

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REBECCA FLANAGAN
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rebecca Flanagan for her public service.

Rebecca Flanagan was selected on March 24, 2002, as Director for the Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Phoenix, Arizona and for the last 2 years has taken on the responsibility of the Tucson Office jurisdiction, as well. Rebecca is the senior management official for the close to 100 staff. She ensures that HUD's current and prospective customers gain the necessary access to the whole range of HUD services. She provides communities with technical expertise and continues to foster and develop public/private partnerships, and sustains her involvement within various community organizations.

Rebecca represents the Department throughout the State of Arizona to ensure effective and coordinated customer service and public relations.

Rebecca began her career 34 years ago with HUD as an Equal Opportunity Specialist in Denver, Colorado. She was hired to outreach to the Hispanic community to ensure their inclusion and access to HUD's programs business opportunities, and employment.

Rebecca transferred to Los Angeles and worked in the Community Planning and Development Division for the Los Angeles Office of HUD for 10 years, developing and sharing her expertise in community development with both large (ex. Los Angeles County) and small (ex. Santa Paula) communities within the greater L.A. area.

In 1990, Rebecca moved with her two high school aged sons to Phoenix after being selected as the Deputy Manager for the Phoenix HUD office. During her tenure, she was able to develop a number of key local policies including, the use of "cash on hand" by FHA borrowers to qualify using a down payment that was saved at home and not in a bank. It was very clear that in order to provide FHA insurance to the local underserved market of Hispanic and immigrant populations in Phoenix, that a policy like this was needed to allow these creditworthy borrowers to provide so-called "mattress money" as well as ensure that the prospective borrower was providing his/her own money. Another party to the transaction, namely the real estate agent or homebuilder, could not give the money. Given the policy's success in Phoenix, it has been adopted nationally by HUD.

During the last few years she developed a number of important partnerships for the Office including a HUD/DES partnership in which for the first time, the Arizona Department of Economic Security and HUD are jointly fo-

cused on their mutual clients living in public and assisted housing striving to become self-sufficient. Rebecca continues this focus through her involvement with Maricopa Workforce Connections Board, which oversees the one-stop career centers within the County.

In addition, Rebecca has involved the Phoenix HUD Office staff and resources in a wide range of community activities such as Job Fairs, Minority Appraiser Training, Adopt-a-School Programs, Summer Youth Programs, Homeownership education and fairs, and Faith-based conferences, all in support of HUD's mission and initiatives.

Rebecca is especially proud of her past community development efforts in the local Wilson neighborhood, located just east of Downtown Phoenix. After being the Principal for the Day she heeded the request from the school to "be a role model and help provide housing for the neighborhood". Rebecca created a coalition of school and neighborhood representatives, stakeholder businesses and agencies to assist in meeting the unmet needs of the Wilson students and their families. Rebecca was instrumental in getting the first 4 homes built in the Wilson area in over 40 years. Rebecca proudly mentored a young girl through high school, and tutored another young student in reading.

Rebecca was influential in bringing together Arizona leaders in business, industry, banks and non-profits, for a "peer to peer" meeting with the Mayor of San Jose and their leaders. The Arizona group flew to San Jose in the first ever endeavor by HUD's Phoenix Office, in gathering a prestigious assemblage of housing experts for a roundtable forum discussion of affordable housing. The meeting enlightened attendees about San Jose's strides and actual accomplishments to incorporate their best practices here in Arizona. Soon, other groups branched out to address the issue of affordable housing by formulating meetings and conferences, dialogs, summits, and other ongoing efforts to continue to assess the need for affordable housing within our communities.

Rebecca earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Sociology, from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). She is married to Ray Lechuga, a local businessman, the proud mother of two (2) grown sons, Andres and Daniel Benites, and the proudest of all Nanas to Erin's and Andres' real live angels, Raven, Willow and Ivy and Jennifer and Daniel's angel Diego.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARJO
RIVINIUS

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MarJo Rivinius in the event of her retirement after thirty-eight years of dedicated service as Association Executive for the Lodi Association of Realtors.

MarJo was born and raised in Gackle, North Dakota. Her parents owned a local grocery store where she worked while growing up. MarJo attended local schools and graduated with a teaching degree from Jamestown College in North Dakota. She moved with her parents to the Santa Rosa area after college and got her first teaching job in Potter Valley.

MarJo married her high school sweetheart, Dennis in 1960. Dennis was in the Navy and stationed in Florida where she joined him after they were married. This was an eye opening experience for a girl from North Dakota. She learned about southern food, grits and segregation.

MarJo and Dennis moved to Lodi in 1961, where they have lived for the past 50 years. Over the years, MarJo has been involved in many activities associated with their two daughters, Pam and Denise. She is a past Campfire Girls Leader, 4-H Project Leader and also served on the original Lodi-Tokay Band Review Committee. She is a long-time member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church where she serves on the Finance Committee. MarJo is also an enthusiastic supporter of her five grandchildren's activities.

MarJo went to work for the Lodi Association for Realtors in 1974, where she has served as the Association Executive for the past 38 years. She has participated in the Association Executive's Committee for the California Association of Realtors during that time. MarJo has served the Association with the utmost of integrity and professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring MarJo Rivinius for her dedication to the Lodi Association of Realtors and our community as a whole.

JOSEPH ANTHONY FORTINO
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Anthony Fortino, who was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado. During his life Mr. Fortino was both a successful businessman and a dedicated civil servant.

Early in life Mr. Fortino worked for his family grocery store. After graduating high school he served in World War II in the United States Coast Guard. After the war, he returned to Pueblo and his family grocery business with his father before joining Jackson Chevrolet as a salesman, and working his way up to partner. He won the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in Colorado for his hard work and dedication to the community.

Mr. Fortino was truly a leader and was involved on several boards and committees in Pueblo, including the Colorado Transportation Commission, on which he was the longest serving member. He was the president of the Pueblo Community College Foundation,

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through which he was elected to the Pueblo Hall of Fame for his civic and business activities.

On October 4, 2011 Mr. Fortino passed away at the age of 89. I have no doubt that his business and civic legacy will have a lasting effect on the people of Colorado for many years to come.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL
TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) National Trademark Expo. In a time of ongoing challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role trademarks play in the economy.

Trademarks are words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods and services of one party from those of others. American innovation and its associated intellectual property are very important to job creation and economic recovery. The USPTO facilitates the efficient approval of intellectual property rights to deliver goods and services to the global market. Through the registration of trademarks, the agency assists businesses in protecting their investments, promoting goods and services, and safeguarding consumers against confusion and deception in the marketplace.

