

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANTIGUA'S BREACH OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like to renew a discussion of an ongoing situation which requires our attention.

The expropriation of the Half Moon Bay Resort in Antigua, owned and developed by a group of American citizens since 1971, was entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD almost three years ago by my predecessor, the Hon. Thomas Tancredo (September 24, 2008—E1891).

I would remind this House that the expropriation of this internationally recognized Resort has been the subject of ongoing legal proceedings from 2000 to June 2007, when the Privy Council in London allowed the Government of Antigua to “forcibly acquire” the property under its sovereign right of eminent domain, provided the owners’ rights to payment of compensation were equally upheld.

Since that date, four years ago, the dispossessed owners have had to initiate a number of legal actions against the Government of Antigua to move the process of arriving at compensation as prescribed by Antigua’s own laws and Constitution.

At this point, three issues still remain before the Courts: two in the Eastern Caribbean High Court and one before the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal. The subject matter of the cases have to do with the value of the property as established by a Government appointed Assessment Board, and with the owners’ Constitutional Right to “fair compensation within a reasonable time.”

By request of the Attorney General, representing the Government in each of these cases, the hearings scheduled for dates in the first half of this year have been adjourned without a return date being set.

The hearing before the Court of Appeal may occur during that court’s next sitting in Antigua in September, but the Attorney General has already ignored a filing deadline ordered by that body, which may cause further postponement of that hearing.

Meanwhile, Antigua’s Ministers have announced various agreements that are being signed with developers for the Half Moon Bay property. Even more outrageous is a statement released to the Antiguan press by the Attorney General (who is also Antigua’s Minister of Justice and Minister of Legal Affairs) that such re-development can legally commence prior to any compensation being paid to the dispossessed American owners.

It is an established fact that expropriation of American-owned property and business is a breach of the Caribbean Economic Basin Recovery Act (CBERA) and by ignoring the rights of the owners to prompt and fair compensation, the Government of Antigua has also

breached the WTO International Trade and Investment Rules.

I urge the President, as mandated by the terms of the CBERA, to suspend Antigua’s benefits and rights accorded to preferred trading partners.

While the financial effect of such alienation may be negligible, the political aspect of recognizing the breach is essential to maintain respect for the treaty and its signatories. Our citizens deserve no less.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF GARY LABELLA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding American citizen who has made significant contributions to northern Indiana’s economy through his work on behalf of the recreational vehicle industry, Gary LaBella.

For more than three decades, Mr. LaBella was instrumental in enhancing the recreational vehicle (RV) industry’s image, contributing to the RVIA and the industry’s success. The efforts he led in the marketing of RVs has helped unify this industry and transformed the way consumers think about RVs in this country, now and for the future.

Known for his creativity, Mr. LaBella launched an aggressive industry-wide marketing program that earned high acclaim throughout the travel and recreation communities. Under his direction, RVIA and industry partners launched the Go RVing national advertising program in the mid 1990s, which is often referred to as one of the most successful programs in the industry’s history.

In 2010, Mr. LaBella organized a celebration for the RV industry’s Centennial, culminating with a widely attended June party on the grounds of the RV/Manufactured Housing Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, Indiana. Elkhart is often referred to as the heart of the RV manufacturing community and the RV Centennial Celebration focused on saluting the workers who made the industry great.

RV Business, an industry trade journal, saluted Mr. LaBella in 2010 as one of the industry’s 100 most influential executives of all time. Mr. LaBella received a similar honor in 2005, the year he was inducted into the RV Hall of Fame. At a celebration of his career on December 1, 2010, many of the speakers echoed the sentiment that Mr. LaBella perhaps is one of the most influential individuals in the industry’s history. Mr. LaBella, a graduate of Utica College of Syracuse University who joined the Reston, VA-based RVIA in 1978, has received an “Outstanding Achievement Award” from RVIA, and in 2010, he received both the Chairman’s Award from the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association and the prestigious Spirit Award from the RV/MH Hall of Fame. In

his farewell to the industry before an appreciative audience of 1,200 at the Louisville, Kentucky trade show, Mr. LaBella said he was leaving the stage with “two overriding emotions—pride in what we all accomplished together to elevate this industry’s image, and happiness that I leave RVIA with only friends.” Today I rise on behalf of the citizens of Indiana’s Second District, to salute his character, his personal achievements and his contributions to the RV industry.

JULY 4, 2011 NATURALIZATION CEREMONY IN HAMMOND

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate the individuals who took their oath of citizenship on July 4, 2011. In true patriotic fashion, on the day of our great Nation’s celebration of independence, a naturalization ceremony took place, welcoming new citizens of the United States of America. This memorable occasion, coordinated by the Hammond Public Library and presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, was held at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the globe to the United States in search of better lives for their families. The upcoming oath ceremony was a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On July 4, 2011, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oath of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Karen Seballos Dela Cruz, Shimei Yan, Suryaprasad Veeravenka Padala, Juan Pablo Diaz Avila, Luis Eduardo Rivera Ramirez, Blagoja Jofceski, Kulvinder Singh, Horacio Garcia Leon, Samip Rabindra Fozdar, Radhika Ragamanjar Chillarige, Annaji Rao Venkata Chillarige, Tin-Chun Lin, Magdaleno Nevarez Sanchez, Ciprian Daniel Bargo, Leonel Alonso Cancino Ortiz, Mouna Youssef Mikhael, Maroun Elias Elias, Jasmina Salkovski, Pedro Flores Rodriguez, Agnes Joh Smith, Francisco Javier Jimenez, Xiao Yan Wang, Mui Hiong Nykaza, Michael Franco Calonia, Alira Mae Navarro Calonia, Zbigniew Jasek, Claudia Jeanette Darak, James Tan Geulen, Gay Karen Geulen, Dung Thi Lux, Naumka Prentoska, Carlos Bayron Martinez Valencia, Chaudhry Ahtsham Sarwar, Mohammed Yahya Moha Atef, Gabriel Eduardo Orta Gonzalez, Varalakshmi Vaddi, Emmanuelle Renee Fran Davallet Fortney, Daisy Ngina

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Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2011, the day of our Nation's independence. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate and welcome them.

THE BLACK AND GOLD IN THE
ATL

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

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

Whereas, since its founding, the Black and Gold in the ATL has been and continues to be a worthy instrument for reuniting people who have migrated from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, over the past 20 years, the Black and Gold weekend celebration has been held to support the Pittsburgh Steelers and to fellowship with family and friends from Pittsburgh; and

Whereas, the Black and Gold in the ATL weekend has always promoted the concept of One Community—One Goal by working with and for individuals of all walks of life to make Atlanta a place where Pittsburgh natives are seen as well as heard; and

Whereas, its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community by being productive citizens; and.

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the members of the Black and Gold in the ATL, our district is a better place due to their commitment to excellence in all of their endeavors; and

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

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 25, 2011, as The Black & Gold in the ATL Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of June, 2011.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK
BRIDGE BRUINS MEN'S TENNIS
TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge Bruins Men's Tennis team for winning the Class 2 A Missouri State Championship on May 26.

These young men and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 2 A Tennis Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge Bruins for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JOHN T.
HARDIN OF THE UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the distinguished 27-year career of Captain John T. Hardin in the United States Coast Guard. Captain Hardin has served in the United States Coast Guard with distinction throughout his career, in particular as the commanding officer of Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, which is located in the First Congressional District.

Captain Hardin graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut on May 23, 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering. His first duty station was aboard the USCG Sherman where he served as Engineer of the Watch, Auxiliary Officer, Electrical Officer, and Fueling Officer. Captain Hardin went on to attend Naval Flight Training and received his wings in May of 1987.

Captain Hardin's diverse career took him to multiple locations including Miami, San Diego, and San Francisco. During these assignments Captain Hardin served as Morale Officer, Public Works Officer, Aviation Material Officer, Rotary Wing Assistant Engineer, Aircraft Salvage Officer, HH-65A Instructor Pilot, Engineer Officer, and even President of the Flight Examining Board. Captain Hardin became dual-qualified in the HH-65A helicopter, the first qualified copilot in the HU-25C Air Interceptor, and earned a Master's of Business Administration in Technologies Management.

Captain Hardin's connection to Elizabeth City, North Carolina began in 1999 with his first assignment as the HU-25 Product Line Manager at the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center. Later, in 2002, Captain Hardin transferred to the Engineering Industrial Supply Center as the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center Chief Engineer. In 2003, Captain Hardin became the commanding officer of the C-130J Aircraft Project Office, and his career culminated in July of 2008 when he assumed command of Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City.

Captain Hardin has dutifully served our country for the past 27 years, and eastern

North Carolina for over 10 years while stationed at Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City. It brings me great joy to honor the dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to duty demonstrated by Captain Hardin.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Captain John T. Hardin on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard and offer my sincere appreciation for his many years of service to the United States of America.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN OPEN
DOOR CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to congratulate An Open Door Church on its 25th anniversary. In honor of this momentous milestone, a celebratory reception will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at An Open Door Church in Hammond, Indiana. For 25 years, An Open Door Church has been committed to the spiritual and social conditions of residents living in the Hammond area as well as in the greater Northwest Indiana community.

Founded on July 6, 1986 in South Holland, Illinois, by Doctors and Pastors Meredith and Marilyn Shackelford, An Open Door Church began as a small congregation in the basement of the pastors' home. Quickly outgrowing this small space, the church began to rent space, and, after eight years, it was able to purchase its first building in Hammond. The church's congregation continued to grow and the church moved to its current location on Hohman Avenue in Hammond, Indiana six years ago. Currently, the church has an impressive membership of more than 350 congregants.

The church and its parishioners follow a visionary motto, “reaching people to reach the world,” which is carried out through the church's various ministries and programs that work to support change in the lives of others. An Open Door Church places a strong emphasis on the family unit, and has built its organization around the belief that strong families build strong communities. The church's dedication to the welfare of residents in Northwest Indiana is demonstrated through its many outreach projects which include: a summer concert series at Harrison Park where school supplies are distributed to children in need; Wee Care, a child development ministry; a food pantry ministry that feeds over 75 families per month; Give God a Chance, a marriage ministry; a prison outreach ministry; various children and teen ministries; and the Christian Academy, which provides education for grades kindergarten through grade eight. In addition, the church has partnered with numerous community organizations in order to improve the quality of life for countless individuals. These organizations include Calumet Project, Interfaith Worker Justice, and Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance. An Open Door Church, its founders, and its ministry directors show uncompromising loyalty to the community of Northwest Indiana and they are worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in

honoring An Open Door Church for its exceptional community service ministry and to congratulate the organization on its 25th anniversary. The founders and congregation of this truly admirable organization continue to touch the lives of numerous people, and for this selfless, lifelong service they are to be commended.

HONORING MAJOR CAMILLE MACK

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Major Camille Mack, United States Army, on the occasion of her departure from the Army House Liaison Office to pursue a Master's Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the National Defense Institute at Bolling Air Force Base. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with her over the past three years as she served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives. Major Mack served in my personal office and was an essential part of my staff during that time.

In 1999, after completing Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning Georgia, Major Mack was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps Branch.

Major Mack's initial assignment was to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she served as a Psychological Operations Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 4th Psychological Operations Group. She deployed on two consecutive tours in Iraq in support of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and 3rd Psychological Operations Battalion.

For 22 months, Major Mack commanded the 45th Sustainment Brigade stationed in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. While in command, her unit was dispersed to three locations throughout Iraq. Upon her return to the United States, Major Mack served on division staff as the network operations Officer in Charge (OIC) and then later was selected as a Congressional Fellow and served a year in my personal office. During her time as a Fellow in my office, Major Mack showed great leadership and dedication; the very qualities that have helped her make this chamber, our U.S. Army and our nation a better place. She embodies the very core values of our armed services. I was honored to have her become such an integral and important part of our team.

Following her fellowship in the House of Representatives, Major Mack was assigned to the Army House Liaison Office. I have come to know Major Mack well during her assignment to the House of Representatives through her time working as a fellow in my Washington D.C. Office and as a regional liaison in the Army House Liaison Office. She has never failed to impress me with her energy and dedication to Soldiers, their families, and the United States Army. She is a superb representative of Army values.

Camille's personal contribution to our nation on behalf of not only the United States Army but also all of our armed services represents the finest of our military professionals.

Camille's service is a remarkable example of patriotic and selfless service.

It is my great honor to congratulate Major Camille Mack on her service to the Army and our Nation and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of this Soldier, citizen, and friend.

IN HONOR OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Westlake, Ohio, in recognition of its bicentennial celebration. Since 1811, Westlake has been a shining community within Northeast Ohio.

In 1811, 16-year-old Leverett Johnson became Westlake's first resident when he began clearing land for a log cabin. This cabin served as lifelong home for him, his wife Abigail, and their nine children. Johnson went on to have a distinguished career in government, serving as a justice of the peace, township treasurer, Cuyahoga County Commissioner, and Ohio State Legislator.

Now, 200 years later, Westlake is a successful, vibrant community known for its unique appeal to both businesses and families. The City of Westlake is continuing to make improvements to the community; St. John Medical Center is being renovated, Cuyahoga Community College's new Westshore campus is near completion, and plans are underway for the construction of a new high school.

