

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING MR. CLARENCE
OWEN BROWN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to commend Mr. Clarence Owen Brown, who is being honored tonight for 50 years of teaching excellence. He has influenced and inspired hundreds of students in Central Louisiana, and his exemplary contributions and dedication to enhancing the countless young minds should be celebrated.

Born January 19, 1936 in Ball, La., to Clarence Walter and Hazel Elba Bailey Brown, he is the brother of Howell Brown, Aubrey Brown and Norma Brown Simpkins.

He attended grades 1–12 at the “old” Tioga High School, where he later returned to instruct. Mr. Brown continued his education at Louisiana College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in music. He then received a Master of Science degree in biology from Northwestern State University (NSU), as well as post-graduate degrees from NSU, Louisiana State University and Louisiana Tech University.

Mr. Brown has devoted half a century to educating students in Central Louisiana. His lengthy service includes teaching high school in Rapides Parish Public Schools for 30 years with 28 years at Tioga High School, one year each at Cheneyville High School and Peabody High School. Since 1991, he has been an educator at Alexandria Country Day School.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Brown has been the director of television ministries at First United Methodist Church from 1983 to present, and has served as interim music director on several occasions.

In addition to his professional and service contributions, Mr. Brown is a caring husband, father and grandfather. He and his lovely wife, Miriam Jordan Brown, are the proud parents of Paul David Brown and Stacy Brown Wolf and grandparents to Mary Rose and Owen Hayes Wolf.

With 50 years of teaching underneath his belt, Mr. Brown has definitely left his fingerprint on the world. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Clarence Owen Brown for the indelible impact he has had on his students' lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE
SIMMONS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Simmons for his years of service to the State of Texas.

Mr. Simmons worked as the Deputy Executive Director for the Texas Department of

Transportation since 2001. After earning his degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston in 1981, he began his career with TxDOT as a project manager in 1982. He then went on to serve as the deputy district engineer for TxDOT's Houston District and was named the Forth Worth district engineer in 1998. During this time he also served on the Regional Transportation Council of the North Texas Council of Governments. Under Mr. Simmons' leadership, the Fort Worth District received the Design Excellence Award for a Metropolitan District in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Simmons' service also includes time on the civil engineering advisory boards for the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mr. Simmons received the University of Houston's Engineering Alumni Association's Distinguished Young Engineering Alumnus Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award in 2005, making him the first University of Houston graduate to attain both awards. He was one of the university's inaugural inductees into the Cullen College of Engineering's Academy of Distinguished Civil and Environmental Engineers. His ability to help make projects a success dates back to his youth when he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

There are numerous transportation projects in the 26th District and I have been grateful for the efforts of Mr. Simmons. Whether weighing in on a highway in need of expansion or coming to North Texas to update my constituents on the state of our transportation system, his willingness to serve has equaled his professionalism.

It is with great honor that I recognize Steve Simmons for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of Texas.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
THE SAFE RETURN OF SPACE
SHUTTLE “ENDEAVOUR”

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome home the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and its crew of six from the STS–134 mission. The Space Shuttle *Endeavour* landed safely in the early morning hours today at Kennedy Space Center located in Florida's 24th Congressional District. The astronauts of STS–134 spent a total of 16 days in space and delivered the Alpha-magnetic Spectrometer-2 to the International Space Station, which will be a critical tool for analyzing cosmic particles traveling through space.

This is the final flight of the Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and now with its 25th successful mission since 1992, including the first servicing mission for the Hubble Space Telescope, numerous Space Station assembly missions, and the delivery of the AMS–2, the orbiter will

be retired to the California Science Center. *Endeavour* has carried over 170 courageous astronauts to space and honorably fulfilled the legacy of its namesake, the 18th century ship chartered by explorer James Cook to travel throughout the south pacific.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done to Commander Mark Kelly, Pilot Greg Johnson, Mission Specialists Mike Fincke, Drew Feustel, Greg Chamitoff, and European Space Agency Mission Specialist Roberto Vittori.

They are heroes and courageous explorers for all of humanity. Welcome home team.

HONORING MR. KENNETH
AHLSTROM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the death of United States Navy veteran Mr. Kenneth Ahlstrom.

Mr. Ahlstrom served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS *Phoenix* in the southwest Pacific, and participated in 25 landings in New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines, and Borneo.

Mr. Ahlstrom was devoted to his local Buffalo community, and held offices in the American Legion, the Dunkirk High School Marduker Booster Club, and Willowbrook Cemetery.

Mr. Ahlstrom was also a family man. He leaves behind a widow, Mrs. Nancy Ahlstrom, 8 children, 17 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

It is with great pride that I rise today to remember Mr. Kenneth Ahlstrom, a veteran of our Nation's armed forces, and a proud member of my own Buffalo community.

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO
THE PATRIOT SUNSETS EXTENSION
ACT OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011.

The bill that is under consideration today would again extend authorities under the USA PATRIOT Act known as the “roving wiretap” provision, the business records, or “library,” provision, which provides authority to compel production of business records or “any tangible thing” deemed related to a terrorism investigation, and the so-called “lone wolf” provision.

These provisions continue to raise serious privacy concerns and potential threats to our civil liberties, which is why I have voted

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against extending these provisions in the past. We simply cannot continue to forgo Congressional oversight and simply extend these authorities, without amendment or debate, because we are told that these provisions are critical to our national security. It is incumbent on Members of Congress to consider the potential overreach of these provisions and the potential threat to our most basic freedoms.

In the wake of the attacks of September 11th, we rightfully committed to do what we must to protect ourselves from future terror attacks. But we must balance our security with the need to protect ourselves against unnecessary federal intrusion into our private lives, which is an essential part of what it means to be an American and must not be sacrificed.

Simply reauthorizing these provisions, without careful and deliberate debate about their potential impact, is a disservice to the American people and threatens our fundamental liberties.

That is why I vote against the extension before us today.

JANET ROUNTREE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janet Rountree for her lifelong commitment to community service and activism. From a young age, Ms. Rountree has played an integral role in young, conservative groups in Colorado, and in a number of state offices. Her devotion to public television, education and curing disease is a truly exemplary trait.

Among many other pursuits, Ms. Rountree currently serves as a precinct committee woman in Arapahoe County, is a member of the Cherry Creek Republican Women's Club, and the Colorado Lincoln Club. Since Ronald Reagan, she has volunteered on every Republican Presidential campaign and several Senate, Congressional and local races. For a decade, she was a legislative aid in state Senator Paul Schauer's office and ran numerous fundraisers for the state Republican Party.

Ms. Rountree is also immensely dedicated to the education and health of children in Colorado. She is a volunteer Trail Guide for the Denver Aquarium, a special events coordinator at Colorado's Museum of Nature and Science and has volunteered at several fundraising events for the state's Children's Hospital. She also has volunteered over 5,000 hours to the Rocky Mountain PBS Television station.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to Janet Rountree. Her dedication and service to public office in Colorado is admirable. The time she has given to volunteer efforts throughout the state is equally commendable. I am grateful for her commitment to the people of Colorado and her community and have no doubt that her impact will be felt for many years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. HELEN
GOTTLIEB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helen Gottlieb, Chairwoman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization in New Jersey, upon the occasion of her retirement. Chairwoman Gottlieb is a strong Democratic leader in Middlesex County who has made immeasurable contributions to her community and the Democratic Party. Ms. Gottlieb's service is undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

In addition to her public service, Chairwoman Gottlieb has amassed an impressive professional resume. Helen served as a dedicated teacher of English as a Second Language with the South Plainfield school district from 1970 through 1994. Beginning in 1980, as a member of the Edison Township Board of Adjustments, Helen faithfully served the local residents. She later served as President of the Edison Menlo Oaks Democratic Club and was a member of the Edison Township Planning Board. Her outstanding mentoring and leadership led to her appointment as Assistant Principal of South Plainfield High School in 1994, where she served for ten years. Helen also served as co-chair of the Middlesex County Clinton/Gore Presidential Campaign and Edison, New Jersey Democratic Vice-Chair. She currently serves as New Jersey State Committee Member and Middlesex County Democratic Chair, having previously serving as Vice Chair. I commend Helen for her continued service on behalf of the residents of Middlesex County.