The USPTO disseminates trademark information at the Expo to educate the public about the important role trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace. The National Trademark Expos have been very successful events attended by the trademark community and the public at large. This year's 2-day event will be held on Friday, October 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

During the Trademark Expo, Chubby Checker will twist with the audience and costumed trademarked characters to music played by Max Impact, the rock band of the United States Air Force. A new cast of characters featuring registered trademarks including Barbie, The Pink Panther, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Hamburger Helper, Rita's Ice Guy, and Fruit of the Loom "fruit suits" will join veteran Expo characters GEICO's Gecko, Crayola crayons' mascot "Tip," Pillsbury's Doughboy, Curious George, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Popeye, Olive Oyl, the 5-Hour Energy Bottle, Spuddy Buddy, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bar. Large inflatable characters, including a Pinocchio Giant Inflatable, a Bridgestone Tire, GEICO's Gecko, Collegiate mascots and NFL Football player inflatables of the Washington Redskins and Baltimore Ravens will once again transform the USPTO's campus into a "Trademark Theme Park". A NASCAR show car for 5-Hour Energy, a UPS truck, and Caterpillar machines will also decorate the grounds. A story time featuring literary trademarked characters sponsored by Hooray

for Books!, a local children's bookstore, will help tell the story of the prevalence of trademarks in our daily lives and their value as source indicators.

Some of America's leading large corporations, small businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profit corporations will highlight the various types of trademarks, the breadth of trademarks used by one source, interesting stories about trademarks and their creation, and the benefits of federal trademark registration. The exhibitors include 5-Hour Energy; 1000 Cranes, LLC; American Girl, LLC; American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); Bigsby Division and the Gretsch Company; Bridgestone Americas, Inc.; Caterpillar Inc; City of Falls Church; CMG Worldwide, Inc.; Cotton Incorporated; Elevation Burger; GED Testing Service; GEICO; Idaho Potato Commission; International Trademark Association (INTA); Mattel, Inc.; Rita's Italian Ice; The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; The Hershey Company; The Pepsom Group; Travelers; UPS; U.S. Air Force; U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National IPR Coordination Center; U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Department of Interior, Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB); and U.S. Department of the Army.

The Expo will also feature educational seminars, children's workshops, story time and guided tours. Educational seminars will include presentations on "What Every Small Business Should Know About Intellectual Property," "Counterfeiting & Piracy—Why Buy 'Legit'?", "Common Mistakes to Avoid When Filing for Trademark Registration," "Know What You're Buying: American Indian Art and Imitations," and "Trademarks 101" which covers basic facts about trademarks and trademark law. A video made to instruct pro se applicants will play in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum throughout the Expo. Also, the Museum's current exhibit titled "Exercising Ingenuity: Inventions in Health and Fitness" highlights trademarks related to fitness and health.

The National Trademark Expo will also display different types of trademarks including non-traditional trademarks such as sound marks, which are marks comprised of a sound or series of sounds, highlighted in an exciting interactive exhibit, and trademarks that identify shapes and configurations of products highlighted in an elaborate display of trademarked bottle shapes and a variety of other goods. Banners will feature century-old registered trademarks, the evolution and transformation of trademarks, the history of people behind certain trademarks, and other information about trademarks.

I applaud the USPTO for its continued efforts to educate the public on the important role of trademarks and the benefits of federal registration through the National Trademark Expo. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO, at this time when trademark protection and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy. And, I encourage the public and my fellow Members of Congress and staff to bring their family and friends to this family friendly and free event.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
ELAINE GAWRONSKI

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elaine Gawronski of Revere, Pennsylvania who passed away on September 20, 2011 at the age of 71 after a courageous battle with cancer. As a public servant, Elaine was truly committed to the well-being of her friends and neighbors in Nockamixon Township.

Having moved to Bucks County from Ithaca, New York, Elaine received her education in Southeastern Pennsylvania, graduating first from Germantown High School, and later from Temple University.

A prominent member of her community, Elaine served both local government and community groups as treasurer for Nockamixon Township, the Palisades Republican Club, the Nockamixon Community Day Committee, and the Nockamixon Historical Society. Additionally, she served as Nockamixon Township Auditor and as Recording Secretary for the Nockamixon Planning Commission.

Elaine's faith also played an important role in her life. She served as parishioner of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and as a member of the school's Home and School Committee.

As a beloved family member, dedicated worker and loyal community servant, Elaine's life serves as an example to all of us. She generously dedicated her time and her efforts to enhance the quality of life of her family and community, and she will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF
THE LAKESHORE AREAS RE-
GIONAL RECOVERY OF INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the efforts of the Lakeshore Areas Regional Recovery of Indiana, or LARRI for short, and to recognize its esteemed partners for their dedication as this organization reaches the end of its third, and final, year of operation. Although LARRI has served the Region admirably since the widespread flooding of Northwest Indiana in September of 2008, its work has come to an end, and the organization ceased operations on September 30, 2011.

LARRI was formed by a coalition of dedicated non-profit organizations in response to the heavy flooding of Northwest Indiana in September of 2008. As the Little Calumet overflowed its banks, LARRI went into immediate action for its neighbors in need, and by the time it closed its doors, LARRI had coordinated more than 6,000 volunteers in removing 15,920 pounds of debris, building 5 homes, restoring another 600 more, and relocating 26 displaced families to new homes throughout the area. In short, LARRI has helped to get a struggling region back on its feet with

nothing more than volunteer time and donations. They are true examples of a civic spirit to which we can all aspire. Notable contributors to LARRI's philanthropic mission include: the Lake Area United Way, United Way of Porter County, Ridge United Methodist Church, Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, the Salvation Army, Dyer United Methodist Church, Gary Neighborhood, the Geminus Corporation, Continuum of Care Northwest Indiana, Lutheran Church Charities, Catholic Charities, McShane's Business Products and Solutions, and the Gary 411 newspaper, as well as individuals John Beebe and Ted Prettyman.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Indiana is fortunate to have such an impressive array of willing humanitarians, and I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing this outstanding organization on its campaign. Although LARRI's efforts lasted a mere three years, this should only add to the profound impact the organization had on Northwest Indiana. I ask that you join me in honoring its individual members who freely gave so much of their time in service to their community.

CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY
RELIEF ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2681) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes:

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I want to clearly state my opposition to H.R. 2681, the so-called Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. This legislation is a special interest giveaway that will fail to create jobs and will expose American families to unnecessary and unacceptable health risks.

Last month, President Obama proposed the American Jobs Act to address the Nation's unemployment crisis. Economist Mark Zandi of Moody Analytics—a former McCain Presidential advisor—said the American Jobs Act would add 1.9 million jobs. Dozens of other independent economists agree this legislation would create jobs, boost economic growth and protect the country from slipping back into recession. Despite the urgent need to create jobs and grow the economy, the House Republican majority is refusing to bring the American Jobs Act to the floor for a vote.

