

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY KOPP

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kimberly Kopp, a loving mother of four children, and the wife of Colorado State Senator Mike Kopp. Over the past two years, Mrs. Kopp battled cancer, leaving her family, her friends, and her community with examples of courage and grace.

In 1994, Mrs. Kopp married her husband, Mike, whom she met at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. One year later, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian ministry. For several years, she and Mike worked for various nonprofit Para church ministries in New Mexico and Arizona, eventually landing in Colorado. For years, she and her husband served the communities they lived in, offering hope and assistance through their work and personal lives.

On August 30, 2010, Mrs. Kopp was diagnosed with a rare, recurring form of cancer. For nearly a year, she battled courageously. On July 20, 2011, Mrs. Kopp passed away.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize Kimberly Kopp and the life she lived. Her life is a testament of grace, honor, and courage. She will be greatly missed.

### TRIBUTE TO CARLA STEELE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carla Steele for her extraordinary life and distinguished career as both a police officer and emergency medical technician for the fire department in Hayden, Colorado. Her zeal for learning helped her serve the community of Hayden with integrity and excellence.

Ms. Steele began her career as a police officer in August of 1995, after graduating from the police academy. For five years she served in many capacities as a reserve officer until becoming a full-time officer in October of 2000.

As a full-time officer, Ms. Steele was respected throughout Hayden by both her fellow officers and members of the community. For nine years, she devoted herself to the Hayden Police Department, working closely with the Sexual Assault Response and Domestic Violence teams. Her fellow officer, Hayden Police Chief Gordon Boosco said she was "wonderful to work with," and that he would be willing to go into any situation knowing Carla was with him.

The police department, was not the only avenue Ms. Steele used to serve the community of Hayden. In the fall of 1995 she started EMT courses at Colorado Northwestern Community

College with Hayden Fire Chief Bryan Rickman. On June 13, 1996, she joined the Hayden Fire Department as a volunteer EMT, a position she loved.

For 15 years, Ms. Steele served both the Hayden Police Department and Fire Department, devoting her career to a life of service. On July 29, 24 days before her 49th birthday, Carla Jean Steele was tragically taken in a traffic accident.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize Carla Steele. Her integrity and excellence as a public servant had a deep impact in the community of Hayden, Colorado, and she will be greatly missed.

### TRIBUTE TO HOTCHKISS HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hotchkiss High School engineering team for their award winning project, the Caboose, which won first place in the Junior Engineering Technical Society and Ability One National Engineering Design Competition in Washington, D.C. last February.

The engineering team was made up of Hotchkiss High School seniors Brandon Duval, Isaac Fisher, Zachary Larmer, Cody Spiker, Ryan Spor and junior Dave Murry. Through hard work and bright innovation, this team beat over 300 other high school engineering teams throughout the nation.

The team's project, the Caboose, is designed to help a person who uses crutches to wheel their luggage behind them when traveling. The team's inspiration came from Hotchkiss local Paul Larmer, who is also the father of one of the members. After many interviews, the team and Mr. Larmer, along with Hotchkiss Physics Professor, Richard Hypio, concluded that transporting luggage through crowded airports is one of the more inconvenient parts of travelling while on crutches. So the team went to work.

After many designs and several prototypes, the team developed a hands-free system to carrying luggage while on crutches, which later became their award-winning project, the Caboose. Currently, the team is working to have the Caboose patented and be placed in the market.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Hotchkiss High School engineering team. Through hard work and the innovative spirit that has made America great, this team has created a marketable product that will hopefully continue to help many Coloradans and Americans today.

### REMEMBERING 9/11

#### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, we all remember ten years ago on September 11; where we were, and what we were doing when we learned of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

We all felt fear and confusion at the images of horror we saw on the news. But this is America. What makes this country great is the courage and bravery that emerges during our darkest times. Later that evening, the President recited the 23rd Psalm in his address to Americans:

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me."

A few months after 9/11, I was working with a small group of volunteers in a Red Cross shelter next to Ground Zero in New York. We were filling a simple role—serving eggs and providing blankets to those conducting the cleanup. It was a round the clock task and when the police, firefighters and construction workers needed to come in from the freezing weather, some would come in and attempt to rest. The scene was grave. Rubble that had been a pile was slowly turning into a pit as more was removed and cleaned up each day. Remains of victims were still being unearthed. But playing this small part in the healing process galvanized my desire to work in service to our communities. Like many Americans, my love and respect for our country and her citizens soared.

We take this ten year anniversary of the September 11 attacks to offer our heartfelt gratitude to our first responders, and the men and women of our military, who stepped forward to respond to this tragedy. And we remember those who have died for our country. May we also never forget the demonstrations of bravery or the spirit of service that resulted from 9/11.

### ON RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE WEST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

#### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor public safety workers across Michigan's Ninth Congressional District, the State of Michigan and our Nation as we remember the tragedy that befell our country 10 years ago on September 11, 2001.

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American, as they are in mine. I recall the disbelief, the shock and the horror we felt as we saw our Nation rocked to its core and saw thousands of innocent Americans lose their lives in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington in acts of deliberate and horrific violence. It was an assault, the likes of which had never before been carried out on our homeland.

Yet, in the face of overwhelming tragedy, we witnessed the enduring resilience and unwavering determination of the American spirit as our public safety personnel thrust themselves into unimaginable danger to save the victims. Indeed, our public safety personnel, overcoming fear, in a moment that embodied their sense of service and professionalism, rose to meet a challenge that none before them had ever faced. And on that day, some of our brave firefighters, first responders and police, made the ultimate sacrifice as they gave their lives in the fulfillment of their duty to protect the communities they served.

In this poignant display of their bravery, their courage and their resolve, we are reminded that our public safety personnel willingly and fearlessly put their lives on the line every day to ensure our wellbeing.

The men and women of the West Bloomfield Fire Department in Oakland County, Michigan carry within themselves these same virtues. The 86 employees that comprise the department have made protecting the residents of West Bloomfield and its surrounding communities their professional responsibility. It is a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the West Bloomfield Fire Department that it is being honored with a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. I know this dedication ceremony will serve as a constant reminder to the communities served by the first responders of West Bloomfield's Fire Department that their vigilance and sacrifice make our lives safer every day. I commend and recognize the families and individuals who have made this dedication possible.

Mr. Speaker, the service and sacrifice of our public safety personnel make them true American heroes. On the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, I rise with my colleagues and stand with my constituents in honoring the commitment and sacrifice made by our family, friends and neighbors who hear the call to serve the public as police, firefighters and first responders—they are truly emblematic of the great strength of our Nation.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,711,737,198,477.91.

On January 6, 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 \$4,073,311,452,184.11 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

ON RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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As is the case with their brothers and sisters across the Nation, these virtues are embodied by the first responders of the Birmingham Fire Department in Oakland County, Michigan. Last year they responded to over two thousand emergencies ranging from fires to motor vehicle accidents and hazardous material spills. With 32 employees, the department has worked vigilantly on daily basis to ensure the safety of Birmingham residents. And in honor to their service, I know the steel from the World Trade Center which is being presented to the department, will remind us all of the unwavering commitment they have made to our community. I commend and recognize the families and individuals who have worked hard to make this dedication possible.

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HORSESHOE RIVERBEND FESTIVAL

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, every second weekend in September, Wayne County's population doubles as citizens and visitors alike attend the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival. Located on the banks of the Tennessee River in historic Clifton, Tennessee, this three day Festival celebrates the musical heritage championed in this great state.

Sponsored by the Clifton Rotary Club, the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival brings not just music, memories, and fireworks for those in attendance. More than those, the three day event raises support for charitable needs both at home and abroad. Gathering musicians with crafters and families with friends, the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival celebrates the great traditions of Tennessee.

I congratulate all those whose hard work and dedication to the City of Clifton have brought another year of success for the Festival. Tied together with the love of music and community, I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the music, the local artisans, and the 29 years of service that comes from the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival.

