

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY COUGARS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Saint Xavier University Cougars on winning the NAIA Football National Championship on Saturday.

It was another thrilling game, and a fitting way for Saint Xavier to bring home its first National Championship in any sport. From the freshmen to the seniors, from the top-ranked offense to the clutch defense to the special teams—everyone played a part in this victory and the Cougars' amazing season. This was the first time since 1913 that a Chicago college football team has won a national championship. And the Cougars did it with largely homegrown, Illinois talent.

Chicago, Lemont, Joliet, Tinley Park, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Park Ridge, Rockford, Frankfort—these and many other towns are well represented on this historic team.

The players, Coach Mike Feminis and his staff, Saint Xavier, Chicago, and Illinois should all be proud. Congratulations to the Cougars.

HELP DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently introduced legislation intended to ensure that the Department of Defense meets its obligation to contract with small businesses owned and controlled by service-connected disabled veterans. (H.R. 3438).

As a nation, we owe an immense debt of gratitude to the men and women who serve in our armed forces. In that spirit, we must do all we can to ensure that disabled veterans' businesses have every opportunity to succeed.

Federal agencies have a government-wide goal that three percent of all federal contracts should be filled by service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs). Unfortunately this contracting goal often goes unmet at many agencies.

The current state of affairs is unacceptable! It is unthinkable that an agency like the Department of Defense would not always fill its quota of hiring businesses owned and controlled by disabled veterans.

The solution to this problem is simple: H.R. 3438, will ensure that the Department of Defense meets its obligation to America's veterans by requiring the agency to award three percent of its contracts to SDVOSBs.

I invite my colleagues to join with me and help ensure that disabled veterans' businesses are not an afterthought in the government contracting process.

HONORING HUNTER JEFFREY FARIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hunter Jeffrey Faris. Hunter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hunter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hunter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hunter has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, led his troop in various leadership positions, and attended the Philmont Scout Reservation High Adventure in 2008. Hunter has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hunter completed the construction of a 280 feet split rail wooden fence at Platte Ridge Park in Platte County, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Hunter Jeffrey Faris for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2055, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Fiscal Year 2012 Conference report (H.R. 2055).

However, I regret the process that brought this bill to the floor. This bill was posted only hours before it was brought to the floor. No member has read this bill and this is one more time that the Majority has broken its promise to run this House in an open and transparent manner.

I am pleased that this bill included the full \$40 million that I secured earlier this year for suicide prevention and counseling programs for our active duty, Guard & Reserve, and veteran populations. The suicide epidemic among our veterans—at least 18 take their own lives

every day—is a national scandal, and it must stop. This funding will help innovative peer-to-peer counseling programs like the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's "Vets4Warriors" get the resources they need to reach veterans in need before a personal crisis becomes another family tragedy.

This bill honors our commitment to our ally, Israel, by providing \$3.075 billion in direct aid, including \$235 million for the continued development of the Arrow and David's Sling missile defense systems. Over this past year, we've already seen that America's investment in another innovative and successful Israeli tactical anti-missile system, Iron Dome, has saved Israeli lives. Had some Republican presidential candidates had their way last year and aid to Israel had been zeroed out, Iron Dome would not have been there to save those Israelis who came under missile attack this year.

I am very pleased to see that funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund was increased by \$21 million over Fiscal Year 2011. Although the current level of \$322.8 million is far below the authorized amount of \$900 million this is still an improvement over earlier versions of this legislation.

Historic preservation is an important goal, and I am pleased that the National Park Service's Heritage Area program remains funded at the same level for 2012 as was last year. This funding is important for the upkeep and management of various sites of historical interest around the country, including the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area in my district.

As a research scientist, I have long supported federal investment in basic research. I am pleased to see that this bill provides for Department of Energy Office of Science \$4.9 billion, an increase of \$31 million over Fiscal Year 2011. The Office of Science is the nation's primary sponsor of research in the physical sciences and has been integral to the development of dozens of innovative technologies. I am also pleased that H.R. 2055 provides \$275 million for the ARPA-E research program, 53 percent more than Fiscal Year 2011. ARPA-E supports high-risk, high-reward research on energy technologies. Funding for ARPA-E directly contributes to the creation of new technologies, new industries, and new jobs, exactly what we need to grow our economy. Further, the conference report provides more than \$400 million for Fusion Energy Sciences in the Department of Energy. Although I would have liked to see funding levels of at least \$32 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), I am pleased that this bill provides almost \$31 billion in funding for NIH.

I am pleased that this conference report provides \$150 million for the Department of Education's Mathematics and Science Partnerships. I have been a leader in Congress working on protecting funding for these partnerships, which improve student achievement in mathematics and science by combining colleges with K-12 school districts in order to support math and science teachers with continued training.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

I am deeply disappointed that this bill zeros out funding for the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP). FLAP is the only federal program that supports K-12 foreign language education which is critical to our nation's economic and national security. Rather than ending this successful program we should be working to strengthen it. I will redouble my efforts to restore this critical funding next year.

This bill rejected attacks on our nation's arts and culture and provides the full \$146 million requested the National Endowment for the Humanities and the full \$146 million requested for the National Endowment for the Arts. The arts and humanities are good for our society at large and significant contributors to our economic development as well.

Another of my many disappointments with this bill is the 17 percent cut to grant programs for firefighters and other first responders. Natural and man-made disasters don't take a holiday, and neither should our support for our firefighters, EMS, and other first responders. This cut is irresponsible, and it will endanger public safety.

Unfortunately, the majority insisted on including some controversial policy riders in this appropriations bill. I am disappointed that the agreement includes a provision that would change responsibility for enforcement of the Clean Air Act on the Outer Continental Shelf from the EPA to the Department of the Interior. The EPA has been successfully enforcing the Clean Air Act for over forty years. EPA scientists understand the law and how to keep the air we breathe clean and safe. We must work to ensure that the Clean Air Act is still fully enforced on the Outer Continental Shelf.

I am also disappointed that the majority insisted on rolling back successful innovation in the lighting industry by mandating in this legislation that agencies cannot enforce energy efficient standards for light bulbs. Congress has a responsibility to maintain regulatory certainty that encourages the private sector to make needed investments in research, development, and innovation. This policy rider turns back the innovation clock in the lighting industry.

Regrettably, the conference report contains \$35 million for the United Nations Population Fund rather than the \$65 million requested. Yet, I am pleased that it rejects the House Majority's attempt to cut all funding for the UNFPA which provides crucial reproductive-health care, not abortion, to the world's poorest women. The conference report extends a policy rider on the District of Columbia, which prevents the District to spend its local money on women's health care services. Further, the conference report included \$5 million for failed "abstinence-only" programs, which have been shown to have no long-term positive effects.

This is not a perfect bill, but it prevents a looming government shutdown. Further, it provides funding increases for a number of critical programs and rejects many of the dangerous cuts contained in the funding bills that the House previously approved. I support passage of this bill despite its pessimistic view of what America could achieve through more ambitious funding of the programs covered under the bill.

DISASTER RELIEF
APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2012

SPEECH OF
HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, December 16, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following regarding H.R. 3672, Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2012:

DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012, H.R. 3672
(Amounts in thousands)

| | This Bill |
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| DISASTER RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS ACT | |
| TITLE I—DISASTER RELIEF | |
| DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY | |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency | |
| Disaster Relief Fund (disaster relief category) | 6,400,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL | |
| Corps of Engineers—Civil | |
| Mississippi River and Tributaries (disaster relief category) .. | 802,000 |
| Operation and Maintenance (disaster relief category) | 534,000 |
| Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (disaster relief category) | 388,000 |
| Total, Corps of Engineers—Civil | 1,724,000 |
| Total, title I | 8,124,000 |
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| TITLE II—COMBATING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE | |
| Social Security Administration | |
| Limitation on Administrative Expenses | 483,484 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 8,607,484 |
| (Disaster relief category) | (8,124,000) |

RECOGNIZING KEVIN HARRIGER
FOR BEING APPOINTED EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
PROGRAMS AND TRADE LIAISON AT UNITED
STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER
PROTECTION

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kevin Harriger, a native of southwestern Pennsylvania, for being named Executive Director for agriculture inspection programs at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP), Office of Field Operations.

In his new capacity, he is responsible for overseeing USCBP's efforts to protect America's agricultural resources against the threats posed by domestic and foreign plant pests and diseases. Mr. Harriger is uniquely qualified to take on this role, as ensuring the safety of naturally-cultivated consumer products has been the principal cause of his career.

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Harriger was the Deputy Executive Director for CBP's office of Agriculture Operational Oversight. As such, he was responsible for ensuring that USCP's agricultural inspection policies were being implemented smoothly and consistently. The skillfulness with which he executed the duties of this job are in large part a product of the experience he gained while working for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), both as a Regional Director in Raleigh and as a Special Assistant to the

Deputy Administrator for APHIS—PPQ in Conyers, Ga.

While with APHIS, he honed his knowledge of both agricultural policy and plant pathology. His expertise in both of these areas is a testament to his intelligence and dedication to his craft. While I am deeply impressed by his ability to understand and analyze esoteric scientific subjects and public policy, I am even more impressed by the passion he has shown for using this ability to promote the greater good. All of us should use our talents for such selfless purposes.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Kevin Harriger on this appointment and thank him for his many years of public service.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARSHAND
CRISLER FOR HIS DEDICATION
AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY
AND COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marshand Crisler. A lifetime Jackson resident, Mr. Crisler was born in Greenville, Mississippi in 1968 to Johnny and Rosia Crisler. Mr. Crisler attended elementary and junior high school in Utica, Mississippi, before transferring to the Jackson Public Schools District and graduating from Provine High School. He pursued higher education at Hinds Community College where he received his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

Mr. Crisler enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served in the Persian Gulf War. In 1992, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marines and joined the Hinds County Sheriffs Department as a narcotics investigator and held several assignments as a contract agent with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the FBI and DEA. In 1993, he received the distinguished meritorious award of valor for acts of courage and being shot in the line of duty.

Mr. Crisler enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard where he served as Headquarters Detachment Commander for the 112th Military Police Battalion and later in Operation Iraqi Freedom and was awarded several war time commendations, including the "Army Commendation Medal." He later transferred to the Mississippi Air National Guard's 172nd Security Forces Squadron where he was promoted to the rank of Major and served as Deputy Director of Security Forces. Mr. Crisler recently retired as a Major after 21 years in the U.S. Armed Forces.

While working for the Sheriffs Department, Mr. Crisler graduated from Jackson State University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Corrective Services. In January of 1999, he accepted the position of Police Chief of the Utica Police Department, and became the first African American to serve in this capacity. In the summer of 1999 he returned to the Hinds County Sheriffs Department, where he remained for 17 years.

In 2001, Mr. Crisler was elected to the Jackson City Council becoming the first African American to hold the position of Ward 6 Councilman. He served three terms as President of

the Jackson City Council. Mr. Crisler continued his studies and received a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University in spring 2007. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University and has completed his first year of study.

