

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING GEORGIA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance was created to build an alliance of professionals with various skill sets to build Green sustainable communities throughout the state; and

Whereas, Mr. Derold McIver, BB&T's CRA/Community Development, and many others held its first meeting of the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance on November 5, 2010; and

Whereas, this unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve integrity, advocate for the betterment of citizens as it relates to Economic Development, Housing Development, Education and Healthcare; and

Whereas, the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance consists of members from the Not For Profit Sector, For Profit Sector, Commercial Lenders, Corporations, Government, Educational Institutions and many more; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance for their outstanding service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim December 8, 2010 as Georgia Sustainable Communities Alliance Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2010.

### COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, each year on April 24, we gather to honor the memory of those lives that were destroyed in the events of the Armenian Genocide. Because this year a Congressional recess coincided with that date, I take the opportunity today to commemorate the atrocious acts of genocide that occurred 96 years ago.

It is notable that today also happens to be Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The history of these two genocides remains tragically intertwined by the world's intransigence at the suffering of the victims while

the atrocities took place and the ongoing efforts of those who seek to deny what happened.

It is said that the trajectory from Armenia to Auschwitz was direct. It is said that when asked if the world would tolerate the "Final Solution" to annihilate the Jews, Hitler remarked "Who remembers the Armenians?"

We remember the Armenians. More than 1.5 million men, women and children systematically murdered, chased from their communities and in many cases marched to death. The suffering of the victims, the courage of the survivors, and the battle of their descendents to preserve this history deserves full recognition. Silence only inflicts more pain and leaves those who suffer to suffer alone. Silence encourages those willing to engage in genocide to believe their actions will be met with impunity.

Nearly 100 years later, we are still learning from this tragedy. The United States must embrace and encourage international recognition of the Armenian genocide not only for the peace of mind of those who suffered, but to reaffirm our commitment to preventing the genocides of the future.

Let us raise our voice so that the Armenian Genocide will be mourned and remembered for generations to come.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL PATRICK GOYNE

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goyne, who is retiring from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

LTC Goyne was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice at the Pennsylvania State University. He then went on to earn his Master of Public Administration degree from Marywood University, and his Master of Science degree in Community Counseling from the University of Scranton. LTC Goyne has also attended many military schools, including Telecommunications Operator School, the Air Assault School, the Quartermaster Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, and Command and General Staff School.

LTC Goyne's non-active duty has taken him across Pennsylvania. While serving on active duty, LTC Goyne was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. For his second deployment, LTC Goyne served in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Goyne has earned the Bronze Star (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious

Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hour Glass, M Device and number 2 numeral), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (with number 3 numeral), the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Combat Action Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goyne has served our country with distinction. His 29 years of commitment to protecting our freedom should be honored and respected. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Michael Patrick Goyne for his service, and in recognizing his retirement from the United States Army Reserves after 29 years of active and reserve service.

### HONORING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a valued institution that has been part of the fabric of life in Marin County for 75 years—the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

A nonpartisan organization of women and men with over 200 members, the Marin League has worked for many years to encourage informed participation of citizens in government, to increase the understanding of public issues, and to influence policy through education and advocacy.

Over the years the League has hosted hundreds of Pros and Cons presentations on ballot measures for the public, organized live, televised and webcast debates for almost every elected office in the county, sponsored voter registration drives in local high schools and colleges, and mailed thousands of postcards advising voters on how to evaluate negative candidate mailers. In addition, it has been involved in supporting local ballot measures and hosting guest speakers from a variety of organizations to help educate the public as well as continuing a tradition of monthly Action meetings.

The League has worked with local organizations dedicated to improving life in Marin

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County and has actively studied many issues crucial to the community. These include affordable housing, transportation and land use measures, early childhood education, college scholarships, health care, and water supply.

As a Congressional candidate, I have participated in the League's debates and have truly appreciated its balanced, non-partisan approach. Questions from League moderators are invariably thoughtful, balanced, and germane, allowing voters to hear positions on the important issues of the day.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the League of Women Voters of Marin County on this important anniversary. For 75 years, it has encouraged voter participation and education while promoting good government for Marin.

HONORING GLENDA F. BRITTON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

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

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School, and as a beloved wife, daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton has been chosen as the 2011 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2011 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2011 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2011.

DEDICATING THE CORETTA SCOTT KING MEMORIAL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a special event that occurred on

April 28, 2011—the dedication of the Coretta Scott King Memorial Garden at Sojourner Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland.

With this dedication, brought about through the hard work of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and Maryland's Office of the Attorney General, we celebrate the legacy of Coretta Scott King. We reflect upon the life of this visionary leader and her efforts to advance the ideals that she shared with Dr. King, including advocating for equality and spreading the doctrine of pacifism in her work for world peace.

Sojourner Douglass College first opened as a branch of Antioch College, Mrs. King's alma mater and one of the first schools in the country to admit women and African-Americans for undergraduate degrees. It is only fitting that such a magnificent memorial be located there. As one of the first memorials in the country honoring Coretta Scott King, this garden will be a testament to values that we hold dear—civil rights, non-violent social action, and human compassion—values that Mrs. King championed.

Mr. Speaker, this memorial is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary woman. Just as we did at her funeral, which I was honored to attend, we must use this opportunity to celebrate her life and legacy and to recommit ourselves to preserving and honoring the values and ideals of Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

CELEBRATING THE LEAGUE OF BLACK WOMEN'S "BRING A GIRL INTO YOUR WORLD" MENTORING PROGRAM AND EIGHTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of the League of Black Women on their annual leadership conference that commences on May 17, 2011. The conference will commemorate the amazing work this organization continues to do in order to equip women with strong leadership skills and invaluable life experiences.

The League of Black Women was founded in the 1970's by Dr. Arnita Young Boswell, and in the intervening years it has set itself apart as a powerful vehicle for lasting impact by evolving to fit the needs of its membership as they navigate a world in flux. Indeed, our globalized society is anything but stagnant, and neither is the League. With nearly 10,000 members worldwide, each decade has ushered new service themes for the organization. From a higher education and community service focus, to career development, to networking, to its current concentration on leadership research, education, and joyful living, it takes a pervasive approach to promoting leadership and success amongst its membership.

Mr. Speaker, I am most impressed with the League's efforts to reach youth through its "Bring a Girl into Your World" mentoring program. This initiative pairs middle school girls in low-income, at-risk school districts with league members to help broaden their minds, horizons, and visions for the future. So many young people underperform through crucial

high school years, because they have not been challenged to consider the reality, let alone the opportunity, of their future career paths. Through their strategic focus on this age group, the League provides young girls with this invaluable insight at a critical juncture in their lives.

I am firmly committed to serving the underserved and to promoting diversity in all avenues of society. This program falls perfectly in line with those objectives by opening doors for African American girls to reach their full potential. Our society has so much to gain from the unique talents and perspectives of these remarkable young women, and I offer my heartfelt gratitude to the League for their enduring work to raise their chances at leading full, successful lives.

Important initiatives like the "Bring a Girl into Your World" program facilitate the League's goal of achieving global impact and leadership through the development of strong, genuine interpersonal relationships and networks. This aim is showcased in the theme of its eighth national strategic leadership conference entitled "Black Women 2011: New World Power . . . When Your World Is Not Enough." This conference will be held in May 17–20, 2011 in Tampa, FL and promises the continued empowerment of the League's membership through nuanced and expert guidance in a host of vital topics that address both professional and personal betterment.

Again, congratulations to the League of Black Women on their strides toward bringing equality and opportunity to the disadvantaged youth of this nation, and on this year's conference. Your efforts are truly inspiring.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VICTOR ALFIERI SOCIETY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Victor Alfieri Society of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on its 100th anniversary.

The Victor Alfieri Society was started by eight men in 1908, and it received its charter three years later. The Victor Alfieri Society was founded to help Italian immigrants become citizens of the United States while preserving their Italian heritage. The society did serve as a social club, but its primary mission was to help immigrants newly arrived in America.

The Victor Alfieri Society has grown to include more than 600 members, and it boasts diverse membership and leadership. Originally a men-only club, the Victor Alfieri Society today counts both men and women as its members. Additionally, members of other ethnic groups have joined its ranks. The society is dedicated to helping the entire community while continuing to honor and spread Italian culture.

Mr. Speaker, the Victor Alfieri Society has become a well-known place of fun, values, culture, and community outreach. What began as a small gathering place for Italian immigrants is now a large and vital part of Scranton, and it benefits countless residents. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join

me in recognizing and congratulating the Victor Alfieri Society's 100th anniversary.

HONORING REVEREND OBBIE L. BURNS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

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

Whereas, Reverend Obbie L. Burns today begins a new chapter in his life and the life of New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, Reverend Obbie L. Burns under the guidance and favor of God, will this day be installed as Pastor of the New Macedonia Baptist Church and under his leadership he will be charged to pioneer and sustain New Macedonia Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Burns is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Obbie L. Burns on his installation as Pastor;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 17, 2011 as Reverend Obbie L. Burns Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of April, 2011.

WILLIAM CHESTER HUTCHISON  
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Chester Hutchison of Cortez, Colorado. Mr. Hutchison was one of the area's most prominent citizens, serving his community through business, philanthropy and military service.

Before moving to his beloved hometown of Cortez, Mr. Hutchison joined the U.S. Air Force where he served his country during World War II. Following the war, Mr. Hutchison returned to his life in Colorado. He became a certified public accountant and opened his own accounting firm. Though he worked in a small town, he served on a number of national accounting committees.

His great love was interacting with the community. He was a member of Montezuma Valley Presbyterian Church, the Elks, Masons and Rotary Clubs, and was a pyrotechnic display operator. He worked hard to bring fairs, parades and light shows to the area. Among many other pursuits, Mr. Hutchison also sat on

several area boards, most notably the Hospital Board and the Citizens State Bank. He also helped institute the Roland Schneider Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of Cortez's foremost citizens. Colorado was greatly influenced by Mr. Hutchison's life and his legacy will continue to impact the state.

RECOGNITION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 1761, at the urging of Colonel William Williams, the official incorporation and names of Pittsfield and Berkshire County, Massachusetts were approved by the colonial governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sir Francis Bernard. The name Berkshire reflected a connection with the English Berkshire, while the naming of Pittsfield reflects an admiration for William Pitt, Earl of Chatham. Pitt, dubbed the "Great Commoner," was a supporter of the colonies in America.