Instead of passing the American Jobs Act, the majority is advancing a series of ideological bills that will cripple clean air and clean water protections. H.R. 2681 is the latest of these Republican assaults on public health. H.R. 2681 would delay the implementation of science-based rules to significantly reduce toxic emissions from cement plants. The 1990 Clean Air Act required the cement industry to reduce mercury and other pollutants. Today, cement plants are the third largest source of mercury pollution in the United States. Thou-

sands of families living in the shadow of these plants are now suffering from increased rates of neurological disorders, birth defects, learning disabilities, cancer and cardiovascular problems. Developing fetuses, infants and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to the deadly effects of mercury.

After 11 years of consultation with the cement industry and other stakeholders, the Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a proposal to close this dangerous loophole. For every \$1 spent on complying with the EPA's proposed rules, the U.S. economy is projected to reap \$7–19 dollars in benefits from lower health care costs and higher productivity. This incredible return on investment shows that smart regulation can produce cleaner air, better health and a stronger economy.

Instead of offering a competing economic analysis, House Republicans are using anecdotal evidence to argue these new rules will harm employment in the cement industry. Contrary to what supporters of H.R. 2681 argue, employment in the cement industry has decreased due to efficiency gains in production and consolidation in the sector, not federal regulation. Even Republican economists are pushing back on the argument that federal regulation has a significant impact on job creation and retention. Bruce Bartlett, former economic advisor to President Reagan, is refuting these claims with data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing that businesses do not cite regulation as a leading cause of layoffs. According to this data, regulations were responsible for a minuscule 0.2 percent of layoffs in 2010. Despite the evidence, Republicans continue to cling to their anti-regulatory red herrings.

While H.R. 2681 may provide good partisan talking points for cable television and talk-radio, this legislation threatens real harm to families in Minnesota, and across the country. According to EPA's analysis, delaying the clean-up of toxic pollution from the cement industry for four years as called for in H.R. 2681 would result in devastating health effects, including up to: 10,000 premature deaths; 68,000 asthma attacks; 6,000 non-fatal heart attacks; and 520,000 days when people miss work because of illness.

For over forty years, the country has made tremendous bipartisan progress in cleaning up our environment while maintaining robust economic growth. We need to return to this tradition and refocus our attention on legislation that will actually address America's pressing jobs crisis. I urge my colleagues to reject this legislation, end the political games, and stand up for the health of American families.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, providing everyone with access to affordable health care continues to be an important issue in this Congress, and it is even more critical to the individuals seeking preventive care and treatment. This October, I would like to ask you, our colleagues and our communities to join me in recognizing the impact breast cancer has had on families across the nation.

Breast cancer is one of the leading cancers among women and tens of thousands die each year in this country as a result of this devastating illness. With proper education, screening and treatment, those deaths can be prevented. As we work to encourage research to find a cure, we must remember to be proactive by supporting breast cancer awareness that can save the lives of our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN
FRANK PAPAIAANNI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Patrolman Frank Papaiaanni of Edison, New Jersey. On September 16, 1971, Patrolman Papaiaanni and his partner responded to a silent holdup alarm at a bank located within the Menlo Park Mall in Edison, New Jersey. The gunfire exchanged fatally wounded Patrolman Papaiaanni and critically wounded his partner. Today, members of the Edison community gather to remember and honor the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiaanni.

Patrolman Frank Papaiaanni was a noble officer who faithfully protected and served the local residents, businesses and visitors of Edison, New Jersey. Patrolman Papaiaanni served with the Edison Division of Police for three years and continued to personify his commitment and dedication to maintaining a safe and peaceful environment. He was survived by his wife Adeline and his three children, Maria, Joann and Frank. Lake Papaiaanni in Edison, New Jersey is named in honor of the late Patrolman.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in commemorating the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiaanni and remembering him for his dedication to serve and protect the township of Edison.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY
SPECIALIST JAMES A. BUTZ

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I wish to commend United States Army Specialist James A. Butz for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Butz was a member of the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While serving in Afghanistan as a combat medic, on September 28, 2011, Specialist Butz was killed while rushing to assist two wounded Marines when an improvised explosive device detonated, taking his life and the lives of the two Marines. His sacrifice will forever be remembered by those he fought to protect.

A native of Porter, Indiana, James graduated from Chesterton High School in 2009. While in high school, James was a wrestler and football player. Many describe James as

very outgoing, happy, smart, and full of energy. After graduating high school in June 2009, James enlisted in the Army. According to his family, James decided in high school that he wanted to join the military. Family and friends remember James as a hard worker who enjoyed military life and thrived in that environment. His plans were to continue his military career and become a registered nurse. For his selfless commitment to the Army and outstanding dedication to his country, James is worthy of the highest praise. For his courage and sacrifice, James has been honored by the military with the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO medal, the Combat Medic Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. Although only a young man, James gained immense respect from those around him, and he was admired in his community. He will be greatly missed and forever cherished by those who loved him.

Specialist Butz leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his adoring parents, John and Mary Jane Butz. James also leaves to cherish his memory his brothers, John and William. He also leaves behind many other dear friends and family members, as well as a saddened community and a grateful nation.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Specialist James A. Butz. Specialist Butz sacrificed his life in service to his country, and his passing comes as a great loss to our nation, which has once again been shaken by the realities of war. Specialist Butz will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

IN MEMORY OF MR. GEORGE
CONDON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. George Condon, an iconic journalist, author and historian that truly loved the City of Cleveland.

Born in Falls River, Massachusetts, George was the youngest of eight children. At the age of six, his Irish family moved to Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. He attended St. Patrick's on the Bridge and later West Tech High School during the height of the Great Depression. He left high school and began working at Atlas Display Fixture Company and later Blocks Clothing Store. After several years of working and saving money, George enrolled in the Ohio State University and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. It was during college that George met his future wife, Marjorie Smith. The two married in 1942 and had seven children together.

Following graduation, George became the editor of the Mount Pelier, Ohio newspaper. Shortly after, he took a public relations job at Mount Union College before being hired by the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1941. He started

at the Plain Dealer as a general assignment reporter and in 1948 became the first radio critic. He would later move to the editorial page, where he remained for the rest of his 41-year-long career. In addition to being a unique voice for the Plain Dealer, George became a respected historian for the City of Cleveland. He wrote nine books throughout his life including Cleveland: The Best Kept Secret and Yesterday's Cleveland.

George loved the City of Cleveland and, in return, he was honored and recognized countless times throughout his illustrious career. In addition to having been inducted in the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, George has received the Ohiana Award, the Cleveland Award for Literature, the Burke Award for Literature and the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Distinguished Service.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. George Condon, he will forever be remembered by the city that he loved.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a month-long project dedicated to addressing the victimization of men, women, and children in our nation and raising awareness of the devastating impact of domestic violence. This month, we honor the survivors of domestic violence, whose struggles and successes continue to inspire us all as we rededicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities.

Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of every background and circumstance and affects every sector of our society. It can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, or behavior used to coerce, threaten or humiliate another person.