The residents of Westlake have planned a series of events to celebrate their city's rich history and vibrant future. Several events, such as a fence dedication, historic cemetery tour, marker dedication and time capsule burial will take place at the historic Evergreen Cemetery. The Evergreen Cemetery was founded around 1820 by Leverett Johnson and several other early settlers. Today it serves as their final resting ground and one of Westlake's most historic locations. Other planned festivities include an art show, concert, Mayor's Ball, a 4th of July parade and fireworks and a Bicentennial Ball Drop on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of the City of Westlake, Ohio as its residents celebrate the city's bicentennial. I extend my sincere congratulations to all members of the Westlake community.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER ANTON KCIRA'S RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Anton Kcira, a leader in Michigan's Albanian American community for

the past 22 years and a fierce advocate for the rights of Kosova Albanians around the world, on the occasion of his retirement after 40 years of ministry in the Catholic Church.

As the son of a town mayor in Kosova, Father Anton learned at a young age the value of service to his community and the importance of standing up for one's own beliefs. Early in his life, Father Anton heard the call to serve his community as a priest in the Catholic Church and went on to serve several parishes for over two decades following his ordination. As a servant of the Church during the years of communist rule in Yugoslavia, Father Anton took great personal risk to provide spiritual guidance and leadership to the Kosova Albanian Catholic community during a time of great uncertainty.

As a community leader, it is clear that Father Anton believes strongly in the power of dialogue to bring his community together. During his time in Kosova he took it upon himself to step out into the community to resolve issues between brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors. He even took it upon himself to step in between the warring sides of blood feuds and brought peace between families who had been fighting for generations. Father Anton even reached out to Albania's Muslim community and through his skillful dialogue built an understanding and mutual respect between Albanian Muslims and Catholics.

After his many years of service to the Albanian community in Kosova, Father Anton was forced to flee his homeland to avoid persecution by Yugoslavia's communist government. Father Anton arrived in Michigan in 1989 and was appointed administrator of St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Church by the Archdiocese of Detroit. He brought with him the same sense of community that had served his parishioners so well in Kosova and under his administration St. Paul expanded its congregation from 50 families to over 1,100 members. Under his leadership, St. Paul's also found its new home in Rochester Hills and built an extraordinary place of worship, which has allowed its members to better practice their spiritual fellowship.

Much as he did in Kosova, Father Anton has continued to play a central role within the community he serves. Father Anton rallied the Albanian community to support the many Albanian refugees who arrived, first fleeing from communism and then from genocide in the Balkans. In an even greater show of leadership, Father Anton called upon his parish to meet the challenges its brothers and sisters were facing in the Balkans and the St. Paul's parishioners responded by raising over one million dollars to help the wounded in Kosova. In addition, Father Anton has been an unwavering international voice for the needs of Kosova, advising Members of Congress, U.S. Presidents and world political and religious leaders on the need to support Kosova's ethnic Albanian minority. In 1999, he even sat as a member of the Rambuje Delegation which developed the peace that has allowed Kosova to become the independent nation that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating a true leader, statesman and humanitarian as Father Anton Kcira celebrates his retirement after more than 40 years in the service to the Catholic Church. Father Anton has truly been a father to a community that has faced so much adversity and contributed immensely to improve the lives of millions

around the world. I wish him happiness in his retirement and trust that he will continue to be a strong advocate for his community and for fairness and social justice around the world.

HONORING JAMES D. BOYD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. GARAMENDI and I rise today to congratulate Mr. James D. Boyd on an exemplary 50 years of public service to the State of California. For five decades, Mr. Boyd has been a pioneer in the fields of renewable fuels, air quality, new vehicle technologies, bio-energy and climate change. He deserves great praise for his involvement and expertise, which has resulted in California becoming a leading example for the rest of the nation.

Jim graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1961 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and a minor in Mechanical Engineering. He immediately went to work for the California Department of Water Resources, where he served as principal budget reviewer for the administration of major state public health and health care programs, as well as appeared before committees of the state legislature as principal advocate for these programs' budget needs.

From 1970 to 1976, Mr. Boyd worked at the California Health and Welfare Agency as the Deputy Director, and then as the Assistant Secretary of Operations. In the latter role, he directed operational, administrative and fiscal policy for eight agencies with more than 30,000 employees and a budget exceeding \$3 billion. These departments operated the state's programs for Health (Public Health, Medicaid, Mental Health), Employment, Rehabilitation, Social Welfare, Corrections, and Youth Authority.

Following his tenure at the California Health and Welfare Agency, Jim was appointed chief executive officer of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). From 1981 to 1996, he directed the nation's largest state air pollution-control program, which included the adoption of regulations that required the use of cleaner burning gasoline and diesel fuel, lowering emissions of cars and trucks, and the implementation of electric vehicles on California roads. Due in large part to these efforts, the state now has the highest number of hybrid electric vehicles in the world. During his time as CARB's CEO, he successfully served under five chairmen and three governors with contrasting political views, which is a significant testament to his professionalism and problem-solving skills.

For the past decade, Mr. Boyd has served on the California Energy Commission, where he oversees transportation programs, and an annual \$100 million investment in alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technologies. Because of his expertise, Jim was appointed by U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu to the National Petroleum Council to comprehend and explain the circumstances and fixtures surrounding transportation fuels of the future.

Jim has accomplished many feats in his careers including organizing California's first Bio-energy Interagency Working Group, as well as California's first Joint Agency Climate Change Team, which predated any current mandates pertaining to the issue. He has been honored for contributions to the field of air pollution control and serves on several nonprofit and public-private boards. For instance, his participation with the Baja Board of Governors and the Swedish government on renewable energy resulted in two Memorandums of Understanding between the State of California and Baja, and California and Sweden.

Additionally, Mr. Boyd was appointed California's liaison to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2002 and became knowledgeable about issues facing nuclear power plants, particularly seismic vulnerability. Because of this experience, Jim was able to testify before Congress in the wake of Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster in April 2011.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. GARAMENDI and I ask our colleagues to rise and thank Mr. Jim Boyd for his tireless dedication to the health and well-being of the great people of California, his decades of strong leadership, and for continuing to seek creative and cost-effective solutions to some of the state's most pressing issues.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODVALE CEMETERY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Woodvale Cemetery on the occasion of its dedication as an Ohio Historical Marker.

The Woodvale Cemetery was established in the early 1800s after Mr. Fred G. Klink donated a half acre of land to be utilized as a burial ground. It was not until 1876 that the cemetery was named by Frank M. Stearns who proposed the unnamed cemetery be identified for the scenic wooded vale it abuts. In 1931, the Woodvale Cemetery covered 35 acres and was designated as a non-profit cemetery. Today the Woodvale Cemetery is owned by the cities of Middleburg Heights and Berea and spans nearly 50 acres.

The Woodvale Cemetery hosts some of Ohio's most historic and important graves. The oldest marked grave, dated 1858, is that of Fred G. Klink, the patron of the cemetery. Other notable sets of graves include those of John Baldwin and James Wallace's, the founders of Baldwin Wallace College.

There are also hundreds of veterans from every U.S. war buried in Woodvale Cemetery. There are entire areas dedicated to the graves of soldiers of the U.S. Civil War. Additionally, the first Ohioan to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, World War I veteran Albert E. Baesel, is buried in the cemetery.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Woodvale Cemetery on the occasion of its dedication as an Ohio Historical Marker.

COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF CENTER LINE, MICHIGAN ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the city of Center Line, Michigan, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of being incorporated as a city this weekend.

The city of Center Line is located north of Detroit in Macomb County and was incorporated in 1936. The city has a rich heritage, and is known as a warm, family-oriented and tight-knit community. Residents have always prided themselves on maintaining the community's distinct identity and small-town feel. After 75 years of growth and change, that local spirit remains embodied in the city.

The area incorporated as a village in 1925 and transitioned to cityhood in 1936. The Center Line name derives from the center of three Native American trails named by the French that led north from Detroit to other trading posts. The middle trail, known as the "Centre Line," became the main road used by early settlers travelling between the cities of Detroit and Utica. It became known as Center Line Road, and today is Sherwood Avenue.

The "center" of town became Van Dyke Avenue after construction of St. Clement Catholic Church in 1854. St. Clement has been one of the defining landmarks of the city. In addition to the many Catholic families that settled in Center Line, a large number of the residents that migrated from Detroit to settle in Center Line are of French, German, Belgium and Irish descent. These close-knit families have lived in the city their whole lives, many now going on the three generations.

The city of Center Line embodies the American dream: Hard-working, middle class families, many of whom worked their way up the economic ladder through employment in the domestic auto industry and also serving honorably in our country's armed services.

As the city of Center Line commemorates this milestone, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents, elected officials, and businesses as they celebrate their history, preserve their rich local heritage, and look forward to growth and prosperity in the future.

IN HONOR OF MARY E. HARTMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary E. Hartman on the occasion of her retirement from the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College.

Ms. Hartman was raised in southeast Cleveland and is the youngest of five children. She graduated in 1970 from Marymount High School and proceeded to study at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College, where she completed her associate of applied business degree in 1975.

While studying, Ms. Hartman was hired as the executive secretary to the college executive vice president at the district administrative

offices. She then moved to the Western Campus in 1981 as a staff assistant to the Dean. In 1986 she began her current role as administrative assistant to Western Campus President Patricia Campbell Rowell, which includes managing the \$42 million budget of the Western Campus.

Ms. Hartman is also extremely active in her community and serves on the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, a position she has held since June 2004. In addition, she is a member of the Parma City School District business education/executive assistant advisory committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mary E. Hartman, a woman whose tireless work ethic, collaborative spirit, and unending passion for her work enabled her to make invaluable contributions to Cuyahoga Community College and the community around her.

HONORING TOM W. WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Tom W. Williams, Jr., founding partner and CEO of Williams, Adley & Company, LLP (Williams Adley), and a dedicated community leader, husband, father and mentor. With Mr. Williams' passing on June 22, 2011, we are reminded of his life's journey and the joyful legacy he inspired.

Known for his business acumen, integrity and generosity, Mr. Williams was a giant in the Bay Area business community and accounting profession. A California licensed Certified Public Accountant with a bachelor's degree from Berkeley's Armstrong College, Mr. Williams entered a career in public accounting with KPMG, LLP in 1972.

After leaving KPMG in 1980, Mr. Williams co-founded Williams Adley in September of 1982. Bolstered by the partners' guidance and hard work, the firm grew from a small 8(a) entity, into one of the nation's leading minority-owned small business firms. With current California locations in Oakland and San Francisco, as well as offices in Huntsville, Alabama and Washington, D.C., Williams Adley has built a successful clientele, serving Federal agencies, State and local government, non-profit entities, small businesses and individuals. The firm has provided crucial audit, accounting, tax and management consulting services for nearly 3 decades.

Under Mr. Williams' leadership, Williams Adley has received numerous accolades from various government agencies and the surrounding business community. In fact, just this month, Assemblymember Sandré Swanson and the California State Legislature recognized Mr. Williams as the Assemblymember's Small Business Leader of the Year during its California Small Business Day reception.

Mr. Williams' passion for his company and staff was only surpassed by his incredible devotion to his family and community. He supported numerous civic organizations, professional associations and charities, acting as a founding director and past president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) and serv-

ing the Committee on Government Auditing of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Williams was also an enthusiastic mentor to young professionals, encouraging them to pursue their goals through self-awareness, higher education and volunteerism. Williams Adley Oakland staff have volunteered countless hours of expertise and financial support to organizations such as the Alameda County Family Justice Center, United Way, American Cancer Society, National Association of Black Accountants, Girl Scouts, and the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Mr. Williams also shared his astute business talents on Capitol Hill. He spent countless hours educating Members of Congress about small and minority business issues. He was focused, persistent and patient, and my staff and I relied on his wisdom and "marching orders."

Tom was so much a part of my life on so many fronts. We were friends as well as colleagues. I will always remember the two conversations we had a few days prior to his death. He was cheerful, and as always, encouraging. Tom supported my campaigns, as he did many candidates, and his generosity helped me in so many ways. We will miss his smile, his voice, his phone calls, his meetings and his awesome presence in our lives.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a great individual and a stalwart community leader, Mr. Tom W. Williams, Jr. Mr. Williams spent his entire career seeking to improve and expand business opportunities for small businesses and minority firms. The contributions he made to others throughout his life are countless and enduring. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, his son and his extended group of loved ones and friends. He will be deeply missed. May his soul rest in peace.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS.
DONNA SMALLWOOD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Mrs. Donna J. Smallwood, a beloved wife, mother, and friend. Mrs. Smallwood was an active member in the Parma community and a tireless civic activist.

Born and raised in Parma, Ohio, Donna began working towards her legacy, the Donna Smallwood Activity Center and Office on Aging, at an early age. In 1964, Donna and the Parma Jaycees Wives recognized the underserved senior community in Parma and approached the city to start a program. When told that the city did not have funds for such a venture, the group took it upon themselves to hold fundraisers for the cause. They found a location, Parma Memorial Hall, and ran the center as volunteers. As the center grew, seniors began to request increased services and programs. Instead of giving up, the Parma Jaycee Wives petitioned Mayor John Petruska to apply for state and federal funding, and as a result, the Parma Sixty Plus Club was able to expand. Furthermore, Mayor Petruska was so impressed by Donna's work in convincing City Council to accept these funds, that he hired her as his first Senior Director, making

her the first female department head in the City of Parma.

Between 1968 and 1987, the senior center flourished under Donna's management, as she acquired grants to kick-start programs that continue to exist today. During this time that transportation and meal services came to fruition, as did the Parma Commission on Aging, the governing body and fundraising arm of the Senior Center. Between 1988 and 1996, when Donna was not the Director, grants were lost and programs were discontinued. When Gerald M. Boldt took over as mayor, he quickly brought Donna back to revive the Senior Center, and she continued as Director from 1996 through 2003.

