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**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the Third District of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our Nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Brianna Burnstad, a United States Military Academy appointee. Brianna is a graduate of Plano Senior High School where she played volleyball, while simultaneously participating on a club volleyball team serving as the team captain. Brianna served as a member of student congress, the National Honor Society, and Third District Congressional Youth Advisory Committee. She was also active in her church as a confirmation teacher, youth choir representative, and took part in mission trips. Brianna wants to attend the United States Military Academy following in the footsteps of three generations of her family because she wants to pursue a career in the Army and wants to dedicate herself to something larger than herself. Brianna is not only impressed that West Point challenges its students academically, but also emphasizes the importance of physical and leadership training.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF CLARA  
MAE SHEPARD LUPER

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, we honor Clara Mae Shepard Luper and her lifelong work towards achieving equality for all in the state of Oklahoma. She has been the face of the Oklahoma Civil Rights movement since 1958 and to many she is a treasure to the United States and an icon for the struggle for equality.

In the face of segregation and wide-spread discrimination, Clara Luper decided that enough was enough. Mrs. Luper's courage, determination, and integrity cultivated her strong leadership to organize a sit-in protest at the Katz Drug Store in downtown Oklahoma City, a business that refused to serve black customers. Mrs. Luper was fearless when she

organized civil disobedience demonstrations and she unapologetically used these demonstrations to challenge the state of Oklahoma's allowance for discrimination against blacks.

I recall Mrs. Luper spoke about her mother witnessing a Black man who had been hung by a White mob in Texas. Regardless of her experience, however, her mother instilled in her a belief of "loving people, no matter what their color."

Mrs. Luper's mother believed that freedom and equality were guarantees of the Constitution and Mrs. Luper was bound to make sure the state of Oklahoma made good on that promise. Thus, she continued to influence others with the beliefs her parents taught her by including young people in the struggle for civil rights and immersing herself in demonstrations for equality across the country.

Mrs. Luper participated in the march in Selma against segregation in 1965. She was arrested then and many other times for protesting against social injustice. She was even beaten by demonstrators protesting against the movement in Selma. However, she courageously continued.

For over 40 years Mrs. Luper traveled with groups of young people from Oklahoma to conventions across the United States that rallied to end segregation in America. During these conventions, some students witnessed desegregated public bathrooms and restaurants for the first time in their lives. However, I most admire her journey with these young people to the March on Washington in 1963 and her leadership to hundreds of youth in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, Youth Council in Oklahoma.

As an educator for over 40 years, Mrs. Luper taught American history to Oklahoma youth. Although she retired in 1991, many of her students still credit her for instilling in them a sense of worth and confidence that they could go out and change society for the better. Some of them considered her more than an educator, with many to this day still referring to her as "Mom."

She also had an interest in public service. In 1972, Mrs. Luper threw her hat into the political ring and ran for the U.S. Senate. She stated "as a teacher, I was interested in getting some practical experience in the political realm. And I sure did that." Although she did not win the nomination from the Democratic Party, many current politicians in Oklahoma and abroad have benefited from her courage and significant involvement in Oklahoma politics.

In the years following, Mrs. Luper founded the Miss Black Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant. Attending and affording college and a deep knowledge of American and civil rights history are the foundations of the scholarship pageant program. Young black Oklahoma women have benefited Mrs. Luper's vision to provide educational opportunities and scholarships to rising young leaders in the state and I am grateful for her efforts and investment in America's youth.

53 years ago, civil rights leader and icon Clara Luper displayed the inspiring courage to better this country for all of its citizens. I know that this Congress and the people of this Nation can work to further the ideals of Mrs. Luper and the Civil Rights Movement.

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CLARA LUPER, A LEADER OF CIVIL RIGHTS SIT-INS, DIES AT 88

(By Dennis Hevesi)

Her name does not resonate like that of Rosa Parks, and she did not garner the kind of national attention that a group of black students did when they took seats at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., in February 1960. But Clara Luper was a seminal figure in the sit-ins of the civil rights movement.

Ms. Luper, who led one of the first sit-ins—at a drugstore in Oklahoma City 18 months before the Greensboro action—died Wednesday at her home in Oklahoma City, her daughter Marilyn Hildreth said. She was 88.

Ms. Luper was a history teacher at Dunjee High School in 1957 when she agreed to become adviser to the Oklahoma City N.A.A.C.P.'s youth council. The youngsters asked what they could do to help the movement.

On Aug. 19, 1958, Ms. Luper led three other adult chaperons and 14 members of the youth council into the Katz Drug Store in Oklahoma City, where they took seats at the counter and asked for Coca-Colas. Denied service, they refused to leave until closing time. They returned on Saturday mornings for several weeks.

The sit-ins received local press coverage. Eventually the Katz chain agreed to integrate lunch counters at its 38 stores in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa. Over the next six years, the local N.A.A.C.P. chapter held sit-ins that led to the desegregation of almost every eating establishment in Oklahoma City.

"The actions that Ms. Luper and those youngsters took at the Katz Drug Store inspired the rank and file of the N.A.A.C.P. and activists on college campuses across the country," Roslyn M. Brock, the group's national chairwoman, said Friday.

Ms. Luper's activism extended beyond the sit-ins. A week after that first protest, 17 white churches in Oklahoma City let members of her youth group attend services. At another church, a pastor asked two youngsters to leave. The Associated Press reported at the time. "God did not intend Negroes and whites to worship together," he told them.

Ms. Luper was arrested 26 times at civil rights protests. Now a street is named after her in Oklahoma City, and flags flew Friday at half-staff in her honor.

Born Clara Mae Shepard on May 3, 1923, to Ezell and Isabel Shepard, Ms. Luper grew up near Hoffman, Okla. Her father was a brick worker, and her mother was a maid. "When she was a child, her brother got sick and they wouldn't treat him at the hospital," Ms. Hildreth said. "That really triggered her."

Ms. Luper is also survived by another daughter, Chelle Wilson; a son, Calvin; a sister, Oneita Brown; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Her husband, Bert Luper, died before her.

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Ms. Luper graduated from Langston University in 1944. In 1951 she earned a master's degree in history from the University of Oklahoma, where she was the first black student admitted to a graduate history program. She taught at Oklahoma City high schools until she retired in 1991.

On the blog *Stories in America*, she said her father "had never been able to sit down and eat a meal in a decent restaurant."

"He used to tell us that someday he would take us to dinner and to parks and zoos," she said. "And when I asked him when was someday, he would always say, 'Someday will be real soon,' as tears ran down his cheeks."

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#### CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER CLARA LUPER HAS DIED

(By Robert Medley and Bryan Painter)

Clara Luper, a civil rights pioneer whose lunch counter sit-ins helped end discrimination in public restaurants, has died. She was 88.

Luper died Wednesday night in Oklahoma City after a long illness, family members confirmed.

Luper has been the face of the Oklahoma civil rights movement since 1958, when she led a sit-in protest inside Katz Drug Store in downtown Oklahoma City, where the owners had refused to serve black customers.

Roosevelt Milton, 66, president emeritus of the NAACP's Oklahoma City and Oklahoma chapters, said she was a primary groundbreaker in the movement.

"I think that Clara was the last great civil rights icon in Oklahoma," Milton said. "She was a very passionate and fearless person when it came to the NAACP mission."

Oklahoma House Speaker Kris Steele, R-Shawnee, called Luper a civil rights giant.

"Throughout her life, Ms. Luper adhered to the principle that actions speak louder than words," Steele said. "Through her actions, she helped lead Oklahoma and the nation forward by showing courage and courtesy simultaneously, often in the face of unpleasant opposition. A road near the Capitol is now deservedly named in her honor, but perhaps the most fitting tribute to give Ms. Luper is fulfilling her vision that all Oklahomans and Americans are equal, our histories and futures intrinsically linked. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy will never be forgotten."

#### HISTORIC SIT-IN

In 1958, she chaperoned a group of black students to New York City. The trip eastward was through the northern states; many of the students experienced, for the first time, treatment equal to whites in public places. On their return through Southern states, they re-entered familiar, segregated territory. That brief taste of equality would help change American history.

In August 1958, a youth council group met in Luper's home and decided to force the issue at downtown eating places that refused to serve blacks. They decided to sit down and sit there until they were served.

With 13 young people, ages 6 to 13, including her two oldest children, Calvin and Marilyn, Luper directed a protest at Katz Drug on Main Street. She taught them courage and self-respect and the nonviolent philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr. She made certain that every day their clothes were clean and ironed, so they would look confident.

The youth endured curses and threats from other customers, were covered with ketchup, hot grease and spit and were kicked and punched. Luper was with them constantly. One black child was served a hamburger at the Katz lunch counter, and the breakthrough opened Oklahoma City restaurants

to blacks. Luper and the children demonstrated for better treatment for blacks at John A. Brown's luncheonette, Anna Maude Cafeteria, the Skirvin Hotel and Wedgewood Amusement Park.

#### LEGACY

Luper helped establish the Youth Council of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 1950s and served as its adviser for 50 years. She is credited with directing a new type of nonviolent protest, the sit-in, and for staging the first such publicized event in the nation.

Luper taught American history for 41 years, beginning at Dunjee High School and working at other Oklahoma City schools; she retired from John Marshall in 1989.

Clara Shepard Luper was born May 3, 1923, in Okmulgee County, the middle of five children of Ezell and Isabell Shepherd. She attended Langston University, then became the first black student to enroll in the history department at the University of Oklahoma, where she earned a master's degree.

She marched with Martin Luther King Jr., whom she knew personally. In Selma, Ala., she was injured by a hit to the knee with a club. Luper was arrested 26 times during sit-ins and other nonviolent protests.

Her book, "Behold the Walls," published in 1979, detailed her work in the civil rights movement, much of which drew national attention.

Luper made an unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate, became the first black vice president for the Oklahoma County Teachers Association and served as a consultant and adviser on school desegregation in Oklahoma City.

In 2000, a 2.7-mile section of NE 23, where she had led young people in walks and marches many times, was renamed the Clara Luper Corridor. In 2002, Edward L. Gaylord, then president of The Oklahoma Publishing Co., initiated a scholarship fund in her name, honoring her life work of giving youngsters self-respect and hope, along with a start on their education.

In later years, Luper directed celebrations of the anniversaries of civil rights landmarks, and produced the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant, which she used as a medium to teach young women social skills. She opened the Freedom Center, the northeast Oklahoma City headquarters for NAACP youth programs and frequently served as a calming, practical influence for cooperation in race relations.

#### REMEMBERING LUPER

As a 16-year-old, Joyce Henderson, a soon-to-be senior at Dunjee High School, heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. present his "I Have a Dream" speech Aug. 28, 1963. With a little cash in her purse and a change of clothes in a small suitcase, Henderson boarded one of two charter buses with fellow students active in the NAACP Youth Council. One of her teachers, Clara Luper, invited her to make the trip to Washington.

Last Friday and again Monday, Henderson went by to see Luper. On Friday, "I said, 'Mother Luper, this is Joyce.' She nodded her head; she knew who I was."

Henderson, though not in on the initial sit-in, became involved in the movement. She said Luper's students at Dunjee would call her "Ms. Luper."

"As we've grown older many of us began calling her Mother Luper," she said. "She was truly that. For whatever reason she made each of us feel special, like she was our mother."

Henderson always felt a sense of security knowing of Luper's presence in the world, she said. That made Thursday a sad day for Henderson, who retired in 2006 after 36 years as an educator and administrator.

"You've got to admit that Oklahoma and this world is a better place because of Mother Luper," she said.

Bruce Fisher, administrative program officer for the Oklahoma History Center, was emotionally shaken Thursday when he heard the news.

Fisher played a major role in designing an exhibit at the museum featuring a replica of the Katz Drug Store lunch counter. He said Luper's efforts are an important part of Oklahoma history and important to the national civil rights movement as well.

"I wanted to make sure that we never forget that, and what an important role she played in ensuring the rights and freedoms that so many of us now take for granted," Fisher said.

Valerie Thompson, president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, said Oklahoma has lost an innovative educator and pioneer for change.

"Clara Luper served as a beacon for civil rights and equality," Thompson said. "Her pioneering spirit, tireless commitment to education and advocacy for equal opportunity will never be forgotten."

