

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOY SCOUTS OF
AMERICA, TROOP 1 IN PAOLI, PA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paoli Troop 1, Boy Scouts of America, Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary.

The history of Paoli Troop 1 is a long and storied one, starting with its founding as the area's first Scout Troop in 1911 at the Good Samaritan Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Troop 1 survived some lean early years and diminished activity during World War I, but proudly endured such challenges and, in 1924, relocated to nearby Wayne. In these early years, the Scout Law and Scout Oath were discussed in detail at the end of Troop meetings, a tradition that has been passed down to the present day.

Travel has also been a long-standing tradition of Troop 1. In 1927 and 1929, the Troop took trips to Europe, which included hiking through Scotland and parts of Brittany. On one of these trips, the Scouts met Baden Powell, founder of the Scout movement. The Troop had three mountain climbing expeditions in the Swiss Alps during 1966, 1970 and 1974, with the Troop flag having flown at the top of the Matterhorn.

Today, the Troop functions under the leadership of Scoutmaster Mike Magnotta, his assistants, and the general supervision of the Troop Committee. Its purpose, as set out in its constitution, is to promote, maintain and carry out the principles of the Boy Scouts of America and to work for the best interests of its members. The institutions and traditions of Paoli Troop 1 are many and deserve to be perpetuated for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Paoli Troop 1 and its storied history on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and to extend best wishes for the Troop's bright future.

RECOGNIZING WORLD ELDER
ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the sixth annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

In 2006, the International Foundation for the Prevention of Elder Abuse designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which recognizes elder abuse as a public health and human rights concern. Abusive acts toward the elderly can include physical and psychological abuse, physical restraint, deprivation of dignity and the choice of daily affairs, financial

exploitation and neglect. The World Health Organization has reported that between four and six percent of elderly people worldwide have experienced some form of abuse in the home. Additionally, in the United States, thirty-six percent of nursing-home employees have witnessed at least one incident of physical abuse towards an elderly patient, while forty percent admitted to psychologically abusing patients.

The abuse and neglect of older persons is a global problem, and yet it remains largely unrecognized and untreated. I join with the International Foundation for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and encourage all countries, communities, neighborhoods, and organizations to take part in today's efforts to raise awareness of this serious issue, with the goal of bringing about recognition for and ultimately an end to elder abuse and neglect.

HONORING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FIRST URASENKE TEA
GROUP CEREMONY IN THE
UNITED STATES

HON. COLLEEN W. HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the first Urasenke Tea Group ceremony in Hawaii, and the first such ceremony held in the United States. This traditional ceremony was brought to the U.S. by Dr. Genshitsu Sen, who has sought to promote peace and cultural understanding throughout the globe. Dr. Sen returned from service in World War II, making a personal vow to promote "Peacefulness through a Bowl of Tea." He is an heir to a family whose leadership in the tradition of the Japanese Way of Tea, or chado, dates back 15 generations to the 16th century.

While Honolulu was the site of the first Urasenke Tea ceremony in the country, this centuries-old Japanese tradition has extended around the world, fostering international goodwill through cultural exchange. Urasenke tea groups have been established in 33 U.S. locations and in 49 countries. Dr. Sen has conducted this ceremony for world leaders and has helped to establish and teach college courses on the tradition of chado. He has led ceremonies at the United Nations, the U.S. Naval Academy and even for members of this esteemed body here on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Speaker, this occasion will be marked by a tea ceremony on the USS *Arizona* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, a most fitting location for this solemn tradition which is founded on the principles of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility.

I call attention to this significant anniversary, and the ceremony marking the occasion, in the spirit of cultural understanding and building bonds of goodwill.

HONORING CLIFTON GUNDERSON
LLP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clifton Gunderson LLP of Saint Joseph, Missouri. This business has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Employer of Excellence.

Innovate leadership programs for women help create an atmosphere of achievement at Clifton Gunderson LLP. The Women's Initiative Now (WIN) program helps provide leadership skills, business skills and personal growth opportunities for female employees. Flexible work arrangements help the team balance work and family goals.

The St. Joseph office is led by a female partner—the nation's first and only female company CEO—and 50 percent of office partners and 100 percent of senior managers are female. The Career Development Network program strategically pairs an experienced individual with someone in a similar area as a mentorship, and to form an individual career development plan. Through these efforts, Clifton Gunderson LLP demonstrates its commitment to promoting a culture that continually develops female leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Clifton Gunderson LLP. This business is a tremendous asset to the St. Joseph community and I am honored to represent this business in the United States Congress.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

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. BOSWELL. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to language in the agricultural appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2012.

H.R. 2112 contains a rider that withholds funding to implement the proposed Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) rule that the authorizing committee directed the USDA to craft in the 2008 Farm Bill.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Today, the USDA is in the process of conducting economic analyses as well as a comprehensive review of the comments submitted on the proposed rule.

H.R. 2112 would stop the USDA in its tracks and prevent it from completing its year of work on GIPSA.

Two of our Nation's largest member organizations who work to support farmers, ranchers and producers are opposed to the provision which would cut off funding for the GIPSA rule—the National Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau.

Like me, these Iowa members and the national organizations believe that this is an issue under the jurisdiction of the authorizing committee, not the appropriating committee, and that regardless of which side of the regulation you may fall, that the comment review and economic analyses deserve completion.

NFU President Roger Johnson said in a recent statement: "I urge that funds for the enforcement of the GIPSA rule be reinstated in future versions of the agriculture appropriations bill."

The American Farm Bureau Federation sent a letter to my colleague, Congresswoman KAPTUR, on May 31, 2011, the day of the full committee markup, that stated: "We oppose language to preclude USDA from reviewing the comments and completing their economic analysis and are strongly opposed to any action that would stop work on that [GIPSA] rule."

However, appropriators ignored this call to action, and instead chose to move forward on behalf of large processors.

The rulemaking process on the GIPSA rule was started with the issuance of the draft rule on June 22, 2010—nearly one year ago and more than 60,000 comments were submitted on the GIPSA rule docket. To end the process now would equate to an unfortunate waste of government resources.

Thirty years ago there were 1.3 million beef cattle operations. Today there are 740,000. In 1980, there were 660,000 hog farms. Today there are 67,000. Last year alone, approximately 2,300 additional hog producers went out of business.

On behalf of producers and competition in our marketplace, I urge my colleagues to oppose defunding the GIPSA rule, and allow the USDA to complete their work and review on this issue.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—CORBIN PALMER

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 Corbin Palmer, a United States Air Force Academy Appointee. Corbin is a graduate of Centennial High School and attended the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School. Corbin was involved in club gymnastics, and actively participated in Preparatory School leadership and in his church as a Priest Quorum Secretary. Corbin aspires to follow gymnastics through college and eventually enter into a medical career through the Air Force as a surgeon. Corbin also plans to become a fighter pilot for the Air Force. He hopes to continue strengthening his leadership abilities and character, and be challenged not just physically but mentally in the United States Air Force Academy.

BERG CONGRATULATES NORTH
DAKOTAN DR. DORI CARLSON
FOR BECOMING FIRST WOMAN
TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC AS-
SOCIATION

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dr. Dori Carlson, who will soon be sworn in as the 90th President of the American Optometric Association, the first woman to ever serve in this prestigious position, at their 114th annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 18, 2011.

The American Optometric Association represents approximately 36,000 doctors of optometry, optometry students and optometric professionals and is centered on improving the quality and availability of eye and vision care. Doctors of optometry provide two-thirds of all primary eye care in the United States; optometrists serve patients in nearly 6,500 communities across the country and in 3,500 of those communities are the only eye doctors.

Dr. Carlson is a 1989 graduate of the Pacific University College of Optometry. Following graduation from optometry school, she completed a residency in hospital-based rehabilitative optometry at the American Lake and Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. In 1994, she was honored as the North Dakota Young Optometrist of the Year and as the Optometrist of the Year in 2003.

She is a founding member of InfantSEE, a no-cost public health program developed to provide professional eye care for infants nationwide. Through this program, great strides are being made to ensure that potential eye and vision problems are detected early. Infant eye assessments have been available in North Dakota since the InfantSEE program launched in 2005, and Dr. Carlson has made it her mission to see as many infants as she can.

Dr. Carlson is in private practice in Park River and Grafton, North Dakota, where she provides primary care to rural North Dakotans of all ages. Her advocacy on behalf of optometrists and their patients has earned her the respect of her colleagues, and it is a high honor to be recognized by her peers to lead the profession of optometry in the coming year.

Today I join her family, friends and colleagues in congratulating her on this achieve-

ment and wishing her the best of luck in this endeavor.

HONORING SALLY SCHWAB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sally Schwab of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Sally is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in the Workplace.

As Team Leader and Chaplain for Spiritual Health Services at Heartland Health, Sally is a 25-year employee who is continually described by her coworkers as analytical, caring and loyal. She serves as national president of her professional organization, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., and has received numerous awards, including the Buchanan County Medical Society's Humanitarian Award. She also leads the Ethics Committee and works throughout regional hospitals to advise chaplains and provide education toward meeting patients' spiritual needs.

Sally teaches Clinical Pastoral Education students, has led an educational process on advanced directives, and serves on several organizations including the P-20 Council and the Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Sally Schwab. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker. I was not present during the rollcall vote No. 417-419, on June 14, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: On rollcall vote No. 417 I would have voted, "yes;" on rollcall vote No. 418 I would have voted, "yes;" on rollcall vote No. 419 I would have voted, "no."

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
NORTH LOUISIANA

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Community Foundation of North Louisiana on its 50 years of exemplary service to the people of North Louisiana. Since its establishment on June 26, 1961, by Colonel John Hellums Tucker, Jr., the Foundation has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership throughout the many communities it serves in my district, bettering the lives of countless families and individuals.

Starting out with a modest \$21,000 in funds, The Community Foundation of North Louisiana

has since grown to being a steward of more than \$75 million of charitable assets. In pursuing its mission of strengthening communities and supporting the citizens of North Louisiana, the Foundation has awarded more than 4,000 grants totaling nearly \$40 million. In addition to its vital stewardship of charitable investments, The Community Foundation has exhibited leadership by working with other non-profits to promote philanthropy and service in the community. Through managing innovative projects, responding in times of disaster, investing in critical research, and convening leaders to discuss issues facing the area, the Foundation's activities have served as a catalyst for positive change.

Today, I am pleased to express my support and gratitude to The Community Foundation of North Louisiana as it celebrates this important milestone. With great honor and enthusiasm, I wish it continued success over its next 50 years of service.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
ROBERT "BOBBY" THRAILKILL,
USMC

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, Lance Corporal Robert "Bobby" Thrailkill of Pentwater, Michigan.

While out on foot patrol in Sagen, Afghanistan, on October 26, 2010, Bobby found a roadside bomb. After motioning for his fellow Marines to step back, the bomb exploded, causing traumatic injuries to Bobby, including the loss of his legs. Bobby faced months of rehabilitation at Walter Reed with courage and has come far in his recovery.

Today, June 16th, Bobby will marry his fiancé Karra Barr. I want to congratulate Bobby on this day and wish him a life of happiness, as well as thank him for his service to our country. In honor of Bobby, the following poem was written by Albert Caswell.

THE KILL ZONE

On battlefields of honor bright. . . .
There are but all of those who but bring
their light. . . .
All in the darkness of these days. . . . these
nights. . . .
Are but all of those heroes who but carry
that fight, all In The Kill Zone. . . .
Brave Hearts, men of courage
and might. . . .
Whose blind faith but wins that battle, that
fight. . . .
Who into darken buildings will walk. . . .
Knowing full well what death before them so
lies, all in that dark. . . .
All in that Kill Zone. . . .
As they but lead with their fine hearts. . . .
The ones who so kick in all those doors, who
are thou art. . . .
Envoys from God, our Lord's heart!
United States Marines, men like Lcpl
Thrailkill who so do their part. . . .
Who all in his most magnificent shades of
green, is one darn fine United States
Marine. . . .
As ever up ahead, out on point as he was so
courageously seen!
And on that day Robert when you so faced
death; lying there with but not much
left. . . .

