

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF GERARD AND LILO LEEDS' COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR AMERICA'S YOUTH

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two people who have dedicated their lives to improving the educational outcomes for our Nation's youth. Gerard and Lilo Leeds are a shining example of two people who are giving something important back to a society that once offered them the opportunity to experience so much success in their own lives.

The Leeds came to the United States in 1939 as refugees from Hitler's Germany. After launching a successful media corporation, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds founded the Institute for Student Achievement—an organization that partners with low-income middle schools and high schools to improve student achievement for at-risk youth. They also created the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc, a coalition of concerned parents and education advocates seeking to reform New York State's school finance system. The Leeds also established the Caroline and Sigmund Schott Foundation—an organization that works on early childhood education and care, gender equity, and education financing issues.

The Leeds continued their philanthropic efforts on behalf of adolescent youth by founding the Alliance for Excellent Education in 2001 and charged it with reducing the nation's high school dropout rate and preparing each secondary school student to graduate ready for success at the college level.

Gerard and Lilo Leeds are recipients of many civic awards, including Socially Responsible Entrepreneurs of the Year, the Long Island Association Humanitarian Award, and Outstanding Philanthropists of the year for the Long Island chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

The couple also has been honored by the Urban League of Long Island, the New York State chapter of the NAACP, the New York State United Teachers union, and the American Jewish Committee. They were cited by *Newsday* in its report on "100 Who Shaped a Century," and were among the ten honorees selected by WCBS-TV for recognition in its annual "Fulfilling the Dream" celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Their spirit is filled with humanitarianism, kindness, and commitment to serve others. As displayed by their social ventures, they are fully dedicated to helping disadvantaged youth achieve and exceed expectations. When asked where their sense of responsibility comes from, they said the only thing that allowed them to succeed, especially as immigrants fleeing Germany during World War II, was a quality education. As lifetime learners earning both a bachelors and masters degree,

they believe the same academic experience they received should be the standard—not the exception—for every boy and girl in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Gerard and Lilo Leeds for their tremendous leadership and dedication to helping students across the United States receive a quality education.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR HENRY WELFORD JACKSON II'S 33 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Sergeant Major Henry Welford Jackson II for 33 years of exceptional service to the United States Army. Sergeant Major Jackson plans to retire from active duty on December 3, 2011.

Henry W. Jackson II entered the United States Army on July 5, 1977. His extensive military education and training has allowed him to excel as both a soldier and a teacher. He received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Park University in Parkville, Missouri and is currently pursuing a Masters in Criminal Justice with Troy University.

Since 2004, Sergeant Major Jackson has served as the Inspector General Sergeant Major with the Office of the Inspector General, where he worked with utmost distinction as the senior enlisted advisor and assistant to the Inspector General, Senior Noncommissioned Officer, and Senior Assistant Inspector General.

His outstanding leadership during his final tour of a distinguished 33-year active duty career exemplifies the highest traditions of service while positively influencing virtually every major aspect of the Army. During this period, Sergeant Major Jackson's record of accomplishments set a standard of excellence in keeping with the proudest traditions of military service. As the principal enlisted advisor, his candid and insightful counsel was essential in informing senior Army leadership on issues impacting the force and representing the Soldier's perspective on these issues.

Within the Agency, he supervised readiness and training of IG offices worldwide for attendance in the Army's premiere training institution—the Inspector General School; and he was instrumental in the selection of senior non-commissioned officers for Inspector General assignments across the Army. He also served as a trusted confidant to the Sergeant Major of the Army, advising him on all aspects of Army and Soldier issues. During his time with the United States Army Inspector General Agency, he personally mentored and inspired over 4,230 officers, non-commissioned offi-

cers, and civilians to graduate from the Inspector General School. He meticulously ensured that Inspectors General across the Army provide only the finest support to the Army's senior leaders, and that those personnel selected to be Army Inspectors General were only soldiers and civilians of the highest caliber. He has continuously trained and mentored Inspector General Personnel across the Army, ensuring they maintain the highest degree of professionalism and expertise in their assignments as Army Inspectors General.

Prior to his current assignment, SGM Jackson served as the Chief Operations Sergeant and the Assistance and Investigations Non-Commissioned Officer for Headquarters, Fifth United States Army at Fort Sam Houston.

SGM Jackson has served in a variety of staff and leadership positions both in the states and overseas. Throughout his military career, he has served in a variety of units such as Airborne, Light & Mechanized Infantry assignments. Additionally, he has served as a Rifleman, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, and as an S-2 Non-Commissioned Officer.

He has honorably been decorated with numerous awards and decorations, all of which are a true testament to his hard work and commitment to making our country a safer, more peaceful place.

I would like to give my utmost sincere thanks to Henry for his 33 years of service. SGM Jackson's decisive leadership and mentorship has left a lasting impression on the thousands of Soldiers he has interacted while in service, helping to develop Army Values and Warrior Ethos within all of them. Throughout his entire career, he has embodied the Noncommissioned Officer Creed and ensured mission accomplishment while always taking care of soldiers. I congratulate Sergeant Major Jackson on the completion of an exemplary active-duty career and wish him and his wife Jennifer well on the next phase of their life.

COMMEMORATING BOBBY THOMSON, A BASEBALL LEGEND AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Bobby Thomson, a baseball legend and pillar of his community.

Bobby Thomson was born in 1923 in Glasgow, Scotland, the youngest of 6 children and emigrated to the United States with his mother and siblings in 1925 to join his father in Staten Island, New York. He grew up in Staten Island and quickly became a baseball standout both in school athletic leagues and on the city's sandlots. After graduating from high school in 1942, he signed with the New York Giants for \$100 a month.

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Despite his fledgling professional baseball career, Bobby Thomson left the Giants in 1943 to enlist in the Army Air Corps and trained as a bombardier in Victorville, California, and served until 1945. After leaving the Army Air Corps he rejoined the New York Giants and became a starter by 1947. He played with the Giants through 1953 with a batting average of .279 and an average of 25 home runs and 94 runs batted in (RBI) each season. He had a career-best season in 1949 with a .309 batting average, 27 home runs, and 109 RBI.

On October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson hit what became known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World." It was in the bottom of the ninth inning in the deciding game of a playoff for the National League pennant. The New York Giants were trailing the Brooklyn Dodgers two runs to four and there were runners on second and third. Thomson stepped up and proceeded to knock Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca's second pitch down the left-field line and over the fence for a game- and pennant-winning three run home run. The "Shot Heard 'Round the World" was so spectacular that it caused WMCA-AM broadcaster Russ Hodges to famously exclaim, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! Bobby Thomson hits into the lower deck of the left-field stands! The Giants win the pennant and they're goin' crazy, they're goin' crazy!"

Forever the humble hardworker, Bobby Thomson continued his baseball career through 1963 and thereafter worked as a sales executive in order to, in his own words, "stay home more with my wife and daughter and live a normal life." His integrity, work ethic, and positive outlook helped him excel in private business and led him to become involved in nonprofit foundations, such as New Jersey Arthritis Foundation, Tomorrow's Children Fund, and the Optimist Club. In 2006, he moved to Savannah, Georgia, to be closer to his daughter and he quickly made friends in the community due to his warm demeanor and he continued to live the life of a humble living legend, father, uncle, and grandfather.

After a long and fruitful life, Bobby Thomson passed away during the evening of August 16, 2010, in his Skidaway Island home in Savannah at the age of 86.

We commend Bobby Thomson on his outstanding baseball career and his famous three run home run known as the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" and express admiration for the devotion of Bobby Thomson to various charities and nonprofit foundations after his retirement from baseball.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE  
CORVELO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize a faithful and tireless volunteer in the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

Connie grew up in the Visalia area on her family dairy in Goshen where her parents, Joseph Pereira and Balvina Orique Pereira, were dairy farmers dating back to 1935. Connie's

father immigrated to the United States from the Azores Islands and her mother was born in California. She attended schools in Goshen and graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia in 1955.