For 250 years the people of Pittsfield have been innovative, resourceful and resilient. The first agricultural fair was held in Pittsfield, and the first written reference to our national pastime of baseball is found in a 1791 city ordinance. William Stanley set up the transformer business in Pittsfield that eventually became the General Electric corporation.

Today, Pittsfield is once again a city on the rise. Fueled by the creative economic sector, Pittsfield is thriving by embracing diversity, art and culture.

I congratulate the citizens of Pittsfield on this occasion of their city's remarkable 250th anniversary, and I wish them the best as we embark together on a bright future.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF 10,000 DEGREES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of 10,000 Degrees, a unique Marin County nonprofit formed to connect low-income students with the resources necessary to make their college dreams a reality. Established on the principle that educational equity is both the foundation and the responsibility of a strong community, 10,000 Degrees has already made an invaluable contribution to the future of Marin County.

Originally known as Marin Education Fund, 10,000 Degrees targets youth of all ages to ensure that their image of a college education is one of possibility. No one should be denied the opportunity to excel in school simply because of personal or financial circumstances, and no society can afford to squander the talent and ambition of its young people simply because they are allowed to question their future.

10,000 Degrees offers programs to empower our students. For those in elementary

or middle school, it makes introductions to local college campuses and to positive role models pursuing higher education. For those in high school, it offers scholarships, financial aid training, and a number of intensive college preparation and mentorship seminars that set students on the path to college.

In keeping with its commitment to equity, 10,000 Degrees is particularly effective in targeting those students most at risk of leaving the educational system. It tailors programs to low-income and first-generation graduates, building linkages between peers struggling with the same barriers to success, and earning an enviable track record in the process. Every one of the students in its mentorship program has graduated high school, 98 percent have enrolled in college, and 84 percent have graduated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating 10,000 Degrees on its 30th anniversary in Marin. It is organizations such as these that strengthen and enrich our county, and we are grateful to them for their passion, their expertise, and their dedication to our community.

HONORING NORA LEE ADAMS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

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

Whereas, one hundred years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Houston County, Georgia, on April 15, 1911; and

Whereas, Mrs. Nora Lee Adams moved to Dooly County, Georgia, where she married Mr. Henry Adams and through their union was blessed with 12 children, 27 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 31 great-great grandchildren; and

Whereas, this phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a wife, mother and motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

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

Whereas, Mrs. Adams along with her family and friends is celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 100th birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

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

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 15th, 2011 as Mrs. Nora Lee Adams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of April, 2011.

COMMEMORATING THE 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, 96 years ago this month, the Ottoman Empire began a brutal campaign against its Armenian citizens, marking the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. At the end of this atrocity in 1923, more than 1.5 million Armenians had perished.

Once again, despite the absence of an official recognition on behalf of the American government, I stand to commemorate the Armenian Genocide. This injustice deserves recognition by the U.S. For years, a resolution affirming the U.S. position on Armenian Genocide has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and, as a member of the House Armenian Issues Caucus, I have co-sponsored that resolution.

Over two dozen countries and 43 states, including my home state of Illinois, have affirmed the Armenian Genocide, demonstrating unwavering support for this position. As I have said before, there will never be a convenient time to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide, but we must do what is right and officially declare these atrocities as genocide.

The official commemoration of the Armenian Genocide also provides an opportunity to recognize the indomitable spirit of the Armenian people. Their daily contributions to our communities are the best testament of their kindness, strength and commitment to justice and peace. As a member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I call on my colleagues in Congress and the Obama administration to join me in recognizing the 96th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and the significant contributions of the Armenian people.

NEAL STANLEY TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neal Stanley of western Colorado. Mr. Stanley is the director of the Great Western Oil and Gas Company, and will receive "Wildcatter of the Year" for his work in the field of natural resources.

There are few people who possess the level of experience and knowledge that Mr. Stanley provides both his company and the state of Colorado. He has spent over 35 years working in the oil and gas industry, serving on several public and private boards. Most notably, he was president of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States from 1999 to 2001 and Senior Vice President—Western Region for Forest Oil Corporation.

Mr. Stanley will join a long list of distinguished recipients of the "Wildcatter of the Year" award. His devotion to the oil and gas industry is proven by his exemplary career, and the expertise he has provided through decades of work. There is little doubt that he has contributed to the success and promi-

nence of the industry and all the companies he worked for.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Neal Stanley today. He has given years of service to a number of companies and the state of Colorado. He will be appropriately honored with the "Wildcatter of the Year" award and will continue to lead our country's charge into its wealth of natural resources.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
MITCHELL MULAS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with both great sadness and a sense of great honor that I rise today, along with my colleague, LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor and pay tribute to Mitchell "Mitch" Mulas, of Sonoma, California, who passed away March 31, 2011 of complications following heart surgery.

It is no exaggeration to say that Mitch Mulas was an icon in Sonoma County and a role model for generations of fire fighters, teachers and students, and farmers. He represented the best in community service and in devotion to his family.

Mitch was born in 1928 in Sonoma, California, the son of an Italian immigrant father and a mother who survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. He met his wife, Nilda when he was 15 and she was 13. They had their first date three years later, and three years following that, they were married. Nilda was his partner, friend and soul mate and survives him in his passing.

Mitch was a dairy farmer and a leader in the county's agricultural organizations. He joined the Farm Bureau after he graduated from high school and served as President from 1965–1967 and 1985–1986. He was inducted into the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame in 2002.

He took a brief hiatus from leadership positions within the Farm Bureau to serve on the Sonoma Valley Unified School Board for 12 years from 1969 to 1981. His influence stretched from the classroom to the football field, where he anchored a favorite spot in the bleachers each season. Not only did he receive the district's "Salute to Education" award but the Sonoma Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame created the Mulas Family Recognition Award in his honor, which is presented annually to persons or businesses in the Sonoma Valley who have contributed time and resources to student athletes and coaches.

Mitch was also the "Chief," a title he wore with distinction and pride. In 1942, at the age 14, he helped his father start what later became the Shell-Vista Fire Protection District. He served first as a volunteer firefighter, was named Assistant Chief in 1955 and served in that position until he was named Chief in 1968. He served in that position until his death.

Mr. Speaker, Mitch Mulas was a farmer, educator, activist and sports enthusiast who also protected his community for 69 years as a fire fighter. But above all else, he was a devoted family man who is survived by his wife, Nilda, four children, six grandchildren and two great

grand children. An entire community mourns his passing, and it is appropriate that we honor him at this time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
MITCHELL MULAS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DENNIS  
KOEHLER

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dennis Koehler and express my deepest condolences to his family. Dennis died Sunday evening at the age of 69 following a battle with melanoma.

South Florida has lost a true hero with the passing of Dennis Koehler. Dennis served our Nation courageously during the war in Vietnam. After coming home to Palm Beach County, he ran for and was elected to a seat on the Palm Beach County Commission. During those 8 years, he selflessly worked to help improve the lives of Palm Beach County citizens. He was well-known for his compassion and dedication to the community.

Additionally, Dennis was a major advocate for veterans' rights. He is one of the founding members of Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA, and served on VVA's first National Board of Directors from 1983 to 1985. A veteran himself, Dennis understood the importance of taking care of those who have served our Nation with dignity and respect.

As an attorney in private practice, Dennis has earned the gratitude of veterans throughout Florida by using his legal skills to fight for their rights and benefits. Two years ago, when one of my constituents lost his pension following a road accident, Dennis volunteered his time and knowledge to work with my Congressional office to have the Department of Veterans' Affairs reinstate my constituent's benefits.

Dennis' activism on this tragic issue prompted me to introduce the Veterans Pensions Protection Act to ensure that veterans, and their surviving spouses and children, will never again face the threat of losing their pensions because they received payments to cover expenses incurred after an accident. I wish to dedicate the Veterans Pensions Protection Act in honor of Dennis Koehler for his lifetime commitment and service to this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Dennis was a true patriot, a community leader, and an outstanding American. I am deeply saddened by his passing, which is more than a personal loss for just myself, but also a loss to the South Florida community.

MAC MCFADDEN TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mac McFadden of Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. McFadden is one of the proud Americans who served his country during World War II. It is because of his service, and that of so many of his generation, that we can celebrate our freedoms today.

Mr. McFadden chose to enlist in the Army, but was initially turned away because of his poor vision. Rather than accept the results, however, he memorized the eye test and

passed after a second attempt. Upon finally joining the Army, he became a mechanic, ultimately reaching the level of Technician Grade 5, in the 3156th Ordnance Base Artillery & Fire Control Maintenance Battalion.

During his nearly four years of duty, he distinguished himself quickly. Among his many decorations, he received an American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, Service Stripe and five Overseas Service Bars.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of the many brave men who served our country during its time of need. Mr. McFadden's efforts helped ensure our victory and the success we have enjoyed since World War II.

LET US EAT FISH

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have for some time been pointing out the inconsistency between those who would restrict our ability to catch fish in a responsible way, and the argument that we should be encouraging the American people to eat in a healthier manner. In the New York Times for April 14, 2011, Ray Hilborn makes this case very well. As he notes, we have made great progress in reducing overfishing, but the law has not yet been written with enough flexibility to recognize that fact. As Mr. Hilborn notes, "the Magnuson Act . . . has been successful, but it needs to be revised. The last time it was reauthorized, in 2006, it required the rebuilding of overfished stocks within ten years. That rule is too inflexible and hurts fishing communities from New England to California."

Mr. Speaker, that is the major reason that I voted against the Magnuson Act, although I agree that there were some useful things in it. And I welcome this very thoughtful explanation by Mr. Hilborn of why the time has come to provide that flexibility.

Mr. Speaker, as he says, "we are caught between the desire for oceans as pristine ecosystems and the desire for sustainable seafood." People who argue for greater and greater restrictions of fish claim to have the moral high ground, but they can only make their argument if they ignore the negative impact this has not just on the livelihoods of a lot of working people in the communities in which they live, but on our ability to make a very healthy part of a diet—good seafood—available at prices that people of moderate income can afford.

[From The New York Times, Apr. 4, 2011]

LET US EAT FISH

(By Ray Hilborn)

SEATTLE, WA.—This Lent, many ecologically conscious Americans might feel a twinge of guilt as they dig into the fish on their Friday dinner plates. They shouldn't.

Over the last decade the public has been bombarded by apocalyptic predictions about the future of fish stocks—in 2006, for instance, an article in the journal *Science* projected that all fish stocks could be gone by 2048.