As defeat you would not except. . . .
As Robert your fine heart would so
crest. . . .
With two legs gone as on the morning as you
awoke, with not much left to hold on
to. . . .
As deep down inside of you, your fine heart
so spoke. . . .
As you wiped all of those tears from your
eyes, and Marine you so told yourself .
. . . .
that you had new mountains to so climb. . . .
Yea, Michigan Marines are just that
kind. . . .
Who all in shades of green, the word courage
so define. . . .
For you have miles to go before you
sleep. . . .
Hills to climb, all in your heart of courage so
very deep. . . .
As Robert, there is nothing from your new
mission that will you so keep!
All on your road to recovery . . . , as to all
souls you so speak!
For once you walked upon those killing
fields. . . .
All for your God and Country Tis of Thee,
this man of steel. . . .
As now your new war to be won. . . .
As for all of your lost Brothers In Arms
these ones,
you will feel upon you face the new day's
sun!
Because, Strength In Honor . . . , is but from
where you come. . . .
The kind of man that every father, so wished
he had as a son. . . .
As You So Teach Us Robert, As You So Be-
seech Us Robert. . . .
Oh look Marine, from where you've come, so
far, so fast, shining like the morning
sun!
As out on point, up ahead your new life has
just begun. . . .
As with your strong heart we now so see you
run. . . .
One of Michigan's greatest of all son's. . . .
And on this day, get down on your
knees. . . .
And but thank all of these!
All of these fine sons, sons like Robert who
into the Kill Zone must venture to do
what must be done!
Could you in your life, so find the strength
. . . to walk into such that valley of
death?
Could you but find the courage and faith,
to rebuild your life when you've so lost your
strong legs as left?
Oh yes Robert how you have so shown us all
the way!
As one of the finest Americans, who never
took . . . but gave!

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—MICHAEL ROBERTO

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Michael Roberto, a United States Military Academy Appointee. Michael is a graduate of Cistercian Preparatory School where he was highly involved in athletics, including being cross country varsity team captain, track team, soccer as a right forward, and football as a receiver and a cornerback. Michael is also the founder and president of his high school debate team, an officer in the Economics club, a writer for his school newspaper, and served on the Third District Congressional Youth Advisory Committee. Michael desired nothing more than to attend a United States Service Academy and become an officer in the military. Michael is not only interested in pursuing the superior education that an Academy will offer him, but he is also seeking the unrivaled development he will experience in becoming one of the best military officers his country deserves.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

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. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2112, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012. This bill ignores the plight of hundreds of thousands of women and children who struggle to obtain nutritious food in neighborhoods across America. The measure originally put forward by the Republican majority proposed \$833 million in cuts to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, commonly known as WIC. This program provides assistance to new mothers, babies, and children under five who have been identified as nutritionally at risk. In any decent society, this is the most basic obligation we have to our fellow citizens. Yet the funding level proposed by the majority would have left 400,000 to 550,000 women and children without this aid.

I am pleased that the Appropriations Committee adopted an amendment by my colleague, Representative DELAURO, to reinstate \$147 million in WIC funding. Even with this restoration, however, between 200,000 and 350,000 low-income women and children around the country would be dropped from the program next year. In New Jersey, as many as 6,500 citizens could lose this assistance.

I would remind those who claim that we cannot afford the cost of this program that just one week of lost revenue from the Bush tax breaks for millionaires, which were extended over my objection, would more than fill the gap in funding for this program to ensure that every mother and child has access to healthy

meals. On average, nationwide, we are talking about just 57 dollars per month for nearly 10 million mothers and infants who cannot afford nutritious foods. Almost one-half of the children born in our country rely on WIC. Many of these enter the Medicaid program, and experience has shown that the nutritional benefit to pregnant women results in up to \$4.20 in Medicaid savings for each dollar spent through WIC. Restoring full funding for this program is the smart thing to do for our budget, just as it is the right thing to do for our citizens.

Women and infants are not the only vulnerable population put at greater risk of food insecurity by this bill. The 22 percent cut to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program will prevent at least 130,000 low-income seniors from receiving desperately needed food packages. The 23 percent reduction to the Emergency Food Assistance Program will leave empty shelves at our local food banks, pantries, faith-based organizations, soup kitchens, and shelters. With food prices continuing to rise sharply and Americans continuing to struggle to get ahead in a tough economy, now is not the time to remove the critical safety net provided by these food assistance programs. In addition, food aid for 1.1 million people around the world will be unavailable as a result of the \$476 million cut to the Food for Peace international humanitarian program and the McGovern-Dole program, which provides for the donation of U.S. agriculture goods to school feeding initiatives around the world.

Furthermore, the drastic reduction to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission budget will leave the U.S. economy and consumers in peril. The Commission will not have the resources necessary to prevent the big banks from making the kinds of speculative bets that led to the recent financial crisis. And as gas prices continue to strain household and small business budgets, this bill will do nothing to help the Commission go after excessive speculation in oil markets—even though recent data suggest that nearly 90 percent of those trading in the oil markets are speculators, not legitimate users of oil. These speculators are driving up the price of petroleum and gasoline, and without an effective CFTC with adequate funding, consumers and taxpayers are the losers.

This bill also includes severe funding cuts for the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, which will undermine food safety in America and weaken efforts to ensure that medical products and new drugs are safe and accessible. It underfunds research programs to improve food production, safety, and quality as well as initiatives designed to advance organic farming and related markets. And it eliminates almost one billion dollars in conservation programs to protect soil and farmland, maintain healthy agriculture in rural America, preserve key resources, and restore wildlife habitat that supports associated recreational and economic opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, the Agriculture Appropriations bill before us today is one more step in the wrong direction for the Nation's budget, our economy, and our people. It leaves vulnerable low-income women, infants, children, and seniors to fend for themselves even though we know that good nutrition improves health and saves money in the long run. It allows Wall Street speculation to continue unchecked, threatening our economy and driving up gas

prices. It says that we should ignore the needs of our faith- and community-based food service organizations as well as those of hungry children and impoverished people around the world. And it leaves us all at greater risk of encountering food-borne illnesses, sets back research programs, and ignores our conservation needs. The American people expect more of their government, and I urge my colleagues to oppose this deeply flawed bill.

HONORING ALISON SCHIEBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alison Schieber of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Alison is active in the community and she has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

As President of the Allied Arts Council, Alison is also serving on the Missouri Citizens for the Arts Board to advocate for the advancement of the arts through education. A Sustainer of the Junior League of St. Joseph, Alison is also a member of the Community Action Committee and a spokesman for the St. Joseph Public Library Modern Library Campaign.

Alison is lauded for her ability to lead by example, understanding the important role the arts play in childhood development. Her advocacy for the arts led to her work with the Missouri Citizen's for the Arts as a lobbyist, working to remove the sunset clause on the Cultural Entertainment tax.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Alison Schieber. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on Friday, June 3, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 411.

RIDE TO WORK DAY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus I rise to recognize Ride to Work Day.

Each year the third Monday in June is designated as Ride to Work Day and this year, on June 20, more than a million motorcyclists across the Nation will use their motorcycles to commute. In doing so, these riders will make a statement about the utility, fuel economy

and fun of using motorcycles and scooters for transportation.

The Motorcycle Industry Council's most recent information estimates that more than 21.5 million Americans operated a motorcycle in 2009. Many of these riders visited Tennessee, and specifically the 2nd Congressional District, which features some of motorcycle riders' favorite roads in the Country. Two members of my own staff ride motorcycles for both fun and transportation.

As more and more Americans choose scooters and motorcycles as transportation options, or just choose to ride for recreation, it becomes ever more imperative that each of us does all we can to promote motorcycle safety. This means that motorcyclists must ride responsibly, by getting trained and licensed and obeying traffic safety laws. Other road users can do their part by being aware of motorcyclists and sharing the road.

On June 20, I encourage all riders to gear up and ride to work. I also encourage all other road users to take special note of all the riders on the road and remember to always look out for motorcyclists.

HONORING MURIEL REDMOND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Muriel Redmond of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Muriel is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in Volunteerism.

After her marriage, Muriel became active in St. Joseph's Hospital Guild, continuing her interest founded while a student nurse. With her dedicated involvement, she accepted leadership positions, including president. Muriel started the Candy Striper program in 1947, being the first instructor.

Muriel's lifelong interest in the medical field included membership in the Medical Auxiliary. She has been an active member in the Flower Society, Girl and Boy Scouting, and P.E.O. She is a member of Y Women and a supporter of the Abuse Shelter.

As a member of St. Joseph's Cathedral Church and the adjoining school, she supported her children's education with two periods as president in the PTA. She remains active in the Quarter of A Century Nurses and at her present residence, the Living Community of St. Joseph; she was a founder of the Needles and Pins group.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Muriel Redmond. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

MARKING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AIDS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 30th anniversary of the first AIDS

diagnosis. On June 5, 1981, the Centers for Disease Control published the first mention of what would later be determined to be HIV. Since that time, the disease has taken a heavy toll on populations both at home and around the world. We remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS and honor those who have dedicated their lives to fighting this terrible disease.

The United States has been a world leader in this fight, and there is reason to be optimistic. The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, has directly supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for more than 3.2 million men, women and children worldwide. In fiscal year 2010 alone, PEPFAR programs treated more than 600,000 HIV-positive pregnant women allowing more than 114,000 infants to be born HIV-free. In addition, PEPFAR directly supported HIV counseling and testing for nearly 33 million people, providing a critical entry point to prevention, treatment, and care.

In recent years there have been real advances in the treatment and prevention of AIDS. A scientific trial of microbicide gel has shown it to reduce the risk of a woman becoming infected with HIV during sex by almost 40 percent. Another trial has revealed that drugs used to treat HIV may also be effective in preventing infection.

We must do more to ensure that scientific breakthroughs in HIV/AIDS reach the most vulnerable populations. Mother-to-child transmission of HIV has been virtually eliminated in the developed world; however, 1,000 babies are still infected with HIV around the world each day. This is deplorable when we have the tools and medicines to end pediatric AIDS. I commend UNAIDS and PEPFAR for their plan to virtually eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV by 2015.

U.S. contributions to multi-lateral organizations such as UNAIDS and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria are critical to ending the AIDS epidemic. To date, the Global Fund has provided support to treat three million HIV-positive people, and reached 150 million people with HIV counseling and testing.

We have come a long way since that June day 30 years ago. I am proud of the resources this body has dedicated over the years to fighting HIV and AIDS. Along with saving lives, this funding helps to free developing countries from the burden of disease, allowing economic growth and increased stability. I urge my colleagues to continue our commitment to fighting this disease.

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP
VATCHE HOVSEPIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor His Eminence Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian upon his 60th anniversary of consecration and ordination into the priesthood.

Archbishop Hovsepian was born in Beirut, Lebanon, where he received his elementary education at the Mesrobian Armenian National School, and later was accepted as a postulate at the Antelias Theological Seminary. Upon

successfully completing his studies, he was ordained Father Vatché Hovsepian, and served in the capacity of assistant dean and instructor of the Seminary.

In 1953, Father Vatché went to England to further his theological studies, and was simultaneously active in the World Council of Churches Youth Movement. After attending the College of the Resurrection near Manchester, he continued his studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. During his stay in Edinburgh, Father Vatché was a vibrant member of the Theological Commission. When Father Vatché was assigned to the Pastorate of the Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City, New Jersey in 1956, he diligently continued to pursue his studies and obtained his Bachelor of Divinity Degree at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary at Rutgers University.

Father Vatché's journey continued to Canada during the influx of Armenian immigrants to the region. In 1967, he was designated as "Bishop of Canada," and he immediately organized a new Diocese. Through the efforts, dynamism, and perseverance of the Bishop, a cathedral with school facilities was purchased in Montreal, Quebec.

In 1971, Archbishop Vatché was elected as the Primate of the Armenian Church of North America Western Diocese. Upon attaining his new role, the Primate arrived at the Diocesan Headquarters, which at the time was a rented house in Los Angeles, California. Immediately, he began searching for a potential site for a cathedral, and a church was soon purchased in Hollywood, California. This church was later transformed into the St. John Armenian Cathedral, where the vast Armenian population living in Hollywood frequented every Sunday.

In 1988, when the disastrous earthquake struck in Armenia, the Archbishop established the Orphan's Fund, through which the Diocese sends aid and medical supplies to the orphans in Armenia regularly. In addition, Archbishop Vatché was instrumental in the founding of the St. Gregory Alfred and Marguerite Hovsepian Armenian School in Pasadena, California, as well as numerous other Armenian Day Schools in the community. Under Archbishop Vatché's leadership and guidance, the Western Diocese purchased a multi-purpose complex in Burbank, California, where the present Diocesan Headquarters stands. Archbishop Vatché has also actively participated in civic issues, and has met with five Presidents of the United States and various religious leaders.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Archbishop Vatché Hovsepian for his selfless dedication and commitment to the Armenian community and wish him well in all future endeavors.