Connie married her loving husband George Corvelo in 1988. George farmed and Connie worked for the Merced Sun Star as an Administrative Assistant to the General Manager for 10 years. Connie and George purchased "Out to Lunch" in 1993 and started a catering business. As Atwater Chamber members, Connie and George have catered meals for organizations, reunions, birthdays and many other events. Connie and George retired from the restaurant business in 2000 but have continued their catering company to this day. Their catering company was named Business of the Year in 2004–2005 by the Atwater Chamber of Commerce.

Shortly thereafter, Connie embarked on a cookbook writing adventure. Her first cookbook, titled *My Portuguese Mother's Kitchen*, was published in 2010. Her second cookbook, *Out to Lunch: Memories and Recipes*, has recently been released.

Connie is an active member of the Atwater community. George and Connie have been members of the Atwater-Winton Lions club for many years. In 2006, as a member of the Atwater Women's Club, Connie volunteered to share her prized chicken salad recipe and expertise as a fundraiser for the restoration of the clubhouse and yard. Within a few years, this spirit of volunteerism has spread throughout the community and the historic building has been painted, fenced, landscaped, air conditioned and much more. Connie and George continue to help with the salad event twice a year. It is this selfless volunteerism that has earned Connie the Atwater Women's Club Volunteer of the Year Award.

Connie has three children whom she adores spending time with. Her son, Dr. Jon Nunes, is a scientist with Roche and is married to Kelly Tanner Nunes. They have two daughters, Jordan and Julie. Connie's daughter, Annemarie Nunes Cousino, lives with her husband Richard "Rick" Cousino in Maryland. Rick recently retired from the United States Air Force after serving as Crew Chief for many years on Air Force One. They have two children, Gabrielle and Zachary. Connie's third child, Allison Nunes, is a meeting and event planner for an international company in Phoenix.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me, and the Atwater Women's Club, in honoring a truly wonderful member of the Atwater community, Connie Corvelo.

ARTICLE OF CHINESE TELECOM  
FIRM HUAWEI'S ROLE IN EN-  
ABLING IRAN'S STATE SECURITY  
NETWORK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit an October 27 Wall Street Journal article that summarizes Chinese telecom firm Huawei's role in enabling Iran's state security network. At the same time that the U.S. and its allies are increasing efforts to support pro-democracy and

human rights activists, Huawei is empowering the Iranian regime to suppress these groups.

[From the Wall Street Journal, Oct. 27, 2011]

CHINESE TECH GIANT AIDS IRAN

(By Steve Stecklow, Farnaz Fassihi and Loretta Chao)

When Western companies pulled back from Iran after the government's bloody crackdown on its citizens two years ago, a Chinese telecom giant filled the vacuum.

Huawei Technologies Co. now dominates Iran's government-controlled mobile-phone industry. In doing so, it plays a role in enabling Iran's state security network.

Huawei recently signed a contract to install equipment for a system at Iran's largest mobile-phone operator that allows police to track people based on the locations of their cellphones, according to interviews with telecom employees both in Iran and abroad, and corporate bidding documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. It also has provided support for similar services at Iran's second-largest mobile-phone provider. Huawei notes that nearly all countries require police access to cell networks, including the U.S.

Huawei's role in Iran demonstrates the ease with which countries can obtain foreign technology that can be used to stifle dissent through censorship or surveillance. Many of the technologies Huawei supports in Iran—such as location services—are available on Western networks as well. The difference is that, in the hands of repressive regimes, it can be a critical tool in helping to quash dissent.

Last year, Egyptian state security intercepted conversations among pro-democracy activists over Skype using a system provided by a British company. In Libya, agents working for Moammar Gadhafi spied on emails and chat messages using technology from a French firm. Unlike in Egypt and Libya, where the governments this year were overthrown, Iran's sophisticated spying network remains intact.

In Iran, three student activists described in interviews being arrested shortly after turning on their phones. Iran's government didn't respond to requests for comment.

Iran beefed up surveillance of its citizens after a controversial 2009 election spawned the nation's broadest antigovernment uprising in decades. Authorities launched a major crackdown on personal freedom and dissent. More than 6,000 people have been arrested and hundreds remain in jail, according to Iranian human-rights organizations.

This year Huawei made a pitch to Iranian government officials to sell equipment for a mobile news service on Iran's second-largest mobile-phone operator, MTN Irancell. According to a person who attended the meeting, Huawei representatives emphasized that, being from China, they had expertise censoring the news.

The company won the contract and the operator rolled out the service, according to this person. MTN Irancell made no reference to censorship in its announcement about its "mobile newspaper" service. But Iran routinely censors the Internet using sophisticated filtering technology. The Journal reported in June that Iran was planning to create its own domestic Internet to combat Western ideas, culture and influence.

In winning Iranian contracts, Huawei has sometimes partnered with Zaeim Electronic Industries Co., an Iranian electronics firm whose website says its clients include the intelligence and defense ministries, as well as the country's elite special-forces unit, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. This month the U.S. accused a branch of the Revolutionary Guards of plotting to kill Saudi

Arabia's ambassador to the U.S. Iran denies the claim. Huawei's chief spokesman, Ross Gan, said, "It is our corporate commitment to comply strictly with all U.N. economic sanctions, Chinese regulations and applicable national regulations on export control. We believe our business operations in Iran fully meet all of these relevant regulations."

William Plummer, Huawei's vice president of external affairs in Washington, said the company's location-based-service offerings comply with "global specifications" that require lawful-interception capabilities. "What we're doing in Iran is the same as what we're doing in any market," he said. "Our goal is to enrich people's lives through communications."

Huawei has about 1,000 employees in Iran, according to people familiar with its Iran operations. In an interview in China, a Huawei executive played down the company's activities in Iran's mobile-phone industry, saying its technicians only service Huawei equipment, primarily routers.

But a person familiar with Huawei's Midwest operations says the company's role is considerably greater, and includes a contract for "managed services"—overseeing parts of the network—at MTN Irancell, which is majority owned by the government. During 2009's demonstrations, this person said, Huawei carried out government orders on behalf of its client, MTN Irancell, that MTN and other carriers had received to suspend text messaging and block the Internet phone service, Skype, which is popular among dissidents. Huawei's Mr. Plummer disputed that the company blocked such services.

Huawei, one of the world's top makers of telecom equipment, has been trying to expand in the U.S. It has met resistance because of concerns it could be tied to the Chinese government and military, which the company denies.

Last month the U.S. Commerce Department barred Huawei from participating in the development of a national wireless emergency network for police, fire and medical personnel because of "national security concerns." A Commerce Department official declined to elaborate.

In February, Huawei withdrew its attempt to win U.S. approval for acquiring assets and server technology from 3Leaf Systems Inc. of California, citing opposition by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. The panel reviews U.S. acquisitions by foreign companies that may have national-security implications. Last year, Sprint Nextel Corp. excluded Huawei from a multibillion-dollar contract because of national-security concerns in Washington, according to people familiar with the matter.

Huawei has operated in Iran's telecommunications industry since 1999, according to China's embassy in Tehran. Prior to Iran's political unrest in 2009, Huawei was already a major supplier to Iran's mobile-phone networks, along with Telefon AB L.M. Ericsson and Nokia Siemens Networks, a joint venture between Nokia Corp. and Siemens AG, according to MTN Irancell documents.

Iran's telecom market, which generated an estimated \$9.1 billion in revenue last year, has been growing significantly, especially its mobile-phone business. As of last year, Iran had about 66 million mobile-phone subscribers covering about 70% of the population, according to Pyramid Research in Cambridge, Mass. In contrast, about 36% of Iranians had fixed-line phones.

As a result, mobile phones provide Iran's police network with far more opportunity for monitoring and tracking people. Iranian human-rights organizations outside Iran say there are dozens of documented cases in which dissidents were traced and arrested

through the government's ability to track the location of their cellphones.

Many dissidents in Iran believe they are being tracked by their cellphones. Abbas Hakimzadeh, a 27-year-old student activist on a committee that published an article questioning the actions of Iran's president, said he expected to be arrested in late 2009 after several of his friends were jailed. Worried he could be tracked by his mobile phone, he says he turned it off, removed the battery and left Tehran to hide at his father's house in the northeastern city of Mashhad.