Subsequent research, including a paper I co-wrote in *Science* in 2009 with Boris Worm, the lead author of the 2006 paper, has shown

that such warnings were exaggerated. Much of the earlier research pointed to declines in catches and concluded that therefore fish stocks must be in trouble. But there is little correlation between how many fish are caught and how many actually exist; over the past decade, for example, fish catches in the United States have dropped because regulators have lowered the allowable catch. On average, fish stocks worldwide appear to be stable, and in the United States they are rebuilding, in many cases at a rapid rate.

The overall record of American fisheries management since the mid-1990s is one of improvement, not of decline. Perhaps the most spectacular recovery is that of bottom fish in New England, especially haddock and redfish; their abundance has grown sixfold from 1994 to 2007. Few if any fish species in the United States are now being harvested at too high a rate, and only 24 percent remain below their desired abundance.

Much of the success is a result of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which was signed into law 35 years ago this week. It banned foreign fishing within 200 miles of the United States shoreline and established a system of management councils to regulate federal fisheries. In the past 15 years, those councils, along with federal and state agencies, nonprofit organizations and commercial and sport fishing groups, have helped assure the sustainability of the nation's fishing stocks.

Some experts, like Daniel Pauly of the University of British Columbia Fisheries Center, who warns of "the end of fish," fault the systems used to regulate fisheries worldwide. But that condemnation is too sweeping, and his prescription—closing much of the world's oceans to fishing—would leave people hungry unnecessarily.

Many of the species that are fished too much worldwide fall into two categories: highly migratory species that are subject to international fishing pressures, and bottom fish—like cod, haddock, flounder and sole—that are caught in "mixed fisheries," where it is impossible to catch one species but not another. We also know little about the sustainability of fish caught in much of Asia and Africa.

The Atlantic bluefin tuna is emblematic of the endangered migratory species; its numbers are well below the target set by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, and the catches in the Eastern Atlantic are too high. Many species of sharks also fall into this category. Because these stocks are fished by international fleets, reducing the catch requires global cooperation and American leadership. But not all highly migratory fish are in danger; the albacore, skipjack and yellowfin tuna and swordfish on American menus are not threatened.

Managing the mixed fisheries in American waters requires different tactics. On the West Coast, fish stocks have been strongly revived over the past decade through conservative management: fleet size reductions, highly restrictive catch limits and the closing of large areas to certain kinds of nets, hooks and traps. Rebuilding, however, has come at a cost: to prevent overharvesting and protect weak species, about 30 percent of the potential sustainable harvest from productive species (those that can be harvested at higher rates) goes untapped.

A similar tradeoff is going on in New England, where the management council, made up of federal and state representatives, restricts the harvesting of bottom fish like cod and yellowtail flounder in both the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank, off Cape Cod. In trying to rebuild the cod, regulators have had to limit the catch of the much more abundant haddock, which are caught in the same nets.

The Magnuson Act regulating federal fisheries has been successful, but it needs to be revised. The last time it was reauthorized, in 2006, it required the rebuilding of overfished stocks within 10 years. That rule is too inflexible and hurts fishing communities from New England to California. A better option is to give the management councils greater discretion in setting targets and deadlines for rebuilding fish stocks.

We are caught between the desire for oceans as pristine ecosystems and the desire for sustainable seafood. Are we willing to accept some depleted species to increase long-term sustainable food production in return? After all, if fish are off the menu, we will likely eat more beef, chicken and pork. And the environmental costs of producing more livestock are much higher than accepting fewer fish in the ocean: lost habitat, the need for ever more water, pesticides, fertilizer and antibiotics, chemical runoff and “dead zones” in the world’s seas.

Suddenly, that tasty, healthful and environmentally friendly fish on the plate looks a lot more appetizing.

HELEN “TADDY” SWINSON  
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helen “Taddy” Swinson of Brush, Colorado. Ms. Swinson was a mother, grandmother, volunteer and philanthropist. Her devotion to her family and work for the less fortunate left an indelible mark on the community.

Ms. Swinson was a longtime member of the Red-Cross and volunteered much of her time to the Meals and Friendship program. She also worked tirelessly for the Alter and Rosary Society at her church, St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Her family was always a priority and it shows in the happiness and success that they enjoy today.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize a woman who did so much for her community and country today. There is no doubt that the values she demonstrated will live on through those who knew her and those she cared for during her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
PETER VAGI FOR SHARING HIS  
STORY OF HOLOCAUST SUR-  
VIVAL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Vagi, an 83 year-old Holocaust survivor from Palm Beach County. His inspirational story was recently documented in a film about the Holocaust entitled *The Rescuers*. Mr. Vagi has shared his story with countless others. I hope that by the telling his story we never witness such atrocities as the Holocaust ever again. The world cannot forget. We must remember. We must remember every story, every victim, and every survivor.

Mr. Vagi’s story begins when he was 17 years old and the Germans took control of

Hungary. He was almost immediately forced from school into a work camp to perform laborious tasks. Mr. Vagi was one of the few who was prevented from boarding the train to Auschwitz right on the platform. Soon after, he was moved to a Jewish Ghetto and stayed there until the Russians liberated Budapest. However, it wasn’t long before the evils of Communism became apparent and Mr. Vagi decided to move first to Austria and then finally to the United States.

Mr. Vagi’s story, along with all the other survivors serve as a reminder of the terrible period of human history that must never happen again. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Vagi’s life and all that he has done to ensure that history is not forgotten.

HONORING TOMMY SMOTHERS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, Tom Smothers of Kenwood, California, who is receiving the Jack Green Civil Liberties Award from the Sonoma County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Tommy Smothers is a fitting recipient for an award that has been presented for more than two decades to community members who have transformed their life-long commitment to civil liberties, human rights and social justice into action. Well known for battling censors while producing television’s acclaimed *Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*, Tommy has long been a symbol of resistance to censorship, fighting to present matters of vital interest to a wide American audience.

Working with his brother Dick, his career as an entertainer, comedian, and musician, began in 1959 with the formation of *The Smothers Brothers*, a folk-singing and comedy act. In 1967, *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour* debuted on CBS-TV and quickly established itself as something unique during a time when variety/comedy shows were television staples. The show revolutionized prime-time by using comedy to delve into taboo subjects—drugs, racism, police brutality—and to satirize politicians and criticize the Vietnam War. Singers like Pete Seeger, who had been blacklisted since the 1950s, were frequent guests.

CBS soon realized that these topics were hotter than the network could handle. As the show’s producer, Tom fought against censorship, but *The Smothers Brothers* were fired in April, 1969, ostensibly for failing to comply with rules for submitting tapes of the show for review before broadcasting. The brothers then won a case against CBS for breach of contract. They continued to tour and perform until 2010, becoming the longest-running comedy act in U.S. history.

Forty years later, Tom received an Emmy award for his writing on the show which he dedicated “to all of the people who feel compelled to speak out and not afraid to speak to power and won’t shut up and refuse to be silenced.”

This certainly describes Tom Smothers who continues to speak out to this day. Now living in Sonoma County with his wife Marcy, he is

an inspirational model for our community and people across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Smothers’ receipt of the Jack Green Civil Liberties Award reminds us of his statement, “The only valid censorship of ideas is the right of people not to listen.” This is a lesson we can all take to heart today as we celebrate Tom’s talents and leadership in defense of our rights.

PEDIATRIC INTERIM CARE CENTER

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an organization that my family and I hold close to our hearts: the Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC). PICC opened its doors in 1990 in Kent, Washington, and since that time has saved the lives of more than 2,500 drug-addicted newborns. An organization like PICC—with visionary leaders and founders like Barbara Drennen and Barbara Richards—reminds us every day just how fragile and precious life is, and how much promise it holds. For 20 years PICC and its leadership, staff, and volunteers have transformed lives, bettered communities, and served a purpose greater than self.

Simply perusing PICC’s website is enough to make an individual know with heart, mind, and soul that the work being done down there is good and life-altering. Going to PICC in Kent and having the opportunity to hold the beautiful and precious babies there can change one’s life. I know it did mine, in many ways. My daughter Tabitha and her husband Ken adopted two beautiful babies from PICC. There is no doubt that raising a drug-addicted baby is difficult. Tabitha and Ken endured many sleepless nights, countless frustrations, and more than a few tears. Of course, life’s biggest struggles so often bring life’s biggest blessings. And what a blessing those beautiful babies have been. Tabitha, Ken, my wife, Julie, and I, and the rest of my family feel incredibly blessed everyday to have received gifts from PICC in the form of Emma and Briar. Emma is now seven and Briar is nine. They’ve blessed our family and our friends immensely. They’ve grown from fragile babies into energetic and precocious kids who play and enjoy life everyday with the intensity and wonder reserved for youth. While making discoveries and investigating life with my two remarkable grandchildren, I thank PICC staff and volunteers for the life-altering and truly beautiful work they do. Over the course of 20 years, PICC has provided countless memories to thousands and continue to expand on their legacy.

The scourge of drug use and abuse afflicts families and communities in every part of our nation. Children born into drug abuse start life at a distinct disadvantage. Children exposed to illegal drugs are more likely to ingest drugs themselves, abuse alcohol, fail in their relationships, and fall short of being an asset in their community. Sometimes it’s easy to give in and think the cycle of abuse and failure will never end. That’s when an organization like PICC provides hope. Hope for families looking to adopt. Hope for mothers ready to turn their lives around. Hope for innocent babies who

only need love and an opportunity to grow. The heartwarming stories of hope and love at PICC can be found on their website and in homes across this country. PICC provides safety, education, and a helping hand to those who need it and don't ask for much in return. PICC succeeds on a shoestring budget and a lot of hard work and dedication. Kent is a better place because of PICC. The Eighth District is a better place because of PICC. The state of Washington is a better place because of PICC, and our nation is a better place because of PICC.

In the end, why does Barbara Drennen do it? Why do the staff and volunteers at PICC spend countless hours holding babies, working in the community, and educating? Because everyone at PICC believes in their mission: protecting and serving the least among us. They believe in a purpose bigger than themselves. I'm so happy that mission and that purpose is still alive and well 20 years after it was conceived by Barbara Drennen and Barbara Richards. PICC's mission and purpose is Emma and Briar and the thousands of other children that enrich our lives every day. We're all thankful for that.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON  
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 34) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021:

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Chair, I applaud Chairman PAUL RYAN for his bold leadership in finally addressing solutions to our debt crisis in terms of deficit reduction and entitlement reform. There is no question that our health care entitlement programs are on an unsustainable path, and bold action must be taken if we are going to improve our nation's financial stability and preserve these health safety nets for future generations. Medicare costs are growing twice the speed of our economic growth, and elected officials who choose to turn a blind eye to our nation's economic distress are doing current and future beneficiaries an enormous disservice.