As a result of her exceptional work, Helen has received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the "Woman of Achievement" Award and Commendation from the New Jersey General Assembly, 18th District, in 1999 and 1997, respectively. Helen was also the recipient of the Middlesex County Woman of Excellence Award in Education in 1993. She was featured in The News Tribune "Applause" Section in 1991 and was the New Jersey ESL Teacher of the Year in 1990, and most recently was the recipient of the Federation of Democratic Women's Peg Roberts Award. Helen currently resides in Edison, New Jersey with her husband, Judge Joel Gottlieb. They have two children and two grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my gratitude to Chairwoman Helen Gottlieb for her exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and wish her well in her retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF BURBANK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Burbank upon its 100th anniversary.

The land occupied by the present City of Burbank was part of two colossal Spanish

land grants—the Rancho San Rafael and Rancho La Providencia. In 1867, Dr. David Burbank, who was extraordinarily active in Los Angeles real estate, purchased segments of both ranchos, and merged them to create a large ranch where he built a ranch house, raised sheep and sporadically sold off diminutive portions of land.

In the late 1800s, Dr. Burbank sold a stretch of right-of-way to the Southern Pacific Railroad, and subsequently sold his property to a group of land speculators, which led to the establishment of the Providencia Land, Water and Development Company. As speculators designed a business district and subdivided the property into residential lots and small farms, the formation of the City of Burbank began.

The City of Burbank flourished over the years, and its continuous progress has been extraordinary. In the 1920s, the real estate market boomed, the Magnolia Park sector was developed, and the area boasted a shopping center, a bank, and Burbank's very own radio station. Burbank's sought after location and available space also attracted the aviation and entertainment industries. In the mid-1920s, the Lockheed Aircraft Company purchased a portion of Burbank farmland, and built a plant for the production of its planes. Lockheed employed 94,000 individuals by the time the United States entered World War II. As a testament to their success, Lockheed's Burbank-built aircraft helped win the Battle of Britain. Additionally, the motion picture business moved to Burbank in the 1920s. A 78-acre site was originally home to First National Pictures, and later to the Warner Bros. Following its footsteps were Columbia Pictures and the Walt Disney Company.

The year of 1943 marked the opening of the new Burbank City Hall, which has been named to the National Register of Historic Buildings. In the 1960s and 1970s, Burbank attracted more key players of the Hollywood entertainment industry. By 1962, Burbank became the permanent home of the National Broadcasting Company. In 1978, the airport was purchased from Lockheed, and today, the Bob Hope Airport, governed by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, is the largest privately owned community airport in the country. The 1980s highlighted the revitalization and evolution of Burbank's downtown area, with its collection of numerous restaurants and multi-screen movie theatres. In the 1990s, the Burbank Recycle Center and the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center were opened.

I am honored to represent the great City of Burbank, which is thriving with multi-dimensional industries, and yet has not lost its small-town atmosphere. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the residents of Burbank on its centennial anniversary.

HONORING DR. ROBERT CARR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Robert Carr. A long-time leader, activist and researcher in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the promotion of

human rights, Dr. Carr's prolific work benefited communities all over the world, including in Jamaica and the Caribbean. In his most recent role as Director of Policy and Advocacy at the International Coalition of AIDS Services Organizations (ICASO) in Toronto, Canada, Dr. Carr was a dynamic and effective leader. The global AIDS movement is devastated by the untimely loss of one of their most beloved colleagues. With his passing, we look to Dr. Carr's continued legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Dr. Carr became active in the field of HIV/AIDS over a decade ago, when he began to research stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV in Jamaica. In 2002, he became Executive Director of Jamaica AIDS Support for Life, a national NGO serving Jamaican society's most disenfranchised populations, including prisoners, the hearing impaired, people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, and gay and other men who have sex with men. In response to a lack of access to HIV and health services in Jamaica, he co-founded and was first Executive Director of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC), one of the first Caribbean organizations to focus on issues related to the rights and needs of sexual minorities.

As a result of his intellect, passion and talent for collaboration, Dr. Carr began a fast ascent to leadership positions within the AIDS movement and his work quickly took on a global scope. The author of several books, Dr. Carr wrote extensively on human rights and HIV, as well as on the social context that drives stigma and discrimination. From 2006 to 2008, he taught at the University of the West Indies, serving as the Coordinator of the Graduate Programmes Unit at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication. In recent years, Dr. Carr served on the NGO delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) and joined with other global advocates to found the Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF). He acted as a panelist for numerous Congressional Briefings in Washington D.C., worked with the LGBT Caucus and assisted with high-level meetings at the U.N., as well as countless other global policy arenas.

In these myriad roles, Dr. Carr was universally recognized for his unrelenting principles, his powerful mentorship, his unfailing efforts to build bridges across the broad HIV movement, and his larger-than-life presence. He insisted, unequivocally, that no marginalized community be left behind in the fight for social justice and the end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As a social worker and an academic, an attentive listener and an articulate public speaker, Dr. Carr's charming sense of humor, warmth and integrity were at the core of his dedication to activism.

Today, California's Ninth Congressional District salutes and honors Dr. Robert Carr. Our global community is indebted to his life's contribution in countless ways. Dr. Carr will always be remembered as a pioneer in advancing the health and human rights of marginalized groups, while going the extra mile to help them form an empowered, unified front. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Carr's family and his extended group of loved ones and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

GEORGE WHITTEN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Whitten for his service to the United States of America. He is one of the many men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect our country and its values.

Mr. Whitten, now a rancher in Saguache, Colorado, enlisted during World War II. He was an exemplary soldier and his efforts contributed to the United States' success in the Pacific Theater. Towards the end of the war, he was one of the soldiers who saw the American flag raised at Iwo Jima. The victories, and struggles, he saw are humbling to contemplate. We owe a debt of gratitude to the servicemen of his generation, and to all who have bravely served our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to stand and pay tribute to George Whitten. His dedication to our country is immense, and for that I am grateful.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S FREE WARD ASSOCIATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Children's Free Ward Association for 100 years of caring for the needs of poor, sick children in the Saginaw Michigan area. The Association will celebrate this milestone at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital on June 2 in Saginaw.

The Children's Free Ward Association was started in 1911 by a group of women dedicated to assisting the poor in the Saginaw community. It grew out of the women's sewing circle, hospital volunteers that devoted hours to sewing and repairing patient garments and linens. In the beginning the Association rented one bed from St. Mary's Hospital for \$12 a week. The physicians and surgeons donated their services to care for the children and the Association was soon able to increase their commitment to more beds and cribs. Upon discharge from the hospital every sponsored child was given a new outfit made by the volunteers. Over the years they have advocated and worked to improve pediatric healthcare in the Saginaw area. They purchased the first incubator and oxygen therapy unit in Saginaw for premature babies. The members of the Association also volunteered their time to entertain and comfort the children.