A month later, he turned his cellphone back on. Within 24 hours, he says, authorities arrested him at his father's house. "The interrogators were holding my phone records, SMS and emails," he said.

He eventually was released and later fled to Turkey where he is seeking asylum. In interviews with the Journal, two other student activists who were arrested said they also believe authorities found them in hiding via the location of their cellphones.

In early 2009, Siemens disclosed that its joint venture with Nokia, NSN, had provided Iran's largest telecom, government-owned Telecommunications Company of Iran, with a monitoring center capable of intercepting and recording voice calls on its mobile networks. It wasn't capable of location tracking. NSN also had provided network equipment to TCI's mobile-phone operator, as well as MTN Irancell, that permitted interception. Like most countries, Iran requires phone networks to allow police to monitor conversations for crime prevention.

NSN sold its global monitoring-center business in March 2009. The company says it hasn't sought new business in Iran and has established a human-rights policy to reduce the potential for abuse of its products.

A spokesman for Ericsson said it delivered "standard" equipment to Iranian telecom companies until 2008, which included built-in lawful-interception capabilities. "Products can be used in a way that was not the intention of the manufacturer," the spokesman said. He said Ericsson began decreasing its business in Iran as a result of the 2009 political upheaval and now doesn't seek any new contracts.

As NSN and Ericsson pulled back, Huawei's business grew. In August 2009, two months after mass protests began, the website of China's embassy in Tehran reprinted a local article under the headline, "Huawei Plans Takeover of Iran's Telecom Market." The article said the company "has gained the trust and alliance of Major governmental and private entities within a short period," and that its clients included "military industries."

The same month the Chinese embassy posted the article, Creativity Software, a British company that specializes in "location-based services," announced it had won a contract to supply a system to MTN Irancell. "Creativity Software has worked in partnership with Huawei, where they will provide first and second level support to the operator," the company said.

The announcement said the system would enable "Home Zone Billing"—which encourages people to use their cellphones at home (and give up their land lines) by offering low rates—as well as other consumer and business applications that track user locations. In a description of the service, Creativity Software says its technology also enables mobile-phone operators to "comply with lawful-intercept government legislation," which gives police access to communications and location information.

A former telecommunications engineer at MTN Irancell said the company grew more interested in location-based services during the antigovernment protests. He said a team

from the government's telecom-monitoring center routinely visited the operator to verify the government had access to people's location data. The engineer said location tracking has expanded greatly since the system first was installed.

An official with Creativity Software confirmed that MTN Irancell is a customer and said the company couldn't comment because of "contractual confidentiality."

A spokesman for MTN Group Ltd., a South African company that owns 49% of the Iranian operator, declined to answer questions, writing in an email, "The majority of MTN Irancell is owned by the government of Iran." He referred questions to the telecommunications regulator, which didn't respond.

In 2008, the Iranian government began soliciting bids for location-based services for the largest mobile operator, TCI's Mobile Communication Co. of Iran, or MCCI. A copy of the bidding requirements, reviewed by the Journal, says the contractor "shall support and deliver offline and real-time lawful interception." It also states that for "public security," the service must allow "tracking a specified phone/subscriber on map."

Ericsson participated in the early stages of the bidding process, a spokesman said. Internal company documents reviewed by the Journal show Ericsson was partnering with an Estonian company, Reach-U, to provide a "security solution" that included "Monitor Security—application for security agencies for locating and tracking suspects."

The Ericsson spokesman says its offering didn't meet the operator's requirements so it dropped out. An executive with Reach-U said, "Yes, we made an offer but this ended nowhere."

One of the ultimate winners: Huawei. According to a Huawei manager in Tehran, the company signed a contract this year to provide equipment for location-based services to MCCI in the south of Iran and is now ramping up hiring for the project.

One local Iranian company Huawei has done considerable business with is Zaeim Electronic Industries. "Zaeim is the security and intelligence wing of every telecom bid," said an engineer who worked on several projects with Zaeim inside the telecom ministry. Internal Ericsson records show that Zaeim was handling the "security part" of the lawful-interception capabilities of the location-based services contract for MCCI.

On its Persian-language website, Zaeim says it launched its telecommunications division in 2000 in partnership with Huawei, and that they have completed 46 telecommunications projects together. It says they now are working on the country's largest fiber-optic transfer network for Iran's telecom ministry, which will enable simultaneous data, voice and video services.

Zaeim's website lists clients including major government branches such as the ministries of intelligence and defense. Also listed are the Revolutionary Guard and the president's office.

Mr. Gan, the Huawei spokesman, said: "We provide Zaeim with commercial public use products and services." Zaeim didn't respond to requests for comment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained addressing matters related to a

historic snow storm in Connecticut and so I missed rollcall vote No. 817 regarding S. 1280, the "Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE  
DIBOFSKY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of Mr. Wayne Dibofsky, Associate Director of Government Relations at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). On November 13, 2011, members of the NJEA will honor Mr. Dibofsky at his retirement ceremony in Princeton, New Jersey. His commitment to serve the members of the community is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Dibofsky has made a significant impact on the quality of education in New Jersey public schools and has continued to advocate for members rights and labor initiatives for employees in the New Jersey public school system. Mr. Dibofsky joined NJEA in 1982 as a lobbyist. During his tenure he has assisted in drafting many legislative initiatives relating to increased school safety, health care, labor rights, school funding, higher education funding and various regulatory measures. He remained a key advocate in the drafting and passage of over 1,000 pieces of legislation. Most recently he has been a catalyst in the passage of legislation protecting confidentiality of employees who seek support through various employee assistance programs. Mr. Dibofsky was also a key political operative in the passage of school budgets and school bond referendums in Old Bridge, Teaneck, Edison and East Brunswick, New Jersey. Today he continues to ensure that both Federal and State legislation protect NJEA members and assure that public school employees continue to retain their rights and benefits. His impeccable quality of work is continuously reflected in his high success record and flawless ability to inspire and motivate others.

In conjunction with his professional responsibilities, Mr. Dibofsky serves on countless boards and foundations. His generous actions continue to impress and serve the members of the community. Mr. Dibofsky is an alumnus of Monmouth University and has also completed a Masters program at Rutgers University. He currently resides in Franklin Park, New Jersey with his wife Ricky.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Mr. Wayne Dibofsky for his numerous years of service to the New Jersey Education Association. His outstanding efforts and dedication continue to resonate with the constituents throughout Monmouth County and New Jersey.

HONORING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS BALTIMORE DISTRICT

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, on the successful completion of a record military construction and Base Realignment and Closure mission. The Baltimore District worked on this complex mission for six years in the State of Maryland and throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

In 2005, the U.S. Department of Defense was given the difficult task to reorganize itself to more efficiently and effectively support our forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business. The Baltimore District was tasked with managing more than \$4.2 billion in construction projects—more than any other in the Nation.

Their work has provided our service members, their families and our civilian workforce with cutting-edge facilities that will allow the Department of Defense to continue its mission of protecting our Nation for years to come. These include the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Defense Information Systems Agency Headquarters at Fort Meade, among others. I am proud to welcome these distinguished agencies to the State of Maryland.

The Baltimore District's work extends beyond Maryland's boundaries. In Pennsylvania, the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Letterkenny Army Depot and Tobyhanna Army Depot are now better prepared to meet the needs of our service members. Fort Belvoir in Virginia has expanded exponentially and is now home to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and the Northern Regional Medical Command. Their new proximity to Washington, D.C. is critical for the continued security of our Nation.

The Baltimore District also contributed significantly to the economic stability of the region when we needed it most. The mission was executed with the help of many small businesses, including some owned by veterans, and created thousands of new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Defense set high expectations and aggressive schedules for this round of BRAC and expected them to be met. I applaud the Baltimore District, the North Atlantic Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their hard work, dedication, and persistence. I ask that you join me in thanking them for their excellent construction, design and engineering services.