Mr. Crisler is also actively involved in numerous youth mentoring projects, including a pilot program he initiated and the Excel to Achieve Program which recognizes today's youth for their academic and civic achievements. Mr. Crisler is a member of several noteworthy civic organizations including the Community In Schools (CIS), NAACP, Masonic Order PHA/F&AM, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., the Willowood Developmental Center Board of Directors, the Mississippi Police and Sheriffs Association, and the Hinds County Community College Dropout Recovery Advisory Board and VFW Post 9832.

Mr. Crisler has been married twenty-four years to the former Charlotte Nichols and they have three wonderful children. Mr. Crisler's goal is to contribute to the success of the generations that follow by setting a positive example and staying actively involved in the advancement and refinement of today's youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Marshand Crisler for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLINICA SIERRA VISTA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Clinica Sierra Vista, a comprehensive health care organization, for 40 years of impeccable service to the people of Central California. For four decades, Clinica Sierra Vista has worked to provide all-inclusive, primary care to medically underserved populations, particularly migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Located in California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, Clinica Sierra Vista's health centers have served the people of the Central Valley since 1971. The health care network includes 23 primary care community health centers (14 in Kern County, 8 in Fresno County, and 1 in Inyo County); six dental centers; one medical mobile clinic; one dental mobile clinic; six behavioral health centers; and three Family Resource Centers. Clinica Sierra Vista has come a long way since its modest beginnings in a storefront warehouse in rural Lamont, California. Today, Clinica Sierra Vista has more than 900 employees and is one of the largest non-profit health organizations in the nation.

Clinica Sierra Vista has a reputation for providing high quality service, while efficiently managing costs. At Clinica Sierra Vista, no one is ever denied service based on their ability to pay and the patient's well-being is always Clinica Sierra Vista's goal. Accomplishing such a task requires innovative thinking and steadfast leadership. The board members, staff, and health care professionals who have contributed to Clinica Sierra Vista's success should be proud of their work, which is reflected in the health of the community.

In addition to providing primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to Central California's urban and rural communities, Clinica Sierra Vista also provides lifesaving health education and health promotion programs. These initiatives are instrumental in ensuring that the Valley's communities can have healthy and productive futures.

Clinica Sierra Vista's board and staff recognize that obtaining a healthy community means working closely with external partners, including: government agencies, neighborhood groups, elected officials and community leaders. As one of the largest comprehensive community health centers in the state, Clinica Sierra Vista serves as many people as possible, while maintaining a clear and comprehensive understating of their patient's needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Clinica Sierra Vista as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The formation and success of Clinica Sierra Vista has been vital to ensuring that members of Central California's urban and rural communities have access to comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care. By maintaining a steadfast focus on the health and future of the San Joaquin Valley and California, Clinica Sierra Vista has been a leader in health care and an asset to the people of the California's Central Valley.

RECOGNIZING JON SCHNEIDER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Jonathan M. Schneider, my departing Deputy Chief of Staff who was recently appointed the Deputy County Executive for Intergovernmental Affairs for Suffolk County, New York.

Since he became one of my original staffers in 2003, Jon has distinguished himself as a public servant through hard work and dedication to the people of Eastern Long Island. His policy expertise in transportation and environment issues, skill in crafting effective public communications, and perceptive political insights have been invaluable to me over the past nine years.

As district director, Jon led a first-class constituent service program that has assisted thousands of veterans, senior citizens, and others in need of a helping hand. My constituents have also benefited from his skilled advocacy of infrastructure projects including the dredging of Lake Montauk and Shinnecock Inlets and environmental initiatives such as the federal Forge River Study and the Fire Island to Montauk Point Reformulation Study.

Guiding these projects through from conception to completion required close collaboration with officials at all levels of government as well as civic groups and community advocacy organizations. Over the years, Jon has built a sterling reputation for professionalism and collegiality that has aided my efforts to deliver federal solutions for local problems.

Given my first-hand knowledge of Jon's skill as an intergovernmental liaison, I am confident that the people of Suffolk County will benefit tremendously from his service as Deputy

County Executive. I am also pleased that his new role will allow us to continue working together, as my Congressional district is contained entirely within Suffolk County.

I am also pleased that Jon will continue to reside in Port Jefferson Station with his wife, Mary Ellen, precocious daughter Ellie, his son future New York Giants linebacker Benjamin, and Boris, the famous tortoise.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my staff and the people of the First Congressional District of New York, I sincerely thank Jonathan M. Schneider for his efforts to improve the quality of life on Eastern Long Island and his continuing commitment to public service. I wish him and his family continued success, good health and the best of luck for years to come.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT GRIFFIN III

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

H. RES.—

Recognizing and commending Baylor University quarterback Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments.

Whereas Robert Griffin III was born on February 12, 1990, to United States Army Sergeants Robert Jr. and Jacqueline Griffin in Okinawa, Japan;

Whereas Robert Griffin III's mother and father have instilled in him an unparalleled work ethic, outstanding leadership, discipline, and a desire to excel;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated No. 7 from Copperas Cove High School, in Copperas Cove, Texas, in 2008;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated from the Baylor University with a 3.67 GPA in Political Science in December of 2010;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Communication at the Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III became Baylor University's starting quarterback in 2008;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team finished the regular season with a 9-3 record, its best record since 1986;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team is ranked number twelve in the Bowl Championship Series and fifteen in the Associated Press rankings;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III completed 267 of 369 passes, for 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns while throwing only 6 interceptions;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III lead college football with a 192.3 passing efficiency rating, which would break the single-season record in Football Bowl Subdivision history;

Whereas Robert Griffin III has accounted for 10,071 yards passing and 77 touchdowns, with only 17 interceptions, during his career at Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is the Baylor career leader in most offensive categories, including passing yards, passing touchdowns, and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named the Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named Academic All-Big 12, 1st Team for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III received the Davey O'Brien Award for the best of all National Collegiate Athletic Association quarterbacks in 2011; and

Whereas on December 10, 2011, Robert Griffin III became the 1st Baylor football player to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most coveted and prestigious award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends Robert Griffin III for his academic and athletic accomplishments;

(2) congratulates Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy; and

(3) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to Baylor University President Ken Starr and Head Football Coach Art Briles for appropriate display.

HONORING CAMERON L. MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron L. Mason. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, led his troop in various leadership positions, and earned the Eagle Coup in 2011. Cameron has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron removed and replaced the base for the sign for Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Weston, Missouri, as well as replacing and installing new landscaping around the church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron L. Mason for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. TED CAIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Rockwall, Ted Cain, who passed away on December 18, 2011, at the age of ninety-four.

Ted was born on March 18, 1917 in Rockwall, Texas, to parents Jessie Hubert Cain and Sadonia Estelle (Lillard) Cain. He grew up in the family home on Renfro Street and was one of eight children. Renfro Street bustled with not only the eight Cain children but with many cousins and friends. The home place along with the smoke house and tool shed is still standing.

Ted was preceded in death by his sisters, Lola Faye Phillips, Billie Raye Smith, and Thelma (Pickie) Tucker, and his brother, Hugh

Cain. He is survived by three devoted sisters, Jessie Mae Rives and her husband, Billy, of Odessa, Texas, Shirley Cupp and her husband, Danny, of Edgewood, Texas, and Nell Samples and her husband, Clarence, who reside near the old family home on Renfro Street in Rockwall.

During World War II, Ted proudly served as First Sergeant in the United States Army in Africa and Europe from 1942 to 1945.

He was always very active in the Rockwall community. He joined First Baptist Church on December 14, 1941. As an adult, Ted could be found at First Baptist Church on most Sundays, ushering and welcoming everyone. He served on the church building committee when the church moved its location from near the downtown Rockwall square to the current location on Goliad Street.

Ted served many years as a member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and was past-president of the Rockwall Rotary Club. Ted also helped establish the Rockwall Lions Club and was a member of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank and Independent Bank NA. A thirty-second degree mason, Ted was a member of the East Trinity Masonic Lodge #157 for over 50 years.

Ted served two terms on the Rockwall City Council during which time the first major industry, Texas Aluminum Company, was brought to Rockwall, providing many new jobs for the area.

Ted attended Rockwall schools and has always exemplified what it meant to work hard. From picking cotton and working at his Uncle Gus' gin as a very young boy, to owning and operating his own businesses, Ted's work ethic was unwavering.

All of his businesses were located around or near the downtown Rockwall square, the heart of his beloved hometown. Ted was successful in numerous businesses; from Ted Cain's Real Estate, where he bought and sold property throughout Rockwall County, to Mobile and Texaco service stations where he pumped gas, washed cars, changed countless tires, and distributed a piece of bubble gum with every "fill-up" to happy Rockwall children; from Cain's Variety Store where the shelves were lined with most anything one could want, to his last and perhaps, favorite business, Ted Cain's Used Cars.

Ted opened "the car lot," as it is still affectionately known, after his official retirement. Fulfilling his lifelong love and knowledge of everything pertaining to cars, Ted Cain's used cars were some of the best around. He bought and sold many cars and was always willing to offer the loan of one of the cars to a friend or family member in need.

Over the years, "the car lot" became less about the cars and more about the friends who arrived every morning for a cup of Ted's strong coffee and to share in the camaraderie of the lively conversations and tall tales.

I have met many Saturday mornings at the Ted Cain car lot, where several of us would get together to discuss everything from Rockwall High School football games to politics—local, statewide, and national. One day I prepared two pages of names I had forged on a petition to give us Members of Congress a fifty percent increase in our annual salaries—a raise in pay for Congress. I, of course, was joking, but most of those present were not buying it, and we quickly went back to bad-

mouthed all Congressmen! I had never heard so many "what the heck are you doing" and "hey—wait a dadgum minute," to "are you crazy?" We had new problems and topics to discuss every Saturday, and we all miss it now. Ted was a great host, and a man I admired and loved as a brother.

Ted courted and married the true love of his life, Maurine Williamson. They were married on June 8, 1941 in Holdenville, Oklahoma by Maurine's uncle. Ted and Maurine traveled from Rockwall to Holdenville for their wedding in a borrowed car with \$15.00 in Ted's back pocket. They have remained devoted to one another for 70 years.

Ted is survived by his wife, Maurine, and their son and daughter-in-law, Dewayne and Ann Atkins Cain. He adored his two grandchildren, Chris Cain and Amy Cain Cox, and Amy's husband, Wendell Cox, and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Luke Cox, John Nash Cox, and Virginia Ann Cox.

Ted's family thanks the wonderful group of ladies who have provided and continue to provide such kind and professional care: Miatta, Patricia, Jane, Esther, Maria, and Teresa. They are also grateful to everyone at Season's Hospice.

Ted's heart was made of gold. He never met a stranger. Greeting everyone with a smile and a kind word, Ted loved to share a laugh and a good story. "You've got to have a little fun every day," was his motto, and more often than not, a goal he met regularly.