In the last year the Association has supported new medical equipment benefitting 17,000 children in the Saginaw Valley region including: pediatric crash carts, pediatric attachments for glidescopes, medical trays for emergency care, educational and entertainment items for the patients' use. They funded a grief camp for children, Asthma Camp, and the GreenHouse Center for HOPE expansion project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of the

Children's Free Ward Association. Through their efforts countless children have been given the gifts of health and life. Conceived with the idea of helping the smallest and poorest in our midst receive quality healthcare, the Children's Free Ward Association has proven over the last century that with charity, determination and a willingness to work, we can accomplish great things. I commend the volunteers, healthcare providers and supporters for their vision, commitment and enthusiasm to provide hope and health to the children and families of Saginaw and I wish them continued success through the next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the vote on May 26, 2011, to temporarily reauthorize expiring provisions of the Patriot Act. Had I been present I would have voted against S. 990, the legislative vehicle for the PATRIOT Act, because I believe that law fails to provide for the adequate protection of our freedoms and liberties.

CODIFICATION OF LAWS RELATING TO NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AS TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE, NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS and I have introduced a bill to enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park System". The bill restates provisions relating to the National Park System as part of a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law provisions replace the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

The bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

All changes in existing law made by the bill are purely technical in nature. The bill was prepared in accordance with the statutory standard for codification legislation. The restatement of existing law conforms to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of Congress in the original enactments. Amendments and corrections, as necessary, will remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections.

The bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be found on the Law Revision Counsel internet site at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod/t54>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments, no later than August 31, 2011, to Ken Paretzky, Senior Counsel, or Tim Trushel, Senior Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-308 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, (202) 226-9061. Mr. Paretzky's telephone number is (202) 226-9061 and his email address is Ken.Paretzky@mail.house.gov. Mr. Trushel's telephone number is (202) 226-9058 and his email address is Tim.Trushel@mail.house.gov.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EVACUEES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2011

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Evacuees Tax Relief Act of 2011, legislation providing tax relief to those forced to abandon their homes because of a natural disaster. This legislation provides a tax credit or a tax deduction, depending on the wishes of the taxpayer, of up to \$5,000 for costs incurred because of a government-ordered mandatory or voluntary evacuation. Evacuees could use the credit to cover travel and lodging expenses associated with the evacuation, lost wages, property damages not otherwise compensated, and any other evacuation-related expenses. The tax credit is refundable up to the amount of income and payroll taxes a person would otherwise pay, thus ensuring working people who pay more in payroll than in income taxes are able to benefit from this tax relief. The credit is available retroactive to December of 2010, so it is available to those who were evacuated because of this spring's wildfires, tornadoes, and floods.

Having lived in the Gulf Coast of Texas for almost 50 years, I have firsthand experience with the burdens faced by those forced to uproot themselves and their families because of a natural disaster. Evacuees incur great costs in getting to safety, as well as loss from the storm damage. It can take many months, and even years, to fully recover from the devastation of a natural disaster. Given the unpredictable nature of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados, it is difficult for most families to adequately budget for these costs. The Evacuees Tax Relief Act helps Americans manage the fiscal costs of a natural disaster.

Mr. Speaker, with the 2011 hurricane season now upon us, it is hard to think of a more timely and more compassionate tax relief proposal than one aimed at helping families cope with the costs associated with being uprooted from their homes, jobs, and communities by a natural disaster. I hope all my colleagues will show compassion for those forced to flee their homes by cosponsoring the Evacuees Tax Relief Act.

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this May, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the many contributions Jewish Americans have made to our country.

Jewish immigrants came to our country inspired by the promise of cultural and religious tolerance and socioeconomic mobility. For more than 350 years, Jewish Americans have enriched American society by placing a strong value on education, community and culture.

They have also contributed to the economic vitality of our Nation, particularly California's 15th Congressional District, through their innovations in technology. Thanks to their entrepreneurial spirit, Jewish Americans have become the leaders in renewable energy development and high technology in my district. Without question, Silicon Valley would not be the hub of innovation it is today without the contributions of Jewish Americans.

The Jewish American community in my district serves as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader. I am privileged to represent a community of Jewish Americans whose contributions in the fields of technology, business, and education, among many others, have served as a testament to America's promise as a land of opportunity.

URGING CITIZENS TO ENSURE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the 2011 hurricane season begins today.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I regularly meet with emergency managers to ensure they are ready to respond to a hurricane or other disaster.

Citizens must do their part as well. Make sure you have an emergency kit and develop an emergency plan. Be aware of evacuation routes in your area. Resources are available at bilirakis.house.gov to help you with these efforts.

Disasters can strike at any time, often with little warning. Our hearts and support go out to the victims of disasters our Nation has faced as they work to recover.

Mr. Speaker, we must work to create a culture of preparedness. Taking these small steps now can make a huge difference when disaster strikes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, on May 26th, I missed rollcall vote numbered 376 be-

cause I was travelling to Kansas for a family funeral.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CORNELIA HEERSINK TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cornelia Heersink for her dedication to the American Red Cross and the people of Colorado's San Luis Valley.

As an original member of the Red Cross Gray Ladies, Mrs. Heersink volunteered for 45 years at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. The devotion she showed to helping the people of her community is truly admirable. Her continual presence provided comfort to patients and families at the southern Colorado hospital. Patients, and members of the surrounding community, always appreciated the years of service she gave to the area's health.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to Cornelia Heersink today. She has given a lifetime of service to the health and rehabilitation of Colorado. I have no doubt that her impact will be felt for many years.

TRIBUTE TO RICHIE CRISAFULLI

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to an act of heroism.

In Glendive, Montana, just about as far east as the state stretches, a young woman is alive today, just as all the hopes and dreams for her future still are, because a firefighter by the name of Richie Crisafulli risked his life to save hers.

Richie Crisafulli is the Assistant Fire Chief for the West Glendive Fire Department, but he is more than a firefighter. He is a father, a husband, an EMT, a coach, and a community leader.

In the early morning hours of March 25th, a fire broke out in the home of a Glendive family. Smoke alarms went off and three of the four family members home at the time made it outside. But a teen girl lay sleeping in a basement bedroom.

Assistant Chief Crisafulli, who lived a few blocks away from the fire, heard the call come in, and though he had no rescue gear, responded immediately.

When Crisafulli arrived the family directed him to the room where the young woman was still inside. Richie attempted to enter the house, but the smoke from a fire in the laundry room was overwhelming without the proper equipment and he was forced to retreat.

Undeterred, and inspired by an idea from another one of Montana's finest, Dawson County Sheriff Deputy Ross Canen, who had just arrived at the scene, Crisafulli took Canen's stocking cap, filled it with snow, covered his mouth and nose with it and headed back inside. The make-shift respirator worked.

Crisafulli located the girl, and led her through the blazing, smoke-filled home to safety.

West Glendive Fire Chief Tim Mort had this to say: "He's an absolute hero. There is little doubt in my mind that young woman is alive today because of the actions of Richie Crisafulli."

To Richie Crisafulli's credit, he has remained humble in the face of the ensuing praise, saying the story was not about him, but more about the department and the people he both serves and serves with: "My grandfather was a part of this fire department from the beginning. I'm proud to be able to follow in my family's footsteps and honored to serve with my fellow firefighters. If it would have been one of my four kids, I'm sure someone else would have done the same."