HONORING MICHELLE
MEIERHOFFER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michelle Meierhoffer of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Michelle is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Emerging Leader.

Michelle Meierhoffer is a recent addition to the Saint Joseph community, and in her three years here has already garnered awards and appreciation through civic and professional endeavors. Pfizer Pharmaceuticals has recognized her contributions as a Sales Representative with numerous awards, including the company's top honor. She has lent her considerable energy and imagination to the Junior League and the Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art. She embodies her own words to others to "do their best and think outside the box to obtain their goals using new and exciting means."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Michelle Meierhoffer. She has already made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING JOAN BROWN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joan Brown and recognize her contribution to volunteerism and community involvement in Marin County, California. Ms. Brown is retiring as Manager of the Civic Center Volunteers, CCV, program after more than 32 years of fostering citizen participation in local government.

After graduating from Northwestern University, Joan continued a legacy of service begun by her family. Her initial work as an elementary school teacher greatly inspired her career path, and the professional standards she cultivated as a teacher carried over into the environment she created at CCV. A trip to the Soviet Union in 1973 focused her passion for service on participation in local government. Her official guide on the trip insisted that the Berlin Wall was nonexistent, just U.S. propaganda, reminding Joan that citizen involvement is essential for democracy.

The CCV was established in response to Proposition 13, which reduced tax revenue to the counties. Joan was hired temporarily and quickly became a permanent employee in the Personnel Department as she helped to create a place where women, retirees, and recession-impacted professionals could dedicate their skills through volunteerism. Through her leadership, the CCV grew from zero in 1979 to 8,400 in 2010.

Marin County would be a very different place were it not for Joan's success with citizen involvement in each county department, saving the Marin taxpayers millions in the process.

Joan's knack for volunteer management extended beyond the reach of the CCV. She took on the challenge of co-founding the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government which included both national and international training. With Community Mental Health, she engineered volunteer development in her successful 10-year Job Coach program. And she also promoted employee effectiveness by creating a newsletter for employees by employees and establishing an employee recognition event.

For her accomplishments both within Marin County and beyond, she earned the First Acts

of Caring Award from the National Association of Counties and the Volunteer Administrator of the Year Award from the international Association for Volunteer Administrators.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Joan Brown's contributions of over 32 years to the people of Marin County. Joan leaves our county more enriched through her innovative vision of volunteerism and community service. I wish her an enjoyable retirement with her family and success in her continued service commitments.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—KIOUMARS REZAIE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 Kioumars Rezaie, a United States Merchant Marine Academy appointee. Kioumars is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he played football, as well as soccer and served as the team captain. Simultaneously, Kioumars played select soccer and served as his team's captain. Kioumars was actively involved as a member of the Third District Congressional Youth Advisory Board, a JROTC commander, and the National Honor Society. He was also part of the American Legion Texas Boys State where he was a state delegate and was active at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in the Seven Loaves Food Pantry. Kioumars believes that the service academies require young men and women to have honor, courage, and commitment and looks forward to grooming those traits.

HONORING ENSIGN-BICKFORD INDUSTRIES ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ensign-Bickford Industries on their 175th anniversary. Since 1836 Ensign-Bickford has called Simsbury, Connecticut home, where its employees have always strived for quality and innovation.

Before setting up shop in Connecticut, William Bickford invented a miner's safety fuse in 1831 that would later make Ensign-Bickford Industries a pioneer of the safety fuse for both mining and military applications.

As the years passed, the country and the company changed and adapted. Ensign-Bick-

ford transformed into a leader in the aerospace industry. In fact, since the beginning of the American space program, the company has provided the technology that allows rockets to separate, and satellites to be launched into orbit.

Ensign-Bickford has also served both our state and the nation by helping to protect our soldiers in battle. The company has developed important landmine clearing technology and strengthened armor for military vehicles. These innovations have undoubtedly saved lives, and taken together with the other industries they serve, Ensign-Bickford has provided thousands of jobs for American families through the years.

For nearly two centuries, Ensign-Bickford Industries has epitomized the American spirit of innovation, perseverance, and responsibility that I believe we need to restore in American manufacturing. So I wish to congratulate Ensign-Bickford on this special occasion, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ensign-Bickford Industries on their 175th anniversary.

HONORING MADELEINE MISEMER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Madeleine Misemer of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Madeleine is active in the community and in her school and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Future Leader Award.

Leadership is a hallmark of Madeleine's high school career. While earning high academic honors each semester, she remained involved in Student Council and was a delegate to the Missouri Association of Student Council Summer Leadership Workshop. Madeleine has been enrolled for three years in the Leadership Class and has also been a DECA leadership conference delegate. She is often seen at athletic events supporting her peers, and is a member of the varsity tennis team. Her lengthy list of service activities includes chairman of the blood drive and steering committee member for the Senior Citizen's Prom. She is also a natural tutor and mentor, leading activities for struggling students.

Madeleine's nominator states, "Her high morals and ethics are not to be questioned . . . others trust her judgment, and she sees the bright side to all situations."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Madeleine Misemer. She is an amazing individual and a tremendous asset to our community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

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. INSLEE. Madam Chair, I am concerned about the underlying legislation's attempt to zero out funding for the USDA Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), in the Agriculture Appropriations bill for FY2012. BCAP is an important economic development program uniquely focused on advanced, next generation biofuels that can be grown, produced, and refined in Washington state. This biomass can be used for heat, power, bio-based products, and biofuels. In fact, it is the only program that helps farmers transition from growing traditional crops to growing energy crops.

BCAP is vitally important for the development of the clean domestic biomass energy industry. Authorized in Title IX of the 2008 Farm Bill, BCAP received \$552 million in FY 2010, but the final Continuing Resolution that passed into law for FY 2011 reduced BCAP funding to \$112 million. Today, the House Agriculture Appropriations bill goes further, proposing to eliminate funding for this program in its entirety. I believe that eliminating this program is the wrong direction, and will hinder job creation in the emerging biomass and biofuels industries.

It is widely agreed that developing a robust sustainable biomass and biofuels industry will produce significant jobs and generate revenues in rural areas. One national study has found that producing 475 million gallons of biofuel in 2009 resulted in 23,000 jobs across the economy, \$4.1 billion in added GDP growth, \$445 million in Federal tax revenues, and \$383 million for State and local governments. Feedstock production would likely represent half the direct jobs, boosting employment in rural areas and small communities.

For example, in the Pacific Northwest, a coalition of aviation and airline industries, universities, ports and international airports, recently released a report outlining how to commercialize aviation biofuels. Many of the coalition partners are working to bring these aviation biofuels to market and will rely on BCAP, as do countless other biofuel and biomass organizations around the Nation. Because of the prospects for widespread job creation and superb opportunities for positive rural development, I believe that rather than zero out this program, Congress should preserve funding at the Administration's proposed budget of \$201 million.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES
"BUSTER" HAYDEN

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to share the news of a great loss to El Paso, to Texas, and to the Nation. My dear friend, Colonel Retired James "Buster" Hayden was a class of 1945 West Point Graduate, retired Army officer with 30 years military service, long time area West Point Admissions Representative, and the Chairman of my Military Academy Advisory Board for over 15 years.

Col. Hayden came from a long and distinguished line of West Point graduates. His great-grandfather was a member of the Civil War Class of 1862, and his grandfather graduated in the Class of 1888. In the 20th Century, his father was in the World War I Class of 1917, and Col. Hayden—well known to everyone as "Buster"—graduated with the World War II Class of 1945 after securing an appointment on his fourth try!

Col. Hayden's distinguished career of 30 years included tours of duty with the Constabulary Force during the occupation of Germany, in an armored field artillery battalion during the Korean War, at the Pentagon, and with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired as the Deputy Assistant Commandant of the Air Defense School in 1975. Just a year later, he started working with the West Point Admissions Field Force, beginning his long and distinguished journey of molding the next generation of leaders.

With his passing, our community has lost one of the greatest advocates for El Paso youth wishing to serve in our Nation's Armed Forces. After his family, what he loved most was inspiring scores of young El Pasoans every year to never give up on their dreams. Since 1976, he helped recruit talented cadets from the El Paso area and Southern New Mexico to West Point.

Over the last 15 years, Col. Hayden devoted countless hours, along with the other members of my Academy Advisory Board for the 16th Congressional district, to overseeing the annual process of nominating El Paso's finest young men and women to our Nation's service academies.

He influenced the lives of hundreds of service academy graduates, who have pursued successful careers in the military, education, business, and industry. In fact, Col. Hayden helped shepherd more cadets into the United States Military Academy at West Point than anyone in the history of the Academy. His efforts in our region have led to over 1,200 offers of admission to young men and women, resulting in no less than 622 graduates.

Col. Hayden never gave up on a single applicant, nominee, or appointee, even when he was feeling sick from the effects of cancer. Even near the end, his daughter found him in his office looking for information to reach a cadet. Once he got the phone number, he spent 30 minutes talking to the cadet. That is how he was with "his" cadets as well as those seeking a future at our military academies. In fact, in one of life's great ironies, I was at an event the night he passed away speaking with a second lieutenant of the 1st Armored Divi-

sion from Fort Bliss who was proud to be "one of Hayden's soldiers." He told me how Col. Hayden had changed his life by mentoring him from prep school to graduation at West Point. I have heard from many soldiers I have visited with around the world who tell of how Col. Hayden kept in touch and mentored them. That was the "Hayden way." He always had words of encouragement for our young applicants and loved to recount the story about the challenges he himself faced in gaining entry into West Point. In his own self-deprecating way, he talked to candidates about how it took him four tries to get in, and he urged them to never give up on their dream.

During 30 years of active duty and another 35 years supporting Admissions and many other programs connected with West Point, Col. Hayden has truly espoused the motto of the United States Military Academy: Duty, Honor, Country.

His love for the Academy and for our Armed Forces was unparalleled, and we will all miss him. It was a privilege to know Buster and to work with him. He leaves a great legacy and will have a lasting impact for many generations to come. Our Nation and our community are deeply indebted to him for his service and dedication to our young people.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON
DEMONSTRATORS IN SYRIA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to strongly condemn the violence that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has unleashed on his people over the past few months.

While the world closely watched the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia unfold, little attention has been paid to the Assad government's crackdown on peaceful demonstrators. In March 2011, hundreds of Syrians took to the streets to demand freedom and to force the Assad government to lift the emergency law, which has been in place since 1963.

Instead of meeting their demands, the Assad government unleashed a vicious crackdown on demonstrators with security forces firing, arresting and torturing thousands of unarmed Syrians. According to U.N. officials, as many as 1,100 people may have been killed since the protests began and as many as 10,000 people have been reported to be in custody or missing.

In May 2011, the Syrian government widened its military crackdown by sending tanks into several more villages and severing communications. The attacks on civilians and military defectors intensified in June after demonstrators showed renewed strength and determination. The relentless attacks have forced thousands of Syrians to flee Syria into Lebanon and Turkey to escape the escalating violence.

While I applaud President Obama and Secretary Clinton for condemning these brutal attacks and human rights violations, I believe the U.S. and the international community should be doing more to force the Assad regime to stop attacking its own people. I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning this violence and to call on the Obama administra-

tion to take a more active role in forcing the Syrian government to end these attacks.

HONORING JAN SAXTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jan Saxton of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jan is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award: Woman in the Workplace.

In 1945, after every member of Jan's family worked to save all their earnings through the great depression, her father decided the time was right. Every penny saved was invested into the dream of rebuilding a spot of family entertainment, a golf course. A small lot at 9th and Jules in St. Joseph, provided land for rent. Used lumber and materials started a modest 18 hole course. Jan graduated from Lafayette High School and with the help of her grandmother, Pearl Summers, was put in charge of the business. The little course thrived, yet before the end of the third season, the land was sold.

After her brother and Guy Saxton returned home from the service, she married Guy, her high-school sweetheart. Soon they purchased land to build what is now Cool Crest. His engineering and carpentry skills, and her gardening and "people skills" made for the perfect combination that we still enjoy today.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jan Saxton. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE JAY
CARROTT

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Jay Carrott, whose retirement from the Simi Valley Police Department is being recognized this weekend.

