

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE THREE YEARS  
OF SERVICE OF AMBASSADOR  
HAN DUK-SOO

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to offer a tribute to His Excellency Han Duk-soo, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States, who is leaving his post in Washington after three years of representing and serving his country here.

Before arriving in Washington in March 2009, Ambassador Han served as his country's Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance and Economy, after previous service as ambassador to the OECD and in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The past three years have been particularly busy for him, culminating in the ratification of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, which takes effect next month.

During Ambassador Han's tenure in Washington, he also dealt with sensitive and timely issues like security matters in Northeast Asia. I am particularly reminded of his thoughtful and steady leadership during the challenges Korea faced in the wake of the attacks on the Cheonan Naval Vessel and on Yeonpyeong Island in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, the Republic of Korea has a special place in my heart.

My father fought in Korea. I grew up hearing stories from him about the horrid conditions, and I know he carried his battle-scars with him throughout his life. Yet he never wavered in his pride for having served his country.

In November 2010, my father and I visited Korea, where we were treated with utmost hospitality and—in my father's case—gratitude. It was a memorable trip and Ambassador Han and his embassy staff helped make it possible.

Where we once forged a relationship on the battlefield together, building a secure environment for the nation to prosper over the last 60 years, today we attempt to forge a new economic and strategic bond for the future prosperity of our two nations. A country once ravaged by war, Korea received a substantial amount of foreign aid, but now enjoys an advanced and dynamic economy, and is itself today a generous donor of foreign aid. We work closely with Korea, maintaining a considered influence in that region as a deterrent to North Korean aggression and a counter to Chinese dominance.

The United States and Korea hold a forward-looking relationship. Every year, in so many ways, the United States and the Republic of Korea grow closer and closer together. The implementation this year of the Korea-U.S. Free Trade agreement is just one further symbol of the strength of our countries' friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to my dear

friend, Ambassador Han. We thank him for his service as South Korea's top diplomat in the United States and wish him every success as Chairman of the Korea International Trade Association.

HONORING DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR  
75 YEARS OF CONSERVATION  
SUCCESS

**HON. REID J. RIBBLE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ducks Unlimited's 75 years of tireless efforts to promote conservation and wilderness protection.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending the Ducks Unlimited founders, members, supporters, partners and volunteers in Wisconsin and across the nation. Ducks Unlimited has had a positive impact on communities throughout America by helping to improve our culture and environment.

I congratulate Ducks Unlimited for the dedication of their volunteers and supporters, as well as the partners who time and time again have helped them succeed in their mission. This landmark anniversary represents the true legacy of this great organization and I applaud their efforts in conservation.

HONORING TONI AND BRUCE  
CORWIN

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate my dear friends Toni and Bruce Corwin as they are honored by Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills at the 5th Annual Beverly Hills Purim Ball where they will be presented with the synagogue's Humanitarian Award on February 29, 2012.

I cannot imagine a more deserving couple to receive this award. For decades the Corwins have worked tirelessly within the Los Angeles Jewish community and our community at large. In addition to admiring their remarkable work, my wife, Janet, and I are personally grateful for the many years of friendship we have shared with Toni and Bruce.

Toni and Bruce have truly accumulated more than a lifetime's worth of professional and personal achievements. They have proven time and again that passion, commitment, and persistence can turn ideas into reality. Their longtime work on behalf of the Jewish community ranks them among the very top supporters and advocates in Los Angeles, and they have been an inspirational voice in higher education for decades.

Toni and Bruce are being honored by Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills for the extraor-

dinary leadership they have demonstrated for many years. In addition to providing a strong religious foundation, the synagogue, under their guidance, has developed many secular programs dealing with immigration, health insurance, the Middle East, Jewish-Muslim relations, art, dance and intergenerational theater.

Beyond the achievements Toni and Bruce have reached at Temple Emanuel, they have been recognized in the community as well. Their leadership has included membership on Mayor Tom Bradley's Blue Ribbon Committee of 40, presidency of the Coro Foundation National Board of Governors, serving as a trustee of the California Community Foundation and receiving the prestigious Pioneer of the Year Award from the Foundation of Motion Picture Pioneers.

I am delighted to congratulate my dear friends, Toni and Bruce Corwin, and ask that my colleagues join me in sending our very best wishes on this great occasion.

IN HONOR OF JACI PAPPAS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of a true community pillar of California's Central Coast. Jaci Pappas is a fifth generation Californian who grew up in Stockton, California. But it has been in Big Sur where she has found her life's calling as champion volunteer. And while she has never sought out accolades, her neighbors have seen fit to honor her on March 2, 2012, as "Volunteer Extraordinaire." They have all benefited from Jaci's efforts to realize her life's theme: "Always give back to your community in whatever way you can."

Jaci earned a Business Administration degree from Mills College in Oakland, California. Soon after, she began her public service career in Sacramento as assistant to my good friend Assemblyman Willie Brown while he served as chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. In 1973, after twelve years in the Capitol, Jaci was appointed City Clerk for the City of Sacramento—the first woman to hold the position since Sacramento's founding in 1850.

In 1979, Jaci married architect Steve Pappas, and together they bought property and moved to Big Sur. She established herself as a bookkeeper working for various small businesses in Big Sur. Her volunteer work began in 1980 when she took on the unpaid position of secretary and then treasurer of the Coast Property Owners Association. She later held the same positions with the Big Sur Historical Society, and also served a number of years as head of the local Election Board, encouraging participation by all community members in the election process.

In addition to these leadership roles, Jaci has devoted countless hours giving her business and administrative skills to help community groups accomplish their work. Jaci has

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voluntarily handled the bookkeeping for the Big Sur River Run since its inception in 1981. That event has raised more than \$800,000 for the Big Sur Health Center and the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, two organizations for which Jaci also handles the bookkeeping. Other causes that she has helped in this way include the Big Sur Historical Society, Big Sur Jazz Festival, Big Sur Hidden Gardens Tour, Big Sur Grange, the Big Sur Community Emergency Response Team, the Big Sur Natural History Association, the Henry Miller Memorial Library, the Big Sur Public Library, and the Big Sur Food & Wine Festival. She also contributes her time as the editor of the Big Sur Grange, and the Round Up newsletters. She is even co-chair of the Big Sur Book Club.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I acknowledge and congratulate Jaci Pappas, Big Sur's "Volunteer Extraordinaire," for her record of stellar public service, and wish her many happy years ahead in which I know she will continue to teach us all how to live life well in voluntary service to others.

HONORING ATHLETICO AND ITS  
FOUNDER, MARK KAUFMAN

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank AthletiCo Physical and Occupational Therapy for serving the greater Chicagoland region for more than twenty years. AthletiCo is a rapidly expanding rehabilitation, outreach, and fitness center enterprise that has grown in size and now has over 60 facilities.

When founder Mark Kaufman first opened for business in 1991, AthletiCo had only one employee and two clients. Two decades later, AthletiCo operates throughout Northeastern Illinois, Milwaukee, and Northwest Indiana and employs more than 1,100 clinical and administrative staff. Mr. Kaufman's team has expanded over the years to include physical and occupational therapists, certified athletic trainers, personal trainers, strength and conditioning specialists, and massage therapists.

AthletiCo currently serves a large clientele of workers on disability, assisting their recovery and helping injured people get back to work. AthletiCo also closely associates with over 150 local high schools, colleges, and professional sports teams including Illinois' own Bears, Cubs, White Sox, Blackhawks, and Bulls, helping athletes stay in shape and recover from injury.