When it comes to domestic violence, there is no standard victim. It affects people from all walks of life, and individuals of every race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and socioeconomic background. Domestic violence is not restricted; it can happen to any couple, homosexual or heterosexual, whether they are married, living together, or dating.

Mr. Speaker, despite the progress and achievements we have made in the recent past, there is still so much more to do. It is time to put an end to this devastating crime. Far too many families in this nation are affected by domestic violence. It is a growing epidemic affecting local, national and international communities alike.

In the United States, one in four women and one in thirteen men will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in his or her lifetime and over 3.3 million children witness domestic violence each year. Further, domestic violence can also act as a precursor to more serious crimes. In 80% of intimate party homi-

cides, regardless of which partner was killed, domestic violence was present during the relationship prior to the killing. We must remember that these victims are not statistics, but people.

Mr. Speaker, victims of violence often suffer in silence, with limited options, not knowing where to turn for support and guidance. We need to break this silence. Local domestic violence agencies, shelters, victim services providing legal, emotional, and medical support are vital to helping victims and their families heal. To effectively respond to domestic violence, we must support efforts to help expand these services and to continue to foster awareness.

The Recovery Act passed by Congress in 2009 and signed by President Obama provided a total of \$225 million to the Office of Violence against Women for grant funding for programs which expands efforts to curtail domestic violence.

These vital funds help communities develop and enhance strategies to curb domestic violence, enhance services to people victimized by domestic violence, and work in cooperation to develop education and prevention strategies directed towards issues of domestic violence. Through knowledge, action and awareness we can take the necessary steps forward to reduce the prevalence of violence in our communities.

In addition, as part of the Affordable Care Act, women will receive free preventative care, including domestic violence screenings and counseling as well as ensure that insurance companies may no longer classify domestic violence victims as people with pre-existing conditions.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities. We have a responsibility to continue to broaden our efforts to end violence against men, women and children. But we cannot solve this crisis alone. We must work together to create support, expand resources and eliminate barriers for victims of domestic violence. Stopping domestic violence means saving lives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I urge all Americans to take time this month to honor domestic violence survivors, applaud their strength and courage, and find out what you can do to help prevent domestic violence in your community.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL SAIGAL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Neil Saigal, a remarkable young man who will be remembered as someone who lived life's moments to their fullest. His presence impacted, and changed for the better, all those who were fortunate enough to be in his company.

It's hard to imagine that such a bright flame has been extinguished, and even harder to imagine that we won't one day see Neil again with his camera in hand, a story to tell, and a witty remark on his lips. While we all miss Neil, we take comfort in knowing that God had better plans for him, and that he's found

peace. Before Neil passed away he was living in India, surrounded by family and everything he loved in life. He was learning meditation, practicing yoga, and playing any number of sports every day.

Even though we often measure life in years, with Neil it is more fitting to measure it in terms of accomplishments. Everything Neil did, he did in splendid fashion. After graduating from Clovis West High School in 2003, he went on to attend the University of California, Irvine, and received a degree in Psychology in 2008. While at U.C. Irvine he was a member of the Crew team, a researcher in the Brain Imaging Center, and a great friend to all his classmates. His success at U.C. Irvine included receiving a patent for MEFWAY, and being awarded a 1st place prize at the Young Investigators Award by the Society of Nuclear Medicine, in Toronto. He continued his academic pursuits as a Fulbright Scholar, attending the Karolinska Institute where he continued his research in brain imaging. Soon after, he attended the University of Cambridge, in England, on a full scholarship. Neil's most notable accomplishment however was not academic, but moral—living compassionately, selflessly, and always thinking of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering Neil for his thirst for life, love of nature, insatiable curiosity, humble spirit, and warm heart.

HONORING CAROLE DILLON-KNUTSON

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carole Dillon-Knutson of Novato, CA, who is retiring after 20 years of public office. She served 16 years on the Novato City Council and four years on the College of Mann Board of Trustees, earning the appreciation of her constituents and peers for her many accomplishments that enhanced the community's quality of life.

First elected to the Novato City Council in 1994, Carole is especially proud of significant projects that she worked with colleagues to create including the Novato Arts Center, the Gymnastics Center, several development projects at the former air field at Hamilton from a large wetlands restoration to transitional housing, improvements on Grant Avenue (the city's downtown artery), restoration of City Hall, and refurbishment of the Novato playgrounds.

Carole also represented the community on key boards and commissions such as the Association of Bay Area Government's Executive Committee, the North Bay Division of the League of California Cities (President in 2001), the Marin County Council of Mayors and Council members (President in 2004), the Transportation Authority of Marin Executive Committee, and the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Agency Board.

Carole says she feels "a deep comfort in the priorities and accomplishments that I originally set as my goals: to create a balanced approach and focus on the quality of life issues so important to the residents of Novato."

Mr. Speaker, I know Carole-Dillon Knutson is looking forward to spending more time with her family, including five grandsons. Please join me in congratulating her on her years of service and in wishing her well in her retirement.

OPENING REMARKS FOR THE
SCREENING OF THE LAST MOUNTAIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following. Thank you for coming this evening and welcome. I am excited to introduce to you The Last Mountain and I am proud to host its screening. It left quite an impression on me when I saw it and I trust it will do the same for you.

Scientific research shows that Mountaintop removal mining is devastating to both the environment and the health of Appalachian communities. It has created a water quality crisis in streams where the debris and spoil from mining sites have been dumped. It has created an environmental crisis for aquatic life in those streams and for the most biologically diverse forests in the world, which are being systematically destroyed by Mountaintop removal.

Mountaintop removal mining has created a public health crisis for people depending on those streams. The research shows that Appalachian residents of areas affected by mountaintop mining experience significantly more unhealthy days each year than the average American; and women who live in areas with high levels of mountaintop coal mining are more likely to have low birth-weight infants and poor birth outcomes.

Not only is mountaintop removal mining environmentally harmful, but it is actually a job destroyer, not a job creator. Studies have shown that mountaintop removal mining has actually had a negative impact on Appalachian employment. Because Mountaintop removal mining relies on enormous machines instead of individual, skilled miners, the number of mining jobs needed to produce each ton of coal has been drastically reduced. Mountaintop removal mining is essentially eliminating the miner from coal mining, contributing to a decrease in mining jobs.

In 1948, there were 126,000 coal-mining jobs in West Virginia and 169,000,000 tons of coal mined. In 2010, however, only 20,000 of these jobs remain despite the fact that almost the same amount of coal—144,000,000 tons—had been mined. This job loss did not result from any regulation. Instead, it occurred because coal companies themselves have replaced workers with machines and explosives. The evidence is clear: mountaintop removal mining destroys both mountains and jobs.