ON THE OCCASION OF DEDICATING OAKLAND COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S NEW "GREEN" TERMINAL

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the leaders of Oakland County on the completion of Oakland County International Airport's new "green" terminal. This impressive accomplishment will undoubtedly enhance the service the airport provides to residents and businesses across Southeast Michigan. As a believer in the idea that economic development can be environmentally balanced, I am pleased to have advocated for national support of this project, which received federal resources to make this new terminal a reality.

Following its construction in 1928, the Oakland County International Airport, OCIA, has been a symbol of the forward-thinking economic vision and entrepreneurial spirit upon which the county was founded. In 1930, as a first-in-the-nation event, the OCIA was certified with an A-1-A rating from the U.S. government and has since been an important component of the local economy.

Today, the OCIA continues to play a significant role in the ongoing development of Southeast Michigan's economy. On an annual basis, the airport generates over \$150 million in revenue which supports the operations of Oakland County and the broader region. In 2010 alone, the airport served over a half a million passengers and pilots. With almost 120,000 departures and landings annually, the OCIA was the nation's twelfth busiest general aviation facility in 2010.

In keeping with its status as a symbol of Oakland County's economic progress and forward-thinking vision, the new terminal for the

OCIA has been LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council—the first airport in the nation to achieve this distinction. Among its “green” features, the new terminal at OCIA boasts use of wind, solar and geothermal energy systems, which drastically reduce the environmental impact and cost of operating this regional economic engine. Additionally, the terminal includes recharging stations for electric vehicles and not only showcases the use of recycled materials in its construction, but also demonstrates recycling of rainwater for landscape irrigation use on the building’s “living” wall.

Mr. Speaker, this latest first-in-nation accomplishment of the Oakland County International Airport is truly a remarkable milestone and as a lifelong Oakland County resident, it is a source of great pride. This “green” terminal is not only a realization of Oakland County residents’ continuing commitment to build a better future, but is also a model for the nation of the success that comes from the merging of economic development and environmentally sound building strategies.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL JAMES C. MILLER FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Colonel James C. Miller on the occasion of his retirement from a long and outstanding career in the United States Air Force and the Oregon Air National Guard.

Colonel Miller began his career in the Air Force through the ROTC program at Central Washington University in 1984. Early in his Air Force career he qualified as a pilot in the T-37 and the F-15 Eagle aircraft and served honorably throughout the United States. In 1999 he became a member of the Oregon Air National Guard as an instructor pilot in the Fighter wing at Kingsley Field, Oregon, and has since served in numerous jobs of increasing responsibility at Kingsley Field. Throughout his career in the Air Force, he became an accomplished pilot, exceeding 4,300 flying hours in the F-15 Eagle.

Colonel Miller most recently served as the Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field. During that tour of duty his exceptional leadership and tenacious dedication to duty to both the State of Oregon and the United States of America resulted in an outstanding set of accomplishments.

He commanded over 800 airmen, oversaw over \$20 million annually in operating costs, and orchestrated over 44,000 Class A accident-free flying hours. Under his leadership the wing accepted 19 new aircraft and converted the aircraft to new engines in only five months, while maintaining the highest mission capable rate in the Air Force.

Colonel Miller’s visionary leadership was instrumental in the establishment of Kingsley Field as the Air National Guard’s premier F-15 training unit and the Wing’s selection as the sole F-15 fighter training unit in the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Miller served his community as well as his military mission. He spearheaded the efforts of the most successful series of Combined Federal Campaigns in Kingsley Field history, raising more than \$500,000 for local non-profit agencies. He re-invigorated the Kingsley Field Military Affairs Committee, directly involving local civic and Chamber of Commerce leaders in supporting Kingsley Airmen. He created the “Pilot for a Day” program, allowing local underprivileged and challenged youth to experience what it’s like to be an Air Force pilot.

Throughout his long career, Colonel Miller served his country and his state honorably, and, on behalf of the people of Oregon’s Second District, I want to thank him for his service.

ON THE OCCASION OF DOKKA FASTENERS’ GRAND OPENING IN AUBURN HILLS, MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dokka Fasteners Inc. as the company commemorates the grand opening of its new facility in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Dokka Fasteners is a company with over a century of experience in manufacturing precision quality bolts and studs for use in construction and energy development. Most recently, the company has expanded its focus to include production of bolts for alternative energy production systems, such as wind turbines. Over the company’s history it has developed the expertise to create a precision process, certified by the International Organization for Standardization, which results in a 100 percent traceability of its materials and a consumer confidence that has made Dokka a leader in its field.

Dokka Fasteners’ investment in Michigan is well poised to take advantage of a state whose leaders, from the local level to the federal level, are engaged in a concerted effort to develop Michigan as the center of knowledge, manufacturing and infrastructure of the next generation of energy production. As a commitment to developing alternative energy, state leaders passed a renewable portfolio standard which requires Michigan to produce at least 10 percent of its energy from alternative sources by 2015. As Oakland County’s Representative to Congress, I am pleased to have supported multiple national efforts to develop our nation’s alternative energy industry and nurture companies that are developing the vital information and infrastructure bases which are necessary to achieve those goals.

Dokka Fasteners’ investment in the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, and Michigan speaks to the progress Oakland County and Michigan are making in the fight to become the leaders in alternative energy production. The company’s facility will house a state-of-the-art quality inspection laboratory and will be the first hot-forming fastener manufacturing plant to open in the United States in over 40 years. Dokka’s choice to develop their products in Michigan represents a multi-million dollar investment in our local economy which will create nearly 100 new jobs and will aid the

Southeast Michigan region as it continues to develop its alternative energy portfolio.

Mr. Speaker, the grand opening of Dokka Fasteners’ new facility in Auburn Hills is a testament to our local, state and national commitment to strengthen our development of alternative energy. It is with the hard work of companies like Dokka that America will be able to approach a clean energy future with the knowledge and production capabilities necessary to achieve our goals.

HONORING PETER DOUGLAS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exceptional man and public servant. Peter Douglas has dedicated his life to defending our natural heritage and promoting conservation along the California Coast. Rarely does a single man cast such a long and positive shadow over our state; but as an architect of the California Coastal Commission, and as its longest-serving Executive Director, Douglas’s contributions are truly incalculable. His retirement in November 2011 will mark the end of a proud era in the history of our environmental movement.

Peter Douglas has long been a passionate fighter for a just cause. As a Jewish child born in Berlin in 1942, Douglas’s early life was imbued with a special sense of purpose. Douglas eventually immigrated via Mexico to California, where he attended the University of California at Los Angeles, graduating with a law degree in 1969—months after the Santa Barbara oil spill, and just as the national environmental movement was beginning to make significant strides.

Douglas wasted little time in putting his passion for public service to work, throwing his energy and expertise into the California campaign for 1972’s Proposition 20. Douglas was key in drafting the language for the voter-approval initiative that created one of the country’s most powerful land-use agencies, overseeing development across California’s entire Coastal Zone. In 1985, he became the third Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission, a position he has held to this day.

Under Douglas’s tenure, the Coastal Commission has become a formidable instrument for ensuring that all Californians’ voices are heard in development decisions affecting our unique coastal environment. Douglas has helped to expand public access to our beaches, limit private encroachment on public lands, and prevent the spread of pollution throughout our fragile ecosystem. His work has ensured that our coast remains above all a public landmark, inclusive of any individual who wishes to enjoy the same unspoiled natural wonder that has inspired others for generations.

Countless organizations have acknowledged the impact Peter Douglas has made as an environmental pioneer. He is the recipient of awards from groups as varied as the National Resources Defense Council, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club, the Environmental Defense Center, the California State Legislature, and the National Coast Trail Association. He was the first recipient of the

Julius A. Stratton "Champion of the Coast" Award, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has named him a National Marine Sanctuaries Environmental Hero. Douglas has also participated in an advisory role on President Clinton's U.S. Panel on Ocean Exploration, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science and Policy for the Coastal Ocean, and many others.