Mr. Kaufman also has a reputation for treating his employees well, allowing him to retain a happy and effective staff. AthletiCo prioritizes continuing education for its employees and also provides post-professional education through in-house training, tuition reimbursements, and orthopedic clinical residency programs.

I am proud to have this business in my district, and I look forward to its continuing positive impact. I am grateful for the services Mr. Kaufman and AthletiCo provide in Chicagoland and the surrounding areas. Please join me in celebrating AthletiCo as they continue to pursue their mission of improving the health and wellbeing of local men, women, and children.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR JIM  
RIDENOUR

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and the deepest respect that I ask you to join me in honoring one of the Central Valley's most distinguished citizens, Mayor Jim Ridenour, as he ends his successful tenure as the Mayor of Modesto, California.

Mayor Ridenour epitomizes what is best about Modesto and has shown a selfless commitment to his community. A life-long resident of Modesto, Mayor Ridenour had a successful business career in the ambulance industry. He served five terms as Chairman of the California Ambulance Association, and received many awards and honors from the association and state legislators. He also served as a reserve deputy sheriff for Stanislaus and Santa Barbara counties.

During his eight years in office, Mayor Ridenour has shown a tireless commitment to help Modesto enrich and empower its citizens, families, businesses and schools. He has shown leadership in encouraging regional cooperation on important issues through initiatives such as the "Mayor's Working Group" which brings together the nine Mayors of Stanislaus County to share information and work together on central issues such as transportation. With the City Council's diligent work, he has provided leadership in consistently developing a balanced budget and in doing so has put Modesto in a far better financial position than many other cities in the surrounding area.

Mayor Ridenour has strived to make local government more user-friendly and accessible to the citizens of Modesto. He created a web-based citizen action center where citizens can report problems, ask questions and track responses and response times. He has also made applications for citizens' advisory committees available online. Mayor Ridenour has made an effort to make local government more transparent by developing a comprehensive Salary & Compensation webpage where the public can view Councilmembers' pay, Charter Officer contracts and pay, Department Director pay as well as all salary schedules and job descriptions as well as labor contracts. He has always been described as a man of the people.

Mayor Ridenour assumed an important leadership role as the President of the League of California Cities in 2010, a critical time for California's cities. As President and in his subsequent service as a member of the League's executive committee, Mayor Ridenour proved to be a powerful player in the fight for redevelopment and California's future.

Mayor Ridenour is married to his beautiful wife Renee for forty years and together they have three children and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating my good friend, Mayor Jim Ridenour and the Ridenour family as he celebrates his successful service as Modesto's Mayor.

HONORING HOLT HICKMAN AT THE  
TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY IN  
FORT WORTH

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has preserved Fort Worth's unique history and has made sure it is available for future generations; Holt Hickman. This Weatherford native is being honored at the Texas Independence Day in Fort Worth, and I couldn't think of a better Cowtown honoree.

While Holt is being recognized for his commitment to Fort Worth's past, his business career has been about innovation and looking to the future. Holt is responsible for helping bring air conditioning to automobiles turning the feature from a luxury to a necessity. The first Japanese cars sold to the U.S. market had air conditioning only because Holt convinced the auto makers this was the future. Holt is not only a successful businessman who has had local, national and international reach, he has also been one of the many tenacious civic leaders in our community who have made Fort Worth what it is today.

Holt helped save and preserve the Fort Worth Stockyards in what was one of the largest historic preservation projects in the country. He accomplished this in part by working with passionate and committed partners. Because of his efforts, the Stockyards are one of the most visited and beloved areas of the city today. As Mayor, I was privileged to have Holt as a partner and that friendship has continued throughout my career. His energy, generosity, and vision will continue to enhance our city's cowboy heritage for generations to come. I couldn't think of a more deserving Texan to be honored on the day of our state's independence.

HONORING ETHAN NELSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Nelson. Ethan 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 206, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan 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, Ethan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN LEE

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor San Mateo City Councilmember John Lee as he ends his 12 years of service to the people of San Mateo. John was first elected to the city council in 1999 and was re-elected by substantial margins in both 2003 and 2007. He is a 28-year resident of San Mateo and has been actively involved in public affairs on the San Francisco Peninsula for many decades.

John Lee served the residents of San Mateo County as a Board Member and Chair of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. The authority makes tough choices about how to spend taxpayer money on public road and transit improvements. In his role on the authority, John voted on public improvements that speed the travel of millions of county and regional residents, annually. It takes a savvy board member to rank projects according to their merit and to resist the temptation to simply cast a vote to please a special interest. John had no trouble saying "yes" to the public's interest in all the votes that he cast.

Over several decades, John has been vigorous in community affairs as an active member of at least two Chambers of Commerce: Redwood City and San Mateo. Quite unusually for a person who also had a growing business, John Lee found time to serve as President of both Chambers of Commerce during his service on their boards. In his community service and private sector public policy positions, John worked on legislative affairs and membership development, and he could always be relied upon to work well with my office and those of any elected official.

John is a 31-year member of the San Mateo Rotary Club and has been a board member of Jobs for Youth and the American Heart Association. He has been a passionate advocate for housing the less fortunate in San Mateo County, and in his job as councilmember he has served as the city's liaison to Housing Our People Effectively (HOPE). He can be counted on to attend any groundbreaking for affordable housing, and has spoken forcefully about the need to house teachers, firefighters, clerks, and others who need affordable shelter, during his public and private sector service.

As a past board member of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), John helped this public policy group nurture San Mateo County's entrepreneurial culture. He also was a cofounder of Telogy, a high technology company. Telogy eventually employed 450 persons with John serving as Senior Vice President of Operations prior to his retirement.

There are many characteristics of John Lee that mark him as a man of quite greatness, but I must close my remarks by noting John's devotion to this Nation through his 22 years in the United States Marine Corps. John served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He rarely raises his distinguished service to this Nation, but you can learn all that you need to learn about his devotion to America by watching him while he says the pledge of allegiance and listens to the Star Spangled Banner. A handful of people feel these moments so

deeply that their eyes tear up. John is one of these amazing few.

With honor, in dignity, and at many times with valor, John Lee has served his fellow citizens over decades that spanned two centuries. Like other Americans who are local heroes, John Lee will be remembered as a strong, articulate man who exemplifies this Nation's quiet courage and great resourcefulness in the face of all challenges. I salute him upon his latest retirement, this time from the City Council of the City of San Mateo, California.

Mr. Speaker, let us always remember John Lee. America has been built by him, and by other men and women like him, who preserve this nation's liberty through their daily examples of duty to God, country and community. We are all greatly blessed by the contributions of retiring city councilmember John Lee, an American in heart and soul.

**HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS  
AND GIRLS CLUB OF CHICAGO****HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, a local organization that promotes leadership and scholarship for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18.

In the autumn of 1931, Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin had their very first event, a football game involving local children that ended in a 13-13 tie. While watching the game, the spirit and teamwork of the participants showed the two founders that this organization could be a positive force for change. Since then, the club has been a staple of the Homer Park neighborhood. It currently serves over 1200 children each year, building character, cultivating leadership and encouraging teamwork.

The NBGC mainly achieves these goals through sports, academics and art. Within the floor hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball and other sports programs, every child plays in every game, enjoying a positive and encouraging atmosphere and learning to provide the same for their teammates.