Detective Carrott actually retired from the Police Department last year, but was immediately deployed to Iraq as a police advisor to an Army unit out of Fort Benning, Georgia, giving his fellow officers, family and friends no time to honor his service to the community. Jay is a personal friend who I have known for many years. He is home now and it is time to give him his long overdue accolades.

Jay Carrott became a reserve officer for the city in 1985 and was hired as a full-time officer in 1987. He rose to the rank of Senior Officer before leaving for a short stint with the Lacey, Washington, Police Department. He returned to the Simi Valley Police Department in 1995 and was promoted to Detective the following year.

It was as a Detective that Jay Carrott's skills, dedication and passion for law enforcement and the victims of violent acts came to full fruition.

In describing and praising his partner, Greg Gonzales, in 2008, Carrott told the local media that a good homicide detective must be intensely curious, care deeply about others and pay great attention to detail. Those certainly are qualities Carrott brought to the job.

Those qualities led to a nearly 90 percent case closure rate. But Carrott didn't just pursue criminals and bring them to justice. Along the way, he brought empathy to the victims and victims' families, as well.

When Detective Carrott was awarded the Investigative Excellence Award for Cumulative Investigative Excellence in 2009 from the California Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training's Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation, officials said in a statement: "He believes an investigator's job is not only to seek out the truth, but also to ensure that families touched by violence have a voice."

Jay's dedication to the truth and the law are legendary. When a local community service organization refused to rescind the rental of its facility to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang, Jay quit the organization, saying his police badge meant more to him than membership in the club.

But perhaps the best praise to Jay's dedication comes from his daughter, Erin, who wrote this in 2007 as part of a school assignment after Detective Carrott was awarded the City of Simi Valley's Meritorious Service Award:

"Weeks with no sleep, calls in the middle of the night, having to travel to places to search for things you aren't even sure exist, and criminals who get away with it this is what my father faces on a daily basis."

Jay was also a member of the Department's SWAT Team, a Range Master, and a member of the SES—Special Enforcement Section. Among the other awards he earned was SVPD Officer of the Year in 1991 and the SVPD Chiefs Award in 1998. Jay also taught at Moorpark College, where he earned an associate's degree before earning a bachelor's in business from University of Redlands.

Aside from Erin, Jay and his wife, Amy, raised two sons, Joshua and Joseph, and have a grandson, Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Detective Jay Carrott for his service to his community and country, and for his dedication to and passion for enforcing our laws, and wish him and Amy a long and happy retirement.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—AMANDA RIGSBY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 Amanda Rigsby, a United States Merchant Marine Academy Appointee. Amanda is a graduate of Plano East Senior High School in 2010 where she was active in varsity and select soccer. Amanda was involved in Plano Youth Ambassadors as a co-leader, Spanish Club, and Mock Trial as a witness roll, where she earned an award for best witness. She excelled academically in the International Baccalaureate Program and a member of the National Honor Society. She spent the last year at Southern Methodist University on a full scholarship and decided to change courses and apply to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Amanda is a well rounded young woman who has dreams to pursue an international career, to help people, and to make a difference. She recently stated, "I appreciate my service obligations as opportunities as a Merchant Marine following graduation and embrace not only military service but also the maritime industry."

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF WILLIAM P. POWERS SR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing and honor the life of William P. Powers. Bill, a long-time resident of Niantic, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2011. Bill's desire to give back to his country and community was without bounds. We are fortunate that he chose to spend his life protecting our nation, teaching our young people, and working tirelessly to ensure a good life for the people around him.

Following the death of their father, Bill and his brother were raised in New Haven by their mother and her extended family. After graduating from high school, Bill went to work at High Standard Manufacturing Co., which made deep hole drills, and eventually .22 caliber pistols and repeating rifles, during World War II.

Bill's impressive work ethic, revealed at a young age, afforded him a life full of rich and diverse experiences. In New Haven, he bused tables of Yale's famous Berkely College dining hall, delivered telegraphs for Western Union on his bicycle, and even worked a maintenance job for the city's railroad. When war erupted and gripped the nation, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy. When his number was called up in October of 1942, he trained as a pilot, flying the well-known "Privateer" patrol bomber. He was stationed in Kearney, California.

When the war ended, Bill enrolled at Columbia University on the GI Bill. He kept himself busy as a student and worked as a waiter at the Drake Hotel, where he crossed paths with famous singers and songwriters like Frank Sinatra and Cole Porter.

Education was a lifelong passion and pursuit for Bill. After graduating from Columbia, he took a job back in Connecticut, this time in East Lyme's Niantic village where he would live for nearly 60 years. He served as principal of the Flanders, Niantic Center, and Great Neck schools in eastern Connecticut. He knew

not only the name of every student in his schools, but also an interesting fact about each one of them. While ensuring that his students had a safe and productive place to learn, Bill pursued more education of his own, earning a Master of Arts and Sixth Year degree from UConn. He also led a group of his colleagues as the President of Connecticut's Elementary and Middle School Principals' Association.

It is not surprising that when Bill's time as a professional educator came to a close, he put his signature passion and hard work into making his state and community a better place. For a period, he spent several years in Connecticut's General Assembly as legislative aide for his son, Senator Mark H. Powers, and also as a popular messenger in the senate. He even spent some time as an investigator in the New London Public Defender's office and was a respected and beloved Justice of the Peace. Bill was also an active member of American Legion Post 128.

Bill's contributions as a U.S. Navy veteran, an educator, and civic leader could easily fill three lifetimes, but he packed it all into one. I admire his desire to make education a lifelong experience and his commitment to preserve his deep Connecticut roots. He will be dearly missed by his state, his community and most of all by his loving wife, Jane, and five boys, William Jr., Mark, Joseph, Richard, and Thomas. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and celebrating the life of William P. Powers.

IN RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR ROBERT VAN CAMP

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Mr. Robert Van Camp as he retires from his 40-year career as a pioneer in education, valued mentor and dedicated global citizen.

Mr. Van Camp is, and always will be, an educator in the broadest sense of the word. Bob was raised with his brother John on a working farm in the iconic village of Romeo, Michigan. The 19th century farmhouse, in its rambling fields and rural setting, belied their exceptional upbringing. The farm was a frequent gathering place for progressive minds of the time, including the Reuther brothers, and nascent causes like the Macomb County Interracial Society. The family frequently housed exchange students from Africa and helped found the first integrated Cub Scout den in Macomb County. Their mother, Dorothy, was a graduate of Columbia Teacher College, one of just 13 women charter members of the Detroit Federation of Teachers and a fierce opponent of book censorship during her tenure on the Romeo Library Board of Directors.

Imbued with the values of equality and fairness, and inspired by his mother's devotion to education, Bob understood he was a citizen and student of the world. This understanding shaped the path of his life. More significantly, it shaped his life's work and touched thousands of young people who have been inspired to look beyond their home towns to build bridges to other lands and cultures in their own lives.

Bob began his formal career at American University in Cairo, Egypt, after graduating from Central Michigan University. Three years later, he returned home and settled his career in the fast-growing Utica Community School (UCS) district. Much of his career at Utica was spent as the venerated, respected, and highly successful debate and communications coach at Henry Ford II High School. He coached numerous teams and individuals to debate and forensics state championships and was inducted into the Michigan Speech Coaches Hall of Fame in 1983. His debate colleagues knew him as a fierce competitor and a voracious researcher with a nearly photographic memory. But above all, he was ethical, principled and always put first the education and care of the young people in his charge.

In 1984, Bob and his wife, Dr. Donna McMinn, embarked on a new chapter in their lives by moving to Japan where Bob became an English and communications instructor.

Inspired by the experience and potential to enrich the lives of young people back home, they returned to Michigan and Bob established the pioneering East Asian Institute at UCS. For nearly 10 years, countless students from Michigan and Japan spent time in one another's homes and schools as exchange students, building cultural bridges and relationships that endure today.

In 1994, the broader educational community took note of Bob's exceptional dedication and innovative work. He was honored as a Michigan Teacher of the Year by the state, Macomb County Teacher of the Year by WDIV-Newsweek and Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Council for Social Studies.

For the next 15 years, Bob served as a UCS administrator in a variety of roles and shaped curricula for all Utica Schools' students. Among the most innovative programs he spearheaded was the Utica Academy for International Studies, an IB Diploma Programme, and the Utica Center for Science and Industry. Additionally, Bob was the initial project director of a Department of Defense grant to establish a Chinese immersion program for UCS students starting in kindergarten. Thanks to Bob's vision, dedication and tireless advocacy, the Utica Schools remain on the cutting edge of cultural exchange and language programs in the State of Michigan. This "renaissance man" of education will truly be missed by his many colleagues and admirers in UCS and beyond.

Throughout his rich and varied career, Bob has helped shape the development and lives of thousands of young people whose own careers have taken them across the globe. At his retirement party tomorrow evening, many of his former students and debaters will gather from around the country to express their appreciation for his inimitable guidance and friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me as I salute Robert Van Camp, a shining example of the most dedicated of teachers, mentors and visionaries for education in Michigan, and indeed, around the globe. Although Bob will undoubtedly enjoy his retirement with Donna and their menagerie of animals on Stonecroft Farm, I hope in the next chapter of his life, he continues his work of building bridges to other cultures and countries and enriching the lives of young people everywhere.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

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. KIND. Madam Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012. This bill cuts the Woman, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program by more than \$650 million. With the country in the midst of a fragile recovery, my Republican colleagues have decided to prevent up to 350,000 women and children from receiving benefits from this highly successful program. In Wisconsin alone, up to 4,800 women and children would not be able to enroll. For years, WIC has provided mothers and children with healthy foods, counseling on breast feeding, nutrition guidance, and health care referrals. At a time of economic uncertainty, particularly for lower and middle income individuals, these cuts don't make sense. These cuts are especially alarming because they break a 15 year commitment by members of both parties to allow anyone that qualifies to receive WIC benefits.

Not only would the majority cut funding for WIC, they would also seek to underfund programs tailored to provide American children with nutrition education and more nutritious school lunches. Currently, one in three American children is considered overweight or obese. The number of children who are considered severely obese has more than tripled over a 25 year period. Providing America's children with healthy alternatives like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and school lunches is a small price to pay to help alleviate this epidemic. In fact, it will provide more long term deficit reduction and put us on a better fiscal path than anything the majority has proposed. The long term medical, financial, and societal costs posed by childhood obesity are a far greater threat to our fiscal stability than healthy foods in schools.

Instead of putting deficit reduction on the backs of the country's most vulnerable citizens, I believe we should target true waste and fraud. For this appropriations bill, the country's outdated agriculture subsidy program is a good place to start.

DEMOCRACY RESTORATION ACT OF 2011

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Democracy Restoration Act of

2011. This legislation will serve to clarify and expand voting rights, as well as assist former felons with their reintegration into our democracy.

The Sentencing Project reports that, since 1997, 19 states have amended felony disenfranchisement policies in an effort to reduce their restrictiveness and expand voter eligibility. These reforms have resulted in more than 760,000 citizens regaining their voting rights. Yet, despite these reforms, an estimated 5 million people continue to be ineligible to vote in Federal elections, including nearly 4 million who reside in the 35 states that still prohibit some combination of persons on probation, parole, and/or people who have completed their sentence from voting.

I believe that there are three grave discrepancies in State laws regarding felony convictions that lead to unfairness in Federal elections. First, there is no uniform standard for voting in Federal elections, which leads to an egregious disparity and unequal participation in Federal elections based solely on where a person lives. Second, laws governing the restoration of voting rights after a felony conviction are unequal throughout the country and persons in some States can easily regain their voting rights while in other States persons effectively lose their right to vote permanently. Third, State disenfranchisement laws disproportionately impact ethnic minorities, thus adversely infringing upon citizens of these communities constitutional right to vote.

These concerns about ex-offender disenfranchisement are not rhetorical. In the past two election cycles, flawed voter purges have deprived thousands of legitimate voters of their rights. For example, an erroneous interpretation of state law by the Ohio Secretary of State deprived thousands of ex-felons in that state of even the right to register. Only Federal law can conclusively resolve the ambiguities in this area plaguing our voting system.

Like the States, Congress has recognized the need to address the barriers to full citizenship faced by ex-offenders. This voting legislation is the next step in restoring the ex-felon community to full citizenship. Denying voting rights to ex-offenders robs them of the opportunity to fully participate and contribute to their society. Disenfranchisement laws isolate and alienate ex-offenders, and have been shown to serve as one more obstacle in their attempt to successfully reintegrate into society. Moreover, these obstacles adversely impact the voting participation of their families, further undermining the effectiveness of our voting system.