Throughout my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the special honor of calling Peter Douglas a constituent and a friend. A longtime resident of Marin County, Douglas has been a powerful advocate for the priorities that Marin residents hold dear and a staunch promoter of my legislation to extend federal Marine Sanctuary protection to the Sonoma coast. He has also had a hand in public service at the local level, co-founding community nonprofits and co-chairing one of California's first successful campaigns to enact a parcel tax to support local public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a man who has made immense contributions to our environment, a man whose tireless advocacy has expanded the meaning of the public good. Peter Douglas's work has encouraged us to celebrate and protect the richness of our natural surroundings, and his legacy lives on in the unrivaled beauty of the coastline that defines California.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF MICHIGAN'S  
SIXTH ANNUAL  
WALK4FRIENDSHIP

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friendship Circle of Michigan as it holds its sixth annual Walk4Friendship.

Founded on the noble ideal that every person, regardless of physical and mental ability, deserves to have a loving and supportive environment, the Friendship Circle has become an important support network for individuals with special needs and their families.

In its seventeen years of existence, the Friendship Circle has expanded to cover more than eighty locations across twenty-two states and seven countries. Annually, over twenty-five hundred students with special needs in the metro Detroit area benefit from the specialized learning environment the Circle provides.

While there are many benefits to the Friendship Circle's members that are intangible, there are many numbers that sum the critical support it provides. Nine, the number of essential life skills which are taught to circle members at two hundred schools over fifty-four districts across Southeast Michigan. Seventeen, the number of customized lessons which are used to teach circle members important life skills. Eleven, the number of real-life environments at the Friendship Circle's Weinberg Village where members can practice and perfect their lessons to become productive members of the community. Nine-hundred, the number of volunteers in the metro Detroit region who have devoted time in 2011 to continuing to make the Friendship Circle's mission possible. And most importantly, one,

the founder of Friendship Circle, Rabbi Levi Shemtov, whose bold vision, righteous determination and commitment to his article of faith have made this program possible.

This year, as the Friendship Circle celebrates its sixth annual Walk4Friendship, we are reminded that our Nation is only as strong as the most vulnerable among us. With over five thousand participants expected this year, this 5k walk will continue to raise much needed resources and continue to raise the awareness community necessary to ensure that the Friendship Circle and its mission will endure.

Mr. Speaker, the Friendship Circle, along with its thousands of supporters in Southeast Michigan, has done so much to strengthen the lives of individuals with special needs and provide crucial support to their families. I am so pleased at the continuing success of the Friendship Circle in fulfilling its mission and look forward to continuing my work with it and its members as we move forward.

MARKING THE 10-YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the 21st Century began, for all intents and purposes, on September 11, 2001. It did not begin well.

The war against terrorism is among the greatest public policy challenges of our generation. The deceased were casualties of war to the same extent as any person serving on the battlefield. But the terrorists made no distinction between members of the armed forces and civilians. The terrorists made no distinction between small children, infants and adults. They killed their victims at will.

We in New Jersey lost roughly 700 people, second only to the state of New York. I stated on the floor of the New Jersey State Legislature 10 years ago and I repeat here today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives that it will take the genius and the tenacity of a free society to overcome the scourge of terrorism, but overcome it we shall.

We have made much progress in the last 10 years, but Mr. Speaker, more progress needs to be made.

On December 8, 1941, speaking here in the house of the people, the House of Representatives, Franklin Roosevelt said famously that "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

That is as true today regarding the war against terror. as it was when Franklin Roosevelt spoke it about World War II so many years ago.

In one of the subsequent stanzas of "America the Beautiful" the author, Katherine Bates, wrote of "Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears," but of course that is not true. Human tears are still shed based upon what happened on 9/11 and alabaster cities gleam not as brightly based upon the horrific acts of the terrorists.

At the National Cathedral on September 14, 2001, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said this: "There are prayers that help us last through the day or endure the

night. There are prayers of friends and strangers that give us strength for the journey, and there are prayers that yield our will to a will greater than our own. This world He created is of moral design. Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn."

The President went on to state at the conclusion of his remarks words that I believe are from the St. Paul's Epistle to Romans. The President said, "As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor death can separate us from God's love."

Mr. Speaker, this weekend we honor the memories of those who were lost on 9/11. We also honor the brave first responders to the horrific acts of a decade ago, and recall the tremendous heroism and self-sacrifice of so many in New York, at the Pentagon and on an airplane over Western Pennsylvania.

May God bless all of those who died on 9/11 and their families, those who bravely responded to the tragedy, and those who ever put on the Nation's uniform to serve and protect us from the dangers we have faced and continue to face.

And, Mr. Speaker, may God continue to bless the United States of America.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LEADERSHIP OF RACHEL YOSKOWITZ AT  
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF  
DETROIT

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate my friend, Mrs. Rachel Yoskowitz, as she departs from Jewish Family Services of Detroit and for her lifetime of work and advocacy in the realm of public health.

Rachel has had a long and auspicious career with a record of strengthening public health and wellness, not only in the greater Detroit area, but across the country. Her decades of work in the field of public health span every niche of that realm, from instructing healthcare professionals, to directing non-profit health-related advocacy groups, to directing state public health programs. Over this time she has cultivated a breadth and depth of knowledge which have made her a leader in the public health arena taking part in the state and national task forces, crafting and implementing statewide programs for adolescent health during her time with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and writing many successful public and private grants to develop sustainability of programs she has created.

During her time in Southeast Michigan, Rachel has worked primarily with Jewish Family Services, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. For the first 10 years she directed the Immigration and Citizenship program at JFS. Under her direction, JFS assisted recently arrived immigrants with assimilation and acculturation into metro Detroit, particularly senior citizens. Additionally, the program provided continuing support to new residents in all stages of the immigration process.

In 2004, Rachel began work on Project Chessed, a referral network designed to connect medically uninsured adults in Detroit's Jewish community with donated and low-cost health care resources to avoid inappropriate and costly visits to hospital emergency rooms. Project Chessed provides a developed network that links patients to a complete host of services, from diagnosis and treatment by physicians and larger public health institutions, to affordable prescription drug access. This program has served as a model for other communities in Southeast Michigan and across the Nation. Through Project Chessed, Rachel has had a direct impact on one of the greatest inefficiencies and inequalities of our time—access to quality, affordable healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Rachel's decades of work on behalf of countless Americans across so many communities. I know her work in Southeast Michigan with Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Federation has greatly assisted many of my constituents and that her departure will be deeply felt by those who have benefitted from her commitment, passion and professionalism. I wish Rachel and her husband, Rabbi Herb Yoskowitz, many more years of productive service to the community as she moves into the education sector where her righteous deeds will continue to impact so many lives.

IN HONOR OF JANE J. SCHWAGER  
OF FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane J. Schwager, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the state of Massachusetts in the area of substance abuse and recovery, and to commend her for over fifteen years of dedicated service to her community.

Jane was born in Clifton Heights, PA to Ron and Peg Lanoie. As both of her parents dedicated much of their lives to the service of their country, with Ron serving in the United States Coast Guard, USCG, for 30 years and Peg working for the Civil Service for over 25 years, Jane grew up knowing service to one's community was important.

Jane has 2 children, Michael and Magdalene Tiapula, and is married to Jim Schwager. Jim and Jane currently reside in Worcester where they are raising their 3 year old granddaughter, Alysia.

In 1994, Jane began her work for the Early Intervention Program for children with disabilities. Eventually, Jane worked for the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, SMOC, and she continued her advocacy in the substance abuse field by participating in various treatment programs including the Meadows Program, the New Beginnings Program at Bethany Hill, and the Marlboro/Hudson Sober Housing. Using her own resources, Jane purchased a building in Worcester in 1999 and opened the J&J Sober House, a 10 bedroom house for men in recovery, which she continues to run to this day. The following year she was named as the program director at the Serenity House in Hopkinton, MA. Subse-

quently, in 2003, Jane became an adjunct faculty member and practicum supervisor for the Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency Treatment Program for UMASS Boston after obtaining her Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) 1 certification.