COMMEMORATING WORLD STROKE  
DAY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Stroke Day and to help increase awareness of stroke, stroke preven-

tion and the challenges faced by stroke survivors and their families. Although I was unable to mark this day when it occurred last month, it is an important cause that is worth recognizing.

A stroke is a brain attack. It occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery, or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. While most strokes occur in older adults, it's a myth that strokes only occur in this population—anyone can have a stroke. Risk factors include high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, smoking, high cholesterol, diabetes, lack of regular exercise and poor diet. Family history of stroke is also a risk factor.

The state of North Carolina is part of the "Stroke Belt" where death rates due to stroke are consistently more than 10 percent higher than in other parts of the country. The higher mortality rate may be linked to a higher than average population of African Americans and elderly residents, who are more likely to have a stroke than other ethnicities and age groups, as well as dietary factors.

In the United States, about 795,000 people will have a stroke this year, averaging one every 40 seconds. While stroke kills 137,000 people and is the fourth leading cause of death, there are seven million adult stroke survivors in the United States. Stroke is also a leading cause of serious, long-term disability. Although between 50 and 70 percent of stroke survivors regain functional independence, many survivors require the support of a caregiver or have difficulties returning to work.

The estimated direct and indirect cost of stroke was \$73.7 billion in 2010. While these statistics by themselves are startling, the impact of stroke goes beyond my district/State or even our Nation. Stroke is a global health crisis that kills one person worldwide every six seconds—that's six million people annually. If nothing is done, the predicted number of people who will die from stroke will increase to almost seven million each year by 2015.

The goal of World Stroke Day is to bring attention to the risk factors and warning signs of stroke as well as to honor those living with the impacts of stroke around the world. I urge my colleagues and constituents to know their stroke risk and learn the warning signs. Stand with me today in support of the seven million stroke survivors, their caregivers and families and the rest of the stroke community around the globe to do our part to reduce the impact of stroke in the future.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JEFFREY  
SLAVIN, 2011 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
FOR MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY'S PHILANTHROPIST OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mayor Jeffrey Slavin on being named the Community Foundation for Montgomery County's Philanthropist of the Year.

Mayor Slavin is among the most generous people I have ever met. He donates his time, his money, and his tremendous wisdom to others on a daily basis. Mayor Slavin's persistent dedication to the needs of the underserved in his community, in addition to his invaluable role supporting dozens of non-profit

organizations and service on the boards of many charitable organizations have made him such an incredible asset to Montgomery County, the State of Maryland and the nation as a whole. It is with great honor and privilege that I congratulate Mayor Jeffrey Slavin for his work as a public servant and philanthropist.

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**SUPPORT FOR STROKE SURVIVORS  
AND CAREGIVERS**

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support for stroke survivors and caregivers. Although World Stroke Day has passed, support for stroke victims and caregivers must never end. As a long-time nurse, I have seen first-hand the effects of debilitating diseases. I understand the hard work and dedication of many of our caregivers in helping these victims get back to health.

Awareness is integral in reducing the occurrence of a stroke. According to the American Stroke Association, one in every six people worldwide is expected to die from a stroke. This disease is also the number three cause of death in United States. These numbers are alarming, and I believe Congress must do all that it can to raise awareness and provide policies to address the needs of stroke victims.

Last Congress, the Democratic House passed H.R. 1032, the Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, which would have required the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report on the quality of and access to care for women affected by a stroke. In this report, the HHS Secretary would have been required to include guidance on reducing these disparities in improving treatment for women suffering from a stroke. While this legislation did not become law, I hope Congress can continue in its efforts to reduce the occurrence of and effects of a stroke.

I ask my colleagues to join me in support of stroke survivors and their caregivers. Congress must continue to fight for research and quality healthcare, so that all Americans affected by a stroke can live healthy, productive lives.

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**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,979,610,349,742.69.

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 \$4,341,184,603,448.89 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL  
MELLO AND HIS MANY YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO INSIGHT TECH-  
NOLOGY

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, Michael Mello is commended for his years of dedication in the pursuit of excellence, critical information and security that has enhanced our national defense. Michael Mello's combination of intelligence and dedication exemplifies the finest qualities of professionalism and leadership enabling him to make significant contributions over the many years to Insight Technology and the brave service men and women of the United States Military who have fought and served in the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Michael has been instrumental in keeping our soldiers out of harm's way by providing significant technical and security infrastructure, as well as important information vital for the development and production of mission-critical night vision and electro-optical systems. This work has enabled operational success while saving countless American lives.

America is grateful for Michael Mello's dedication and many years of outstanding service to his country.

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IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTER-  
NATIONAL OF MODESTO

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the members of Soroptimist International of Modesto in celebration of the club's 75th Anniversary. It is my privilege to honor this organization that has for so many years remained committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations, and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Soroptimist International of Modesto was chartered November 28, 1936 with 120 members. It has since grown to an organization of dedicated members committed to volunteer service. For seventy-five years, SI of Modesto has worked tirelessly to improve the lives and status of women and girls locally and around the world. Its members strive daily to uphold the organization's values of human rights for all, global peace and international goodwill, advancing women's potential, integrity and democratic decision making, and promoting volunteerism, diversity, and friendship. Through regular meetings featuring guest speakers and programs, the members are able to network, collaborate on ideas, and stay informed on the various issues affecting women throughout the world.

Among the organization's top priorities is a devotion to supporting service projects in our community, throughout the Nation, and worldwide in such areas as education, environment, health, human rights and status of women, international goodwill, and social and eco-

nomie development. Over the years, the club has worked collaboratively with other Soroptimist groups on various projects to serve the residents of our community. These projects include the Medical Outreach Mobile, the "Live Your Dream" event for young girls, the Soroptimist Community Christmas Tree, the Youth Literacy Program, Modesto Junior College's Soroptimist Youth Learning Center, and the Salvation Army homeless shelter medical assistance project.

The organization has also provided monetary support, service, and volunteer time to such community organizations as Memorial Hospital, the McHenry Mansion, Interfaith Ministries, Haven Women's Center, Girl Scouts of America, and Foothill Horizon Outdoor Education, and many other important programs. The club also strives to ensure that women have access to equal education by providing cash awards for scholarships and recognition programs; thus, taking important steps to assist women in their professional careers and personal lives.

It is truly an honor to have a local chapter located in California's 18th Congressional District, whose efforts have made a positive impact on the community and in the lives that its services have touched. Its members truly exemplify benevolence and set a high level of excellence for all to admire and follow. It is a pleasure to represent Soroptimist International of Modesto in Congress and to pay tribute to their seventy-five years of service and success.

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HONORING ALONZO JAMISON, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of a remarkable public servant, Alonzo Jamison, Jr. On October 29, 2011, Mr. Jamison passed away, leaving behind a memorable example to be followed. A long time resident of Denton County, Mr. Jamison was in the farming and cattle-raising business for twenty-five years, a faculty member of the University of North Texas and Texas Women's University, and was as a Member of the Texas State House of Representatives from 1955–1969.

Mr. Jamison proudly served his country during World War II as a First Lieutenant. He earned a bronze star while courageously serving in an anti-aircraft unit in Germany, France, Italy, and North Africa and would go onto to retire as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1974.

In 1954, Mr. Jamison was elected to represent Denton County in the Texas State Legislature, where he served seven consecutive terms. After retiring from this role he joined the faculty of Texas Women's University. As a government professor and chairman of his department, he would be an inspiration to all students seeking life as a public servant in government.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to remember the life and legacy of Alonzo Jamison, Jr. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. He was a great Texan, a devoted husband, and we are all thankful for his brave and dedicated community service.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN JEROME

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 45th year of Mr. Stephen Jerome's work as president of Monroe College, who has given four and a half decades to providing service to the faculty, staff, and students. Mr. Jerome's efforts have been truly outstanding. Because of his work, Monroe has become a regionally-accredited college that provides a core value of unmatched personal and professional service to more than ten thousand students. He achieves this by providing an environment that solidifies the fullest potential of each student.