Chairman RYAN's budget plan shows a clear vision of our choice between two futures. I believe he has found innovative solutions to curb the unsustainability of Medicare and Medicaid, balance the budget, and pay off the debt, without raising taxes. Our social safety net is clearly ripping at the seams and reforms must be made if we intend to protect our most vulnerable populations. Many governors have urged Congress to instate block grants for their state health programs in exchange for more flexibility and freedom to find efficient, effective ways to cut Medicaid costs without denying essential health care services for those most in need.

Health care is clearly not a one-size-fits-all issue. In my home state of New York, Gov-

ernor Cuomo has already shown leadership and found innovative ways to control Medicaid costs in his Medicaid Redesign Team. New York has an extremely diverse demographic in our Medicaid pool, and transforming the federal government's role into a solid Medicaid block program could seriously hamper efforts by state agencies that are already working hard to redesign the program and cut costs on their own. A block program in New York could result in additional cuts in Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals and physicians, and possibly cut services to institutions that serve the disabled. In the last two years, the state has cut Medicaid reimbursement by \$5.3 billion, and further cuts would only create more hurdles in their efforts to provide quality health care to New Yorkers who need it.

If a block grant is adopted, I believe states should have the ability to opt out of the program in exchange for benchmarks to cut costs. New York should have a chance to continue their efforts to fundamentally redesign the Medicaid system. If New York is forced into a block program, the state may not have time to truly fix the system for the long haul. Nearly 686,000 hospital and health system jobs fuel New York's economic activity in communities across the state. Officials must balance the need for reform, and pragmatic approaches to secure services for current Medicaid beneficiaries.

HONORING MRS. MARSHA MORRIS  
FOR HER RETIREMENT AFTER 23  
YEARS OF EDUCATING THE  
YOUTH OF ILLINOIS

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marsha Morris as she retires after 23 years of exemplary teaching in Illinois School District 101. Educators like Mrs. Morris are responsible for shaping America's youth, and her passion for her profession has contributed to the development of countless students into civic-minded Americans. With great pride, I honor her today for her tireless dedication to public service.

In her 23 years as a Western Springs educator, Marsha Morris has been instrumental in the growth of students in Illinois' 3rd Congressional District. After earning her undergraduate degree at Benedictine University, Mrs. Morris pursued graduate studies at Aurora University, graduating with a Master of Arts in Teaching. As an educator at Forest Hills Elementary School, and later as the Library Learning Center Director for Forest Hills and Field Park Schools, Mrs. Morris encouraged students to engage their curiosities, explore their creative sides, and above all, she encouraged every student to read. As an educator, Mrs. Morris channeled her love of books into the classroom where, by sharing her favorite stories with students, she inspired them to discover favorite stories of their own.

Mrs. Morris' excellence in teaching has encouraged and inspired many young men and women of Cook County to embrace and engage with the world around them. The Western Springs community has been fortunate to have Mrs. Morris, who dedicated her career to enriching the lives of children.

On behalf of the residents of the Third District of Illinois and all those whose lives she has touched, I am proud to honor Mrs. Marsha Morris for her years of excellence in District 101. I thank her for dedicating her career to students aspiring to leadership and civic accomplishment, and I wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs. Morris will be greatly missed by the students of District 101, but I know she will continue to be an asset to her community.

HONORING THE METROPOLITAN  
FIRE SPRINKLER, LLC

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler, LLC, as the 2011 District of Columbia Small Business of the Year, and its founder and president, District of Columbia native Walter "Merrill" Smith.

After working in the fire protection industry for over 30 years, Merrill Smith started his own business, Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler, in 2005, and in only a few years, has built one of the fastest growing and most successful small businesses in the District of Columbia. Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler, a minority-owned D.C. business, installs fire protection systems in buildings throughout the Washington metropolitan region. Most recently, Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler was successful in competing to install sprinkler systems in the vast Coast Guard building now under construction at the site of the future U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) headquarters, located on the old St. Elizabeths grounds. Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler had already established a stellar track record on large projects, including the National Naval Medical Center, Gaylord National Harbor, and the Washington Nationals Stadium garage.

Merrill Smith sought to establish his own business not only for entrepreneurial reasons, but also because he wanted to provide jobs for residents in his hometown. His initial sources for employees are the District's Department of Employment Services, which serves D.C. residents seeking jobs, and the Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669. Merrill Smith has embraced union labor and is about to train his first female apprentice.

Merrill Smith first built his own skills, and then built a business based on his first-hand knowledge of the industry. In the process, he has become an inspiration for young people and unemployed residents, and a model for the community for what hard work, with high quality, can accomplish.

Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler is rendering outstanding service to the larger community, to the small business community, and to individuals in our community, all at the same time. Merrill Smith's company makes important contributions to the District of Columbia economy. In competing successfully for contracts, particularly high-quality federal contracts such as the DHS project, Merrill Smith has become a living example for local small businesses that aim high. In searching for minority and union laborers, Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler is both



training and employing a high-quality workforce.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the Metropolitan Fire Sprinkler, LLC for its outstanding accomplishments as the 2011 District of Columbia Small Business of the Year, and its founder and president, Walter "Merrill" Smith.

CONDEMNING THE RECENT  
TERRORIST ATTACK IN MOROCCO

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the terrorist attack that took the lives of at least 16 innocent people and wounded 23 others on April 28, 2011 in Marrakesh, Morocco. The Argana Café, the site of the bombing, overlooks the city's bustling Jamaa el-Fnaa square, which is a lively hub of cultural exchange and celebration. Moroccan, French, and British lives were lost in this senseless act, indicating that this was not a protest of local concerns, but of global ideals.

This disgraceful demonstration of ill will is considered an attack not only on Moroccan, French and British civilians, but on the human right to freedom, security, and happiness. No human being should have to live in constant fear of such needless violence, and I firmly stand with the people of Morocco as they strive to cope with this blow. I would also like to express my most heartfelt sympathies to all who have suffered from this tragedy, whether through their direct presence on the scene or indirectly through the suffering of a loved one.

Mr. Speaker, acts of cowardice and violence must not be allowed to prevail. It is my hope that the people of Morocco and the victims of this attack find peace and healing, and that we continue to work toward a global society that values every human life.

HONORING MRS. LINDA WINFIELD  
FOR HER RETIREMENT AFTER 33  
YEARS OF TEACHING

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Linda Winfield, one of Illinois School District 101's most beloved teachers, who will retire at the end of this school year in May. For 33 years, Mrs. Winfield has blessed the Forest Hills community with her compassion and her commitment to educating children.

Raised in the small town of Assumption, Illinois, Mrs. Winfield understood the importance and lasting impact of education in small town communities. After graduating from nearby Millikin University, she began her career as a teacher at Forest Hills. In 1990 she became the kindergarten teacher at Forest Hills Elementary after spending several years in other teaching roles. Her ever-present smile and dedication to elementary school education have made her a favorite teacher in her local community. Her love of music, which she in-

fuses into each class by singing and playing the piano, has endeared her to parents and left lifelong impressions on her students. Mrs. Winfield has made a tradition of the kindergarten students hosting a Mother's Day tea for their mothers; this event is truly one of the highlights of the year for Forest Hills kindergarten families.

Mrs. Winfield's engagement with her students and their families always lasted long after the ring of the school bell. Active in the local community, Mrs. Winfield set a positive example for her students and neighbors within and outside the classroom, teaching extra-curricular music lessons.

I ask you to join me in honoring Mrs. Winfield on her retirement after 33 years of teaching in District 101. Mrs. Winfield will be greatly missed at Forest Hills Elementary by parents, students, and co-workers alike. Her contributions to the community exemplify her commitment to her students and their families. May she enjoy a long and productive retirement, and continue to put a smile on the faces of those around her.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF STAFF  
SERGEANT JEFFREY HAWTHORNE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the life of Staff Sergeant Jeffrey Hawthorne. Staff Sergeant Hawthorne was a true patriot who exemplified the honor and valor of our Armed Forces. His passing is an enormous loss for Northwest Florida and the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Hawthorne was a native of Chumuckla in Santa Rosa County, Florida. His love for his country was unparalleled. As a junior at Central High School he signed a commitment to serve his country in the U.S. Army. Immediately following his graduation in 1995, Staff Sergeant Hawthorne enlisted, serving 16 years on active duty until his recent passing.

As a member of the Army, Staff Sergeant Hawthorne served with honor and distinction, receiving numerous medals and commendations. He served as a military policeman throughout the U.S. and in Korea. He also served as a special agent with the protective services detachment at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

The United States of America is a bastion of liberty and freedom, and it is because of the indefatigable dedication and professionalism of servicemembers like Staff Sergeant Hawthorne, who put themselves in danger to protect our country, that we continue to prosper as the world's greatest nation. Staff Sergeant Hawthorne has gone home to the Lord; however, his dedication and service to our nation will not be forgotten.

Staff Sergeant Hawthorne is survived by his parents, Joseph and Ruth Hawthorne; sisters, Cynthia Bloyd and Diane (John) Marceau; nephews, Kevin and Sean Carroll; aunts, Marianne Hendrix, Loretta McCrory, Ann Blanton, Cora Abel and Irene Joyner; uncles, Ralph Jr. Bailey and James Hawthorne and many other nieces and nephews and his military family,

and he remains in the hearts and minds of all those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I extend my deepest condolences to Staff Sergeant Hawthorne's family. Staff Sergeant Hawthorne was a true patriot, and his willingness to serve our nation will endure as an example for our community. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Hawthorne family.

IN HONOR OF EDITH WILKIE  
EDWARDS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edith Wilkie Edwards. Most often known as Edie, I am honored that I have this opportunity to recognize such a caring, giving and loving woman.

Edie's tireless and dedicated work towards making the world a safer and more humane place is remarkable. She was an activist on peace and arms control issues, a former congressional staff member and wife of former Congressman Don Edwards, (D-CA). Edie passed away in Carmel, California at the age of 64. She had cancer and pulmonary disease.