Jane's approach to recovery from addiction is rooted in her commitment to helping people obtain another chance in life. Jane employs a balanced approach of compassion and "raw reality" that acknowledges each participant's strengths while recognizes the struggles and trauma that often pervades participants' histories. It should also be noted that she is currently overseeing the SMOC Rhodes to Recover Program in Millbury, MA.

Her deep commitment to each and every one of the thousands of participants that have come through the doors of her program is constantly displayed through her compassionate actions. It is a tribute to Jane's commitment that she continues to empower recovering addicts to achieve their goals, dreams, and ultimately repair their broken lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the family, friends, and contemporaries of Jane J. Schwager to thank her for her remarkable service to her state of Massachusetts, and to thousands of substance abuse victims.

ON THE OCCASION OF HEAT AND  
FROST INSULATORS AND ALLIED  
WORKERS LOCAL 25'S 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate with the brothers and sisters of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25 as they celebrate the Local's 100th Anniversary.

As a part of organized labor, the members of Local 25 have been a voice in the chorus of a movement that has done much to ensure that today we are closer to knowing that a fair day's work equals a fair day's pay, that our work environment is safer than it has ever been and that when unexpected challenges strike, our jobs will be protected. Throughout our history, Local 25 and other locals across the labor movement have been at the forefront of protecting the rights of working Americans. Indeed, it is thanks to the aspiration, dedication and determination of working men and women and the labor movement that our Nation has given rise to a strong and dynamic middle class—the core of our vibrant economy. As a key force in these continuing endeavors, organized labor is the great fulcrum by which the gains of our economic success are enhanced.

As the members of Local 25 celebrate a truly tremendous milestone, 100 years of service to working men and women across Southeast Michigan and beyond, we are reminded that those benefits which we see today are a product of their struggles and their triumphs. Brought into reality by the hard work and determination of George Martens, Thomas Beasley and Nathan Metcalf, the Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25 has been emblematic of the efforts of organized labor.

Following its creation 1911, the Local 25 advocated for the fair treatment and pay of its members and like many of their brothers and sisters, saw great success as minimum wage laws and fair labor laws were implemented and successfully defended. In 1950, Local 25 setup its first health and welfare fund to protect its members. Just six years later, the local created a pension fund and the following year insured that its members who had worked hard their whole life would have dignity in retirement.

As an advocate for safer working environments, in 1960, Local 25 took a leadership role in protecting its members from the harmful side effects of asbestos. As time pressed on, Local 25 pioneered the supplemental unemployment benefit fund in 1969, insulating its hard working members to be from work loss in slow economic times.

In its many evolving roles, Local 25 took on the role of educator to both current and aspiring members. In 1977 Local 25 created its apprenticeship and training programs, to educate new members and continue the education of its current members. Through this work, Local 25 has established a professional craftsman code of conduct which it uses to uphold its high standards of quality.

Mr. Speaker, I know in the years ahead that we will continue to see the rise of new challenges and opportunities. Thanks to hard work and dedication of working men and women, like those of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 25, I am confident we will continue to rise above those challenges and embrace new opportunities that will benefit all Americans. Local 25's 100th Anniversary is truly an auspicious occasion and I wish its leadership and members many more years of success.

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**HON. RANDY HULTGREN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all the World War II veterans, but especially our distinguished guests from the Honor Flight Chicago program. This noble program enables hundreds of Veterans from the Chicago area to come visit the memorial built to honor their great service and courage, and I have the great privilege of welcoming them to Washington DC.

We all have a special appreciation for our veterans because we know the sacrifices they made to protect us and bring peace to a world ravaged by war. These servicemen answered our nation's call during one of its greatest times of need. These brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them our deepest gratitude and thanks for protecting and ensuring our future.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, recognize and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Charles Anderson	Venice Anderson	James Anderson
Sam Lucas	Roy Anderson	May Anderson
Louis Beiriger	Laurain Beiriger	Edward Berry
Frank Berry	Norma Berry	Christine Roberts

David Bish	Elaine Bish	Tracy Bish
Lucile Slattery	Avon Blevins	Vivian Blevins
Patti Bortz	Stephanie Bortz	Jay Braxton
Edward Jones	David Caesar	Trevelon Caesar
Johnny Carlisle	Sarah Carlisle	Rubin Castillo
Patricia Castillo	Leo Chrostowski	Valita Chrostowski
Bill Clark	Dianne Brady	Joe Clark
Rose Clark	Bill Clawson	Pauleta Clawson
Malcolm Creighton	Nancy Creighton	Hoke Culbertson
Bea Culbertson	Ron Dotseth	Betty Dotseth
Jay Elshoff	Kathleen Elshoff	Charles Emanuele
Justus Ghormley	Harold Fuquay	Ann Fuquay
Floyd Gilmore	Janice Gilmore	Judy Daniel
Cindy Tester	Graig Godin	Sue Hayes
Edward Gore	Vanita Gore	William Hansen
Kristin Hansen	David Kedrowski	Sandie Kedrowski
Lawrence Klecha	Kathy Klecha	James Lamborn
Marilyn Lamborn	Gregg Lebert	Joy Lebert
Vernon Lewis	June Attaway	Ronald Litchy
Beverly Litchy	Herschel Luckinbill	Eva Luckinbill
Ray Madrid	Betty Madrid	Ladd McCarnan
Patty McCarnan	Kayla Feld	Denise Mire
Patrick Patterson	Rebecca Grace	George Padilla
Cecilla Padillo	Robert Prentiss	Dianna Tetrick
Joseph Ransom	Opal Ransom	Nicholas Rightor
Susan Mire	James Robbins	Barbara Robbins
Thomas Rowley	Rosemary Rowley	Bill Sasser
Nell Sasser	Dennis Schechinger	Maria Chu
Mario Silva	Armeda Silva	Ron Parsons
Patsy Parsons	Gary Sprenkle	Kay Sprenkle
Carl Vance	Margie Vance	Doug Ward
Theresa Ward	Phil Wilkes	Janice Wilkes
Charles Williams	Charlene Williams	John Yeager
Cynthia Yeager	Dennis Yepson	Nancy Yepson
Glen Zuhlke	Dave Zuhlke	Terry Michaels
Marilyn Michaels	Patrick Sweetland	Shirley Sweetland
Judy Gagnon	Kenneth Shofner	Ron Santoro
Cindy Santoro	Heber Dunkel	Robert F. Dorr
John Price	Al Doering	

#### AMERICA'S ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill of great importance to families living on a budget. The recent overreaching regulations placed on energy and utility companies hinder America's economy while causing increases to families' utility bills. Families need certainty that their energy needs will be met and their energy costs will remain low. The Cross-State Air Pollution rule finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, on July 6, 2011, will lead to increases in energy prices for families and prohibit jobs. Also, these regulations and rules were just recently updated in 2005.

America leads the world in providing safe, reliable energy to families. In order for America to continue to prosper, the regulatory process must follow common sense and not be unduly burdensome.

That is why I am pleased to introduce the America's Energy Independence Act, which prevents the EPA from implementing the

Cross-State Air Pollution Rule for ten years. Simply put, this regulation will have a significant negative economic impact of \$2.4 billion dollars a year which will lead to job loss, a reduction in energy outputs, and an increase to family's utility bills.

At a time when families are struggling to make ends meet, the last action the Obama Administration should take is another multi-billion dollar regulation that will kill jobs and increase costs. It is imperative that we keep the flow of energy high and the cost of utilities low.

Creating a stable regulatory environment, where the balance between the costs to families is balanced with the benefit of the regulation, allows families to have certainty that any new rules and regulations that are finalized will have their best interests in mind.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the America's Energy Independence Act and bring stability and balance to the regulatory process.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MR. CHARLES T. MANATT

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles "Chuck" T. Manatt, California lawyer, banker and political visionary who recently passed away at the age of seventy-five.

Manatt was born on June 9, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to William Price Manatt, and Lucille Taylor Manatt. Although born in Chicago, he grew up in Audubon, Iowa, helping his father care for the family farm. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Future Farmers of America. Following high school, Manatt attended Iowa State College, where he met fellow student Kathleen "Kathy" Klinkufus.