Additionally, the NBGC has fostered an extensive volunteer and parent network. The coaches, teachers and mentors provide the club with the engine to power the vehicle of growth and learning that children in the area have enjoyed for generations. They have led by example that it truly takes a village to raise a child.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club for 80 years of nurturing strong values in Chicago's youth, as well as developing a strong community throughout the area. I wish them even greater success in the years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630,  
MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND  
JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 17, 2012*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of a provision in H.R. 3630 that will help ensure a competitive, creative, and consumer-friendly wireless marketplace. As more and more Americans use mobile devices to surf the web and communicate with others, it is imperative that they have a choice of providers that have sufficient spectrum to meet these growing demands. Because H.R. 3630 gives the FCC authority to hold voluntary incentive auctions of broadcast spectrum, it is important to ensure that there is no question about the Commission's authority to adopt and enforce rules of general applicability concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition. Fortunately, the H.R. 3630 conferees included a provision that specifically confirms that authority. As an exception to a provision in the bill that prohibits the FCC from preventing persons from participating in auctions, this savings clause gives the FCC the flexibility to adopt spectrum rules in the manner that most effectively promotes competition—in connection with a particular auction or otherwise. I commend the conferees for including this provision.

**HONORING RICHARD LUKE  
LANNING****HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard Luke Lanning. Richard 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Richard has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Richard 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, Richard has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

**IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER  
WILLIAM EILEEN DUNN****HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sister William Eileen Dunn, a dear friend who

is leaving Seton Medical Center after 30 years of compassionate care and service. Her dedication to the Daly City community and to the health and betterment of the sick and less fortunate has been deeply inspirational. It is impossible to not feel blessed by her presence and her healing touch.

Sister William Eileen was born in San Francisco as one of two twin sisters to the late William and Eileen Dunn. She attended St. John's Ursuline grade and high school and then earned her R.N. diploma from Mary's Help School of Nursing in San Francisco. The school was sponsored and operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She then entered the Daughters of Charity religious community and earned her BSN from Marillace College in St. Louis, Missouri.

Her assignments from the Daughters of Charity took Sister Eileen across the country. In 1964, she started out as a staff nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton, Illinois and continued on to Hotel Dieu Hospital in El Paso, Texas as the supervisor of OB/GYN and emergency services. In 1968 she came back to California and worked as supervisor of emergency services at Mary's Help Hospital—today's Seton Medical Center—in Daly City. In 1978 she transferred to O'Connor Hospital in Campbell as patient advocate, then as administrative coordinator of the chemical abuse unit, emergency and outpatient/OR services, and subsequently as director of the pastoral care department.

In 1984, Sister William Eileen moved south to Los Angeles and became the patient advocate at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Three years later she returned to the Bay Area as the administrator of Laboure Residence in Los Altos Hills and in 1992, she became chair of the board of directors at O'Connor Hospital. Simultaneously, she managed the St. Vincent de Paul free dining room in Oakland from 1992–2002.

In 2002, Sister William Eileen returned to Seton Medical Center and the following year started serving as Vice-President of Mission Integration, a position she held until today. She will now move on to Villa Sienna in Mountain View and serve as the mission leader at this Daughters of Charity assisted living facility.

This year she celebrates 50 years as a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Last year she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Daly City/Colma Chamber of Commerce. In 2008, she received the Daly City Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award.

It may come as a surprise that Sister William Eileen—or Sister Miscellaneous as she calls herself—is an avid sports fan. She barely misses a game on TV. Every year she kicks off the annual Seton golf tournament and is known to have promised divine intervention—for a certain fee.

About four years ago, Sister William Eileen and Kathy King, executive director of Seton, got wind that Jerry Rice would be playing a golf tournament at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay. They may have had some heavenly help and found out exactly when Jerry Rice was playing. Both of them literally ran up a hill, chasing him and asking to have their picture taken with him. It's a true story! Sister has the photo to prove it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the selfless service of Sister William

Eileen Dunn, a guardian angel for every person she befriends, and wish her the best for her new assignment at Villa Sienna.

HONORING JEANNE MILSTEIN ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT  
FROM STATE SERVICE

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep thanks and appreciation that I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Jeanne Milstein, as she steps down after serving nearly twelve years as Connecticut's Child Advocate where she oversaw the protection and care of Connecticut's most vulnerable and youngest citizens.

First appointed Child Advocate by former Governor John G. Rowland and, while the Office of the Child Advocate is an independent agency, has been reappointed and served in three different administrations. Guided by the simple adage, "if you are not outraged, you are not paying attention," Jeanne has been an outstanding advocate and has become one of Connecticut's foremost authorities on issues impacting children.

Jeanne has dedicated her entire professional career to advocating for our young people—giving a voice to those who all too often cannot be heard. In fact, in 2009, she served as the representative from the United States at the 2008 Summit of Ombudsmen for Children from G–8 countries. Prior to her service as Child Advocate, Jeanne was Director of Government Relations for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and Legislative Director for the Connecticut Commission on Children. Earlier in her career, she was responsible for child care in the Connecticut Department of Human Resources and previously served as Executive Director of the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut and Legislative Director of the Permanent Commission of the Status of Women.

With her extraordinary passion and commitment, Jeanne has not only identified the failures of state agencies and public policies to care for our children, but has authored numerous reports on how to make them work for those they are supposed to protect. During her tenure, she oversaw the investigation and resolution of thousands of complaints, concerns, or reports by citizens about the welfare of children in the community and in state or private institutions. She has also spoken frequently on many of the most difficult issues facing today's children ranging from conditions at the state's juvenile corrections and residential facilities to the quality of child protection and the delivery of children's mental health services as well as services to children with special health care needs or disabilities. Jeanne has been a champion in every sense and we have been fortunate to benefit from her outstanding service.

On a more personal note, I am glad to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to Jeanne for her many years of friendship and support. I have often sought her expertise and her door has always been open.

Jeanne was the third person to serve as Child Advocate in Connecticut but it can be

said that she has helped shape the position into the dynamic, respected office that it has become. She leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to influence public policy for years to come. I am proud to join all of those gathered today to thank Jeanne Milstein for her outstanding service to our state and especially our children. I have no doubt that though she is closing this chapter, she will find new opportunities to continue her good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 73, I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

HONORING RYAN THOMAS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Thomas. Ryan 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan 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, Ryan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF BRAD LEWIS

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend San Carlos City Council Member Brad Lewis who is leaving the council after filling the remaining time in the term of the late and much-beloved Mayor Omar Ahmad. Councilman Lewis is an idealist, an artist and a pragmatist all rolled into one.

Mr. Lewis is an idealistic community leader. For example, he served for five years on the Parks and Recreation Commission wrestling with exploding participation in youth sports activities. The city has little ability to find new fields or play space, but Mr. Lewis worked diplomatically with residents to ensure that children had a chance to participate in sports despite the constraints.

In part due to his skills as a Commissioner, he was elected to serve four years on the San

Carlos City Council from 2005 through 2009. In 2006 his colleagues elected him as Vice Mayor, and in 2007 they elected him Mayor. It was in these positions that he showed his skills as a pragmatist.

For example, during his first term on the city council San Carlos took a major step forward in meeting regional medical needs with the approval of a new hospital. When the economy nosedived in the wake of the global credit crunch of 2008, Mr. Lewis and his colleagues on the council took prudent, painful and necessary steps to balance the city's budget. He also participated in many other decisions leading to economic development within the city, resulting in projects that will bear fruit in the years ahead.

