students were able to maintain uninterrupted instruction and remain on track for timely graduation.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Father Currie for his immeasurable contributions to the cause of higher education and I congratulate him on his well earned retirement following a distinguished career of service and advocacy. In closing, I would be remiss if I did not include the following Ignatian prayer, dedicated to Father Currie and the devoted Jesuit educators like him:

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any
reward,
Save the knowledge that I have done your
will.
Amen.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ROSS VAN DE KOP

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OF TEXAS

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Entering the North Texas Food Bank, I expected to find a small operation of a few dedicated volunteers working tirelessly towards helping as many people as they could. Yet this was not the case, as the facility that I arrived at was a massive testament to the human capacity for compassion. Over 200 workers in a warehouse that rivaled the size of an industrial plant, completely dedicated to helping the citizens of North Texas. Considering a society is measured on how we treat our worst citizens, I would go as far as to say the people at the food bank are bringing America to an even higher standard. The NTFB provided over 40 million meals for the citizens of North Texas in 2010, and are aiming to hit 50 million by the end of this year. Had I only heard this number and not seen the facility, I would have called it far too ambitious. But from what I observed, we

packed 21,155 pounds of usable food, creating a total of 16,227 meals, in under 5 hours. Thanks to the people at the North Texas Food Bank, I truly believe that we, as both Texans and Americans, are doing our best to help as many people as we can.

—Ross Van de Kop

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEALTH OUTCOMES, PLANNING AND EDUCATION ACT (HOPE) FOR ALZHEIMER'S

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my fellow co-chair of the bipartisan Alzheimer's Task Force Mr. SMITH (R-NJ) and colleagues Rep. McDERMOTT (D-WA), BURGESS (R-TX), BORDALLO (D-GU), CHRISTENSEN (D-VI), GRIJALVA (D-AZ) and PIERLUISI (D-PR) to introduce the bipartisan Health Outcomes, Planning and Education (HOPE) for Alzheimer's Act.

One in eight Americans over 65—or 5.4 million individuals—have Alzheimer's disease. Unless science finds a way to prevent or cure it, over 13 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease by the year 2050.

The HOPE Act aims to improve the way we diagnosis Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and provide important information about care and treatment for patients and their families. The bill provides Medicare coverage for comprehensive diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease to guarantee that seniors who show signs of Alzheimer's can receive a formal diagnosis from their doctor and that this diagnosis is documented in their medical record. The bill would also improve care and reduce costs by providing information and resources to newly diagnosed patients and their families by including, for the first time, caregivers in discussions with doctors and patients.

At present, most people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias have not received an official diagnosis. Data from a report done by the Alzheimer's Association found only 19 percent of people over age 65 with dementia had a diagnosis documented in their medical record. African American and Hispanic populations, at higher risk for Alzheimer's disease than whites, are even less likely to have been diagnosed.

Early diagnoses can help individuals receive treatments early, when medications are more likely to be effective, and they allow patients to participate in clinical trials to benefit from cutting edge research. With an early diagnosis, patients can prepare for the oncoming symptoms of the disease with their doctors and caregivers. Ultimately, this can bring down Medicare costs by helping patients better manage other preexisting medical conditions and avoid crises.

Each year, the federal government spends \$93 billion out of Medicare, or almost 20% of the entire Medicare budget, to care for Alzheimer's patients. This money pays for hospitalizations, doctor's visits, and drugs associated with the disease. Facilitating conversations with doctors and caregivers and providing resources for families can help mitigate the number of hospitalizations and complications for patients with the disease.

While we work here in Congress to invest more funding for Alzheimer's research to find a cure, we must continue to help the families who have been impacted by this devastating disease. This bipartisan legislation is a good step toward ensuring these important measures are taken.

The Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Foundation, Cure Alzheimer's Fund, and UsAgainstAlzheimer's have endorsed our legislation, which will increase the likelihood that Alzheimer's will be diagnosed sooner and help families plan for the necessary treatments and care. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on this important issue throughout the legislative process.