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett said Luper was a great Oklahoman and a great American.

"Her peaceful, resolute sit-in protest at the Katz Drug Store, where the owners at the time refused to serve African-Americans, paved the way for equal rights in Oklahoma City," Cornett said. "If that was the extent of her contribution to Oklahoma and the Nation, it would have been accomplishment enough, but that act came early on, and Clara dedicated the rest of her long and wonderful life to such basic human needs as dignity, honor and respect."

Cornett requested that flags on city property be flown at half-staff in honor of Luper through sunset Friday.

Gov. Mary Fallin described Luper as a tremendous civil rights activist and a devoted mother.

U.S. Rep. James Lankford, R-Oklahoma City, said, "The courage of Clara Luper and her children provided the turning point in Oklahoma's race relations, through their dignified and principled stand against discrimination in 1958. A lifetime later, our culture has made great strides, but we still have much work to do to remove barriers that keep Americans from achieving their fullest potential. Today's generation can thank Clara Luper for many of the freedoms they experience today."

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#### CLARA LUPER: MOTHER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN OKLAHOMA

(By Stan Paregien Sr.)

Most people would probably try to hide the fact that they had been arrested not just one or twice but 26 times. But there is only one Clara Luper, and she wears those arrests like battle decorations. And so they were. Only the battle was not against an enemy nation but against the ignorance and intolerance that fostered racial problems right here in the good ol' USA.

Clara Shepard was born on May 3, 1923 in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma. Her parents were dirt-poor share croppers with a total of five children. She attended a segregated (all Black) elementary school in Hoffman, Oklahoma. She graduated from Grayson High School in 1942.

"One of my little brothers got very sick. So my parents took him to the only doctor in Henryetta, Oklahoma. But the doctor refused to examine him because he was Black. And he died shortly after that."

Clara married Bert Luper at Durant, Oklahoma. Clara and Bert had three children—

Calvin, Marilyn, and Chelle. After his death, she married Mr. Wilkerson.

She graduated from a segregated Black college, Langston University (Langston, Oklahoma) with the B.A. degree in math and education.

#### A TEACHER FOR 41 YEARS

Her first job after graduation was teaching at a Black school for orphans, deaf and blind students. That was at Taft, Oklahoma. She also taught school in Pawnee, Oklahoma. But her longest tenure and greatest impact was at the segregated Dunjee High School in Oklahoma City and, later, at John Marshall High School. She taught history, Human Relations, math and social studies. And, just as important, she instilled in them a sense of worth and a confidence that they could go out and change society for the better. She retired in 1991, after 41 years as an educator and motivator of Black students.

Luper said, "My students had dreams about what they could become. I looked at them like you'd look at a caterpillar long before it changes to a butterfly. I knew they had skills and abilities down deep that they could not yet see. So I did my best to develop those gifts, to polish those diamonds in the rough. That is what teaching is really all about."

#### OKLAHOMA PRIOR TO 1950

By way of a short history lesson, many promoters convinced Blacks from both the South and the North that the new state of Oklahoma (admitted to the Union in 1907) was a Promised Land for them. And many hundreds of Blacks moved West and developed small, all-Black towns in Oklahoma.

Along with the Black towns came Black-owned newspapers. And in 1914 one Black newspaper man founded his own newspaper, *The Black Dispatch*, in the Black area of Oklahoma City. He was outspoken in his calls for Blacks to fight the forced segregation as practiced in most of the nation at the time. And he argued that Blacks should become involved in politics to make sure their voices were heard.

The tensions between the races rose even higher following the tragic race riot in Tulsa in 1921. It was triggered by an incident in which a Black man allegedly made unwelcome advances on a White woman. The end result was that most of the Black business district on the north side of Tulsa was burned to the ground and some 300 people killed.

Clara Luper's own parents had different approaches to dealing with racial segregation and other injustices. "My dear mother believed in loving people, no matter what their color. She was always a bit afraid of the power of White people. She had actually seen a Black man hung by a White mob in Texas. So she was never eager to step out and challenge the status quo.

"My father, Ezell Shepard, served in the U.S. Army while it was still highly segregated and suffered many injustices. And there he saw new and better relations between the races, where people were judged more by what they could do than by the color of their skin. So he was more willing to challenge the system. He was just a man of great optimism who did not dwell on negative things but looked for the good things.

"One time we all got on a bus, headed somewhere or other. And I asked my parents, 'Why do we have to sit here in the back of the bus?' My mother whispered in my face, 'You just shut up, girl.' But my father laughed and said, 'Oh, that's alright. Don't you worry about it Clara. Times will get better some day.' That is how it was in our family. He was a 'some day' man."

On Dec. 5, 1955, a young Black girl named Rosa Parks in Montgomery, Alabama set off

a furor when she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a White woman. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., followed up with a call for a boycott of the bus system until they agreed to end their racist seating rules. That boycott lasted until December of 1956, when the city finally agreed to eliminate their discriminatory rules.

"Oh, I got great strength of courage by seeing the new coverage of those Black people taking action to better their lives," Clara Luper said with a wave of her arm. "And it also filled me with anger that they had to walk to work and elsewhere just to fight for the same seating rights as White people."

#### THE FREEDOM CENTER

I interviewed her as we sat in her modest office at the Freedom Center she helped establish at 2609 N. Martin Luther King Avenue in Oklahoma City. That was on August 6, 2006. Her speech was strong and animated, her pronunciation so distinct and precise as to be almost theatrical. It was obvious that her talent in public speaking had been honed by years of teaching and motivating others. And I could imagine how, fifty years ago, many lesser educated Whites and Blacks could feel intimidated or even threatened by her self-confident poise.

"This building has been a blessing to our people," she said. "The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, started meeting in my house at 1818 NE Park Place in 1957. We soon needed a bigger place to meet and we bought and converted what had been an old Mobil gas service station to our Freedom Center. We were able to rally a large number of people, particularly young people, to participate in our motivational activities. And a lot of White folks didn't like that one bit.

"So one night someone threw a torch or a bomb into the building. All my personal correspondence with people like Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers was lost in the fire. But we turned right around and rebuilt the building. The kids at Northwest Classen High School, where I was teaching, helped raise some of the money. No one was ever arrested for the crime."

#### THE SIT-IN IN OKLAHOMA CITY

On August 18, 1958, Clara Luper led her students into a Katz Drug Store in downtown Oklahoma City. The drug store also had a lunch counter and soda fountain, but only served White people. So Luper and her young people walked in and placed their orders and, when promptly refused, they sat down and refused to leave. This was a peaceful and orderly and non-violent demonstration to gain the right to eat there. But the police were summoned and escorted the group from the building. But Luper and the students returned time and time again until the store finally gave in and agreed to serve Blacks just as they did everyone else.

#### INFLUENCE OF RELIGION

She said that she came from a very religious family. "My Christian faith has always been extremely important to me, both in my personal and professional life and in my experiences in the Civil Rights Movement. It all goes back to my parents and grandparents who taught us to believe for the rain when it didn't fall, to believe for the sun when it didn't shine and to pray to the God we had never seen.

"And I was heavily influenced by the ministers in the Black community. They were largely uneducated or self-taught. But despite their lack of a formal education, they were often the best role models for our children. And most of them did all they could to help our young people.

"You see," she said with a big smile, "those ministers were not dependent on

White employers for their incomes, unlike most Black folks. So they could be more vocal on social issues."

Clara Luper is a long-time member of the Fifth Street Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

#### MARCH ON WASHINGTON

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., called for a march on Washington, D.C., to demand passage of the Civil Rights Bill. About a hundred people, including Clara Luper, loaded onto two buses for the trip to Washington and were present on that historic day, August 28, 1963. Some 250,000 people crowded together to hear the speakers. And all of the U.S. TV networks, as well as many foreign networks, carried to millions of people around the world.

"We had a great time on those buses. We sang freedom songs and talked about what a great gathering it would be. And it was better than we could ever have imagined. There were rows and rows of buses as far as the eye could see, with hundreds of thousands of people gathered together. The highlight was when Dr. King gave his 'I Have a Dream' speech. That was so simple and yet so powerful. My son, Calvin, got to shake hands with Dr. King and with President John Kennedy.

"We had come to Washington. Then we got back on the bus and it was silent for a long time. Then someone broke out singing 'We Shall Overcome' and we all started singing. It was an enchanting, heavenly feeling that I shall never forget. Yes, yes."

"You know something?" she asked, rhetorically and then firmly stated, "It is hard to love your enemies, those who would walk up to you and spit in your face. But Dr. Martin Luther King said you've got to. And, of course, he got that from the Bible."

Unfortunately, President Kennedy was assassinated just three months later. But his successor, Lyndon B. Johnson, signed the Civil Rights Act into law on July 2, 1964. The bill gave the federal government absolute power to enforce school desegregation. It even prohibited segregation in public places. And, just as important for the long haul, the Civil Rights Act established a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

"The Civil Rights Bill of 1964," Luper noted, "was also a big help to women. For the most part, and particularly in the Black community, women were taught to be subservient to men. Women had been indoctrinated to believe they were dumb and that whatever men said was the end of the discussion. But that Bill said you cannot discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color or sex. So that was something to really be proud of."

Times were changing for the better, to be sure. Just like Clara's father had predicted.

#### MARCH ON SELMA

In 1965, Clara Luper and Eddie Stamps and others drove in vans to Selma, Alabama to march against segregation.

"In Selma it was just like a war. The Civil Rights protesters were on one end of the town and the police and their supporters ('posse men') were on the other end. Even the highway patrol pointed guns at us as we drove into town.

"When we started our march, one of the 'posse men' as they called themselves, hit me on the leg. My leg started bleeding and the girls, white girls, that were with me started crying and saying, 'Oh, mamma, mamma, you're hurt.' And those posse men or Klu Klux Klan came up and said to the white girls, 'Is she your mamma?' and the white girls said, 'Yes, that's our mamma.'

"So those men came back to me and asked me who the father of those girls were, since they were calling me mamma. So I told them God was their father. And those men began

to cuss and say 'Screw them niggers'. So I knew they were ignorant and it didn't matter what I said to them," Luper said.

"About that time Dr. Martin Luther King came up and got us all to walk toward the bridge in an effort to get the local Blacks registered to vote. It was a long, hard day.

"That night we all fanned out to be in different homes to listen to President Lyndon Johnson speak on TV to the Nation. I wound up in a pretty run-down house. We all watched TV as President Johnson said that the very next day he was going up to speak to the Congress and to ask them to pass a voters rights bill. We all just went wild."

#### POLITICAL CANDIDATE

In 1972, Luper threw her hat into the political ring. She ran for the U.S. Senate against fellow Democrat Mike Turpen and Republican Dewey Bartlett.

"As a teacher, I was interested in getting some practical experience in the political realm. And I sure did that. I had debates with both Turpen and Bartlett, so it gave me a great platform to express my views. But, of course, Dewey Bartlett won the election. It was still a great educational experience for me and for my students. I really enjoyed that experience more than anything else I have ever done.

"I remember one incident down somewhere in southeast Oklahoma, down there in 'Little Dixie'. I was speaking at a political rally when a White man stood up and asked me what I thought about interracial marriage. I said, 'I'm so happy you asked me that. You see as an educator and a student of history, I have never seen an ant having intercourse with an elephant. What that basically means, sir, is that anything that God did not want to have mate with another of his creations He made it physically impossible. That man got mad and walked out,' she said with a hardy laugh."

When asked what her typical day is like today, Clara Luper said: "There really is no 'typical day,' because I am involved in so much and traveling a lot. But when I am home, I usually get up at 6 a.m. I shower, read the newspapers and listen to the news on either the TV or the radio. Then I go down to the little lake behind my house and, every other day, I feed the fish. And then I usually phone my children and talk with my sister. And on Mondays, I try to spend several hours at my office at the Freedom Center."

She says she also relaxes by playing the word game Scrabble with anyone who is available. And she likes listening to spiritual music and to the blues.

#### HONORS TO WHOM HONORS ARE DUE

At the time of my interview with her, Clara Luper was 83 years old. Yet she still maintained a heavy speaking schedule all across the country. That is because she is known as a freedom fighter, a true Civil Rights hero, across the nation and not just in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed HB 2715 honored her by naming a portion of NE 23rd Street in Oklahoma City as "Clara Luper Corridor". She has been inundated with over 500 other honors as well. And of them she says, "Every award has been a recognition of the people who worked with me. So all those awards are special. It just shows what people working together for a common cause can do."