This legislation is a narrowly crafted effort to expand voting rights for ex-felons, while protecting State prerogatives to generally establish voting qualifications. This legislation would only apply to persons who have been released from prison, and it would only apply to federal elections. Consequently, the bill is fully consistent with constitutional requirements established by the Supreme Court in a series of decisions upholding Federal voting rights laws.

In past Congresses, voting restoration legislation has been supported by a broad coalition of groups interested in voting and civil rights, including the NAACP, ACLU, the National Council of Churches (National and Washington Office), the National Urban League, the Human Rights Watch and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, among many others.

The practice of many states denying voting rights to former felons represents a vestige

from a time when suffrage was denied to whole classes of our population based on race, gender, religion, national origin, and property. Ex-felons who have been lawfully released from prisons have paid their debts to society. To continue denying them the ability to reclaim rights as citizens resurrects historic unenlightened practices of our society. Ultimately, I believe that we fail not only ex-offenders by denying them the right to vote, but the rest of a society that has struggled throughout its history to be legitimate and inclusive. Just like poll taxes and literacy tests, it is long past time that these restrictions be relegated to unenlightened history.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER
GENERAL RICHARD A. HERSACK
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General Richard A. Hersack for his outstanding service to our Nation on the occasion of his retirement.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Brigadier General Hersack upon his retirement as Command Surgeon of the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

His 28 years of dedicated service to the citizens of our Nation and our community is both admirable and commendable. Hersack received his commission in 1983 upon his graduation from the St. Louis University School of Medicine. As Command Surgeon, he was the principal medical adviser to the AFMC Commander, promoting the health and well-being of 84,000 military and civilian personnel. He is responsible for the medical policy implementation and treatment execution at eight medical treatment facilities and the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, totaling more than 435,000 beneficiaries. Additionally, he oversees operational medicine research, development, education and training programs conducted at the Air Force Research Laboratory's 711th Human Performance Wing.

Over the course of his distinguished career, he served at Wilford Hall Medical Center as the Arthur B. Tarrow Chairman, Department of Anesthesia. General Hersack was one of the original developers of the Mobile Field Surgical Team and the Critical Care Transport Team. He deployed in response to the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, and operations Joint Endeavor and Assured Response.

General Hersack also commanded the 51st Medical Group, 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base in South Korea. Prior to his most recent assignment, he served as Chief of the Medical Readiness Policy and Operations for the Air Force Surgeon General, overseeing all Air Force Medical operations and deployments worldwide. General Hersack is also a Chief Flight Surgeon with more than 900 flying hours, and 25 combat missions in the C-130 aircraft.

For his many years of service to our Nation, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congress-

sional District in extending our best wishes upon his retirement and ongoing success in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on June 15, 2011, I inadvertently missed rollcall No. 424 and 425 and would have voted "no" on both rollcall votes.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—CONNER WILLCOX

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 Conner Willcox, a United States Merchant Marine Academy appointee. Conner is a graduate from McKinney Boyd High School where he played football as a starting inside linebacker, lacrosse where he served as captain his senior year, and also participated in wrestling. Conner was actively involved in the National Honor Society, Peer Assistance and Leadership, Saint Gabriel Church Youth Group and as a lifeguard. Conner wants to attend an academy because of the structure and tradition of excellence offered. It is his dream to be a leader in the military in order to protect the country and preserve the liberties we all enjoy. Conner comes from a military family as his grandfather flew 136 missions in Southeast Asia including more than 100 over North Vietnam and his brother is a Cadet First Class at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
DEREK M. HODGE VIRGIN IS-
LANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF
2011

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Derek M. Hodge U.S. Virgin Islands Public-Private Investment Act. This legislation would create an innovative pilot program to leverage private pension assets to raise approximately \$250 million a year

dedicated to the infrastructure of the U.S. Virgin Islands, while simultaneously raising an additional \$500 million a year for the U.S. Treasury.

In short, the bill would allow taxpayers a onetime transfer of existing IRA, 401k, and other tax deferred investments—up to a total limit of \$50 billion—into a special fund with no tax or penalties at the time of the initial transfer. The transferred funds would receive "Roth" like treatment at retirement if taxes are paid as follows:

For the first ten years, a 1.5 percent tax would be collected by the U.S. Treasury and divided 1.0 percent to the U.S. Treasury and 0.5 percent to the Virgin Islands.

During the second ten years, a 1.0 percent tax would be divided equally between the U.S. Treasury and the Virgin Islands.

After twenty years, a 1 percent tax would be continually collected only for the benefit of the U.S. Treasury.

The tax funds allocated to the Virgin Islands would be deposited in an escrow account. The Department of Interior would approve the release of the escrowed funds to pay for projects set out under an approved reconstruction plan.

Under my bill, the Virgin Islands would receive a twenty-year dedicated source of revenue that would enable it to build a modern infrastructure to move the islands toward self-sufficiency and reduce unemployment.

Mr. Speaker, the Virgin Islands has neither the tax base nor will it receive sufficient federal assistance to make the necessary investments in basic infrastructure like water, sewer, storm-water, roads, telecommunications, and electric grid. The current infrastructure is not "hardened" against frequent tropic storms, and therefore must be repaired often—further exacerbating the unwillingness of the private sector to invest in basic industries on the islands. These investments would substantially mitigate the federal government's cost for rebuilding after tropical storms and are essential to job creation and providing basic services to the citizens of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation I introduce today is named in honor of former Virgin Islands Lieutenant Governor and former President of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, Derek M. Hodge, who recently passed away. Derek was the driving force behind this bill and he dedicated the last several years of his life towards its passage because of what it would mean for his beloved Virgin Islands. There would not be a more fitting tribute to his life's work than the enactment of this bill into law.

In these days of budget cuts and growing unwillingness to fund for essential infrastructure, my bill will ensure the necessary investment in the Virgin Islands through a wholly voluntary funding source—a win for the citizens of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the American taxpayers.

COMMEMORATION OF
LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I hope to raise awareness of lymphedema, a

debilitating disease for which no cure has yet been developed.

Lymphedema is a blockage of lymph vessels that causes an accumulation of fluid, protein, and other cellular waste. This results in a swelling of the body in places where the blockage occurs. Though lymphedema can be passed down genetically, it most frequently occurs after surgical procedures to remove damaged lymph nodes or vessels. Often it is a tragic side-effect to cancer treatments, the highest risk occurring in breast and prostate cancer patients.

Doctors can screen for lymphedema using a number of diagnostic tools, and early detection is important to minimize the effects of this disease. Lymphedema, sadly, is not curable, but it is treatable through compression, specially designed exercises, or, in some cases, surgery.

One of my constituents, Jennifer Onks Hovatter of Johnson City, lost her husband Thomas to complications arising from lymphedema in 2007. Every year on June 18th—the day that Thomas passed away—Jennifer holds the Thomas Hovatter Lymphedema Awareness Day in memory of her husband.

I hope others will join me in tying a turquoise ribbon around their tree the weekend of June 17–19, and help Jennifer bring awareness to this chronic, debilitating disease.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor California State University, Fresno as the University celebrates its Centennial Anniversary Year.

Starting from humble beginnings as the Fresno Normal School, CSU, Fresno has evolved into an acclaimed university. Serving a culturally diverse student body, Fresno State has pledged to be a university accessible to students from all backgrounds with the desire to attain higher education. It is this commitment to serving all students which makes this university indispensable to the Central Valley.

Fresno State attracts both national and international attention for its many academic programs. Among the nationally acclaimed programs is the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. CSU, Fresno operates the first commercially bonded winery on any U.S. university campus, and student-produced wines have won hundreds of awards, bringing much needed interest to the Central Valley. In addition, the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology is also working to solve many of the most pressing issues in agriculture. The college has become a pioneer in water-saving irrigation techniques and equipment that has been utilized.

With 64 bachelor's, 44 master's and three doctoral subject areas, CSU, Fresno has come a long way. The University has contributed much to the economic, civic and social well-being of our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring California State University, Fresno on its Centennial Anniversary.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

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. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to the misguided Fiscal Year 2012 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This bill puts the economic recovery at risk by cutting funding to the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, which will prevent the CFTC from implementing important reforms in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. The bill also slashes critical food security programs aimed at protecting our most vulnerable citizens, children and seniors. The bill also cuts important food safety programs at the Food and Drug Administration.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act took the important step of bringing the vast majority of over-the-counter derivatives out of the shadows and onto regulated exchanges and clearinghouses, where the risk will be borne by the counterparties and the markets they trade on—not the taxpayer. Astonishingly, rather than providing the Commodities Future Trading Commission with the resources necessary to implement this critical reform, the new majority is proposing to slash CFTC funding by 44 percent below President Obama's request—and \$30 million below current levels. This is like telling a cop he's got seven times more territory to patrol but less money to do it with. Unable to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform law, the Republicans are now clearly trying to starve it to death—which is a prescription for continued pain at the pump as speculators run amok in our futures markets and gouge hard-working consumers. This is a step in the wrong direction and ignores the mistakes of the past.

The cuts to food safety net programs in this legislation are devastating at a time when millions of Americans are unable to purchase food. The cuts also target the most vulnerable in our society. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children is cut by \$650 million in this bill. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that the cuts in this bill would force WIC to turn away 200,000 to 350,000 eligible low-income women and young children next year. The bill would force WIC to turn away 3,200 to 5,600 eligible low-income women and

young children in Maryland. The USDA says WIC has saved more than 200,000 babies from dying at birth. Economists estimate that every \$1 invested in WIC saves between \$1.77 and \$3.13 in health care costs in the first 60 days after an infant's birth by reducing the instance of low-birthweight babies and improving child immunization rates. The bill also cuts food aid for low-income seniors through cuts to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and assistance to food banks through the Emergency Food Assistance Program. According to the USDA's Economic Research Service, 50.2 million Americans lived in food-insecure households in 2009, including 17.2 million children.

The bill slashes the Food and Drug Administration by \$572 million. These cuts are 21 percent below the President's request and \$285 million or 12 percent below current funding levels. These cuts will prevent FDA from improving food safety efforts and increase the risk of food-borne illnesses. The CDC estimates that 48 million Americans get sick from contaminated food, 325,000 people are hospitalized, and 5,000 of these people die every year. E. coli outbreaks in Europe recently killed 31 people and made more than 3,000 people sick. Outbreaks like this remind us of the importance of strong food safety regulations.

I will monitor the progress of this bill in the Senate and conference. I am hopeful that future changes and improvements will give me a chance to vote on a more acceptable alternative.

HONORING DIANE HARGRAVE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Diane Hargrave of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Diane is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

Within her 23 years of service to the Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center, Diane has continually excelled at a complex set of responsibilities. She has assisted with five successful federal and state inspections, and has served several facility leaders on her journey to her current title as Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer. Diane holds the complete history of the facility in her hands, and has been praised for her assistance through a major leadership reorganization. Her knowledge of the facility has been instrumental for hospital leadership navigating service delivery in the complicated public mental health care setting. Diane has guided coworkers to top administrative leadership positions, while helping NMPRC maintain rigorous accreditation—and all with humor and generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Diane Hargrave. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph Community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

VIRGINIA BEACH ELKS LODGE
#2268

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Paul Shoemaker and the Virginia Beach Elks Lodge #2268. On Sunday, June 12, 2011, the Virginia Beach Elks Lodge #2268 held a Flag Day Ceremony at the Flame of Hope Memorial in Virginia Beach, VA, to commemorate the adoption of the Flag of the United States. I would like to thank Chief Warrant Officer Floyd R. Shoemaker, Sr. for attending the ceremony and for his 43 years of service in the Navy, Air Force, and Army. I would also like to thank Colonel Francis X. Cubillo, USMC; Mayor William D. Sessoms, Jr.; Captain Robert N. Geis, USN; Karyn Swenor; Beverly Hamby; the Green Run High School NJROTC; Ron McGregor; and Samantha Spencer for participating in the ceremony. The Elks did an incredible job putting this event together, and I commend them for their continued service in the Hampton Roads community.

**RANDLEMAN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP
ON THE FINAL OUT**

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, unlike other sports, baseball is unique because there is no clock. Unless weather intervenes, the game ends only when the leading team records 27 outs. The baseball team at Randleman High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, discovered that getting the last out can be the most difficult of all. Randleman won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State 2-A championship on Saturday, June 4, 2011, in dramatic fashion by collecting that final out with a play at the plate.

