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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

August 26, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

Reverend James Stoeger, S.J., Jesuit Secondary Education Association, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, draw us to Yourself, to Your concerns and desires for us.

Help us attend as You might Yourself to the needs of our communities, Nation, and world. Draw our hearts towards those persons in want, those suffering illness or hunger or poverty. Inspire us to approaches and solutions for matters such as defense and learning and financial well-being.

For those Members on vacation, help them enjoy needed rest and family time. Please, God, bless the Members of this House, their staffs, and the country they serve.

This morning, in particular, we pray as well for the safety of those people and communities in the path of Hurricane Irene. Please, God, care for them. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5 of House Resolution 375, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 375, no legislative business will be conducted on this day.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of House Resolution 375, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 34 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 11 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2818. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department for multiple fiscal years, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

2819. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Bernard J. McCullough III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2820. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report

on Credit Ratings References in Department and Bureau Regulations; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2821. A letter from the Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting a Report on Credit Ratings; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2822. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Annual Report entitled, "Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2010", pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 355, section 505(q)(3); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2823. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting written notification of the determination that a public health emergency exists and has existed in the state of North Dakota since April 5, 2010, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d(a) Public Law 107-188, section 144(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2824. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0471; FRL-9445-9] received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2825. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of California; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Interference with Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirement [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0211; FRL-9446-6] received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2826. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lead; Clearance and Clearance Testing Requirements for the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0049; FRL-8881-8] (RIN: 2070-AJ57) received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2827. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to the California

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State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0429; FRL-9444-3] received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2828. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revision to the California State Implementation Plan; South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0462; FRL-9437-6] received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2829. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0416; FRL-9446-7] received July 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2830. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled, "RCRA Hazardous Waste Identification of Methamphetamine Production Process By-products"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2831. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Codes and New and Revised ASME Code Cases [NRC-2008-0554] (RIN: 3150-AI35) received July 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2832. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2833. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Customs and Border Protection Officer Retirement (RIN: 3206-AL69) received July 19, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2834. A letter from the Chief, Branch of Foreign Species, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Salmon-Crested Cockatoo as Threatened Throughout its Range with Special Rule [Docket No.: FWS-R9-IA-2009-0056; MO 92210-1111F105 B6] (RIN: 1018-AW00) received July 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2835. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting a report on applications for delayed-notice search warrants and extensions during fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2836. A letter from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's decision not to appeal the decision of the district court in the case of the United States v. Scott A. Holencik, No. 10-00017-VAP (C.D. Cal.); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2837. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determining the Amount of Taxes Paid for Purposes of the Foreign Tax Credit [TD 9536] (RIN: 1545-BK40) received July 20, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 2826. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from employer social security taxes with respect to service members and veterans, and to provide a business credit for the retention of such individuals for at least 1 year; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DOLD:

H.R. 2827. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to clarify provisions relating to the regulation of municipal advisors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California:

H.R. 2828. A bill to provide funds to States, units of general local government, and community-based organizations to save and create local jobs through the retention, restoration, or expansion of services needed by local communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BRALEY of Iowa:

H.R. 2826.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DOLD:

H.R. 2827.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3, which provides Congress the power to "regulate commerce with foreign Nations and among the several States." This legislation clarifies language in the Dodd-Frank Act regarding the registration and regulation of municipal advisors. It does this by amending the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California:

H.R. 2828.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1, 3, 18 of the U.S. Constitution; Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the U.S. Constitution.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 104: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 389: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 402: Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. BASS of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BERMAN, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 772: Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 795: Mr. TIPTON and Mrs. BONO MACK.

H.R. 835: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 1236: Mr. TERRY, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, and Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 1244: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1327: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 1418: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California.

H.R. 1546: Mr. WELCH, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. CRITZ.

H.R. 1639: Mr. DENT and Mrs. BLACKBURN.

H.R. 1700: Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.R. 1744: Mr. GRIMM and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 1792: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1848: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 1897: Mr. BARLETTA and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 1936: Mr. TERRY.

H.R. 2005: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 2028: Mr. FATTAH and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 2082: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 2194: Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 2195: Mr. PAUL, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 2210: Mr. HIMES, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. HIRONO.

H.R. 2223: Mr. RAHALL.

H.R. 2414: Mr. CARTER.

H.R. 2497: Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 2541: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 2557: Mr. ROSS of Arkansas.

H.R. 2655: Mr. DENT and Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 2698: Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 2814: Mr. CUMMINGS.