As President, Mr. Jerome has fostered many new applications to the university. These new programs include the introduction of the college's championship-caliber athletic programs and a unique foundation that can only be described as an excellent work environment; this has led to the college becoming the number one provider of undergraduate degrees to minority students in New York State. As well as supporting award-winning student academic organizations, Mr. Jerome is thoroughly involved in the community. He has helped to provide lighting, security, street cleaning, and holiday parties for children. Mr. Jerome also provides entrepreneurial assistance to the local neighborhood residents and businesses. In accordance with his community efforts, Mr. Jerome has offered college-level classes at the high school level, through the Jumpstart program, to encourage young students to attend college.

Even as the active President of Monroe College, Mr. Jerome continues to assume many leadership roles. He is currently the President of the New York State Association of Proprietary Colleges and has held this position for over two decades. He also holds a position as a Trustee of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jerome has formerly been a member of the College Presidents' Council for the Governor's office on New York State Financial Aid and been the former Commissioner of the Accrediting Commission of the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools. As a former member of the New York State Education Commissioner's Advisory Council on Higher Education and the former President of the Fordham Road Area Development corporation, it is apparent that no amount of work can deter Mr. Jerome's efforts in providing for the community and improving many systems of education.

With all of the years of service Mr. Jerome has given, and all of the leadership positions that he has taken upon himself, he still remains a family man. With his wife Leslie, he instills the importance of hard work and education to their three children: Marc, Evan, and Laura, who pass along his teachings to his 9 young grandchildren. Stephen Jerome has gone above and beyond for Monroe College and the community. This 45th anniversary of his time at the college can act as a reminder to all who were ever inspired, given an opportunity, or thrived within the higher standards he implemented that these effects came from the hard work and drive of one man, the President of Monroe College, The Leader of

many institutions, the family man, Mr. Stephen Jerome.

## TRIBUTE TO JOE FRAZIER

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a notable South Carolinian, who rose from humble beginnings to make an indelible mark on the world. Smokin' Joe—Joe Frazier—passed from this life on November 7, 2011, but his legacy lives on through his extraordinary achievements in the boxing ring.

Joe Frazier was born to sharecroppers in Beaufort, South Carolina, on June 22, 1944. He was one of 13 children, who never had "a little-boy life." He grew up helping his father chop wood. His father had lost his left arm after being shot as a young man, and Joe always took the left handle on a two-handed saw, which he attributes to helping him build his devastating left hook.

Most people know of Joe Frazier's athletic accomplishments as America's first gold-medal winning boxer and his thrilling defeat of Muhammad Ali in March 1971. It was what occurred on April 7, 1971, that provided me my greatest memory of the boxing legend.

At the time, I was the first African American to hold an advisory position with a sitting South Carolina governor. Governor John West hired me in January 1971 and just three months later, the governor and the South Carolina Legislature invited Joe Frazier, fresh off his defeat of Ali, to come speak to the South Carolina General Assembly.

This was a remarkable occasion. In January 1971, the first three African Americans since Reconstruction were sworn in as members of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Desegregation was just beginning to take hold in many public schools in the state. And the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission had not yet been established to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination.

Joe Frazier was the first African American since Reconstruction to receive an invitation to speak to the South Carolina General Assembly. As World Heavyweight Champion, he could have easily declined the opportunity. Instead, he chose to embrace it. He used the opportunity to try and build bridges and encourage race relations.

In his remarks, Smokin' Joe said our country could get beyond our racial problems if blacks and whites would "play together, work together and pray together." He went on to say, "We must save our people, and when I say 'our people' I mean white and black. We need to quit thinking about who drives the fanciest car or who is my little daughter going to play with, who is she going to sit next to in school. We don't have time for that." His 10-year-old daughter then stole the show by exclaiming, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee. My daddy is the one who whipped Muhammad Ali."

But Joe Frazier's most poignant comments were when he talked about attaining his dreams. "I am here today as a young man whose boyhood dream was realized when I won the heavyweight championship of the world." That was proof he said "you can do

anything you want to do if you really put your heart and soul and mind into it."

That young man with his dream fulfilled used that same trip back to South Carolina to purchase his mother, Dolly Frazier, a new home to fulfill one of her dreams. He moved his widowed mother and his sisters, who remained at home, into what became known as the Frazier Plantation near Yemassee, South Carolina. This was a far cry from the small home he grew up in without indoor plumbing and holes in the roof.

I had the great fortune of visiting and dining with Joe, his mother and sisters in the new Frazier homestead. They were great supporters of my political endeavors, and they remained salt-of-the-earth people despite the success of the youngest Frazier son.

Joe Frazier died at the age of 67 in his adopted home of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He, like so many other young African Americans born in the segregated South, left to find better opportunities in the world. In doing so, Smokin' Joe made the world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the remarkable life of Joe Frazier. He will always represent the extraordinary combination of talent and tenacity. He was blessed with tremendous determination and a mental toughness that served him well as a boxer and outstanding human being. He served as an inspiration to so many, and that is a true sign of a life well lived.

## HONORING RON GASTIA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF BANGOR, ME

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bangor Police Chief Ron Gastia for his remarkable leadership in raising awareness on the bath salts crisis that is currently sweeping through the nation.

Chief Gastia has been a trusted and effective member of Maine law enforcement for nearly three decades. Since becoming chief of Bangor PD in 2007, Ron has gone above and beyond to make the city safer for its residents. In particular, his exemplary response to the sudden emergence of the synthetic drug known as "bath salts" illustrates the impressive scope of his leadership.

In the last year, Bangor and several surrounding areas have been flooded with a synthetic hallucinogenic stimulant known as "bath salts." Although largely unknown a year ago, bath salts have become one of the preeminent health and safety issues in Maine. The reported incidents involving this highly dangerous drug have skyrocketed in recent months, reaching epidemic levels in Maine and throughout the country.

Chief Gastia's efforts to raise awareness about this crisis have been remarkable. In addition to being vocal in the media, he was instrumental in working with state legislators to criminalize the drug in Maine. Further, on October 20, 2011 Chief Gastia briefed me, the Office of National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director Benjamin Tucker and an assembled body of federal law enforcement officials on

Bangor's experience with bath salts. His testimony will be a valuable resource as drug enforcement agencies develop comprehensive strategies to address the emergency of synthetic drugs like bath salts.

While much work still needs to be done to address the threat of bath salts, I know that the Bangor community and the State of Maine are fortunate to have Chief Gastia on watch. I wish him and the Bangor Police Department the best of luck as we continue to tackle this important problem.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Chief Ron Gastia for his tremendous service to the people of the City of Bangor and the State of Maine.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2011, I was unable to be present for part of a series of recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"No" on rollcall vote No. 830 (on agreeing to H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 831 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3321);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 832 (on agreeing to the Cummings amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 833 (on agreeing to the Thompson amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 834 (on agreeing to the Napolitano amendment to H.R. 2838);

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 835 (on agreeing to the Bishop amendment to H.R. 2838); and

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 836 (on agreeing to the Slaughter amendment to H.R. 2838).

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on November 4, 2011 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 829: "no"; rollcall No. 830: "no"; rollcall No. 831: "yes"; rollcall No. 832: "yes"; rollcall No. 833: "yes"; rollcall No. 834: "yes"; rollcall No. 835: "yes"; rollcall No. 836: "yes."

#### THE PASSING OF "MR. WINCHESTER," BEN DUTTON

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I share with the House today the sad news of the passing of iconic Winchester, Virginia, native, Benjamin Dutton, Jr., 86. Known as "Mr. Winchester," Ben died November 9 at his home with his wife Jean, fondly called "Whip," at his side.

A man of honor and the highest moral character, Ben was one of the finest Virginia gentlemen that I have ever known.

After Whip and their three daughters and their families, Ben's lifelong love was Winchester and especially the annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. He was one of the festival's longest serving contributors, holding positions of executive director, president, and board member. Ben continued to be involved in "the Bloom" up until his passing.