Fearless in response and humble in praise—Richie Crisafulli went above and beyond the call of duty and I applaud him today. May he and his family be blessed, just as I know the grateful family of the young woman he rescued are, now that their daughter and sister is alive today to love and be loved by her family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently cast a "no" vote during the rollcall vote No. 356 on amendment 42 to "H.R. 1540—The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012." I would like to change my vote on the amendment to "yea."

MEDIA IGNORE STUDY SHOWING STIMULUS FAILED

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent study found that the Obama Administration's so-called stimulus plan destroyed American jobs.

Economists from Ohio State University and the University of Western Ontario determined that the stimulus caused a net loss of over a half-million jobs from April 2009 to September 2010, including a loss of more than one million private-sector jobs.

If you didn't hear about this study, you're not alone—the national media largely ignored it.

Investor's Business Daily and Fox News covered the study, but most other national outlets were predictably silent.

It's no wonder only 1 in 10 Americans trust the media, according to a recent public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not ignore them to protect the Obama Administration.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. STEVEN DAVIES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies who retires this year after completing thirty five years of teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School.

Mr. Davies graduated from Bowling Green University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received his Masters degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College.

Mr. Davies has been teaching visual arts and photography at Westlake High School for thirty five years. Among art forms which interest him most are drawing, wood, sculpture and photography. During his long career at Westlake High School, Mr. Davies served as the Art Department Chairman and as a member of the Building Leadership Team. He has coached football and baseball and was senior class advisor.

Mr. Davies approaches his teaching profession with diligence and a serious commitment. "I will do anything in my power to help your child reach his or her full potential. My mission, as a teacher, is to make the learning process a thrilling life-long endeavor. I will promote the concepts of trust and respect within my classroom. And, I will establish high expectations for the students and hold them accountable to fulfill these expectations."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Mr. Steven Davies as he retires after thirty five years of teaching.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on May 24, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 333—On Ordering the Previous Question—"nay."

Rollcall No. 334—On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall No. 335—On Motion that the Committee Rise—"no."

Rollcall No. 336—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Tonko No. 2)—"aye."

Rollcall No. 337—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Cardoza No. 9)—"aye."

HONORING RANDALL D. BYRNE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randall D. Byrne as he retires as City Manager of the City of Grand Blanc, Michigan, after nearly 30 years of service. His retirement is planned for June 3.

Randy Byrne served as the Village Manager of Almont Village before accepting the post of Grand Blanc City Manager. During his tenure with the City of Grand Blanc he served with 6 Mayors and 24 City Council members and has accomplished numerous major projects. These include the construction of the City Hall, the Water Softening Project, the Grand Oak Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Project, expansion of Rust Park, creation of the Downtown Development Authority, expansion of the Gordon Mancour Fire Hall, the Jack Kipps Public Works Building, and construction of the Grand Blanc Senior Center, street and infrastructure projects and \$12 million worth of grant projects.

In addition to his work for the City, Randy Byrne served as President of the Grand Blanc Rotary Club twice, Vice President of the Genesee County 911 Executive Board, President of the Michigan Local Government Management Association, and Board Member of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He was named the 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University, his Master's Degree from Oakland University, received Credential Manager Status from the International City Management Association and attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia. Randy and his wife Patricia have 3 sons, Phil, Kevin, and Chris.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the public service career of Randall Byrne. Through his hard work, and perseverance the City of Grand Blanc is a thriving community. The residents, staff, and elected officials have all benefitted from his expertise and enthusiasm and his leadership will be missed. I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

HONORING CHUCK APPLEBY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN CONNECTICUT CARPENTER'S UNION LOCAL 24

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Appleby of Waterford, Connecticut upon his retirement as the President and Business Manager of the Central and Eastern Connecticut Carpenter's Union Local #24.

For 31 years, Chuck has been an active member of Local 24, the last 11 of which he has served as the President and Business Manager. In communities across Connecticut, Chuck has led the fight for fair wages, good jobs and equal treatment for his fellow carpenters and those in the labor fight. Chuck also served in leadership positions for the Southeast Connecticut Labor Council and the New England Regional Council of Carpenters Executive Board.

Chuck is also an active member of his community. From the Gemma Moran food bank to Three Rivers Community College to the Fallen Veterans Foundation and the Ocean Beach Boardwalk rehabilitation project, Chuck has volunteered his time, his talents, and his treasure to make a difference in the region.

For those who know him, Chuck has always been a staunch Democrat, serving previously on the Waterford Democratic Town Committee and as a delegate to the state Democratic convention. There is not a Democratic office holder or candidate in our region that has not been helped by Chuck in his or her quest for victory on Election Day. As I can attest, he has personally crafted and assembled thousands of campaign signs in every nook and cranny of eastern Connecticut on behalf of the candidates he has supported. Most famously, Chuck has organized pre-debate rallies at the Garde Theater in New London, Connecticut, now a rite of passage for any Democrat whose name appears on the ballot in our state. Chuck's service to working families is based on a much deeper and caring basis than simply party loyalty. I will always remember Chuck's passionate speech at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast that, "The best social program ever devised is a job—a job with decent wages and benefits!" As our Nation grapples with the enormous challenges ranging from health care, the deficit, the environment and the strains of family life, Chuck's shrewd wisdom offers a beacon of hope and success.

While Chuck may be retiring from his post as President and Business Manager of Local 24, I imagine his retirement will not be one of quiet solitude or rest. Chuck is the embodiment of the men and women who make up America's labor movement—dedicated, hard working and always looking forward to the next fight to improve the lives of the American middle class. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating my friend and great American Chuck Appleby on a lifetime of service.

IN HONOR OF SUDHA DAVID-WILP

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sudha David-Wilp, and to honor her and the work she has done on behalf of the Association of Former Members of Congress.

Many of my colleagues and I have had the pleasure to see her work first-hand, both here in Congress, and abroad.

My work with Sudha began five years ago when I first joined the Congressional Study Group on Germany.

Sudha's mastery of the issues, keen intellect, and diligent work ethic were always obvious, no matter the time or place.

So much of the success of the Study Group is attributed to Sudha's hard work and dedication to German-American relations.

I have always been struck by how quintessentially German-American Sudha's life and work has been.

From her work in Germany and the U.S., to her family being raised with the values and traditions of both countries, it is fitting that she is heading to Germany with her husband and children for the next chapter in her life.

Sudha will be dearly missed here, but I know she will be successful back in Germany.

I thank her for everything she has done, and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring her outstanding work.

IN HONOR OF SUSAN ROSS

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friend Susan Ross, who is stepping down from her role as President and CEO of the Fairfield County Community Foundation, a position she has held for the last 15 years. Since 1992, the Fairfield County Community Foundation has promoted philanthropy to build and sustain a vital and prosperous community where all have the opportunity to participate and thrive. Susan became the President and CEO of the Foundation in 1996 and, along with her first-rate staff, is responsible for the Foundation's increasing visibility, growth and relevance to donors and the community.

Fairfield County includes populations of immense wealth as well as communities of significant challenge, disenfranchisement and poverty. Susan's tireless efforts to educate and to bridge these communities have proven invaluable and have changed many lives for the better. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$115 million in grants. Last year alone, the Foundation gave away 782 grants in Fairfield County totaling roughly \$6.4 million.

Under Susan's leadership, tens of thousands of Fairfield County children, adults and families have had the opportunity to achieve their potential. Susan's leadership and tenure at the Fairfield County Community Foundation embody the right answer to that ancient question: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PAUL R.

KING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Paul R. King, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, whose generosity and kindness will be remembered.