H. Res. 134: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.



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## Senate

(Legislative day of Tuesday, August 2, 2011)

The Senate met at 11:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 26, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST  
30, 2011 AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:15 and 31 seconds a.m., recessed until Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF PETER DOUGLAS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished public service career of my dear friend Peter Douglas. Peter is retiring after nearly 26 years as the California Coastal Commission's Executive Director, a post that he has held continuously since 1985, longer than any other director of a California State agency. In that time he has done more than any other individual to shape the California Coastal Commission and by extension the California coast we know today. So I think it appropriate that we honor his vision, dedication, and tenacity in doing as much as humanly possible to keep the California coast natural, open, and accessible.

Peter has always had a knack for pulling success from challenging circumstances. Peter's Jewish mother gave birth to him while living in Berlin, Germany, in 1942. His family managed to escape to Mexico and then, in the early 1950s, to the United States. Peter went on to graduate from UCLA in 1965 and later from the UCLA law school in 1969. After a brief law practice, Peter went to work for Assemblyman Alan Sieroty, a Democrat from Beverly Hills. And that is when I first met him and where he really started his work as a troublemaker and paradigm shifter par excellence.

In the late 1950s, my father, the late State Senator Fred Farr, authored an early version of a California Coastal Act, but the politics were not yet there to support its passage. Peter helped change that by drafting an updated version of my father's legislation that this time went to the voters as Proposition 20. As part of the grass roots campaign to pass Prop 20, Peter, with a little help from me and some others, organized a coastal bike ride along the coast from far north to the Mexican border. With Prop 20's passage the California Coastal Commission was born. Peter then went to work for the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Select Committee on Coastal Protection, from where he helped draft the 1976 California Coastal Act, which made the Coastal Commission permanent and set in motion the creation of local coastal plans and the other basic elements of California's coastal protection framework.

Peter then went to work for the Commission as its Chief Deputy, a position he held until his 1985 appointment as the Commission's executive director. As Executive Director, Peter led the Commission's development into the bulwark of California coastal protection that it is today. He has described the measure of his success as the things that we don't see: the wetlands left unfilled; the scenic vistas left open; the coastal habitat still available for wildlife; and even the coastal amenities now open to minorities. Others have measured his success with a catalogue of awards and recognition too long to detail here. Of course this has

not come without controversy. He has frequently tangled with the rich and powerful over various coastal development proposals and has survived over a dozen attempts to remove him.

Unfortunately, illness has done what lobbyists could not. His long running struggle with cancer has forced Peter to step down from his executive director position. I know I speak for many of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, in thanking Peter for his selfless service and in wishing him and his family and friends all the best.

TRIBUTE TO 70TH MCAFEE FAMILY REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the McAfee family for celebrating their 70th family reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

On Saturday, August 27, 2011, members of the McAfee family will gather at Rodriguez City Park in San Antonio to celebrate a tradition of coming together that has lasted 70 years. The McAfee Family Reunion began in 1941 with the family of William and Charlotte Newton McAfee, and their nine children. This year, four of the McAfee children from the initial reunion will be celebrating their 70th continuous McAfee Family Reunion: Harold McAfee, Delton McAfee King, Doris McAfee Walker, and Joseph McAfee.

At the core of American values is a commitment to family, and I want to thank all of the members of the McAfee family for their incredible dedication to each other. They are truly a model for families all across our great country, and I am honored to have their family celebrate such a tremendous milestone in my district. The McAfee family's steadfast embodiment of family values is an inspiration, and I wish them years of continued happiness for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY BY PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize August 26 as Women's Equality Day, which marks the date in 1920 that women earned the right to vote. Today, we celebrate women's equality in the United States after so many years of being treated as second-class citizens, denied the full rights and privileges of male citizens.

Mr. Speaker, voting rights are now an institutionalized right for all women. Any attempt to

weaken or withdraw them would be met with universal public condemnation. Unfortunately, there are other historic advances for women which face an uncertain future. One of these is Medicare, which 1 in 5 women rely on for basic health insurance protection.

Since its enactment, Medicare has been a great equalizer for women's rights. By removing some of the burdens associated with being primary caregivers, Medicare freed women to pursue roles outside the home.

Unfortunately, even in retirement, women are more likely to be dependent on Medicare than men. It is a critical source of health insurance coverage for nearly all older women in the United States and for many younger women who have permanent disabilities. Nearly half, 49 percent, of women on Medicare have three or more chronic health conditions and 57 percent of women on the program live below the federal poverty level.