CONGRATULATING THE RESIDENTS OF PLUM LAKE, WI ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the residents of the Town of Plum Lake in Vilas County, Wisconsin, as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of their town's founding. Plum Lake comprises the communities of Sayner and Star Lake, which have long been vacation destinations for Wisconsin residents because of their friendly people, magnificent lakes and forests, and abundant fish and game. Folks looking to escape the daily grind can retire to this beautiful area year-round to hunt, fish, ski, and hike along lovely nature trails. Visitors are often surprised to discover that the Town's slogan, "Birthplace of the snowmobile," reflects its invention there by Carl Eliason in 1924.

The Town of Plum Lake was officially formed by an ordinance passed by the Vilas County Board on January 5, 1911. The ordinance went into effect on April 1, 1911, creating the new town from territory detached from the Town of Arbor Vitae. The first town meeting was held in Sayner on April 14, 1911.

In the 19th century, Plum Lake was the center of a vibrant lumber industry, which eventually gave way to tourism. Two years before the founding of the Town, in the summer of 1909, Herb Warner and others began construction on the Plum Lake Golf Club, which opened in 1912 and is today one of Wisconsin's oldest golf courses. Plum Lake also boasts one of Wisconsin's oldest summer camps, Camp Highlands, which began when Harry O. Gilette, a University of Chicago Laboratory School Headmaster, brought ten boys to a remote point on Plum Lake for a summer in the wilderness in 1904.

Today, Plum Lake maintains both its majestic landscape and its place as a prime vacation destination. I am very proud to represent this community and I congratulate the Town of Plum Lake on this historic milestone. I join with all Wisconsinites in expressing pride in the treasures of our state.

PROTECT THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures.

Protecting our veterans and service members is important, but their families are an extension of our military families and affording them equal mortgage foreclosure protection is just as important.

The death of a servicemember while in service, can be hard for a spouse as they adjust to a new life without their loved one, this includes a single family income, which in many instances is not enough to provide for a family and make their mortgage payments. Extending these protections would allow grieving spouses 9 months to work on a resolution with their lender or sell their home, if necessary.

Servicemembers currently receive foreclosure protections for 9 months after the end of military service. These protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) are meant to allow a period of transition and adjustment after service. Unfortunately, this protection does not exist for spouses. That is why today I am introducing this legislation.

H.R. 1263 amends the SCRA by extending protection against mortgage foreclosure for 9 months to a surviving spouse of servicemember who died while in military service and their death is service connected and the individual is the successor of the servicemember's property. In conclusion, H.R. 1263 takes an important step toward protecting the families of our brave fallen heroes. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1263.

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

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

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President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

On the weekend of February 18-19th, I volunteered at the carnival at Shepard Elementary School. I spent time setting up the carnival, running the actual activities, and taking down all of the decorations. I had been to many school fairs when I was in elementary school, but I had never seen the behind-the-scenes action. Volunteering and working the carnival taught me to be more appreciative, as I learned of the efforts involved in running an event. The carnival benefited the community as children were allowed time to play with their families and enjoy time off school. As we finished up cleaning, I talked with many of the other volunteers and realized that many of them wished the carnival were not over. Many volunteers, including myself, enjoy spending their time helping others and having the satisfaction of bettering others' lives. More than two hundred volunteers were a part of the Shepard School Carnival, and I truly believe the carnival would have been impossible without their help. This experience taught me a valuable lesson in the importance of volunteering in the community, and I will definitely continue to serve my community to the best of my ability.

—Calvin Tsay

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,262,144,462,897.94.

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 \$3,623,718,716,604.10 since then.

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

HONORING BARBARA ANN ZAJBEL

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Barbara Ann Zajbel.

As a former Xenia business woman and Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce executive, Barbara Zajbel was known as one of Xenia's most loyal, positive and significant leaders. Those who met or knew Barbara benefited from her uplifting attitude and abundant warmth.

As a dedicated and faithful community servant, Barbara encouraged and motivated others through personal example. Over the years, she spearheaded countless community projects that required hundreds of hours of community service. She would not only organize the projects but would also work with volunteers to perform the necessary tasks in order to make the events successful. Both Barbara and her husband, Tom, are particularly remembered for their 15 years or so of commitment to and involvement with the annual Xenia Old Fashioned Days Festival.