Mr. King was born in Olney, Illinois where at the age of 15 he first realized his passion for radio announcing. He was a high school sports correspondent and he worked at the campus station while attending the University of Illinois. Mr. King started his professional career at WPEO in Peoria and went on to Wichita where he met and married Sue Ann in 1963.

Mr. King came to Cleveland in 1966 as one of the WHK radio "Good Guys" hosting mornings and then afternoons as the top-40 station switched to pop standards. He left in 1973 to form Commercial Recording Studios in Independence with engineer George Gates where he created and produced radio commercials and other innovative presentations.

Mr. King did commercial voiceovers and announcing work for clients that included the May Co., the Cleveland Browns, the Ohio Lottery, WJW-TV, "Academic Challenge" on WESS-TV, Forest City, Sherwin-Williams, Goodyear and Ohio Bell, and he was the

voice of ABC-TV's Saturday morning cartoon lineup for five years. He served a term as local president of the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists (AFTRA) and was a National Guard Veteran.

Mr. King was involved in figure skating through one of his sons. He emceed many competitions, arranged music for skaters and was president of the Winterhurst Figure Skating Club.

He was called "King of Voiceovers." In 1984 when Cleveland Magazine named him one of its 84 Most Interesting People, being a humble man, he jokingly claimed to a reporter that he was number 84.

Mr. King's greatest source of joy and strength was his family. For forty eight years, he was the devoted husband of Sue Ann. Together they raised four children: Kathleen, Kelly, John and the late Scott. His devotion to his wife and children, then later to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was unwavering. He was the treasured grandfather of Shannon and Sean. He was the devoted great-grandfather of Dakota, Lillian, Isabelle, Kevin and Andrew. He was the beloved brother of Richard and the late Ronald. Mr. King was a devoted friend and mentor to many.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Paul R. King, whose life will be framed by love for family. I offer my condolences to his family, friends and to everyone who knew him well. Mr. King lived his life with a generous heart and love for family and friends.

RECOGNIZING DR. AAGE R.

MØLLER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. Aage Møller, a distinguished lecturer, professor, and neuroscience researcher at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). Dr. Møller, an international authority on brain plasticity and sensory systems is known for his cutting-edge and innovative research, but on the campus of UTD, he is known to many students simply as a terrific educator.

Dr. Møller is a dedicated educator—empowering his students in the classroom and neuroscience laboratories so that they can grow academically and professionally. His belief in the importance of education has also led him and his wife, Margareta, to create the Aage and Margareta Møller Scholarship for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. On May 13, 2011, Dr. Møller received the President's Teaching Excellence Award for Tenure-Track Faculty from UTD. Dr. Møller was selected from among more than 100 faculty members nominated by students. This award speaks loudly of the respect and high regard his students have for him. I know his work has touched countless lives. In fact, among Dr. Møller's most important contributions to the field is his development of a technique known as intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring. Surgeons around the world use Dr. Møller's method to reduce the risk of serious complications from brain surgery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Møller on receiving this

prestigious award and for his many years of educating and inspiring the next generation of educators and scientists.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
MILITARY SERVICE OF SER-
GEANT MAJOR JEFFREY H.
DIXON

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Sergeant Major Jeffrey H. Dixon on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I offer SgtMaj Dixon my sincerest thanks for his 33 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation and safeguarding its future.

SgtMaj Dixon joined the Marine Corps in 1978 at Parris Island, South Carolina. On four separate occasions, SgtMaj Dixon was meritoriously promoted through the ranks with participation in the evacuation of a U.S. embassy, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and subsequent combat operations in Beirut, Lebanon—all within the first five years of his career.

In 1983, SgtMaj Dixon reported to 2/1 and completed a deployment as a Platoon Sergeant to Okinawa, Japan as well as a western pacific deployment. During this tour, SgtMaj Dixon's exceptional skills were set apart when his squad won the First Marines Rifle Squad competition. Shortly following, SgtMaj Dixon was selected along with nine other Marines to form what became the Combat Assault Training Section where he designed and instructed multiple courses that are utilized to this day.

SgtMaj Dixon's additional tours of duty include Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the 11th and 15th MEU, Operations Desert Thunder and Desert Fox, Task Force 58 in Afghanistan and Operation Iraq Freedom I & II. Throughout these deployments, SgtMaj Dixon distinguished himself by extraordinary acts of leadership time and again. Among his many accomplishments, his decorations include Meritorious Service Medals, a Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medals and a Combat Action Ribbon. These recognitions are a true testament of SgtMaj Dixon's dedication, leadership and commitment to our country.

In 2007 SgtMaj Dixon was assigned as the SgtMaj for Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton where in 2008, as a reflection of his work, the Base won the Commander and Chiefs Installation Excellence award. Moreover, SgtMaj Dixon's service in his current position as the Sergeant Major for the Marine Corps Installations West has truly been the capstone of a remarkable military career.

SgtMaj Dixon's demonstrated leadership, dedication and expertise has inspired countless fellow Marines. As he enters this new stage of his life, I hope that SgtMaj Dixon will benefit from his years of work, just as the United States Marine Corps has benefited. I offer him my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring all the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and the admirable service of Sergeant Major Jeffrey Dixon.

HONORING THE ARLINGTON FOOD
ASSISTANCE CENTER'S (AFAC)
PERMANENT HOME CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN, AND KELLER WIL-
LIAMS, ARLINGTON

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arlington Food Assistance Center's (AFAC) Permanent Home Capital Campaign, and Keller Williams, Arlington, both of which are located in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District.

AFAC's Permanent Home Campaign was launched in 2008. The goals of the campaign are to pay off the mortgage of their new building, establish a capital needs fund, and pay back AFAC's modest endowment fund from which the downpayment on the building purchase was borrowed.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center has many generous and faithful friends who have assisted them in the campaign effort. They have raised \$760,000 so far, moving closer toward their \$1 million goal.

No community partner has worked as tirelessly on this effort as the Community Outreach Committee of Keller Williams, Arlington. Keller Williams has graciously hosted fundraisers for AFAC and their Permanent Home Campaign, and is now the largest donor to the Campaign—having raised over \$100,000 in 3 years.

I would like to commend the Arlington Food Assistance Center for their work on behalf of the less fortunate in Arlington County and recognize Keller Williams, Arlington, for partnering with them in support of their Permanent Home Campaign and overall mission to feed the hungry in our region.

HONORING CLEM ROY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Clem Roy—an old friend of mine—happened so abruptly, and struck at the core of the notion we all have of our brief time on this planet, and the importance of friends and family, and what we mean to one another.

Faith teaches us that Clem is in a better place: at peace and without suffering, while we scramble to fill the void left by his passing with stories and memories of the friend we laughed with, argued and debated with, and with whom we shared in the ups and downs of the human comedy that is life.

Two Connecticut writers—both contemporaries of Clem's—Kevin Rennie of The Hartford Courant, and Mark Pazniokas of the CT Mirror, wrote excellent pieces about Clem that I am proud to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the same time that a flag will fly over the United States Capitol in Clem Roy's memory. These writers captured his essence.

The following are the articles as they appeared in The Hartford Courant and CT Mirror:

LOBBYIST CLEM ROY: A SHARP OPERATOR
WITH A LOT OF HEART

(By Kevin Rennie—The Hartford Courant)

"You can read a bill and you can vote for a bill, but you shouldn't do both." So goes the wisdom of an original in Connecticut politics, Clem Roy.

A lobbyist for more than 30 years, Clem has been struck by an aggressive brain tumor diagnosed a few weeks ago. In those decades bivouacking in the Capitol village, he has fashioned a distinct, colorful legacy in the gray world of state politics.