In addition to all of her work with the Senior Center, Donna still found time to be involved in many other aspects of the Parma community. She was President of Proud of Parma Inc., directed the Miss Parma Pageant, served on the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was on the Ridgewood Family YMCA Board of Directors. She also volunteered at Historic Stearns Farm and Homestead and was an active member and volunteer at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

In addition to all that she did for her community, Donna managed to be a devoted mother to her five children and wife to her husband of 41 years, Richard, with whom she owned and operated a local business, The Treasure Aisle gift shop from 1987 to 1996.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Donna J. Smallwood, she will forever be a part of Parma, Ohio.

HONORING THOMAS A. HARGETT

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, Thomas A. Hargett. Sadly, we lost Tom on June 27. I wish to express my condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family. We stood side by side fighting the "bad guys". He was my friend.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom and the opportunity to succeed. Tom worked hard to represent his clients and help them recover money lost to unscrupulous stockbrokers, fraud and negligence.

Tom was also dedicated to community service and should be commended for all he did. He served on the Board of Directors, most recently as the Vice President, since 2003 of the Indiana Children's Wish Fund, granting wishes to children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. He was the President of the Sigma Nu Housing Corporation and in 2010 was awarded the Herman B. Wells Alumni Leadership Award and inducted into the Sigma Nu Beta Eta Chapter's Hall of Honor. Tom also served on the Board of Directors of the White Star Endowment, a wonderful organization that grants scholarships for academic excellence and financial need to Indiana University students.

For all he did for the community, his most favorite activity was spending time with his wife, Denise, and their beautiful children Isaac and Erin. I would like to thank his family for sharing Tom with us. For all the great things he did, he will be truly missed.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HELEN
AGNES POWELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mrs. Helen Agnes Powell on the occasion of her passing.

Mrs. Powell was born on September 24, 1926 and was one of four siblings. She graduated from Garfield Heights High School in 1944 and upon graduation assisted in the war effort by working at a factory located at Harvard and Broadway Avenues that produced military equipment.

Her two brothers, John and Lawrence, both served in the military. John was mortally wounded fighting in Burma and passed away on June 11, 1944, which deeply affected Helen. Her brother Lawrence served in the 8th Army Air Corp and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mrs. Powell met her husband Bob Powell in 1941, but he soon left to join the Navy. They married on September 24, 1947 and had four children: Robert Jr., Deborah, Grace and Marie.

Helen was a full-time mother and after her husband was severely injured in a construction accident, she took care of him. Aside from her family, Helen and her mother were extremely active in the VFW Post 3445 in Garfield Heights. Both Helen and Bob also helped to establish a VFW post in Aurora.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Mrs. Helen Agnes Powell, a woman whose biggest joy was bringing her family together and was completely dedicated to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR KEVIN D.
BRADLEY

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Major Kevin D. Bradley, United States Army, on the occasion of his departure from the Army House Liaison Office to join 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with Major Bradley over the past year that he has served as a Liaison Officer and Congressional Delegation Escort Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Major Bradley has had a remarkably varied and successful career. After growing up in Stratford, New Jersey and graduating from Sterling High School in 1995, Major Bradley attended the United States Military Academy.

He graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Armor Branch. Major Bradley attended the Basic Officer Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky before leaving for Germany.

Major Bradley's initial assignment was in Vilseck, Germany where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Tank Company Executive Officer, and later the Support Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion, 63d Armor Regiment, 3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. As a Platoon Leader in Germany, he deployed to Kosovo to conduct peace enforcement operations. Major Bradley's platoon secured the Serbian towns of Partes and Donje Budriga as part of KFOR 1B shortly after the start of the NATO mission. Major Bradley also deployed his M1A1 Abrams tank as part of Operation Lariat Response to Hungary to conduct a live fire exercise with a Hungarian Airborne battalion.

After 3 years stationed in Europe, Major Bradley attended the Infantry Captains Career Course and Ranger School in Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of these courses, Major Bradley joined 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas as they prepared to deploy to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In March 2004, Major Bradley deployed to Baghdad, Iraq where he led a team of forty U.S. soldiers in recruiting, training, mentoring, and conducting combat operations with the 302nd Iraqi Army Battalion. After returning to Fort Hood, Major Bradley assumed command of Charlie Company, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division in April 2006. In October 2006, he deployed with his heavy scout company to the city of Muqdadiyah in the Diyala Province of Iraq for 14 months. Major Bradley led his troops during numerous combat operations while executing a clear, hold, build strategy against al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Following his command, Major Bradley was selected for the Joint Staff/Army Staff Intern Program in Washington D.C. As part of this program, he completed a Masters Degree from Georgetown University in Public Policy Management before joining the staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for a year. In June 2009, Major Bradley joined the Army House Legislative Division in the Rayburn Building. I have come to know Major Bradley well during his assignment in the House of Representatives through his work with Congressional Delegations and outreach to Members of Congress. Major Bradley has never failed to impress me with his energy and dedication to soldiers, their families, and the U.S. Army. Major Bradley is a superb representative of Army values and the American Soldier.

I am honored to express heartfelt thanks to Major Kevin Bradley for his dedicated service to the U.S. Army and our Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of this Soldier, citizen, and friend.

IN HONOR OF AGNES KASPER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Agnes Kasper,

whose strong dedication and commitment to improving her community led her to create one of Cleveland's most well-known hunger centers.

A native Clevelander, Ms. Kasper attended high school and graduated from St. Joseph Academy. She went on to become a secretary at Berea's Ohio Nut and Bolt, where she met and married John. The Kaspers are survived today by their ten children, twenty six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Aside from running her church's daily meal program, Ms. Kasper also taught religious education for decades. Her work with her church's meal program eventually led her to found the renowned hunger center at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In her spare time, she also actively helped run emergency shelters while simultaneously hosting homeless people in her own home.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Ms. Agnes Kasper. Her hard work for her community has improved the lives of countless individuals. I offer my sympathies to her family.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF ARTHUR HENRI
JERBERT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and mourn the loss of Arthur Henri Jerbert of North Stonington, Connecticut. As we approach the one year anniversary of his passing, and in such close proximity to Independence Day, it is important for this House to remember Art's remarkable service to our nation and his contributions to his community.

Art was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and entered the U.S. Navy during World War II serving in the submarine force for 20 distinguished years. His career in the Navy included time aboard one of the submarines that adapted the highly-coordinated, "wolf pack" attack strategy in the Sea of Japan. That strategy was instrumental in reasserting allied naval supremacy in the Pacific—an essential ingredient to final victory. During that conflict, he earned the Bronze Star for valor in combat and after the war rose to the rank of Commander, retiring in 1962.

After leaving the Navy, Art applied his talent and energy to solving problems in his community and improving the quality of life in southeastern Connecticut. He coached Little League baseball, served on the North Stonington Board of Education, and became Ledyard's first mayor in 1971. He educated and empowered young people as a popular math teacher at schools across eastern Connecticut including Norwich Free Academy and Griswold High School.

Arthur is deeply missed by his loving wife Marilyn, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild. His example of human excellence and service is an inspiration for us all today and for generations to come.

HONORING COLONEL RONALD LIGHT AND THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT IN WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Ronald Light and the men and women of the Army Corps of Engineers Middle East District, MED, located in Winchester, Virginia, for the support they have provided for troops deployed overseas.

Colonel Light, commander of the MED, has had a distinguished military career since his graduation from The Pennsylvania State University in 1981. As an officer, he has completed the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the U.S. Army Airborne School, while earning a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the U.S. Naval War College.

For his service, Colonel Light has been awarded the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star, five awards for Meritorious Service, two Army Commendation medals, the Army Medal of Achievement, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among others.

As the senior engineer commander responsible for reconstructions in Al Anbar and Baghdad provinces in Iraq, he managed the award of 194 projects valued at \$1.32 billion and completed contracts worth an additional \$782.4 million.

Since Colonel Light assumed command at the MED in 2009, employment has approximately doubled from 250 to 500 personnel. The MED employs 427 civilians comprising 23 nationalities, 53 advanced degrees and 24 different languages all dedicated toward the goal of preparing combat theaters for members of the military. The MED employs local accountants, architects, attorneys, paralegals, engineers, property managers, security specialists, and many others.

The MED has proved extremely beneficial not only to the U.S. Military, but also to Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley. The MED partners with local civic organizations, churches and school groups to help carry out many critical engineering projects abroad. The integration of the military and the surrounding communities will create a precedent for more companies to locate in Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley, recognizing the presence of a trained workforce and relative proximity to our nation's capital.

Colonel Light and the MED's dedication to the armed forces has advanced the mission of all military units in forward theaters of combat. We express our appreciation to the dedicated individuals staffing the MED for their service and honor them as the best our military officers and civilians have to offer.

CONGRATULATING JAMES HUNTER AND JOE LAROSE OF THE ROCK BRIDGE BRUINS MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James Hunter and Joe LaRose of the Rock Bridge Bruins Men's Tennis Team for winning the Class 2 A Missouri State Doubles Championship on May 28.

These young men should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 2 A Doubles Tennis Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing James Hunter and Joe LaRose for a job well done!

HONORING JEFFREY GRALNICK

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Jeffrey Gralnick, who passed away this past May at the age of 72. A legendary news executive and producer, Jeff's 52-year career began with the black-and-white news segments of the 1950s and grew into leadership positions at nearly all the major broadcast networks including ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, and MSNBC.

One of the first producers of "60 Minutes," Jeff worked with Walter Cronkite, Don Hewitt, Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, Barbara Walters, Brian Williams, Katie Couric, and Tom Brokaw. As an executive producer and network executive, Jeff oversaw the broadcasts of space launches, presidential elections, and was in charge of the CBS news desk on the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

Jeff's enduring legacy is memorialized in the people he mentored over the years who are employed throughout the news industry. A tough and demanding teacher, Jeff was always eager to share his knowledge and experiences with younger coworkers. His intense character, professionalism, and integrity have left a lasting impression throughout the news industry.

A fierce competitor with a tireless work ethic, Jeff was always welcome to new challenges. After beating his first bout with cancer in his early sixties, Jeff found inspiration in the saying "as soon as you feel too old to do something do it," and decided to climb to the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro, nearly making it to the top.

I offer my condolences to Jeff's wife of 41 years, Beth, their son Robert, their daughter Kate and her husband Tim, their grandson Adam, and Jeff's brother Bill. Even though Jeff passed away this past May, his work will live on through the broadcasts he has produced, the networks he helped shape, and the anchors and producers he mentored throughout his career.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. VLADIMIR SWIRYNSKY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Vladimir Swirynsky, one of Cleveland's most prominent poets.

Born in Germany on May 20, 1948, Vladimir Swirynsky immigrated to the United States in 1952. After completing his education, Vladimir served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Long Bien and worked as a morning report clerk. Following his service, Vladimir returned to Cleveland, married, and began a career at Republic Steel.

In 1994, after a divorce, Vladimir left Cleveland in search of healing and found solace in the arts. He travelled to New Orleans, celebrated Mardi Gras, joined a band and began reading poetry. He was enthralled by poetry and realized his own talents. He spent years travelling around the country and perfecting his newfound creative outlet.

Today, Mr. Swirynsky has published thirteen books of poetry and is celebrated as one of Cleveland's finest poets.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of Mr. Vladimir Swirynsky. His story and poetry will continue to inspire all of those who hear his prose.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINNESOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD—AMERICA'S FIRST IN THE NATION AIR GUARD UNIT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNEAPOLIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the capable and courageous men and women of the Minnesota Air National Guard on the 90th anniversary of its founding. The Minnesota Air National Guard holds the distinction of being the first in our nation Air Unit of the National Guard recognized by the United States government.

The Minnesota Air National Guard took flight with humble, but honorable beginnings. On September 26, 1920 Captain Ray S. Miller and two other Minnesotans rented a Curtiss Oriole biplane to launch an 8-day flight to Washington, DC. Their mission was to be the first federally recognized National Guard flying squadron. Subsequently the 109th Observation Squadron, the predecessor to today's Minnesota Air National Guard, passed muster inspection on January 17th, 1921.

The creation of the 109th Minnesota Observation Squadron created the flight path for Minnesotans to continue making history while serving our state and our nation. The 133rd Airlift Wing (133rd AW) of the Minnesota Air National Guard Wing is headquartered at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport, and provides the U.S. Air Force with tactical airlift of troops, cargo, and medical patients anywhere in the world utilizing the C-130 Hercules. The 148th Fighter Wing (148th FW),

headquartered in Duluth, provides the United States Air Force with combat Air Sovereignty and Air Defense. Additionally, both Wings are continually prepared to support the State of Minnesota with assistance in the event of disaster declaration.

During WWII the 109th Observation Squadron was deployed to Europe, initially flying the Supermarine Spitfire Mk V and later reconnaissance missions with the North American F-6 Mustang. During the Korean War, Minnesota's Air Guard was again activated, contributing pilots to active wings throughout the Korean theater.

Throughout the Cold War of the 1950s and early 1960s, both units of the 179th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Duluth and 109th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in St. Paul provided active air defense commitments with 24-hour alert status. Threats by the Soviet Union to oust Western troops from West Berlin in 1961 prompted the Berlin Crisis and a call-up of selected National Guard forces throughout the United States. Included in this mobilization were members of the 133rd Air Transport Wing, who served in federal active service for eleven months while operating out of their home station at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport. While the Minnesota Air Guard was never officially mobilized during the Vietnam War, the organization flew hundreds of supply and transport missions to Southeast Asia.