Edie will forever be remembered as one of Capitol Hill's most talented, driven and selfless individuals. She directed Congress' bipartisan and bicameral Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus from 1978 to 1995. In that role, she worked to halt the development of new nuclear weapons, strengthen congressional support for the United Nations, end funding for proxy wars in Central America and expand and encourage human rights around the world. Prior to directing the caucus, she served as chief of staff to Reps. Fortney (Pete) Stark (D-CA) from 1975 to 1978; and Ogden R. Reid (R-NY) from 1968 to 1975.

Additionally, Edie served as president of the Peace Through Law Education Fund, a spin-off of the Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus, where she co-authored two reports examining the views of key military leaders on peace operations. The reports, "A Force for Peace" (1999) and "A Force for Peace and Security" (2002), foresaw the increasing need for U.S. troops to participate in multi-lateral peace operations in failed states.

Edie was also an active board member of the Ploughshares Fund, the San Francisco-based foundation that is the largest U.S. grant-making organization focused on peace and security issues; Council for a Livable World, a leading nuclear arms control lobbying organization in Washington; Peace-PAC, which supports arms control activists seeking election to the House of Representatives and the Center for International Policy, an organization started after the war in Vietnam by former diplomats and peace activists to promote human rights and international cooperation. She was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 1981, after 11 years together, she married Rep. Edwards, the 32-year Member of Congress from San Jose, CA, who chaired the Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. They were



married at Martha's Vineyard in a small and beautiful ceremony.

After they both retired from their careers on Capitol Hill in 1995, the Edwards decompressed by living in the village of Loumarin in Southern France. For more than a decade, the Edwards lived half the year in Carmel-by-the-Sea in California and half at Holly Point, their home overlooking the Chesapeake Bay in Edgewater, Maryland. They settled in Carmel for the last three years.

Born in New York on October 5, 1946 to the late John and Dorothea J. Wilkie, Edie graduated from Concord Academy and Vassar College. Tall and slim and athletic, she was an avid tennis player with a forehand her opponents considered lethal.

In addition to Mr. Edwards, she is survived by five stepsons; a sister and two brothers, Rennie Wilkie Lieber, John McNeil Wilkie and Peter Wilkie, and their families. She is also survived by her stepmother, Margot Loines Wilkie, of New York and Martha's Vineyard and two stepsisters, Faith Morrow Williams and Constance Morrow Fullenweider and their families.

Mr. Speaker, Edith Wilkie Edwards touched many lives in her community and devoted her life to building a more peaceful world. It is a privilege and a high honor to recognize her life. She will be missed and I know I speak for the whole House in honoring the life of this dedicated and loving woman.

#### HONORING ABRAHAM BREEHEY

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Abraham (Abe) Breehey, a devoted husband, father, son, and brother and to mourn him upon his sudden passing at the age of 34. Abe was the Government Affairs Director of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. Born in Binghamton, New York in 1976, Abe Breehey graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Sienna College in Loudonville, NY. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University of Albany and went on to serve as a Legislative Assistant during the 107th Congress and 108th Congress. He joined the IBB legislative staff in 2004. Abe was a sagacious voice for labor, widely respected on Capitol Hill and throughout the ranks of his union for his intellect, passion and commitment. He had the innate ability to build consensus across political and ideological lines.

On April 14, 2011, Abe passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He will long be remembered as a husband devoted to his beloved wife, Sonya and his treasured young daughter, Abigail. He is survived by his parents, Ray and Carol, his sister Rachel, three nieces, a nephew, and his loyal dog Kelsey. Abe leaves behind a legacy of many friends whose lives were bettered for having known him. Mr. Speaker, during his lifetime, Abe enriched the lives of everyone around him. As we bid farewell to this vibrant man, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to the working men and women of our community and our country.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,287,630,052,323.12.

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 \$3,649,204,306,029.30 since then.

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

#### ADA LAUNCHES JOBS-SOCIAL SECURITY-MINIMUM WAGE CAMPAIGN

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, Americans for Democratic Action has launched a Progressive agenda for jobs, rejuvenating the American economy, saving Social Security, and raising the minimum wage.

#### JOBS

Workers without jobs can't provide adequately for the basic needs of their families. The unemployment crisis is damaging families and contributing to a multitude of economic and social ills, including:

The highest poverty rate for working-age people between 18 and 64—12.9% in 2009—since 1965. Today, 43.6 million Americans are living in poverty, 19 million of whom are in deep poverty.

Workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own often cannot pay mortgages and rent, even when receiving unemployment benefits, which are not equivalent to wages lost. The foreclosure crisis—primarily the outcome of misdeeds of bankers and mortgage brokers—is driving further declines in home values while destroying once-vibrant neighborhoods. Joblessness also contributes to increased homelessness, which is not only tragic for families who lose their homes, but is accompanied by broader social harms and increased budget pressures on already strapped local and state governments.

Unemployed workers—along with many who are still employed—are losing employer-based health insurance coverage. In 2009, 50.7 million people were without health insurance—the highest number of uninsured since the Census started collecting the data in 1987. Joblessness is increasing pressure on public programs such as Medicaid, while increased use of uncovered emergency services by those with no other option for care is driving further increases in healthcare costs for small businesses and those still fortunate enough to have jobs and healthcare coverage.

Workers without jobs can't pay taxes that provide the resources to hire teachers, police and firefighters, build and maintain roads, provide for appropriate national security, ensure product safety, protect the environment, and fill urgent long- and short-term national needs.

We condemn the folly of deficit slashing while 15 million Americans remain unemployed—plus 11 million more who are underemployed or have dropped from the labor force. Insufficient economic demand and idle productive capacity in the economy, in the short-term, bleeds federal and state budgets, whether or not current economic conditions meet the official definition of "recession." Reckless spending (except perhaps for ill-conceived and poorly executed wars) is not the cause of our budget woes. This is made obvious as conservatives decry the deficit, but cannot or will not name any specific government program they would slash in order to meet their demands for deficit reduction.

Job creation—and the economic growth that spurs job creation—is the only way to reduce a budget deficit that is primarily the result of high unemployment. Unemployed workers represent idle productive capacity—lost wages and lost economic output. Lost wages reduce demand for goods, services, and investment, and depress tax receipts. Without consumers with money to spend, firms don't invest or hire, leading to more joblessness and still lower output. That leads to declining tax receipts along with growing demand for automatic stabilizers (such as unemployment benefits) and safety net services (such as Medicaid, food stamps, and housing assistance). Government deficits are inevitable in economic downturns with high unemployment.

Since firms will not hire or invest where demand is lacking, and unemployed workers cannot expand consumption and increase demand, only the government can spur growth—through deficit spending and investment. Tax cuts may be helpful, but in the current climate, direct spending and investment will more quickly and more strongly stimulate demand. Investing now in America's current and future prosperity is the remedy for both joblessness and the long-term budget deficit.

Conservatives argue that austerity will spur economic growth. That argument is based on evidence that fiscal austerity reduces interest rates (borrowing costs) for firms, and thus stimulates investment. But the evidence for this model does not mirror current conditions. Interest rates in the U.S. are already at historically low levels, yet firms are not investing or hiring. Moreover, few of the countries that experienced rapid growth while practicing fiscal austerity adopted austerity when the economy was operating far below its potential level of output, and in no case was a country as far below its potential as the U.S. is today.

Furthermore, all of the evidence that austerity fosters growth comes from countries with a much larger percentage of their economy involved in export industries than is the case with the U.S. Trade provides a source of demand for countries with a large export sector. The U.S. currently cannot rely on export-led growth to stimulate sufficient demand to reduce unemployment. For unemployment to be reduced in the short run, domestic demand must be increased. Thus, arguments for slashing government budgets in order to stimulate jobs and economic growth are not credible under current economic conditions.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA, may have created or saved up to 3.3 million jobs and averted a second Great Depression, according to the independent Congressional Budget Office, CBO, estimates. But simple math shows that it was woefully insufficient to offset the loss of \$2.1 trillion in

economic activity, \$3.4 trillion in lost home values, and \$7.4 trillion in lost stock values in 2009 and 2010. Not only was \$787 billion in stimulus insufficient to offset the losses, it was also swamped by an estimated \$570 billion in spending cuts by state and local governments over the 2009–10 period.

Thus, the stimulus provided by ARRA and other measures amounted to only about \$126 billion per year for 2009 and 2010. The total effective stimulus was perhaps only 10% of the output lost.

By 2014, the CBO projects that total lost output will reach \$3.4 trillion—more than \$11,000 per person—assuming unemployment returns to normal levels by then. That figure will be worse if unemployment remains high. Additional and substantial economic stimulus that more realistically accounts for current economic realities is required, both to create jobs and to begin building the foundation for a prosperous future in which budget deficits can be reduced without causing economic contraction during a period of record unemployment.

The way to achieve a balanced federal budget is with a sound banking system and rational monetary policy; government investment (recognizing the difference between spending and investment); and full employment at decent wages and benefits.

*We need jobs, and we have much work to do.*

A great nation can't remain great with crumbling bridges and schools, bursting water mains, leaking untreated sewage, grossly inadequate transportation systems, over-dependence on foreign oil, unaffordable higher education, and broadband preparedness that ranks 15th among OECD countries. ADA calls for restoring America's global competitive position with a restored manufacturing base, and rebuilt and expanded public infrastructure including broadband, throughout the nation.

A great nation consists of livable cities and towns that work for people, with decent affordable housing, quality public schools, well-designed and functioning public transportation systems, and jobs that provide decent wages. Cities cannot be warehouses for vast numbers of homeless and impoverished people who have no prospects and no hope.

A great nation will be at the forefront of addressing global problems that have resulted from past mistakes. Global warming, polluted water, and energy insecurity require investment in high-speed railroads and mass transit systems; emission-free vehicles and the infrastructure to power them; research, development, and construction of renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and waterpower.

America, with enforced fair labor standards and collective bargaining rights. To begin the process of restoring America's industrial-employment base, ADA calls for fair trade policies that promote economic activity and lift wages in all nations, including our own; reformed tax policies that reward companies for creating jobs here, rather than for shipping

them overseas; and national and local purchasing goals that support American manufacturing.

For community restoration and further job growth, ADA calls for doubling funding for programs to employ youth—including high school dropouts, high school graduates, and college graduates. This includes expanding AmeriCorps, the Job Corps, and the Peace Corps, a renewed Civilian Conservation Corps to restore our national parks and forests, a Neighborhood Corps to protect, maintain and revitalize (or as necessary demolish) distressed housing, and Home Care Corps providing services to the elderly in their own homes.