The Randleman Tigers won this state championship with an 8-7 victory over defending state champion East Rutherford High School. The game was played on Doak Field at North Carolina State University. The Tigers won the best of three series, two games to one. This was Randleman's first appearance in the finals since 1985 and marks an important achievement in the school's history.

In the last inning, a six-run lead dissolved to two. Another hit scored the seventh run for East Rutherford, but as the tying run was heading to the plate, Randleman's Tyler Walls launched a perfect throw to cut-off man Dylan Richardson. The Tiger's shortstop never paused as he whipped the relay to catcher Zach Bach to get the last out and give Randleman its first state title ever. Head Coach Van Hurley, Jr., told the Asheboro Courier Tribune, "To win like that, Curtis [Linthicum] to throw like that. It's all unbelievable. We had three outs to get and six runs to give. I had complete confidence that he was going to do it."

With a grand slam on Friday and pitching the gutsy win on Saturday, Curtis Linthicum received the MVP award. Joining him on the state championship team were Will Albertson, Easton Welch, Ted Luna, Jacob Tally, Dexter Allen, Jeremy Taylor, Dylan Richardson, Ryan Vickers, Cody Trogdon, Tyler Walls, Connor Pratt and Zach Bach. The winning team was led by Head Coach Van Hurley, Jr., who was ably assisted by coaches Shawn Barker, Clayton Welch and Scott Clemons.

The Tigers finished their extraordinary season with a record of 28-4 and the satisfaction that comes from experiencing the result of practice and hard work right up until that final out. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Randleman High School baseball team for winning the 2011 state title.

**IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE
PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE
AND OPPOSING H.R. 1216**

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the importance of the primary care workforce and support provisions included in the Affordable Care Act to expand the number of primary care physicians, especially in my home state of Florida.

One of the smartest things we can do in health care today is to bolster primary care and family medicine. Your primary care doctor is your family doctor; the one you and your family see for checkups, and the doctor who is most likely to understand your health care needs. It is widely understood that if we are going to be more efficient in America with our health care dollars, we need to focus on prevention and boost the number of primary care doctors. There is a great demand for primary care physicians across the country and training new doctors in a community teaching setting is vital.

Training doctors is an especially critical issue in my home state of Florida. We have a significant doctor shortage. Florida has great medical schools and are turning out quality medical school graduates, but that is not enough because we do not have a sufficient number of residency slots. Florida is short nearly 3,000 new GME positions to meet current physician demand. Florida is the third most populous state, but ranks 44th in the nation in terms of the number of residency positions under Medicare. Those numbers reflect a brewing crisis situation. Not only does Florida have the largest and fastest growing percentage of citizens over 65, we have a rapidly aging physician population—25 percent of Florida's physicians are over 65. We need to do everything possible to train new primary care doctors all across the country, but especially in Florida. H.R. 1216 will take us backwards and that is why I strongly oppose its passage.

Before we take up legislation to terminate an initiative that encourages the training of new doctors in primary care, family medicine and internal medicine, please understand our

country's need for physicians who are most effective for our families. I urge my colleagues to support a robust primary care workforce. We need to work together to develop modern methods to train primary care physicians—and the Teaching Health Centers GME program, which my colleagues on the other side of the aisle seek to eliminate, is an innovative new model to help train more primary care physicians and encourage them to practice in communities. Physicians who train in a community setting have a better understanding of the needs of the communities they serve. Many organizations—like MedPAC and the Council on Graduate Medical Education—have called for a community-based GME program, so why do Republicans want to eliminate these opportunities before they start? Residency rotation through rural and outpatient locations provide great training opportunities for physician residents; and it encourages the resident to practice in out-patient or rural communities.

If we do not work together to find common sense solutions for our primary care workforce, America will be short of the doctors we need to serve in our communities and our families and neighbors will suffer the consequences. This is why I voted against H.R. 1216 and why I strongly oppose any attempt to eliminate innovated methods for training our future primary care workforce.

**HONORING FIREFIGHTER SCOTT
DAVIS**

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the service and sacrifice of one of Indiana's bravest.

Firefighter Scott Davis was tragically killed yesterday while fighting a fire at Tabernacle of Praise Church in Muncie, Indiana. He is the first Muncie firefighter to give his life in the line of duty since 1955.

Those who knew Firefighter Davis were not surprised at his boldness and bravery in the Tabernacle of Praise fire. He was a former Yorktown fire chief, and had been with the Muncie Fire Department since June 15, 2005.

He bravely sacrificed his life protecting the community, and in so doing, he will forever be remembered as a hero and servant leader.

In the midst of great tragedy, I honor Firefighter Davis and the other brave men and women who risk their lives every day to protect their community. We must always be grateful for those who run in when others run out.

Firefighter Davis was a man of faith, a devoted husband to his wife Raeanne, and loving father of three children—Jake, Emma, and Max. My family and I offer our deepest condolences and prayers to his loved ones, and we honor the legacy of Firefighter Davis' life of sacrificial service.

The Good Book tells us that "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted." And that is my prayer for the Davis family and the Muncie community.

CONGRATULATING TEMPLE
EMANU-EL ON CELEBRATING ITS
50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, on July 8, 2011, Temple Emanu-El of Edison will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. I am proud to join the more than 250 families in the congregation, the clergy and temple leaders in celebrating this golden anniversary.

This special event will kick off a year-long celebration of the Temple's history, successes and contributions it has made over the course of five decades to its members and to the Middlesex County and surrounding communities.

Over the last 50 years, Temple Emanu-El has earned a reputation for its open door policy, which is a hallmark of its congregational community. The renowned religious school was the first in the area to offer special education programs. The Temple has sheltered the homeless and welcomes interfaith families with no categorizing of Jewish and non-Jewish members.

A good community partner in Middlesex County, the Temple offers adult education programs. Its members deliver weekend meals-on-wheels to those in need and collects and distributes food and funds to the needy in the community.

At the Temple Emanu-El religious school, children learn Hebrew and the traditions of Judaism. Adults study with renowned Scholars-in-Residence and to take part in an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. Interfaith families can learn how to create Jewish homes.

As Temple Emanu-El celebrates this important milestone, I congratulate Rabbi Deborah K. Bravo, Cantor Jacqueline Shuchat-Marx, Rabbi Alfred B. Landsberg—Rabbi Emeritus, Jill Santoni, Educational Director, and the Temple's Board of Trustees for their dedicated efforts.

As the Temple's journey continues and traditions are passed along Dor v' Dor, I wish the Temple all the best in celebrating the next 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Temple Emanu-El in Edison, New Jersey in celebrating 50 years of service to the community. I am proud to share this important milestone with my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives and with the American people.

RECOGNIZING THE 146TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNETEENTH AND THE 18TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE JUNETEENTH FREEDOM & HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 146th anniversary of Juneteenth and the 18th annual celebration of the Juneteenth Freedom and Heritage Festival in Memphis, Tennessee. On June 19, 1865,

Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced in the town square that all slaves were free. Although this came nearly 3 years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the newly freed men and women rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations, and thus, the Juneteenth holiday was born. The theme of this year's Memphis festival is "Juneteenth Salutes 'The Divine Nine' in 2011."

Founded out of the necessity to combat racial discrimination and segregation, the Divine Nine is a collective group of nine historically African-American sororities and fraternities that together, create the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated. The Divine Nine works to promote unity, camaraderie, academic excellence and community service.

The Divine Nine is made up of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. They have profoundly impacted the lives of both their members and those they serve. Many of these organizations address issues related to social justice, human rights, poverty and economic security in African-American communities.

Over the years, countless Memphians have become members of these organizations and have made significant contributions to our community. Some include: current city of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton Jr., Alpha Phi Alpha; Shelby County Commissioner Deidre Malone, Alpha Kappa Alpha; 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Bernice Donald, Zeta Phi Beta; and Pastor Kenneth Whalum, Jr., Phi Beta Sigma. Some who have fought for civil rights and equality are: Former president of the Memphis branch of the NAACP Velma Lois Jones, Alpha Kappa Alpha; current NAACP Executive Board member O.C. Pleasant Jr., Kappa Alpha Psi; and the late civil rights leader and former executive director of the NAACP Reverend Dr. Benjamin Hooks, Omega Psi Phi.

As we celebrate sororities and fraternities this Juneteenth, Delta Sigma Theta will host their 43rd Southern Regional Conference in Memphis. Some accomplished Memphian Deltas are cofounder Mary Church Terrell, singer Aretha Franklin, State Reps. Johnnie Turner and Lois DeBerry, Olympian Rochelle Stevens and National Civil Rights Museum Executive Director Beverly Robertson. Delta Sigma Theta has organized many initiatives that have improved African-American communities such as foreclosure prevention workshops, ACT test sessions and raising millions of dollars in college scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the spirit of these great organizations that I ask my colleagues to join me in observing our nation's 146th anniversary of Juneteenth and the celebrations in Memphis. This is a time to reflect upon the end of slavery in America and to recognize the many contributions of African-American citizens. As the Alpha Phi Alpha, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, the Emancipation Proclamation "came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

HONORING MO ANDERSON

HON. JAMES LANKFORD

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mo Anderson, for her commitment to volunteer community service which has inspired true acts of kindness all across communities in North America.

Mo was an elementary school music teacher for 14 years, after which she developed her first and very successful real estate office in Edmond, Oklahoma in 1975. In her current role as vice chairman of Keller Williams Realty, Mo spends much of her time traveling across the United States teaching at real estate training events. She has received numerous awards for her hard work and dedication.

Mo is the beloved leader of her real estate firm, significantly influencing her colleagues, and it is her story that has inspired the Keller Williams annual national Renew, Energize and Donate Day. Each year, on the second Thursday in May, thousands of associates from across the United States and Canada participate in projects and devote their time to renewing and energizing aspects of the neighborhoods in which they serve.

As an Oklahoman, I am proud of Mo for setting a wonderful example. She has inspired others to see needs in communities and to be sure those needs are met. Oklahoma is very grateful to Mo Anderson and to her building a legacy of caring.

PHILLIP O. BARRY, PH.D., PRESIDENT, MESALANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Phillip O. Barry in his 15 years at Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, New Mexico has transformed Mesalands from an area vocational school into a community college. Dr. Barry's vision for Mesalands Community College has been instrumental to the continued development and success of the College. His efforts include leading the College through a rigorous accreditation process, and establishing the College's foundation to assist students in securing their educational futures. Dr. Barry's leadership also created the Mesalands Community College Dinosaur Museum, the North American Wind Research and Training Center, and a nationally ranked intercollegiate rodeo program.

Dr. Barry has spent decades working at community colleges to improve access and learning opportunities for all students, and especially those of New Mexico. His efforts and leadership in higher education will be a help to New Mexico and to the community college students of today and tomorrow. Thanks to Dr. Barry and the institutions he has led, a growing number of Americans are able to continue their educations, achieve secondary degrees, and help ensure our country's future competitiveness in an increasingly global economy.

HONORING U.S. ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN M. RUNKLE OF WEST SALEM, OHIO

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with the family of 1st Lt. John Runkle as we honor his memory and express our deepest gratitude for his service to America. Our Nation and our State lost one its finest last month when Lt. Runkle of West Salem, OH died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan. A native Ohioan, John Runkle graduated from Northwestern High School in 2002 and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following a deployment to Iraq during 2004 and 2005, he entered West Point, where he went on to graduate in the top ten percent of his class.

In 2010 Lt. Runkle graduated from Ranger School and served with the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. A standout servicemember in our Armed Forces, Lt. Runkle earned numerous commendations and medals during his career, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Lt. Runkle was 27 years old when his unit was struck by an improvised explosive device in Kandahar, Afghanistan on May 26, 2011. Lt. Runkle is survived by his father, John Runkle of Wooster, OH and his mother, Christine Runkle of West Salem, OH. He is also survived by his sister, Jane, and brothers Corey and Brent.

Although Lt. Runkle's life was cut far too short, the achievements he earned and the selfless service he gave to our Nation during his 27 years far exceeded what most of us could hope for in several lifetimes. Lt. Runkle represented the best of what America has to offer and his legacy will serve forever as a shining example of sacrifice, honor and a steadfast commitment to preserving freedom and liberty for all those that he left behind. Our country is a lesser place without him, but remains free and strong thanks to his service and his sacrifice.