Today, the Minnesota Air National Guard continues to serve with valor and with honor. We all recall the critical moments following the attack on our nation on September 11th, 2001. Immediately, F-16s from the 148th Fighter Wing were called into action for combat air patrols over critical areas. Since then, the Air Guard has provided support for our nation's efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn as well as other operations worldwide. Brave men and women today from 133rd Airlift Wing and the 148th Fighter Wing continue to serve our nation with distinction in overseas operations today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the commitment and dedication of the 2,000 airmen and women serving in the Minnesota Air National Guard as we commemorate the 90th Anniversary of this pioneering unit.

IN HONOR OF GUERINO AND CAROLYN RИPEPI'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Guerino and Carolyn Ripepi to acknowledge their 60th anniversary.

Guerino and Carolyn were married on May 5, 1951 at St. Paul's Croatian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the course of their lives together Guerino and Carolyn raised four children in Parma and later North Royalton, Ohio. The couple takes great pride in the accomplishments of their seven grandchildren.

The Ripepi's were active members of the Northeast Ohio community. Guerino was a member of the Brooklyn-Parma Knights of Columbus and Parma Elks Lodge. Carolyn was

involved with her children's lives as a Cub Scout Pack leader and was awarded a Marian Award by the Girl Scouts. Carolyn also belonged to the Ridgewood Lanes women's league.

After a career with Erie Lackawanna Railroad and Parma City Schools, respectively, Guerino and Carolyn retired to the Timber Pines Retirement Community in Spring Hill, Florida. They continue to be active, participating in such activities as golf, bocce and billiards.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the long and happy life that Guerino and Carolyn continue to enjoy together.

THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH WATKINS SAUL

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Third Congressional District of Florida, I rise to offer heartfelt condolences and pay tribute to the life of Elizabeth Watkins Saul, a humanitarian, social service advocate and life activist.

I am moved and encouraged when recalling the life achievements of the gentle and loving spirit of an accomplished woman who lived such a brief and beautiful life of service. She strived for excellence in every endeavor and she exuded boundless energy and love that was shared in the field of community and social activism. As a wife, community leader and social service advocate, we embrace her husband, family and the community that embraced her service and humanitarian efforts. A woman for whom education was important, Elizabeth Watkins Saul received her B.S. Degree from the historic Texas Tech University with a degree in political science and public policy.

On this special occasion and celebration of the life of a phenomenal woman, I join with the immediate family, and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for the life of a woman of God who was selfless and lived a productive life of purpose. Elizabeth enjoyed fishing, painting, traveling, decorating, BINGO, reading and spending quality time with her friends and family. Elizabeth was dearly cherished by her loved ones, colleagues and her community in Fort Worth, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Alexandria, Virginia; Orlando, Florida; and Tucson, Arizona. Elizabeth's employment spans from Clinique Cosmetics, Capitol Hill, The Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, Raytheon and Tuskegee University Resolution Team. She most recently worked as a successful and well respected Senior Manager of Human Resources at Raytheon Missile Systems, where she played an integral role in the recruitment of Tuskegee graduates for careers in engineering and management. Elizabeth was a Tuskegee University presidential transition team member. In addition to being an essential part of President Gilbert Rochon's Transition Team; Ms. Saul was a member of two Transition Team committees: Improve the Management and Performance of the Kellogg Center and Improve Staff Quality and Productivity. Tuskegee will establish the

Elizabeth Watkins Saul Scholarship at the University beginning in the fall of 2011. As a woman of integrity and character, Elizabeth was both gifted and inspiring, always leaning on the everlasting tasks of making a difference in her community. Where she saw pain, she sought to relieve it with personal interaction; where she saw potential in others, she gave them impetus and encouragement; where she saw despair, she brought direction and promise; and where she saw the need for love and caring, she unselfishly gave of herself.

The life of Elizabeth Watkins Saul was one of accomplishment and service. In her passing, we pay tribute to an accomplished woman and her life of service to each of us. She will be remembered for the love of her family, friends, Sorority Sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and colleagues. This attribute set her above and beyond all selfless giving. She has a special anointed gift of discernment and those that had an opportunity to be in her presence were blessed to experience her tireless energy for service and were beneficiaries of her boundless generosity. It is my prayer that by her example that each of us become the bearers of her humanitarian legacy. We come now to join in prayer for her parents, and a host of loving relatives, friends, whose lives have been forever changed by this exemplary woman of excellence and peace. I thank our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be blessed with the time spent with Elizabeth, our friend. Elizabeth was a devoted wife and leaves memories and love to her husband H. Rock Saul of 17 years; father and mother George, Sr., and Carolyn Watkins; Siblings Gerald Cook, George Watkins, Jr., Darnetta Kay Watkins-Owens (Michael); Mother-in-law Arleen Haydel; Sister-in-law Nicole Saul, six nieces and nephews, one godchild (Evans); Grandmother Dear Watson and a host of family members and special friends.

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN WOOLSEY'S SERVICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the California Congressional delegation, I rise to highlight the career of Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, who has announced that she will retire after the 112th Congress. Congresswoman WOOLSEY broke barriers when she began her career as the first former welfare recipient to serve in Congress. As a young single mother with three children, she needed public assistance to make ends meet—even though she was employed. This sensitivity to working families has shone through her Congressional career.

Rep. WOOLSEY serves as a senior member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, and as a member of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

On this committee, she helped to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act, which protects Americans who need temporary employment leave due to a serious illness or to care for a sick family member. Recently, Congresswoman WOOLSEY proposed "the Balancing

Act," which will help families by promoting public universal pre-school, investments in child care, universal school breakfast, benefits for part-time workers, and telecommuting incentives.

She has served as co-chair of the Progressive Caucus where she led our efforts to present the progressive voice in Congress and use our strength as a large voting block to influence legislation. She continues to be an active progressive leader.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY vocally opposed the Iraq war from day one. The San Jose Mercury News hailed her as "the unofficial matriarch of the [anti-war] movement in Congress." She has led the way for peace by introducing the first resolution to demand that we bring our troops home.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY fought to pass landmark health care reform last Congress by supporting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. She led our efforts to include a public health insurance option in the law in order to inject real competition against the private health insurance industry. Though we lost that battle as part of the health reform law, she has taken the lead in authoring legislation to amend the law to institute a public option. That legislation would save the Federal Government \$68 billion and deserves to be part of the solution as Congress focuses on efforts to reduce the deficit.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY has always worked to protect the environment and reduce our dependence on foreign oil during her tenure as a senior member of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology and as a member of the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment. She is working to safeguard her district's shores from oil spills by introducing a bill that would designate the Sonoma coastline as a National Marine Sanctuary.

Congresswoman WOOLSEY simply personifies public service. She has been one of the most sought out and responsive representatives. Each week her Washington office receives and responds to over 3,000 constituent letters, phone calls, and emails.

It has been an honor to serve with LYNN over the past 20 years. Thanks to Congresswoman WOOLSEY's service, America is a better place for working families. I know we haven't heard the last from LYNN WOOLSEY. I look forward to continuing to work together in the 112th Congress and in her next venture, which I am sure will continue to advance the progressive causes she believes in so strongly.

CONGRATULATING THE EAU CLAIRE
SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL ODYSSEY
OF THE MIND TEAM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eau Claire South Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team that took fifth place at the 2011 World Finals held at the University of Maryland. Odyssey of the Mind is an educational program that challenges students to creative problem-solving challenges. The competition takes place first at the local level and moves onto a state and world competition for

groups that succeed. The Eau Claire team was the only group from Wisconsin to make it to the worldwide competition where they placed fifth overall. They were one of only two teams to place in the entire Midwest division.

The team competed in a challenge entitled "Full Circle," which required the team to create a humorous skit while completing numerous challenges. The first challenge was having something change form three times during the presentation before returning to its original form. The skit also had to include a funny character, a serious character, a song and dance, and a surprising ending. All of this had to be worked together into one presentation.

Not only did the team have to prepare a challenge in advance, but they had to compete in a spontaneous challenge that they were presented with immediately before their performance. After competing in both the main challenge entitled "Full Circle," and the spontaneous challenge, they came in fifth place among schools from all over the world. I am proud of the Eau Claire South Middle School team and their accomplishment. Hopefully, it will be the first of many successes in these young students' lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MUSTARD
SEED MARKET

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Mustard Seed Market, the largest locally-owned retailer of natural and organic products in Ohio.

In 1978, husband and wife team, Margaret and Philip Nabors, started a small, home-based, natural foods catering business in Northeast Ohio and discovered a large market for their healthy cooking. The couple supplied nutritious and delicious food to a multitude of weddings and events. In 1981, they expanded their enterprise with the opening of a small health foods store in Akron's Merriman Valley. Mustard Seed Market continues to offer a wide variety of natural foods, supplements, teas, books and health and beauty items.

In 1989, Mustard Seed Market relocated to a much larger space, which included a 60 seat restaurant and an even larger selection of natural foods. Responding to customers' requests, the Nabors added a new fresh seafood case, an antibiotic-and-cage-free poultry case, and a small meat department. In 1992, they began offering a Monday night educational program, which consisted of cooking classes and lectures related to natural health.

As a result of Mustard Seed Market's great and continued success, the Nabors decided to expand the business further in 1996. They moved to what is now their current location, a 31,500 square foot shopping and dining area, which includes a 14,000 square foot retail space, 120-seat restaurant, 20-seat bar and a banquet facility. In 1999, a second store was opened in Solon, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Margaret and Philip Nabors, whose inspiring thirty year mission has helped many people enjoy healthier lives through healthier eating habits.

BRUCE WARD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bruce Ward for his promotion of outdoor recreation, and his devotion to the Colorado public lands. Throughout Mr. Ward's life, he has contributed greatly to the outdoors, establishing various programs to help people live active lifestyles and learn about the environment.

Mr. Ward started his career as a tour guide for TrekInternational, acquainting hundreds of young adults to America's National Parks and public lands. His time with TrekInternational cemented his passion for the outdoors, and it opened the opportunity for him to serve as an outreach coordinator for REI, where he organized volunteers and spearheaded programs to build outdoor outreach programs throughout the U.S.

In 1994, Mr. Ward and his wife, Paula, worked in conjunction with the Fausel Foundation to create the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, establishing the Continental Divide Trail as the "King of Trails." Currently, Mr. Ward is developing national initiatives designed to get youth outdoors. On July 6, 2011, Mr. Ward was recognized by President Obama as a "White House Champion of Change for Rural America."

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Bruce Ward today. He has spent his life working for people and the outdoors, and his efforts have richly served the great state of Colorado.

IN RECOGNITION FOR THE OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTION OF
STEVE MARTYN

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Steve Martyn, Field Representative and Case Worker for the 5th district of Colorado, and would like to express my gratitude for his service and congratulate him on his well-earned admission to the University of Colorado School of Law.

Mr. Martyn's career has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to public service as he has been involved in numerous service activities at the state and federal level. He has been a tremendous researcher, team leader, event planner, writer, and more specifically, an invaluable member of my staff. He has represented me and my office with excellence and has given his best efforts to serve the wonderful citizens of Colorado Springs.

For the past two years, Mr. Martyn has proven himself to be an exceptional case worker, field representative, and respected team member among his colleagues. Thousands of constituents have been directly aided and positively influenced by the expertise, customer service, and distinguished work ethic of Mr. Martyn.

As he transitions into life as a full-time law student, I am greatly honored to acknowledge

and thank him publically for his service. The benefits that my wife and I, our staff, and the many citizens of the 5th district of Colorado have received due to his hard work are beyond measure. Mr. Martyn has set an impressive precedent for service, proof of his path to a highly successful career. I would like to join in celebration with his colleagues, family, and friends as we congratulate him on his achievements as he continues to further his commitment to public service through the practice of law.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2011 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2011 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition, NECO, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. This year, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor takes on a special significance as 2011 marks the 25th anniversary of these distinguished awards, a milestone which was celebrated this past May with a patriotic ceremony on Ellis Island. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since the medal's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO over these last 25 years and in congratulating all of the 2011 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor.

2011 ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Gina Addeo, Setrak O. Agonian, Margaret Ajemian Ahnert, Carlos E. Alvarez, Hamid Ansari, Michael Aram, Tom Arnold, Kevoork B. Bardakjian, PhD, Stanley M. Bergman, Tejinder SinghBindra, Col. Matthew Bogdanos, Esq., USMC (Ret.), John A. Brennan, MD, Paul A. Brinkley, Jerry Cahill, Hon. Salvatore J. Cassano, Anthony D. Chimino, Steve S. Chon, Jim Clifton, Darryle D. Clott, James F. Comley, Giancarlo Crupi, MD, James Jian Cui, MD, PhD, Supt. Joseph A. D'Amico, Marty D. Davidson, Joseph F. Dean, ADM Bruce DeMars, USN (Ret.), Nitin V. Doshi, DDS, Pierre Dulaine, CAPT Linda L. Fagan, USCG, David Fitzpatrick, PhD, Bill V. Gallo, Cyril E. Geacintov, PhD, John Giuffre, SSgt. Salvatore A. Giunta, USA, Joseph R. Haiek, Dorothy J. Harber, Lacy J. Harber, Stuart C. Harvey, Jr., Salah M. Hassanein, Robert S. Hekemian, Hon. Patrick Henry, Scott H. Herman, Fernando J. Hernandez, John M. Iacono, O. Wayne Isom, MD, Joel P. Jahraus, MD, MG Nathaniel James, AUS, Hon. James A. Kaddo, Chief Charles S. Kammerdener, Dr. Munn Kazmir, Ken Kendrick, Kamran Khavarani, PhD, Hon. Peter J. Koutoujian, Sr., Cecilia M. La Pietra, OP, Wai Lap Leung, MD, Jeffrey E. Levine, Jerry Lewis, Weining Liang, MD, Joanie M. Madden, Babu Rao Mandava, Joseph A. Martorana, Anthony J. Melita, Joseph S. Micallef, JD, Radmila Milentijevic, PhD, LTG John F. Mulholland, Jr., USA, Francis Najafi, Vali R. Nasr, PhD, Younes Nazarian, Denis O'Brien, James G. O'Connor, John O'Hurley, Gail Talanian O'Reilly, Harvey E. Oyer, III, Esq., Mustafa Oz, MD, FACS, BG Frederick M. Padilla, USMC, Fa Y. Park, Patrick M. Park, William L. Perocchi, Vladimir Prodanovich, Philip Pumerantz, PhD, Fahim Rahim, MD, Naeem Rahim, MD, Ali C. Razi, Frank L. Regnante, Doris Roberts, Michele M. Rollins, Esq., Thomas Roma, Bruno L. Sammartino, Samin K. Sharma, MD, Kevin Chang Yao Shih, Donald F. Shula, CMSgt Darren A. Silsbee, USAF, Susan Sommer-Luarca, Joel Szabat, George Veras, Manu K. Vora, PhD, MBA, Joseph M. Walsh, Shirley Wang, Richard P. Wei, Roger L. Williams, MD, Walter W. Wise, Jr., Chris Jia Shu Xu, Madlena Zepter, Philip Zepter, Kenny Weiqun Zhang.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE OF CORPORAL NORMAN N. CHAPMAN, JR., UNITED STATES ARMY, 1964-1968

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic service of Army Corporal Norman N. Chapman, Jr.