Devon Energy Corporation joined hands with Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company to establish a "Clara Luper Scholarship" program at Oklahoma City University. It was set up to help minority students and to honor Luper for her contributions to education in Oklahoma and to the Civil Rights movement here and throughout the Nation.

And on May 5, 2007, the first 22 Clara Luper scholars received their diplomas from OCU. They had completed, as a group, some 13,000 hours of community service during their four years at the University.

Clara Luper wrote a 346 page book, *Behold the Walls*, which is her account of development of the Civil Rights movement during her lifetime. It was published in 1979, and Oklahoma City University reprinted the book in January, 2007.

"Looking back after all these years," Luper said. "I see how the progress we made took the coordinated efforts of so many people. It was not just the work of Clara Luper. It was the work of every person who helped in any way to advance the movement. Some marched and some participated in sit-in's, while others were behind the scenes in prayer and providing food and money for those of us who were out front.

"I have seen in my lifetime the fulfillment of my father's dream that 'Someday it will be alright'. I have seen us get the right to eat in any restaurant or to use any restroom, to stay in any hotel in the country. I am grateful that we are now able to take our family to the zoo on any day, not just on one day a week that was formerly designated for coloreds. But we still have a long way to go."

#### SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENT EMILY BOYSON

### HON. SAM JOHNSON

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*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious U.S. service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the Third District of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our Nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Emily Boyson, a U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Appointee. Emily is a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School where she was on the varsity swim team and partook in the breast stroke and individual medley. Emily was also a part of the National Honor Society as the parliamentarian, Mu Alpha Theta as treasurer, and the New Conservatory Dallas as a violinist. Emily was part of a prestigious mathematics program in high school and won several awards in school science fairs. She received the Star Student Award given to her by Bishop Lynch faculty, the Renaissance Program Award and the Dean of Students Letter of Recognition of Perfect Conduct. Emily wants to attend an Academy in order to mold herself into a strong, effective military leader capable of protecting America while fulfilling the mission of the military.

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### HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. SIRE. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my deep concern regarding the drastic cuts being made to the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in the Agriculture Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2012. While I understand the need to balance the budget, I cannot support cuts made to WIC, which has proven to be an effective tool in improving the health of our Nation's children.

Over nine million low and moderate income women, infants, and children rely on WIC to provide them with quality nutrition education services and access to maternal, prenatal, and pediatric health-care services. WIC is a premier public health nutrition program and makes sure that our Nation's children begin their life as healthy as possible. During early childhood, infants with poor nutrition are susceptible to increased chances of anemia and negatively impact a child's ability to learn. WIC plays a vital role in ensuring that WIC infants are in better health than eligible infants not participating in WIC.

With approximately one out of every two babies born in our country enrolled in WIC, it is a vital service that not only ensures infants' healthy well-being, but also saves health care costs. Up to \$3.13 for every WIC dollar spent within the first 60 days of birth results in health care cost savings. Additionally, lower Medicaid costs are tied to prenatal participation in the WIC program. Preterm births cost our country over twenty-six billion dollars every year with the average first year medical costs for premature births costing over forty-nine thousand dollars and first year medical costs for babies without complications cost just over four thousand dollars. It has been proven that for every dollar spent on prenatal WIC participation for low-income Medicaid women, the results included fewer premature births, longer pregnancies, and fewer infant deaths.

In my home state of New Jersey, the number of women, infants, and children that participate in the program is 171,060. Sixty-one percent of WIC participants are families with income below the poverty level—these are our constituents that are most in need. If the bill is passed, and depending upon the rate of food inflation, New Jersey may lose 3,700 to 6,500 WIC participants, and nationwide there may be a loss of 200,000 to 350,000 WIC participants. During the past fifteen years, Congress has been committed to provide enough funding to all eligible women and children who apply for WIC, and this legislation will break this promise. Indeed, if funding for WIC is insufficient, thousands of women and children

will be put on a waiting list to receive the services they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to oppose these devastating cuts, which so many of our constituents rely upon.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS AMBER LOWMAN

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the Third District of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Amber Lowman, a United States Naval Academy Appointee. Amber is a graduate of McKinney High School where she played volleyball as a right side hitter and a middle blocker and ran track and field participating in the long jump and triple jump. Amber was an active participant in her school's DECA club as their president, a member of Youth Leadership Board at Stonebridge United Methodist Church, and also a member of the McKinney High School Theatre Department taking a lead role in a musical. While balancing academics and extracurricular activities, Amber has also given much of her time to those in need serving as a volunteer for Special Olympics and the elderly at an assisted living center, and served as a camp counselor for those with special needs. Amber believes her readiness for adventure, leadership skills, and competitiveness will allow her to excel at a military academy. Her father is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and she looks forward to carrying on the tradition in Annapolis.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBBIE  
LATIMORE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great educator and woman of tremendous class and grace, Dr. Robbie Latimore. Dr. Latimore will retire on June 30, 2011, after more than 30 years of service at South Georgia Technical College in Americus, Georgia. She has played a tremendous role in the development of South Georgia Tech into one of the best technical colleges in Georgia and our Nation.

Dr. Latimore was born in Dublin, Georgia, to the union of the late Mark Smith, Sr. and Katie Smith. She graduated from Northwest Laurens High School in Dublin, received her B.S. de-

gree in Business Education from Fort Valley State College in Fort Valley, Georgia, and her Master's Degree in Business Education from Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia. And finally, she received her Doctorate of Education in Adult Education from the University of Georgia.

Since joining the faculty in 1981 as a Business Education professor, she has worked tirelessly to make South Georgia Technical College a dynamic institution of higher learning. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Latimore has held several leadership positions, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Services, Director of Instruction, Chair of the Business Education Department and Instructor.

The great author Zora Neale Hurston once said that, "There is nothing to make you like other human beings as much as doing things for them." Dr. Latimore has learned this lesson and dedicated her life to helping others to reach their full potential. She is involved with many organizations that aim to make the world a better place for all. Some of her community organizations include the Fort Valley State University National Alumni Association, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Phoebe Sumter Medical Center Board of Directors, the American Technical Education Association, and Education Committee Member for the Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

Dr. Latimore has also been married to her husband, Mr. Frank A. Latimore, for over 34 years. They have raised a daughter, Kourtney, and two sons, Brandon and Keiva, who are well on their way to making their own mark on society. And they have one grandchild, Bryce Alexander Latimore.

And lastly, Dr. Latimore is committed to her God. A dedicated member of the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church in Americus, Georgia, Dr. Latimore believes that the Lord has ordered all of her steps and she gives Him all the glory for her successes in life and the ability to raise a productive family.

South Georgia Technical College should consider itself blessed for having a woman with the strength and character of Dr. Robbie Latimore, who gave her all to make the college a success. On behalf of the constituents of the Second Congressional District, I thank her for her service and wish her a happy retirement.

RARE EARTH POLICY TASK FORCE  
AND MATERIALS ACT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would help reestablish a competitive rare earth domestic supply chain as part of my ongoing effort to avert a rare earth supply crisis in the United States.

There are 17 rare earth minerals that are used in many advanced technologies, from computers to precision guided munitions to components necessary for the production of renewable energies. They are dispersed widely around the earth's crust but rarely in concentrations that are commercially viable.

With 97 percent of the world's supply of rare earth metals, China has proven to be an unreliable trading partner. Not only has their government ordered a reduction in exports of rare earth metals, but they have used their near monopoly status as leverage on unrelated issues.

My bill, the Rare Earth Policy Task Force and Materials Act, requires the Department of the Interior to establish a government-wide task force to review and report back on all U.S. laws, regulations or policies that discourage the reestablishment of a domestic rare earth industry.

It also calls for a comprehensive plan for research, development, demonstration, and commercial application to ensure the long-term, secure, and sustainable supply of rare earth materials for the United States. In addition, the plan includes proposals on how to promote recycling possibilities and alternative materials that could act as substitutes. The measures were also part of the RESTART Act of 2011, which I introduced earlier this year.

There is simply no reason to be almost 100 percent reliant on China for rare earth metals when we have such abundant resources here at home. I urge my colleagues to quickly move this legislation.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—JAMES KENNINGTON

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute James Kennington, a United States Naval Academy Appointee. James is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he participated in wrestling and earned varsity letters in 2010 and 2011. Extracurricular activities such as weight lifting and running also consumed James' time, including martial arts where he is a blue belt. James was also an active member of the Young Men's Service League as the vice president, and founded his own photography club which received several awards. Academic success has always been a part of James high school career. He received the College Board AP Scholar of Distinction, was a National Merit Commended Scholar, in the French Honor Society and National Honor Society, and scored a perfect score on two sections of the SAT. He stated in his application essay, "I feel deeply compelled to join the fight—to give all of myself for freedom, for brotherhood, and for country."

CHANCELLOR STEVE KANG  
RECOGNITION

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Sung-Mo "Steve" Kang for his many years of dedicated service as Chancellor of the University of California, Merced, California's first research institution built in the 21st century and located within the 18th Congressional District of California. Steve Kang was appointed as the second permanent Chancellor of UC Merced on January 17, 2007 and began serving at the beginning of March of the same year. During his four year tenure as chancellor, Steve's leadership made many immense and lasting contributions to the university and to the community. It is an honor to recognize the work of Chancellor Kang—a tireless advocate for education and research, a champion for the community, and a leader and friend to Merced.

Chancellor Kang's insightful vision for the campus, his commitment to cultivating and inspiring students and researchers, and his unyielding devotion to his role as chancellor truly paved the way for the development of an outstanding university. A sample of UC Merced's key accomplishments achieved under Chancellor Kang's leadership include: meeting all of the requirements for initial accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, developing and publishing the school's Strategic Academic Vision statement in 2009, continuing its commitment to sustainable development by raising the minimum level of performance for all new buildings to a Gold LEED rating, and seeing the diversity of the campus recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Also under his guidance, UC Merced's Stem Cell Instrumentation Foundry opened in 2011, enabling innovations in biotechnologies that will lead to new discoveries about stem cells. A testament to his belief in providing quality and equal access education to all students, he secured commitments from the UC Office of the President to fund enrollment growth for the next three years. Of special note, Chancellor Kang has supported the vision for UC Merced's future as a medical teaching university and his actions are greatly instrumental in ensuring that it will one day serve as an independently accredited School of Medicine.

Steve's first love is teaching and he has inspired generations of successful students inside the classroom. Prior to taking his position at UC Merced, he served as a professor in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1985 to 2000, becoming a department head in 1995. He taught as a visiting professor at several international universities, including the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, the University of Lausanne, and the Technical University of Munich. He also served as the Dean of the Baskin School of Engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz, during which time he took a budding engineering program to significantly greater levels of achievement, ensuring its place among the nation's top engineering schools.

Steve Kang was raised in South Korea and moved to the United States after receiving a scholarship to the Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He received his Masters of Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and his doctorate from UC Berkeley. A master of his field, Kang has co-authored 11 books on the subjects of electrical and computer engineering, written over 350 technical papers, and has well over a dozen patents to his name. He has been recognized with numerous awards in education and research, including the Distinguished Korean-American Award in 2008, the IEEE Third Millennium Medal in 2000, and Outstanding Alumnus Award in Electrical Engineering from UC Berkeley in 2008.