The son of the late Dr. Benjamin and Ann Dutton, Ben attended Winchester public schools, graduating from Handley High School in 1943. He served his country in the U.S. Army infantry from 1943–46 and afterward attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, receiving an A.B. degree in 1950. After college, he began a career in the insurance industry, serving as an agent in Louisiana and Roanoke, Virginia, from 1951–63. But the tug of his native city brought him back to Winchester in 1963 and he became associated with J.V. Arthur Inc. as a vice president and partner, retiring from there in 1987.

Never one to sit idly, Ben soon found a second career as a public servant. He first served as the field representative in the Winchester office of our former colleague, the late D. French Slaughter Jr., who represented Winchester and Frederick and Clarke counties until 1991 when the area was part of the 7th Congressional District, and later served in the same position for George Allen, who succeeded Congressman Slaughter for a year before his successful election as governor of Virginia. When redistricting in 1992 brought that area of Virginia into the 10th District, I was proud that Ben became a member of my constituent services staff in my Winchester office, serving for 15 years until his retirement in 2010.

Ben was a "people" person. When you met Ben, you became his friend for life. He had a warm and infectious smile and always made time for anyone who crossed his path. His foremost motivation in life was helping people and thousands of residents of Winchester and the surrounding area can attest to his servant's heart.

Ben also was a "doer." He was involved throughout his long life in city government and numerous civic and community organizations. Among his citations of public recognition were the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and the President's Award for Community Service from Shenandoah University. I will submit for the RECORD, Ben's obituary from the Winchester Star, which includes greater detail on Ben's illustrious life.

Ben truly fulfilled in his life the biblical praise: "Well done, good and faithful servant." We are all better for having had the honor of knowing Ben and calling him our friend.

To Whip, his wife of 59 years, and their daughters Fay, Virginia, and Whipple, and their families, I express on behalf of the people of the 10th District our heartfelt sympathy and also our gratitude to you for sharing Ben with us.

BENJAMIN BLANTON DUTTON, JR.

Benjamin Blanton Dutton, Jr., 86, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in his home in Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. Dutton was born in 1925, in Winchester, Virginia, the son of the late Dr. Benjamin and Ann Dutton. He attended Winchester

Public Schools and graduated from Handley High School, Class of 1943. Mr. Dutton served in the United States Army, in the Infantry, from 1943–1946 achieving the rank of Sergeant. He attended University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia where he received, an A.B. Degree in 1950. He was employed by Hartford Fires Insurance Company from 1951–1963 and served as Special Agent for The Hartford in Louisiana and Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Dutton returned to Winchester in 1963 to become associated with J. V. Arthur, Inc., as a Vice President and partner, remaining in that position until his retirement in June 1987. He was employed by Congressman D. French Slaughter, Jr., as Field Representative in the Winchester, Virginia office and served in that capacity until Mr. Slaughter's resignation in November 1991. Mr. Dutton continued as a Field Representative for Congressman George Allen during his tenure in congress, from November 1991 until December 1992. Mr. Dutton then became the Field Representative for Congressman Frank R. Wolf from January, 1993 until April, 1995.

He served as Executive Director of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival from April 1995 until July 1997 and was then rehired by Congressman Wolf as a Field Representative in July, 1997 until his retirement in 2010.

Mr. Dutton was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, a member of the Winchester Rotary from 1963 to present and served on the Board of Directors several times as well as Secretary and Treasurer. He was active in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival since childhood and was President of the festival in 1970, 1971, and 1972. He volunteered as Executive Director in 1972 and currently is on the Festival Board of Directors. Mr. Dutton was a two term President of the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Winchester Common Council for three terms, from 1966–1978, Winchester Parking Authority from 1966–1990 and Chairman 1980–1990; Winchester Transportation Safety Commission from 1968–1988. In addition he was a member of and Secretary-Treasurer of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority from 1987–1994; and served as Past Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Mr. Dutton was an Honorary member of the Winchester Medical Center Board; a licensed Amateur Radio operator and was licensed as a Glider Pilot.

His Virginia State activities include past chairman, State Insurance Board, Commonwealth of Virginia; past member, State Fire Services Commission, Commonwealth of Virginia; Past President, Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia, Inc.; past member, Board of Directors, Virginia Financial Services Corporation and past member, Regional Economic Development Advisory Council for District 5, Commonwealth of Virginia.

He was Past President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Winchester, Inc.; a member of the Board of Directors Emeritus and the Wayside Theatre, Middletown, Virginia from 1976–1979; and currently a member of the Corporation of Valley Health System, Inc and current member of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for Government and Public Policy at Shenandoah University.

Mr. Dutton was awarded the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels in 1970; Outstanding Citizen Award, Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, 1975; Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow; Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Award, 1992, and Presidents Award for Community Service (Shenandoah University), 2002.

He married Jean Rogers Whipple on June 14, 1952, in Vienna, Georgia.

Surviving with his wife of 59 years, are three daughters, Fay Dutton and her husband, Jim Moyer, Virginia Dutton, and Whipple Rickman and her husband, Glen; and one grandson, Benjamin Rickman.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia, with Reverend Webster Gibson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Edge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Suite 405, Winchester, Virginia 22601.

Arrangements are being handled by Omph Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, Winchester, Virginia.

Please view obituaries and tribute wall at [www.ompsfuneralhome.com](http://www.ompsfuneralhome.com).

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MS. PHYLLIS KINSLER

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Phyllis Kinsler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Planned Parenthood of New Jersey. After thirty-seven years of service to the Planned Parenthood community, Ms. Kinsler will be retiring in December of 2011. Her outstanding commitment and dedication to protecting and defending women's health and reproductive rights are worthy of this body's recognition.

Phyllis Kinsler's advocacy work, spanning three decades, for women's health issues is the backbone of the success of Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey (PPCNJ) serves over 15,000 women each year, providing a wide range of contraception, cancer screening and various other services to women throughout Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean Counties. The organization remains the leading provider of women's reproductive health care. Under Ms. Kinsler's leadership, the organization has maintained their strong commitment to providing women with affordable, high quality health care services. PPCNJ continues to advocate for public policies that guarantee privacy and essential rights to women, ensuring access to various reproductive services.

In conjunction with her professional responsibilities, Ms. Kinsler has served on numerous community boards and task forces which include Family Planning Association of New Jersey, New Brunswick Tomorrow Health Task Force and America Task Forces on Public Policy and Post Roe Abortion Services. Women and families throughout Monmouth County and New Jersey have continued to benefit from the outstanding advocacy and commitment Ms. Kinsler has demonstrated throughout her thirty-seven years of service.

Prior to joining the Planned Parenthood team, Ms. Kinsler assisted in family service casework, child abuse prevention/child protection services, hotline counseling and a variety of community planning and advocacy projects in support of women, children and families. She is an alumna of Clark University and earned a Masters degree from Niagra University.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Ms. Phyllis Kinsler for her thirty-seven years of service to the Planned Parenthood community. Her outstanding record of

leadership and service continues to prove valuable to women throughout New Jersey.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained addressing matters related to a historic snow storm in Connecticut and so I missed rollcall vote No. 816 regarding H. Con. Res. 13, "Reaffirming 'In God We Trust' as the official motto of the United States and supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2011 WORLD SKILLS PARTICIPANTS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the SkillsUSA World Skills Team for their success in the 2011 WorldSkills competition in London, winning four medals, and their overall dedication to improving their vocational training.

SkillsUSA began in 1965 as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, an organization founded by teachers and students to promote increased leadership training in their various vocational fields. The participants in SkillsUSA are high school graduates who have taken the initiative to improve their capabilities in their chosen field. The technical expertise and leadership qualities they learn not only better prepare them to succeed individually; they also enable the participants to impart that knowledge and skill-set to their classmates and co-workers.

Seventeen participants represented America in the 2011 WorldSkills competition in a variety of skills: Cameron McCreery competed in Autobody Repair. Daniel Lehmkuhl competed in Automobile Technology and received a Medallion for Excellence. Raychel Bland competed in Beauty Therapy. Bradley Wright competed in Bricklaying. Brett Ottinger competed in Cabinetmaking. Joseph King competed in Computer Numerical Control Milling. Maxwell Hershey competed in Computer Numerical Control Turning. Rachel Koppelman competed in Cooking and received a Medallion for Excellence. Victoria Brown competed in Graphic Design. Laina Call competed in Hairdressing and received a Medallion for Excellence. Matthew Vicari competed in IT/PC Networking. Ryan Spinden competed in Plumbing. Ben Phillips competed in Printing. John Huhn competed in Refrigeration. Melissa Rubincan competed in Restaurant Service. Brett Patterson competed in Web Design. Bradley Clink competed in Welding and received the Silver medal.