On December 29, 1957 Chuck and Kathy married and moved to Washington, DC where Chuck attended the George Washington University School of Law. Three years later, the couple moved again to Los Angeles where he founded a law firm with his long-time friend and colleague, Thomas Phelps. The start-up began as a six-man group of savings and loans lawyers and swelled to more than 100 lawyers by the early 1980s. Today, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP has over 350 in offices in New York, California and Washington, DC.

While in Los Angeles, Mr. Manatt also began to forge relationships with several of the Democratic National Committee's most influential leaders. In the aftermath of the 1980 elections, when Ronald Reagan was overwhelmingly elected to the White House, Chuck, who had been DNC finance chairman, openly campaigned for the position.

In 1981, Mr. Manatt claimed Chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. He reinvigorated the party. On the eve of the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco, presidential nominee-in-waiting Walter Mondale tried to replace Manatt with Carter administration official, but backed off after an internal outcry. That year, Ronald Reagan handily secured the Presidential nomination, but Manatt and the Democrats fared better in 1992, when

he was co-chairman of Bill Clinton's presidential campaign. Clinton went on to win the Presidency and later appointed Manatt as ambassador to the Dominican Republic, where he served from 1999–2001.

During the course of his prestigious career, Manatt served on the boards of the Mayo Foundation, the National Museum of American History, the Wesley Foundation, the National Legal Center for the Public Interest and the National Endowment for Democracy. He was also the founding chair of First Los Angeles Bank, was elected chair of the California Bankers Association, served on the board of directors of FedEx Corp., and was a member of the board of directors of Oak Value Management, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in paying tribute to the life of Charles Manatt as we offer our condolences to his family and celebrate his memory.

#### INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an issue of great importance to individuals as they save for retirement and to assist companies to have the capacity to create jobs. The tax burdens placed on families and businesses hinders job creation, job retention, and innovative breakthroughs in technology.

The capital gains tax placed on families and family businesses creates less employment, produces less investment. Thus, making America less competitive in the global economy, and is just another example of how our tax code unfairly punishes innovation and wealth creation.

That is why I am pleased to introduce the Invest in America Act, which reduces the capital gains tax rate to zero for ten years for families, investors, and collectors. Simply put, my bill will create stability in the economy by allowing families and businesses to plan for the future. Lower taxes create a stable economic environment will encourage innovations, breakthroughs, and job creation by providing much needed capital to businesses and entrepreneurs. Lowering the cost of future consumption encourages more Americans to invest and create wealth.

Many countries, such as Germany, have no capital gains tax at all. At a time when the burdensome tax code and regulations are driving American businesses to be less competitive globally reducing the capital gains rate here at home would spark American investment and increase our competitiveness globally. Bottom line, we need a streamlined tax code that is fairer, flatter, and simpler that encourages investment and wealth creation in order to get this country moving and working again.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Invest In America Act and bring stability to the American economy.

IN RECOGNITION OF FLUETSCH  
AND BUSBY

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fluetsch & Busby Insurance, celebrating 100 years of quality service to the residents of Merced County.

Fluetsch & Busby was founded in 1912 by H.S. Shaffer, grandfather to Peter Fluetsch and great grandfather to Doug Fluetsch and Jeannie Fluetsch Bliss, the current proprietors. Mr. Shaffer was an insurance agent, realtor, District Attorney and Superior Court Judge for Merced County. The Shaffer Building still stands on the corner of "M" and Main Streets as a tribute to this prominent local citizen.

In 1934, the Shaffer Insurance Agency was changed to the Fluetsch & Shaffer Insurance Agency by second generation business owner, John J. Fluetsch. Then, in the 40's, John changed the name to Fluetsch Insurance Agency. Soon thereafter, Ralph Busby joined the company in 1949 after graduating from UC Berkeley.

Peter Fluetsch, joined the insurance company in 1955 after graduating from Menlo College and in doing so, became the third generation to work for the family business. Peter married the beautiful Catherine Baccharini and together they raised 5 children while Peter and Ralph Busby continued to build the agency. Peter was an active member of the community who spent forty-two Decembers riding around the county dressed as Santa Claus delivering candy to disabled children.

After John Fluetsch passed away in 1966, the name was changed to Fluetsch & Busby Insurance Agency. Today, Fluetsch & Busby Insurance is a thriving business led by the fourth generation, Doug Fluetsch and his sister Jeannie Fluetsch Bliss. They are proud to continue the family legacy of business integrity, success and caring for our community. They support many community organizations including the Merced High Key Cub, Mercy Medical Center Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Merlock Athletic Association, the MERCO Cycling Classic, SCORE, United Way, the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, the Merced County Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens for the Betterment of Merced County, Merced Boosters, Boy Scouts of America and many others.

I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating Fluetsch & Busby Insurance for 100 years of success and dedication to the residents of Merced County.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation commemorated the tenth anniversary of one of the darkest days in our history. On September 11th, 2001, we were attacked by foreign terrorists who claimed the lives of 2,977 Americans, including 411 of our Nation's bravest first responders. We mark this occa-

sion not only by remembering those that were lost that day, but also by recognizing the incredible displays of heroism, courage and selflessness that we witnessed.

On this day, more so than any other day of the year, we must put away our partisan differences and come together as Americans for the good of our country. There are many lessons we have learned from the attacks, and much work remains, not only to secure our country, but to repay the debt to those who sacrificed so much on that day and those that followed.

We must be committed to defending our Nation from another attack. Protecting our citizens must be the number one priority of all public servants, and we must never lose sight of this mission. We must be committed as a Nation to stand behind our country's first responders. The heroic cops, firefighters and other emergency personnel who lost their lives on 9/11 should not just merely be commemorated, but in fact their memories should spur us towards making our Nation stronger and safer.

The Eighth Congressional District is only 20 miles from Ground Zero, and I was honored this weekend to attend several ceremonies commemorating the occasion. One ceremony took place at the September 11th Memorial at the Eagle Rock Reservation in Essex County, which overlooks the Manhattan skyline, and was where many of my constituents gathered after the attacks to bear witness to the tragedy. Many of the wounds of September 11th will heal over time, but we will never forget the heroism we witnessed, the lessons we learned, and the redemption the American people earned through our own strength.

In closing I would like to enter into the RECORD the names of the forty Americans from my district that lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. We will continue to pray for those we have lost but also hold our heads up high to meet the challenges that are still to come.

Cesar A. Alviar, 60  
John E. Bulaga Jr., 35  
John A. Candela, 42  
Lt. Robert D. Cirri, 39  
Robert J. Coll Jr., 35  
Michael L. Collins, 38  
Caleb Arron Dack, 39  
Luke A. Dudek, 50  
Antoinette Duger, 44  
John Ernst (Jack) Eichler, 59  
Edgar H. Emery Jr., 45  
William J. Erwin, 30  
Christopher Faughnan, 37  
Harvey J. Gardner III, 55  
Barry H. Glick, 55  
Emeric J. Harvey, 56  
Zuhtu Ibis, 25  
Donald T. Jones, 39  
Howard L. Kestenbaum, 56  
Dorota Kopiczko, 26  
Franco Lalama, 45  
David S. Lee, 37  
Kenneth P. Lira, 41  
Ming-Hao Liu, 28  
Joseph P. McDonald, 43  
Craig D. Montano, 38  
Robert M. Murach, 45  
Edward C. Murphy, 42  
Catherine A. Nardella, 40  
Ehtesham U. Raja, 28  
Stephen Louis Roach, 36  
Leo A. Roberts, 44

Marsha A. Rodriguez, 41  
Linda Rosenbaum, 41  
Daniel Rosetti, 32  
Norman Rossinow, 39  
John P. Skala, 31  
Jennifer M. Tino, 29  
Francis Joseph Trombino, 68  
Jorge Velazquez, 47

HONORING THE KEARNEY LITTLE  
LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Little League baseball team from Kearney, Nebraska. This team, with 13 talented young men and 3 patient coaches from the Third District of Nebraska, recently excelled in tournament competition and made history along the way.