From arriving to Xenia in the late 1970's, Barbara devoted her life to service organizations like Rotary, civic groups and boards, education committees and governmental projects. She served on boards of numerous organizations, such as Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Xenia Educational Endowment Fund, Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, Greene County Economic Development Roundtable, Xenia Downtown Revitalization as well as many other commendable associations. She was also a member of St. Brigid Catholic Church.

One of Barbara's most favorite quotes was "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." Barbara exemplified this quote with her love and energy towards Xenia and the many different boards and organizations she served.

After a hard fought battle with cancer, Barbara Zajbel, 67, passed away on March 28, 2011, surrounded by her husband, Tom Zajbel; sons, Jim and Tom Zajbel; and daughter, Tracy Zajbel Palmer. Barbara's life will continue to be an inspiration to all those who loved her and to the community she served so well.

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

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OF TEXAS

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I volunteered at Friday Nite Friends (FNF) located at the Custer Road United Methodist Church. Every other Friday, FNF provides nurses and volunteers to offer free childcare for special needs children and their siblings. As a volunteer, I was placed with a group of boy siblings to entertain and interact with for the evenings I volunteered. I would spend the evenings playing board games and watching movies with my group or playing tag or scooter races in the large rec room. By the end of the evenings, both the kids and the volunteers would be exhausted. When the parents came to pick up their families they would look so happy and refreshed. But they were always so happy to see their kids and be reunited with them. In some cases this program provides the only opportunity for many of the moms to have any time away from their families to do chores, run errands or just have a quiet moment for themselves. I have come to realize how important this program is to the special needs community. I feel very blessed for my own family and feel fortunate that I am able to help other families.

—*Grant Tollette*

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MEMPHIS STATE BASKETBALL PLAYER AND COACH, LARRY FINCH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Memphis State basketball player and men's basketball coach, Larry Finch. Coach Finch was born on February 16, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee. He grew up in the historic Orange Mound neighborhood and attended Melrose High School. Unaware of the impact his life and love for basketball would have on the city of Memphis, Larry Finch would help ease race relations during a sharply divided era and go on to lead the Memphis State Tigers to the NCAA Tournament finals then coach the team to its greatest number of wins.

Larry Finch joined the Memphis State Tigers in 1969. During a time of high racial upheaval in Memphis, he along with his teammate, Melrose graduate Ronnie Robinson, helped integrate the Tigers. Although he received much advice on schools to attend, he ultimately chose Memphis State because of his love and pride for his city. It was his love for both basketball and Memphis that united the city like never before. Blacks and whites came together, unconcerned about race, to cheer for the Tigers and for Larry Finch.

During Finch's college career, the Tigers had a 63-21 record and either won or tied for two Missouri Valley Conference championships. In 1972, Larry was the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and was named All-America honorable mention by both the Associated Press and UPI. In his senior year, Larry Finch led his team to the 1973 NCAA Tournament championship game against the UCLA Bruins. He scored an impressive 29 points but the Tigers still fell to the Bruins, 87-66. It's reported that when asked why he helped UCLA lead Bill Walton off the court after sustaining an injury to his ankle, he replied with laughter, "Because he was kicking our butt." Bill Walton later noted that it was Larry Finch alone among all players on the court that helped the star when he was in need of assistance.

After helping lead his team to the 1973 finals, Larry's No. 21 jersey was retired. He was the Tiger's all-time leading scorer and currently ranks fourth with 1,869 points. The Tigers had never won an NCAA Tournament game before Larry Finch joined the team.

Larry Finch was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers after graduating but instead decided to sign with the local American Basketball Association team, the Memphis Tams. From 1975 to 1979, Larry Finch was the assistant coach to his former coach Gene Bartow at the University of Alabama Birmingham and then the assistant coach at Memphis State from 1979 to 1986 before replacing Dana Kirk as head coach.

Larry Finch served as the first African American head coach for the Memphis State Tigers from 1986 to 1997. He was responsible for recruiting and training Memphis greats such as Elliot Perry, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, David Vaughn and the late Lorenzen Wright. During his tenure, Coach Finch amassed

seven 20+ win seasons. He took the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament six times with the 1991–1992 team led by Hardaway going to the Elite Eight. At the end of his coaching career, Larry Finch had a 220–130 coaching record and was named University of Memphis’ “all-time winningest coach,” a title he still holds today. In 2000, the University of Memphis dedicated a world-class practice facility in his honor—the Larry O. Finch Center.