Coal mining in general has experienced a diminishing share of employment in Appalachia as well. The cause is falling demand for coal. According to the Federal Reserve, the capacity of already permitted and active coal mines set an all-time record in 2010, while the utilization of that capacity was at a 25-year low. So, while enough permits have been approved to achieve a new record level of coal

mine capacity, there is simply not enough demand for all of the coal that these mines can produce. Demand for coal, or the decision by consumers to use cleaner, more energy efficient forms of energy, is not something the EPA controls. It is a decision by made by electric generating plant operators and investors. Increasingly, they have chosen to fuel their power plants with natural gas, rather than coal.

Just last week, a study in the prestigious American Economic Review found that the damage from coal-fired electrical plants costs more than twice as much as the electricity they generate. Coal plants wreak \$53 billion worth of damage per year, not considering the enormous harm from climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of trying to fulfill its duty to increase scrutiny of Appalachian mountaintop mining permits. The efforts in the House to undermine the EPA are wrongheaded. I have fought them on the floor and I have fought them as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. And I will continue to fight to stop not only mountaintop mining, but also coal.

Coal-based energy creates ponds of ash that are so toxic the Department of Homeland Security will not disclose their locations for fear of their potential to become a terrorist weapon; it fouls the air and water with sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, particulates, ozone, mercury, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and thousands of other toxic compounds that cause asthma, birth defects, learning disabilities, and pulmonary and cardiac problems . . . for starters.

In contrast, several times more jobs are yielded by renewable energy investments than comparable coal investments. We must redirect the resources of this great nation away from things like war and counterproductive spending cuts and toward creating millions of new jobs in the economic sector of tomorrow; green energy. I will be introducing a bill to create a Works Green Administration which will harness the innovative power of NASA to help create, refine, and ready for distribution the very technologies that put the power in the hands of the people. It will put people to work promoting and installing wind and solar micro-technologies, energy efficiencies, and much more.

Until then, I hope you enjoy the screening tonight. Thank you for your interest and for your time. I look forward to working with you to save mountains, streams, forests, and livelihoods.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
DANIEL G. CAHILL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Daniel G. Cahill. On September 17, 2011, Father Dan will be recognized as Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Father Dan continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance for the members of

the Monmouth County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Dan, fondly referred to as "Donnie" by his family and peers, was the third of six children raised on a small farm in the village of Gortdarrig, County Kerry in Ireland. At the age of thirteen, Father Dan was enrolled at St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney, Ireland. His attendance at this prestigious institution later influenced his future decision to become a priest. Upon graduation from St. Brendan's, Father Dan entered All Hallows Seminary College in Dublin, Ireland, an organization recognized for preparing men to serve as missionary priests in foreign countries. During his time in the Seminary, Father Dan also spent a summer abroad working in various New Jersey parishes alongside the late Father Thomas O'Connor, former Pastor of St. Robert Bellermino in Freehold, New Jersey. His positive experience serving in New Jersey later influenced his decision to accept a position as a recruit from the Diocese of Trenton. Father Dan was ordained on June 17, 1973 at the age of twenty-four. He served for many years in the parishes of St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown, New Jersey and St. Anthony in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1989 he became the Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Father Dan currently presides as Pastor of the Church of St. Ann in Keansburg, New Jersey and has held this position since 1995.

In addition to his work with the ministry, Father Dan provides spiritual guidance to various Christian organizations, specifically the Ancient Order of Hibernians, AOH. He served as the New Jersey State AOH Chaplain for nineteen years during which time his outstanding spiritual leadership assisted the organization to fulfill their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. He continues to serve as the Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pat Torphy Division—Monmouth 2, located in Middletown, New Jersey, and hosts an annual mass in recognition of those lost during the Great Hunger. Father Dan also serves as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Vincent T. Lombardi Council.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Father Daniel Cahill for receiving the esteemed title of Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore. His extraordinary spiritual leadership continues to guide Monmouth County Bayshore community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

RECOGNIZING ITMC SOLUTIONS,
LLC OF BRISTOW, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize ITMC Solutions, LLC, of Bristow, Virginia, for its acceptance into the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement, VIP.

ITMC Solutions is a woman-owned, veteran-owned, minority-owned, small business supplier of management consulting and technology solutions to the federal government, specializing in identity solutions, program management, portfolio management and applica-

tion development, deployment, modernization and maintenance.

VIP, a program of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, is the country's first-ever program to train veteran small business owners to succeed in the federal contracting market. VIP has helped more than 200 veteran-owned businesses win government contracts and continues to actively serve veterans by connecting top executives of veteran owned small businesses with leaders in government and industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be accepted into this program and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing ITMC Solutions, LLC for its accomplishment.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, October 10th marked the 100 year anniversary of the Republic of China (ROC).

And how the ROC has grown over the years since the 1911 Revolution! The state played a vital role as a founding member of the United Nations and contributed to the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, infusing into it the spirit of Confucianism. And it drafted the most progressive and democratic constitution in Asia. And finally, the state found solid footing on the island of Taiwan in 1949. It has successfully transitioned into a liberal democracy and become the first democratic state in an ethnic Chinese society in history.

Today, the ROC is a model of political and economic progress for developing nations around the world. It is a modern and industrialized nation, an early adapter and proponent of a global and interconnected marketplace. Taiwan, Asia's first Economic Tiger, embraced market reforms in the 1950s and quickly launched some of the best known, and most efficient, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that came to serve many U.S. multinationals. Today's Taiwan is a technology powerhouse and the island's firmly entrenched in the top tier of developed world markets.

And while many other markets turn inwards when economic times are tough, Taiwan's almost always kept its trade and investment doors open. A founding member of the Asia Development Bank in 1966, the ROC on Taiwan joined the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001. It further acceded to the WTO's Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) in 2009.

And since 2008, Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou has removed many of the longstanding trade and investment barriers to mainland China, resulting in Taiwan now best positioned serving as a global gateway to the Greater China market. This new outlook culminated in last year's signing of the Economic and Cooperation Framework Agreement between Taiwan and mainland China. Foreign firms can now access mainland China's vast economic potential from the comfort and safety of a Taiwan market that's among the friendliest in the world to U.S. companies and one that also values and protects their intellectual property.

As we celebrate this hundred years of history, let us recall that the ROC of today has come about thanks to generations of people who have fought for social reform and a democratic future.

And as the Republic of China embarks on a new century, I hope it will be a model democratic nation for the world and continue to grow and prosper. I therefore urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on its 100 years of existence, Taiwan's many economic achievements since 1949, and to further support enhanced economic relations between the United States and Taiwan.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,860,324,039,615.03.

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 \$4,221,898,293,321.23 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR J.
MCCLUNG, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Morehouse College's most distinguished graduates and accomplished alumni, Mr. Arthur J. McClung, Jr. I am very happy to point out that earlier this year Morehouse College President, Dr. Robert M. Franklin, presented Mr. McClung with the school's Presidential Award of Distinction in recognition of his many outstanding professional achievements, unyielding support for his alma mater and heartfelt philanthropic endeavors.