These ambitious programs, sparked by public investments, will generate millions of jobs that pay middle-class wages, serving urgent national needs and restoring the private economy. These are the necessary underpinning of a strong America.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is under siege on multiple fronts, most of them familiar.

Social Security is not part of the budget deficit. It's been made a scapegoat by long-time enemies of the program. Social Security payments are, in fact, not government spending at all. Government spending includes the purchases of goods and services by government. Social Security payments are direct transfers from working people with more income to the elderly, disabled, widows and orphans who have less income, and who mostly contributed to the program during their working years. As such, a dollar reallocated from one final consumer to another has no direct effect on GDP whatsoever. Such transfers are fair and effective, increasing security and reducing poverty.

The Commission on Deficit Reduction is co-chaired by millionaire Erskine Bowles and former Senator Alan Simpson, who calls Social Security retirees "Greedy Geezers," as if either man would consider living on the average benefit of \$13,860 per year. The Commission includes only one economist; the rest are career politicians, most of whom have supported cuts to Social Security. And the Commission has accepted support from Peter G. Peterson, who has waged a relentless, decades-long campaign to cut Social Security and Medicare. The composition of the Commission is deeply flawed, including bias and conflicts of interest. Any proposal by the Commission regarding Social Security cuts should be rejected.

For two-thirds of the elderly, Social Security is at least half their income. About a third of the elderly rely on Social Security for most of their income. Social Security isn't in jeopardy, except from the Commission, other privatizers, and unemployment—jobless workers don't pay payroll taxes.

With no changes, Social Security can pay full benefits until 2039, and thereafter about 80 percent of currently scheduled benefits. Simple changes that don't damage the program,

and make contributions more progressive, can be made. Changes in FICA tax policies for higher-income earners would make it possible to reduce contributions by lower income earners, making the system less regressive and helping to address the enormous income gap that has developed in the U.S. over the past 30 years. Policy options include:

Raising the cap on which the payroll tax (FICA) is applied above the current \$106,800;

Removing the cap entirely; or

Applying the cap to all taxable income, including interest, dividends, and capital gains.

The payroll tax, currently accumulating a \$2.6 trillion surplus, is invested in U.S. government bonds, about the safest investment in the world.

Proposals to allow workers to contribute a portion of their FICA contributions to individual accounts are a sure way to undermine the entire Social Security system, and must be off the table. It may sound harmless, but siphoning off funds earmarked for Social Security makes it impossible to pay for current benefits. Individual accounts held in investment funds would be subject to the ups and downs of the business cycle. For those fortunate enough to retire in good times, the accounts may be a good deal. For those reaching retirement in a downturn, the effect could be disastrous. They may have little more than a much-reduced Social Security benefit to survive on and face years of poverty in retirement. We should not forget the last two years and the disastrous effect of the recession on 401(k)s.

Baby boomers are retiring; our population is aging. Legislators noticed that in 1987 and took care of it by increasing the payroll tax, and by gradually increasing the retirement age to 67 by 2022. That increase in the normal retirement age cut benefits by 13 percent. Postponing retirement is tough for people who've had physically demanding jobs (unlike doctors, lawyers, economists, professors, and legislators). Recent data on longer life expectancy, the principal argument for raising the retirement age still further, have shown that longer life spans in the U.S. are principally a luxury for the well-off. Further, the life expectancy numbers are skewed because of declines in infant and young-adult mortality. Ordinary working Americans aren't living appreciably longer lives, and thus longer retirements are largely a myth.

We should also attract more young workers by creating an economically rational immigration policy.

Current undocumented workers should be given a path to citizenship. This will ensure that they are appropriately contributing taxes, while affording them protections they now lack, including protection from workplace discrimination, wage and overtime protections, workplace safety, and collective bargaining rights.

The Dream Act, a bill to provide citizenship to young people who were brought to this

country as children, should be made law immediately. This would provide a path to citizenship for those who attend college or serve two years in the US Armed Forces, and would help the U.S. retain the most successful, productive young immigrants.

Large numbers of the brightest students from around the world come to earn degrees from U.S. universities. Many wish to remain in the U.S., but our broken immigration system makes it nearly impossible for them to do so. We should be encouraging these graduates to remain in the U.S. on completion of their studies.

#### MINIMUM WAGE

The third prong of ADA's program is increasing and indexing the minimum wage. It lags at a shameful \$7.25 per hour, while Republicans call for tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires. At its current level, the minimum wage barely provides an annual income above the individual poverty level, and many minimum wage earners are trying to raise families. It is unconscionable that anyone working full time in America should be mired in poverty, unable to meet basic needs of shelter, food, heat, and clothing.

The minimum wage should be increased, and should in future be indexed to the Consumer Price Index, to ensure that it keeps pace with the rising cost of living.

Opponents of raising the minimum wage will say that it increases unemployment. The evidence for this is extremely spotty. In some states that have increased their minimum wage, unemployment has declined relative to neighboring states that have maintained minimum wage at the federal level. In others, very small increases in unemployment were seen for the lowest-wage workers, and even those increases were temporary. Most of the economic research indicates that modest increases to the minimum wage have a negligible effect on employment, which is much more affected by other economic factors. The benefit of an increase to those workers at the minimum wage level outweighs the negligible effect on employment levels, and ADA strongly supports action on legislation to adjust the current minimum. ADA forged the coalition that led to the last increase in the minimum wage, and we can do so again.

All three prongs of ADA's program—JOBS, SOCIAL SECURITY, and MINIMUM WAGE—are of a piece, and are essential to restoring the American middle class. The Republicans are raring to enact slashing cuts that mirror those of the Tories of the UK, a formula for a double-dip recession or worse. We know better. Americans need jobs. Our country needs refurbishing. Workers need jobs that pay for housing, food, education, and a decent standard of living. Workers pay Social Security taxes, so the elderly, disabled, widows, and orphans can survive above poverty. And minimum wage workers must not be left behind. ADA stands ready to build the Liberal movement to carry out this agenda.

#### HONORING WAYMON SIMS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

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

Whereas, the accomplishments of many start with the works and words of one; and

Whereas, Waymon Sims was born and raised in Athens, Georgia, where he began his athletic career as a teenager participating in football, track and basketball earning varsity letters while maintaining his membership in the National High School Honor Society at Athens High & Industrial School; and

Whereas, upon his graduation from Athens High & Industrial School in 1959, Waymon Sims entered Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia wherein he continued his athletic career in track and football while earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics; and

Whereas, Waymon Sims served our country honorably in the U.S. Navy during a time of war, he returned home to Georgia, entered John Marshall Law School, coached little league softball and baseball in DeKalb County, Georgia, won numerous championships for his girls and boys teams but most of all, he shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that have and continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Waymon Sims the Athlete, Coach, Attorney and Community Leader on his induction into the Athens Athletic Hall of Fame in his hometown of Athens, Georgia and to congratulate him as a constituent who now lives in our District;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2009 as Waymon Sims Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of May, 2009.

#### HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION MAY 2, 2011

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements of the International Eye Foundation as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. IEF, which I am proud to say is based in my congressional district, is dedicated to the prevention of blindness and restoration of sight worldwide. In 2010, together with its partner eye care providers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, IEF treated over 2 million people.

The history of IEF's work is fascinating. Dr. John Harry King, Jr., IEF's founder and a pioneer of corneal transplantation, sought to address the high rates of blindness in the developing world and established the International Eye Bank in 1961 under the auspices of CARE/Medico. American eye surgeons were posted to the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem to perform corneal transplant operations and train local surgeons. Dr. King soon realized, however, that much of the blindness in the developing world was preventable and that care could be provided before people became blind. The name of the organization was changed in 1965 to the International Eye Foundation, which sharpened its focus on blindness prevention and primary eye care.

In order to remedy the dearth of eye specialists in developing countries, volunteer ophthalmologists were posted by IEF to countries throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. Through IEF's Society of Eye Surgeons, Dr. King hosted a World Congress every four years, one of the earliest international eye meetings, bringing together distinguished leaders in ophthalmology and development specialists from around the world.

Throughout the 1970's, IEF facilitated many ophthalmic training and exchange programs in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. In 1972, U.S. eye surgeons were posted to Ethiopia and Kenya and, from 1976–1984, the USAID-supported "IEF Kenya Rural Blindness Prevention Project" became a model for East Africa. The training of ophthalmologists and Ophthalmic Clinical Officers was expanded while countless general physicians, nurses, and village health workers were trained in primary eye care. IEF facilitated an exchange program that exposed U.S. Navy residents to the challenges of providing eye care in Africa and the Middle East and brought doctors from Egypt and Ethiopia to the U.S. for fellowships. Ophthalmic and nurse training programs and vitamin A deficiency control programs were also conducted in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Indonesia. IEF started Malawi's Ophthalmic Medical Assistants training program in 1980. Importantly, the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre had no eye specialist, so IEF posted a series of American ophthalmologists there to provide care, surgery and training over 15 years.

IEF helped establish Eye Banks in Amman, Jordan in 1979 and in Cairo, Egypt in 1980. Throughout the following decade, U.S. ophthalmologists were posted to a number of Caribbean nations for one year at a time. In 1985, IEF became the first eye care development organization to be accepted into "official relations" with the World Health Organization. In 1986, USAID awarded child survival grants for programs in Africa and Latin America that focused on reducing blindness from vitamin A deficiency, the leading cause of blindness in children in developing countries at that time. The availability of Mectizan® (the anti-parasitic drug ivermectin) from Merck & Company in 1990 allowed IEF to pioneer the first community-based ivermectin distribution programs in Guatemala, in collaboration with Africare in Nigeria, and in 1992 in Cameroon and Malawi.

In the early 1990's, IEF was awarded a USAID grant for programs in Bulgaria and Albania. The grant enabled 18 U.S. ophthalmologists to provide training and technology for vitreo-retinal surgery and retinopathy of prematurity to save the sight of newborns. IEF also collaborated with the Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University to conduct the first random sample epidemiological blindness prevalence survey in Bulgaria.

In the mid-1990's, IEF recognized that eye hospitals in developing countries were still underperforming and lacked management capacity and revenue sources. The SightReach® Management program was then established, reorienting the organization's mission to sustainability planning for eye care institutions. This included developing a model that can be adopted by eye units in different regions of the world. In 1999, with seed money from USAID, IEF focused on reducing

blindness from unoperated cataract and addressing refractive error by improving efficiency, productivity and revenue-generating services. IEF is now a global leader in sustainability programming for eye care with hospital partners in 15 countries.