Larry loved playing against Louisville as either a player or a coach. He was proud of besting the Louisville Cardinals 16 out of 27 times throughout his basketball career. His 1987 Metro Conference Championship win over Louisville in Freedom Hall was perhaps his most memorable meeting against Louisville. The Tigers won that game 75–52, beating the Cardinals for the third time. The Tigers ended that season 26–8 and Finch was named Basketball Times Rookie Coach of the Year.

Larry was loved by many in the Memphis community. After suffering from a stroke in 2002, those close to him created the Friends of Larry Finch Foundation to help cover medical expenses. In 2006, the Foundation released a tribute CD called “Eye of the Tiger: A Tribute to Larry Finch.” It featured songs by Memphis performers Al Green, The Bar-Kays, Gary Johns, John Kilzer and Al Kapone.

Larry Finch passed away on April 2, 2011 at the young age of 60. He will be missed by many in Memphis including two of his closest friends, Leonard Draper and Randy Wade, the many players whose lives he touched and hundreds of fans across Memphis and the Nation. He is survived by his wife Vickie, his daughter Shanae Deon Finch and two sons, Larry Finch, Jr. and James Finch. He is also survived by his sister, Gloria Finch, and four brothers, Barry, Gary, Greg and Ronald Finch. Larry Finch was predeceased by two beloved younger sisters, Gail and Gwendolyn Finch. Larry was a great American and we are lucky he came this way for the people of Memphis and our Nation. His was a life well lived.

HONORING SAM HANNA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and storied career of Sam Hanna. Sam is not only a friend, but a man whom I greatly admire.

Sam has strength of character and a true servant’s heart in his community. After grad-

uating from Anderson High school, he went on to receive a degree in Administration of Criminal Justice from Anderson University and then graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He is a member of the Madison Park Church of God, and coached football in the Anderson community for thirty years. Never one to sit on the sidelines, Sam has boldly answered the call of duty even in the face of danger.

In 1978 Sam was shot six times in the line of duty—in the face, chest, and arm. Yet even after that tragedy, Sam remained dedicated to public service and only recently retired after 37 years of service with the Madison County Sheriff’s Department.

Those who know Sam and worked with him on the sheriff’s department recognize him for his dedication to helping others and willingness to do whatever it takes. He served selflessly day after day, and received the distinguished “Law Enforcement Officer of the Year” award five times. I know that his integrity and commitment to the cause will forever be an example to those who serve after him.

Though Sam has officially retired from the Madison County Sheriff’s Department, he continues to serve as Investigator of Senior Protective Services for the Prosecutor of Madison County. He is a dedicated husband of more than thirty years to his bride Lori, and the father of three sons—Kris, Matt, and Andrew.

Today I honor Sam’s legacy of service, and wish to express my sincere gratitude for his leadership. I am grateful for his friendship and look forward to his continued community impact. He is truly an inspiration.

RULES COMMITTEE RECORD VOTE NO. 65 AND NO. 66

HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, the report (H. Rept. 112–53) accompanying H. Res. 200, filed last evening, inadvertently omitted the full descriptions of votes No. 65 and 66 of the Committee. The full descriptions and totals are as follows:

RULES COMMITTEE RECORD VOTE NO. 65

Motion by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida to amend the rule to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #1, offered by Rep. DOYLE (PA), which would reinstate the ability of the FCC to guard against internet access providers from blocking a consumer’s access to lawful internet content. Defeated: 3–7

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Bishop of Utah	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Woodall	Nay	Mr. Polis	Yea
Mr. Nugent	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Scott of South Carolina	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Webster	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Dreier, Chairman	Nay	.....	.....

RULES COMMITTEE RECORD VOTE NO. 66

Motion by Mr. POLIS to amend the rule to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #2, offered by Rep. MATSUI (CA), which would preserve the “transparency rule” adopted by the FCC as part of the Open Internet Order requiring broadband providers to make available their network management practices as well as performance and commercial terms so that consumers can make informed choices. Defeated: 3–7

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Woodall	Nay	Mr. Polis	Yea
Mr. Nugent	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Scott of South Carolina	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Webster	Nay	.....	.....
Mr. Dreier, Chairman	Nay	.....	.....