You could tell the future by watching Clem. He was what consumer analysts call an early adopter. The first cellphones were bigger than bricks. Clem made his look like a natural accoutrement to his careful look. Hard frame briefcases were at the end of their run when Clem began carrying a Coach leather backpack. He was right that keys and a thick wallet wreck the drape of an elegant suit.

You could live by his compendium of aphorisms, which his legion of friends have been sharing as they buck up each other's flagging spirits. That is usually Clem's job.

Born in 1946 and raised in Bristol, Clem served in Vietnam from 1966 into 1967. Really served, not just told people he did on the way to a seat in the U.S. Senate. (Don't get him started on that.) He returned to the United States and worked for Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign.

He worked for a legislative committee in the late 1970s and then, without a client, became a lobbyist. His foresight expanded beyond technology and fashion. In 1981, he managed Thurman Milner's successful campaign for mayor of Hartford, helping Milner become the first black mayor of a New England city.

For more than 30 years, Clem has been a source of pungent opinions, smart insights and surprises. He represented tobacco companies at a time when the same people who gasped at the lighting of a cigarette supported making taxpayers give drug addicts free needles. He brought a sense of proportion to human weakness in its struggle against tiresome Utopians.

He has had many clients and he can argue most briefs. He knows how to create a diversion that unbalances an adversary on one issue while working with them on a different one. In a place where a governor's repetitive green ties pass for fashion, Clem Roy does it all with high style, often purchased from swank Louis, Boston.

Lobbying has been good to Clem. He can employ a gruff demeanor and a memory for slights (not the worst thing), but he has a secret. Shouldn't everyone? He is a secret Samaritan.

When a friend was celebrating a milestone and her newly married daughter could not afford to fly to Connecticut from California, Clem bought her a ticket so she could surprise her mother. The halls of government and Hartford Hospital, where he now is, reverberate with such stories.

Clem believes mixing in mannered company can help lift one's lot. A few years ago, he sent the residents of a women's shelter to a salon, told them to get dolled up and had them delivered to his favorite haunt, Max Downtown. There, compliments of Clem, they learned about what was once called deportment while the staff raised their spirits and enriched their knowledge of another part of the world.

A successful lobbyist needs a vigilant eye for detail and relentless focus. Clem possesses those attributes and his perceptions extend beyond the matter of the moment. He had an urge to lift in ways that would escape others. An advancing brain tumor did not keep him from doing one more good work.

A friend visited him in the hospital last week and thought Clem might be fading in and out of lucidity when he started going on about the women not having stools to sit on. Stools were his final mission in the service of good works in unexpected places.

It bothered him that the cashiers in the cafeteria at the Legislative Office Building had to stand all day at their registers. He wanted them to have stools. It's only fair. In his personal distress, he would not let it go. On Friday, stools were delivered to the LOB. He is, according to his closest friend, at peace.

CLEM ROY, LOBBYIST AND BON VIVANT, DIES AT 65

(By Mark Pazniokas—The Connecticut Mirror)

Clem Roy, one of most delightfully idiosyncratic characters ever to grace the halls of the state Capitol, died today at Hartford Hospital, just weeks after being diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Roy, 65, was a successful lobbyist with a largely business clientele, but a much, much broader portfolio of interests and causes.

He managed the 1981 mayoral campaign of Thurman Milner, the first black mayor of Hartford. He was deeply interested in the arts. He gambled, golfed and enjoyed cigars. Women tended to find him charming, and not only the three he married.

The staff on the second floor of the Conklin Building at Hartford Hospital had to wonder just whom they had as their guest for the past few weeks. The stream of visitors included legislators, a former governor and a prominent restaurant owner.

The latter brought Roy's favorite steak, along with a favorite waitress to serve it. As was his habit at the restaurant, Roy was gracious to the wait staff, then crabbled at the owner about how the meal was prepared. The owner was delighted.

Roy grew up in Bristol. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army, then got involved in politics, volunteering for Bobby Kennedy's campaign in 1968. He was a committee clerk at the Capitol more than 30 years ago, then became a lobbyist in an era where the ethical and cultural norms were a tad more relaxed.

His first lobbying client was a bank sent his way by the chairman of the banks committee.

In later years, his business partner was Craig LeRoy, a buttoned-down yin to Roy's yang. LeRoy is married with three children, who saw their father's partner as an impossibly colorful uncle. Roy and LeRoy each seemed to live a little vicariously through the other.

Conversations with Roy were wild rambles. Topics might include his system at slots, his vote for Barack Obama in 2008, or his resolve not to vote for him in 2012 over Obama's absence from Arlington National Cemetery one Memorial Day. Unforgivable in Roy's view.

He took no offense, however, when it once was noted in a news story that Roy's clients included Big Tobacco and the funeral industry. He repeated the line often.

Roy insisted he didn't talk to reporters. He did lobbying, not PR. He reminded me of that every time we talked.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAYREVILLE EMERGENCY SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sayreville Emergency Squad

as its members celebrate the organization's 75th Anniversary. Sayreville Emergency Services faithfully serves local residents, businesses and visitors throughout Sayreville, New Jersey. Their honorable actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

The Sayreville Emergency Squad is an all volunteer organization founded in 1936 to serve the emergency medical needs of the residents of Sayreville. Many of the services provided by the Emergency Squad, which include emergency medical services, low angle rope rescue, and water/boat rescue, are free of charge to the residents. All operating costs are paid for through the generous donations of Sayreville residents. The formidable men and women of this organization are New Jersey State EMT Certified and respond to over 3,500 calls for assistance each year. Volunteers sacrifice holidays and time with their family to assist those in need of emergency medical assistance, many times in harsh weather conditions. This non-profit volunteer organization continues to provide superior quality emergency medical and technical support and is a shining example of what steadfast commitment and dedication can accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Sayreville Emergency Services on its 75th Anniversary in thanking the men and women who have faithfully served and protected the Borough of Sayreville.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH W. AIDLIN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph W. Aidlin of Los Angeles County, California, who was a pioneer in the geothermal industry and development of law for geothermal resources, and institutional matters related to development and use.

Born on April 28, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Russian immigrants, Joseph's family moved to California in the 1920's, settling in the Los Angeles area. When the Aidlin family moved to Long Beach, the Signal Hill oil field was being developed and it was there—watching oil wells being drilled—that Joseph became fascinated with oil and other mineral exploration, a life-long interest. Despite a love of science and an inclination to attend Caltech, Mr. Aidlin majored in economics at UCLA, receiving his B.A. in Economics with honors in 1930. He received his law degree from UC Berkeley, Boalt School of Law in 1933 and was admitted to the California State Bar, after which he began practicing law. His practice included divorces, wills, and taxes and a particular case involving an oil company and tideland boundaries that sparked his life-long interest in land titles and natural resources.

Along with his law practice, where his most recognized accomplishments had been in land titles and natural resources, especially geothermal, Mr. Aidlin influenced geothermal activities fundamentally in numerous other ways for many years. In 1954, he and his partners, B.C. McCabe and Robert Bering, co-founded

Magma Power Company which "created modern geothermal development at the Geysers Geothermal Field, which is to say geothermal development in California, the United States and the Americas." Joseph served as Vice President, Secretary, General Counsel and Member of the Board of Directors of Magma Power Company until 1987. Mr. Aidlin co-founded the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC), and he was the first recipient of a prestigious award given to the person contributing most to the geothermal industry, the Joseph W. Aidlin Award. A leader in writing national and state legislation relating to geothermal resources, Mr. Aidlin drafted the world's first geothermal lease, contributed to having the Geothermal Resources Act being made a part of California's Resources Code in 1968 and participated substantially in developing provisions of the Federal Geothermal Steam Act of 1970. He was a member of the National Geothermal Advisory Committee of the Department of Energy and Chairman of its Legal and Institutional Subcommittee, and a member of the Geothermal Energy Panel of the Energy Research Advisory Board of the Department of Energy.