As a graduate of Morehouse College and as one who matriculated at Morehouse during the same period as Mr. McClung, I am very proud to call him a fellow alumnus and personal friend. As a dedicated family man, successful business professional and role model for young African-American men, Arthur J. McClung, Jr. has worked tirelessly to effectively balance his multitude of roles of being a loving husband, committed father, skillful senior executive and dedicated community leader.

Arthur J. McClung, Jr. is a native of Columbus, Georgia, the perennial site of this weekend's 76th Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic. This classic is one of our nation's longest running football rivalries and Mr. McClung, Jr. along with his father, the late Arthur "A.J." McClung, Sr., have played instrumental roles in this beloved event's ongoing success. The stadium that has hosted this game since its inception is named in honor of the late A.J. McClung, Sr.

This classic also created a fierce but friendly rivalry between the late A.J. McClung, Sr., a graduate of Tuskegee University, and his loving son who not only graduated from Morehouse College but was also a member of the school's renowned Maroon Tiger Marching Band. The McClung men's love for their respective colleges and their dedication to one of Columbus, Georgia's most treasured football traditions has reaped tremendous benefits for Tuskegee University, Morehouse College and the Columbus, Georgia community at large.

In light of the McClung family's tenured involvement in the classic's success over the last five decades, this weekend Mr. Arthur J. McClung, Jr. will be named as an honorary alumnus of Tuskegee University, even though he is in fact a diehard Morehouse Maroon Tiger. This esteemed designation is one of the many outstanding accomplishments that Mr. McClung has enjoyed during his life's journey.

After graduating from Morehouse College in 1966, Mr. McClung, Jr. began his professional career at Westinghouse Electric. He later would go on to serve in important roles at IBM, the Atlanta Urban League and the United States government's ACTION Agency before eventually joining Georgia Power as a Consumer Affairs Representative. Throughout his twenty-six year career at Georgia Power, he served as an executive in the utility company's External Affairs, Economic Development and Corporate Relations divisions.

In concurrence with his notable career accomplishments, Mr. McClung has been repeatedly acknowledged for his outstanding community service and support for civic organizations throughout the state of Georgia. He is the recipient of awards from Ben Hill United Methodist Church; the Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts; Concerned Black Clergy; the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials; and the Rotary International. Furthermore, he has played a proactive role in supporting initiatives sponsored by Habitat for Humanity; the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta; Boy Scouts of America; the Butler Street YMCA; the Atlanta Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Georgia Citizens for the Arts; and the Fulton County Planning Commission.

It cannot be disputed that Mr. McClung has achieved numerous successes throughout his life. However, none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and the support of his loving wife, Angela. Mr. and Mrs. McClung, Jr. are the proud parents of Arthur J. McClung III, who like his father is also a proud graduate of Morehouse College. Art III went on to earn a Doctorate degree from Stanford University in Mechanical Engineering and in December 2010, he completed his post doctoral studies at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Art "Bullwinkle" McClung, Jr. for his many career achievements, outstanding service, and public distinction and most importantly for his unrelenting support of the Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic.

IN HONOR OF MR. JACK KAHL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Jack Kahl, the founder and former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Manco Inc., who is being recognized as the Mayo Society's Mayo Person of the Year.

Mr. Kahl graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. In 1971, he bought Manco, Inc. and grew the company from a small industrial tape distributor into a leading global consumer products company. He served as the CEO of Manco for more than 25 years before selling the company to the Henkel Group. Mr. Kahl has also held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Henkel Consumer Adhesives, Inc. and Chief Executive Officer and President of Duck Investments LLC and Jack Kahl and Associates during his career. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors of numerous companies including Paragon Corporate Holdings, Inc., Acorn Products Inc., Technical Consumer Products, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, MCM Capital Advisory, Clark/Bardes Inc., and American Greetings.

In addition to his career in the business world, Mr. Kahl has been a dedicated and active member of the education community. He is the former chairman of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) and has served on the Board of Trustees of John Carrol University (JCU) and St. Edward's High School. Due to his tireless advocacy he has been named "Outstanding Alumnus and Alumnus of the Year" by both St. Edward's and JCU. In 1999 SIFE dedicated a wing of its world headquarters the Jack Kahl Entrepreneurship Center and, in 2000, St. Edward's named its new student center the Jack Kahl Student and Life Leadership Center.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Kahl has been honored and recognized countless times on the local and international level. He has been named one of America's Most Admired CEOs by Industry Week Magazine, Best Boss in Town twice by Cleveland Magazine and recognized by Inc. Magazine for his leadership practices. During his tenure as CEO, Manco, Inc. was the first company to receive three Wal-Mart Vendor of the Year awards and OfficeMax's Vendor of the Year—Supply Chain Award. Mr. Kahl has also been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the School Home Office Products Association, the National Medal for Entrepreneurship by Beta Gamma Sigma and Cleveland's Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and congratulating Mr. Jack Kahl, the Mayo Person of the Year.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM HENRY BURKHART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE HONOR OF A 2011 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful students, teachers and administrators at William Henry Burkhardt Elementary School for the outstanding honor of winning the 2011 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award from the United States Department of Education.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors schools that have taken successful measures toward maintaining and increasing student achievement. Located in my district in Indianapolis, Indiana, William Henry Burkhardt Elementary School is a fine example of what can be accomplished when parents, teachers and administrators collaborate on preparing our students for a prosperous future. By emphasizing the importance and real world applications of subjects like math, science and language arts, William Henry Burkhardt is enabling a new generation of community leaders.

It is my hope that other schools and educators in Indiana will be inspired by the recognition and success of William Henry Burkhardt Elementary School. In addition, I hope everyone at the school can keep up the hard work by inspiring these young students to continue to strive for success in school, career and life.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, today we are introducing legislation to make long overdue investments in our nation's water infrastructure systems that will benefit both our communities and our economy.

The American economy needs jobs, and this Congress has a responsibility to support programs that create jobs. This is precisely what spending on water infrastructure systems will do: plain and simple, it will create jobs. For every \$1 billion we spend on wastewater infrastructure we can create as many as 33,000 jobs in communities across America while improving our public health and protecting our environment. It is a win-win proposition.

The importance of investment in wastewater infrastructure is clear and the need is great. In EPA's 2008 Clean Water Needs Survey, states documented nearly \$300 billion in wastewater treatment, pipe replacement and repair, and stormwater management projects that need to be fulfilled over the next 20 years.

While Congress appropriated \$2.1 billion for wastewater infrastructure projects in 2010, this year allocations to the Clean Water State Revolving Funds were reduced to \$690 million. This is a far cry from the \$15 billion a year we would need to spend to address the needs

identified by the States to modernize and repair our aging systems.

The “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2011” is intended to close that gap. For decades, the SRFs have been the traditional mechanism for Federal wastewater infrastructure assistance. The bill renews the Federal commitment to addressing our Nation’s substantial needs for wastewater infrastructure by investing \$13.8 billion in the State Revolving Funds over the next five years.