Mr. Speaker, Medicare is a social insurance program that provides health insurance coverage to all people who are aged 65 and over as well as those who are permanently disabled.

Like women's suffrage, Medicare endured a long and difficult battle to be signed into law since it was first called for by President Truman in 1946. It was introduced in Congress every session from 1952 to 1964 and was defeated each time. Finally passed as part of the Great Society initiative under President Lyndon B. Johnson, Medicare was signed into law in Independence, Missouri on July 30, 1965.

Johnson chose Independence as a tribute to President Harry Truman's efforts to pass Medicare decades before and enrolled the former President as the first Medicare beneficiary. Medicare has four different parts: Hospital Coverage, Medical Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans, and Prescription Drug Plans which help to cover the cost of inpatient care in hospitals, doctor's visits, hospital outpatient care, preventative services, and the cost of prescription drugs.

Since the beginning of the program, Medicare has had a profound impact on the health and well-being of older women. In 1964, only 51 percent of Americans 65 and older had health care coverage, nearly 30 percent of seniors lived below the poverty line and the average life expectancy of Americans was 70.2 years old.

Today, virtually all Americans 65 and older have health care coverage, only 8.9 percent of seniors live below the poverty line and the average life expectancy of Americans has increased to 78.2 years old. Additionally, Medicare provides affordable health care coverage to over 47 million Americans, including 39 million seniors and 8 million Americans under 65 with disabilities. Among the oldest Medicare beneficiaries, those 85 years and older—70 percent are women.

Mr. Speaker, Medicare is popular and strongly supported by the majority of American women, with 72 percent regarding Medicare as extremely important to their retirement security.

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House Republicans ignore or pretend not to recognize the extraordinary success of Medicare. In fact, earlier this year House Republicans adopted a fiscal plan that ends Medicare as we know it and replaces it with a voucher program that requires seniors to purchase health care from private insurance companies with a voucher that is worth \$6,200 less than they receive currently under Medicare. Of course, my friends across the aisle do not explain how seniors can be expected to be better off fending for themselves with less money in a profit-based system with higher administrative costs that discriminates against older persons and those with preexisting medical conditions.

Mr. Speaker, my Democratic colleagues and I believe that Medicare needs to be preserved and strengthened so that it may be available for future generations. Just as Medicare has been kept solvent for the last 46 years; we believe it can be strengthened and maintained for at least the next 46 years.

Because women constitute the majority of individuals on Medicare, the program is therefore critically important to preserving our health and well-being. In addition, because women, on average, are paid less, live longer and have more health care needs than men, Medicare plays a greater role toward preventing illness and destitution.

Therefore, in honor of Women's Equality Day, I rise to honor the brave and courageous women of past generations who fought for the right to vote and for equality. They deserve equal attention to their long-term health, and I intend to continue fighting to that end.

#### HONORING GAIL T. LOVELACE

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring native Washingtonian Gail T. Lovelace for 38 years of outstanding, tireless service to the federal government, and especially in celebrating her tenure at the General Services Administration (GSA).

Gail graduated from Notre Dame Academy, where she was a proud member of the basketball team, the French club, and the glee club, where she honed her signature voice. She is an honors graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Louisville.

Gail is a human resources guru and served as the first Chief People Officer in the federal government, as well as GSA's top human resources executive. During her tenure, GSA has repeatedly been voted as one of the top agencies to work for in the federal government. Her expertise and skill set have made her the "go-to" person and a problem solver on matters dealing with federal personnel. She is equally well known as a strong advocate for civil servants.

IN 2008, Gail served as the Director of Presidential Transition for GSA, an important role given GSA's responsibility for finding suitable and appropriate work space, for providing information technology services, and for providing a variety of administrative services for each incoming administration. Gail is known for her flawless approach to solving problems,

and has received numerous awards and honors during her career, including the Human Resources Executive of the Year Honor Roll Award and the Meritorious and the Distinguished Presidential Rank Awards.

In addition to her stellar career, Gail takes great pride in her family. Her husband, Reginald, her children, Ryan and Resa, her son-in-law, Salvatore, and her granddaughter, Lindsey, are highlights in her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Gail T. Lovelace for her accomplishments and devotion to public service and in wishing her well on her retirement. Our federal government is a better place because of her service.