Born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Corporal Chapman enlisted in the Army in June of 1964 and attended basic training at Fort Devens. Trained in security, he volunteered for service in Vietnam with the 3rd Radio Research Unit, stationed at Davis Station at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, near the city of Saigon. On April 13, 1966, Corporal Chapman was wounded in a mortar attack. After his recovery, he was transferred to Homestead Air Force Base. In February 1967, Corporal Chapman moved to the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, where he served until his discharge from the Army in 1968.

Corporal Chapman's service to our country did not end there. He served as a police offi-

cer with the Pensacola Police Department for nearly 25 years in a number of capacities within the Department, from uniform patrol to tactical patrol. He also served in the Detective Bureau, Investigations, and Personnel and Training. In one of the most notable chapters in American criminal history, Mr. Chapman was instrumental in the apprehension and prosecution of serial killer Ted Bundy in 1978. From 1994 to 1998, he served admirably and honorably as Chief of the Pensacola Police Department.

The Purple Heart presented to Corporal Chapman is a testament to his life of selfless service to his country, his community, and his family. The medal is given to those who have been wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and is one of the oldest decorations bestowed upon service members by the United States. In reviewing his military medical records, the Army has seen fit to award the Purple Heart Medal to Corporal Chapman for wounds sustained as a result of enemy actions in Vietnam.

Norm Chapman spent his life protecting our lives and our freedoms as both an Army soldier and Pensacola police officer. His service stands as an example for the young men and women on the battlefields abroad and the young officers on the streets at home. Protecting American citizens has been a way of life for Mr. Chapman, and I am privileged to recognize him for this life of heroism.

He and his wife Helen of 45 years have six children—John, Scott, Lydia, Kevin, Keith, and Sarah—and sixteen grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to venerate the leadership and selfless service of Corporal Norman Chapman. My wife Vicki and I wish him and his family all the best for continued success.

HONORING PATRICIA MATTIMORE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the career of Patricia Mattimore, who is retiring after more than twenty-seven years of service with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. Mattimore began her House career in July of 1984. Throughout the years, Patricia has brought a wealth of professional expertise to all of the positions she has held at the House. She has worked for the Appropriations Committee, Clerk of the House, and Chief Administrative Officer. Over the past eight years, she has ensured accurate reporting to the U.S. Treasury for the House's monthly cash activity. This critical process is necessary for the House to demonstrate financial accountability to the public and was performed with great accuracy due to her attention to detail. Her passionate customer service, organizational skills, resourcefulness and dedication to her work has benefited the House as a whole over her career.

On behalf of the entire House community, I congratulate Ms. Patricia Mattimore for her many years of dedication and outstanding

contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,343,033,186,678.55.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,704,607,440,384.75 since then.

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

CONGRATULATING LA PLATA
HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS MEN'S
BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the La Plata High School Bulldogs Men's Baseball Team for winning the Class 1 A Missouri State Championship on June 2.

These young men and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 1 A Baseball Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the La Plata Bulldogs for a job well done.

HONORING PROCON.ORG FOR
BEING NAMED A TOP FREE REFERENCE WEBSITE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the staff of the ProCon.org website. This site has recently been honored by the American Library Association as one of the Top 25 Free Reference Websites of 2011. This achievement is indicative of ProCon's value as a resource empowering citizens with information on some of the most controversial topics of the day.

ProCon.org, like many websites, is the product of a simple idea: to make unbiased information on controversial subjects more accessible without opinion or editorializing interfering. This idea came to the founder and CEO of ProCon.org, Steven C. Markoff, in 1984. While debating with a friend, Mr. Markoff realized that the popular discourse about the big issues of the day is always clouded by rhetoric, opinions and political leanings.

Since its inception, ProCon.org has influenced policy debates with its mission of "pre-

senting research on controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, and primarily pro-con format." More than 10 million people use this website every month for research and fact finding. ProCon has also been named a "Best Non Profit to Work For" by OpportunityKnocks.org and a "Valued Partner" by GuideStar. ProCon was further honored in 2008, when the Library of Congress asked to archive three of ProCon's websites as "materials of historical importance to the Congress and to the American People."

It is my distinct pleasure to honor the staff of ProCon.org and wish them continued success in their service to the American public. Their unbiased and truthful presentation makes a tremendous contribution to the political system.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
WELCOMING THE DALAI LAMA
TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution welcoming the Fourteenth Dalai Lama to Washington, DC, July 6–16, 2011, and recognizing his extraordinary example and commitment to world peace, non-violence, human rights, religious freedom and democracy.

The Dalai Lama welcomed me and other members of a congressional delegation, led by then-Speaker NANCY PELOSI, into his home in 2008. It is, therefore, a special pleasure to welcome him to my congressional district and the Nation's Capital. Tibetan children, monks, and exiles lined the streets to greet our delegation in 2008, and I know that my colleagues would want to join me in returning that welcoming officially.

Although the Dalai Lama has visited the Nation's Capital many times, this year, he will preside over the fifth Kalachakra teaching in the United States, the first in the Nation's Capital, which will be held at the Verizon Center. The Kalachakra seeks to enhance the Dalai Lama's non-violent teachings, as well as to reduce conflict and promote peace, both individually and globally.

I urge my colleagues to join me in welcoming this recipient of both the Nobel Peace Prize and the Congressional Gold Medal, and in wishing him a happy 76th birthday today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
"JIM" MARTIN GLENN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved James "Jim" Martin Glenn.

Born November 15, 1928 in Perry, Iowa, Jim Glenn dedicated thirty-five years of his life to serving our country in the United States Air Force. A fighter pilot by trade, he flew 26 dif-

ferent aircraft. During his two combat tours in Southeast Asia, he flew over 200 combat missions and commanded the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron. His service also included Chief of Flying Safety, Deputy Director of Safety, and Flight Testing Operations Director at Eglin Air Force Base and F-16 Conversion Manager and Director of Operations at Nellis Air Force Base. Upon retirement, he founded and operated his own defense consulting firm and returned to the Emerald Coast.

The impact Jim Glenn had Northwest Florida extended far beyond his firm. A pivotal leader in the local community, Jim Glenn dedicated his time to numerous organizations, including the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council, the Okaloosa County Economic Development Council, and the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he was a former President, Ambassador, and Life Director. He also served as a member of the Daedalians, a representative to the ACC/CC Civilian Group through his association with the 53rd Wing at Eglin, and was a former President of the Air Force Association.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Jim Glenn served our nation and with great pride and integrity. Throughout his life, he continued to uphold the Air Force values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. To those in Northwest Florida, Jim Glenn will be remembered as a well-respected community leader. To his family, he will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Jim Glenn is survived by his wife of 30 years, Millie; his children Timothy, Theresa, Diane, Lisa, Patricia, Jan, Thomas, and Michael; and his great-grandchildren, Matthew, Seth, Shane and Amy.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Jim Glenn. He truly exemplified a life of honor and service that we will all remember for many years to come. My wife Vicki and I offer our continued prayers for his entire family. He will truly be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA
GORMLEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a remarkable public servant, Brenda Gormley. Mrs. Gormley is from Lewisville, and was awarded the first annual Jack Colley Award for Volunteerism, the highest state-wide honor given to a volunteer by Texas's Citizen Corps Council. The award is given to a volunteer who shows unwavering dedication, self-sacrifice, and service to the State of Texas, qualities exhibited by the late Chief Jack Colley, head of the Texas Division of Emergency Management from 1998–2010, for whom the award is named.

As the Denton County Emergency Services Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Gormley volunteers an average of 50 hours a week, and has trained over 1,000 community volunteers. She also serves as the Secretary for the Denton County Citizen Corps Council, teaches two Teen CERT courses per semester, and was recently the chair of the North Texas Regional Citizen Corps Council. In 2009, the

Denton County Citizen Corps Council received the National Award for Outstanding Citizen Corps Council under her leadership as chair.

Furthermore, Mrs. Gormley is a cancer survivor, has undergone quadruple bypass surgery and two complete hip replacements, and lives with a progressive bone fusing condition, all of which make her volunteer efforts even more extraordinary.

The Jack Colley Award for Volunteerism recognizes the efforts of outstanding community volunteers. Mrs. Gormley has given her time above and beyond expectations, and it is my honor to recognize her and represent her in Congress.

HONORING RAYMOND L. BAGAGLIA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Mr. Raymond Bagaglia, who passed away on December 8, 2010.

Born in Warren, Ohio on February 7, 1930 to parents Frank and Mary DeMarco Bagaglia, Raymond led a life centered around serving his community. As a police officer for the Warren City Police Department, Mr. Bagaglia spent his days working to remove crime from the streets of his beloved hometown. When Raymond was able to spend time away from the force, he enjoyed being an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Rosemarie, and the couple's five children; Daniel, Lynn Marie, Sue Ann, Nancy Ann and Debra Ann. His son, four daughters, and nine grandchildren helped to fill his life with happiness and joy.

Please join me in extending our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the Bagaglia family.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR BATTLE OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Carthage, Missouri.

The western plains of Missouri would not likely have been the scene of an important battle in the early months of the Civil War. Yet as the Missouri State Guard, under Major General Sterling Price, moved south toward Confederate reinforcements in Arkansas, with the Union Army under Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon in hot pursuit, the engagement at Carthage, on July 5, 1861, would become the largest battle of the Civil War thus far.

The Federal pursuit of the secessionist militia was not a single column chase. Lyon's forces split with the intention of cutting off the Missouri State Guardsmen and preventing their reinforcements from arriving from Arkansas. They intended, too, to blunt the wave of pro-militia public sentiment stemming from the humiliation of the Camp Jackson Affair. With a

three pronged attack, Lyon hoped to nip their recruitment and burgeoning morale in the bud.

Union Colonel Franz Sigel arrived in Sarcoxie on June 29, and discovered that not only were Price and his men camped south of Neosho, but deposed Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson, with his thousands of Missouri State Guardsmen, was waiting in Lamar for Brigadier General John S. Rains, commanding a state force out of Lexington. Sigel decided to move southwest to take out Price, then head north to take on Jackson and Rains. When Sigel reached Neosho on July 3, he was surprised to learn that Price had already reached Arkansas, and was camped near Maysville. That same day Rains reached Jackson's camp, while Lyon moved south out of Boonville, in hopes of buttressing his forces with reinforcements out of Kansas. His goal was Springfield.

Sigel modified his plan, leaving a garrison of 94 men under Captain Joseph Conrad at Neosho. He continued on toward Carthage on July 4, and while camping for the night east of town, his outposts on the northern edge of town discovered that Jackson, and his 4000 men, were camped within 15 miles of Carthage.

Colonel Sigel had 1100 men and eight six-pounder guns. None of the men were cavalry. He couldn't have known that half of Jackson's men were unarmed, and most were untrained, unorganized, and similarly afoot. Though Sigel's men were three month volunteers, they were well trained for the military maneuvers the former German soldier would order. They were well rested, well fed, and well organized under their disciplined leader.

The same could not be said of the Missouri State Guard. They seemed to run on pure adrenaline and excitement—never mind that those that had shoes might not have guns, or those that had guns might not have ammunition. They wore the clothes they enlisted in, thus there were no uniforms to distinguish them from one another, let alone from the opposing side or civilians. Jackson was a civilian, and as a commander in the Missouri State Guard, issued orders in his capacity as commander in chief, albeit a deposed one. Their organization, their discipline, and their capacity to serve as a cohesive military unit operating toward a common goal, was vastly limited before they even met their enemy.

Rains had joined up with Jackson north of Carthage, and the excitement in the camp at the oncoming hostilities created such a stir that most of the men heading out before dawn to battle the Federals had not eaten or adequately rested for the battle. Sigel's men, on the other hand, were fully prepared to endure the long day ahead of them, despite the enormous numbers and seeming advantages of the enemy.

At 8:30 a.m., Sigel's advance guard skirmished briefly with Captain Joseph "Jo" Shelby's cavalry company. Sigel then sent in two companies of infantry in support, and the bulk of his own troops to take on Jackson's main force gathering on a nearby hill. One company and one piece of artillery remained with the wagon train to protect the rear.