Recognizing that significant additional resources will be necessary, the bill also establishes two complimentary new initiatives for the long-term, sustainable financing of wastewater infrastructure. The first is a direct loan and loan guarantee program and the second, a Clean Water Infrastructure Trust Fund. These proposals, when implemented in concert, would leverage billions of additional dollars to meet local wastewater infrastructure needs, create jobs, and protect our public health and environmental quality.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that some may express concern with the overall cost of this legislation; however, when compared to the estimated \$300 to \$400 billion in documented wastewater infrastructure needs for our communities over the next 20 years, I would suggest that this authorization will help meet, but not entirely close, the water infrastructure gap. In addition, based on a preliminary estimate by the Congressional Budget Office, this legislation would have no negative impact on direct spending and revenues over the next ten years under pay-as-you-go rules.

Meeting the critical water infrastructure investment needs of our local communities should not be a partisan issue. As my colleagues on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure often say, “There is no such thing as Republican or Democratic infrastructure projects.” These are investments that benefit our local constituents, the economies of our towns, cities, and States, and provide the added benefit of protecting public health and the overall condition of the environment. I am pleased that this legislation has garnered bipartisan support for introduction, and I plan to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to see this Congress move on providing long-term, sustained investment in our nation’s wastewater infrastructure.

Again, this is a win-win proposal and as such, it has broad support from the Associated General Contractors of America, the National Assoc of Clean Water Agencies, Food and Water Watch, the Water Environment Federation, the National League of Cities, the Water Infrastructure Network, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Construction Alliance II, the American Public Works Association and many others.

In short, Mr. Speaker, this bill is good for America, for American workers and for the environment, and thus I urge my colleagues to join me and my fellow cosponsors in supporting this very important legislation that will help our economy recover.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China. October 10, 1911 marked the day of the Wuchang Uprising, which served as the beginning to the Xinhai Revolution. The Xinhai Revolution established the present day Republic of China thus bringing an end to the Qing Dynasty.

Dr. Charles Ku is close friend of mine and the committee chair to the DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee. I am a strong supporter of Dr. Ku and his activeness within our Chinese community. The DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee sponsors the Dallas Chinese Community Center whose mission it is to promote Chinese culture and diversity through recreational programs and enrich the lives of Chinese immigrants.

As a result, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has a thriving Chinese culture. It is worth recognizing and commending the DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee, the Dallas Chinese Community Center, Dr. Ku, and the entire Chinese community for standing by this county’s tradition and value of maintaining a diverse cultural presence. So, it is with great honor that I congratulate the Republic of China and the Chinese community on their 100th anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN
OHIO LEBANESE AMERICAN AS-
SOCIATION’S 6TH ANNUAL LEBANESE
AMERICAN HERITAGE
BALL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association’s 6th Annual Lebanese American Heritage Ball which will be honoring General John P. Abizaid, retired United States Army General and the former Commander of the United States Central Command.

The Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association (NOLAA) was founded in 1931 as a social and charitable organization. NOLAA’s original purpose was to promote an understanding and unity among its members, act as a resource to better the conditions of its members and to foster unity among Lebanese Americans and their families in Cleveland and neighboring cities. In 2005, the Lebanese American Christian Society (LACS) was established in conjunction with NOLAA. Today NOLAA and LACS are dedicated to preserving, enriching, and promoting Lebanese heritage and traditions through cultural, educational, humanitarian and social activities.

NOLAA’s Annual Lebanese Heritage Ball honors those who have made significant contributions to the community. This year’s celebration will honor General John P. Abizaid, a

retired U.S. Army General and the former Commander of the U.S. Central Command. General Abizaid rose to the rank of a four-star general during his 34 year long career with the U.S. Army. The Ball will also feature Tony Kiwan, a world renowned Lebanese singer.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association as they come together to celebrate their Annual Lebanese Heritage Ball and General John P. Abizaid.

RECOGNIZING DR. JACK VORONA’S
INDUCTION INTO THE DIA TORCH
BEARERS HALL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jack Vorona of Falls Church, Virginia for his induction into the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Torch Bearers Hall. DIA established Torch Bearers Hall this year to coincide with its 50th anniversary and to recognize former employees who have made exceptional contributions to its mission. Dr. Vorona’s invaluable leadership in developing scientific and technical intelligence programs during the height of the Cold War helped keep Americans safe and secured him a spot among the eight inaugural recipients of this honor.

During his 25-year career at DIA, Dr. Vorona developed many programs aimed at identifying foreign defense technologies that could threaten the U.S. and its allies, including nuclear technologies. As Deputy Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence, he oversaw funding to address the most significant threats posed by massive Soviet investments in science, technology, and weapons programs. His work was vital in helping to ensure that the U.S. was never technologically surprised.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Vorona’s remarkable achievements and in thanking him for his dedicated service to the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.” The month of October is designated as a time to honor the unknown number of lives lost to domestic violence, recognize the survivors, and applaud the work of dedicated advocates, social workers, and counselors. By bringing awareness to this issue we can help to erase the stigma for survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic violence happens in every community. Domestic abuse takes the form of physical violence, sexual assaults, economic abuse, verbal manipulation, stalking, or psychological intimidation. It affects children, women, and men regardless of where they

live, how much they earn, the color of their skin, or the level of education they have attained. One in four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women will be physically assaulted this year. And in Minnesota, at least 15 women, 7 children, and 2 men died from domestic violence in 2010. Yet despite all of this, domestic violence remains a "hidden crime" with most incidents going unreported.

While progress has been made to raise awareness of domestic violence and provide needed services to survivors, much more must be done to break the culture of silence surrounding this public health epidemic. Law enforcement, health providers, community leaders, social workers, teachers, and concerned citizens must work together to hold perpetrators accountable and ensure survivors have the support and resources they need. Communities need to promote a culture of safety and support. Individuals have to stand up and declare with our words and actions that domestic violence is unacceptable.

For those committed to ending domestic violence, and in honor of survivors of domestic abuse, I stand today in support of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN
DiLEO, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John DiLeo, Jr., Italian Tribune's 41st Annual Columbus Day Gala honoree. Mr. DiLeo has demonstrated outstanding entrepreneurial and philanthropic endeavors during his tenure and is undoubtedly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. DiLeo is the reigning President of Hylan Datacom and Electrical, Inc. in Holmdel, New Jersey. Mr. DiLeo has admirably worked side-by-side with his father, Mr. John S. DiLeo, Sr. for over 20 years, learning and executing the responsibilities to successfully fulfill the mission of Hylan Datacom and Electrical. He has retained responsibility for all of the organization's financial and business decisions at Hylan Datacom. Mr. DiLeo continues to exceed customers' needs and expectations while maintaining a powerful work ethic and customer-centered approach. Mr. DiLeo is also President of Gordon Petroleum, Inc. and owns and operates multiple corporations in the tri-State area. He is also a partner to six Perkins Restaurants and Damon's Steakhouse, family owned businesses that continue to appeal to residents throughout New York and New Jersey. Mr. DiLeo is currently a Board Member with the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation and has held this position since 2002.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. DiLeo supports various charitable organizations, including the Count Basie Theater Foundation, Girl Scouts of America and South Shore Rotary. He is a proud graduate of St. John's University and is an avid sports fan, passionate about animals and nature. John is also happily married to his wife Madeline of 22 years.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Mr. John DiLeo for receiving

the honor bestowed by the Italian Tribune at their 41st Annual Columbus Day Gala. Mr. DiLeo continues to provide outstanding services to the members of the community and the constituents of my district.