Throughout the course of his long illness, Ted cherished his wife, his family, and his many friends. While mind and body grew weak, his kind and gentle disposition remained ever strong, and an occasional glimpse of his charming quick wit surfaced to warm the hearts of his family and remind them to "have a little fun every day."

Ted's son, Dewayne, served as a page with me in the Texas Senate, and I was always proud that he called me "Old Dad." Ted and Maurine were made for one another, and Maurine was there for him in his last days on this earth. There had never been a better guy—no better husband, father, and grandfather—and no better citizen than Ted Cain. We will miss him, and Mr. Speaker, I ask you to close this session of the House of Representatives today in his honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ANDRIANNA FERRI ON HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Andrianna Ferri, who will be celebrating her one hundredth birthday tomorrow. Throughout her life, Mrs. Ferri has been a great asset to the community, and truly deserved to be praised for her accomplishments.

Andrianna was born in New London, Connecticut, on December 21, 1911. She is the proud mother of three children and has also been blessed with nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ferri has been a longtime resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in the 8th Congressional District.

It is my pleasure to commend Mrs. Andrianna Ferri on this great accomplishment. I praise her for a long life filled with generosity and caring for the well-being of others. I am honored to represent Mrs. Ferri in Congress. I wish her many more years of joy and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
COLONEL JOSEPH P. RICHARDS,
USMC

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Joseph P. Richards, Commander, Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, upon his retirement after more than 31 years of faithful and dedicated service to the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Richards' long and distinguished career has been marked by his selfless dedication to duty and his unwavering love of country. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1980 and trained as an aircraft mechanic. Colonel Richards attended Westfield State College as a Criminal Justice major, graduating in 1985 before embarking on his career as a commissioned officer and Naval Aviator.

During his remarkable career, Colonel Richards served in a number of flying squadrons, deploying overseas with the 13th, 15th, 31st, and 24th Marine Expeditionary Units. On one such deployment, he participated in Operations Allied Force and Noble Anvil, supporting the air campaign over Yugoslavia in 1999. In addition to his operational experience, he has also served in a number of training billets, instructing new pilots and teaching officers at senior level schools. His record of accomplishment is well-documented and earned him command opportunities at every level from detachment to group.

Colonel Richards has served as Commander of Marine Aviation Training Support Group at Naval Air Station Pensacola since May 2009. His leadership and professionalism during his tenure have been nothing short of superb.

Colonel Richards' professional achievements have been rewarded on numerous occasions during his career. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various campaign and service medals.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the career and accomplishments of Colonel Joseph P. Richards. His service to country and Corps has been exceptional. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Susan, and three children—Matthew, Michael, and Meghan—all the best.

WELCOMING THE ORLANDO DEANERY
BOYCHOIR AND GIRLS
CHOIR TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir to Washington, DC. An outreach ministry of the Cathedral of St. Luke in Orlando, the choirs are founded on European models and affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in England. Students participating in the choirs develop the ability to create beautiful music and learn teamwork, professionalism, and respect for other cultures.

As representatives of Central Florida, the choirs serve our community, nation, and world. In addition to frequently performing in the greater Orlando area, the choirs have toured venues in the United States including Carnegie Hall, and abroad in many countries, such as Canada, Austria, Japan, and the Czech Republic.

Recently, the President Barack Obama recognized the choirs' talent and invited them to perform at the White House on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The parents and directors of these choirs should be pleased with these exemplary students due to the discipline and dedication required to achieve this level of recognition.

On behalf of the citizens of Florida's 8th Congressional District, I am pleased to recognize the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir and congratulate the students for their hard work and accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED SERGEANT
ELISHA LANGDON II FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE
TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Retired Sergeant Elisha Langdon II. Mr. Langdon is a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Delta.

Sergeant Langdon was drafted to serve in United States Army after graduating from Alcorn High School. Sgt. Langdon served during the time of the World War II. While serving our great country, he spearheaded a protest letter to General Douglas MacArthur, Commander of the 8th Army, President Harry S. Truman, and the U.S. Department of Armed Services to abolish segregated armed services in the United States and overseas.

As a result of Mr. Langdon taking a stance against segregation, President Truman, prior to the Korean War issued Executive Order #9981 establishing equality of treatment and opportunity in the Armed Services for people of all races, religions, and national origins. This brought about the abolishment of all-black units in the United States.

Sergeant Langdon earned the rank of Sergeant and an Honorable Discharge after his tour of duty. Upon completion of his tour of

duty, he returned to the Mississippi Delta to continue his education at Alcorn State College in Lorman, Mississippi where in 1951 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Agriculture, and then on to Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama where he received a Masters of Education in Vocational Agriculture.

Sergeant Langdon has broken many racial barriers. He became the first African American employed with the USDA Farmers Home Administration in Tunica, Mississippi, and in 1978 he was appointed as an United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Counselor, serving seven southern states and the island of Puerto Rico.

In 1989, Sgt. Langdon was also the first African American elected to the City of Ruleville's Board of Alderman. Mr. Langdon is married to late Ms. Everett Wims-Langdon and proud parents of one child.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in recognizing Retired Sergeant Elisha Langdon II for his dedication to serving our great country.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM
YOU CUT: SAVES UP TO \$1.2 BILLION
OVER TEN YEARS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the federal government collects fees from coal mining companies to restore abandoned mining sites. Money from those fees is paid to states to restore abandoned mines within their state. However, several states have successfully restored all of their abandoned mining sites and now are permitted to use the federal mine cleanup payments for anything they want to spend it on. Effectively, for the states that have been "certified" as having successfully restored critical mining sites, the mine payments serve as an unrestricted federal subsidy. Several tribal governments also receive payments despite having already remediated all contaminated mining sites on their land. The Obama administration has proposed terminating these mine reclamation payments to states that no longer use them for their intended purpose.*

FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Here's suggested text to reform the Abandoned Mine Lands program. It's more narrow than the Administration language that adds on whole bunches of bells and whistles, like advisory boards and councils and a competitive grant component without guaranteeing a net reduction in payments. CBO scored our draft language with an initial estimate of \$1 B. This language was in the Joint Committee's Republican proposal.

*FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET
TERMINATION: UNRESTRICTED ABANDONED MINE LANDS
PAYMENTS

Department of the Interior

The Administration proposes to terminate mandatory payments from the Treasury to States and tribes that have finished restoring their abandoned coal mines. These payments can now be used for any purpose, and therefore do not contribute to the goal of addressing these hazards.

This proposal is modified from previous Budget proposals in 2010 and 2011 to competitively allocate the remaining funding to address reclamation of the Nation's highest priority abandoned coal mine sites.

FUNDING SUMMARY \$1.2 BILLION

JUSTIFICATION

Coal producers pay a fee on production to fund the reclamation of abandoned coal mines around the country. This abandoned mine land (AML) fee was created so that the coal industry as a whole would take responsibility for cleaning up abandoned coal mines, regardless of where the fees were collected or where the mines were located. However, the funds were authorized to be distributed by a formula based in part on the production volume in each state. Over time, as some States completed their coal reclamation sites and were "certified" as complete, the goal of the AML Program was increasingly distorted as "certified" States and tribes continued to receive the formula grant payments equal to half of the fees collected within their borders.

These payments to "certified" States and tribes may be used for any purpose, so they do not contribute to the original purpose of restoring abandoned coal mine lands. The Administration proposes to focus AML fees on coal mine reclamation by eliminating these unrestricted payments to certified States and tribes, saving approximately \$140 million in 2012 and \$1.2 billion over 10 years. This action will affect four States and three tribes, in addition to any States that become certified in the future.

Noncertified States will continue to receive payments, but the allocation process would be reformed to address the Nation's most hazardous sites each year. Instead of the current production-based formula, a new competitive grant program would be used to ensure that the Nation's highest priority coal sites are addressed before the AML fee expires.

In December 2010, the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform recommended this termination, eliminating payments to States and Tribes that have already been certified as completing this reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

THE LEGACY OF WARREN
HELLMAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Warren Hellman: a community leader, a San Francisco legend, and an American success story. Sadly, Warren passed away on December 18th, surrounded by his loving family.

Warren was a tremendously successful businessman: at 28, he was the youngest partner in Lehman Brothers history; at 39, he became the firm's president. It was his business acumen that allowed him to pursue his true passion: philanthropy.

With his deep generosity, intellectual curiosity, and visionary dynamism, he changed the face of our city. His legacy will live on through his contributions to education, music, and civic life.

When Warren saw an opportunity to enrich our city, he acted upon it. He strengthened

and beautified Golden Gate Park. He worked to end homelessness. He supported the San Francisco Free Clinic, and he endowed aquatic sports at UC Berkeley, where he had played water polo as a student. Concerned about dwindling local news coverage in the Internet age, he helped form the Bay Citizen online journalism site. Warren served on the board of Mills College and University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

Warren was a lover of music, a lover of family, and a lover of life. The three-day concert he founded, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, held each year in Golden Gate Park, has allowed hundreds of thousands of fans each year to enjoy the music that enriched his life. Warren was involved in every aspect of the festival, including personally recruiting musicians he admired. It is so fitting that Speedway Meadow, the site of the festival, was renamed Hellman Hollow just last week. I know this pleased Warren immensely.

With the passing of Warren Hellman, San Francisco has lost a beloved champion. But we can honor his memory and his enthusiasm by celebrating his many contributions.

Warren Hellman excelled at everything he did, including being a friend. I was proud to call Warren my friend. I hope it is a comfort to his wife Chris and the entire Hellman family whom he cherished that so many mourn his loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

HONORING PATRICK V. MURPHY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Patrick V. Murphy, an unheralded leader in law enforcement and an early advocate for community policing, for his distinguished service as the first public safety director for the District of Columbia overseeing both the police and fire departments during turbulent times. As well for his work in New York, Connecticut, and Detroit.

Patrick Murphy served as the District's first public safety director, transforming both the police and fire departments during his tenure. He is most well-known here for how he handled the historic rioting that took place in April 1968 in the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The rioting here was as destructive as anywhere in the county, but Patrick Murphy used sound judgment while our nation's capital was in turmoil. Murphy said violence begets violence, ordering his officers not to shoot looters and rioters during the riots. Murphy said that he would rather resign than order the shootings of looters. While our city was experiencing unfathomable chaos and wanted justice, Murphy dispersed the mobs of residents gently, and with as few arrests as possible. Because of his efforts and that decision, fewer people were killed in the District of Columbia than in cities that had less widespread riots.

In less trying times, Murphy transformed how his officers interacted with District residents, establishing the "Cop on the Block" program, which allowed police officers to get to know personally the residents they served. This program would serve as a model nation-

wide as many cities turned to (community policing) tactics.