In 2011, San Carlos' Mayor passed away unexpectedly and the city council reached out to a seasoned resident—Brad Lewis—to fill the remaining months of Mayor Ahmad's term. There is no question that the council chose wisely because it took no time at all for Brad Lewis to learn the status of current issues and to adapt to council business. He is to be highly commended for serving these past few months in this challenging, basically volunteer position.

Mr. Lewis is an artist at heart and as a professional. While Mayor in 2007, he found time to win an Oscar for producing the Pixar film *Ratatouille*. He co-directed the 2011 Pixar hit *Cars 2* and has to his credit two Emmys and two Clio Awards. This is a man of unusual talents, and obviously one who cuts ribbons opening new businesses in town all the while cutting a swath through Hollywood.

In fact, Mr. Lewis' career has spanned decades in the television and animation business, having worked for Pacific Data Images, PDI, for over 13 years as vice president of productions, Pixar Animation Studios starting in November 2001, and Digital Domain's Tradition Studios division in Florida as of July 2011 where he is serving as director for a project set to release in 2014.

As Mr. Lewis said in an interview just a few weeks ago, he moved to San Carlos because a close friend lived in the city and because as a father he wanted to reduce a lot of the unknowns related to raising a child. He has two children, Jackson, age 22, and Ella, age 8½. His wife, Regina, has been an enormous source of support to him during his public service.

Mr. Speaker, San Carlos is a wonderful place to raise children, and Mr. Lewis has directly contributed to that family spirit through his leadership. He is now leaving the council and, at least for a time, leaving San Carlos as he makes his way in this next phase of his career. We have no doubt that he will return, however, to full-time residence and to the city that he has helped to shape for the betterment of all.

HONORING CATHY HUGHES AS A  
DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT OF  
THE 2012 NAACP CHAIRMAN'S  
AWARD

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an

outstanding human being and my dear friend, Ms. Cathy Hughes, on receiving this year's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, Chairman's Award, the highest honor the NAACP has to offer. Cathy is a true symbol of American entrepreneurship and success. From her humble beginnings growing up in an Omaha housing project to becoming a leader in the media industry, Cathy embodies the spirit of determination and hard work.

Cathy's story is nothing short of remarkable. Born Catherine Elizabeth Woods in 1947, Cathy was the eldest of four children. By the age of 17, Cathy had dropped out of high school and become a single mother. Although she attended two universities in Nebraska, she did not have the opportunity to graduate. Despite these challenges, Cathy knew that she wanted a career in radio from a very young age and, in 1969 at the age of 22, began volunteering at KOWH, an African American owned radio station based out of Omaha, Nebraska. There, she excelled in the radio business and caught the attention of the Howard University School of Communications in Washington, D.C., where she was offered a position as a lecturer and assistant dean. By 1978, Cathy had become the vice-president and general manager of WYCB-AM and, a year later, along with her former husband, founded Radio One and purchased her first radio station in Washington D.C., WOL 1450.

Times were not easy at WOL 1450. Because of the lack of funding, Cathy had to give up her apartment and live with her son at the station. She also filled several roles as owner, producer, radio personality, and DJ, since she could not afford to pay personnel. But her perseverance and determination to see her dream succeed kept her going. Today Radio One is the largest African American owned and operated radio broadcast network, with over 65 radio stations in every major market in the United States and the seventh largest network in the nation. In 2004, Cathy launched TV One, a cable television channel dedicated to capturing the rich and diverse experience of African American life, history, and culture.

On February 17, 2012, Ms. Hughes was honored at the 43rd NAACP Image Awards, the premier multicultural awards show that recognizes the achievements of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature, film, and creative social justice. Cathy's name has been added to an illustrious list of past honorees, such as U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin, Former Vice-President Al Gore, then Senator Barack Obama, and Aretha Franklin. And no one could be more deserving.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize a pioneer in the media industry, a leader in the African American community, and my dear friend, Ms. Cathy Hughes. I commend her for her tireless dedication to empowering the disenfranchised and for continuing to be a powerful voice for those who too often remain unheard. Cathy, I wish you all the best for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF HERBERT  
ADAMS

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Herbert Adams of Worcester, MA. Herbert is being honored on March 13, 2012 by the Worcester City Council Chamber for his volunteer service to his community. Herbert was born in Maine, where he was adopted by an uncle after the tragic deaths of his parents. When the United States entered WWII, he repeatedly attempted to volunteer for the service, finally discovering that he was exempted from the military due to his job in the shipyards. Herbert applied just one more time—this time claiming to be unemployed. Once in the Army, Herbert again tenaciously fought his way into the line of fire. With determination and a little luck, he qualified as a paratrooper in time to take part in some of the most ferocious fighting of the war.

Like many paratroopers, Mr. Adams time and time again found himself in crucial battles. From North Africa he was shipped to Italy and fought on the beaches at Anzio. After Italy he went to the Western Front and took part in Operation Market Garden, where he was temporarily reported as missing in action to his wife, Beverly. A month later he fought in the Battle of the Bulge, playing a key role in the capture of an entire German company. After the German surrender Herbert was assigned as a personal bodyguard to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He would meet President Eisenhower once more, when he visited Worcester during his presidential campaign.

Mr. Adams' military service, for which he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, is deserving of recognition on its own. But he has also carried his lifetime of public service into his civilian life. Herbert has been recognized for his exemplary four decades with the scouts and works endlessly to maintain Worcester's parks and monuments. Every American can aspire to imitate his lifetime of heroism and sacrifice. Today I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Herbert Adams.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER MORGAN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Morgan. Christopher 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 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher 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, Christopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
LEAGUE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Service League of San Mateo County which for a half-century has provided services and created hope for thousands of county jail inmates and their families. The compassionate volunteers and staff work tirelessly to make certain inmates and former inmates have access to programs, services and support networks they need to re-enter the community as contributing citizens and responsible family members.

Every day the Service League helps individuals who have lost their way get a step closer to productive lives and benefits our entire community by reducing criminal activity and recidivism. I am privileged to be a member of the Advisory Board of this great organization.

Under the outstanding leadership of executive director Mike Nevin, the Service League continues to offer a broad range of programs covering humanitarian, educational, substance abuse, recovery, spiritual and personal growth services. While some of the needs of inmates may seem obvious, such as contact with attorneys, probation officers and employers, the Service League also the less obvious needs. The "Jury Trial Clothes" program, for example, levels the playing field for inmates who are unable to afford clothing suitable for court appearances, jail procedures, or facility programs. The Service League solicits donations and dresses inmates for trial. "Inmate Orientations" are held twice weekly to provide information to newly-jailed individuals about the correctional process and facility programs, such as AA, NA, and church services. "Outreach to Families" of inmates provides friendly support, referral, advocacy and emergency assistance. The County Office of Education offers GED tutoring and testing at some facilities and the Service League supports this effort by training volunteers to tutor inmates one on one.

The Service League also operates six Hope Houses, two residential homes for women, two transitional homes for women and two transitional homes for men. Those facilities truly live up to their name! Karen Francone-Hart, director of the Service League, started the first six-bed Hope House in 1990. Thinking back to that time, Karen reflects that "each day, each step reminded me of nurturing a new infant."

Hope Houses provide a 180-day residential treatment program for women who are involved in the criminal justice program. These women are prepared to become responsible, productive and independent members of the community while living in a safe, nurturing and clean environment. After completing the 180-day treatment program, the women are allowed to move into a transitional living program—Hope House II—as long as they stay employed or are attending school. The suc-

cess of this program speaks for itself: 85% of the women who complete the program are reunited with their children, 70% remain clean, sober and crime free and 60% become gainfully employed.