Along with his passion for education, Steve Kang is also an advocate for the community. He is personally dedicated to the principle of providing educational opportunities to children from lower income families and expanding access to a UC-quality education. He serves on the UC Merced Foundation as President, the Great Valley Center as Chairman of the Board, and the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium as an executive board member. He, along with his wife Mia, have long carried the torch for the needs of the region, consistently looking out for the valley as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor Sung-Mo "Steve" Kang for his dedication and service as a leader at the University of California, Merced. Without his efforts, the university would not be the outstanding academic institution that it is today. His selflessness and lifelong commitment to education is worthy of the highest praise and it is my great privilege to pay tribute to and offer my sincerest appreciation to him today. Steve will be leaving UC Merced and returning to the classroom and although he will be greatly missed, I wholeheartedly wish him luck in every future endeavor. Steve Kang has made a lasting impression on the entirety of the Merced community, its faculty, and above all, its students. We will forever be indebted to his noble efforts in bringing excellence in education to the Central Valley.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—JEFFREY HERRERA

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

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Today I salute Jeffrey Herrera, a United States Air Force Academy appointee. Jeff is a

graduate of Wylie High School where he ran junior varsity cross country as well as participated in junior varsity track and field. He served as the National Honor Society president and was a Hispanic National Merit Scholar. Jeff was also part of the Air Force Junior ROTC and served as the Deputy Group Commander. Jeff chose to apply to the Air Force Academy because he wanted to receive the exemplary service academy education and experience. Since the beginning of his involvement in his junior ROTC program, he had developed a deep and strong interest in serving his country and becoming an officer in the United States Military. Jeff stated in an essay, "Nothing would please me more than to give back to my country while leading the future servicemen, servicewomen and protectors of this country."

HONORING THE BUFFALO AND  
ERIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYS-  
TEM'S 175TH YEAR OF SERVICE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure I acknowledge the Buffalo and Erie County Library system's kick-off of their 175th anniversary celebration and their summer reading initiatives.

The first public library service in Western New York began with the creation of the Young Men's Association (YMA) in 1836. The association circulated 5,500 items to its members in its first year alone.

50 years later the institution was purchased for the City of Buffalo and was re-established as a free circulating reference library open to all City residents. By 1897, there were 32,000 registered borrowers.

Today with over 3.5 million items in circulation and 37 locations, the Buffalo and Erie County libraries have served nearly 4 million patrons.

With a diversity of programs including adult computer training, resume tips and techniques seminars as well as preschool story hour—the libraries continue to serve as centers of information, culture and entertainment for the residents of Erie County.

It is with great pride that I stand today to commemorate the Buffalo and Erie County Library system's 175th year of service. I am grateful for the array of programs and services they offer to the Western New York community and am happy to acknowledge the kick-off to their summer reading initiatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 413, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—JOSEPH HAYS

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

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Today I salute Joseph Hays, a United States Air Force Academy Appointee. Joseph is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he was a part of the varsity wrestling team. While excelling academically, Joseph gave of his time at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton's Parish Pastoral Council as a Board Member, and worked as a Lifeguard for the City of Plano and swim teacher. Joseph comes from a military oriented family, where his grandparents served in WWII and Korea. His stepfather served as a Black Hawk pilot and instructor. After life at the Academy, Joseph aspires to attend medical school to serve as a medical doctor in the United States Armed Forces. Joseph feels that his dedication toward his goal of attending a Service Academy reflects his values as both a devout Christian and as an American.

RECOGNIZING THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE BAKERS CREEK AIR CRASH IN AUSTRALIA DURING WORLD WAR II

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Bakers Creek Memorial ceremony being held today at the Selfridge Gate to Arlington National Cemetery at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Sixty-eight years ago today, a Boeing B-17C bomber flying with forty-one soldiers and airmen from Bakers Creek, Australia to New Guinea crashed upon takeoff, killing forty individuals. Due to the Army's subsequent classification of the event, the victims' families were not informed about the details of their loved ones' peril until recently. Thanks to the persistence of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association and the victims' families, the events of Bakers Creek are not only known today, but are honored by a monument in Arlington.

I am proud to have joined the effort to bring the Bakers Creek monument from the Australian Embassy to a permanent home on American soil. Pennsylvanians have a strong connection to this monument, as six of the forty victims of the tragic plane crash called Pennsylvania home. Many of my Congres-

sional colleagues from Pennsylvania, and both Senators, actively supported the effort to move this monument to its rightful home in Arlington. The Pennsylvania State Legislature also passed a resolution designating June 14th as Bakers Creek Memorial Day.

The distinguished speaker at today's ceremony at Selfridge Gate, the Honorable L. Jerry Hansen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, graciously accepted the monument two years ago on behalf of the Secretary of the Army. The Department of the Army pledged to protect and honor the monument at Fort Myer, as a permanent tribute to the brave soldiers and airmen who perished at Bakers Creek, as well as their families.

I am pleased to thank Army Secretary John McHugh and Fort Myer Garrison Commander, Col. Carl R. Coffman, for arranging this appropriate and dignified memorial ceremony—with high standards of military honor. I am confident that this ceremony will be repeated each year on the anniversary date of the tragic crash.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the family members of the heroic American warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation during World War II. But for their selfless and courageous service, the freedoms we enjoy today would not be. I and all Americans are forever indebted to these true heroes.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
MILITARY SERVICE OF CAPTAIN  
THOMAS H. FARRIS

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Captain Thomas H. Farris on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Coast Guard (USCG). I offer Captain Farris my sincerest thanks for his 30 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation and safeguarding its future.

An accomplished aviator, Captain Farris possesses over 6700 hours of flight time in six different aircraft throughout his 30 years of service as a veteran of the U.S. Army and USCG. He most recently served as the Coast Guard's Chief of Aviation Safety. In that capacity he was responsible for the USCG Aviation Safety program and one of only three senior aviators exercising program level oversight over the design, development, implementation, delivery and sustainment of all USCG aviation programs.

Captain Farris has distinguished himself by extraordinary acts of leadership. Among his many achievements, Captain Farris won the U.S. Army's European Helicopter Championship early in his career along with 18 shipboard deployments and extensive airborne Law Enforcement experience in the North Atlantic, Caribbean and Eastern Pacific theatres.

Captain Farris' service in his current position as the USCG Captain of the Port of San Diego is the capstone to his military career. As the Coast Guard Captain for San Diego, he is responsible for the safe conduct of commercial maritime activity on all federally navigable waterways within an area that extends from 200

nautical miles offshore San Diego then east to the Colorado River from the Mexico border to Utah.

Along with his many roles and responsibilities, Captain Farris serves as the designated Federal Maritime Security Coordinator and Chair of the Area Maritime Security Committee overseeing commercial vessel and facilities compliance with the Maritime Transportation Security Act. He also serves as the Operational Commander for the USCG air and surface force carrying out Search and Rescue and Maritime law enforcement authority. Additionally, Captain Farris plays a pivotal role as the Senior Officer Ashore in San Diego as the primary local USCG representative to the San Diego County military, federal and civilian community.

As he enters this new stage of his life, I hope that Captain Farris will benefit from his years of work, just as the United States Military has benefited. I offer him my warmest 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 Captain Thomas Farris.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—ELIZABETH CAR-  
PENTER

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

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Today I salute Elizabeth Carpenter, a United States Air Force Academy Appointee. Elizabeth is a graduate of Plano East Senior High School where she excelled at many things. She was a strong student who participated in National Honor Society and the International Baccalaureate Program. Elizabeth is also an accomplished athlete. She played varsity volleyball and was the team captain at Plano East. She comes from a family of service as her grandfather graduated from the United States Military Academy and retired as a colonel from the Air Force and her sister is currently at the U.S. Naval Academy. Elizabeth has aspirations to become a pilot. Elizabeth chose to apply to the Air Force Academy because she is certain it is only there she can study her interest in aviation and give her a foundation that she can apply in any endeavor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND  
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RE-  
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-  
TIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2055, the fiscal year 2012 Military Construction and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Appropriations Act. This legislation, which provides \$129.7 billion in funding for the VA, is critical for our veterans returning from multiple tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world, and all those who have so bravely and honorably served our nation in the Armed Forces, including the 46,370 veterans living in the 15th district of Michigan.

There are a number of provisions in this bill with which I am pleased. First, it continues the Democratic-initiated effort to provide advance appropriations for the Veterans Health Administration so the VA may adequately plan for our veterans medical needs. Second, it builds on the previous Democratic Congresses' commitment to our veterans by providing funding to reduce the VA claims backlog, allow for quality medical care, and ensure the promise of a college education.

I am particularly pleased efforts to weaken workers' rights were defeated during consideration of this legislation. Both a proposed ban on implementation of Project Labor Agreement requirements as well as a proposal to bar VA and the Department of Defense from enforcing the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirement on contracts would have unjustly harmed middle class working families and led to poor construction on VA and DoD facilities.

Mr. Chair, this legislation continues the Democrats tradition of caring for our veterans. This job is never done and at a time when we are engaged in conflicts around the world, it is imperative our current and former military men and women know that their government supports them.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting our veterans by voting "yes" on H.R. 2055.

HONORING JIM LEHRER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished journalist. On May 12, 2011, Jim Lehrer announced that he is leaving the "NewsHour" as a regular anchor effective the week of June 6, the final step in a carefully planned retirement. He said he will still appear many Fridays to moderate an analysis of the week's news.

Born in Wichita, Kansas in 1934, Jim Lehrer received an A.A. degree from Victoria College and a B.J. in 1956 from the University of Missouri before joining the Marine Corps. From 1959 to 1966, he was a reporter for The Dallas Morning News and then the Dallas Times-Herald. He was also a political columnist at the Times-Herald for several years and in 1968 became the city editor.

Lehrer's newspaper career led him to public television, first in Dallas, as KERA-TV's executive director of public affairs, on-air host and editor of a nightly news program. He subsequently moved to Washington, DC to serve as the public affairs coordinator for PBS, and was also a member of PBS's Journalism Advisory Board and a fellow at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Lehrer went on to join the National Public Affairs Center for Television. (NPACT) as a correspondent.

Lehrer has been honored with numerous awards for journalism, including the Chairman's Award at the 2010 National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences News & Documentary Emmy Awards, the 1999 National Humanities Medal, presented by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and in October 2011, the National Press Club will present him with their top honor, the Fourth Estate Award. In 1999, Lehrer was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame with Robert MacNeil and into The Silver Circle of the Washington, DC Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He has won two Emmys, the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, the George Foster Peabody Broadcast Award, and the William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit and the University of Missouri School of Journalism's Medal of Honor. In 1991, he was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim Lehrer on an extraordinary career. This trailblazing journalist has made a lasting impact on his profession. I thank Jim for his important contributions, and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SUDIE TATUM

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give tribute to Dr. Sudie E. Tatum who passed away on June 1, 2011. On Sunday, June 5, 2011, services were held at Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. The church had long planned to celebrate her life on this date; they felt no need to change it and held her funeral as part of "Dr. Tatum Day."

Dr. Tatum was born as Sudie Ethel Ware in Harrell, Arkansas and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was a high school dropout, who became an educator. She graduated from UW-Milwaukee with qualifications for both teacher and social work. Dr. Tatum earned a master's degree in education administration and a doctorate in theology. Dr. Tatum taught adult basic education at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

She was active in church leadership and for 38 years served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Conven-

tion of Wisconsin. As president, she was a strong advocate for women, raising funds for mission work and was quite able of reminding men in authority that women kept the churches going.

Dr. Tatum's work with the church led her to distant La Hatte, Haiti, where she felt compelled to build a new church and school. She asked her family for money to help build the church and school. She contributed money that she had saved to purchase a car and family members donated the rest of the needed \$18,000.

Dr. Tatum was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Earl Tatum. She never gave birth but raised her late sister's children as her own. Survivors include the children she raised, David Hollins Sr., Jynette Hamilton, Pastor Sudie B. Jones, Shirley Owens, Ruthie L. Darrough and James Hollins Jr.; and their children. Instead of flowers, she requested an offering for home and foreign ministries; therefore, a collection was taken as people left her service.

Mr. Speaker, I rise because Dr. Sudie E. Tatum is an example of the best of what Milwaukee and the Fourth Congressional District has to offer. She will be remembered as a woman who packed plenty of life into her 92 years and, who took the opportunity to combine the joys of her life: love of family, education, social work, guidance and missionary work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on the evening of June 13, 2011 because of pressing matters in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted for the LaTourette Amendment to the FY 2012 Military Construction and VA Appropriations bill to remove language from the bill which rolls back worker protections by discouraging the use of Project Labor Agreements. In this fragile fiscal climate, Congress should be defending our skilled laborers, whose essential work contributes to our economic recovery. Restricting existing policies which permit the establishment of basic terms and conditions on complex, large scale construction projects is harmful for workers and a distraction from the important programs which are funded in the underlying bill.