In 1999, IEF established its SightReach® Surgical (SRS) program, making available a wide range of ophthalmic products from manufacturers worldwide to eye care providers and international developing organizations. The program has reduced the cost of technology and provided valuable procurement and advisory services to nations that would otherwise have limited access to such resources.

Over the last 50 years, IEF has been instrumental in facilitating the tremendous growth in eye care services throughout the developing world, especially in Asia and Latin America. Cases of blindness due to trachoma, onchocerciasis, cataract, and blinding malnutrition have been reduced while the number of training programs, well-trained ophthalmologists, and modern technology has increased in developing countries. IEF has played a significant role in these achievements and has been supported by USAID, private foundations and the hundreds of thousands of individuals who support its mission.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the International Eye Foundation for its 50 years of extraordinary work and wish it continued success in making a difference in the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY (HACR) ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to commemorate a significant milestone and to commend the leadership of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR) for its work as one of the most influential advocacy organizations for Hispanic inclusion in Corporate America.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of HACR's founding in 1986, with a mission to advance the inclusion of Hispanics in Corporate America at a level commensurate with Hispanic economic contributions.

Thanks to the profound efforts and devotion of its exceptional and visionary leaders, in 25 years HACR grew from an original 7 coalition members to now representing 16 national Hispanic organizations in the United States and Puerto Rico.

For more than two decades, HACR's innovative work with corporate partners, stakeholders, elected officials, and community leaders has created a partnership that provides the expertise necessary to ensure the inclusion of Hispanics in corporate social responsibility and market reciprocity.

HACR's Commitment to Hispanic inclusion in the areas of corporate responsibility and community reciprocity include a focus on employment, procurement, philanthropy, and governance.

With a pioneering focus to meet unmet needs, HACR's signature programs, including

the Annual HACR Symposium, HACR CEO Roundtable, and HACR Corporate Directors Summit, present a unique opportunity for some of the nation's most forward-thinking companies to share best practices and continue advancing Hispanic inclusion.

Additional signature programs tailored to young Hispanics, including the HACR Corporate Executives Forum and the HACR Young Hispanic Corporate Achievers Program, lay the foundation for generations of Latino corporate leaders to come.

It is with great pride that I recognize HACR on this important anniversary. Since its founding, to its first corporate agreement, to its now extensive work with the nations' most prosperous companies and leaders of all levels, HACR continues to be a passionate and committed organization with a mission to achieve economic parity and reciprocity for the Hispanic community.

HONORING JUNE RUSSELL WRIGHT

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman of grace, class, and dignity, Mrs. June Russell Wright.

Mrs. Wright passed away on April 22, 2011. She and her husband, Dr. Robert L. Wright, Jr. have been my friends of longstanding for over 40 years.

June was born on November 7, 1939 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Mrs. Ollie Russell Carter.

She graduated from William H. Spencer High School in 1957 and Grady Hospital School of Nursing in 1960 as a registered nurse. Her nursing career spanned over 40 years, with 34 of those years spent at the Columbus Health Department. She worked in numerous clinics and retired as a nurse supervisor of the Tuberculosis clinic.

George Washington Carver once said that: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life you will have been all these." June went far in life because she never forgot this lesson and she always wanted to help other people. Her involvement with her church and social civic organizations dedicated to the betterment of all people is a testament to this fact.

June was an active member of the St. Benedict Catholic Church where she served faithfully and worked with the Liturgy Committee, the Project 2004 Committee and sang in the church choir for over 30 years. She was an active member of the Columbus Chapter of the Links and an honorable Archoussa of Gamma Psi Boule. One of her greatest achievements was her induction as a Life Partner in the Horatio Alger Association of distinguished Americans. June truly believed in the mission of the Association that hard work, honesty and determination can conquer all obstacles. She lived her life this way and gave her all to making the world a better place to live.

But, her greatest role in life was that of dedicated wife and loving mother. She has

supported and served as the greatest cheerleader to her husband through his career as an optometrist, elected official and successful entrepreneur. Moreover, she has supported her children, Kimberly Wright Lavender and Russell T. Wright in all of their endeavors.

June was truly one of a kind who left an indelible mark on the world that will never be forgotten.

I am proud to have known a woman who has dedicated her life to uplifting others and I am proud to honor her life and legacy with this statement. To God be the glory for blessing the world with a woman such as June Russell Wright. We all are better because she travelled this way.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE TANNING BED CANCER CONTROL ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, in honor of Melanoma Monday, I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation with my colleagues Representative CHARLIE DENT and Rep. JESSE JACKSON, JR.: the Tanning Bed Cancer Control Act. This legislation will empower the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to determine whether the current performance standards and regulations placed on tanning beds accurately reflect their safety and effectiveness.

Despite the known health risks associated with indoor tanning, more than two million people, the vast majority of whom are women and young girls, tan indoors every day. The United States Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer have classified indoor tanning beds as a known carcinogen (cancer-causing substance), the same category as tobacco smoke, asbestos and uranium. Research shows people who tan indoors are 75 percent more likely to develop melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, which is now the most common form of cancer among young adults 25–29 years old. We can no longer ignore the startling health effects of indoor tanning.

In spite of the facts, the FDA currently classifies tanning beds in the lowest risk category, Class I. Other examples of Class I devices are Band Aids and tongue depressors, devices that pose no risk to consumers at all. The Tanning Bed Cancer Control Act requires the FDA to examine two sides of tanning bed regulation. First, it requires a study be conducted to determine whether or not tanning beds are appropriately classified in accordance with the risks of their use. The bill also addresses performance standards—factors such as the strength of the UV rays emitted and the recommended amount of time a consumer should remain in the bed. These standards have not been updated since 1985. Finally, the legislation calls on the FDA to carry out its own findings published in a 2008 Report to Congress and to edit the warning label requirements to clearly and more effectively inform consumers of the health risks associated with tanning bed use.

The link between skin cancer and indoor tanning is undeniable and we need to protect

Americans from harmful UV rays. We cannot afford to stand by and watch people suffer as a result of misinformation and poor regulation.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT E.  
JONES OF WHEELING, WV

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week a great honor is bestowed on a great man, Dr. Robert E. Jones of Wheeling, West Virginia. In addition to his great abilities in the medical profession, Dr. Jones was an extraordinarily successful athlete for the Wheeling Ironmen from 1964–67. Due to his tremendous abilities, he is now being honored through induction into the Minor League Football Hall of Fame.

Dr. Jones was born in Scribner, Nebraska and played college football under legendary Nebraska coach, Bob Devany. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree and obtained his Medical Degree from West Virginia University. Before enrolling at West Virginia University's Medical School, he spent time as a Washington Redskins.

His accomplishments on the professional football field and in the medical field are a true inspiration to our youth in America. Dr. Jones is an example to all that whatever your passions may be, with heart and dedication you can achieve anything. I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of this celebration and congratulate Dr. Robert Jones on his great accomplishment.

HONORING PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICER ERIC ZAPATA

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was killed in the line of duty on the night of April 18th, 2011. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

A ten-year veteran of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Zapata was a tireless public servant who put the wellbeing of his community above himself. Like so many in local law enforcement, Zapata was a father, a son, a brother, and a friend—he will be greatly missed.

We are all deeply indebted to those brave men and women in public safety, whose countless sacrifices allow us to go about our daily lives and take our own safety for granted. The pain of this tragic loss is felt by every member of our southwest Michigan community.

PSO Zapata's ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and security will never be forgotten. He leaves a legacy of distinguished service and selfless heroism.

Officer Zapata was the first Kalamazoo Public Safety Officer killed in the line of duty. Let's all pray he will also be the last.

HONORING THE ST. CLOUD AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL  
BUSINESS PERSON OF THE  
YEAR, BERNARD "BROWNIE"  
WILLIAMS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year, the Mark of Excellence, and the Entrepreneurial Success Award recipients. These individuals have stood out to the Chamber as "those who have the courage to aspire to a higher level" as business owners and community members.

Bernard "Brownie" Williams opened up a chiropractic practice in Sartell, Minnesota in 1981. Like many business owners, Brownie ran a family business where he and his wife were the only employees. However, as the community grew and changed, the needs of his patients changed as well. Brownie currently runs a full health clinic meeting the whole-body needs of the St. Cloud area. From family care to specialty therapies, Brownie is an image of what passion and dedication can accomplish. I congratulate Brownie Williams as the 2011 St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year.

Miller Architects and Builders of St. Cloud is a fifth-generation business. Dan Miller, the current owner, was raised in the family business and today runs it as a one-stop shop for his customers. Overseeing everything from design and financing to construction management, Dan has a legacy that now serves the entire upper Midwest. I am proud to honor Dan Miller as the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Mark of Excellence Award winner.

Especially in a tough economy, entrepreneurs are the oil to America's job and economic engine. John Schlecht opened up Crafts Direct after spending most of his career with other craft companies and supply stores. After a successful opening in 1990 and consistent growth despite the ups and downs of the economy, John is perfectly suited to be a model to other entrepreneurs and I'm pleased to praise him as the 2011 St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurial Success Award winner.

Mister Speaker, I ask that this body also congratulate and recognize these men and their businesses as examples of America's unwavering spirit of success. Brownie Miller, Dan Miller and John Schlecht are just three of the many businesses that are adapting and thriving in our Nation, and they all deserve our gratitude.

HONORING MAYOR ABRAHAM  
BREEHEY

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep sadness to honor the life of Abraham Breehey, Director of Legislative Affairs and Special Assistant to the

International President of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. Abe passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2011, from complications related to a brain tumor and subsequent stroke.

Abe, 34, was born in 1976 in Binghamton, New York and is survived by his wife, Sonya, daughter, Abigail, father Ray, mother Carol, sister Rachel, 3 nieces, a nephew, and his friendly dog Kesey.

Abe received his Bachelor's Degree from Siena College in Loudonville, NY, and Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the University of Albany. He also attended the Trade Union Program at Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the Boilermakers in 2004, he served as Legislative Assistant for labor and other issues for my friend and colleague Representative LLOYD DOGGETT (TX-25).

Abe was a leading voice in the labor movement, representing the Boilermakers on issues related to energy policy and climate change, and their impact on workers. He was widely respected for his passion, intellect, and ability to build consensus across ideological and political lines. He advised the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department as Chairman of the Department's Legislative Task Force. He acted as a trusted friend and advisor to advocates for working families both on and off Capitol Hill.