RECOGNIZING GLASGOW INVESTIGATIVE SOLUTIONS, INC. OF WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glasgow Investigative Solutions, Incorporated, of Woodbridge, Virginia (GIS), for its acceptance into the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP).

Founded in 2004 by Mr. Rudolph A. Glasgow, GIS is a disabled veteran, minority-owned business, providing quality services with integrity and high ethical standards. These services include background investigations for the issuance of government security clearances, pre-employment background screening, criminal record searches, education verification, employment reference verification, credit reports, civil record searches, driving record searches and finger printing.

VIP, a program of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, is the country's first-ever program to train veteran small business owners to succeed in the federal contracting market. VIP has helped more than 200 veteran-owned businesses win government contracts and continues to actively serve veterans by connecting top executives of veteran owned small businesses with leaders in government and industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be accepted into this program and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Glasgow Investigative Solutions for its accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR
JEROEL D. "J.D." BRAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Jeroel D. "J.D." Bray.

Born in Jay, Florida on December 25, 1919 to H.H. "Hub" and Alice Bray, J.D. spent his childhood with his brothers, Charlie, C.H. "Chab," and Raymond; and his sisters, Beatrice, Mattie, Myrtle, and Maudie, helping out on the family farm and playing sports. He attended Jay High School and played football, baseball, and basketball.

J.D. Bray was a true patriot, and when his country called him to duty during World War II, he responded with honor and distinction. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1938 and upon completion of basic training, was sent to the Panama Canal. Later, as a member of the infantry, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. J.D. earned the rank of Sergeant and received an honorable discharge in 1945.

When he returned home, J.D. worked as a lineman with the Escambia River Electric Cooperative, and in 1952, he married Theda Warrick in Pascagoula, Mississippi. They bought and operated a local service station, and J.D. later joined the Santa Rosa County Road Department in Northwest Florida, where he retired in 1988. Throughout the course of his life, he understood and exemplified the true meaning of public service. As an active member in the Jay community, J.D. served as a City Councilman from 1954 to 1956 and then was elected to serve as Mayor. For 44 years, Mayor Bray held the position and assisted in the growth of the town's infrastructure through his invaluable leadership and unwavering dedication. Aside from his career, Mayor Bray was a member of the American Legion, past Commander of Edeker-DuBose Post 121 in Jay, a 32° freemason, and a member of Red Rock Masonic Lodge #96 in Munson, Florida.

Mayor Bray is survived by his wife of 59 years, Theda; three children, Debbie (Michael) Gilley, Cheryl Bray, and Stewart (Maria) Bray; his grandchildren, S.J. Bray and Meghan Gilley; great-granddaughter, Tristan Bray; and his sister, Myrtle Bray.

To some, Mayor Bray will be remembered as a courageous member of our armed services who answered the call of duty during one of our Nation's most trying hours; to others, he will be remembered as a successful farmer, gardener, and a regular at the peanut co-op. He was a distinguished public servant, volunteer, and soldier; however, above all, Mayor Bray was a true family man. More than anything, J.D. enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors, and he loved cheering his Florida State Seminoles to victory. Northwest Florida mourns the loss of a true leader, and his service to the community and this Nation will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING CLIFF MOSHOGINIS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cliff Moshoginis of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was named Airport Manager of the Year by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Mr. Moshoginis began his career at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport in 1993. In 1999, he rose to assistant director of the airport, and in 2006 became its director. Mr. Moshoginis was chosen as the recipient of this impressive honor by the president of the association and other members of the board. He himself previously served as president of the association and currently acts as its legislative committee chair.

Despite enormous challenges that have directly affected the air transportation industry in recent years, Mr. Moshoginis has displayed great innovation in keeping our airports safe and efficient. It is because of his vision and direction that the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport has prospered, seeing an 11 percent increase in employment and approval of several new construction projects.

I was pleased that the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport recently received

vital funding for ongoing construction of a new terminal. This expansion has been good for economic growth in our district and made the airport a more efficient gateway to southwest Michigan.

The honor bestowed upon Mr. Moshoginis is an achievement that makes us all very proud to have such a remarkable person serving the people of our district. Congratulations to Mr. Moshoginis and his employees for being recognized with this well-deserved achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on October 6, 2011, I had a family gathering and was not present for rollcall votes 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, and 770. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on rollcall vote 765 and against rollcall votes 766, 767, 768, 769, and 770.

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS OF
NORTH BAY STAND DOWN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the work of the men and women who have organized and staffed the North Bay Stand Down, serving homeless military veterans in my 7th Congressional District for a full 10 years. This annual event has quite literally been a lifeline for countless veterans and their families who have found themselves without support or resources to make it on their own.

The North Bay Stand Down was established in 2002 as a one-day, one-stop shop for access to health care and social services. That first year, 100 volunteer workers enrolled 50 veterans in the VA system, provided job counseling to 10 participants, and prepared 150 meals. Over the years, the program has met the ever-growing need in our community by expanding to a full three-day event. Last year alone, 601 volunteers enrolled 265 veterans plus 15 family members in the Veterans Affairs system. In addition, they served 2,700

meals, provided job counseling to 101 participants, resolved 298 court cases, and provided medical services to 413 of the attendees.

Each year, the North Bay Stand Down has recorded remarkable success stories. Veterans have found employment as well as medical and dental care. Many have found the strength and support to commit to a sober lifestyle with the help of the psychiatric services on grounds. Families have been stabilized as they have made the connection to transitional housing programs and counseling services. And Stand Down has provided an opportunity for veterans to connect with old friends finding the critical support network that is born out of shared experiences.

Our military men and women have stepped up to answer our country's call, and what we do for them as a nation after they step out of the uniform must match that level of commitment. While the GI benefits have been expanded in recent years, it is clear that the needs of our returning veterans still outweigh the resources available. The North Bay Stand Down continues to fill in that gap. So many of our returning military veterans are finding barriers to their successful readjustment to civilian life. I am ever grateful for the men and women volunteers of North Bay Stand Down who, year after year, have helped knock those barriers down.