Diane Joiner is one of the women who found her path through Hope House. While she was in jail, she participated in the "Hope Inside" program, a group led by the Hope House staff. When she was released, she sought residential treatment at a Hope House. She graduated from the 180-day program and is now happily employed by Goodwill Industries where she received a promotion shortly after being hired. Diane was given a second chance, regained her life and is now a proud, productive member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, the volunteers and staff of the Service League of San Mateo County recognize the humanity in every single member of our society. I ask this body to rise with me to honor their passion to build a better tomorrow for all of us.

COMMEMORATING THE UNVEILING  
OF STONE MARKER ACKNOWLEDGING  
THE ROLE OF ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS  
IN CONSTRUCTING THE CAPITOL  
OF THE UNITED STATES

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today we honor enslaved African Americans with the unveiling of this great stone and marker once quarried by them for The Capitol of the United States. This dedicated marker will serve as a reminder to all who enter The Capitol of the hands and hearts that built this great place that fosters democracy at the highest level.

I include a poem penned in honor of those enslaved African Americans by Albert Caswell. The poem is entitled,

AND FROM THESE HANDS

And . . .  
And from these hands . . .  
As now so stands  
A Temple to Liberty so very grand  
One of Freedom, for every child, woman, and man  
From these hands  
For out of their blood, sweat, and tears  
As upon this Hill as now so appears  
Is but a shrine to democracy so very clear  
From these hands  
Whether Captain Pointer, pointing the way  
Guiding those ships,  
As upon them this most sacred marble and stone so lay  
Or at the very top,  
How poignant, Reid so helped Freedom to keep watch  
Now both night and day  
So listen so closely here,  
As to heart speaks so clear  
Of what it took to build this great temple here  
And To Be Free  
Much effort and sacrifice indeed  
And as you enter your heart skips a beat  
Into the great Rotunda at night, as like a prayer  
Can you but not feel their very souls in there?  
All because these fine men, who once so per-severed

Oh how ironic as was this fate  
That this Temple of Freedom,  
Was so once built by slaves!  
From . . . These . . . Hands . . . which gave!  
As their souls are so now etched everywhere  
But look at what they so made

As generations have so come to pass  
And new hands in this temple have labored  
steadfast

All in our nation's struggle to so ask  
The ones, who have so fought against hatred  
so clear

Trying to vanquish discrimination year after year

Can you but not feel Martin's tears?  
And today, if they could all be here  
Would they but not so shed a tear?  
All at what they so see here

So say a prayer, and all of these  
Who but with their hands and hearts,  
And souls so built this great Temple of Liberty

The ones who so placed this great stone  
All in that fight  
All in Freedom's home,  
So one day we could all be here  
Free

So on this day  
This marker of remembrance we now place  
All for what they so taught us,  
So gave

As we see their great efforts all etched into this stone  
They made

Like quarried stone, Freedom too does not come so easy!

Only through such blood, sweat, and tears can this all be!

In our lives, what have we made  
From . . . these . . . hands . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, during final consideration of H.R. 347, the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, I inadvertently voted "nay" on rollcall vote 73 when I intended to vote "aye". I would like the record to reflect that I support the bill, which creates sensible penalties for knowingly breaching the security of locations such as the White House and its grounds.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICK WYKOFF

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Foster City Councilmember Rick Wykoff for his decades of public service on the occasion of his retirement on December 5, 2011. He served on the City Council for the last ten years and was city manager from 1977–1994.

I have known Rick for over 30 years and have witnessed his dedication to, and passion for, our community. He thrived in the many positions he has held over the years throughout California.

Foster City is extraordinarily fortunate that Rick offered his experience as city manager, his wisdom and talent to the city council for

the last decade. On his watch, the council oversaw multiple public and private development projects, among them the building of City Hall, the Teen Centre Vibe, the North Peninsula Jewish Community Center, the redevelopment of Miramar and Marlin Cove and the development of the Gilead Science Campus, the Pilgrim/Triton and Chess/Hatch projects. Everyone in Foster City has benefitted from Rick's outstanding work.

Rick was born in Sacramento. He earned his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Public Administration from San Diego State University and the University of Southern California respectively.

Before attending college, Rick worked as a beach life guard for the United States Coast Guard from 1960–64. While attending San Diego State University, he became an administrative intern in Oceanside in San Diego County in February 1968. That was clearly where he caught the public service bug. The same year Rick became the administrative assistant to the city manager of Yorba Linda in Orange County where he stayed for two years. From 1970–73, he was assistant manager and administrative assistant in Buena Park, Orange County, until he became the manager for this city of 62,000 residents.

In 1977 Rick moved north to the San Francisco Peninsula to assume his position as city manager of Foster City. He successfully dealt with past political and administrative turmoil and put in place a professional team that managed the needs of the city. Rick also served as manager of the Estero Municipal Improvement District and as executive director to the Redevelopment Agency.

From 1994–95, he served as interim public works director of South San Francisco where he oversaw a freeway interchange and railroad grade separation. He returned to the department in 1997 as a special Projects coordinator. The same year he became interim director of Community Redevelopment in Morgan Hill and acting public works director in Daly City. During his time in Daly City, Mother Nature presented Rick with a special challenge: an "El Nino" that year with heavy rains, wind and mudslides made his work overseeing streets and storm drains no picnic, but of course he saw the city through this most difficult of times.

From 1999–2000, Rick served as interim public works director in San Bruno. He was deeply involved in the negotiations regarding the BART station and the extension of underground lines through the city.

Rick has also served on the boards of directors of numerous organizations including the Industrial Emergency Council, the ABAG Plan Corp., the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Mateo County Advance Life Support Joint Powers Authority. Additionally he has 30 years of experience as a volunteer fire fighter.

Rick married his wife Judie 48 years ago and they raised two children, Carey and Dennis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the work of Rick Wykoff, my friend and an extraordinary public servant who has improved the lives of tens of thousands of Californians.

HONORING THE LOS ANGELES SELECTS HOCKEY PEEWEE AAA TEAM

**HON. DANA ROHRBACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the members of the Los Angeles Selects Hockey Peewee AAA team for winning the prestigious Peewee World Championship Tournament in Quebec on February 19, 2012. In the 53-year history of the tournament, this accomplishment marks the first time that a California team has won the event at the highest level of competition.

The L.A. Selects defeated the Vancouver North Shore Hockey Club in the championship game tournament by a score of 4–2 in hockey's equivalent of the Little League World Series. The Selects defeated teams from Russia, Slovakia, Detroit and Canada on their way to the title.

Over 100 teams comprised of 12- and 13-year old hockey players and representing 14 countries competed in the event. Over 10,000 people watched the championship game that took place in the Quebec Colisee, home of the former NHL Quebec Nordiques. Many NHL stars, such as Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux, played in this tournament as youngsters. Since 1960, the Quebec tournament is the pinnacle of hockey competition where nearly 200,000 hockey fans attend the twelve-day event.

The L.A. Selects Peewee AAA Championship Roster included constituents from my district as well as a number of other high caliber players from the surrounding area: Cooper Haar (Huntington Beach), Jordan Bonner (Huntington Beach), Brett Rudy (Huntington Beach), Dexter Russo (Laguna Beach), Cayla Barnes (Corona), Jacob McGrew (Orange), Jack St. Ivany (Manhattan Beach), Vanya Lodnia (Anaheim), Cole Guttman (Northridge), Brandon McDonald (Valencia), Rhett Bruckner (Las Vegas), Brannon McManus (Upland), Nikolai Gruzdev (Valencia), Jesse Lycan (Escondido), Lukas Uhler (Upland).