Additionally, I would have voted against the Amash Amendment, which would have prohibited compliance with the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage law. The Davis-Bacon Act has been a cornerstone of labor protection for 80 years, and I would have proudly voted to uphold it.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—KEVIN CARRINGER

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the third district of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Kevin Carringer, a United States Military Academy Appointee. Kevin is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he ran cross country, and track. Kevin also participated in triathlons, winning a consistent first place amongst his age group, and also achieving fifty miler awards for BSA canoeing and kayaking. Kevin worked hard at various jobs through his summers and serves as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He served as president of the Plano West Cycling Club and was a member of the National Honor Society. Kevin's personal ambition and motivation to protect freedom inspire him to attend a United States Military Academy. In an essay Kevin stated he aspires to become the best Ranger the Army has seen, and believes that the full four year lifestyle of military discipline and training is required as his first stepping stone to success.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 391, 408, and 409. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 391, "nay" on rollcall 408, and "yea" on rollcall 409.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MR. EDWARD HARVEY HOOMES, JR.

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Mr. Edward Harvey Hoomes, Jr., of Brewton, Alabama, a respected public servant who passed away after an extended illness on June 9, 2011. He was 76 years old.

During his lifetime, Edward Hoomes was a much beloved member of his community, and spent many years working for the Escambia County Commission. E.H., as he was called by his friends and family, honorably served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, reaching the rank of Specialist 3.

Mr. Speaker, E.H. will be remembered for his character, strength, love of the outdoors and his loving heart. All who knew E.H. will surely miss him.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Betty, their daughters, Beverly and Sandra, their son Robert, and their families for the loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

#### HONORING SUNG MO "STEVE" KANG

#### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Sung Mo "Steve" Kang, Chancellor of the University of California, Merced; and to thank him for his leadership and dedication to the academic advancement of the Central Valley.

Since March 1, 2007, Steve Kang has served as Chancellor of the University of California, Merced, the first American research university of the 20 century. Kang is an experienced educator, researcher and administrator. Previously, he was Dean of the Baskin School of Engineering at UC Santa Cruz. He now serves on the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium Board, MentorNet Advisory Board, the UC President's Advisory Council on Science and Innovation, Business-Education Alliance of Merced County, and the Board of the Great Valley Center as its Chairman. He also serves on international advisory boards for institutions in Canada, Korea, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

He brings a wealth of experience from a long and distinguished career in private industry and higher education. Kang served as a department head (1995–2000) and a professor (1985–2000) in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was a visiting professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, the University of Karlsruhe and the Technical University of Munich, and a Chaired Visiting Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). He has also taught at Rutgers University.

Prior to his career in education, Kang worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories, where he led the development of the world's first 32-bit microprocessor chips as a technical supervisor and designed satellite-based private communication networks as a member of technical staff.

His leadership in industry is evidenced by his earlier appointment to the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nanotechnology, a joint federal-state venture to promote California as the premier center for nanotechnology research, development, and commercialization. He served as president of the Silicon Valley Engineering Council, the alliance for engineering leaders in Silicon Valley, with more than 60,000 engineers.

Kang holds 15 U.S. patents in electrical engineering and has written or co-authored 11 books and 400 technical papers and won numerous awards and fellowships for his work and publications. His current research interests include nanoelectronics, lower-power, very large-scale integrated (VLSI) circuits; modeling and simulation of semiconductor devices and circuits.

Kang is a fellow of IEEE, ACM and AAAS, Foreign Member of National Academy of Engineering of Korea, and is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Technology, Who's Who in Engineering and Who's Who in Midwest. He received the Alexander von Humboldt U.S. Senior Scientist Award (1996), IEEE Millennium Medal (2000), Chang-Lin

Tien Education Leadership Award (2007), Korean-American Leadership Award (2008), IQ Quality Award (2008), and many other accolades. Most recently (2009), Kang was inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.

He earned his bachelor of science degree, graduating summa cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.; his master of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo; and his doctorate from UC Berkeley. All his academic degrees are in electrical engineering. Kang and wife, Mia, live in the chancellor's residence in Merced. They have two grown children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Sung Mo "Steve" Kang, Chancellor of the University of California, Merced for his numerous years of selfless service to the education of our community.

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#### HONORING JENNIFER FORSETH

#### HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jennifer Forseth, a teacher at Centerfield Elementary School, and her fourth grade class from Oldham County in the fourth district of Kentucky.

Ms. Forseth and her students have been recognized by the National Energy Education Development Project for their outstanding work on energy programs this year.

Ms. Forseth's class conducted a study detailing how to improve energy efficiency in their school that culminated in a presentation of their findings. Their academic initiative earned them a scholarship and recognition by the NEED Youth Awards.

It is my hope that the accomplishments of Ms. Forseth and the fourth grade students from Centerfield Elementary School serve as inspiration for others to increase their own energy efficiency. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing their accomplishments.

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#### VALENTINA ROSENDO CANTÚ

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on February 16, 2002, 17-year-old Valentina Rosendo Cantú was almost finished doing her washing in a stream when eight soldiers suddenly appeared. They beat her until she passed out. When Valentina came to, she was raped, not once, but twice, as the rest of the soldiers stood by, watching and mocking her.

She was finally able to escape, returning home to her husband and three-month-old daughter, but she hasn't been able to escape from the memories of what happened to her.

For the last 9 years, Valentina has been begging for these bad guys to be punished. Despite her tireless pursuit of justice, the Mexican government refuses to allow her case to be tried under civilian jurisdiction while the military courts have completely dropped the

case. Valentina is not only a victim of a heinous violent crime, she is also a victim of the negligence of members of the Mexican government, and it's time for these outlaws to be brought to justice.

And that's just the way it is.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS—EMMA DRIDGE

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OF TEXAS

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As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Emma Dridge, a United States Air Force Academy appointee. Emma is a graduate of Allen High School where she was considered an all-around overachiever in everything she did. She played high school and club volleyball where she earned numerous awards. Emma was active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, and the Chamber Orchestra. One of Emma's teachers said Emma demonstrates confidence, inspiration and perseverance while always giving 100 percent at all times and has the ability to motivate others to do the same. Emma chose to apply to a United States Service Academy so that she may experience a unique and extraordinary education, while also being offered a chance to contribute athletically at the highest collegiate level. Emma knows that an Air Force Academy education will provide a solid foundation for her professional and academic pursuits.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 417 for H.R. 2055, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 418 for H.R. 2055, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 419 for H. Res. 300, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

TRIBUTE TO FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fifty-Fourth National Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on June 12th, 2011, in New York City. A radiant and star-studded event, this parade proudly recognizes the heritage of Puerto Rican people here in the United States, and year upon year has proven to be one of our nation's largest outdoor festivities.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is the successor to the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade, which held its inaugural celebration on Sunday, April 12th, 1958, in "El Barrio," Manhattan. The impact of the first Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York was immediate and resounding. Thousands of New York Puerto Ricans flooded the streets in a very public, very proud demonstration of their emergence in the City as an important and growing ethnic group. For the next 38 years, the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade became a staple of New York's cultural life. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size and transform it into the national and international affair that it is today.

On June 12th delegates representing over thirty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, will join the roughly 3 million parade goers every year who turn New York's Fifth Avenue into a sea of traditional red, white, and blue flags. It's a picture unlike anything you will see anywhere else in the country. Not only because New York is the most international city in the world, but also because of the relationship that exists between New York and the Puerto Rican community. It's an historic relationship essentially born of mutual benefit and respect. Puerto Ricans have helped transform New York into a dynamic, bilingual city that continues to welcome newcomers from all over the globe, and the City of New York, believed by many to be a place of opportunity, has enabled Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, culturally and politically.

The success that the parade enjoys each year is brought about in large measure by the continued efforts of a choice few individuals—women and men of able leadership who believe, as I do, in the unbound potential of people of Puerto Rican descent. The Parade's march up Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration, is hardly the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. Each year more than 10,000 people attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events that strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the City of New York.

Mr. Speaker, the National Puerto Rican Day Parade is an experience unlike any other. It signals to all who witness it that the Puerto Rican community, both in New York and nationally, represents an exquisite tapestry of individuals. Its power can be seen on the faces and heard in the streets, as millions come together to joyously proclaim their heritage. And

so, Mr. Speaker, as a Puerto Rican and a New Yorker, and as someone who participates in this parade annually, I stand before you and my colleagues in Congress with a full and proud heart to pay tribute to the sights and sounds and wonder that is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

MARK SMITH GUEST CHAPLAIN

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say a few words about today's guest chaplain and my dear friend and fellow Ohioan, Dr. Mark A. Smith. Dr. Smith is a leader in faith-based education throughout Ohio and also an important leader in Pickaway County.

Since coming to Ohio Christian University in 2005, he has expanded the University's enrollment from 380 to more than 1,750 students. He has helped fund and build over \$10.5 million of projects and led the development of many off campus sites.

Dr. Smith was also appointed by former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige and served on the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education Board, which managed more than 400 million dollars of projects.

Dr. Smith has experience in nearly every level of education, and he has taught several undergraduate and graduate classes in education, business, leadership, and religion. Prior to coming to Ohio Christian University, he was Vice President for Adult and Graduate Studies at Indiana Wesleyan University for five years. Under his leadership, his division grew from an enrollment of 2,500 students to nearly 10,100 students.

Though he has been anxiously engaged in education his entire life, Dr. Smith has also made community service a priority. In fact, he currently serves on my Economic Advisory Team, and I rely on him for advice to improve our economy and higher education in Ohio. He has lead many community projects and assisted in building education programs for the African-American community. He also served as treasurer of the Pickaway County Community Foundation.

Though he has proved to be an astute businessman that has successfully grown his University, Dr. Smith remains first and foremost a man of great faith. Dr. Smith is married to his wife Debbie, and they are the parents of two sons, Douglas and Micah.

While serving as an administrator for Management Resources Incorporated at Hope-mont Hospital in Terra Alta, West Virginia, Dr. Smith served as senior pastor of the Terra Alta Wesleyan Church and was Assistant Superintendent for the West Virginia District. He has published scores of articles for professional and church organizations, and coauthored "Leading a Change in Your World" with Larry Lindsay.

Dr. Smith graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts degree from Hobe Sound Bible College in West Palm Beach, Florida. He attended Kansas University's Graduate School, and graduated with a Master of Science degree in college teaching from Northeastern State University. In 1995, he graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctor of Education degree,

with a dissertation titled: "The Role of the College President." Later, he completed Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management for Executive Management.

I appreciate Dr. Smith for taking the time to be with us today, and thank him for his thoughtful prayer and the kind words he shared.

**SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS—CHRISTOPHER GORDON**

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OF TEXAS

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Today I salute Christopher Gordon, a United States Military Academy Appointee. Christopher spent the past year at Boston University studying for Mechanical Engineering on an AROTC Scholarship. He is a 2010 graduate of Plano West Senior High where he played varsity soccer as the goalkeeper and participated in JROTC Rifle Team. Christopher also participated in Army JROTC as a platoon leader, served as a member of the patriot booster club, and holds the rank of Eagle Scout within the Boy Scouts of America. Christopher aspires to serve his country and foster a career as an officer in the Army Special Forces. Christopher believes that West Point leadership education will provide him with the proper tools to learn more and more about what it is to be a better, more effective leader.

**RON POWELL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION**

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity that I take this opportunity to honor and congratulate Ronald E. Powell, who is celebrating fifty years of service with the United Food and Commercial Workers Inter-

national Union (UFCW) Local 881. For nearly five decades, Ron has dedicated his life's work to the American Labor Movement and has been able to touch the lives of countless workers, families, and communities across the nation. In honor of Ron's fifty years of service, a celebratory reception will be held on June 16, 2011, at Gibson's Steakhouse in Chicago, Illinois.

Ronald Powell began his career with the UFCW in 1961 when he was hired on as a Field Representative for Local 881. Because of his true dedication and strong leadership skills, he was promoted in 1968 to Field Staff Supervisor, and was then appointed Vice President/Director of Field Operations in 1973. In 1983, Ron's hard work and success led him to become President of Local 881. Under Ron's leadership, Local 881 has become an exemplary organization, providing exceptional service in the areas of work-site representation, membership services, benefits, communications, and activities.