Patrick Murphy, the son of a police officer, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Before Patrick joined the Brooklyn Police Department in 1945, he was a Navy Bomber pilot in World War II. After the war, he came back home and decided to follow in his brothers' and father's footsteps and became a beat cop in the Red Hook District of Brooklyn. Patrick rose quickly through the ranks, becoming deputy inspector and later deputy chief, all while still attending college. Patrick moved to Washington, D.C., in 1965, during a time when race relations between police officers and residents were reaching a boiling point. He was first appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance and later took the helm as the District's first public safety director, overseeing the local fire and police departments. He was a nationally recognized force in policing, and after serving the District, went on to become the police commissioner in Detroit and New York City.

In addition to his stellar career, Patrick Murphy was a wonderful husband to his wife, Martha E. Murphy; supportive father of eight, Gerard, Patrick Jr., Kevin, Paul, Mark, Sallie, Eileen, and Anne; and grandfather of 21.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Patrick V. Murphy for his accomplishments in law enforcement and his dedication to justice. Law enforcement in the United States is better because of his service.

HONORING WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY
TIGERS, THE 2011 NCAA DIVISION
III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, 2011, the Wittenberg University Tigers Women's Volleyball team won their first NCAA Championship. After ending the regular season with a 37-3, 16-0 NCAC record, the Tigers advanced through the post-season tournament to sweep the title in a 3-0 match against Christopher Newport University. This championship represents years of hard work and dedication by these volleyball players and their coaches. This achievement is also a reflection of the support these women have received from their families, Wittenberg University, and the Springfield, Ohio community.

Members of the 2011 Women's Volleyball team include Hallie Donathan (Tipp City, Ohio); Tessa Litman (Magnolia, Ohio); Hillary Monnin (Russia, Ohio); Katie Sumner (Dublin, Ohio); Ali Hock-James (Cincinnati, Ohio); Kiah Murray (Yorktown, Ind.); Hannah Riley (Minerva, Ohio); Miranda Sagle (Springfield, Ohio); Kimmie Dyer (Copley, Ohio); Kate Shoemaker (Vallonia, Ind.); Courtney Lauber (Zionsville, Ind.); Christine Simpson (Dublin, Ohio)

The Wittenberg University Women's Volleyball team was lead by Head Coach Paco Labrador and Assisted by Laura Jensen and Amy Cox. The team was also heavily supported by Athletic Director Garnett Purnell, and University President Dr. Mark H. Erikson.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh

Congressional District in congratulating the Wittenberg Tiger Women's Volleyball team.

HONORING FREEHOLDER
BERNADETTE P. MCPHERSON

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Freeholder Bernadette P. McPherson, for her service to our community as an elected member of Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Bernadette has dedicated herself in service to her community, and I am pleased to recognize her as she completes another chapter in her distinguished career.

In 1999, Bernadette was elected Councilwoman in the Borough of Rutherford, serving as the first female Fire Department Liaison. She also served as the Borough's Mayor from 2000 until 2007.

Bernadette was first elected to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2002, serving as the Board's Freeholder Chairwoman from 2002 through the 2006 term. She currently chairs both the Law and Public Safety Committee and the Organization and Internal Affairs Committee. Freeholder McPherson is also a member of the Budget and Finance, Cultural and Historic Affairs, Veterans Liaison, and New Jersey Legislature committees.

Bernadette graduated Magna Cum Laude from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English in 1983. She attended both Seton Hall Law School and then Temple University School of Law where she earned her J.D. in 1986.

Bernadette has lived in Rutherford since 1987 with her husband David, an outstanding and highly-regarded attorney, and their four wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my dear friend and constituent, Freeholder Bernadette McPherson, on her final Freeholder meeting. I join with all her family and friends, as well as the grateful residents of Bergen County in thanking her for innumerable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT E.
MOORE FOR HIS HONORABLE
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert E. Moore, who was born in Greenwood, Mississippi. He graduated from Amanda Elzy High School in 1962. From 1966–1969, Mr. Moore was active in the United States Marines Corp where he obtained several medals and commendations. He participated in operations in Danang, Vietnam and in Swanee in the vicinity of An Hoa. Mr. Moore went on to participate in other operations, including Operation Prairie II, Operation Prairie III, Operation Prairie IV, Operation Hickory, Operation Cimarron, Operation Buffalo, Operation Hickory II and Operation King Fisher.

Mr. Moore has received several service medals: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart Medal for a gunshot wound to the abdomen during the Vietnam Conflict.

After completing his military obligations, Mr. Moore attended Jackson State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He furthered his education at the University of Southern Mississippi with a Masters of Science degree in Social Work.

Mr. Moore was elected to the Leflore County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and was recently elected to another four year term. He has worked as a college professor and Director of Social Work at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). In 1994, he became the Director of University Center for Economic Development at MVSU and retired in 2006.

In his spare time Mr. Moore enjoys reading, hunting, and community development activities. He is an active member of the American Legion Post 200, the Greenwood Voter's League, and various mentoring programs in Leflore County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Moore for serving our country honorably.

HONORING TED SHERRY

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great appreciation for a long and accomplished career of public service to honor Ted Sherry on his retirement from the Department of Energy in his role as Manager of the Site Office at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Ted served with great distinction in support of our country's national defense and nuclear security as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy and for the last 5 years as manager of a National Nuclear Security Administration premier manufacturing facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Under his management, Y-12 has dramatically increased the dismantlement of components for nuclear weapons, supported Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs through uranium recovery missions around the globe, and opened the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility, our nation's central repository for highly enriched uranium.

As a testament to Ted's many achievements, he earned the NNSA Administrator's Gold Medal Award and is widely regarded as one of NNSA's best managers. Ted has made many significant accomplishments throughout his 25 year career with the U.S. government and so today we proudly salute Ted Sherry, an American patriot.

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF GREGORY
STEWART, UNION CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chief Gregory Stewart. Chief Stewart is retiring from the Union City, California Police Department on December 30, 2011.

Chief Stewart began his career with the Union City Police Department in November of 1975. After beginning his career as a Public Services Cadet he was then appointed to the position of Reserve Police Officer in 1977. Soon after, he was hired by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. After his work at the Sheriff's Department he returned to the Union City Police Department and began his duties as a police officer on May 1, 1978.

He quickly ascended the ranks of the Police Department. On December 16, 1986 he was promoted to Sergeant; to Lieutenant on October 1, 1996; to Captain on December 25, 2000. After years of exemplary service to the city and its citizens he was appointed as the Department's seventh Chief of Police on December 21, 2006.

During his career, Gregory Stewart served with distinction in a number of assignments. These have included Patrol, Investigations, Field Training, Supervisor of Patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention, Research and Analysis, team leader of the Specialized Emergency Response Team as well as Field Operations and Support Services Commander.

Chief Stewart developed an affiliation with Union City's Youth and Family Services department, which led to a cooperative effort to apply the philosophy of the "Boston Cease Fire" program which aimed to reduce teen violence. He also implemented the "Crime Free" program, a citywide effort to improve the quality of life for Union City residents.

Chief Stewart has continually displayed astuteness, veracity, diligence, and objectivity in executing his duties as Chief Police. Throughout his tenure, these traits have earned him the respect and admiration of his subordinates, peers, other Law Enforcement professionals, and the community of Union City.

Thank you Gregory Stewart for 35 years of dedicated service in Law Enforcement and for 33 years as a sworn officer with the Union City Police Department. Your commitment and leadership have been exemplary and will leave a lasting legacy.

HONORING JUSTIN ADINOLFI

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sadness the passing of Justin Adinolfi, a leader and inspiration in my home town of Cheshire, Connecticut.

Justin was born and raised in Connecticut and spent most of his life there. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his MBA from William & Mary, Justin

helped countless corporations while serving as a consultant at Anderson Consulting (later Accenture), DH Andrews and Cognizant. He started and ran a business of his own where he continued his work.

Justin was also a pillar of our community of Cheshire. He was a member of our town's council as well as our Planning and Zoning Commission. He served actively on the boards of several important institutions in our community, including the Cheshire Education Foundation and MidState Medical Center. He was active in his church as well, serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bridget's Church in Cheshire.

To me, Justin was a mentor and friend. When I moved to town in 2005, Justin took me under his wing to help me understand who and what was important in Cheshire. His public service became an example for me, and for many others. His hallmark, to me, was his approachability. He made you feel instantly comfortable, and people felt good knowing a "regular guy" was such an important community leader.

Mr. Speaker, Justin's achievements at work and his community only begin to tell his story. The rest of his story will live on through his family—his wife Jane and his wonderful children, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas. We grieve with them today.

Justin was taken from us too soon. I was proud to consider him a friend and I will miss him.

On behalf of this entire House, I pass on my sincerest condolences to Jane, Justin, Charlotte and Thomas, as well as his siblings, nieces, nephews, in-laws, friends and neighbors whose lives he touched so deeply. He will be missed by all of us.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, the National Institute of Health estimates that over 15,000 American Women will die from ovarian cancer and an additional 22,000 new women will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. Each year, ovarian cancer is a heartbreaking tragedy and a threat to the lives of thousands of women.

To that end, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable inspiration of one mother who is taking up her daughter's passionate fight against ovarian cancer. In my district of New York, Frieda Weeks has dedicated her efforts to promoting research, awareness, and community support through "Hope for Heather."

"Hope for Heather" is a not-for-profit organization in memory of Heather Weeks, who lost her life to cancer at age 24. Heather was an advocate for women's cancer awareness, who was committed to educating all women on the symptoms of ovarian cancer and raising funds to find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of ovarian cancer, and today I honor Heather, whose dream remains alive and strong today within the central New York community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SHERMAN WILLIAMS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Sherman Williams, who was born March 29, 1922, to the late Jim Williams and Betty Johnson Williams in Bolton, Mississippi. Mr. Williams joined the Mt. Olive M. B. Church at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Mack Sanders. He attended school at Mt. Olive Learning School and later farmed for many years.

Mr. Williams served in the United States Army from December 8, 1942 to August 5, 1946 when he was released with an honorable discharge. After leaving the Army, he worked 27 years at the Tri-State Brick and Tile Company in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Williams is the loving father of four wonderful children: Roosevelt Williams (preceded him in death), of Jackson, Mississippi; Edward Lee Mack and Barbara Gale Anderson both of Byram, Mississippi; and Ezell Dotson of Clinton, Mississippi. He has eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams has a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Sherman Williams for his dedication to serving others.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN BOYD
NOFTSINGER

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representatives WOLF and RUPERSBERGER to honor the memory of a constituent, an educator, a community leader and most importantly a friend, the late Doctor John Boyd Noftsinger, Jr.

On November 10, 2011, James Madison University (JMU) lost one of their most innovative leaders and passionate advocates with the passing of John Noftsinger. John was the face of JMU on Capitol Hill and dedicated his career to public service through education.

Dr. Noftsinger was born in Roanoke, Virginia. After graduating from William Fleming High School in 1981, he officially started his career at James Madison University when he arrived on campus as a freshman that fall. We're sure when he stepped onto campus for the first time he never could have imagined the profound effect he would have on the University over the course of his life.