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article, from Youth1.com about the team and the tournament.

LA SELECTS WIN QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL PEEWEE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

(By Dan Lio)

The No. 5 LA Selects rebounded from their opening game loss to win five straight games en route to capturing the tournament title at the 53rd Annual Quebec International Peewee Hockey Tournament, a tournament that lasted over a week long.

In their opening game on Monday, the Selects gave up a 3rd period lead, falling 3–2 to the St. Louis Blues. After the loss, their offense was in full force in their next game last Wednesday as they defeated Bratislava 14–0. In the win the Selects received hat tricks from three different players, including Jake McGrew, Cole Guttman and Vanya Lodnia. Also scoring in the win were Cayla Barnes, Brannon McManus, Jesse Lycan, Lukas Uhler and Brett Rudy. The Selects were back in action the following day to take on No. 4 ranked Compuware. In a well-played game by both team the Selects defeated Compuware 3–2 behind two goals from McManus and one from Guttman. Picking up the win inbetween the pipes was Rhett

Bruckner. The Selects blew out Russia Forward in their next game, defeating them 8–1. Offensively, McManus led the way with four goals and one assist, while Guttman pitched in with two goals and an assist. Both Jake McGrew and Cooper Haar also found the back of the net in the win, while goalie Brandon McDonald picked up his second win of the tournament.

The Selects battled the Whitby Wildcats in their next game, with the winner advancing to the championship game. It was all Selects from the get go as they eventually took home the 6–2 win. In the win they received goals from six different players, including McGrew, Lodnia, Guttman, Haar, Lycan and Jordan Bonner.

In the championship game the Selects took on the previously undefeated North Shore Winter Club. In a total team effort, the Selects were able to double up North Shore, taking home the 4–2 victory to win the championship. Brannon McManus and Vanya Lodnia each had two goals and an assist in the win, while Jake McGrew and Cayla Barnes each pitched in with an assist. Playing phenomenal in net was Rhett Bruckner as he picked up his third straight win.

Congratulations to all members of the team, including coaches Shawn Pitcher, Greg Chinarian, Andrew Cohen, Igor Nikulin, Barry McManus and players Brandon McDonald, Rhett Bruckner, Jack St. Ivany, Jake McGrew, Vanya Lodnia, Dexter Russo, Cole Guttman, Jordan Bonner, Cayla Barnes, Brannon McManus, Cooper Haar, Nikolai Gruzdev, Jesse Lycan, Lukas Uhler and Brett Rudy.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 17, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, on February 24, 2012, Rep. FRED UPTON, the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, inserted into the record a section-by-section discussion of the spectrum provisions in H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. This is a one-sided and after-the-fact attempt to influence interpretation of the Act by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and reviewing courts. Although there are a number of inaccuracies in the section-by-section analysis, Rep. UPTON's commentary on section 6404, which adds a new paragraph 17 to section 309(j) of the Communications Act addressing participation in auctions, is particularly egregious.

Rep. UPTON made two unsuccessful attempts prior to the passage of this legislation to have the conferees adopt his views on the consensus language in section 6404. First, on February 15, 2012, Rep. UPTON's staff proposed that language be inserted into the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Conference Committee stating that a "full spectrum of bidders" must be allowed to buy spectrum in incentive auctions. The conferees rejected this suggested language. In particular, it did not reflect the provision in the final bill that preserved the authority of the FCC to adopt rules that protect competition in any market, such as by requiring carriers that win licenses at auction to divest spectrum.

The following day, as the Joint Explanatory Statement was being finalized, Rep. UPTON's staff proposed a section-by-section summary of the Act for insertion into the report. This summary was also rejected by the conferees. As a result, the final Joint Explanatory Statement contains a section-by-section summary of only the language in H.R. 3630 as it passed the House, not as it was modified by the conferees. This section-by-section summary of the House-passed language was prepared by the Congressional Research Service as an aid to the conferees.

The conferees, including Rep. UPTON, did agree to include in the Joint Explanatory Statement the following general language to describe the spectrum provisions in the final legislation: "The public safety and spectrum provisions of this legislation advance wireless broadband service by clearing spectrum for commercial auction, promoting billions of dollars in private investment, and creating tens of thousands of jobs. These provisions also deliver on one of the last outstanding recommendations of the 9/11 Commission by creating a nationwide interoperable broadband communications network for first responders and generating billions of dollars of Federal revenue." This is the only summary of the final legislation approved by the conferees.

Accordingly, Rep. UPTON's insertion of his own section-by-section analysis of the bill, offered after passage and without approval by the other conferees, carries no special weight. It is an effort by one member of the Conference Committee to advance an interpretative spin that does not fairly reflect the language of new paragraph 17 and was specifically rejected by the conferees as a whole.

Like Rep. UPTON, I was a conferee. The language in question was negotiated over multiple meetings by the staff of three members of the House and five members of the Senate. The three House members represented in these meetings were all conferees: Rep. UPTON, the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. WALDEN, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, and myself, the Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The five Senators represented were two conferees, Senator BAUCUS, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator KYL, a member of the Finance Committee and the Republican Whip; two Senators with special expertise in spectrum policy, Senator ROCKEFELLER, the Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Senator HUTCHINSON, the Ranking Member of the Commerce Committee; and Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID.

My staff in particular played a leading role in writing and negotiating the language in paragraph 17 that ended up in the final bill, including the very savings language Rep. UPTON glosses over, which was inserted specifically to protect FCC authority. I have a very different perspective on the language my staff put forward than the one Rep. UPTON suggests.

Rep. UPTON states that the "sole qualifications" of bidders under paragraph 17 are that they "abide by the auction procedures and other requirements to protect the auction process, and that they meet the technical, financial, character, and citizenship requirements under 303(1)(1), 308(b), and 310 of the Communications Act" either at the time of the bid-

ding or before grant of the license if they submit a winning bid. What this interpretation fails to reflect is that the prohibition in subparagraph 17(A) is only a prohibition on "prevent[ing] a person from participating in a system of competitive bidding." A "system of competitive bidding" under the Communications Act can include multiple groups of licenses or blocks of licenses. It therefore would be permissible for the FCC to set aside blocks of licenses within an auction on which particular bidders may not bid. This would limit a person's participation in the system of competitive bidding, which subparagraph 17(A) allows, but not prevent participation, which subparagraph 17(A) prohibits. For example, a system of competitive bidding in which the FCC established two blocks of licenses, and allowed bidders to bid on either of the two blocks, but not both, would be consistent with subparagraph 17(A).

Rep. UPTON acknowledges that nothing in paragraph 17 affects the FCC's authority to "adopt and enforce rules of general applicability," but suggests that such rules must take their form via "notice and comment rulemaking conducted separately from a particular auction" and with the input of others besides "parties courting particular spectrum." Rep. UPTON is apparently trying to create a distinction—found nowhere in the law—between "rules of general applicability" conducted through separate notice and comment rulemaking and "rules regarding particular carriers, particular classes of carriers, or particular auctions." This interpretation departs greatly from what was agreed to by the conferees. Contrary to the interpretation posited by Rep. UPTON, a "rule of general applicability" is a well-known term used in the definition of a "rule" in the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). The established APA and judicial meaning is that a rule of general applicability is a rule that is not party-specific or what is known as a "rule of particular applicability." The term "rule of general applicability" was used in the savings clause in subparagraph 17(B) to ensure that the FCC can adopt and enforce rules that apply to all licenses, apply to auctioned spectrum generally, or apply to spectrum offered in a particular auction. All of these types of rules are enforceable with respect to auctions and auctioned spectrum because they are not literally or effectively party-specific.