Abe had a genial nature, a ready smile, and was always a pleasure to work with. The labor and working families movement has lost a friend, a brother, and rising star. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

THE SIKES ACT AMENDMENTS  
ACT OF 2011

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce a bill to amend the Sikes Act to improve natural resources management planning for State-owned installations used for the national defense. I reintroduce this bill, with minor technical changes, at the request of the Department of Defense (DOD). The amendments proposed by DOD will improve coordination between DOD, the Department of the Interior and State, Territorial and local partners for the protection of fish and wildlife resources on DOD lands and State-owned installations used for the national defense.

In the 111th Congress, as then Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services, I held an oversight hearing on this legislation. During testimony, the DOD and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service highlighted the significance of codifying this language as an important step forward with an agenda of promoting responsible environmental stewardship. DOD controls nearly 25 million acres of valuable fish and wildlife habitat at approximately 400 military installations nationwide. These lands contain a wealth of plant and animal life, vital wetlands for migratory birds and habitat for nearly 300 federally listed threatened and endangered species. For 50 years, the Sikes Act has helped the commanders of these installations

balance their use of air, land and water resources for military training and testing with the need to conserve and rehabilitate these important ecosystems. In past National Defense Authorization Acts, Congress has made improvements to the Sikes Act and my bill, the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011, continues this progress by proposing two significant improvements to the law.

First, my bill clarifies the scope of the Sikes Act by extending its provisions to State-owned National Guard installations, including the requirement to develop and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMP) that are already required for federally-owned military installations. Another provision in this bill would make several technical and clarifying changes to the U.S. Code to make it consistent with other subheadings and titles.

As the NDAA and this legislation advance through the legislative process, I will continue to work with the DOD, and my colleagues in Congress, to modify this language to make permanent the successful invasive species management pilot program on Guam, authorized into law in 2004, and appropriately expand its scope to all military installations. The Department of Defense has supported this initiative and it is an important part of the ecosystem approach of the Sikes Act.

I want to thank Chairman BUCK MCKEON of the House Armed Services Committee for his leadership on issues affecting management of military installations and the readiness of our military forces. I also thank Chairman DOC HASTINGS of the House Natural Resources Committee for his working with me to provide additional hearings and input on the effect of this legislation. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee in receiving testimony, support and views on the Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF  
OSAMA BIN LADEN

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to tell the American people and especially the 9/11 family members that we have kept our promise. Today, the American people have seen justice. Osama bin Laden, the leader of the United States' top enemy, has gotten what he deserves for orchestrating the deaths of nearly 3,000 innocent Americans on September 11, 2001.

First, let me express my admiration and gratefulness to the brave men and women of our military and intelligence services who performed so valiantly during yesterday's operation. It makes me proud to know that we have so many dedicated individuals who risk their lives every day to keep us safe. These professionals succeeded in their mission to hunt down and execute al-Qaeda's leader, something we have been trying to do for the past ten years.

I want to commend President Obama for his resolve and his decision to keep the pressure on al-Qaeda and its leadership. He performed

his duties as Commander in Chief brilliantly. I also want to give credit to President Bush for promising to bring the 9/11 terrorists to justice and doing so much to keep America safe in the years following the 9/11 attacks. Both these men deserve great credit for their actions.

Today is a great day for America. It is a great day for the men and women of our military and intelligence services. It's also a great day for the family members who lost loved ones on 9/11 and have been waiting for this day for so long.

We are safer today because Osama bin Laden is no longer on this earth. He and so many of his collaborators have been hunted down, captured or killed. And while this is another highly positive development in the global war on terrorism that we are winning, we realize it is not over. We must continue to be vigilant and counter the diabolical threat of Islamic extremism.

May God Bless America and all the brave men and women who protect us at home and overseas. And may the death of Osama bin Laden bring some peace and closure to those who lost loved ones on September 11th, 2001.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY  
2011

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, known in Israel as Yom Ha'Shoah U'Gvura—a day to commemorate Holocaust victims and heroes. It is observed each year on the anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

It cannot escape us that this year, this observance coincides with the killing of Osama Bin Laden, a ruthless murderer who embodied the worst hatred and cruelty that was a trademark of the Nazi era. It is also coincides with the anniversary of Hitler's death.

As we remember the victims of the Holocaust and the victims of 9/11, we reflect on the hatred and violence indoctrinated by Bin Laden and Hitler to fuel their murders.

We pay tribute to the heroes who risked their lives to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

We memorialize innocent lives cut short and we strengthen our resolve to fight the extremism and intolerance that foster terrorism and genocide.

I join my colleagues in marking this momentous confluence of events with grief for the past and hope for the future, so that we may proclaim with conviction: "Never Again."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR.  
VINCENT PAUL BRUNO

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno. Vincent Paul Bruno was a native of Florida's First

Congressional District. After graduating from Pensacola Catholic High School in 1943, Dr. Bruno joined the Navy, serving his country with honor and distinction in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After returning from combat, Dr. Bruno attended the University of Florida for his undergraduate studies, and in 1954, he received his doctorate from Loyola University School of Dentistry in New Orleans, Louisiana. After his graduation from Loyola, Dr. Bruno returned to his hometown of Pensacola, Florida where he practiced dentistry for 48 years.

In addition to his dental practice, Dr. Bruno was also an esteemed leader in the civic community. From 1965 to 1977, he served on the Pensacola City Council. Dr. Bruno also served a term as Mayor Pro Tem of Pensacola. In addition to his civic duties, Dr. Bruno was also a member of the American Dental Association, the Escambia Santa-Rosa County Dental Association, where he served a term as President, the Knights of Columbus and St. Michael's Parish Council.

Dr. Bruno is survived by his wife, Anita Faye Fowler Bruno; his sister, Angela Fisburn of Pensacola; his daughters: the Honorable Patricia Sheppard (the Reverend Dr. Thomas Mikelson) of North Adams, MA, Margaret LeBeau (Dr. Jacque) of Navarre, Ann Ferretti (Dr. Thomas) of Pensacola, Barbara del Castillo (Dr. Hector) of Houston, TX and his sons: V. Paul Bruno, Jr., Harry S. Bruno, and Peter F. Bruno (Sue) all of Pensacola; stepdaughter, Dawn Cagle of Madisonville, KY; and 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

To some Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno will be remembered as a professional and caring dentist, and to others, as a civic leader in the Northwest Florida community. He will forever be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, and his impact on Northwest Florida will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize the life of Dr. Vincent Paul Bruno. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Bruno family.

HONORING DR. ROBERT C.  
MESSINA JR.'S SERVICE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 2, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., as he enters his 25th year of visionary leadership as President of Burlington County College.

During Dr. Messina's leadership, Burlington County College has grown substantially, now educating more than 11,000 students per year. The College received 22 commendations in its recent reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, more than any other college in New Jersey. Their recent achievements are a strong reflection of Dr. Messina's tireless efforts. His work has benefitted the entire South Jersey community, enriching residents' quality of life through sponsorship of cultural and regional activities.

Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr. should also be recognized as a humanitarian. He frequently

volunteers his time on local, regional, state, and national boards and committees related to improving higher education. His dedication to exceptional and accessible educational oppor-

tunities makes him a role model to Burlington County and the rest of the country.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr.'s commitment to Burlington County College and the local community merits recognition. I com-

mend him for his achievements, and extend sincere best wishes in all his future endeavors as he enters his 25th year as president of Burlington County College.



## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MAY 4

## Time to be announced

## Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Room to be announced

## 10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine budget enforcement mechanisms.

SD-215

## Appropriations

## Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-138

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on progress at the Federal level.

SD-342

## Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SD-226

## Appropriations

## Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Labor.

SD-124

## 10:30 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for national and military intelligence programs.

SVC-217

## Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject

to advice and consent, and the nomination of William J. Boorman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

SR-301

## 2 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Personnel Subcommittee

To resume 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

## 2:30 p.m.

## Appropriations

## Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2012 for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Andrew Ross, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Timothy M. Cain, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Nannette Jolivet Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Nancy Torresen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, and William Francis Kuntz II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

SD-226

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine inspiring students to Federal service.

SD-342

## Armed Services

## Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine implementation of the New START Treaty and plans for future reductions in nuclear warheads and delivery systems post-New START Treaty; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-232A

## 2:45 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel, Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

## MAY 5

## 9:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine a joint staff discussion draft pertaining to cyber security of the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure and for other purposes.

SD-366

## Appropriations

## Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for

the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SD-138

## 9:45 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense plans and programs relating to counterterrorism, counter-narcotics, and building partnership capacity.

SVC-217

## 10 a.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine understanding the power of social media as a communication tool in the aftermath of disasters.

SD-342

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine legislative proposals in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's fiscal year 2012 budget.

SD-538

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine assessing United States policy and its limits in Pakistan.

SD-419

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine improving health quality and patient safety.

SD-430

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 350, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, S. 623, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and the nominations of Bernice Bouie Donald, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Henry F. Floyd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Kathleen M. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Richard Brooke Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Sara Lynn Darrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Virginia A. Seitz, of the District of Columbia, and Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

## 2 p.m.

## Finance

## International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine enforcing America's trade laws in the face of customs fraud and duty evasion.

SD-215

2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine stolen identities, focusing on the impact of racist stereotypes on indigenous people.  
SD-628

2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine how to save taxpayer dollars, focusing on case studies of duplication in the Federal government.  
SD-342

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.  
Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for April 2011.  
SD-106

MAY 10

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of Homeland Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Coast Guard, focusing on an examination of operational and recapitalization requirements.  
SD-138

Judiciary  
Privacy, Technology and the Law Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine protecting mobile privacy, focusing on smartphones, tablets, cell phones and privacy.  
SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold joint hearings to examine a roadmap for a more efficient and accountable Federal government, focusing on implementing the "Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act".  
SD-562

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

10:15 a.m.  
Judiciary  
Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.  
SD-226

MAY 12

10:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Department of Defense Subcommittee  
To receive a closed briefing on the United States Special Operations Command (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 on the United States Northern Command

(NORTHCOM) and the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM).  
SVC-217

MAY 18

10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine seamless transition, focusing on improving Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration.  
SR-418

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 Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
SD-192

POSTPONEMENTS

MAY 4

10 a.m.  
Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the United States-China relationship, focusing on charting a new course forward.  
SD-215