John went on to graduate cum laude with a double major in political science and public administration and a minor in business administration. Upon graduation, he entered the Ohio State University where he would later earn his master of arts degree in higher education administration.

In 1989, John once again found himself on the campus of JMU. He would begin a long and distinguished professional career where he would most recently serve as vice provost

for research and public service. Additionally, he would serve as executive Director of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance, professor of integrated science and technology and strategic leadership, and as the president and chair of James Madison Innovations.

In a profile of Dr. Noftsinger on the JMU website he is quoted as saying "my connections with the community were forged early in my career here and are now embedded in my philosophy of education and my work." These words exemplify John Noftsinger.

Dr. Noftsinger's dedication and hard work was not limited to the university he so loved. He was truly committed to his community as a whole and the city of Harrisonburg is better because of his hard work.

Dr. Noftsinger was a founder and served as the first president of the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council. He served as a board member for the Shenandoah Valley Partnership and Shenandoah National Park Trust. He was the past vice president and board member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and the former chairman of the board of directors of the Blue Ridge area food bank. He also served as a former board member and president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County.

Dr. Noftsinger's legacy is one that will not be soon forgotten. We will greatly miss our friend. We pray for his family—his wife Lucinda Bosley Shaheen and his three sons, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob. We join the entire JMU community in mourning this great leader.

ANNOUNCING THE INTRODUCTION
OF THE FAITH-BASED LENDING
PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Faith-Based Lending Protection Act of 2011. The bill modifies the Federal Credit Union Act to make it easier for credit unions to lend money to ministries. Specifically, the bill exempts loans to nonprofit religious organizations from the Credit Union Act's caps on the volume of loans credit unions can make to businesses.

Mr. Speaker, many churches are in crises because they cannot get access to credit. In 2006, only two churches in the United States lost their buildings to foreclosure or short sale. Last year the number grew to 95.

Like many homeowners, they took out loans when times were good, but now their income has dropped and they need to refinance. Some have balloon payments that would be impossible to pay even in the best of times. The trouble is that many lenders do not want to do business with churches. Credit unions are in an excellent position to help. Credit unions get capital from their members and loan it to their members all of whom share a common bond. They know how to keep money in their communities and they want to do more. This bill will let them.

This non-partisan language has passed the House several times—sometimes on a voice vote. Now is the time to make it law. Churches cannot wait.

RECOGNIZING MR. DALLAS WICKS
FOR HIS HONORABLE SERVICE
TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Mr. Dallas Wicks who was born on December 11, 1930, in Pelahatchie, Mississippi. He was the third child of twelve children to Minister McAllister and Mrs. Maggie Ella Wicks. His early years of education began at Pelahatchie Elementary School and continued on to Carthage High School, Fayette High School and culminating with him graduating from Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Wicks entered the U.S. Army on April 8, 1951, where he served in the Korean War. He received basic training in Scofield Barracks Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii and upon completion, was deployed to Korea and served in the 2nd Army Division in 1951. He has also done other foreign tours of duty that include Germany, France, Lebanon, and Vietnam in addition to a host of state tours including Forts Myles, Hood, and Eustis. During his first tour of duty in Korea, Mr. Wicks received the Purple Heart Medal in October 10, 1951. He has also received the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, U.N. Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation.

Mr. Wicks is a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, where he serves as an auxiliary lay leader. He is also a member of the Prince Hall Jefferson #202 Lodge.

Mr. Wicks is happily married to his wife of 56 years, Mrs. Matiele Wicks. They have no children but several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Dallas Wicks for his dedication to serving others.

HONORING SPECIALIST RONALD
WILDRICK, JR.

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a recently fallen warrior, Specialist Ronald Wildrick, Jr. Specialist Wildrick served with the Army's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, out of Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

Ron was raised in Byram, New Jersey and graduated from Lenape Valley High School. Specialist Wildrick joined the Army in 2008 with the hope of making a better life for his wife and two daughters, Kaylee and Leah, through service to his nation. In September, he was deployed to Afghanistan's Kunar Province as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom. On December 11, 2011, his unit was attacked in the Kunar Province with an improvised explosive device. Sadly, Specialist Wildrick was killed in the line of duty while serving his nation.

As a result of his sacrifice, Specialist Wildrick was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal. His dedication to country and loyalty to his fellow soldiers was evident throughout his Army career. Prior to his deployment to Afghanistan he had the solemn duty of serving with the U.S. Army Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, where he regularly recognized the sacrifices made by his fallen comrades. Ronald Wildrick is a true American hero, and he will never be forgotten by his friends, his family, or the country he fought for. My thoughts and prayers, as well as the thoughts and prayers of a grateful nation, are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE
BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the victims of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 and recognize the twenty-third anniversary of the tragedy.

Pan American Airways Flight 103 departed London Heathrow Airport for John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City on December 21, 1988. The flight would never reach its destination as a bomb exploded on the aircraft killing its 259 passengers and crew, along with 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie Scotland.

Among the passengers killed were 189 Americans, including 37 people from my own district; a couple from the Town of Clay and 35 Syracuse University students returning home from Christmas after a semester abroad in London.

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season with our loved ones let us remember those who can no longer do so because of this senseless act of terrorism. Twenty-three years have passed, but nothing can replace the loved ones lost in the attack. We must never forget the innocent victims who were killed on Flight 103, nor the families that they left behind. May we use their memory to remind us to stay vigilant in the fight against terrorism and in committing ourselves to creating a safer world.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS
WILLIAMS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Tom Williams, a big man with an even bigger heart who died last week in a tragic car accident.

Tom, 56, was an engineer for the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, based at Point Mugu in my district and China Lake, for 38 years. Most of his career was spent working on simulations of radar systems that could be used by America's enemies.

The War Center's mission is to test weapon systems and Tom often assumed the persona of the "bad guy" to design and implement countermeasures.

He was known as a great troubleshooter. Navy officials told the local newspaper that Tom "could make complex radar systems work in the most hostile environments."

Tom's work had real-life implications and saved countless lives. During Desert Shield, he was sent to the Persian Gulf, where he developed a technique that allowed Navy aviators to jam Iraq's radar. That allowed the aviators to remain safe during their missions when Desert Shield became Desert Storm.

Tom graduated from the Senior Executive Management Development Program at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and was chosen to be a NAVAIR Associate Fellow, recognizing his expertise in the development of threat simulators. Tom eventually became the head of the Airborne Threat Simulation Team, serving at the Integrated Program Team Lead.

A second-generation Californian, Tom began at the Warfare Center as an intern after graduating from Buena High School and retired in 2010, although he returned part-time nine months later to mentor and train new engineers.

When not working at the base, Tom was active in local politics and helping colleagues with home improvement projects. Woodworking was a hobby, and he enjoyed playing golf, pursuing photography, and traveling with his wife, Barbara. Barbara also worked at the Warfare Center, where the two met, and retired in 2009.

In addition to Barbara, Tom is survived by their son, David, and David's fiancée, Kaylan Danielson.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join my wife, Janice, and me in remembering our personal friend Thomas Williams, in thanking him for his lifetime of work to protect our military men and women, and in offering our sincere condolences to Barbara, David, Kaylan, and to all who knew and loved him. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT PAT-
RICK MILER FOR HIS DEDICA-
TION AND SERVICE TO OUR
COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life of Lieutenant Patrick Miller.

Lieutenant Miller was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1961. As a Marine officer for over 23 years, Lt. Miller served multiple tours as an artilleryman with the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions, including two tours in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Miller earned the Medal of Honor on December 18, 1965 in Vietnam. His other decorations include Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Commendation Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Patrick Miller for his service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN OF THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR TROOPS STATIONED ABROAD

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the women of the Altar and Rosary Society of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto, Pennsylvania for bringing comfort and solace to the members of our military stationed abroad during the holiday season over the last 25 years. In the spirit of giving that defines this magical time of year, these selfless women provide assistance to the Support Our Troops military mail campaign in the lead up to Christmas. This campaign sends letters of support and gratitude to our troops overseas in an attempt to bridge the oceans and continents that separate them from their loved ones.

Dolly Haird, Barb Bender, Maggie Biter, Mae Karabinos, Lucy Mock and the rest of the women of the of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Michael the Archangel gather thousands of Christmas cards from individuals, families, schools and churches starting in October and send them to Fort Bragg in December, where they are sorted and sent to military bases overseas. This year alone, these women gathered over 21,000 holiday greetings. Their ability to motivate so many members of the various communities of southwestern Pennsylvania to express their support for our troops stationed abroad is a testament to the strength and infectiousness of their altruism.

The women of the Altar and Rosary society have received a number of awards for their service. They have also enlisted a number of local veterans' organizations in their efforts, illustrating the great appreciation retired servicemen and women have for their efforts.

The men and women of our armed forces who are stationed overseas spend the holidays away from their families so that we do not have to. No one appreciates this fact more than the women of the Altar and Rosary Society. The work that they do to support our troops clearly illustrates their abiding belief in the importance of sacrifice for the greater good.

Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to begin the New Year, all of us should resolve to emulate the kindness and generosity these women have demonstrated in their efforts to bring smiles to the faces of our men and women in uniform. I want to congratulate them on 25 years of fruitful service.

A TRIBUTE TO HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA CECILE DUNN-JAHNKE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Patricia Cecile Dunn-Jahnke, known as Pattie Dunn. A

former Chairwoman of Hewlett-Packard, she passed away on December 4, 2011, in Orinda, California, surrounded by her family. While her life was too short, her accomplishments were recognized and respected by colleagues across the country.

Pattie Dunn's life was a "rags-to-riches" story. Her parents were Las Vegas casino workers. Her father, a vaudeville actor, died of a heart attack when she was a teen, and her mother, a model, left the runway to raise the family's three children. Her childhood was not easy, but Pattie persevered, eventually working her way through college at the University of Oregon and the University of California at Berkeley.

Pattie was a journalist by training and harbored dreams of being the next great American reporter. But after graduation, she instead took a job as a secretary with Wells Fargo Investment Advisers. What she made of her "accidental career" is truly nothing short of extraordinary. She rose quickly through the ranks of her firm, now Barclays Global Investors, and held a myriad of titles, including Chief Operating Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and even Chief Executive Officer. Pattie broke the glass ceiling for women in investment banking.

Pattie then joined the Board of Hewlett-Packard. While her time there was not without rough patches, she will always be remembered as a courageous woman who typified the characteristics we hope to instill in our daughters. By the time she left, Pattie had risen to be its Chairwoman and helped right the ship at HP.

I will always remember Pattie's valiant personal struggle with cancer, and her fight to raise awareness of the disease. Perhaps a columnist remembering her summed up Pattie best—"She rose from modest circumstances to the pinnacle of global finance, earning a legion of admirers who revere her business acumen, her integrity, her philanthropy and her dedication to family."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Pattie Dunn's husband, Bill Jahnke; her children, Janai Brengman, Michelle Cox, and Michael Jahnke; siblings Paul Dunn and Debbie Lammers; ten grandchildren and many other family members. The world lost a giant in Pattie Dunn. How proud and grateful I am to have known her and to have called her my friend.