Rep. UPTON further states that the phrase "rules concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition" was inserted in subparagraph 17(B) to "illustrate that the FCC retains authority to adopt such rules in an industry-wide rulemaking" if the authority for the rule "may be found elsewhere in the Communications Act and does not conflict with the prohibition on excluding bidders." There are multiple problems with this analysis. During negotiations among conferee staff, Rep. UPTON's staff proposed that the phrase "other, industry-wide" be inserted before "rules of general applicability." This proposal was considered and rejected. The final language thus preserves the FCC's authority to issue any rules of general applicability, not just those that apply "industry-wide." It also makes clear that the savings clause in the last sentence preserves all of the FCC's pre-existing authority to issue rules of general applicability, not just those that address subjects "other" than participation in auctions.

The language of the savings clause provides that "[n]othing in subparagraph (A),"

which contains the prohibition on participation in a system of competitive bidding, "affects any authority the Commission has to adopt and enforce rules of general applicability, including rules concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition." If Rep. UPTON were correct that the rules of general applicability cannot "conflict with the prohibition on excluding bidders," the savings clause would be meaningless. The whole point of the savings clause is to preserve the FCC's pre-existing authority to issue rules of general applicability. The savings language in subparagraph 17(B) limits the reach of the prohibition in subparagraph 17(A), not vice-versa as Rep. UPTON contends.

The purpose of the agreed-upon language is simple: It prohibits the FCC from singling out a specific carrier for exclusion from a system of competitive bidding as long as that carrier complies with all auction procedures and other requirements to protect the auction process established by the Commission and either meets the technical, financial, character, and citizenship qualifications under sections 303(1)(1), 308(b), and 310 or would meet such qualifications before grant of the license. Rep. UPTON is correct in saying that every carrier is eligible to participate in a system of competitive bidding. The FCC, however, is able to require those carriers to come into compliance with applicable spectrum holding limitations, and all other license qualifications of any type, prior to granting a particular license. As adopted by the conferees, subparagraph 17(B) clarifies that Congress intends for the FCC to continue to promote competition through its spectrum policies. The FCC can adopt and enforce, for example, a spectrum cap through a rule that applies either to all licenses or to spectrum offered in a particular auction, as long as such rules are not party-specific. The agreed-upon savings clause thus preserves the FCC's ability to require, among other things, the divestiture of specific spectrum, such as spectrum below 1 GHz, in order to promote competition.

I was opposed to the language in paragraph 17 in the House-passed version of the bill. In the conference, I urged that the provision be deleted in its entirety. I was not successful in eliminating the section, but with the support of other conferees, I was successful in significantly limiting its application. Under pre-existing law, the FCC could have barred particular carriers like AT&T and Verizon from bidding on any of the relinquished broadcast spectrum if the FCC determined that excluding them would advance the public interest by promoting competition. Under the final language in paragraph 17, the FCC can no longer single out individual companies and exclude them from participating in a system of competitive bidding, but the FCC can limit their participation to discrete blocks of spectrum that are to be auctioned under the system of competitive bidding. Moreover, the FCC can require a company to divest spectrum it currently holds before awarding the company a license to new spectrum won in an auction. In effect, paragraph 17 gives companies with large spectrum holdings a choice: they can keep their existing spectrum or they can get new spectrum but give up their existing spectrum to preserve competition. Under paragraph 17, companies like AT&T and Verizon will be able to acquire new spectrum in an auction, but if the FCC determines the acquisition of that spectrum



would diminish competition, the companies can be required to divest other spectrum before they get a license to the new spectrum.

Prior to introduction of H.R. 3630 in the House, FCC staff was asked to meet with a bipartisan group of staff to review the draft House language. At that meeting, the FCC staff raised concerns regarding flaws in the proposed Republican language on bidder eligibility. Specifically, FCC staff stated that the House Republican language was overly broad and would hinder the Commission's ability to promote competition. Along with other conferees, I worked to correct these problems and provide the Commission appropriate flexibility. The conferees unequivocally rejected the original House language, which Rep. UPTON seeks to resurrect through his interpretive gloss.

The final language in paragraph 17 was not to everyone's liking. The conferees tentatively agreed to the language on Sunday, February 12. As the final language leaked out, one company launched an eleventh-hour campaign to change it. According to an article in Politico on February 15, AT&T was "furious with proposed language in the deal that could affect its ability to bid for the spectrum" (David Rogers and Manu Raju, Spectrum Auction a Hold-up on Jobless Benefits Deal, PoliticoPro (Feb. 15, 2012) (online at <https://www.politicopro.com/story/tech/?id=9274>)). House Republicans, Politico reported, "would like to appease AT&T by refining language its negotiators have already accepted" (Id.).

AT&T's effort failed. As Politico reported the following day, "House Republicans had hoped to appease AT&T by refining language its negotiators have already accepted—but this effort was finally dropped" (David Rogers and Manu Raju, Payroll Tax Deal Finalized, PoliticoPro (Feb. 16, 2012) (online at <http://politi.co/yHTIM4L>)). If accepted as accurate legislative history, Rep. UPTON's remarks would give AT&T through the backdoor much of what the company was not able to achieve through the actual legislative process. This effort at revisionism should be rejected by the FCC and reviewing courts interpreting this section.

I also have concerns about the discussion in Rep. UPTON's remarks of section 6407, which addresses unlicensed use of spectrum in guard bands.

Unlicensed spectrum has been an engine of economic innovation and growth. Many advocate that allowing unlicensed use in the frequencies currently occupied by broadcasters could lead to new innovations like "Super WiFi." The final legislation advances this goal in three ways: (1) it gives the FCC the authority to preserve TV white spaces; (2) it gives the FCC the authority to optimize existing TV white spaces for unlicensed use by consolidating the existing white spaces into more optimal configurations through band plans; and (3) it gives the FCC the authority to use part of the spectrum relinquished by TV broadcasters in the incentive auction to establish nationwide "guard bands," including in high value markets that currently have little or no white spaces today, creating additional, new white spaces. Experts believe nationwide, unlicensed access to guard bands will enable innovation and promote investment in new unlicensed technologies.

The relevant language is contained in sections 6402, 6403, and 6407. Section 6402 creates a new subparagraph 309(j)(8) of the

Communications Act that authorizes the FCC to pay for the voluntary relinquishment of spectrum "in order to permit the assignment of new initial licenses." Section 6403(a) provides that the reverse auction to relinquish broadcast television spectrum is conducted "in order to make spectrum available for assignment through a system of competitive bidding." Section 6407 in turn permits the FCC to use some of the relinquished spectrum to create guard bands and, as detailed below, to allow unlicensed use in those guard bands.

The final legislation does not require that existing white spaces be auctioned. Section 6403(b) gives the FCC discretion in deciding how much spectrum, if any, the agency should auction in addition to the relinquished spectrum. Section 6403(b)(1)(A) requires the FCC to "evaluate the broadcast television spectrum (including spectrum made available through the reverse auction)." Section 6403(b)(1)(B) then specifies that the FCC "may" repack the remaining broadcast spectrum, which would include white spaces, by making "such reassignments of television channels as the Commission considers appropriate." Section 6403(b)(1)(B) also provides that the FCC "may . . . reallocate such portions of such spectrum as the Commission determines are available for reallocation." Under section 6403(c), only spectrum that the FCC determines should be "reallocated" under section 6403(b)(1)(B) is required to be auctioned.