The Missouri State Guard forces gathering on the high ground between North Fork and Dry Fork, north of Carthage, were representative of Jackson's forces in whole. There was no reserve, unless the unarmed mass of men at the rear could be considered as such. Jackson seemed to operate on the notion that

sheer numbers would intimidate, and thus force the retreat, of Sigel.

The Union forces began firing, their German sharpshooters and competent artillery an excellent asset. The shots reverberated through the Ozark hills, and word of the battle reached the small Union garrison at Neosho. Captain Conrad received orders from Sigel to retreat to Sarcoxie, if necessary. Knowing his commander was hotly engaged and greatly outnumbered, Conrad commenced to a southward retreat. It was too late. Confederate forces out of Arkansas, alongside Missourians under Sterling Price, were already on a northward march to assist Jackson and Rains. Conrad and his men became prisoners of war.

The Union battery continued to pummel the scattered Missourians, eventually ceasing fire for lack of ammunition. Sigel assumed the Guardsmen guns were running low, as well. He had ordered the advance of his troops when he noticed the mass of Rebel cavalry on his perimeter. He likely believed that the enemy reserve would be armed, but little did he know that there what he saw was not a reserve to speak of, nor were any of them armed. His advance quickly became a retreat, a maneuver for which the German leader would be notorious.

It was a slippery spot from which to escape, and he barely achieved it. He concealed one of his batteries in an advantageous hilly spot, and briefly held the ford. Upon the advance of a State Guard cavalry to the east, which wrapped around the rear of his forces and secured Buck Branch to the south, Sigel realized his strength was in jeopardy. His men blasted their way south through Buck Branch in a furious move, fortuitously through inadequately armed State Guardsmen.

His military skill checked the advancing Rebels at Spring River, and again south of Carthage in a desperate move to save the Union supply line. Reaching the previous night's camp south of James Spring, Sigel ordered his rear guard to keep Confederates out of Carthage proper. The pursuing Guardsmen were met with Union gunfire, and the sun set on a continued barrage of bullets. Sigel moved his forces east, along the Sarcoxie road, and continued to give as good as he got from the Rebels. He marched through the night, rested at Sarcoxie, and moved on to the relative safety of Mount Vernon thereafter.

Both sides claimed Carthage as a victory. At the time, the prevention of further Union encroachment into southwestern Missouri gave the Confederates their sense of victory. Sigel's vastly outnumbered army may have failed to achieve the Union mission of checking the Southern troops, but his precarious escape with relatively low casualties gave his day at Carthage a higher regard in historical interpretation. The Union reported 44 casualties, not counting the 94 men captured at Neosho. The Confederate tally is estimated at between 74–200.

The State Guard united with their Confederate brethren out of Texas and Arkansas, and was reinvigorated by the success at Carthage. The scattered but passionate men received a heavy dose of training, consideration from the leaders in Richmond for their persistence, and a much needed boost to their enthusiasm after their defeat at Boonville. Hoping to parlay the passion into a campaign to recapture the state, Jackson, Price and

their men would continue their struggle against the Union at Wilson's Creek, and beyond.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW
BLOOMFIELD WILDCATS MEN'S
BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the New Bloomfield Wildcats Men's Baseball Team for winning the Class 2A Missouri State Championship on June 2.

These young men and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 2A Baseball Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the New Bloomfield Wildcats for a job well done.

HONORING REV. DR. NORMAN S.
GREER

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

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

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Norman S. Greer's work is present throughout the nation for all to see, being a man of God, a professor of education, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, this giant of a man has preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, taught academics to scholars from across the nation, inspired elected officials, motivated the young and the old, as he accomplished so much during his time on this earth; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune; he just wanted to uplift those in need, he just wanted to make a difference by spreading the gospel, educating others, building up a community, while protecting his family; Rev. Dr. Greer inspired others to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Greer led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for many; Rev. Dr. Greer was a husband, a father, a pastor, a professor and a friend; he was our warrior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of the community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable distinction and recognition on Rev. Dr. Norman S. Greer for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Rev. Dr. Norman S. Greer of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Distinction"

Rev. Dr. Norman S. Greer
U.S. Citizen of Distinction
in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia
Proclaimed, this 25th day of June, 2011.

IN OPPOSITION TO THE
AFGHANISTAN WAR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I have never supported the Afghanistan War. It has cost us 1,650 American lives. And the cost of those lost lives can't be measured. But this war has also cost us \$444 billion. And that can be measured.

Where we spend our money reflects our national values. And we spend \$228,000 a minute on this war. So every minute of every day, we are telling the world that we value war above all else.

But what about peace? What if we spent \$228,000 a minute on peace? If we did that for just one day, we could send 6,566 Peace Corps Volunteers to serve America in the name of peace. Or we could feed 6.6 million school children for a year.

Those are things worth valuing. Those are things worth fighting for. So, I urge my colleagues to vote to bring our brave women and men back home. To bring our money back in line with our values.

To bring peace back now.

HONORING CLARE ROSE, INC. ON
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, family-run businesses are the cornerstone of Long Island's economy. I rise today to honor one such business, Clare Rose, Inc., as it celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

The success of Clare Rose, Inc. is a testament to the perseverance of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Clare F. Rose founded Clare Rose, Inc. on November 30, 1936 in the quiet hamlet of Patchogue, New York, as a soft drink distribution business and then shifted to beer distribution in 1948.

The company distributed just one brand, Piel's, and eventually added Anheuser-Busch and Heineken brands to its menu of brewed selections. Today, Clare Rose proudly distributes AB InBev, Heineken, Blue Point Craft Beers, and Great South Bay, along with other quality non-alcoholic products. It has grown to be the largest beverage wholesaler on Long Island and the second largest in New York State.

Its initial market territory encompassed only Eastern Suffolk County, later expanding busi-

ness operations to all of Suffolk in the 1960s and Nassau County in the 1990s. Today, Clare Rose sells more than 11 million cases of beer annually to all of Long Island.

Rose started with just two employees, growing over time to a family of over 300 employees. The Rose family has led the company through seven decades of serving Long Island. Clare's sons Mark and Ric assumed management responsibilities in the 1960s and today, Sean, a third-generation Rose, serves as CEO and Chairman. It is a family business in the truest sense—welcoming fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, and many other family combinations.

Mr. Speaker, businesses are not just measured in profits or clientele, but by the role they play in their community. Clare Rose continues to support local educational and medical institutions, as well as local land and wildlife conservation initiatives across Long Island. The company has also participated in efforts to educate the public regarding responsible alcohol consumption, with a special focus on high school students and the dangers of underage drinking and drunk driving.

Mr. Speaker, local businesses with long histories are treasures for any community. On behalf of New York's first congressional district, I congratulate Clare Rose, Inc. and its employees on its 75th anniversary and wish them decades of success to come.

ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS RESEARCH

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for additional research and testing of a new technology that would enable persons with diabetes to better control their blood glucose levels. Type 1 diabetes is a dangerous and debilitating disease. Nearly 26 million Americans are living with diabetes. People with diabetes often suffer heart attacks, seizures, comas, and blindness.

An artificial pancreas is a device that may help people with type 1 diabetes better and automatically control blood glucose level. It combines a continuous glucose monitor and an insulin pump with sophisticated software to provide the right amount of insulin at the right time. A recent study estimates that this technology will result in nearly \$2 billion in savings to Medicare over 25 years.

Several inpatient studies have demonstrated that the use of an artificial pancreas may reduce dangerous fluctuations of blood sugars. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is currently reviewing a proposed guidance developed by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation that would allow outpatient testing of the artificial pancreas.

It is my hope that the FDA will make the review of this proposed guidance one of its highest priorities, and that outpatient testing of the artificial pancreas will be allowed to begin as soon as possible.

HONORING DR. RON ANDERSON FOR RECEIVING THE LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Dr. Ron Anderson who was honored in June, 2011 with the Life-time Achievement Award at the 2011 National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems annual conference in Chicago.

Dr. Ron Anderson, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. Parkland is considered the premier public hospital in the United States. It has served the Dallas County community since 1894. Dr. Anderson's leadership, dedication to the underserved, commitment to improving the health care system for not just his hospital but for the state and nation, is ultimately a byproduct of his passion to do what's right for those in need.

Dr. Anderson shaped Parkland with the support of the Dallas community to be considered one of the premier public hospitals in the U.S. and is one of the largest. The system has made groundbreaking strides in delivery of care and hospital operations but also is known for putting theories of public health into application by implementing many educational and preventive programs and concepts such as community-based health care delivery through a county-wide clinic network and a mobile medical program for the homeless.

His 35-year career as a practicing physician and 26-year career as CEO have seen many changes in health care, such as nursing shortages, new technology, HIPAA (patient privacy laws), health maintenance organizations, natural and man-made disasters (plane crashes, hurricanes, etc.) resulting in the loss of countless human lives, and decreases in revenue streams which often resulted in the cutting or rationing of services.

Yet Dr. Anderson has always sought out much more work outside the scope of his job description for the chance to better help those in need. Dr. Anderson has long championed causes that improve health care for the medically underserved and, as a result, he has become one of the nation's leading advocates of health care for the poor.

Throughout his career he has provided sound advice and experience to legislators of both parties regarding health care issues. He has served on the National Health Policy Initiative to advise the White House on health care issues as well. Since 1992, he has served on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

His vision of health care for all, regardless of ability to pay, and his desire to see that happen have led to groundbreaking changes to the U.S. health care system. In 1985, he played a major role in the passage of landmark legislation concerning indigent health care in Texas that banned "patient dumping."

On behalf of a deeply grateful community, I want to join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives in thanking Dr. Ron Anderson on a job well done.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM JOHNSON

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel William "Will" Johnson, United States Army, on the occasion of his departure from the Army House Liaison Office to take Command of 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. I, and many other Members of the House of Representatives, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past two years that he has served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Liaison and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery from the University of Richmond's Reserve Officer Training Corps in May of 1993. In January of 1994, he entered active military service when he attended the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson's first unit of assignment was the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as a Fire Support Officer, Platoon Leader, and General's Aide-de-Camp.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. During his first time at Fort Stewart, he served as a Battalion Fire Support Officer and a Battery Commander. While a commander, he led his men in combat during the ground invasion of Iraq in 2003, stopping first in Baghdad and finishing in Fallujah.

Upon his return from Iraq, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson married the former Jessica M. Parrish.

After graduation from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was reposted at Fort Stewart, Georgia. While living in Georgia, Will and his wife were blessed with the birth of their son, Davis. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson deployed once again to Iraq in 2007 as part of the "Surge" serving for 14 months as a Brigade Fire Support Officer and later as Battalion Operations Officer. Upon returning, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson and his family moved to the National Capitol Region for their current assignment in Army Legislative Liaison. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was selected by Representative John M. Spratt, Jr. as his Department of Defense Military Fellow in the Second Session of the 111th Congress.

Upon completion of his Fellowship, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was assigned to the Army House Liaison Office informing and assisting all the members of this legislative body. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson has never failed to impress my colleagues and me with his energy and dedication to Soldiers, their families, and the United States Army. He is a superb representative of Army values.

It is my great honor to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel William "Will" Johnson on his service to the Army and our Nation and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the

outstanding accomplishments of this Soldier, citizen, and friend.

CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH FOR 140 YEARS

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Columbus Dispatch for 140 years in business as a leading news source in Ohio. When I am home, I start each morning at the table with my daughter Sarah, eating breakfast and reading the Dispatch.

From the inaugural publication on July 1, 1871, to this morning's edition dropped on my doorstep in Columbus, the Dispatch has become a staple in Central Ohio as the region's daily printed and on-line source for local, state, national, and international news. With a proven track record of trustworthy and in-depth analysis, unbiased relaying of the facts, and heartfelt community editorials the Dispatch exemplifies excellence in reporting.

The important events of the past 140 years have been delivered into the homes of our community by the Dispatch. The paper relayed the sinking of the Titanic and the outbreak of WWI. It told of the tragedies of Pearl Harbor and gave us hope after September 11, 2001. And the paper has celebrated our local victories with us, like the Buckeyes National Football Championship in 2002.

Since 1905, the Wolfe family has owned and operated the newspaper, allowing it to become one of the most widely read newspapers in the nation. To the Wolfe family and all Dispatch employees, I offer my congratulations and may your next 140 years be as informative, innovative, and inspiring as your first.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE BOYES HOT SPRINGS POST OFFICE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IN HONOR OF DR. LARRY EUGENE RIVERS, PRESIDENT OF FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great leader in higher education in Georgia—someone who has been committed to improving the lives of young men and women throughout his career. Dr. Larry Rivers recently marked his fifth anniversary as the President of Fort Valley State University (FVSU), and what a remarkable 5 years it has been.

Dr. Rivers was born in the suburbs of Philadelphia and graduated from what was then Fort Valley State College. After earning a master's degree in history from Villanova University, and a Doctor of Arts degree in history from Carnegie-Mellon University, he went on to teach at Florida A&M University for more than 20 years and earned the rank of "distinguished university professor," one of only two on the campus.

He returned to his alma mater in 2006, and in 5 short years, FVSU has experienced a remarkable turnaround under Dr. Rivers' leadership. Student enrollment is at the highest point in the 115-year history of the university. Since 2006, the university invested \$160 million in new construction projects that are transforming the campus with additional buildings to accommodate more students and new research facilities. And FVSU now offers new undergraduate courses and master's degrees in fields such as biotechnology, teaching, and early childhood development that will provide the education and training our future leaders need to compete in a 21st century economy.