In addition to his impressive career with Local 881, Ron serves as a Vice President on the UFCW International Executive Board, and is a Vice President for the Illinois State AFL-CIO. Ron also currently serves as a Trustee for the UFCW Midwest Pension Benefits Fund. In 2010, he was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn to serve on the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Board. Ron is also a past member of the Board of Directors for the International Employee Benefits Foundation and is the former Chairman of the Illinois State Investment Board. Ron's passion and unwavering devotion to the UFCW and its members is unmatched and he is to be commended.

Ron selflessly gives of his time to many charitable organizations and has been a dynamic force in promoting the union's involvement in numerous civic endeavors. He has been a tremendous asset to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and has helped to raise funds to facilitate research toward finding a cure. He also initiated fundraising campaigns for the Jackson Park Hospital and the Little City Foundation and is a former board member for the United Way of Illinois and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Although Ron has served the UFCW and his community with complete dedication, it is his commitment to his family that is most impressive. Ron and his wonderful wife, Lois, have four beloved children and twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Ronald Powell as he is honored for his lifetime of service and dedication to the UFCW, as well as the state of Illinois, Northwest Indiana, and communities nationwide. Ron's complete dedication and uncompromising loyalty are to be admired and he is worthy of the highest praise.

**"CAN WE AFFORD THE MILITARY BUDGET?"**

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, a leading conservative policy analyst, Bruce Bartlett, on June 14th published a compelling analysis of the great disparity that exists in military spending in the world as a percentage of gross domestic product. Building on the speech Secretary of Defense Gates gave last week, which Mr. Bartlett correctly describes as a speech "in which he berated our allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for not carrying their weight in terms of providing resources for the common defense," Mr. Bartlett offers a very important chart. As he notes, it shows "that in 2010, the United States spent 5.4 percent of its gross domestic product on its military—twice as much as spent by Britain and three to four times as much as most of our NATO allies . . ." Mr. Bartlett notes that simply talking about percentages understates the disparity between our military spending and that of the rest of the world—"because the United States has the world's largest economy, its share of world military spending is outsized, accounting for 43 percent of all the military spending on Earth—six times as much as China . . ."

Mr. Bartlett correctly closes by noting that "With polls showing declining support for the war in Afghanistan and increasing talk in Congress, even among Republicans, about cutting the military budget," it is time for us to rethink our worldwide military commitments, and find ways in which we can reduce military spending so that we fully protect the legitimate interests of the United States, but end a situation in which military spending makes impossible demands on any effort to reduce the deficit.

**CAN WE AFFORD THE MILITARY BUDGET?**

(By Bruce Bartlett)

Bruce Bartlett held senior policy roles in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations and served on the staffs of Representatives Jack Kemp and Ron Paul.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates gave a speech in Brussels on Friday in which he berated our allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for not carrying their weight in terms of providing resources for the common defense. "For all but a handful of allies, defense budgets—in absolute terms, as a share of economic output—have been chronically starved for adequate funding for a long time, with the shortfalls compounding on themselves each year," Mr. Gates said.

An examination of the latest NATO data shows that in 2010, the United States spent 5.4 percent of its gross domestic product on its military—twice as much as spent by Britain and three to four times as much as most of our NATO allies, as shown in the following table.

MILITARY EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF G.D.P. IN NATO

Country	1985-89, average	2010	Country	1985-89, average	2010
U.S. ....	6.0	5.4	Norway .....	2.9	1.5
Greece .....	4.5	2.9	Czech Rep .....	--	1.4
Britain .....	4.4	2.7	Denmark .....	2.0	1.4
Albania .....	--	2.0	Germany .....	2.9	1.4
France .....	3.7	2.0	Italy .....	2.2	1.4
Poland .....	--	1.9	Netherlands .....	2.8	1.4
Turkey .....	2.5	1.9	Romania .....	--	1.3
Estonia .....	--	1.8	Slovak Rep .....	--	1.3

MILITARY EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF G.D.P. IN NATO—Continued

Country	1985–89, average	2010	Country	1985–89, average	2010
Bulgaria	--	1.7	Belgium	2.7	1.1
NATO—Europe	3.1	1.7	Hungary	--	1.1
Portugal	2.5	1.6	Spain	2.1	1.1
Slovenia	--	1.6	Latvia	--	1.0
Canada	2.1	1.5	Lithuania	--	0.9
Croatia	--	1.5	Luxembourg	0.8	0.5

North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A crucial reason for this gap is that the United States spends almost as much today as it did during the Cold War. Every other NATO country spends substantially less.

Secretary Gates also made another point about military spending by our allies: they spend much more on personnel and less on equipment than the United States. “The result is that investment accounts for future modernization and other capabilities not directly related to Afghanistan are being squeezed out—as we are seeing today over Libya,” he cautioned.

According to NATO, the United States spends 46.7 percent of its military budget on

personnel. All but five other NATO countries spend more—often considerably more. The average for all NATO countries other than the United States is 56.7 percent of their military budgets spent on personnel, with a number of countries spending two-thirds to three-quarters.

Consequently, there is little money left over for equipment. The United States spends 24.2 percent of its military budget on equipment and only five NATO countries spend more. The average for all NATO countries other than the United States is 16.7 percent of military spending going to equip-

ment, with a number of countries spending less than 10 percent.

But what about our adversaries? Don't we need to maintain a high level of military spending to counter the capabilities of countries like Russia and China?

For those data, we need to look to a different source. According to the latest yearbook from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the standard non-classified source, Russia spent 4.3 percent of its G.D.P. on military outlays in 2009, down from 15.8 percent in 1988; China spent just 2.2 percent of its G.D.P. on the military budget, about the same as it has been since 1989.

MILITARY SPENDING IN SELECTED NON-NATO COUNTRIES, 2009

Country	Spending (mil-lions, \$U.S.)	% of G.D.P.	Country	Spending (mil-lions, \$U.S.)	% of G.D.P.
Australia	18,963	1.9	Japan	51,008	1.0
China	110,100	2.2	South Korea	24,372	2.9
Cuba	2,249	n/a	Libya (2008)	1,100	1.2
Egypt	4,017	2.1	Pakistan	5,039	2.8
India	35,819	2.8	Russia	53,300	4.3
Iran (2008)	7,044	1.8	Saudi Arabia	41,273	11.2
Israel	12,373	6.3	United States	668,604	4.7

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The institute notes that the United States accounted for virtually all of the increase in world military spending in 2010.

And because the United States has the world's largest economy, its share of world military spending is outsized, accounting for 43 percent of all the military spending on Earth—six times as much as China, which has the world's second largest military budget and accounts for 7.3 percent of world military spending. Russia accounts for just 3.6 percent.

With polls showing declining support for the war in Afghanistan and increasing talk in Congress, even among Republicans, about cutting the military budget, it appears certain that the Defense Department is going to be downsized and our foreign military commitments scaled back in coming years.

This is going to require serious rethinking of what we perceive to be our strategic threats and whether the United States can continue to afford to be the world's peace-keeper.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2112) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to the FY12 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. This measure does not reflect the needs of our constituents, nor the values of our esteemed body.

In Rhode Island, we have the third highest unemployment rate in the nation, and during the past several years our families have dealt with job losses, higher food prices, and turmoil in the housing market.

I have made many visits to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and have seen the great work they and many other wonderful organizations in our state do to help our families. I have spoken with the working families who are not proud to accept this assistance, but have no better option and need to use all resources available to feed their children.

That is why I am disappointed that this measure includes \$2 billion less than the President's request for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. This measure also cuts the Emergency Food Assistance Program, or TEFAP, by \$12 million.

While my colleagues in the majority have touted cuts in this bill that are fiscally responsible, I would like to highlight what would happen if we cut and not maintain these programs.

Four years ago, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank served 80,000 SNAP beneficiaries. This month, they are serving 162,000 Rhode Islanders.

Four years ago, they served 30,000 Rhode Islanders through TEFAP. Now they serve 60,000.

If these funding levels are signed into law, the impact to the Rhode Island families most affected by the economic downturn will be devastating.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this measure, and support legislation that reflects the needs of our constituents and communities

who are continuing to feel the effects of the recession.

HONORING LOVIE MAE KAZEE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Lovie Mae Kazee who will turn 95 on July 1, 2011.

Ms. Lovie Mae Walker Kazee was born July 1, 1916 to Bob and Gertie Walker in Hearne, Texas. She married Lueranze Kazee on November, 3, 1932 in Marland, Texas. They moved to Dallas in 1944, where she began work as the housekeeper and nanny for The Richard Gump family. She served in that capacity for over 50 years. She retired in 1997 to care for her ailing husband who passed away in 1999 after 67 and a half years of marriage.

To this union 10 children, 27 grandchildren, 78 great grandchildren, 138 great great grandchildren and 3 great great great grandchildren have been born. She is blessed to have 5 generations of heirs celebrating her birth.

Ms. Lovie attributes her longevity to living a faithful Christian life, putting God first in all that she does, never drinking alcohol, nor smoking and remaining physically active.

Ms. Lovie has never been sick and remains an active member of Dallas West Church of Christ. She is the last of the original eight founding members of the congregation, which was started in 1947 and presently meets at 3510 North Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas. Elder Sam Berry is the ministering servant.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Lovie Mae Kazee who turns 95 next month and I encourage my colleagues to join me in this effort and celebration.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2011*

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, in the Appropriations Committee, the majority accepted an amendment I offered to restore \$1.3 million for the Rural Energy for America program. This amendment would place another \$1 million back into the program and put the full House of Representatives on record in support of alternative energy in agriculture.

While we continue to incentivize the agriculture of yesterday, we are blindly ignoring the cries of rural America as it attempts to transform itself to meet the growing energy needs of a new century. For the first time, the 2008 farm bill took a different tack. By investing over \$1 billion in alternative energy, this House recognized that alternative energy is inextricably linked with the success of American agriculture.

While two critical amendments were accepted during full committee consideration of the Agriculture Appropriations bill, limits on payments for rich farmers and cotton payouts for Brazil, the Rules Committee chose not to protect these provisions on the floor but instead to protect unprecedented cuts to the energy title of the farm bill that by the same logic should be subject to a point of order.

Why has the House protected the Appropriations Committee's raid on the mandatory funds for the Rural Energy for America Program but derailed amendments accepted in the full committee? The answer is simple, defending a transformation in agriculture is less important than protecting the status quo.

At a time when USDA has made important reforms to REAP and has finally begun to implement requirements of the 2008 farm bill, now is not the time to back down. 100 years from now, we will look back and realize that it was the energy title of the farm bill that inspired innovation in agricultural America, not subsidy programs that reward practices of yesterday. The Rural Energy for America Program recognizes the plea from American's rural small businesses and agricultural community and rewards innovation by investing in a future based on innovation.

I commend Representatives FORTENBERRY and WALZ for offering an amendment to restore funds for the REAP program and look forward to working with my colleagues as we continue to fight on for this program as the bill moves toward conference.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARINES OF MOTOR TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE COMPANY

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marines and Inspector-Instructor Staff of the Motor Transport Maintenance Company as they gather for a welcome home ceremony in Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me to recognize the dedication that each of these men and women have shown for their country.

Since 2008, this Motor Transport Maintenance Company, also known as MTM Company, has served over 51,000 days of operational support in the Iraq theater. They have done this by conducting motor transport maintenance, force sustainment, administrative, supply, and training support to thousands of Joint Forces troops in theater. The men and women of MTM Company displayed honor, courage, commitment, and teamwork, traits that we have come to expect from those that serve in our nation's military.

Over the last decade our nation's military Reservists have been mobilized to an unprecedented scale. The Marines of the MTM Company have been no exception. One hundred seventy-three members of this unit have been deployed overseas in support of U.S. operations since 2008. Forty-six have been deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Another fourteen have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan three times over the last four years.

The Marines of MTM Company drill at the Marine Corps Reserve Center Sacramento. They have left their mark across the nation and across the world. They have provided first class support to their fellow Marines regardless of the hardships they faced or challenges that they have had to overcome.