**CHINESE SPYING DEVICES
INSTALLED ON HONG KONG CARS**

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article regarding the scope of Chinese espionage. The degree to which China spies on both its own people and foreigners is a reminder of the illegitimate security and economic practices of Beijing.

**CHINESE SPYING DEVICES INSTALLED ON HONG
KONG CARS**

(By Albert Ding and Matthew Robertson)

For years now Chinese authorities have been installing spying devices on all dual-plate Chinese-Hong Kong vehicles, enabling a vast network of eavesdropping across the archipelago, according to a Hong Kong newspaper.

The report in Apple Daily states that the recording devices began being installed as "inspection and quarantine cards" in July 2007. They were installed without charge by the Shenzhen Inspection and Quarantine Bureau on thousands of vehicles.

Smugglers were the first to note something strange about the devices. A source told Apple Daily that after the cards were installed mainland authorities had no trouble picking off the cars carrying illicit goods.

"For every ten cars we ran we only had [smuggled goods] in three or four to reduce the risk, but the border agents caught all of them. The accuracy was unreal!" Apple Daily quoted the smuggler saying.

The device, no larger than a PDA, is taped onto the vehicle's front window. Protective tape covers the screws, presumably to prevent tampering—though it didn't stop Apple Daily from removing the devices, taking them to experts for inspection, and presenting pictures of them splayed open on their website, with neat graphics indicating the various internal components.

Apple Daily says they took the device to a university professor and a private investigator, both of whom attested to the espionage potential of the units.

Zhang Dawei, identified as "a private investigator of over 30 years," took a look at the device's internal structure and told the Daily that the card could certainly be used for eavesdropping.

An Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at City University of Hong Kong, Zheng Liming, took apart one of the devices and confirmed that it can listen in on conversations.

And the range is extensive, he said. "The signal receiving range is up to 20km, which means if the device installer wants to, they can listen even when the vehicles are in Hong Kong," he said.

Two of the regions in Hong Kong where the device can transmit data back to China are Sha tin and Tuen mun.

Much cheaper chips can be used to check inspection status for simple border crossings, Zhang said, "But this device uses chips commonly found in Bluetooth and voice recording devices, designed for receiving voice transmission."

He thus thought it "very likely" that they were being used for surveillance.

The Daily interviewed several Hong Kong drivers to gauge their reactions; predictably, they were often irate.

Ms. Deng, who operates a real estate business, said: "Even if we hired a maid, we are not allowed to install a surveillance camera in her room due to privacy issues! You can't just do whatever you want."

A senior manager in an unidentified company noted that those who qualify for the dual license plate usually have some financial clout. If their business conversations in the car were recorded and the information shared, he said, it may be enough to send people bankrupt.

HKBusiness.net, an online news site, says that businesses that invested more than \$1 million in mainland China and paid more than 30,000 yuan in tax over the past year qualify for a dual license plate.

Apple Daily quotes a source saying there are at least 20,000 cars with dual license plates, and tens of thousands of trucks and buses.

A reporter from the newspaper went to the Shenzhen Inspection and Quarantine Bureau and confronted them with the accusations. Staff on duty flatly denied the idea, Apple Daily said. Speaking Cantonese, they assured him that "It's not that high tech."

SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, our economy is stalled. Our unemployment rate is still way too high. Two-thirds of all small business owners say it's a bad time to expand.

That's why it was important for me to spend part of last week meeting with local business and economic leaders in a Small Business Roundtable. We discussed how federal overregulation hampers business growth and expansion. We talked about legislative reform and the different needs of businesses and industries of various sizes.

I spoke to the leaders of CAN DO, Greater Hazleton's economic development agency, which celebrated its 55th anniversary this year, and with the Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce. Everywhere I went, I spoke with business leaders who are in the trenches every single day. They understand how government impacts their companies. They see how high taxes and burdensome overregulation keep them from growing.

One of the commitments I made to the people of northeastern Pennsylvania was that I would take their voices here to Washington with me. Mr. Speaker, the business leaders back home are crying out for relief. They're asking for us to get off their backs. They want to be able to grow, to expand, to buy more equipment, and to hire more workers.

Roundtable talks are a way for me to stay in touch with groups of constituents who are experts in their fields, and to get their opinions about current and future regulations and legislation. The discussions we've had so far have been extremely helpful, and the free flow of ideas and comments between panel members is fantastic.

Also last week, I convened an education roundtable to talk about fixing our broken system. Local educators and I discussed ways we can improve the synergy between educational programs, and how we can remove classroom hurdles and let teachers teach the workforce of the future.

When I toured the manufacturing and research-and-development Schott North America's Advanced Optics and glass manufacturing facility in Duryea, Pennsylvania, I heard about their need for skilled workers. These are the kind of jobs we need in northeastern Pennsylvania and in the United States. We must make sure that educators are able to prepare young people for those jobs.

One place that is working to prepare the workforce of tomorrow is the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County in Scranton, a consortium of nine school districts in northeastern Pennsylvania that provides instruction in 26 career areas. I saw firsthand the instruction that is going on in the technology center, and I'm proud of the work they do for our young people.

Of course, nowadays, our children face many hurdles on the road to their future. A serious and growing hurdle is the increasing amount of gang activity. I know northeastern Pennsylvania is about the last place anyone would think about when it comes to gangs, but national gangs are drawn to our quiet towns and our quality of life. Last week, I proudly co-

hosted a gang awareness seminar with Pennsylvania Senator John Yudichak. We were privileged to welcome D. Darell Dones, supervisory special agent of the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI, to the area. Agent Dones presented startling information about gangs and led a panel of experts who provided a frank assessment of local gang problems and potential gang solutions. Agent Dones noted that this cooperative effort—co-hosted by a Democratic state senator and a Republican congressman—was unlike any he'd seen in the country.

But the most special moment for me was when I helped present a veteran with medals he earned more than 65 years ago. Hazleton resident George Puhak helped liberate the Philippines during World War II, but for some reason, this Army veteran never received all of the medals he was entitled to. Representatives from the Embassy of the Philippines made the trip from Washington to Hazleton to present Mr. Puhak with the medals he earned all those decades ago. It was an honor for me to participate in the presentation, which took place in front of some of Mr. Puhak's children and grandchildren. Mr. Puhak's courage—and the commitment and dedication shown by his fellow members of The Greatest Generation—should stand as a shining example for today's youth, for whom we are working so hard here in Washington.

NAAMA SHAFIR: RELIGIOUS
DISCRIMINATION LIVES ON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during World War II, Jews were forced to wear the yellow star of David as a symbol of hatred and scorn.

The Jewish people experienced hatred in many forms during the Holocaust, most notably the murder of 4.9 to 6.0 million citizens.

Have we moved past this backward way of thinking? No!

Twenty-one-year-old Naama Shafir is a junior guard for the woman's basketball team at the University of Toledo. This April, she led her team to victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament championship with a career-high 40 points and was named tournament MVP.

She continues to excel, and has qualified to compete in the European championship as part of the Israeli women's national basketball team.

However, because Naama wears a t-shirt under her jersey in order to comply with the modesty standards expected of Orthodox Jews, she will not be allowed to compete in the European championship.

Tens of thousands of soldiers died during World War II trying to overcome this terrible prejudice, yet Naama still endures that same prejudice that her ancestors were faced with during the war.

And that's just the way it is.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY
STUDENTS—RYAN MARTINEZ

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 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 Ryan Martinez, a United States Naval Academy Appointee. Ryan is a graduate of Cistercian Preparatory School where he played football as a wide receiver and a free safety, ran cross country, participated in track, and played soccer earning a total of nine letters during his high school career. Ryan was actively involved in Student Council as the vice president, a member of the Third District Congressional Youth Advisory Council, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and worked as a sports writer for his school's newspaper. He was selected to attend the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Leadership Seminar. Ryan realized there was no other university he would rather attend, and by attending a service academy he would not only be pushing his talents to their fullest potential, but he would also be using them for his ultimate goal of servicing others, and especially his remarkable country.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING NA-
TIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June 21 as National Summer Learning Day and draw attention to the importance of high-quality summer learning opportunities in the lives of young people. This day is an opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, resident camps, sports clubs, businesses, museums and libraries to showcase the contributions they make to the lives of young people during the summer.

The effort to keep kids learning during summer is based on research that shows that without effective summer learning opportunities: most students fall more than two months behind in math over the summer; low-income children fall behind two to three months in reading each summer, while their middle and upper-income peers make slight gains; and by the end of fifth grade, lower-income children can be nearly three years behind their higher-income peers in reading.

Last year, nearly 500 events were held nationwide that highlighted how summer learning programs advance academic growth, support working families, keep children safe and send students back to school ready to learn.

I am proud to recognize National Summer Learning Day and encourage communities across the country to celebrate and acknowledge the importance of providing all young people with high-quality learning opportunities during the summer months.

REMEMBERING REVEREND L.E.
LAWSON AND MONSIGNOR
CHARLES KING

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of two of Denton County's most esteemed spiritual leaders, Reverend L.E. Lawson and Monsignor Charles King. Both Reverend Lawson and Monsignor King devoted their lives to serving their respective congregations and compassionately working to improve the lives of the less fortunate in the Denton community.

Reverend Lawson, who passed away May 22nd, spent the last 26 of his 52 years in the ministry as pastor of Denton's Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, during which time he baptized, married, and performed the burials of generations of church members. Reverend Lawson loyally tended to the spiritual needs of the community in which he immersed himself.

Monsignor King, who passed away June 1st and just a week after the Reverend Lawson, served 10 of his 54 ministry years at Denton's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, but left an equally lasting mark of leadership and compassion on his congregation and his community.

The two men's spiritual work represented different branches of Christianity. Monsignor King's Catholic Church is a centuries-old world religion of grandeur while Reverend Lawson hailed from the much humbler African-American Baptist church. In the end, however, their paths ultimately led to interchangeable legacies that reflect both men's never-ceasing dedication to the Christian faith and the Denton community. Comments from members of both congregations in Reverend Lawson's and Monsignor King's obituaries could be applied to either man.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the exemplary lives of Reverend L.E. Lawson and Monsignor Charles King. With the passing of these men, Denton has lost more than a century of spiritual direction and service. Their passion and enthusiasm for their faith and their fellow man, however, will always be remembered.

HONORING GRADUATES OF RUT-
GERS LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF
2011 AND PROFESSOR JOHN
BECKERMAN

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today offering my sincere congratulations to the Rutgers Law School Class of 2011. I additionally would like to recognize Rutgers-Camden Professor John Beckerman. Professor Beckerman

possesses a keen legal mind and a passion for teaching. He has taught many classes ranging from Medieval European History to Duty and Fairness in Corporate Law at many esteemed schools, including Yale University, the University of Michigan, and Rutgers-Camden Law. This spring, he was selected by this year's Rutgers-Camden graduating class as the 2011 "Professor of the Year." As part of this honor, Professor Beckerman delivered the Class Day Speech to the Rutgers School of Law-Camden class of 2011 on May 18, 2011. It is my privilege to read his remarks into the RECORD:

Honored Guests, Dear Friends, There are a lot of lawyers in our country—something approaching one million two hundred thousand—and despite all who leave the profession every year, loud voices constantly tell us that there are too many lawyers, too much law, too much regulation; that we need fewer lawyers, less law, and especially less regulation.

Not everyone in the audience will agree with me, and that's fine, but I have a different message for you. Quite apart from the ongoing debate about the proper size and scope of government, never have we needed capable and courageous lawyers more than we need you now. Never has our society needed your knowledge; your skills; your policy expertise; your problem solving ability; your good judgment; your sensitivity to the plight of ordinary people, to say nothing of the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed, more than we need it today.

History shows that lawyers and legal doctrine always have served those of wealth and privilege. It is no coincidence that property law in Anglo-American jurisprudence largely developed in its main outlines before the laws of crime, torts, and contract. Because wealthy and powerful persons and entities can better afford lawyers than can the rest of us, they not only hire lawyers more easily, but also elect legislators, influence who become judges, and exert disproportionate influence on both the law enacted by legislatures and doctrine declared by courts.

What difference does this make today? The past thirty years have seen the greatest concentration of wealth upwards ever in the history of our republic. The effects of these economic changes on the law and politics are not surprising, but are cause for enormous concern. As Jay Feinman has demonstrated (*UN-MAKING LAW: THE CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN TO ROLL BACK THE COMMON LAW*, Boston, 2004), there has been a movement in legislatures and courts to reduce the legal protections available to ordinary people and to increase the legal benefits our government gives to corporations and individuals of wealth and power.