RESOLUTION HIGHLIGHTING ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to introduce a resolution highlighting the actions taken by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in the operation of their financial and judicial systems, that are manifestly contrary to the public policy of the United States.

This resolution asks that all further direct or indirect aid or assistance, including assistance derived from Federal funds, by the United States Government to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda should be suspended until

the Government of Antigua and Barbuda provides complete redress of the violations by their government against the rights of American citizens.

Antigua and Barbuda should give full cooperation in investigating the Stanford Financial Group fraud, and should agree to be bound by U.S. courts that adjudicate claims arising from the Stanford fraud.

The resolution also asks the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to fulfill its obligations relating to the expropriation of the Half Moon Bay Resort, which was owned by a group of U.S. citizens.

I ask for its swift passage.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED FIRST SERGEANT LANDRES CHEEKS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of Retired First Sergeant Landres Cheeks of Canton, Mississippi. First Sergeant Cheeks is a true patriot of our country and served as an integral part of his community for more than 60 years. He dedicated his life, after serving our country for three decades, to giving back to the people of Canton. His mission to economically empower, inspire and motivate the people of Canton is one of great resolve.

Sergeant Cheeks served in the United States Army Medical Corps for 30 years participating in World War II (Germany and France) and the Vietnam War. He is a decorated serviceman, having received the National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army of Occupational Medal of Germany, Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, and 9th Good Service Conduct Medal. In 2001 he was awarded the Blue Cross Blue Shield Ageless Hero Award. This honor is given in celebration of the spirit and vitality of our Nation's seniors aged 65 and over who have proven themselves exemplarily in the areas of Community Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings and Vitality. Sgt. Cheeks has proven himself to be a role model of his community.

After having been honorably discharged from the military it was later discovered that Sgt. Cheeks had contracted Agent Orange and developed post-traumatic stress syndrome. Nevertheless, Sgt. Cheeks persevered and began actively assisting the people of Canton with searches for employment and with formulating and sponsoring extracurricular activities for the youth of Canton. He also served as a volunteer crossing guard for Holy Child Jesus School in Canton for more than 25 years.

In 1975, Sgt. Cheeks took his 18 years of experience in coaching little league baseball in the military and sponsored a little league baseball team in Madison County (MS). He also took the discipline and resourcefulness learned in the United States military to organize both Boy and Girl Scouts' troops in Canton, Mississippi.

Sergeant Cheeks' commitment to individual and community wealth building was the driving force behind much of his pledge to serving the citizens of Canton. To that end, he served as the Chairman of the Madison County Union for Progress, a private organization that helps citizens seek and secure employment; he served on the Board of Directors for the Canton Housing Authority, an organization in which he currently still serves as a chief advisor; he served on the G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center's Board of Trustees and Madison General Hospital's Board of Trustees. Sgt. Cheeks has also been the Utility Commissioner for the City of Canton for three years in addition to volunteering with the Full Gospel Fellowship Church under the direction of Pastor Toni Brooks to serve hot meals to senior citizens at their homes once a week. He graciously took care of the personal needs of several senior citizens and hosted a talk show twice per month at WONG radio station that addresses various issues within the community.

Not only is Sgt. Cheeks committed to economic equality and bettering the community, but he is also committed to civic engagement and involvement. He currently sits on the Voter Registration committee and serves as the Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Canton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Even with all this on his plate, Sgt. Cheeks still made time to own and manage Winn-n-Cheeks Grocery Store for over twenty years after retiring from the Army. Sergeant Cheeks has been a pillar in his community more than half a century and has served our country honorably; I cannot find anyone nobler or better suited to have a federal building named in their honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing First Sergeant Landres Cheeks for his dedication to serving others.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
IN OUR ARMED SERVICES

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and pay tribute to our men and women in uniform during this holiday season.

While we must always remember those who make the ultimate sacrifice for our country, it is especially important to remember them as we celebrate this holiday season. What should be a time of joy, will be a difficult time for many families who are dealing with the loss of a loved one who has died in service to our Nation.

Two families in my own district are coping with the tragic loss of their loved ones this year. Marine Corporal Kyle Schneider of Phoenix, New York was killed by an improvised explosive device while serving in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Lorie Schneider, his brother Kevin, and his fiancée Theresa Lynn Dodge.

Chief Warrant Officer Brad Gaudet, a native of my colleague Mr. GOHMERT's district, was killed in Afghanistan after his helicopter crashed near Kabul. He is survived by his wife Ginny, of Liverpool, New York, and two young daughters.

In this season of giving we must remember not only those who have fallen, but also the families they have left behind.

In addition to remembering those we have lost, we must continue to honor those who currently serve. We must remember that there are soldiers who will spend their Christmas in a war zone fighting for our freedom; soldiers who have not seen their families for months.

We must also remember veterans at this holiday time. While their service is over, the debt of gratitude we owe to them for their sacrifice should never be forgotten.

Christmas is an important time to stop and pay tribute to our men and women in our armed services. We are privileged to live in the greatest nation in the history of the world because of their service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING ERIC FOSS

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work of Eric Foss, my legislative assistant.

Eric has worked in my office since I came to Congress and is leaving Washington, D.C. to return to Kansas. He has been a valued and reliable member of my staff, and it has been my honor to work with him as we serve the great people of the State of Kansas.

Eric is a proud Jayhawk, and a graduate of the University of Kansas and KU law. He has been a great source of information in my office, and my entire staff and I are sad to see Eric leave. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors in Kansas, and know Eric will do great things.

We thank Eric for his service to the 3rd District of Kansas.

RECOGNIZING REALTOR ASSOCIATION OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale.

The Association has a long, successful history of growth and success that mirrors the community growth and economic development of the City of Fort Lauderdale and surrounding South Florida community.

From its humble founding in 1922 by six local real estate professionals as the Fort Lauderdale Board of Realtors, the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale has grown over the past nine decades into one of the largest realtor Associations in the state of Florida.

Today, the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale serves more than 7,500 members across Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties who in turn assist tens of thousands of South Floridians.

Since its inception, the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale has helped its

membership conduct thriving businesses and along the way has promoted the highest standards of professional practice in the real estate community.

As a Member of Congress, I have been particularly proud of the Association's work over the years as a constant champion for consumers in our local communities.

In cities and towns across America, realtors provide expert advice and guidance to current and future property owners on what often is the biggest investment a family makes. Realtors promote affordable housing, expand home ownership, and work to end housing discrimination wherever it exists.

The Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale does all of these things while maintaining the highest level of professionalism. The Association's realtors study long hours to hone their professional skills and adhere to the Code of Ethics set out by the National Association of Realtors.

The last few years have been extremely difficult for the housing market nationally, and especially in South Florida. Yet, realtors have stood ready to assist with the challenges of the current market because they know—as all of us who live in South Florida know—that our community is one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise our families.

I am pleased to join in celebrating the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale on their 90th anniversary and wish to honor all of Florida's realtors who serve our communities.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale as it continues its long tradition of excellence to the South Florida community.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
DAVID LOWRY WIDELL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. FARR, Mr. MILLER, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. CARDOZA to pay tribute to the life of David Lowry Widell who recently passed away at the age of 44. His advocacy and passion for Central California's wetlands, wildlife, and water issues made him a distinguished community leader and notable conservationist. He served our great state in a number of capacities, most recently as the General Manager and Governmental Affairs Director for the Grassland Water District.

Dave was born on May 17, 1967 in Watsonville, California, and was raised in the agriculturally rich city of Los Banos, California. Dave grew up hunting and fishing, and it was at this time that his deep appreciation for the Valley's wildlife and resources developed. His love of the Valley led to a fulfilling career, one where he was able to seek political solutions to some of Central California's most pressing issues.

Dave's reverence for the San Joaquin Valley was enhanced by the knowledge he gained through his education. Upon graduating from Los Banos High School in 1985, Dave studied at Modesto Junior College, and then transferred to the University of California, Davis, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in History in 1990.

Dave spent his adult life working in the public's best interests. He served our nation in the United States Air National Guard and served our state in several capacities, such as a field representative for former Assembly Member Rusty Areias, and later as Assistant Secretary at the California Resources Agency. Dave also worked for the City of Los Banos as Planning Commissioner, and Director of the Merced County Farm Bureau Board. In 1992, Dave joined the Grassland Water District and served as Assistant General Manager.

Prior to returning to the Grassland Water District in 2007 as General Manager, Dave dedicated his time to a number of organizations, and served in a number of roles, including Chief Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs at the California Waterfowl Association and as Director of Conservation Policy for Ducks Unlimited. Dave's breadth of experience gave him a unique combination of intellect and enthusiasm, which allowed him to serve the San Joaquin Valley—and its people, water, and wildlife—with tact and influence.

Whether he was working on issues important to the Valley or spending time with his son Ty, currently a student at Purdue University, Dave lived a full and rich life. His dedication and service will leave a lasting legacy, and we will miss his insights and his humor.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in paying tribute to the life of David Lowry Widell, a respected and joyous man with a steadfast commitment to protecting the Central Valley's natural resources.

A TRIBUTE HONORING THE LIFE
OF EVELYN HAUSNER LAUDER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and extraordinary accomplishments of Evelyn Hausner Lauder, who passed away at her home in New York City on November 12, 2011. Evelyn was a loving wife and mother, a savvy business woman, a devoted philanthropist, and a noble citizen of our country who put the "active" in the word activist.

Evelyn Hausner married into one of America's most distinguished families, but her beginnings were humble. In 1936, Evelyn fled Nazi-occupied Europe with her parents, making their way to America and eventually settling in New York City. While attending Hunter College, Evelyn met her future husband, Leonard Lauder. In 1959, they married and worked together to help grow the Estee Lauder Company.

With only six products when she joined, Evelyn recalled that "it was a baby company"—something to grow and nourish. Today, Estee Lauder stands as one of the most respected companies in the world. Evelyn herself created the Clinique product line and was an integral part of the fabric of the company.

Evelyn's real fame, however, was found in her role as an advocate for the one in eight women in the United States who develops breast cancer. Evelyn herself was a survivor. When she learned of her cancer diagnosis in 1989, she fought back—and won. She went

on to personally help build the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center, founded the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and launched the Pink Ribbon campaign. Evelyn's pink bows today are recognized symbols of hope for a cure for breast cancer, as does her lipstick Pink Ribbon.