Managed by Mike Koski with help from assistant coaches Gary Barth and Doug Holtmeier, the Kearney Little League team became the first Nebraska team in Little League history to compete in a regional championship game. With their second place finish in the 2011 Midwest Regional Tournament, the boys from Kearney finished the post-season with 8 wins and 4 losses, scoring 99 runs and allowing just 41 runs in 65 innings of play.

The skilled members on the 2011 Kearney Little League baseball team were Brant Barth, Ben Dinkel, Jack Herges, Carter Hollis, Brady Holtmeier, John Husmann, Ryan Koski, Tyler Mestl, Cam Moore, Eric Pacheco, Jared Wegner, Christian Westesen, and Creighton Westesen.

The Kearney Little League team embodied the Nebraska spirit both on and off the field. The team was committed to working hard, playing together as a team, and never quitting. These young men made the city of Kearney, Buffalo County, and the state of Nebraska proud with their character, sportsmanship, and passion for the game.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the exceptional talent and dedication of the Kearney Little League baseball team.

COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, we as a Nation commemorated the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Like all Americans, I spent a great deal of time thinking about where I was on that sunny Tuesday ten years ago. I was sitting in my office at the Rules Committee on the third floor of the Capitol when the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. I remained there until 10:30 a.m., when a full evacuation of the Capitol was imposed.

During that time prior to the evacuation, I watched the news coverage of the planes that hit the south tower of the WTC and the Pentagon. I later heard the news of Flight 93,

which crashed in a field near Shanksville, PA. Knowing what we know now of the hijackers' intentions, this treasured building and the lives of all of us who were here that morning were preserved because of the heroics of the passengers of Flight 93.

I had the privilege of spending last Saturday in Shanksville with the families of those brave men and women. It was their loved ones' sacrifice that saved the lives of so many here in the Capitol that day. They also saved what has become the world's most recognizable symbol of democracy. I cannot think about that tragic day without thinking of the words inscribed on walls of the Capitol, just above the door to the Sergeant at Arms' office: "We have built no temple but the Capitol; we consult no common oracle but the Constitution."

It was my belief that this hallowed structure was as untouchable as the democracy it represents that led me to remain here, even as planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that day. Last week, a reporter questioned me, somewhat incredulously, as to how I could have been so naïve as to remain in my office that morning. I replied that we were all naïve that day. We learned in the most painful and tragic way possible that we were not untouchable; but we also learned, and have been continually reminded ever since, that as long as brave men and women are willing to fight for this country, we will continue to endure.

With this truth in mind, I submit for the RECORD the following poem written by Albert Caswell, who was also here in this building that morning ten years ago.

LIVES IN THE DISTANCE—IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR TO THE HEROES OF FLIGHT 93 ON THIS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Lives In The Distance . . .  
Lives . . .  
In The Distance . . .  
While, traveling the miles . . .  
From down here on earth, rising up through the clouds . . .  
reaching Heaven in style!  
As a non stop flight, with its destination in sight . . .  
as up towards Heaven, arrives . . .  
with such fine heroes the while . . .  
For no one so here, upon this our Mother Earth . . .  
Throughout all of the miles, has no day so promised, until death . . . from conception to birth!  
As each new day, is but a fine gift . . . as one to be ever so lived . . .  
while, taking stock in its true worth . . .  
For no man or woman, nor even a child . . . may so know of this,  
his or hers one last final moments here upon Earth!  
As on a bright beautiful fall morn . . .  
As all of those magnificent heroes, of flight 93 were so to our nation to be born!  
As now stands alone, with the greatest of all American heroes they own . . .  
As their titles now worn . . .  
For their great gift of life, for their most gravest of all sacrifice . . .  
while, Saving Lives In The Distance . . . forever lives on!  
For as long as Mankind . . . For as since the very beginning of time,  
as one so surely finds . . .  
As a struggle which spans, of Good vs Evil . . .  
as our Lord's chosen people, who have so fought the darkest of all evils . . .  
Just like Angels on earth . . . while, all showing their worth . . . as these most hallowed of heroes,

were all so to find the courage!

While, up on a plane . . . in the face of the darkest of all evils,  
our Lord's chosen people upon flight 93 together so came . . .  
For when it was time, and innocent life so lay on the line . . .  
these most brilliant heroes so cried, "let's roll" . . . as the light so remained!  
All in a few defining moments of truth, these brave hearts gave to all such the proof . . .  
as why now we so ever honor their names!  
For once they heard the news, To Save Precious Lives In The Distance . . .  
was but their most sacred of all gifts they so to choose!  
As one heroic band of sisters and brothers were so to stand, as like none others . . .  
together enjoined, as they were not to lose!  
As our Lord had stepped in, slowing the plane . . . as his Angels on earth,  
could buy that most precious time that they so needed to use!  
As they said their final hellos, and those most poignant last tearful goodbyes!  
While, talking to their loved ones on their phones . . .  
as upon their most magnificent faces, their tear drops now lie!  
While, summing up all of their courage . . . as their finest of souls were not so to be discouraged, as all so stood ready to die!  
For there is no greater gift, nor a more so sacred offering as all of this . . .  
than one's life! Moving forth, with our Lord at their sides!  
Now, as I look up at our nation's dome on each new coming day . . .  
As there in that moment, as out upon my way . . .  
as I stop to reflect, as I find the time to pray . . .  
For it was me who so stood on that rotunda floor, when on that fateful morning . . .  
sure death but lay, only miles away!  
All because of them, my sweet daughter Jennifer still has her best friend . . .  
What greater gift, but than my life they so saved?  
In life, heroes come in all shapes and sizes . . .  
But, it's what lies deep down within one's heart as where their great courage rises!  
Armed with but just their undaunted courage and faith, as these brave hearts were so not to be denied!  
As I ask you now, how can any woman or man . . . in the midst of such evil so stand?  
Could we, such the courage realize?  
In this our most precious land of the free!  
These brave heroes on this morning so shone so brilliantly, as forever etched in their great legacies!  
As these selfless souls, so sacrificed . . . doing what was so right!  
For Lives In The Distance, their own fine lives did so concede!  
And still on this day, their fine lessons of life . . .  
I shall never forget! Remembering them, on my knees as I pray.  
And to all of those brokenhearted families, on this your saddest of days . . .  
To the husbands, wives, sons, daughters, mothers and father's alive . . .  
who now must so live without and so cry!  
To the ones, who now live with such holes in their hearts . . .  
as your anguish and pain, so forevermore so mounts!  
As we pray on this day, asking our Lord to bring peace on your way . . .

knowing what your loved ones were so all about!  
Not to witness another sunrise . . .  
not to watch your child grow up to be old and wise,  
or wake in the morn to see the joys of life comprised!  
Or grow old with your loved ones at your side,  
as throughout the years arriving at the true meaning of where life so lies . . .  
As all of this is gone, as your heartache lives on . . .  
while, into a future your faith shall be repaid in our Lord's eyes . . .  
And when your child so asks you why?  
With your arms all around them, wiping their tears from their eyes . . .  
Tell them all about their most magnificent Moms and Dads . . .  
Aunts, Uncles, Brothers and Sisters who will never die!  
Tell them all about their most incredible faith, and about their greatest of all gifts . . .  
Saving Lives In The Distance, so others may rise!  
In Washington . . . because of them,  
The greatest symbol of democracy still shines . . .  
even brighter in the midday sun which now lies!  
All because of their most sacred sacrifice . . . as flight 93,  
brought us our first victory in this tragic war against terrorism to be won!  
Now, high atop our Capitol this very day,  
The Statue of Freedom sheds a tear . . .  
for all of those who did what must so be done!  
A Life Saved In The Distance . . . What a most precious gift this is!  
As in the coming years, maybe we shall all so witness!  
Perhaps a Rembrandt, or a Dr. King . . .  
or even perhaps a woman who might so save the world from all of this is!  
Only time can tell, for only our Lord knows so very well . . .  
for our futures do not occur by circumstance!  
Never forget this!  
As out in the distance we find . . .  
are all of those most precious moments in time, as before us defined!  
As Good so faced Evil, as the most selfless of all people . . .  
as our Lord's Angels on earth, were so to shine!  
While, Saving Lives In The Distance . . .  
as upon our Lord's face his tears drops so lie . . .  
watching his new Angels in Heaven arrive!