Mr. Speaker, the participants in SkillsUSA embody the American worker at his and her best—proactively seeking innovation and improvement. I ask that my colleagues join me

in congratulating the SkillsUSA WorldTeam 2011 in their accomplishments both during this year's competition, and throughout their vocational careers.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CHAPLAIN DALE GOETZ

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen American hero—Army Chaplain Dale Allen Goetz. Goetz is the first Army clergyman killed in action since the Vietnam War. Goetz was killed a year ago while serving his country in Afghanistan.

On August 30, 2010, Goetz was riding with a resupply convoy when the enemy attacked with an improvised explosive device near the Arghandab River Valley.

Four of his fellow soldiers from Fort Carson died with him in that attack.

Army Chaplains are considered noncombatants and do not carry weapons. Chaplains do not go on combat patrol, but do go onto battlefields to conduct services and counsel soldiers.

Goetz was serving with the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team with the 4th Infantry Division of Fort Carson, Colorado.

Goetz grew up in Hood River, Oregon. His first job after high school was working at an old-fashioned dairy where he processed milk and sold ice cream cones at a drive-up window. A year before graduating from high school, Goetz became a Christian. After graduating, he joined the Air Force then attended Maranatha Baptist Bible College. He later earned his Master of Divinity at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Goetz moved to White, South Dakota where he was pastor before joining the Army to serve our soldiers.

Goetz served his country for nearly 11 years before he was killed. It was his third deployment.

Goetz, who was 43-years old, left behind his wife, Christy, and their three young boys. He is also survived by his mother, Hope, and his sisters, Kim Sumner and Ann Senetar.

In paying tribute to Chaplain Goetz, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a short poem written by a longtime Capitol Tour Guide Bert Caswell.

THE FAITH OF HIS FATHER IN HONOR OF A  
FALLEN HERO CHAPLAIN CAPTAIN DALE  
GOETZ THE LORD AND THE UNITED STATES  
ARMY

Goodness!

Evil!

Darkness!

Light!

Those brave hearts who evil must fight!

Who bring their light!

All in the darkness of war. . . .

Unarmed. . . .

There are but all of those on battlefields of  
honor,

Chaplains who so ensure. . . .

The Faith of our Father. . . .

Who but bring our Lord's light!

The Faith of Our Father, to help souls to en-  
dure. . . .

Armed, with but only Bible in hand. . . .

As it was there midst of such evil, Dale, you  
were to so stand!



Bringing hope and so comfort, to woman and man. . . .  
 In the darkest of all places. . . .  
 While, at death's door they'd so stand!  
 Giving them the strength to so pray. . . .  
 Offering your hand, while reaching out on each day. . . .  
 As from out of that darkness, the light you so gave!  
 Something, far much more precious than what of gold is so made!  
 To so find the right words, as you were so heard. . . .in the sacred moments of death. . . .  
 Giving such strength to all of their hearts to so bless. . . .  
 For War is Hell, and Hell is War!  
 And for all your sons, all of the ones. . . . you cared for so deep. . . .  
 As upon each day, all in their beautiful faces. . . .to you will so speak!  
 And to your fine wife, who has suffered the greatest lost of her life. . . .  
 We pray to our Lord to let her find peace!  
 It's for you now, Dale, the Angels up in heaven now so weep!  
 And to his family, somehow so find the strength. . . .  
 All in what his fine life has meant!  
 As now we they lay your fine body, Dale, down to sleep. . . .  
 As into this soft cold dark quiet ground, Dale, so deep. . . .  
 As, it was you, Dale, our Lord's son. . . .  
 Who to Him, your promises did so keep!  
 As a new Angel up in Heaven, one day again you'll meet!  
 To watch over us now as we so sleep!  
 With The Faith of His Father So Very Deep!  
 Amen!

COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
 OF ALBERT BIERSTADT AND  
 SANFORD ROBINSON GIFFORD

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to commend the achievements of two 19th century Hudson River School painters, Albert Bierstadt and Sanford Robinson Gifford. Two of Albert Bierstadt's paintings are currently displayed in the Capitol Visitor Center, "Discovery of the Hudson River" and "Entrance into Monterey." The paintings were part of the first American school of painting, the Hudson River School, which focused on accurately capturing nature and a close attention to detail as a new style of romantic landscapes became popular.

A fellow Hudson River School painter, Sanford Robinson Gifford, used the District of Columbia as a backdrop in many paintings about the Civil War, including "Sunday Morning at Camp Cameron," which depicts soldiers listening to a Sunday sermon on the grassy hills of an area in the Northwest part of the city now known as Meridian Hill Park. Gifford, who traveled to Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa seeking new sources of inspiration, was known particularly for his use of indistinct light, which sometimes masked the landscape and was achieved through tiny, delicate brushstrokes, a characteristic of the Hudson River School.

As we recognize the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, I ask the House of Representatives to commend the achieve-

ments of Albert Bierstadt and Sanford Robinson Gifford, and the impact and legacy of the Hudson River School.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONDA MANUFACTURING OF ALABAMA

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request the House's attention today to help congratulate Honda Manufacturing of Alabama on its 10th anniversary as an economic engine and community partner in Lincoln, Alabama.

Ten years ago, on November 14, 2001, Honda Manufacturing of Alabama (HMA) started production of the first customer-ready Odyssey minivans and V-6 engines at its new plant in Lincoln. Today, the plant is Honda Motor Co.'s largest global light truck production source, with the capacity to produce more than 300,000 vehicles and engines each year. Its 3.5 million square foot manufacturing facility represents a capital investment of more than \$2 billion.

In the midst of challenging economic times, HMA has provided a stable work environment for many people across the 3rd Congressional District and surrounding region. HMA employs more than 4,000 associates and recently announced plans to hire an additional 50 workers in manufacturing, engineering, purchasing and production management positions. Along with its 35 suppliers, HMA is responsible for more than 45,000 direct and indirect jobs in Alabama. Annually, Honda purchases more than \$2 billion in goods and services from suppliers and businesses located in the state.

Honda's flexible manufacturing system allows the Lincoln facility to produce multiple models on the same assembly line, including Odyssey minivans, Pilot sport utility vehicles and Ridgeline pickup trucks. The plant will also begin manufacturing the Acura MDX sport utility vehicle in 2013, making it the first Acura product built by Alabama associates.

HMA is also a generous community partner and good neighbor. Over the last decade, HMA philanthropic contributions to Alabama charities, community and civic groups have totaled more than \$7 million. Just this year, HMA associates committed both time and money to support local tornado relief efforts, in addition to Honda's corporate commitment of \$150,000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Honda Manufacturing of Alabama on its 10th anniversary. HMA has been a dedicated partner to the citizens of Alabama in strengthening the relationships with the communities where its associates live and work. I am proud to congratulate them on their first ten years in our community, and wish them well in the coming decades.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
 STANISLAUS FOOD PRODUCTS

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. DEHNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stanislaus Food Products and the Cortopassi Family who were inducted as Stanislaus County Ag Hall of Fame "Legends in Agriculture" during a ceremony in Modesto, California on November 10, 2011.

Stanislaus Food Products employs about 160 people year-round and nearly 1,400 during the peak of packing each summer. It was founded in 1942 by the Quartaroli family, which sold it to the Piciullo family in 1969. The Cortopassi family bought it in 1978.