Joseph and his wife Mary were married for 63 years. After Mary's death in 1997, Joseph continued to work at his law practice beyond his one-hundredth birthday on April 28, 2010, making him the oldest active lawyer in California. Mr. Aidlin died peacefully in his sleep on September 30, 2010. A pioneer and a man of great principles, I ask all members to join in me in remembering Joseph W. Aidlin.

INCREASING STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1954, a clean up-or-down vote on extending the debt limit, refusing to hold this critical measure hostage to other economic and political objectives.

I must confess that I am perplexed to see the majority bring an utterly vital bill to the floor that it has no intention of passing—and is actually urging its members to vote against. I must also note that it contains a poison pill: a hypocritical and deceptive clause that seeks to lay full blame on President Obama for the need for a debt limit increase.

Mr. Speaker, how many members of Congress have voted for a tax cut or an appropriations bill over the past few Congresses? The answer is nearly all. While we may debate the merits of each of those past proposals and reach different conclusions on their merit, the bill for these prior legislative acts is now due. Not paying it would be reckless, and you don't have to be an economist to figure that out. Every American family knows that you must pay your bills when those bills come due. The United States can be no different.

Passage of a clean debt ceiling bill would affirm that America always pays her bills. This isn't about authorizing new spending; it's just ensuring that we can pay for what we have already bought. Whether Congress is paying for tax cuts, tanks, or teachers, there's no free lunch.

As troubling as the motivations behind this vote are, more troubling still is the majority's willingness to put the full faith and credit of the United States at risk to gain leverage over economic policy. Republicans should not be holding the economy hostage to advance their ideological agenda, especially when the economic recovery is still fragile.

Earlier this year, I joined with my colleagues in asking House Republicans to support a clean debt limit increase, but today it's clear they will not. In short, the majority is playing with fire. Remember this: default would set off a catastrophic chain of economic consequences, putting not just the economic recovery at risk, but risking a new, deeper recession. It would affect every single American family, every single worker and every single retiree. There is no reason to manufacture a crisis, but we have seen this play before from the majority, who manufactured a crisis over funding the government in the 2011 fiscal year: a crisis that ended up costing taxpayers more money and realizing none of the promised savings this year.

The majority can do better than partisan posturing, and it must. There are many members—on both sides of the aisle—who I suspect share this conviction. I have long advocated a comprehensive approach to deficit reduction. I believe any serious approach puts all the options—revenue, as well as domestic, defense and entitlement spending, carefully targeted in all cases—on the table as we chart a course back to fiscal balance. But where we cut and of whom we ask additional sacrifice should be consistent with our priorities and values.

If we consider all the options, we can chart a course to fiscal balance, one that invests in the things that ensure our economic success: education, innovation, and infrastructure. If we consider all the options, we can safeguard our commitment to seniors instead of undermining it by turning Medicare into a voucher program. Congress must do better than a budget that ends Medicare as we know it to pay for tax cuts to oil companies and wealthy individuals, and at the same time sinks the country \$1.9 trillion further into debt. Not long ago, many responsible members of the majority party favored a comprehensive approach. As we move forward, I urge them not to wilt on the vine in the face of pressure from those on the far right.

Congress must come together and negotiate in good faith if we are going to do the two critical things required of us: to put the American people back to work in a fully recovered economy, and to chart a course back to fiscal balance. I will vote for this legislation today, because America must pay its bills. But this Republican move is far more symbolic than serious, harnessing only Congress' power as an instrument of partisan politics, and not its power as an instrument to answer the country's problems.

“ENDEAVOUR”—IN HONOR OF HER FINAL MISSION THE ENDEAVOUR STS-134

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in gratitude of the brave men and

women of NASA, and the Shuttle program. On this, *Endeavour's* last and final mission, and to the crew of Kelly, Johnson, Fincke, Chamitoff, Feustel, Vittori, we say God Speed. Our prayers are with you and your families. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

ENDEAVOUR

When . . . Whenever . . . Whenever, We Endeavour!
 And go forth! All out upon our most heroic course * * * and reach for the stars!
 To new heights, all in our hopes and dreams . . . This Flight . . . This Force, that only hearts can so ignite!
 Burning bold and burning bright, all out upon our most heroic ways!
 To strive for such lofty goals, and dreams!
 All out towards new worlds to explore, such magnificence . . . such themes!
 To soar to, where none before have gone!
 As ever onward, we speed . . . to far off and most distant shores . . .
 'As all in this, it so surely seems . . .
 That this force, these golden dreams . . . but can only come from, from within . . . the bravest of all hearts, convene!
 Only with such shining hopes and dreams, will we reach this end!
 As we Endeavour, to go forth to see what must be seen!
 Armed with but only our hearts of courage full, as we so dare to dream, time and time again!
 As all ahead full, we proceed!
 To take us out of earth's surly bonds, all out upon our most historic course . . .
 To new worlds, so far beyond . . . this force!
 All in our search for the truth . . .
 To Discovery and beyond, all in the pursuit of knowledge . . . all in our hearts of youth!
 As we are gone! As to new world's we explore!
 But, for Man and Womankind's very existence to so insure!
 Above and beyond! To Reach For and Achieve, all in what we believe!
 As our hearts take flight, to plant these seeds!
 To meet Woman and Mankind's, needs!
 While, all out there on the edge of death . . . hurdling, through space . . . at speed!
 As these bravest of all hearts so crest, and so rapidly so beat . . . all in this their race against time, we so see!
 Right to the very edge of death, all in these their most heroic quests!
 All for our world to so bless! This need!
 To find the answers that we must know! But, to Endeavour there so!
 While, all of their precious lives but lie in their hands . . .
 The men and women Omission control, who now so stand!
 Who so tirelessly work, all on their watch . . . who plan . . .
 As life and death, but hangs on a strand!
 For you are worth your weight in gold, as this we all so understand!
 As you too have chose to Endeavour, as so much is owed!
 As through these journeys we continue to learn, and grow!
 All out upon our course! So that in the end, Woman and Mankind may ascend!
 To new heights and so go forth!
 And so Endeavour, as you take your last and final mission . . .
 and final visions, and blast off to this final ignition!
 All in your most magnificent of quests, and celestial visions . . .
 A prayer, a wish . . . to all of you, but come our blessings!
 As you hurdle through space, on the very edge of death!

For all of us to bless! God Speed, and safe journey on that edge!
 You most heroic champions of space, as said . . .
 The ones who so dare to dream, as now up to new worlds you so speed!
 And to all those who over the years, who too have so Endeavored here . . .
 With tears, as you rode upon her historic wings . . .
 As to your most courageous hearts, her songs to you did sing!
 As you so brought back to our world, many a splendid thing!
 All within the light of the knowledge, that you so carried back with you all upon her golden wings . . .
 All because you all so chose, To Endeavour!
 —Albert Caswell

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH RESOLUTION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a resolution recognizing the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage month. This resolution acknowledges the important contributions Caribbean-Americans have made to our nation's history and culture.