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on September 9, 2011. I attended the funeral at Arlington National Cemetery for retired Colonel Charles P. Murray, Jr., a Medal of Honor recipient and American hero of World War II, as well as a personal friend.

Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present: roll Number 695—"aye"; roll Number 696—"no"; roll Number 697—"no"; roll Number 698—"aye."



TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM TAYLOR  
WATSON, III

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, recently my District lost one of the most impressive men I have ever known.

William Taylor Watson, III passed away on July 19, 2011. I knew Bill personally for many years and considered him a good friend.

Born in Nashville and educated at Vanderbilt University, Bill's career as a businessman spanned 64 years and included many great accomplishments.

He was a leader and expert in finances, once overseeing some of the largest financial portfolios in the Nation.

Bill was also an active member of several churches, and I know his faith in God played a prominent role in everything he did.

Bill always said, despite his impressive life and great career successes, that his family was his greatest joy. I extend my condolences to his wife, Mary; daughter, Mary Pierson Gibson; sons, William T. Watson, IV and George Fitch Watson; and brother, Robert Watson. I know they will miss Bill greatly.

I have nothing but the greatest respect for any person who serves in the military, especially during a time of war. We use the word hero way too often these days, but Bill was truly an American hero.

Following his time at Midshipman's School at Northwestern University, where he graduated with high honors, Bill had his pick of top positions in the Military. He could have chosen a career in the safety of Washington, D.C., working inside the Navy Department; instead, he chose the most dangerous job in the military—Underwater Demolition Team frogman, the predecessor to the Navy Seals.

Bill's son, Bill Watson IV, recently contacted me to share this story as it was told in an editorial written about his father and published in the June 1, 1944, edition of *The Sewanee Purple*.

Mr. Speaker, this piece, which is reprinted below, shows the true character of Bill Watson better than anything I could express, and I bring it to the attention of my Colleagues and other Readers of the Record.

[From the *Sewanee Purple*, Jun. 1, 1944]

EDITORIAL

. . . the greater therefore should our  
courage be.—Henry V

On May 10th, a class of Midshipmen graduated from Northwestern University Midshipman School. Its members were commissioned Ensigns in the United States Naval Reserve. William Taylor Watson, III, of Nashville, graduated fifth in that class of fourteen hundred. He had attended Vanderbilt University, and was stationed at Sewanee in the V-12 Unit from July until November last year. To those who knew him, it was not surprising that he led his class.

At the time of his graduation, Admiral King had asked the Northwestern Midshipman School for a newly commissioned Ensign to take abroad his flagship, in order to see the calibre of the men the Midshipman School was turning out. There was a post in Washington, in the Navy Department, which Northwestern was to fill—and it would take a good officer to fill it. Both of those assignments were offered to Billy Watson. He

turned them both down. He was given his choice of any assignment he wanted on active duty.

He chose what the Navy terms "demolition". Only volunteers are accepted for this work. It is a dirty job. The men in demolition ride small rubber rafts, in through the surf to the beaches, where an amphibious attack is to be made. A hundred yards from shore, the demolition men start to swim. They search the beaches, locating mines, clearing paths through them, and destroying any explosives which would interfere with a landing. Then they swim back to their little rubber rafts, and paddle away—if they can.

The choice that Watson made of course caused a good bit of comment. We heard one emptyheaded fool laugh at it; to this person it seemed a ludicrous choice!

There was a bright red haze in front of us for a long time afterwards. Speech came very hard, for there was no fitting answer to that sort of statement. The whole vital issue of the war seemed to be tied up in that little incident. On the one hand, was a man who had the same high ideal that kept the Spitfires flying in the battle of Britain—that kept the Russian line together before Moscow—that pervaded—and kept the courage up—in the soul shattering defeat in the South Pacific Withdrawals.

On the other hand—well—you name it. It doesn't print very well.

To William Watson, we can say only a part of what we feel by giving him a deeply respectful and admiring salute—for his nobility, his courage, and his superb action in accepting his individual responsibility.

#### AMERICA'S STRENGTH THROUGH DIVERSITY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend of the Tenth Anniversary remembrances of the attacks of September 11th, I saw the strength and diversity of the people across the Midlands of South Carolina which is underestimated by our evil enemies.

The diversity of America by heritage, race, religion, gender, and politics makes America strong.

At the request of President Mary Peña, I spoke to the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia citing the special contribution of Filipino-Americans for over 100 years in defense of America into the Global War on Terrorism.

For our family, this September 11th began with participation in the Memorial Service sponsored by the West Metro Rotary Club, West Metro Chamber of Commerce, Lexington School District Two, and Pine Press Printers at the West Columbia River Walk Amphitheater. The passionate patriot Joe Pinner presided over tributes to our military, military families, and first responders highlighted by Sheriff James Metts and Irmo Fire Chief Mike Sonefeld.

Proof of the resolve of the New Greatest Generation was the Change of Command Ceremony of the Headquarters Support Company of Sumter's 351st Aviation Support Battalion. Before a fully staffed complement of all volunteers, Cpt. Julian D. Wilson relinquished command to Cpt. Michael W. Jones. Wilson had enlisted in the S.C. Army National Guard

in December 2001 in the tradition of service as the namesake of Marine Major Julian D. Dusenbury who was awarded the Navy Cross for his successful capture of Shuni Castle on Okinawa in April 1945. Both Captains are symbols of military families with Cpt. Jones supported by his wife Terry and their six children, Michael, Jr., Megan, Nathaniel, Summer, Shan, and Brooke and Cpt. Wilson encouraged by his wife Joy and son Julian, Jr.

As a 31-year veteran of the Army Reserves and the S.C. Army National Guard, I have never been prouder of their committed members and their capabilities for domestic and overseas service. Due to the success of America's military more countries today have been liberated from totalitarianism in the history of the world living in freedom and democracy from Estonia to Thailand and South Korea to Bulgaria.

Due to the vision of Dan Hennigan, a 9/11 First Responders Remembrance Memorial featuring two New York World Trade Center steel beams were unveiled at the base of the State House in front of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center with Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and Governor Nikki Haley.

At the Remembrance, it was very appropriate on the front row of special guests were Hampton and Jane Caughman, proud parents of SPC Thomas W. Caughman who was killed June 9, 2004, Iraq. SPC Caughman was mature beyond his age concluding his letters with the adage, "Freedom is not free." He understood we were in a long war to protect American families at home.

The weekend concluded with a moving Service of Remembrance at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church named in recognition of the community's original German Swiss farming settlers. Heartfelt leadership was provided by pastors Dr. Jim Glatz, Dr. Helen Harrison Coker, and Dr. Bill Johnston. Dr. Glatz recounted the extraordinary heroism of Todd Beamer on Flight 93. After reciting together The Lord's Prayer with air phone operators, Beamer stated to his comrades the immortal "Let's Roll," which successfully stopped the jihadists from their murderous destruction of the U.S. Capitol Building. This was the first successful counterattack in the Global War on Terrorism. The service was enhanced by a Color Guard of the Lexington Police Department along with the Lexington County Choral Society and the Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra.

The positive message of Dr. Glatz was clear that the American people will prevail with faith, hope, and love.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, as Congress marks the 10 year anniversary of the September 11th attacks, I rise to mourn the loss of the thousands of innocents who perished and to honor the selflessness of those who sacrificed so much to protect us, both on that day and in the decade since.

In recent months, much of our national conversation has fixated on what's wrong with America: spiraling debt, soaring unemployment, a poisoned political climate, and perhaps most troublingly, the undeniable sense that we are an increasingly divided people.

Indeed, our country is beset by a crisis of confidence, with faith in our institutions, our leaders and ourselves seemingly at all-time lows.