I have always admired Evelyn's work from afar, and I have the honor and privilege of representing her son, Gary Lauder, her daughter-in-law, Laura Lauder, and grandchildren, Ellie and Josh, and having them as my dear friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Evelyn Lauder's husband, Leonard Lauder; her children, William Lauder and Gary Lauder; her daughter-in-law, Laura Lauder; and her beloved grandchildren. Evelyn Lauder's life is instructive to all of us of the significance that one person can have for an entire nation . . . to literally insert an issue into the national dialogue and consciousness. As the poet wrote, "and so she passed on, and all the trumpets sounded on the other side."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER
AND HUMANITARIAN ACHIEVEMENTS
OF FAROOQ KATHWARI

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to seek Congressional recognition of the exceptional achievements and outstanding charitable and humanitarian works of Farooq Kathwari.

Just this month, Mr. Kathwari received yet another prestigious honor, as the United States Institute of Peace, USIP, dedicated the Farooq Kathwari Amphitheater in recognition of both his long standing work with USIP, as well as his decades of humanitarian efforts across the globe. Not only has Farooq enjoyed a long and illustrious business career, but throughout his life he has also dedicated himself unflinchingly to numerous humanitarian causes. I have always marveled at the way he balances such a successful business career with his commitment to giving back and "paying it forward." Farooq Kathwari is a most fitting recipient of this singular honor from USIP. While leading a Fortune 500 company, he generously lends his valuable time and energy to promote world peace through advocacy and by serving on the boards of numerous humanitarian organizations.

The life story of Farooq Kathwari illustrates what our great country stands for, and the bountiful opportunities the United States offers its citizens. Farooq Kathwari came to America over 40 years ago as a political refugee from strife-torn Kashmir, and he now leads one of the Nation's largest and prestigious companies. He arrived in New York City at age 20 armed with a B.A. in English and political science, and with a determination to live and grow in a free society. Two years later he earned an MBA, went to work for Newcourt Securities, where he rapidly rose to the position of vice president, and simultaneously launched his own importing business. Soon thereafter, the iconic American company, Ethan Allen, purchased an interest in his com-

pany. In 1980, the firms merged, and Farooq Kathwari became vice president of Ethan Allen. By 1989, he had risen to the post of Chairman, President, and CEO. Farooq has been the top executive at Ethan Allen Interiors for 26 years; under his leadership, the company has become a leading competitor in interior design and home furnishings, while also fostering a business that values environmental and social responsibility. He is a national leader in the furniture industry; where he serves as the director and chairman of the National Retail Federation and director and is the former chairman and president of the American Home Furnishings Alliance. The industry also inducted him into the American Furniture Hall of Fame.

While Farooq's professional accomplishments are impressive, his most laudable contribution is his tireless dedication to foster world peace and to bettering the lives of others. His humanitarian efforts extend to those people displaced by conflict zones and who end up in refugee camps, and to those facing religious persecution in the Middle East and elsewhere. Most recently, Farooq was honored by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees for his steadfast dedication to raising consciousness of the plight of refugees worldwide. He also serves on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and has received numerous awards for his peace activism, including the humanitarian award from the Anti-Defamation League. Farooq is a director and former chairman of Refugees International, a director of the International Rescue Committee, director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University and the Henry L. Stimson Center, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also my friend.

Mr. Speaker, Farooq's life's work is to help foster a dialogue for peace in much-troubled regions, and to promote human rights around the world. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand and join me now in honoring Farooq Kathwari, a most compassionate and selfless citizen. May his good works serve as a model for countless others to follow.

HONORING SGT. TIMOTHY K.
GILBOE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sgt. Timothy K. Gilboe on being awarded the Silver Star for his heroic action in Afghanistan.

In 2006, Sgt. Gilboe left his home in Jackman, Maine to serve in the Army. After enlisting, Sgt. Gilboe showed outstanding qualities as a soldier, earning him membership to the 4th Brigade's Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Polk. Eventually, he was sent to Afghanistan.

On April 28th, 2011, insurgents opened fire on Gilboe's platoon, wounding the leader and squad leader. Sgt. Gilboe returned fire while suppressing the flames that ignited on a comrade's backpack. When an insurgent ran towards him with a rifle, an unarmed Sgt. Gilboe

physically arrested the belligerent, despite gun-shot wounds he had sustained to his leg. After a fellow soldier was able to neutralize the insurgent, Sgt. Gilboe delayed medical treatment to help secure the area and aid his wounded comrades.

There is no question that that Sgt. Gilboe's actions saved the lives of his comrades that day. His remarkable heroism and devotion to his fellow soldiers are an inspiration to all that know him or have heard his story. Beyond the great honor of the Silver Star, our nation owes Sgt. Gilboe our everlasting thanks and appreciation. I am proud and greatly humbled to stand here today and honor such an individual.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sgt. Timothy Gilboe for his incredible heroism.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,104,054,667,691.48. We've added \$10,302,649,492,397.20 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

COMMENDING KEVIN FAY FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 JAMES L. EICHBERG LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Kevin Fay for being named the recipient of the inaugural James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of tremendous service to our community.

Kevin has been an Executive Committee member of the Leukemia Ball for 15 years, helping to raise more than \$3 million for research funding. In 2001, he founded The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Congressional Honors Program helping to educate those of us in Congress on the many challenges these deadly diseases pose, and the effectiveness of research funding in leading to advances in diagnosing and treating them.

Kevin has served on the Fairfax County Park Authority since 2003, improving the quality of life for local residents. He has helped provide new athletic fields, a fully accessible playground for children of all abilities, additional County trails and the preservation of historic sites. He has chaired several Park Authority committees, as well as serving as a liaison to the Fairfax County Public Schools.

Additionally, Kevin has assisted in the fundraising efforts of numerous charitable organi-

zations such as St. Patrick's Foundation, The World's Children Choir and McLean Little League. Thanks to his tireless efforts, Kevin has helped raise millions of dollars in funding for these and other worthy organizations.

I have been privileged to know Kevin Fay for many years and I have marveled at his generosity of spirit in his many volunteering capacities throughout our region. I know that our community has benefited greatly from his good deeds. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Kevin Fay for being named the 2012 recipient of the James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award, and to offer our thanks for his lifetime of work on behalf of others.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the people of the Philippines in the aftermath of the destructive typhoon and flood that swept across Mindanao, devastating the coastal areas around Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, and Bukinon.

This past weekend, Typhoon Washi struck the Philippines with turbulent winds, overwhelming the region with a month's worth of rain over just 12 hours. The heavy rain caused rivers to overflow and, in the middle of the night, the fast rising waters ravaged the populated villages. An estimated 167,000 Filipinos have been impacted, with 957 losing their lives. Sadly, these numbers rise as each day passes.

Right now, these areas are suffering from crowded evacuation centers, inundated medical facilities, and destroyed homes. As the Philippines and the United States have an historically close relationship, it is important to ensure that we assist the Filipino people as best we can, and help the many suffering rebuild and heal. The needs in these destroyed areas are substantial.

I also commend the quick community efforts of U.S. based Filipino organizations, such as Kagay-anon International of Southern California (KISC), for answering the call to help. Within 24 hours, KISC already collected 15 boxes worth of clothing, food, and water. It is organizations like this that truly bring hope to those in need and make a difference in a crisis.

Again, I express my deepest condolences to the people of the Philippines. As the holidays approach, know that we support and stand by you as you work to recover from this natural disaster.

HONORING ASHER B. DURAND AND
THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF
PAINTERS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two important paintings in the Capitol

Visitors Center that were recently placed for public viewing by the Architect of the Capitol. I refer to the famous 19th century painter Albert Bierstadt's works "The Discovery of the Hudson River" and "Entrance into Monterey," which can be viewed near the starting point for visitor tours through the Capitol. These paintings represent a uniquely American point of view as part of the Hudson River School of Painting.

Within my district in New York City, there are many connections to this first indigenous American school of painting and its artists. One artist, Asher Durand, stands out in particular.

Durand helped found what is known today as the National Academy Museum and School, which I am proud to have in my district. Durand was a very accomplished artist of the 19th century and he served as president of the Academy for many years. His style was highly detailed, a hallmark of the School, and one of his most famous pieces, "Kindred Spirits," is often cited as one of the works most emblematic of the School's ideals. This painting, which resided in the iconic New York Public Library in my district for over 100 years, cemented Durand's place at the forefront of the movement created by the Hudson River School.

As the School's prominence grew, many of the painters traveled abroad to study and were introduced to the culture of the capitals of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. These travels inspired many of the artists to join with other leaders to found the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 1870. Located in my district on Fifth Avenue, around 5 million visitors walk up the steps of this landmark institution each year. Some of the School's painters later served as trustees and members of the Executive Committee for the Met. Today, many works from the Hudson River School, including several by Durand, hang there.

Some painters also traveled to the American West, which at the time, was an exciting, undiscovered region that captivated Americans in the East. The members of Congress were so inspired by the works produced on these trips that they dedicated national parks, such as Yellowstone and Yosemite, to protect the awe-inspiring landscapes many had only ever witnessed on canvas. This spirit of environmental conservation became more and more popular, and these paintings were later used to support the creation of the National Parks Service in 1916.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the importance of painters like Asher Durand and his contemporaries of the Hudson River School, whose contributions to our country's art, culture, and society are innumerable and still important to every American today.

H.R. 3029, THE REDUCING THE SIZE
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
THROUGH ATTRITION ACT OF
2011

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Committee on Oversight and Government

Reform filed a report to accompany H.R. 3029, the Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011. The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the size of the federal civilian workforce by ten percent through attrition. The bill also makes the federal government subject to a hiring freeze if the size of the workforce exceeds ninety percent of its size as of September 30, 2011. The legislation requires tough, but necessary, choices to control government spending.

As discussed in the committee report, H.R. 3029 provides the President, acting through the Office of Management and Budget and in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, broad flexibility to achieve the necessary reduction in the size of the federal civilian workforce and to prioritize staffing needs across the federal government. The Committee cites federal law enforcement as an occupational category that meets the requirements for an exemption from both the required workforce reduction and the hiring freeze.

The Committee recognizes that the federal government's law enforcement responsibilities have expanded in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The national security and homeland security challenges our nation faces are increasingly complex, and require a dedicated workforce of federal civilian employees. In exercising the waiver authority provided in the bill, the Committee believes the President should give every consideration to members of the federal law enforcement community whose duties include (1) the investigation, apprehension, or detention of individuals suspected or convicted of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States; (2) the protection of officials of the United States against threats to personal safety; or (3) the protection of life and property, such as government institutions performing emergency work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

The Committee will carefully monitor implementation of H.R. 3029 to ensure the federal government's law enforcement mission is appropriately protected.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DANIEL BUCKNER PRICE

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel Buckner Price and the steadfast faith and goodwill of the Price family. Daniel was brutally murdered at the age of 28 in San Francisco while trying to protect his high school sweetheart and wife, Sarah Abbott Price, from an attacker.

A native of my hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana, Daniel was a loving husband, brother, son, and friend. During his short life, in addition to being remembered as a devoted family man, we remember Daniel as a talented artist and gifted athlete.

Family, friends, and strangers alike remember Daniel for his infectious spirit and creativity.