Let me begin by thanking my esteemed colleagues Representative DONALD PAYNE, Chair of the Caribbean Caucus, Congresswomen DONNA CHRISTENSEN and FEDERICA WILSON, my esteemed friend Representative JOHN CONYERS, Congressman ED TOWNS, and many others who have joined me in introducing this resolution today, the first day of Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

I am also pleased that the President issued a Proclamation on May 31, 2011, declaring June 2011 to be Caribbean-American Heritage Month, as has been the practice since Congress unanimously passed House Concurrent Resolution 71 in February 2006. As a long-time supporter of the Caribbean and a frequent visitor to the region, I was very proud to see us celebrate this important commemorative month for the fifth straight year.

I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Claire Nelson and the Institute of Caribbean Studies as well as all the other Caribbean American organizations in Washington, my home state of California, and across the country that have worked and continue to work to make Caribbean-American Heritage Month a great success.

As the President said in his proclamation, “Immigrants from Caribbean countries have come to America for centuries. Some came through the bondage of slavery.

Others willfully left behind the world they knew in search of a better life. Regardless of the circumstances of their arrival, they had faith their descendants would have a chance to realize their greatest potential.”

Throughout the history of the United States, this nation has been fortunate to benefit from countless individuals of Caribbean descent who have contributed to American government, politics, business, arts, education, and culture—including one of my personal mentors, the Honorable Shirley Chisholm.

Shirley Chisholm was a woman of Ba-jan and Guyanese descent, who never forgot her

Caribbean roots. She was the first African American woman elected to Congress and the first woman to run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

My political involvement began as a volunteer for her historic presidential campaign in 1972. Through her mentorship, she strengthened my interest in issues important to the African Diaspora both here in the U.S. and abroad.

During Caribbean American Heritage Month, we recognize the important contributions of people like Shirley Chisholm, as well as Alexander Hamilton, Hazel Scott, Sidney Poitier, Wyclef Jean, Eric Holder, Colin Powell, Harry Belafonte, Roberto Clemente, Celia Cruz—and yes, Representatives DONNA CHRISTENSEN, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, YVETTE CLARKE, FREDERICA WILSON, NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, PEDRO PIERLUISI—and many other persons of Caribbean descent who have helped shape this country.

Caribbean American Heritage Month reminds us of the large and diverse constituencies of Caribbean Americans in our nation, and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate and share in the rich culture of the Caribbean American community through showcases of Caribbean art, festivals, concerts, and film.

In my own district of Oakland, California, individuals and organizations celebrate the rich heritage of people of Caribbean descent through musical concerts and family picnics.

In addition to presenting us with an occasion to celebrate the legacy of Caribbean Americans, this month also provides us an opportunity to strengthen our long-term partnership with nations of the Caribbean community.

From trade, energy, and immigration to disaster preparedness and the challenging issues around HIV/AIDS, we have critical challenges we must face with our Caribbean neighbors. These challenges are regional in nature, so we must confront them together and in partnership.

One issue of the region which continues to deserve special mention is last year's earthquake in Haiti. At the international donors' conference in March 2010, fifty-eight donors pledged over \$5.5 billion to support Haiti's Action Plan for Recovery and Development. According to the United Nations, as of March of this year, only about 37 percent of these funds have been disbursed. This is unacceptable. If we are to break the cycle of disaster—emergency relief—disaster in which Haiti has been trapped for many years, we must act with the same sense of urgency in reconstruction as we did immediately following the quake.

It is critical that any long-term reconstruction and development agenda is Haitian-led, that Haitian civil society and the Haitian Diaspora play a central role, and that such an agenda focuses on building the capacity of the Haitian Government to provide basic services and protect the social, civil, and political rights of its people.

Only by empowering Haitians to rebuild their own lives and their own country will we truly "rebuild differently."

I would like to end by stating that although the Caribbean faces many challenges, we understand that we must face them together. Despite the often turbulent history between the United States and Caribbean countries, our ties cannot be pinned down to geography alone, or economics alone, or even history alone. The region continues to shape us as Americans as much as we here continue to shape the Caribbean.

So I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure to honor our nation's Caribbean American community and the rich gifts that they have given and continue to give this country.

Let us continue to celebrate the rich diversity of this nation of immigrants and recognize that it will forever be the great blessing and strength of our country.

RECOGNIZING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR ENLISTING TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of fifty-one high school seniors in Camden County for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these fifty-one seniors, twenty one have joined the Marine Corps. They are Nicholas Iezzi, Ryan Bordi, Edwin Rivera, Alexander Bonilla, Alan Rivas, Michael Colman, Brandon Piazza, Skipper Schilling, Steven Serrno, Carlos Rivera, Alexander Benitez, Khiry Rowley, John Gibson, Danielle Gregg, Matt Falcone, Tim Anstotz, Ricky Chan, Kianya Eldridge, John Hines, Allison Wright and Andrew Cipolone.

Thirteen have joined the Army. They are Christopher Gunning, Sean Barger, Eric Martinez, Joshua Ryan, Daniel Buscio, Raven Minerva, Jamir Taylor, Christopher Robinson, Dominic Massimo, Derek Hoinkis, Aaron Brown, Stephen Gracia and Indeo Ragsdale.

Six have joined the Navy. They are Taylor Cocuzza, Michael Papapietro, John Feldman, Reinaldo Pacheco, Redman Miles-Ruiz, and Shawn Daley.

Five have joined the New Jersey Army National Guard. They are Matthew Krevetski, Valerie Kibler, Desmond Taylor, Luis Barats and Scott Arons.

Four have joined the Air Force. They are Patrick Covalleski, Destern Winkler, Steven Deleon and Brian Jurek.

Two have joined the New Jersey Air National Guard. They are Shaun Feuson and Francisco Moran.

All of the fifty-one seniors will be recognized at the "Our Community Salutes of South Jersey" ceremony on the evening of June 2nd, 2011.

As June unfolds, these young men and women will celebrate graduation with their fel-

low classmates. While many of their peers will prepare to move onto college, vocational school and other endeavors, the aforementioned young men and women will enter a life of service to defend our Nation and its ideals.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to these brave young men and women. They have chosen a commendable path of service to our Nation, and with excellent education and steady encouragement, they will be able to successfully meet any challenges they face in the field, and in life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable dedication to our country these young adults have shown by their decision to enlist in our Armed Services. We owe all of our service members—past, present and future—our deepest gratitude; and we must never forget to recognize the courage and valor of those who choose to serve our Nation and who are committed to freedom.

HONORING LINDY BOGGS ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of an exceptional public servant, Lindy Boggs. The former Congresswoman and Ambassador celebrated her 95th birthday earlier this year.

As the first woman elected to Congress from Louisiana, Lindy Boggs served as a Member of the House of Representatives for 17 years. However, her political involvement and dedication to public service began long before that election. Lindy Boggs was greatly involved in the political campaigns and Congressional work of her late-husband, Hale Boggs. Following his presumed death in 1973, Lindy Boggs was elected to his seat and went on to represent the 2nd Congressional District of Louisiana with distinction. Congresswoman Boggs helped cofound the Congressional Women's Caucus and played an instrumental role in creating the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. Known for compassion and kindness, Lindy Boggs was a leader in the halls of Congress, and served as a strong proponent of economic and social equality for women and girls.

Following her retirement from Congress, Lindy Boggs went on to serve as Ambassador to the Vatican. Throughout her career, Lindy Boggs has remained extremely dedicated to her family. The success of her children is a testament to that dedication.

Although I did not have the honor of serving in the House with Congresswoman Boggs, her leadership and legacy have left their mark for every woman in Congress. Lindy Boggs has served this country with honor and I wish her well on the occasion of her 95th birthday.