HONORING BILL SAMUELS, JR.

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Bill Samuels, Jr. After 40 years of working for his family’s company, Bill is retiring as President of Maker’s Mark Distillery in Loretto, Kentucky to become the company’s Chairman Emeritus.

As the seventh generation in a long line of Kentucky bourbon makers, Bill took over the family business in 1980. Through clever marketing and an unwavering commitment to the tradition and quality of his bourbon, he was able to make the company a global icon. In 1980, the Maker’s Mark Distillery became the first distillery in the country to be designated a National Historic Landmark.

All Kentuckians can be proud of the work that Bill has done to grow a family business into a successful brand. In doing so, he has represented and shared part of the spirit of the Commonwealth across the country and around the world.

I thank Bill for his contributions to Kentucky and our community and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Bill’s significant accomplishments.

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 Thursday, April 7, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 11

4 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

SD-192

APRIL 12

10 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

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the "Fair Elections Now Act", focusing on a comprehensive response to Citizens United.

SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Peter Bruce Lyons, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine natural gas drilling, focusing on public health and environmental impacts.

SD-406

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

SD-138

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine the President's plan for eliminating wasteful spending in information technology.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 109, honoring and supporting women in North Africa and the Middle East whose bravery, compassion, and commitment to putting the wellbeing of others before their own have proven that courage can be contagious, and the nominations of Nils Maarten Parin Daulaire, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cyber security, focusing on responding to the threat of cyber crime and terrorism.

SD-226

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense plans and programs relating to counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and building partnership capacity; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-232A

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine financial literacy, focusing on empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions.

SD-628

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:45 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine building the new derivatives regulatory framework, focusing on oversight of Title VII of the "Dodd-Frank Act".

SD-538

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine a review of the nuclear emergency in Japan and implications for the U.S.

SD-406

APRIL 13

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine domestic renewable fuels, focusing on ethanol and advanced biofuels.

SD-406

Finance

To hold hearings to examine perspectives on deficit reduction.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling our commitment to support victims of crime.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current materiel readiness of U.S. Forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boorman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

SR-301

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' employment, focusing on improving the transition from the battlefield to the workforce.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To receive a closed briefing on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 United States Pacific Command (PACOM).

S-217, Capitol

1 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider any pending calendar business.

SD-342

1:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation.

SD-192

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine international development policy priorities in the fiscal year 2012 budget.

SD-419

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the reform of the medical device approval process.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast
Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Presi-
dent's proposed budget request and
oversight for fiscal year 2012 for the
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
ministration (NOAA).

SR-253

Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine ballistic
missile defense policies and programs
in review of the Defense Authorization
request for fiscal year 2012 and the Fu-
ture Years Defense Program; with the
possibility of a closed session in SVC-
217 following the open session.

SR-232A

3 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain
nominations.

SD-226

APRIL 14

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 343, to
amend Title I of PL 99-658 regarding
the Compact of Free Association be-
tween the Government of the United
States of America and the Government
of Palau, to approve the results of the
15-year review of the Compact, includ-
ing the Agreement Between the Gov-
ernment of the United States of Amer-
ica and the Government of the Repub-

lic of Palau Following the Compact of
Free Association Section 432 Review,
and to appropriate funds for the pur-
poses of the amended PL 99-658 for fis-
cal years ending on or before Sep-
tember 30, 2024, to carry out the agree-
ments resulting from that review.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine cer-
tain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 4

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing on Intel.

SVC-217

MAY 11

10 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed
budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for
the Guard and Reserve.

SD-192

MAY 12

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing on the
United States Special Operations Com-
mand (SOCOM), and the United States
European Command (EUCOM).

SVC-217

MAY 17

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing the United
States Northern Command
(NORTHCOM) and the United States
Southern Command (SOUTHCOM).

SVC-217

MAY 25

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

SD-192

MAY 26

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To receive a closed briefing on the
United States Central Command
(CENTCOM) and United States African
Command (AFRICOM).

SVC-217

JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Sec-
retary of Defense and the Chairman of
the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SD-192