The Marines of the MTM Company, called up from their civilian lives to serve their nation, have spent a great deal of time away from their families, often at extraordinary personal sacrifice. We must thank and acknowledge the families and friends of these Marines who stood by them while they were deployed. Their sacrifices, along with the sacrifices of their loved ones, should not be lost on Congress or on each of our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my sincere thanks for a job well done and welcome home wishes to the men and women of the Motor Transport Maintenance Company and all Marines that have been called to serve.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES (IBM) CORPORATION

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the International Business Machines (IBM) Corpora-

tion. For the last century, IBM has been on the cutting edge of collecting, quantifying and analyzing information and has served as a bright example of American ingenuity. In 2010 alone, IBM received 5,896 U.S. patents, the 18th consecutive year it has topped the list of the world's most inventive company.

In addition to IBM's long history of technological innovations and computing, the Corporation has a rich history of community service, which needs to be recognized. Thomas Watson founded IBM with the purpose of not only attaining profits, but also with the goal of creating a socially responsible organization that aided its local community. Through its impressive contributions, I believe IBM has honored the goals set out by Mr. Watson.

For example, to celebrate their centennial, members of IBM's staff donated more than 2.5 million hours of skills based volunteering in more than 120 countries over the past several months. More astoundingly, IBM recently surpassed more than thirteen million hours of service to our country and the world. In addition to skills-based donations, IBM has also delivered hundreds of new service grants to support employees' volunteer activities.

IBM provides an exceptional model of a corporation that exemplifies what it means to be a civically responsible organization, and I applaud how IBM has chosen to celebrate their Centennial.

I'm proud to have IBM headquartered in my home State of New York. I look forward to witnessing the technological innovations and volunteerism that I know will continue to flow from IBM in their next 100 years of business.

[From Democrat and Chronicle.com, June 15, 2011]

AFTER 100 YEARS, INNOVATION REMAINS KEY TO IBM'S SUCCESS

(By Sarah Bradshaw)

Cellphone 3-D imaging. Batteries powered by air. Reusing supercomputer-generated heat to power air conditioners.

These aren't the stuff of science fiction, but the innovations that International Business Machines Corp.—which celebrates its 100th anniversary Thursday—is aiming for as it begins its second century.

The Westchester County-based provider of computer services received 5,896 U.S. patents in 2010, marking the 18th consecutive year it topped the list of the world's most inventive companies.

This is the company whose engineers and scientists developed many of the building blocks of modern information technology, including the memory chip, the mainframe, the personal computer and even new fields of mathematics.

IBM is a notable part of the Rochester-area economy, operating a 190,000-square-foot data center in Greece that employs 550 people at the Canal Ponds Business Park. The company is in the midst of a \$40 million upgrade of that facility over the next couple of years.

IBM also has given more than \$1.75 million over the past decade to the University of Rochester and nearly \$500,000 to Rochester Institute of Technology in the form of IBM Faculty Awards and Shared University Research Awards. In 2008, IBM also opened a software Innovation and Collaboration Lab at RIT.

Research and development has been a major component of IBM. The company spent \$5.8 billion on R&D in 2009, more than Apple Inc., Cisco Systems Inc. or Google Inc. Last year, it raised its R&D spending to \$6 billion.

In its 100-year history, IBM's transformations and technological breakthroughs have been significant. First came time clocks and typewriters, and eventually supercomputers that have helped Russian railways move freight and passengers, prevented tax fraud in the United States and monitored the health of premature babies in Toronto.

On April 7, 1964, then-Chairman Thomas J. Watson Jr. introduced a new generation of computing equipment—the System/360—that would revolutionize the way the world processed information.

Watson, son of legendary IBM leader Thomas J. Watson Sr., called the event the most important product announcement in company history. “The result will be more computer productivity at a lower cost than ever before,” he said.

System/360 succeeded IBM's earlier 700 series, which did not have hard drive space but instead used magnetic tape as memory. The 700 series was used for specific purposes, while System/360 were general purpose computers with interchangeable parts and software.

System/360 was a \$5 billion bet to create something unprecedented, said Bernie Meyerson, vice president for innovation at IBM. “If System/360 had failed, there's a high probability that there wouldn't be an IBM,” he said.

But the gamble paid off. In 1989, 25 years after Watson introduced it, products based on System/360's architecture accounted for more than half the company's revenue.

Pat Meaney is a senior technical staff member at IBM in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, with 25 years of experience at Big Blue, which means he has seen his fair share of changes in technology.

“It's amazing how many changes happened during my career,” said Meaney, 47. “When I look back, there was trepidation, but they turned out good.”

Meaney was encouraged to explore his interests within the corporation. His duties today include working on the reliability of the System Z mainframe memory. In 1986, after graduating from Clarkson University, he was hired by IBM as a logic designer, and focused on frequency timing. His interest quickly became how to make sure the machine never goes down.

“It's always exciting,” he said. “If you are going to work 40-plus hours a week, make sure it's something you like to do.”

Meaney has submitted 60 patents since 1995, with 40 approved patents and is a member of the patent review board.

He said that for the next generation of IBMers, “The thing to look at is the trends technology is taking. As you look to the future, there are always things that look like roadblocks. They look like they will hinder us, but we challenge ourselves to get around them.”

#### THE BUILDER

Thomas J. Watson Sr., the legendary and controversial president of IBM from 1914 to 1956, oversaw the company's growth into an international force. He had strong ties to upstate. Born in Campbell, Steuben County, he worked in Painted Post, Buffalo and Rochester. While in Rochester, starting in 1900, he was a salesman for National Cash Register, using ruthless tactics against competitors and making such an impression on corporate headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, that he was transferred there.

In 1914, Watson was brought in to run the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. in New York City, three years after its founding. In 1924, it was renamed IBM.

## IRAN'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE SYRIAN REGIME

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw attention to Iran's ongoing efforts to assist the Syrian regime in violently suppressing peaceful protesters.

I submit the articles “Iran Helping Syrian Regime Crack Down on Protesters, Say Diplomats,” printed in the May 9, 2011, *Guardian*, and “Iran Reportedly Aiding Syrian Crackdown,” printed in the May 27, 2011, *Washington Post*.

Press reports indicate that Iran is playing an active role in helping Syrian President Bashar al-Assad brutally crackdown on peaceful democracy protesters. As the *Washington Post* reports, “Iran is dispatching increasing numbers of trainers and advisers—including members of its elite Quds Force—into Syria to help crush anti-government demonstrations that are threatening to topple Iran's most important ally in the region.”

Syrians have witnessed an increase in arrests, and door-to-door raids, similar to those that helped to crush Iran's Green Movement protests in 2009.

Human rights groups suggest that more than 7,000 people have been detained since the uprising began. And more than 1100 people are said to have died.

Mr. Speaker, Iran is terrified that it is about to lose its most important ally in the Arab world—they will do everything in their power to prevent that from happening. It appears that human life holds no value to the leaders in Damascus and Tehran.

I encourage all of my colleagues to read these articles and follow this development closely. The Congress must continue to put pressure on Syria and Iran so that freedom, respect for human rights and democracy can emerge in both nations.

[The *Guardian*, May 9, 2011]

#### IRAN HELPING SYRIAN REGIME CRACK DOWN ON PROTESTERS, SAY DIPLOMATS

Iran is playing an increasingly active role in helping the Syrian regime in its crackdown on pro-democracy protesters, according to western diplomatic sources in Damascus.

The claim came as Syria's security forces backed by tanks intensified operations to suppress unrest in three new flashpoint towns on Sunday and it was confirmed that four women had been shot dead in the first use of force against an all-female demonstration.

A senior western diplomat in Damascus expanded on assertions, first made by White House officials last month, that Iran is advising president Bashar al-Assad's government on how to crush dissent.

The diplomat pointed to a “significant” increase in the number of Iranian personnel in Syria since protests began in mid-March. Mass arrests in door-to-door raids, similar to those that helped to crush Iran's “green revolution” in 2009, have been stepped up in the past week.

Human rights groups suggest more than 7,000 people have been detained since the uprising began. More than 800 people are said to have died, up to 50 during last Friday's “day of defiance”. Last night two unarmed demonstrators were reportedly killed during a night rally in the eastern city of Deir al-Zor.

“Tehran has upped the level of technical support and personnel support from the Iranian Republican Guard to strengthen Syria's ability to deal with protesters,” the diplomat said, adding that the few hundred personnel were not involved in any physical operations. “Since the start of the uprising, the Iranian regime has been worried about losing its most important ally in the Arab world and important conduit for weapons to Hezbollah [in Lebanon],” the diplomat said.

Last month White House officials made similar allegations about Iranian assistance for the regime, particularly in terms of intercepting or blocking internet, mobile phone and social media communications between the protesters and the outside world. But the officials did not provide hard evidence to support their claims.

Activists and diplomats claim Iran's assistance includes help to monitor internet communications such as Skype, widely used by a network of activists, methods of crowd control, and providing equipment such as batons and riot police helmets.

Syria has denied seeking or receiving assistance from Iran to put down the unrest. In a statement issued on Friday, Iran's foreign ministry stressed Syria's “prime role” in opposing Israel and the U.S., and urged opposing forces in the country to compromise on political reform. U.S. policy towards Syria was based on “opportunism in support of the Zionist regime's avarice”, it said.

The Assad family, from the Shia Muslim minority Alawite sect, is likely to be nervous about appearing to be helped by its Shia-dominated ally to crush protesters drawn from the 75% Sunni population.

Regime forces backed by tanks were in action over the weekend in Horns, in the town of Tafas north of Deraa, and in the coastal city of Baniyas, activists said. Violence was also reported in the Damascus dormitory town of Zabadani.

Along with arbitrary detentions, shootings have continued.

Razan Zeitouneh, a lawyer in the capital who is monitoring the protests, said four women were shot dead in the village of Merqeb, close to Baniyas, and six men were shot dead in Baniyas on Saturday.

#### IRAN REPORTEDLY AIDING SYRIAN CRACKDOWN

[From the *Washington Post*, May 27, 2011]

U.S. officials say Iran is dispatching increasing numbers of trainers and advisers—including members of its elite Quds Force—into Syria to help crush anti-government demonstrations that are threatening to topple Iran's most important ally in the region.

The influx of Iranian manpower is adding to a steady stream of aid from Tehran that includes not only weapons and riot gear but also sophisticated surveillance equipment that is helping Syrian authorities track down opponents through their Facebook and Twitter accounts, the sources said. Iranian-assisted computer surveillance is believed to have led to the arrests of hundreds of Syrians seized from their homes in recent weeks.

The United States and its allies long have accused Iran of supporting repressive or violent regimes in the region, including Syria's government, the Hezbollah movement in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Many previous reports, mostly provided by Western officials, have described Iranian technical help in providing Syria with riot helmets, batons and other implements of crowd control during 10 weeks of demonstrations against President Bashar al-Assad.

The new assertions—provided by two U.S. officials and a diplomat from an allied nation, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive intelligence—are clearly aimed at suggesting

deepening involvement of Iranian military personnel in Syria's brutal crackdown against anti-Assad demonstrators. There was no response on Friday to requests for comment left with the Syrian Embassy and Iranian interests section in Washington.

In the account provided by the diplomat and the U.S. officials, the Iranian military trainers were being brought to Damascus to instruct Syrians in techniques Iran used against the nation's "Green Movement" in 2009, the diplomat said. The Iranians were brutally effective in crushing those protests.

Officers from Iran's notorious Quds Force have played a key role in Syria's crackdown since at least mid-April, said the U.S. and allied officials. They said U.S. sanctions imposed against the Quds Force in April were implicitly intended as a warning to Iran to halt the practice.

The Quds Force is a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps responsible for operations outside the country. It has helped fund and train Hezbollah and Hamas militants and supported anti-U.S. insurgents inside Iraq.

While the size of the Iranian contingent in Syria is not known, the numbers of advisers has grown steadily in recent weeks despite U.S. warnings, according to the U.S. and allied officials.

The Obama administration mentioned the role of the Quds Forces in announcing two sets of sanctions imposed against Syrian government officials in the past month. A White House executive order last week that targeted Assad and six other top government officials also included a little-noticed reference to Mohsen Chizari, an Iranian military officer who is the No. 3 leader in the Quds Force in charge of training.

The naming of Chizari—who in 2006 was arrested but later released by U.S. forces in Iraq for allegedly supplying arms to insurgents there—suggests that officials possess evidence of his role in assisting Syria's crackdown on protesters, said Michael Singh, a former senior director for Middle East affairs for the National Security Council during George W. Bush's administration.