#### WINDSOR WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADERS MARCH ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

#### HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 2011, I was honored to take part in a ceremony recognizing more than sixty 5th grade students from Virginia Beach's Windsor Woods Elementary School to mark the transition from the elementary level to the secondary level. After six years of hard work, they enjoyed reflecting back on their accomplishments, over this important time in their development, with different types of recognitions and awards. I spoke to them about their next challenge in the upcoming seven years of secondary school. I reminded them that each part of this next period in their lives is made up of small resolute steps toward their near goal of graduating from high school by illustrating numerous stories from my life. Below are the names of the 5th grade scholars:

Otoniel Adame-Perez, Dmitry S. Alelekov, Katlyn Allen, Aric L. Asper, Joshua A. Bailey, Joseph L. Baker, Peyton E. Berning, Tanner S. Blais, Julia M. Bland, Monica C. Boone, Fabricio Borda, Christopher Brazelton, Isreal Brownlow, Jacob A. Browning, Emily B. Bullock, Alexandria E. Carman, Justin D. Chesnut, Michelle Ciely.

Mya L. Clark, Briyana C. Davenport, Logan Davis, Morgan L. Davis, Michael Deany, Clayton G. Ditty, Justin W. Dowell, Christopher Dunlap, Evan Fisher, James Fisher, John P. Gordley, Nia S. Hamiel, Angel Harris, Chance W. Harbour, Kiavon Ingrain, Arne J. Jakobsson, Krystina A. Johnson.

Darryl Jones, Ky-Asia M. Jones, Cody T. Kaneiss, Gregory Klein, Sarah N. Kline, Benjamin R. Kohler, Nguyen T. Le, Joseph A. Leake, Makaela L. Leisy, Mahogany Leslie, Yong Hao Li, Noelle N. Litchfield, Anastasia E. Maletz, Christiana L. Marlowe, Emmalyn R. Martin, Isabella Martinelli, Raymond Matos-Dominguez, Sean McClurg.

Jackson Mills, Christian N. Moe, Bridget L. Moran, Dillon Morey, Mark A. Mount, Joseph L. Nguyen, Aaron J. Ortiz, John M. Pagan Lamberty, Andjee Phillips, Jeffery Proctor, Brianna I. Quilan, Emily I. Rice-Wheeler, Alexia R. Robbins, Andrew B. Rowe, Jenna A. Rytko, Elijah Sailes, Isabel J. Samonte, Carson D. Saunders.

Joseph Savage, Joseph Scharf, Matthew J. Schreck, William Scott, Montez Scutchings, Colin S. Seys, Destani E. Shine, Christopher Smith-Dent, Sophie R. Sparling, Jaden G. Stanford, Jaekwon Vinson, Brandon M.

Waddington, Cassidy M. Wagner, Amari T. Wall, Aliya D. Walker, Christian Walker, Erica M. Walker, Desmond O. Warren, Nicholas H. White, Javon Williams, Janasia L. Woodard, Victoria E. Yocom, Matthew Zieger.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LANCE CORPORAL TRAVIS M. NELSON, USMC

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Lance Corporal Travis M. Nelson.

Lance Corporal Nelson succumbed to wounds sustained in combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on August 18, 2011. At the time, he was assigned as a rifleman with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Born in Pace, Florida, on August 5, 1992, Lance Corporal Nelson was a true American patriot. Drawn to military service at an early age, with the support of his family, he joined the Young Marines of Pensacola at 14. He later participated in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Pace High School, where he graduated from in 2010. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and upon completion of basic training in January 2011, Lance Corporal Nelson chose to serve in the infantry. He knew of the challenging role; however, he felt that the job should not be left for someone else. His decision to join the Marine Corps is a true testament to his character's strength and selflessness.

Lance Corporal Nelson was a beloved member of his community, remembered as an athlete, an avid fisherman, and a friend by those who knew him. He is survived by his parents, Scott and Beckie; his sister, Anna; his brother, Daniel; and his fiancée, Madeline Cates.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Lance Corporal Travis Nelson for his selfless service and sacrifice in defense of our nation. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

#### CONGRATULATING COLONEL HARRY M. "MIKE" ROBERTS ON THE OCCASION OF CHANGE OF COMMAND AND RETIREMENT

#### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to congratulate Colonel Mike "MR" Roberts on the occasion of his change of command and retirement and for his outstanding service to our Nation.

Colonel Roberts is to be recognized for his outstanding command of the 178th Fighter

Wing, Springfield Air National Guard from January 5, 2008 to August 21, 2011, and upon his retirement after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the United States and the United States Air Force.