Because of FVSU's progress, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recently reaffirmed the university's accreditation, and the school was ranked 25th on U.S. News and World Report's list of "America's Best Black Colleges."

To meet the demands of FVSU's growth, the City of Fort Valley has modernized its infrastructure through several rural development grants and wastewater reclamation projects. These fundamental improvements will attract new businesses to Southwest Georgia that are looking to take advantage of the talented individuals FVSU is producing each and every year.

Dr. Rivers has earned well-deserved praise for his efforts at FVSU. Georgia Trend magazine recognized him as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" and one of Georgia's "Top 25 Leaders" in its 25th Anniversary issue. While the transformation at FVSU is remarkable, I know Dr. Rivers will not rest until FVSU is ranked 1st.

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "Universities are based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind." I am confident that under the leadership of Dr. Larry Rivers, we will continue to expand the minds of our young men and women and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2219) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chair, I submit the following table on H.R. 2219, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2012 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I					
MILITARY PERSONNEL					
Military Personnel, Army.....	41,403,653	43,596,949	43,859,709	+2,456,056	+262,760
Military Personnel, Navy.....	25,912,449	27,154,384	27,141,334	+1,228,885	-13,050
Military Personnel, Marine Corps.....	13,210,161	13,573,546	13,480,436	+270,275	-93,110
Military Personnel, Air Force.....	27,105,755	28,304,432	28,264,646	+1,158,891	-39,786
Reserve Personnel, Army.....	4,333,165	4,386,077	4,333,507	+342	-52,570
Reserve Personnel, Navy.....	1,940,191	1,960,634	1,948,544	+8,353	-12,090
Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps.....	612,191	653,212	645,422	+33,231	-7,790
Reserve Personnel, Air Force.....	1,650,797	1,729,823	1,711,653	+60,856	-18,170
National Guard Personnel, Army.....	7,511,296	7,623,335	7,607,345	+96,049	-15,990
National Guard Personnel, Air Force.....	3,060,098	3,114,149	3,099,629	+39,531	-14,520
Total, title I, Military Personnel.....	126,739,756	132,096,541	132,092,225	+5,352,469	-4,316
TITLE II					
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE					
Operation and Maintenance, Army.....	33,306,117	34,735,216	34,581,321	+1,275,204	-153,895
Operation and Maintenance, Navy.....	37,809,239	39,364,688	39,385,685	+1,576,446	+20,997
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps.....	5,539,740	5,960,437	6,036,996	+497,256	+76,559
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force.....	36,062,989	36,195,133	36,065,107	+2,118	-130,026
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide.....	30,210,810	30,940,409	30,682,265	+471,455	-258,144
Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve.....	2,840,427	3,109,176	3,047,033	+206,606	-62,143
Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve.....	1,344,264	1,323,134	1,323,134	-21,130	---
Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve.....	275,484	271,443	271,443	-4,041	---
Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve.....	3,291,027	3,274,359	3,310,459	+19,432	+36,100
Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard.....	6,454,624	7,041,432	6,979,232	+524,608	-62,200
Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard.....	5,963,839	6,136,280	6,094,380	+130,541	-41,900
Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Account.....	---	5,000	---	---	-5,000
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.....	14,068	13,861	13,861	-207	---
Environmental Restoration, Army.....	464,581	346,031	346,031	-118,550	---
Environmental Restoration, Navy.....	304,867	308,668	308,668	+3,801	---
Environmental Restoration, Air Force.....	502,653	525,453	525,453	+22,800	---
Environmental Restoration, Defense-Wide.....	10,744	10,716	10,716	-28	---
Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites.....	316,546	276,495	276,495	-40,051	---
Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid.....	108,032	107,662	107,662	-370	---
Cooperative Threat Reduction Account.....	522,512	508,219	508,219	-14,293	---
Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund.....	217,561	305,501	105,501	-112,060	-200,000
Total, title II, Operation and maintenance.....	165,560,124	170,759,313	169,979,661	+4,419,537	-779,652
TITLE III					
PROCUREMENT					
Aircraft Procurement, Army.....	5,254,791	7,061,381	6,487,481	+1,232,690	-573,900
Missile Procurement, Army.....	1,570,108	1,478,718	1,464,223	-105,885	-14,495
Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army.....	1,461,086	1,933,512	2,178,886	+717,800	+245,374
Procurement of Ammunition, Army.....	1,847,066	1,992,625	1,952,625	+105,559	-40,000
Other Procurement, Army.....	8,145,665	9,682,592	9,371,952	+1,226,287	-310,640
Aircraft Procurement, Navy.....	16,170,868	18,587,033	17,804,750	+1,633,882	-782,283
Weapons Procurement, Navy.....	3,221,957	3,408,478	2,975,749	-246,208	-432,729
Procurement of Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps.....	790,527	719,952	633,048	-157,479	-86,904
Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy.....	15,366,658	14,928,921	14,725,493	-641,165	-203,428
Other Procurement, Navy.....	5,804,963	6,285,451	5,996,459	+191,496	-288,992
Procurement, Marine Corps.....	1,236,436	1,391,602	1,453,602	+217,166	+62,000
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force.....	13,483,739	14,082,527	13,987,613	+503,874	-94,914
Missile Procurement, Air Force.....	5,424,764	6,074,017	5,689,998	+265,234	-384,019
Advanced Extremely High Frequency Communications Satellites, Advanced appropriation FY 2013.....	---	803,417	---	---	-803,417
Advanced appropriation FY 2014.....	---	699,611	---	---	-699,611
Advanced appropriation FY 2015 through FY 2017.....	---	1,709,467	---	---	-1,709,467
Total, Advanced appropriations	---	3,212,495	---	---	-3,212,495

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Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force.....	731,487	539,065	522,565	-208,922	-16,500
Other Procurement, Air Force.....	17,568,091	17,602,036	17,260,619	-307,472	-341,417
Procurement, Defense-Wide	4,009,321	5,365,248	5,046,447	+1,037,126	-318,801
Defense Production Act Purchases	34,346	19,964	29,964	-4,382	+10,000
Total, title III, Procurement.....	102,121,873	114,365,617	107,581,474	+5,459,601	-6,784,143
FY 2012.....	(102,121,873)	(111,153,122)	(107,581,474)	(+5,459,601)	(-3,571,648)
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TITLE IV					
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION					
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army.....	9,710,998	9,683,980	9,381,166	-329,832	-302,814
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy.....	17,736,303	17,956,431	17,798,950	+62,647	-157,481
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force.....	26,517,405	27,737,701	26,313,196	-204,209	-1,424,505
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide	20,797,412	19,755,678	19,324,865	-1,472,547	-430,813
Operational Test and Evaluation, Defense.....	194,910	191,292	191,292	-3,618	---
Total, title IV, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	74,957,028	75,325,082	73,009,469	-1,947,559	-2,315,613
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TITLE V					
REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS					
Defense Working Capital Funds.....	1,434,536	1,575,010	1,575,010	+140,474	---
National Defense Sealift Fund.....	1,474,866	1,126,384	1,100,519	-374,347	-25,865
Total, title V, Revolving and Management Funds..	2,909,402	2,701,394	2,675,529	-233,873	-25,865
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TITLE VI					
OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS					
Defense Health Program:					
Operation and maintenance.....	29,671,764	30,902,546	30,497,735	+825,971	-404,811
Procurement.....	534,921	632,518	632,518	+97,597	---
Research, development, test and evaluation.....	1,175,513	663,706	1,187,206	+11,693	+523,500
Total, Defense Health Program 1/.....	31,382,198	32,198,770	32,317,459	+935,261	+118,689
Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense:					
Operation and maintenance.....	1,067,364	1,147,691	1,147,691	+80,327	---
Procurement.....	7,132	---	---	-7,132	---
Research, development, test and evaluation.....	392,811	406,731	406,731	+13,920	---
Total, Chemical Agents 2/.....	1,467,307	1,554,422	1,554,422	+87,115	---
Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense					
Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund 2/.....	1,156,957	1,156,282	1,208,147	+51,190	+51,865
Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund.....	---	220,634	220,634	+220,634	---
Office of the Inspector General 1/.....	306,794	100,000	---	---	-100,000
Total, title VI, Other Department of Defense Programs.....	34,313,256	35,519,627	35,647,581	+1,334,325	+127,954
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TITLE VII					
RELATED AGENCIES					
Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System Fund.....	292,000	513,700	513,700	+221,700	---
Intelligence Community Management Account (ICMA).....	649,732	592,213	458,225	-191,507	-133,988
Total, title VII, Related agencies.....	941,732	1,105,913	971,925	+30,193	-133,988
TITLE VIII					
GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Additional transfer authority (Sec. 8005).....	(4,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(4,000,000)	---	(-1,000,000)
Indian Financing Act incentives (Sec. 8020).....	15,000	---	15,000	---	+15,000
FFRDC (Sec. 8024).....	-125,000	---	-125,000	---	-125,000
Overseas Military Facility Invest Recovery (Sec. 8029)	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Rescissions (Sec. 8040).....	-2,013,536	---	-1,080,105	+933,431	-1,080,105
O&M, Defense-wide transfer authority (Sec.8051).....	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	---	---
O&M, Def-wide to HUD transfer authority	---	(22,930)	---	---	(-22,930)
O&M, DW to Interior transfer authority.....	---	(10,070)	---	---	(-10,070)
Fisher House Foundation (Sec. 8069).....	4,000	---	4,000	---	+4,000
National grants (Sec. 8078).....	65,200	---	44,000	-21,200	+44,000
Shipbuilding reappropriation (Sec. 8082).....	---	20,000	---	---	-20,000
Shipbuilding & conversion funds, Navy (Sec. 8083).....	10,000	8,000	8,000	-2,000	---
Working Capital Fund excess cash.....	-1,983,000	---	---	+1,983,000	---
Fisher House transfer authority (Sec. 8096).....	(11,000)	(11,000)	(11,000)	---	---
ICMA transfer authority (Sec. 8097).....	(24,000)	(20,000)	(22,000)	(-2,000)	(+2,000)
Business Transformation (transfer authority).....	(50,000)	---	---	(-50,000)	---
Tanker Replacement Transfer Fund	538,875	---	---	-538,875	---
Alternative Energy Resources for Deployed Forces (Sec. 8115).....	---	---	10,000	+10,000	+10,000
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide.....	300,000	---	---	-300,000	---
Energy Security Pilot Projects.....	20,000	---	---	-20,000	---
Revised economic assumptions (Sec. 8121).....	-1,477,000	---	-1,310,100	+166,900	-1,310,100
Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide (Sec. 8122)....	250,000	---	250,000	---	+250,000
Civilian pay freeze reduction.....	-723,000	---	---	+723,000	---
Total, Title VIII, General Provisions.....	-5,117,461	29,000	-2,183,205	+2,934,256	-2,212,205
TITLE IX					
OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS 3/					
Military Personnel					
Military Personnel, Army (GWOT).....	11,107,033	7,105,335	6,822,635	-4,284,398	-282,700
Military Personnel, Navy (GWOT).....	1,308,719	919,034	919,034	-389,685	---
Military Personnel, Marine Corps (GWOT).....	732,920	675,360	675,360	-57,560	---
Military Personnel, Air Force (GWOT).....	1,843,442	1,436,353	1,436,353	-407,089	---
Reserve Personnel, Army (GWOT).....	268,031	207,162	207,162	-60,869	---
Reserve Personnel, Navy (GWOT).....	48,912	44,530	44,530	-4,382	---
Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps (GWOT).....	45,437	25,421	25,421	-20,016	---
Reserve Personnel, Air Force (GWOT).....	27,002	26,815	26,815	-187	---
National Guard Personnel, Army (GWOT).....	853,022	661,879	646,879	-206,143	-15,000
National Guard Personnel, Air Force (GWOT).....	16,860	9,435	9,435	-7,425	---
Total, Military Personnel.....	16,251,378	11,111,324	10,813,624	-5,437,754	-297,700
Operation and Maintenance					
Operation & Maintenance, Army (GWOT).....	59,162,782	44,302,280	39,175,755	-19,987,027	-5,126,525
Operation & Maintenance, Navy (GWOT).....	8,970,724	7,006,567	6,749,489	-2,221,235	-257,078
Coast Guard (by transfer) (OCO) 3/.....	---	(258,278)	---	---	(-258,278)
Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps (GWOT).....	4,008,022	3,571,210	3,571,210	-436,812	---
Operation & Maintenance, Air Force (GWOT).....	12,969,643	10,719,187	10,739,587	-2,230,056	+20,400
Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide (GWOT).....	9,276,990	9,269,411	9,312,876	+35,886	+43,465
Coalition support funds (GWOT).....	(1,600,000)	---	---	(-1,600,000)	---
Operation & Maintenance, Army Reserve (GWOT).....	206,784	217,500	217,500	+10,716	---
Operation & Maintenance, Navy Reserve (GWOT).....	93,559	74,148	74,148	-19,411	---
Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve (GWOT).....	29,685	36,084	36,084	+6,399	---