The son and grandson of Italian immigrants, Dean Cortopassi was born in 1937. Even though his family worked hard, he remembers plenty of laughter in their home. For the first 10 years of Cortopassi's life, the family lived on a farm. In 1947, they moved to a working-class Italian neighborhood, and Cortopassi's father commuted to their farm on the outskirts of town. "In my community everyone was focused on 'getting ahead' to achieve a better life. It was a very insular community that was strong on values and family honor. My parents concentrated on work and 'getting ahead.' They would constantly say 'go to school, get a good job, and have a good life.' They both saw farming as a tough way to make a living and they didn't want that for their children, but it was all I ever wanted to do."

As a youngster, Cortopassi clearly remembers playing farmer in his sandbox with toy wooden tractors his father had made for him. "My father was a hero for me," he says, "and I think that's why I loved farming so much." Cortopassi began working on the farm when he was 10, driving a grain truck from field to bin, and when he was 12, graduated to the top tractor job on the farm: pulling the grain harvester.

Cortopassi attended a one-room schoolhouse during his first three years and was skipped ahead one grade when the family moved to town. In his last semester of high school, Cortopassi contracted rheumatic fever, which left him with a damaged heart valve and a prohibition against physical activity. He attended junior college for two semesters, trying to catch up with friends away at college, but quit school to work full time as a commercial/truck driver. Within six months his high-energy work habits resulted in a mild heart attack and complete prohibition from any physical labor for two years.

Having few options, Cortopassi enrolled in a two-year agriculture course at the University of California-Davis, graduating in 1958. He joined the Pillsbury Company as a grain buyer/trader, and at the same time he and his younger brother began farming 65 rented acres with rented equipment. By 1961, the brothers were into full-time farming, followed by years of both adversities and success. Twenty years later, Cortopassi Farms included 10,000 acres.

By 1968, Cortopassi had achieved his dream of farming on a large scale, but felt limited by farming's strategic limitations, so he went into partnership with another farmer and bought a small Los Angeles-based food specialties company that sold its products through

the supermarket channel. Ten years later, the partners sold the specialties company and raised a larger partnership to buy a tomato processing company, Stanislaus Food Products (SFP), which became Cortopassi's primary endeavor as he began scaling down farming activities.

Following a poor farming year in 1982, his partner elected to sell his SFP stock ownership, which Cortopassi bought with borrowed bank debt. In 1986, he re-mortgaged his entire SFP ownership to buy out all remaining shareholders. Over the past 25 years, SFP has become the largest "fresh-pack" cannery in the world, and is the market-share leader of tomato products for Italian restaurants/pizzerias throughout the United States and Canada.

Cortopassi currently serves as CEO of San Tomo Group, and in that position provides "coaching" to younger presidents of agribusiness entities in which his family are shareholders, including Stanislaus Food Products, Cortopassi Partners, Cocoa Farms, Lodi Farming Company, and Del Rio Partners.

When asked how he defines success, Cortopassi says, "It's constantly striving to perform at maximum potential without compromising personal values. It's about my word, my family, and my honor. I always remember a metaphor from the Greek classics about Plato's ring. Plato told his students that to know your own morality, imagine slipping on a magic ring that made you invisible and therefore able to do bad deeds without anyone ever knowing. If you had such a ring, how would you behave? The answer to that question is the definition of your morality."

Cortopassi advises young people to choose a line of work they can be passionate about, and then to seek work from the best company in that industry. "When you go to work for the best doing something you like, you're earning double pay because in addition to salary you're learning keys to success."

Outside of his family and business, Cortopassi is passionate about America. He says, "I'm glad for my Italian roots, but I'm proud to be an American. My parents were particularly passionate about their American citizenship and are a living example of moving from meager circumstances in Italy and through determination and hard work achiev-

ing a better life in America. I believe in free enterprise and I want our country to continue providing 'getting ahead' opportunities for entrepreneurs."

The company stresses quality in the products, whether it's sauce for a pizza or tomato strips with the trademarked name Filets. "We only pack in the 70 days when the tomatoes are vine-ripe," Executive Vice President Bill Butler said. "We do not remanufacture from paste."

The products are sold under several labels, such as Alta Cucina, Saporito, Full Red and 7/11. These are not household names, and the company is fine with that. The growth in demand has slowed since the boom in Italian cuisine from the 1970s to 1990s, but the market remains strong. The products are widely distributed in the United States and Canada. The company works with growers to assure tomatoes with the right traits. It cooks the sealed cans for as short a time as possible, in the belief that overcooking impairs the flavor.

Stanislaus is part of a processing tomato industry that remains fairly strong in California, thanks to ideal growing conditions and the demand for pasta sauce, ketchup, salsa and other products. And food processing in general has kept people at work amid the economic slump.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Stanislaus Food Products and the Cortopassi Family for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of the local community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES L. PERKINS SR.

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Charles L. Perkins, Sr. for his selfless dedication and commitment to our community. Charlie was recently honored by Youth for Tomorrow for his humanitarian

activities, specifically his actions in providing food, clothing, and financial support to assist those in need in Northern Virginia.

I have had the privilege of personally knowing Charlie and his wife, Marian, for many years. Throughout this time, I have been struck by Charlie's persistent efforts to improve the lives of those in our community. Charlie, both personally and through his charitable trust foundation, has supported numerous organizations including Youth for Tomorrow, Homestretch, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Special Olympics, as well as religious organizations that provide a path to escape gang violence and feed the hungry.

In addition to the many contributions to community non-profits, Charlie and his foundation provide assistance to individuals who have experienced financial hardships due to illness, unemployment or monetary shortages. Always looking ahead to build a better life for the next generation, the foundation also provides college tuition assistance. Charlie's mission is brilliant in its simplicity—to help those in need and enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families, and communities by seeking out those in need. Charlie has more than accomplished this mission, and he has previously received the Lions of Virginia Distinguished Humanitarian Award and was named the Jobs for Virginia Graduates "Man of the Decade".

Through his own hard work and perseverance, Charlie rose from humble beginnings to become a highly successful business owner; however, he never rested on his many accomplishments and he always sought to give back to the community with great fervor, but little fanfare. In fact, Charlie eschews personal recognition, and it is only through the insistence of others that his many noble efforts receive the accolades they so richly deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing Charles L. Perkins, Sr. and in thanking him for his steadfast support of those in need within our community. I personally feel blessed to call Charlie a friend, and extend to him my deepest appreciation and respect.

## 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, November 15, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
NOVEMBER 16

- 9 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine contractors.  
SD-342
- 9:30 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine a progress report on management and structural reforms at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).  
SD-538
- 10:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the need for continued innovation in forecasting and prediction.  
SR-253
- 2 p.m.  
Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States of America, focusing on paving the road to job creation.  
SH-216
- 2:30 p.m.  
Budget  
To hold hearings to examine improving regulatory performance, focusing on lessons from the United Kingdom.  
SD-608
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.  
SD-226
- United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control  
To hold hearings to examine the United States-Caribbean Security Cooperation, focusing on drug-related violence in the Caribbean and United States se-

curity assistance through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.  
SD-562

## NOVEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.  
SD-G50
- Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of the Interior's Order No. 3315 to consolidate and establish the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement within the Bureau of Land Management.  
SD-366
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Maurice A. Jones, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Secretary, and Carol J. Galante, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Thomas Hoenig, to be a Member and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.  
SD-538
- Environment and Public Works  
Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee  
To hold joint hearings to examine the "Safe Chemicals Act".  
SD-406
- Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary, and Alastair M. Fitzpayne, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Henry J. Aaron, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.  
SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine "The Americans with Disabilities Act" and accessible transportation, focusing on challenges and opportunities.  
SD-430
- Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider S. 1793, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, S. 1794, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or

grounds) of title 18, United States Code, H.R. 2189, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

- SD-226  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science and Space Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine NASA's human space exploration, focusing on direction, strategy and progress.  
SR-253
- Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings to examine if tax reform can boost business investment and job creation.  
SH-216
- 2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the future of internet gaming, focusing on what's at stake for tribes.  
SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine tourism in America, focusing on moving our economy forward.  
SR-253
- Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219
- NOVEMBER 30
- 10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care.  
SR-418
- DECEMBER 6
- 2:30 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Express Scripts/Medco merger.  
SD-226
- DECEMBER 8
- 2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues.  
SD-366