Colonel Roberts received his commission in 1982 upon his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. After graduation, he completed Air Force Pilot Training with an assignment to fly the A-10 Thunderbolt. Following his A-10 assignment, Colonel Roberts went on to fly the AT-38 and various models of the F-16C, while stationed in numerous locations including: New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, and Torrejon Air Base in Spain.

While assigned to Torrejon Air Base, he deployed and flew combat sorties in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Colonel Roberts was shot down over downtown Baghdad on January 19, 1991 and spent six weeks as a Prisoner of War until combat operations ceased and he was released in March of 1991.

In 1996, Colonel Roberts was assigned as the Active Duty Advisor to the 178th Fighter Wing, Springfield Air National Guard. In 2000, he resigned from active duty and was commissioned into the Ohio Air National Guard. As a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, Col. Roberts held numerous leadership positions, culminating as the Commander of the 178th Fighter Wing, Springfield Air National Guard Base.

Colonel Roberts' command of the 178th was simply outstanding, as evidenced by his winning the 2010 Ohio Adjutant General's Commander of the Year Award. He won this award for his invaluable contributions to the families of the 178th by ensuring all of their needs were met while maintaining a 100 percent deployment cycle and a changing mission set that required a complete retraining and reassignment of many of the Wing's personnel.

His "people first" style of leadership helped lead the 178th Fighter Wing through a successful transition from an F-16 Training Wing, including international students, to an Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing flying the MQ-1 Predator. During this

transition, the 178th completed all sortie requirements, totaling more than 5,800 flying hours with zero mishaps.

Colonel Roberts is a Command Pilot with over 5,000 flying hours, and has received numerous Department of Defense Awards, including the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War Medal.

For his tireless service and strong dedication to our Nation and the world's greatest Air Force, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our congratulations for a mission well done and a huge thanks for his many years of service. We wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT CAMP ROBERTS

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 26, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Satellite Communications Station at Camp Roberts, California, for fifty years of service to our nation. Nestled in the rolling rangeland of California's Central Coast, Camp Roberts has a long continuous tradition dating back to WWII of training soldiers for the active duty Army and Army National Guard. Many veterans remember Camp Roberts for its beautiful vistas and searing summer heat. But there is a lesser known side of Camp Roberts history and continuing service.

Half a century ago, at the dawn of the satellite age, defense engineers focused on Camp Roberts for its ideal location for communicating with satellites stationed over the Pacific Ocean. The Department of Defense installed a satellite communications terminal on a remote hill in the center of Camp Roberts in support of the then nascent Defense Commu-

nications Satellite Program. It was the first world-wide strategic communications station of its kind to be established. Today, the Camp Roberts Satellite Communications Station, provides highly reliable, relevant, and unique advanced communications that are crucial to the combat effectiveness of the Armed Forces of the U.S., and critical to our national security.

This station is the premier Gateway for the Department of Defense, providing joint interoperable communications capabilities and the full spectrum of communications services in direct support to the President, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, Department of Defense components, Warfighters, and civil authorities.

Camp Roberts Satellite Communications Station is one of the oldest and most prestigious operational signal assets belonging to the U.S. Department of Defense. Since its inception a half-century ago, the Camp Roberts Satellite Communications Station has flawlessly executed critical communications support during the most pivotal times in our nation's history. The unsung heroes of the Satellite Communications Station at Camp Roberts have been vital to the success of every major conflict from the fall of Saigon to the killing of Osama bin Laden, every space shuttle launch, and every disaster relief effort since Hurricane Katrina. Every day they contribute to global stability and national security and help protect the lives of the men and women serving our nation in harm's way. Indeed this House approved last year funding for a major expansion of the station and its capacity.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in commending the men and women who have served at the Camp Roberts Satellite Communications Station over the course of the past fifty years. Their efforts are not forgotten. And on the occasion of this anniversary, I want to particularly single out those on duty today, for their unceasing efforts are indeed the true monument to this important milestone in the history of our nation's defense.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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Senate met at 11:15 a.m. in pro forma session, and recessed at 11:15:31 a.m. until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 2826–2828 were introduced. **Page H5928**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5928**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5927**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend James Stoeger, S.J., Jesuit Secondary Education Association, Washington, DC. **Page H5927**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 30

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Tuesday, August 30

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

**Program for Tuesday:** The House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m.

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