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Operation & Maintenance, Air Force Reserve (GWOT).....	188,807	142,050	142,050	-46,757	---
Operation & Maintenance, Army National Guard (GWOT).....	497,849	387,544	387,544	-110,305	---
Operation & Maintenance, Air National Guard (GWOT).....	402,983	34,050	34,050	-368,933	---
Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund (GWOT).....	---	---	5,000,000	+5,000,000	+5,000,000
Subtotal, Operation and Maintenance.....	95,807,828	75,760,031	75,440,293	-20,367,535	-319,738
Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund (GWOT).....	400,000	475,000	475,000	+75,000	---
Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (GWOT).....	11,619,283	12,800,000	12,800,000	+1,180,717	---
Iraq Security Forces Fund (GWOT).....	1,500,000	---	---	-1,500,000	---
Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund (GWOT).....	800,000	---	1,100,000	+300,000	+1,100,000
Total, Operation and Maintenance.....	110,127,111	89,035,031	89,815,293	-20,311,818	+780,262
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Procurement					
Aircraft Procurement, Army (GWOT).....	2,720,138	423,400	387,900	-2,332,238	-35,500
Missile Procurement, Army (GWOT).....	343,828	126,556	118,412	-225,416	-8,144
Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army (GWOT).....	896,996	37,117	37,117	-859,879	---
Procurement of Ammunition, Army (GWOT).....	369,885	208,381	208,381	-161,504	---
Other Procurement, Army (GWOT).....	6,401,832	1,398,195	1,398,195	-5,003,637	---
Aircraft Procurement, Navy (GWOT).....	1,169,549	730,960	492,060	-677,489	-238,900
Weapons Procurement, Navy (GWOT).....	90,502	41,070	41,070	-49,432	---
Procurement of Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps (GWOT).....	558,024	317,100	317,100	-240,924	---
Other Procurement, Navy (GWOT).....	316,835	281,975	249,514	-67,321	-32,461
Procurement, Marine Corps (GWOT).....	1,589,119	1,260,996	1,183,996	-405,123	-77,000
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force (GWOT).....	1,991,955	527,865	440,265	-1,551,690	-87,600
Missile Procurement, Air Force (GWOT).....	56,621	28,420	46,920	-9,701	+18,500
Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force (GWOT).....	292,959	92,510	139,510	-153,449	+47,000
Other Procurement, Air Force (GWOT).....	2,868,593	3,204,641	3,213,010	+344,417	+8,369
Procurement, Defense-Wide (GWOT).....	1,262,499	469,968	406,668	-855,831	-63,300
National Guard and Reserve Equipment (GWOT).....	850,000	---	1,500,000	+650,000	+1,500,000
Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Fund (GWOT).....	3,415,000	3,195,170	3,195,170	-219,830	---
Total, Procurement.....	25,194,335	12,344,324	13,375,288	-11,819,047	+1,030,964
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Research, Development, Test and Evaluation					
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army (GWOT).....	143,234	8,513	8,513	-134,721	---
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy (GWOT).....	104,781	53,884	53,884	-50,897	---
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force (GWOT).....	484,382	142,000	182,000	-302,382	+40,000
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide (GWOT).....	222,616	192,361	192,361	-30,255	---
Total, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	955,013	396,758	436,758	-518,255	+40,000
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Revolving and Management Funds					
Defense Working Capital Funds (GWOT).....	485,384	435,013	435,013	-50,371	---
Total, Revolving and Management Funds.....	485,384	435,013	435,013	-50,371	---
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Other Department of Defense Programs					
Defense Health Program:					
Operation and maintenance (GWOT).....	1,398,092	1,228,288	1,228,288	-169,804	---
Research, development, test & evaluation (GWOT).....	24,000	---	---	-24,000	---
Total, Defense Health Program 1/.....	1,422,092	1,228,288	1,228,288	-193,804	---

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Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense (GWOT).....	440,510	486,458	469,458	+28,948	-17,000
Joint IED Defeat Fund (GWOT).....	2,793,768	2,577,500	2,577,500	-216,268	---
Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund (GWOT) 3/.....	---	100,000	---	---	-100,000
Office of the Inspector General (GWOT).....	10,529	11,055	11,055	+526	---

Total, Other Department of Defense Programs.....	4,666,899	4,403,301	4,286,301	-380,598	-117,000

TITLE IX General Provisions					
Additional transfer authority (GWOT) (Sec. 9002).....	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(-1,000,000)	(-1,000,000)
National Intelligence for Overseas Contingency Operations (transfer authority)(GWOT)(Sec.9xxx).....	(3,375)	---	---	(-3,375)	---
Rescissions (GWOT) (Sec.9017) 3/.....	---	---	-595,000	-595,000	-595,000

Total, General Provisions.....	---	---	-595,000	-595,000	-595,000

Total, Title IX	157,680,120	117,725,751	118,567,277	-39,112,843	+841,526
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Total for the bill (net).....	660,105,830	649,628,238	638,341,936	-21,763,894	-11,286,302
Less appropriations for subsequent years....	---	-3,212,495	---	---	+3,212,495

Net grand total (including other appropriations)	660,105,830	646,415,743	638,341,936	-21,763,894	-8,073,807
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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET RECAP					
Scorekeeping adjustments:					
Lease of defense real property (permanent).....	8,884	22,000	22,000	+13,116	---
Disposal of defense real property (permanent).....	10,317	9,000	9,000	-1,317	---
O&M, Defense-wide transfer to HUD:					
Defense function.....	---	-22,930	---	---	+22,930
Non-defense function.....	---	22,930	---	---	-22,930
O&M, Defense-wide transfer to Interior Department:					
Defense function.....	---	-10,070	---	---	+10,070
Non-defense function.....	---	10,070	---	---	-10,070
Tricare accrual (permanent, indefinite auth.) 4/..	10,872,070	10,733,000	10,733,000	-139,070	---
(GWOT) 3/.....	143,000	117,000	117,000	-26,000	---

Total, scorekeeping adjustments.....	11,034,271	10,881,000	10,881,000	-153,271	---
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Adjusted total (includ. scorekeeping adjustments)	671,140,101	657,296,743	649,222,936	-21,917,165	-8,073,807
Appropriations.....	(673,153,637)	(657,296,743)	(650,303,041)	(-22,850,596)	(-6,993,702)
Rescissions.....	(-2,013,536)	---	(-1,080,105)	(+933,431)	(-1,080,105)

Total (including scorekeeping adjustments).....	671,140,101	657,296,743	649,222,936	-21,917,165	-8,073,807
Amount in this bill.....	(660,105,830)	(646,415,743)	(638,341,936)	(-21,763,894)	(-8,073,807)
Scorekeeping adjustments.....	(11,034,271)	(10,881,000)	(10,881,000)	(-153,271)	---
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Total mandatory and discretionary.....	671,140,101	657,296,743	649,222,936	-21,917,165	-8,073,807
Mandatory.....	(292,000)	(513,700)	(513,700)	(+221,700)	---
Discretionary.....	(670,848,101)	(656,783,043)	(648,709,236)	(-22,138,865)	(-8,073,807)

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RECAPITULATION					
Title I - Military Personnel.....	126,739,756	132,096,541	132,092,225	+5,352,469	-4,316
Title II - Operation and Maintenance.....	165,560,124	170,759,313	169,979,661	+4,419,537	-779,652
Title III - Procurement.....	102,121,873	114,365,617	107,581,474	+5,459,601	-6,784,143
Title IV - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	74,957,028	75,325,082	73,009,469	-1,947,559	-2,315,613
Title V - Revolving and Management Funds.....	2,909,402	2,701,394	2,675,529	-233,873	-25,865
Title VI - Other Department of Defense Programs.....	34,313,256	35,519,627	35,647,581	+1,334,325	+127,954
Title VII - Related Agencies.....	941,732	1,105,913	971,925	+30,193	-133,988
Title VIII - General Provisions (net).....	-5,117,461	29,000	-2,183,205	+2,934,256	-2,212,205
Title IX - Overseas Contingency Operations (GWOT).....	157,680,120	117,725,751	118,567,277	-39,112,843	+841,526
Total, Department of Defense.....	660,105,830	649,628,238	638,341,936	-21,763,894	-11,286,302
Total funding available (net).....	660,105,830	649,628,238	638,341,936	-21,763,894	-11,286,302
Scorekeeping adjustments.....	11,034,271	10,881,000	10,881,000	-153,271	---
Less appropriations for subsequent years.....	---	-3,212,495	---	---	+3,212,495
Total mandatory and discretionary.....	671,140,101	657,296,743	649,222,936	-21,917,165	-8,073,807

FOOTNOTES:

- 1/ Included in Budget under Operation and Maintenance
- 2/ Included in Budget under Procurement
- 3/ Global War on Terrorism and other activities (GWOT) pursuant to FY 2012 budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 34). The President proposes overseas contingency operations
- 4/ Contributions to Department of Defense Retiree Health Care Fund (Sec. 725, P.L. 108-375)(CBO est)

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2219, OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN POSEY (FL-15)

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this amendment and commend my friend Congressman POSEY for his work on this jobs initiative.

Florida is home to Kennedy Space Center, the heart of NASA's space shuttle program. With tens of thousands of highly-skilled men and women currently working on the Space Coast in support of NASA's human space flight program, their jobs are threatened by the Administration's decision to end the shuttle program and cancel Constellation without a viable plan for the future of space exploration. These jobs will be lost, possibly forever, and in the midst of a housing and economic recession not seen in Florida in decades. Mr. Speaker, the truth is that the Space Coast cannot afford to lose these jobs.

That is why I am proud to stand with Mr. POSEY in support of this much needed amendment. Make no mistake, this is a jobs amendment—one that will help support families and small businesses throughout Central Florida. Specifically this amendment commits the Department of Defense to use the National Shuttle Logistics Depot to the greatest extent practicable and to assist in the preservation of our highly skilled aerospace and engineering workforce. By utilizing already existing infrastructure and a trained workforce, the government can leverage this unique skill set to advance our nation's space and defense missions at minimal cost to the American taxpayer.

The aerospace workers across the country have already been hit by an economy struggling under the tax and spend policies of the President and now, without a solid plan from NASA on what is next for the space program, the industry base will simply disappear. This is an easy way for the federal government to utilize the resources we already have to help create aerospace jobs throughout the country, without throwing away decades of technology

and laying off tens of thousands of highly skilled workers.

Mr. Speaker, when governments like China are gearing up for the next big explosion in space industry and technologies, preserving this workforce is not just about ensuring people have jobs—it is about the national security interests of our nation.

If we lose this national asset, I fear we will forever be remembered as the country that gave up the last frontier. One that looked to the stars and told the world we weren't interested.

I encourage all of my colleagues to vote in favor of this jobs amendment to help save a workforce we desperately need.

INTRODUCING AMENDMENT TO
THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS
BILL

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce an amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill that directs the Secretary of Defense to utilize to the fullest extent practicable the incredible resource that exists at the NASA Shuttle Logistics Depot, NSLD, in Central Florida.

The Department of Defense would be well served to make greater use of the facility's unique manufacturing capabilities and highly-skilled workforce for Department of Defense supply chain and repair needs. The loss of this facility and its workforce would not only be a blow to our nation's space program but represent a missed opportunity to serve U.S. national security interests.

The unique combination of technologically-advanced equipment used in the 300,000 sq. ft. NSLD facility for aerospace manufacturing, repair, and overhaul combined with the critical workforce is extremely capable of providing warfighter support for our military. Although the NSLD's operator, the United Space Alliance, USA, has procured a recent DLA contract, the work is not enough to maintain the NSLD.

This irreplaceable workforce will go elsewhere once the Shuttle Program comes to an end. The skills the NSLD facility and personnel offer are a direct match to those the DoD needs to reduce the risk of vanishing vendors and diminishing manufacturing sources in its supply chain. USA's performance-based logistics operations have maintained on-time delivery greater than 98 percent, and a customer acceptance rate of 99.99 percent.

USA has managed NASA assets of 250,000 unique part numbers valued at \$1.5 billion per year. During the Shuttle Program, over 80 OEM hardware repair or manufacturing tasks—260 Orbiter Line Replaceable Units comprised of over 7,000 line items—were transitioned to and certified by USA at the NSLD. By Shuttle Program end, more than 80 percent of all completed Orbiter Line Replaceable Unit repairs were done at NSLD by USA resources.

This Amendment is directly tied to jobs. The final flight of the Space Shuttle Orbiter, scheduled for Friday, sets the stage for a mass exodus of highly skilled labor and specialized resources from Florida's Space Coast. This void will further strain our economy and dilute the workforce and capabilities needed to sustain the technologies required to achieve the diversification of Florida's economy.

Aside from being a great asset to the Department of Defense, greater utilization of this important asset will keep the facility functioning as we look to NASA's next mission. This workforce would have been sustained as NASA transitioned to the Constellation Program, that is before it was vitiated. The retirement of the Shuttle Program presents an excellent opportunity for the Department of Defense, the Defense Logistics Agency specifically, to take advantage of the highly skilled workforce as they process and refurbish equipment returning from theater in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is an opportunity which can preserve a national asset, preserve jobs, and assist the Department of Defense in cycling through the equipment returning from combat.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I am submitting this amendment to encourage DoD to make better use of this rich resource so that it does not winnow away.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine enhanced investor protection after the financial crisis.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, and S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act's Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants Program.

SD-406

10:15 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on training America's workforce.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine if new technology and private sector business

practices can cut waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid.

SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine pensions, focusing on building a strong middle class and strong economy.

SD-430

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why crammers win and consumers lose.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, S. 1094, to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416), an original bill entitled, "Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization of 2011", and any pending nominations.

Room to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the "Violence Against Women Act", focusing on building on seventeen years of accomplishments.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

SD-226

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlert, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to

the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

JULY 14

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine learning from what works for employment for persons with disabilities.

SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation.

SR-253

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine native women.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 21

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine floods and fires, focusing on emergency preparedness for natural disasters in the native communities.

SD-628

JULY 27

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense.

SR-232A

JULY 28

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators.

SD-628