An inspiration to all whose lives he touched, Daniel had the ability to find beauty in even the simplest pleasures.

Daniel's parents, Dr. Steve and Mrs. Catherine Price are great parents and loving members of the New Orleans community. Following his tragic death, his family created the Daniel Price Memorial Fund for Aspiring Artists to give talented fine arts graduates of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) an opportunity to pursue higher educational studies in the arts. Instead of giving up on the good in people and becoming jaded, they doubled down on their faith and in the future of New Orleans' best product and our future: our children. The scholarship will enable future generations of young, talented artists like Daniel Price to follow their artistic passion while obtaining a college degree. One criterion for the scholarship is that the applicant must also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the New Orleans artistic community. This will ensure that the beneficiaries of the scholarship continue to contribute to New Orleans' future in the years ahead.

While we continue to grieve the loss of such a precious and innocent life, let us find the strength to be inspired to be kind and generous, and to live our lives with the same vitality and integrity that Daniel Buckner Price lived his life. The Price family represents the best of what New Orleans has to offer. Their dedication to the city and its future brings hope and promise to ensuring that New Orleans remains one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED SERGEANT
MAJOR CHARLES SCOTT SR. FOR
HIS HONORABLE SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, Retired Sergeant Major Charles Scott, Sr., United States Army. Mr. Scott was born on August 7, 1928, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He is the sixth of nine children born to Oscar and Evelyn Scott. His early years of education began at Cherry Street School and from there he went on to Magnolia High School.

Mr. Scott entered the U.S. Army on November 27, 1950, where he served in the Korean War with the 96th Field Artillery as an Artillery Crewman. He served four tours of duty in Germany totaling ten years. He also toured twice in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division; coordinating artillery fire, mortar fire, attacking enemy helicopters and close air strikes by the Air Forces.

During his last five years in service, Mr. Scott was the advisor to the U.S. Army Reserve in South Mississippi. Sergeant Major Scott retired in 1983 accumulating more than 30 years of service in the United States military. His Awards include: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal 10th Awards, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with Two Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Stars, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,

United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation and Honorable Order of St. Barbara.

Retired Major Scott is a member of Mount Heroden Baptist Church where he is the Chairman of the Trustee Board. He is also a member of the American Legion Tyner-Ford Post 213, and the former commander of the American Legion Department of Mississippi from 2005 through 2006 with 18,000 members. He is presently the sixth district Vice Commander. On the National Level, he is the Vice Chairman of the Americanism Council for Children and Youth Department, a Life member of American Legion 101st Airborne Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disable American Veterans Post #22, the National Association for Uniformed Service, a member of the AARP and a member of the American Legion Legislative Division.

Mr. Scott is happily married to his wife of 24 years, Mrs. Lillie M. Scott and they have six children, seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Retired Sergeant Major. Charles Scott, Sr. for the dedication of service he's given to our country.

RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER
DONNA SHEARN, NEWARK, CALI-
FORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Donna Shearn. Commander Shearn is retiring after serving 25 years as a member of the Newark, California Police Department.

Commander Shearn began her career with the Newark Police Department as a police officer on August 16, 1986. While serving as an officer, she was assigned to patrol and the Special Enforcement Unit. Additionally, she was a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Commander Shearn was one of the first three original D.A.R.E. officers and also worked as a School Resource Officer. To show her commitment to the citizens of Newark, Commander Shearn was active in the creation of the Newark Police Department's Vision Statement.

In July 1991, Commander Shearn was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, the first and only female to make Sergeant in the Department's history. She served as Administrative Sergeant, as well as Acting Detective Division Commander. In addition to her Patrol Sergeant responsibilities, she supervised a number of Department programs. These programs included, Field Training Officer, Acting Supervisor, Explorers, Hostage Negotiations, Trauma Response, Vehicle Abatement, Safety Patrol, and Patrol Scheduling and Staffing.

On July 1, 2004, Commander Shearn was promoted to Police Lieutenant. She was the

first female Police Lieutenant in the Department's history. During her time as Lieutenant, she served as the Administrative Lieutenant and the Patrol Operations Lieutenant. The Lieutenant position was reclassified to the rank of Police Commander on January 1, 2009. Commander Shearn is the first female Police Commander in the department's history.

Commander Shearn was named Employee of the Quarter for Fall 2003. She received this award for organizing and coordinating a Board of Corrections jail inspection. The Newark Police Department passed this inspection with significant recognition. In 2009, she received the honor of the City of Newark Employee of the Year award from Mayor Dave Smith at the annual Employee Service Awards. She received this award for her dedicated efforts to advance the Police Department, despite the limited resources allocated to the Department.

Commander Shearn was awarded the Chiefs Challenge Coin of Special Recognition for her outstanding work, loyalty to the organization, and tireless efforts in the development and promotion of the Mission, Vision, and Values of the Newark Police Department. This coin is issued only to members of the Police Department who consistently perform at exemplary levels or rise above with a single act of excellence.

I join in saluting Commander Shearn for her commitment to excellence, thanking her for her exemplary service, and wishing her well on her retirement.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
DON L. RIDING

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Don L. Riding, Fresno Field Office Director with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). After 39 years of dedicated service, Don is retiring so he can spend more time with his family.

Don began his career in 1972 with the federal agency we then called Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). He was based in El Paso, Texas as an Immigration Inspector. In 1975, Don was transferred to the INS Baltimore, Maryland office as a Criminal Investigator, where he investigated immigration fraud. Don was promoted in 1980 to Course Developer/Instructor at the Immigration Officer Academy in Glynn, Georgia. He remained at the Academy for 2 more years before he became the Port Director at Laredo, Texas in 1982. In 1984, our community was lucky when Don was transferred to Fresno as Officer in Charge. He has remained in Fresno ever since and was promoted in September 2003 to Field Officer Director for the now U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in Fresno. Don has been doing a tremendous job in Fresno for almost three decades.

Before the INS, Don spent two years in the U.S. Army and then two years on a church mission in Brazil. Don received his B.A. degree from Brigham Young University in 1972. I applaud Don Riding for his many years of tireless work on behalf of the United States government. I know he will enjoy more time

with his wife, Donna, his five children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that in addition to his countless gifts to our community, Don has been a true champion for my constituents. In my office the majority of our constituent casework is immigration issues. These are sensitive cases that can sometimes take a great deal of time to resolve. My Fresno staff has worked closely with Don Riding on immigration issues for twenty years and proudly recollects Don always being available to discuss cases and work together on issues of concern. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the commitment, dedication and success of Don Riding and wish him well as he embarks on new endeavors.

HONORING VACLAV HAVEL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to former Czech president and play-wright Vaclav Havel. He began as one of Czechoslovakia's best-known dissidents as he pushed for democratic change during the dark days of the Soviet Union. He went on to become the first president of the Czech Republic.

I submit for the RECORD an article from Monday's Washington Post where post columnist Michael Gerson, recalled Havel's message to a joint session of Congress in which he urged Americans to put "morality ahead of politics" and to foster "responsibility—responsibility to something higher than my family, my country, my company, my success." This same message could not come at a more timely moment. I commend it to my colleagues.

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 19, 2011]

HAVEL'S REVOLUTION OF TRUTH

(By Michael Gerson)

As the heroes of the Cold War walk off into the mist—Ronald Reagan, then John Paul II, now Vaclav Havel—each departure makes that world more distant and foreign. But it is too early for forgetfulness, which would also be ingratitude.

Once in a nightmare, European dissidents lived in prison, in whole nations that were prisons. They were confined to mental hospitals by governments sustained through the promotion of mass delusion. They were forced to make confessions of imagined crimes by regimes that were criminal enterprises.

And then the government of Czechoslovakia went a step too far. In 1976, it arrested a band called The Plastic People of the Universe for offenses against cultural conformity. This was a perfect symbol of communism: a system that could not tolerate the unauthorized singing of songs. The regime's stupidity undermined its capacity to intimidate. Havel—a countercultural intellectual and rock fan—co-founded the Charter 77 human rights movement. Never has bad popular music been put to better use.

In history's great refutation of historical pessimism, Europe's nightmare turned out to be a "fairy tale"—a phrase Havel used to describe his experience. On Oct. 27, 1989, Havel was sent to prison for the fourth time. That December, 300,000 Czechs turned out in

Wenceslas Square to chant, "Havel to the Castle!" By New Year's Day, Havel could declare, "People, your government has returned to you!" In February, he addressed a joint session of Congress as the leader of a free Czechoslovakia. It was four months from prisoner to visiting president.

Havel helped overthrow communism by discrediting its central tenet. Scientific socialism taught that history is the outworking of massive economic and social forces that the individual could not hope to budge. Ideals, Marx sniffed, were "phantoms formed in the human brain." As Winston Churchill might have said of Havel: Some phantom. Some brain. Havel relentlessly exposed communist ideology as a confidence game, a Ponzi scheme, dependent on broad deference to obvious lies. One ideal—a commitment to truth—proved to be a lever long enough to move the world.

Reading back over Havel's landmark 1978 essay, "The Power of the Powerless," is like wading through molasses scattered with diamonds. The intellectual jargon is thick—and then comes a crystalline phrase, a perfectly polished insight. Communist regimes require people to "live within a lie," demanding dehumanizing rituals of loyalty. He describes his country as plastered with slogans but lacking in genuine belief. "Each person," he says, "somehow succumbs to a profane trivialization of his inherent humanity." They drift together "down the river of pseudolife."

Yet in a society ruled by lies, truth gains a "singular, explosive, incalculable political power." The desire to live authentically is the equivalent of a fifth column—a revolution hidden in a whole society. Truth advances in a political speech, in a hunger strike, in a play, in a song. "It is a bacteriological weapon, so to speak," says Havel, "utilized when conditions are ripe by a single civilian to disarm an entire division." Havel was a historical prophet of the first order—and the fulfillment of his own prophecy.

"Living within the truth," according to Havel, is an inherently moral enterprise. It requires sacrifice, which presupposes a "sense of responsibility" for others—a belief in love, friendship and compassion. In the company of John Paul II and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Havel believed that political renewal starts in moral and personal renewal. In one letter from prison he wrote, "But who should begin? Who should break this vicious circle? The only possible place to begin is with myself Whether all is really lost or not depends entirely on whether or not I am lost."

Uncomfortably, Havel also applied this moral vision to the prosperous nations of the West. He criticized "a selfish cult of material success" and "the absence of faith in a higher order of things." Consumerism and relativism, he warned, could also strip people of humanity and responsibility. Even the wealthy and powerful can live within the lie. In his speech to Congress, Havel urged Americans to put "morality ahead of politics" and to foster "responsibility—responsibility to something higher than my family, my country, my company, my success."

American intellectual Noam Chomsky called Havel's speech an "embarrassingly silly and morally repugnant Sunday School sermon"—itself a statement both silly and repugnant.

The Czech Republic had this rare advantage: Its leading intellectual believed in the ideals of Western civilization. And by his faith in civilization, he helped to save it.