It's no secret that the General Electric Company paid no federal income taxes in 2010 despite making more than \$5 billion in profits, that the government gives \$4 billion of tax subsidies every year to the oil industry despite the huge profits they are making as gas prices top \$4 per gallon, and that billionaires who have died since the beginning of 2010 paid no federal estate taxes. You don't need me to tell you what's wrong with this picture. We need lawyers and legislators with vision and courage to correct these distributional inequities currently enshrined in law.

Consistent with the trend of reducing protections for ordinary people, in the past month and a half, the conservative majority on the Supreme Court issued two decisions that I find very disturbing. In one (*AT&T Mobility, LLC v. Concepcion*, No. 09-903, April 27, 2011), they held that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts efforts of state

courts to limit contractual arbitration clauses that they deem unfair to consumers. As soon as corporations insert into every contract an arbitration clause limiting your right to sue and waiving your right to represent others, this decision will effectively end all consumer and employment class action lawsuits throughout the United States, as well as their disciplining effects on corporate behavior.

In another case (*Connick v. Thompson*, No. 09-571, March 29, 2011), the majority expanded the doctrine of municipal immunity to overturn a damage award won by a man who served eighteen years on death row in Louisiana for crimes he did not commit as a result of the district attorney's deliberately withholding from the defense the exculpatory evidence that eventually exonerated him, in flagrant violation of well-settled constitutional law. And a year ago, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 50 (2010), the same majority held that corporations have the same First Amendment rights as people, thus effectively eviscerating most legislative efforts to limit the corrosive effects of money on politics. Do we need educated, proficient and courageous lawyers to restore balance to the law in these areas? Of course we do.

But those aren't the only reasons we need you so badly. The same interests that tell us there are too many lawyers continue to try to cripple protection of the environment from greenhouse gases, to limit protection of the oceans from oil well blowouts such as BP's Deepwater Horizon catastrophe, to hinder protection of the drinking water supply in Pennsylvania and New York from the carcinogenic effects of hydraulic fracturing chemicals used to extract natural gas, to reduce protection of the nation's food supply and pharmaceuticals, to obstruct protection of the capital markets and investors from the same excesses of Wall Street and the banking industry that melted down our financial system in 2008 and gave us the Great Recession; to end protection of severely injured victims of medical negligence and abuse by physicians and hospitals in the guise of tort reform, and to vilify public employees including policemen, firemen and teachers and abolish their collective bargaining rights.

We know from sad experience that free markets don't regulate themselves, that the environment and the public health don't protect themselves, that trickle-down economics doesn't work, and that tax cuts don't pay for themselves. But we need lawyers to translate that experience into law if the public is to be protected from the worst excesses of free market capitalism and corporate greed.

We need you for other compelling reasons also. In 2009, over 6,600 hate crimes were reported in the United States, almost half against victims targeted because of their race, the rest against victims targeted because of their religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin or disability. We need lawyers not only to prosecute the perpetrators, but also to dispel the dual curses of ignorance and intolerance that cause these crimes and to protect the civil rights of the persons who are their targets.

And throughout the world, peoples emerging from the yokes of tyrannical and dictatorial regimes need the assistance of lawyers to establish laws that will afford them the blessings of fair and peaceful democratic government.

My new lawyer colleagues, the challenges that await you are serious and daunting. Both American society and the world need you desperately. The faculty and staff of the law school and all who have supported you during your time here have the highest

hopes for each and every one of you. We offer you only one challenge as you graduate from Rutgers Law School. Make us all proud of you!

Thank you very much.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for rollcall votes numbered 417 and 418 on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both rollcalls.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 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. GOODLATTE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the gentleman's amendment to this legislation.

First, I want to be clear that I do believe that discrimination against many black farmers occurred. In 1997 a group of black farmers who had been discriminated against filed a case against USDA. By 1999 the courts agreed and approved a settlement for the farmers who had been discriminated against and provided a framework and time frames to settle the claims. Included in this settlement, the court provided a time frame for new claimants to have their cases heard. Anyone who had a claim was given the opportunity to come forward during this court approved window.

Despite this framework, we are still allowing additional payments to others, who had an earlier opportunity to file claims but did not. What is most disturbing is that approximately 94,000 total claims have been filed, yet census data shows that there were only 33,000 black farmers in the U.S. during the relevant time period. Furthermore, whistleblowers have come forward, including a black farmer, alleging widespread fraud in this process. These serious allegations of fraud should be investigated before we spend potentially \$1.2 billion on these claims, especially when the standard of proof for these claims is reduced under this settlement compared to what it would have been in a court.

I believe that we must investigate any allegations of fraud that are occurring before this Congress allows any more funds to be used for the settlement. Just as it would be an injustice to not grant relief to black farmers who had been discriminated against, it would also

be an injustice to grant an award to an individual who had not been discriminated against.

COMMEMORATING CHALLENGE
DAIRY PRODUCTS 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Challenge Dairy Products as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Challenge first opened with 4 employees, a wagon and a rented horse that traveled from the San Joaquin Valley to Los Angeles. Today, Challenge Dairy Products has grown into a cooperative association representing 450 California family-owned dairies that markets and distributes dairy products globally.

Challenge has become the largest butter brand in the West and is the leading dairy foodservice provider in California with eight distribution centers spanning from Lodi to San Diego. Challenge's successes are evidence of the many dedicated California dairy farmers and employees who have ensured the quality of all dairy products they produce.

From the very beginning J.P. Murphy, the first President of then-named Challenge Cream and Butter Association, recognized the importance of quality when he built the Challenge brand's reputation. With skilled marketing, word spread about the quality of Challenge Cream and Butter until they were the best known brand in the West. In an ongoing effort to improve butter quality, Challenge's engineers developed novel methods for butter processing and shipment, effectively replacing wooden churns and containers with aluminum.

Today, Challenge Dairy Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of California Dairies, Inc., CDI, and markets nearly half of CDI's butter supply. As California's largest dairy provider, CDI has six manufacturing facilities that are located throughout the central valley and directly employs over 740 people. The 450 dairy farmer members produce 17 billion pounds of milk annually, allowing CDI to market high quality dairy products in all 50 states and 52 foreign countries.

Challenge has provided generations of families with quality dairy products and has been instrumental in making California the top dairy state in the Nation. I applaud Challenge Dairy Products, their dairy farmers and employees for their hard work and dedication, and I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to correct a vote that I made in the amendment series of H.R. 2112. During the roll call votes, I voted "no" on the Campbell amendment to prohibit funding from the Animal, Plant and Health Inspection Service account for being used for the purpose of destroying wild ani-

mals in order to protect livestock. I intended to support the amendment, as I firmly believe that the federal government should not support cruel, drastic measures of animal destruction. My record is strongly supportive of these types of provisions, and I regret that I missed another opportunity to state my strong disapproval to many of the trapping and poisoning methods employed in the destruction of wildlife.

I wish to clearly state for the record that I supported the Campbell-DeFazio amendment and did not intend to vote against it.

CONGRATULATING TIM THOMAS
ON WINNING NHL'S MOST VALU-
ABLE PLAYER AWARD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stanley Cup winner, playoff MVP, Flint Native and Davison High School graduate Tim Thomas.

Tim's road to the championship is a tale of perseverance and staying true to your dreams. Tim was born in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, graduating from high school in nearby Davison. From an early age, he dreamed of playing in the NHL as a goalie. His family was so supportive of his dreams, that his parents sold their wedding rings in order to pay for him to go to hockey camp.

During his four years of college hockey at the University of Vermont, he was the 217th player drafted in 1994 and turned down an offer to play for the NHL's Quebec Nordiques. After graduation, he spent nine years playing for minor league teams in the United States, and for leagues in Canada and Finland. It seemed that his dream of playing in the NHL would not be realized.

But finally, after years of perseverance he finally got the call to the big leagues, becoming a full-time goalie for the Boston Bruins in 2005–2006 season. He continued his uphill battle to keep his place on the team, fighting through critics who wanted him traded and a hip injury that required surgery during the off season. But last night, he showed that all those years of hard work were worth it. Tim helped lead his team to playoff victory, blocking 37 shots to post his fourth shutout of the series. At the age of 37, Tim is only the fourth goalie in history to post a Game 7 shutout in the Stanley Cup finals.

Tim's story is an inspiration to everyone who has been told that they're not good enough and who have struggled to achieve success. He is proof that if you work hard, greatness can be achieved and that dreams do come true.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Tim Thomas for helping to lead the Boston Bruins to the Stanley Cup victory and winning the title of Most Valuable Player in the NHL.

RECOGNIZING RIDE TO WORK DAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus I rise to recognize Ride to Work Day.

Since 1992, this event has been organized by the Ride to Work organization and is intended to increase public awareness of motorcyclists; promote the use of bikes as consistent methods of transportation; and increase motorcycle safety.

This year, on June 20th more than a million riders will commute to work on their motorcycles and scooters. This annual event offers riders an opportunity to highlight motorcycles and scooters as viable, fun, and fuel-efficient modes of transportation.

In 2008, more than 25 million Americans operated a motorcycle at least once—and that number is expected to rise as more Americans recognize motorcycles and scooters as attractive commuting options. Motorcycles and scooters can save riders money at the fuel pump, and help to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign sources of oil, as motorcycles are considerably more fuel-efficient than most other vehicles.

As more Americans choose two wheels over four it becomes even more important to focus on motorcycle safety. As a doctor I know how important safety is when riding and sharing the roads. Riders and their machines are smaller and harder to spot—and given that motorcyclists make up a relatively small percentage of all road users, drivers often do not expect to encounter motorcycles. It is therefore important that we take every opportunity to remind all road users to be aware on Ride to Work Day and every day.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DORIS
MOORAD NADDER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished woman, Doris Moorad Nadder. A lifetime member of Illinois' Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church, an extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, cousin and friend, Doris is beloved for her spirited community involvement.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Doris Nadder attended Lake View High School and later Northwestern Business College and Jones Business School. In 1983, she joined Kraft Foods, and spent the next 15 years contributing her considerable energy and talents to the company, rising to become Account Executive for Major Accounts. In her spare time, she wrote a play about the food service business for which she won a Prestigious Achievement Award. That's just how Doris Nadder sees life . . . a wonderful stage on which so many people interact.

Apart from her professional career, Doris Nadder has devoted herself to her church community, serving as an Elder and Financial Secretary. She can always be found mingling

with friends in the pews, or leading the Carter-Westminster Exercise Group. She was recently chosen as Carter-Westminster's "S.Y.S.K." (Someone You Should Know), an honor she has earned and richly deserves.

Above all, Doris Nadder loves her family. She and her husband Dick were married in 1956, and raised three beautiful children—Claudia, Allison, and James. Her three grandchildren, Colin, Adam, and Jason are the lights of her life, whom she rates as "Ten Pluses."

Doris and Dick Nadder are avid readers and world travelers, having visited Spain, Austria, England and France. She has brought new meaning to the word 'retired', walking three miles daily, painting beautiful watercolors, practicing her calligraphy, and occasionally even working part-time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my very special cousin, Doris Nadder. She enriches the lives of everyone who knows her, and she brings constant joy to her family and wide circle of friends. I'm proud to pay tribute to a woman who lives her faith every day of her life, strengthens each of us with her integrity, and makes her community and our country stronger and better with all she does.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 420 for H.R. 2112, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 413, I was inadvertently delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM

HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the positive influence of the

AbilityOne Program in my district. Since its establishment in 1971, AbilityOne has grown to become the largest source of employment for those who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the United States.

Individuals employed through the AbilityOne Program provide vital services to hundreds of nonprofit organizations and the federal government. Within my district both the Fort Polk/Joint Readiness Training Center and Barksdale Air Force Base employ individuals enrolled in the AbilityOne Program. By assisting those who are blind or severely disabled in finding and keeping jobs, AbilityOne vastly improves participants' quality of life, giving them the dignity of work and the security of financial support.

I am proud to support the underlying goals and purpose of the AbilityOne Program, and commend the many constituents I have in the 4th District of Louisiana who have found meaningful and productive employment through this program. I realize Fort Polk's and Barksdale's AbilityOne employees are critical to the success of these installations and their important missions.

With great honor, I applaud the AbilityOne Program and its participants for making a difference in unemployment among people with disabilities in Louisiana and throughout the United States.