"There's a deeply integrated relationship here that involves not only support for terrorism but a whole gamut of activities to ensure Assad's survival," Singh said.

It is not unusual for governments to draw on foreign assistance during times of unrest, as Western-allied governments in Bahrain and Egypt did when protests were building in those countries.

Iran's increasing engagement in the Syrian crackdown reflects anxiety in Tehran about the prospects for Assad, who has failed to end the protests despite rising brutality that human rights groups say has left more than 800 people dead and perhaps 10,000 in prison. While managing to hold on to power, Assad has been severely weakened after months of Syrian unrest, according to current and former U.S. officials and Middle East experts.

"Iran is focused intently on how things are evolving in Syria," said Mona Yacoubian, a former Middle East expert with the State Department's intelligence division and who is a special adviser to the U.S. Institute of Peace. "The two countries have a long-standing alliance of 30 years-plus. Syria is Iran's most important inroad into the Arab world, and its perch on the front line with Israel."

Assad, whose army is stretched across dozens of cities in an unprecedented domestic deployment, increasingly needs help to survive, Yacoubian said. And Iran desperately needs Assad. "If they lose the Syrian regime, it would constitute a huge setback," Yacoubian said.

Iran, a longtime supplier of military aid to Syria, has been helping Damascus battle

the current wave of civil unrest since at least mid-March, said the U.S. and allied officials. The emergence of Syria's first true mass protests—with tens of thousands of demonstrators pouring into the streets demanding Assad's ouster—initially flummoxed the country's security leaders, who had little experience with such phenomena.

On March 23, Turkish officials seized light weapons—including assault rifles and grenade launchers—on an Iranian cargo plane bound for Syria. Whether the shipment was intended to help suppress the uprising is unclear, but around the same time, Syria received other Iranian shipments that included riot control gear and computer equipment for Internet surveillance, the U.S. and allied sources said.

Just before the shipments, Assad announced with great fanfare that he was lifting the country's ban on the use of social media such as Facebook and YouTube. While widely hailed at the time, the move gave Assad's security police an Iranian-inspired tool for tracking down leaders of the protest movement, said Andrew Tabler, a former Syria-based journalist who is a Syria expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"Lifting the ban on Facebook helped the regime pinpoint where the [activists] were coming from," Tabler said in a phone interview from Lebanon, where he remains in contact with opposition figures. "It was not about being magnanimous; it was a way to allow more surveillance, leading to thousands of arrests."

#### HONORING THE BOYES HOT SPRINGS POST OFFICE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the 100th birthday of an important community institution, the Boyes Hot Springs Post Office. On July 8, 1911, the Sonoma Index Tribune reported that "A.D. Graham of Graham's Cash Store received the appointment as post master of Boyes Springs. Located at his store."

The store, lost in a 1923 fire along with most of the town, was near the train depot at Boyes Boulevard and the Sonoma Highway (Hwy 12). After rapid rebuilding, the post office was located in the Woodleaf Store (now a diner that is part of the Sonoma Mission Inn) until 1951, when its current site was built at the Plaza Center at Boyes Boulevard and Sonoma Highway.

This site, previously known as the Boyes Springs Plaza, had been the scene of street parties and fiestas. Now, redevelopment plans include a public plaza in the surrounding space, reviving it as a place for celebration.

Boyes Hot Springs has a lively history, integral to the fabric of the Sonoma Valley. Formerly the center of a great resort area, it hosted thousands of visitors during its heyday. There were dozens of resorts, from small motor courts to the grand Sonoma Mission Inn. The Boyes Bath House boasted the second largest indoor swimming pool in the country. And, for many years, the area was a training ground for professional football and baseball teams such as the Cleveland Browns and the San Francisco Seals.

After the demise of the passenger railroad, the area still thrived with the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge and the rise of the automobile. Boyes Springs real estate man L.E. "Bud" Castner was one of the first directors of the Golden Gate Bridge District.

In the 1960s, as the resorts faded, Boyes Hot Springs faded a bit as well. Community pride, however, never waned. The area became attractive in the 1980s and 1990s to home buyers who were priced out of the Bay area market. Attracted by its rural charm, they purchased its large stock of charming cottages to rehabilitate. At the same time, the population of Mexican immigrants grew, attracted principally by the grape growing and wine businesses.

To old timers and new residents alike, the post office is the center of the community. Since most of the surrounding streets receive no mail delivery, residents make a daily trip to the post office where they catch up on the latest local news with their friends and neighbors. The immigrant population relies on it for communication with their families back home. The postal workers are personally known to all, a part of the broader community family.

Mr. Speaker, the community is hosting a celebration to honor this anniversary. In the words of one of the organizers, Michael Acker of the Springs Community All, it will "salute the past, show appreciation for service, and look to the future with hope." Please join us in honoring the centennial of the Boyes Hot Springs Post Office.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2011*

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of fully funding the CFTC.

According to Gene Guilford, Executive Director of the Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association, and former Reagan Energy Department Presidential appointee, gas prices should be \$2.50. He goes on to say that 15 to 20 percent of the price of a barrel of oil is due to pure speculation.

Even big oil executives agree, Exxon Mobil CEO and President Rex Tillerson recently testified that the price of a barrel of oil without speculation should be between \$60 and \$70. According to an April 2011 analysis by Goldman Sachs, unregulated speculation adds over \$20 per barrel to the price of oil.

In my home state of Connecticut, 4 million gallons of gas are sold a day. That means every day my constituents are spending an extra \$6 million for speculation. In this fragile

economic time, I can think of many other important things Connecticut families can spend \$6 million to buy instead of paying to support the greed of over speculations. With consistently some of the highest gas prices in the nation, Connecticut deserves better.

One of the ways to reduce the price of gas is to end excessive speculation. The CFTC has a job to protect American consumers and through the Wall Street Reform legislation passed last Congress, they were tasked with implementing rules the market has to follow including ending excessive speculation and setting position limits.

To carry these regulatory protections out, the CFTC needs funding. Republicans have not only written language to delay implementation of these protections, but now in the FY12 Appropriations bill they put forth legislation to cut the budget by 15 percent, 44 percent under the President's request. This is unconscionable, especially when CFTC is doing a good job.

Less than a month ago, the CFTC charged 5 oil speculators with manipulating the price of crude during the record high gas prices in the summer of 2008. The Republican funding cut to the CFTC sends a strong message to the industry to continue the status quo. Not only will the cut prevent the agency from hiring the technical experts needed to implement new regulations, but will also reduce the overall size from 670 employees to under 600 employees.

When President Bush left office, the CFTC oversaw a \$40 trillion market. Today, the CFTC is tasked with overseeing a \$300 trillion market. This is a 650 percent increase in the CFTC's responsibility, but at the same time their budget has only increased by 15 percent. It is irresponsible to take away funding leaving the agency stretched far too thin and inadequately prepared to deal with our ever more intricate market. Wall Street spent \$34 million last quarter lobbying Congress in order to prevent implementation of new regulations, and it looks like their efforts have paid off.

The health of our economy is no game. I am outraged by the actions of my colleagues. I support my amendment to fully fund the CFTC and reject this appropriations bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAILORS  
MOBILIZED FROM THE NAVY  
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER  
SACRAMENTO

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 and other mobilized Sailors from the Navy Operational Support Center Sacramento, as they gather for a welcome home ceremony. I ask all my colleagues to join with me and recognize the dedication that each of these men and women have shown their country.

Since 2008, 215 Sailors have been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and across the world in support of U.S. operations. These men and women have displayed the honor, courage, commitment, and teamwork that we have come to expect from those that serve in our military.

Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, also known as MSRON 9, provided over 18,000 days of operational support to protect the Al Basrah Oil Terminal, which lies just offshore of the Iraqi coast. The oil terminal is one of the most important assets to the people of Iraq, accounts for over 85 percent of Iraq's gross domestic product, and is key to the country's future. For nearly a year, MSRON 9 provided vigilant security for the facility, and without their presence the people of Iraq would not have experienced much of the stability they have seen in recent years.

In Afghanistan, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 provided over 16,000 days of operational support building schools, airfields, electrical infrastructure, and other such facilities across the country. Facing constant danger, they have brought hope and modern infrastructure to many Afghans. One Sailor, UT1 Ronald Christopher Marquart, was hit by rocket shrapnel while working at Kandahar Airfield and was awarded a Purple Heart.

All of the Sailors of MSRON 9, NMCB 18, and the subordinate commands at the Naval

Operations Support Center Sacramento are Reservists, called up to serve their nation. They have spent a great deal of time away from their families, often at extraordinary personal sacrifice. For this reason, we must also thank and acknowledge the families and friends of these Sailors who stood by them while they were deployed. Their sacrifices, along with the sacrifices of their loved ones, should not be lost on Congress or our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my sincere thanks for a job well done, and welcome home to the men and women of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 and all Naval Reservists that have been called to serve.

**IBM CENTENNIAL DAY**

**HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2011*

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the largest employer in New York's 19th Congressional District, IBM, on the 100th anniversary of their founding. IBM employees, retirees, partners, and clients within the Lower Hudson Valley and around the world are hosting an IBM Centennial Day of Service to donate their time, skills, and expertise to support our communities.

Since 2003, IBM employees have donated more than 13 million hours of service around the world in over 120 countries. Within the last six months alone, IBM volunteers have contributed over 2.5 million hours to service in behalf of worthy causes, including teaching math and science to middle school students; mentoring young Uruguayans from impoverished neighborhoods; and coaching hundreds of small business entrepreneurs in Nigeria.

\$12 million in service grants are also being distributed as part of the IBM Centennial Day of Service, and I commend both IBM and its thousands of dedicated and talented employees for their generosity.



SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.  
 Armed Services  
 Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.  
 SR-232A

JUNE 20

2 p.m.  
 Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
 To hold hearings to examine 2050, focusing on implications of demographic trends in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region.  
 2247, Rayburn Building

JUNE 21

10 a.m.  
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity and data protection in the financial sector.  
 SD-538

Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Michael H. Corbin, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, all of the Department of State.  
 SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
 To hold hearings to examine senior hunger and the "Older Americans Act".  
 SD-430

2 p.m.  
 Joint Economic Committee  
 To hold hearings to examine spending less, owing less, growing the economy.  
 1100, Longworth Building

2:30 p.m.  
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Bryson, to be Secretary, and Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.  
 SR-253

Judiciary  
 Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on evaluating the Administration's proposals.  
 SD-226

Foreign Relations  
 To hold hearings to examine evaluating goals and progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.  
 SD-106

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

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

JUNE 22

10 a.m.  
 Finance  
 To hold hearings to examine preventing overpayments and eliminating fraud in the unemployment insurance system.  
 SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine the next steps for securing rail and transit.  
 SD-342

Judiciary  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine intellectual property law enforcement efforts.  
 SD-226

10:15 a.m.  
 Joint Economic Committee  
 To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States, focusing on why we need a national manufacturing strategy.  
 SH-216

10:30 a.m.  
 Appropriations  
 Department of Defense Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine outside witness statements.  
 SD-192

11:30 a.m.  
 Library  
 Organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure and budget for the 112th Congress.  
 SC-6, Capitol

Printing  
 Organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure and budget for the 112th Congress.  
 SC-6, Capitol

1:30 p.m.  
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine transforming lives through diabetes research.  
 SD-G50

2:30 p.m.  
 Judiciary  
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.  
 SD-226

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.  
 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
 To hold hearings to examine farm bill accountability, focusing on the importance of measuring performance, while eliminating duplication and waste.  
 SD-G50

10 a.m.  
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
 To hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals.  
 SD-342

2:15 p.m.  
 Indian Affairs  
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Indian Reorganization Act" 75 years later, focusing on restoring tribal homelands and promote self-determination.  
 SD-628

Foreign Relations  
 Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee  
 International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection Subcommittee  
 To hold joint hearings to examine Haiti, focusing on reinvigorating aid under Martelly.  
 SD-419

2:30 p.m.  
 Energy and Natural Resources  
 Water and Power Subcommittee  
 To hold hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 715, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District, S. 1033, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and S. 1047, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, an original bill entitled, "Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2011", and an original bill entitled, "Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act".  
 SD-366

Intelligence  
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.  
 SH-216

JUNE 29

2:30 p.m.  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
 SR-418