Coming at this moment of doubt and insecurity, it is my hope that the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks can offer the American people a potent reminder of the defining qualities we revealed in that moment of extreme tragedy: our willingness to sacrifice, our unwillingness to submit or surrender and ultimately our solidarity in the face of great pain and staggering loss.

Ten years ago in New York, as the towers were falling and thousands were fleeing, firefighters and police officers disregarded the dangers and rushed to save the victims.

In the skies above Pennsylvania, a courageous group of passengers fought back against the hijackers and ultimately brought down their own plane, dying so that others might live.

And across America, thousands of young men and women who watched the events of that day unfold on their TV screens decided to enlist, placing themselves in harm's way to keep our country safe.

9/11 was a moment when the American people were tested as never before and yet emerged unbeaten and unbowed. Through our grief, we were united in asserting that the American way of life would go on.

I believe our country's heroes on that day offer up a powerful example to our country's leaders ten years later.

Let us continue to cultivate the spirit of service that motivated the firefighters who responded and the soldiers who enlisted.

Let us use this opportunity to rediscover the togetherness that marked our response to the horrors we witnessed, finding the inspiration to set politics aside and begin solving the problems that matter.

Finally, let us honor the memories of all those who died on that day by working to ensure that America remains a country worthy of their sacrifice.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
OFFICER JUSTIN SOLLOHUB

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to recognize the life of a proud American hero, Anniston Police Officer Justin Sollohub.

Officer Sollohub of Jacksonville died August 25th due to injuries sustained while on duty.

Like others who have lost their lives serving their communities in the line of duty, words simply cannot express the sense of sadness we all have for Officer Sollohub's family, and the gratitude we feel for his service to the community. He was a selfless servant for the Anniston area, and he will be missed.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his willingness to serve

and protect our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance at this mournful occasion.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR  
MITCHEL RESNICK

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Professor Mitchel Resnick for receiving the Harold W. McGraw, Jr., Prize in Education. He is a Professor of Learning Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab, developing new technologies and activities that help children and adults engage in creative learning experiences.

Professor Resnick co-founded the Computer Clubhouse project, an international network of more than 100 after-school learning centers available to young people from low-income communities. It increases their access to technology, which can help improve their educational experience and better prepare them for the workforce. The Computer Clubhouse network has a strong global presence, with over 30 locations in countries as diverse as Mexico, Hungary, Israel, the Palestinian territories, India, and South Africa. It also still proudly serves Massachusetts youth, with a particular emphasis on reaching out to the many communities of Boston.

Professor Resnick's Lifelong Kindergarten research group developed the Programmable Bricks technology which helps children build and program their own robots. His research group also cultivated the Scratch programming environment and online community. It gives young people the tools they need to create their own stories or games and share their work with others online. Professor Resnick has worked for years to make technology fun and accessible—reaching out to students and helping them succeed in the classroom.

Professor Resnick earned his degree in physics from Princeton University. He then went on to MIT where he earned an MS and PhD in computer science. In 2010, Professor Resnick was awarded the Kids@Play prize as the top "Digital Pioneer for Kids." He was also named one of the 30 "most influential people affecting the advancement of technology in education" by Tech & Learning magazine.

I congratulate Professor Resnick on his latest accomplishment and on all of the innovative work he has done over the years. I look forward to his continuing contributions to children's education.

HONORING BROOKLAWN'S 9/11 MEMORIAL AND MONUMENT OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brooklawn's 9/11 Memorial and Monument of the Delaware Valley. This monument is a special tribute to the victims and heroes

of September 11th and a symbol of the spirit and courage of the American people.

Construction of the monument would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Brooklawn Police Captain Steven Saymon, who bravely responded on 9/11. Capt. Saymon designed the monument and collected the artifacts for the display. The efforts and contributions of local businesses and volunteers too numerous to mention were also invaluable. Their selflessness allowed the monument to be constructed without a penny changing hands.

Completed in just five weeks, the monument features the only local display of artifacts from all three sites: a four ton beam from the World Trade Center; a granite block from the Pentagon wreckage; and soil from the Flight 93 crash site in Pennsylvania. These relics serve as a reminder of the lives lost on that tragic day and the unity shown by American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens behind the 9/11 Memorial and Monument of the Delaware Valley should be recognized for their efforts and dedication in building this tribute to the memory of the tragic events of 9/11. This monument shows the lasting gratitude of the American people to those who gave their lives on that day. I encourage all of my constituents to visit this memorial, and to reflect on that tragic day, 10 years ago.

ON INTRODUCING THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION ACT

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 12, 2011*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.

The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act is bipartisan legislation that extends and makes modest adjustments to the Child Welfare Services and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs that both expire September 30th of this year. Although only a small part of all federal child welfare funding, these programs help ensure that children can remain safely with their own parents or be supported by other caring adults when necessary.

The bill reflects agreements between Republicans and Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee, as well as with our colleagues on the Senate Finance Committee, for reauthorizing these programs. The bill is bipartisan and bicameral, and draws on the findings of several hearings we have had in the Human Resources Subcommittee this year on child welfare issues. Further, this bill does not increase spending or raise the deficit. When the American people ask us to work together across party lines to craft meaningful legislation that is fully paid for, this is the type of bill they have in mind.

In addition, this bill would renew authority for the Department of Health and Human Services to approve child welfare waivers. These waivers have been a valuable tool for States seeking to test new ways of helping children at risk of abuse and neglect, and the renewal of this authority will allow innovation to continue.

This bill adds important transparency and accounting requirements, and does not increase spending or deficits. This bill also requires that States establish common data standards to improve information sharing, which will improve the efficiency of the pro-

grams while allowing States to better coordinate services for children and families.

I thank the Ranking Member on the Human Resources Subcommittee, Mr. DOGGETT of Texas, for introducing this legislation with me, and for his efforts to move it forward and thus

better serve children and families across the country.

I urge all my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## 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 Tuesday, September 13, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation. SD-538
- 10 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine securing the pharmaceutical supply chain. SD-430
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2011". SD-342
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act", focusing on renewing the commitment to victims of human trafficking. SD-226
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future. SR-253
- 11:15 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee  
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Financial Services and General Government. SD-138
- 2 p.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans. SD-538

- Armed Services  
Personnel Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine general and flag officer requirements. SR-232A
- 2:30 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies. SD-192

## SEPTEMBER 15

- 9:30 a.m.  
Budget  
To hold hearings to examine policy prescriptions for the economy. SD-608
- Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory Howard Woods, of New York, to be General Counsel, David T. Danielson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, all of the Department of Energy. SD-366
- 10 a.m.  
Finance  
To hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on promoting retirement security. SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine the future of employment for people with the most significant disabilities. SD-106
- Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider S. 1151, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 1408, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1535, to protect consumers by mitigating the vulnerability of personally identifiable information to theft through a security breach, providing notice and remedies to consumers in the wake of such a breach, holding companies accountable for preventable breaches, facilitating the sharing of post-breach technical information between companies, and enhancing criminal and civil penalties and other protections against the unauthorized collection or use of personally identifiable information, H.R. 2480, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, and the nominations of Edgardo Ramos, of Connecticut, Andrew L. Carter, Jr., and Jesse M. Furman, all to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and James Rodney Gilstrap, to be United

States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. SD-226

- Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine disaster recovery, focusing on evaluating the role of America's small business in rebuilding their communities. SR-428A
- 2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine tribal transportation, focusing on paving the way for jobs, infrastructure, and safety in native communities. SD-628
- 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 improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense. SD-342
- Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

## SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:30 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine intelligence community contractors, focusing on striking the right balance; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in Senate Security Conference Room 1. SD-342

## SEPTEMBER 21

- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion. SDG-50
- 2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Google, focusing on consumers and competition. SD-226

- 2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine a recently released report by the National Park Service, focusing on "A Call to Action Preparing for a Second Century of Stewardship and Engagement". SD-366

## SEPTEMBER 22

- 2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Tribal Law and Order Act" one year later, focusing on improved public safety and justice throughout Indian country. SD-628