The savings clause found in section 6407 provides the FCC authority to use "relinquished or other spectrum" to create "guard bands" in the spectrum to be auctioned and make these guard bands available for "unlicensed use." Under this authority, the FCC could create new TV white spaces in all markets by creating the guard bands out of spectrum that is relinquished by the broadcasters.

In Rep. UPTON's summary of section 6407, he states that the section gives the FCC the authority to "create guard bands and allow secondary, unlicensed use in spectrum it has cleared with federal funds." I agree with Rep. UPTON that the FCC can create guard bands in this spectrum and allow unlicensed use in these guard bands, but such use does not need to be a "secondary" use. During the course of negotiations over section 6407, Rep. UPTON's staff proposed that the language in section 6407 include the requirement that any unlicensed use of the guard bands be "secondary" to a licensed use of the spectrum in the guard bands. This provision was not accepted by the conferees. As a result, the final language gives the FCC the discretion to decide whether to make unlicensed use the primary or secondary use of the guard bands. Of course, any unlicensed use of the guard bands may not cause harmful interference with licensed uses of the spectrum that is auctioned.

While there are other assertions made by Rep. UPTON's insertion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that are inaccurate, these examples should serve to show that his statement does not fairly reflect the intent of Congress in adopting the provisions. In light of the fact that the conferees chose not to adopt a detailed summary of the provisions in this portion of the Act, it will fall to the FCC's open processes to ultimately inform its implementation of the Act's language.

HONORING GREGORY BLAKE  
TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gregory Blake Taylor. Gregory 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 354, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Gregory 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, Gregory has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF BRUCE  
HAMILTON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Bruce Hamilton who is retiring as Executive Director of HIP Housing after eight years of outstanding leadership.

I share many things with Bruce: a deep friendship, a birthday and a passion for his organization that has enabled thousands of San Mateo County residents to live independently and self-sufficiently in safe, low-cost homes.

Attending a HIP Housing graduation officiated by Bruce Hamilton is a bit like attending a revivalist meeting. Men, women and children traipse to the microphone for over an hour and tell stories of how HIP Housing and their own will power set them on the straight and narrow. A man just down on his luck found a home in which he can be both an aide and a friend to the homeowner. Rent? Sure, it's important to the homeowner, but in the world of Bruce and HIP Housing, what matters most is that yet another man became a success. A young mother with an abusive husband found a safe haven for herself and her three children. Another woman explained how she came to HIP and developed her life and parenting skills, earned her GED and landed a job. Bruce beamed like a proud dad. We often proclaim that we should "Make it in America". Well, Bruce Hamilton and HIP Housing make human dignity by the boatload in America, every day and all year long. Now that's a product worth making.

Before Bruce joined HIP Housing, he held an impressive variety of positions all over the country. He was the Executive Director of the Alliance on Aging in Monterey, California, Administrator at the Unitarian Church in Palo Alto, California; Executive Director of the State Bar of Arizona/Arizona Bar Foundation in

Phoenix, Arizona, Director of the State Bar of California in San Francisco, California, County Supervisor in Lancaster County, Nebraska, Partner in the Law Offices of Hamilton, German & Robinson in Lincoln, Nebraska, Assistant Director of the American Bar Association in Chicago, Illinois and Public Defender at the Legal Aid Agency in Washington, DC.

Bruce's career is a clear testament to his passion for public service, justice and our democracy and so are his commitments in his spare time. He has volunteered for a long list of organizations including the Peace Corp in Ethiopia, the Housing Leadership Council, Thrive, HEART, Meals on Wheels, Community Health Care Corporation, Work Force Investment Board and United Way in Monterey County.

Bruce was born in 1942 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He received his BS in Secondary Education and his J.D. Degree from the University of Nebraska.

He is the proud father of his son Alfred and grandfather of Ashley and Lindsey.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce Hamilton personifies the old adage, "Walk a mile in my shoes." Bruce has walked many miles in the shoes of many of his clients over the years of his service to our community, and it is due to his capacity to empathize that he is being honored upon his retirement. His is a life's work well done.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONIC CHOIR

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Symphony Choir, one of our nation's most active and dynamic symphonic choruses.

The Choir performs for tens of thousands of my constituents annually at storied venues, including this year's Super Bowl. I was fortunate to witness the Choir's incomparable artistry during this year's Celebration Gospel Festival, a moving tribute to Dr. King's legacy.

Under the leadership of a phenomenal Board of Directors, as well as the guiding hands of artistic director Dr. Eric Stark, executive director Michael Pettry, General Manager Andrew Lannerd, and Operations Manager Stephanie Derybowski, the Choir adds to the cultural richness of the 7th District and provides invaluable inspiration to Hoosiers of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Since 1937, the Symphony Choir has partnered with the venerable Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. This collaboration of successful independent arts organizations has entertained generations of music lovers throughout Central Indiana. I also commend the Symphony Choir for spearheading educational initiatives benefitting students and teachers within Indianapolis Public Schools.

Finally, I want to congratulate the 160 volunteer singers who tirelessly dedicate themselves to mastering their craft. Their selfless devotion to community enrichment is awe-inspiring.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Indianapolis Symphony Choir on 75 years of music and wishing them continued success for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 27, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 50. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 73: "yes"—Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011.

RECOGNIZING STEVE TRUMAN

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated, compassionate and effective public servant Steve Truman, who is retiring after serving the people of the City of Roseville, Michigan, for 32 years, the last eight as City Manager.

Mr. Truman graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and he also earned a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University.

Mr. Truman began his career in the private sector as a city planning consultant. He started working for the City of Roseville in 1979 as the Executive Director for the Roseville Housing Commission. In 1983 he was appointed as the Director of Building and Inspections, and in March 2005 he became City Manager and has served in the capacity successfully to the present date.

Although City Manager is not elected position, Mr. Truman truly devoted himself to the community and was constantly visible everywhere throughout the city. He is a member of the Roseville Optimist Club, as well as a number of other community and professional organizations. Mr. Truman made it his goal to improve the City's financial future, and under his leadership, the City has continued on a path of sound financial footing despite immense economic challenges, while still providing quality services to residents.

It has been a true pleasure for my staff and me to work with Mr. Truman on collaborative efforts that have resulted in some important local initiatives. On one such occasion we worked together on a project to combine three municipal police and fire dispatch centers to consolidate and form one regional police and fire dispatch authority that provides greater efficiency and increased productivity. This type of forward and creative thinking has saved the City of Roseville \$2.5 million over a five-year period and is just one example of Mr. Truman's abilities as an effective leader.

In addition to his dedication to providing quality government service, Mr. Truman has also been a passionate advocate for education, serving on the Utica School Board for almost a decade. Since 2010 he has been a member of the Utica Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated public service of Steve Truman and his numerous achieve-

ments over a 32-year career. I am so pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to his achievements, and thanking him for years of talented service. I am confident he will continue to play an important role in the community where he is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement. Importantly, he and his wife Pam now get to enjoy spending time visiting their four children and three grandchildren Ben, Jack and Avery.

ARTHUR GENSLER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Arthur Gensler who today is receiving the 2011 Silver Spur Award from San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR). This award recognizes a lifetime of civic achievement of a San Franciscan.

San Francisco is not alone in benefitting from Mr. Gensler's vision, creativity and leadership; his impact is global. In 1965 he founded Gensler, a San Francisco based architecture and design firm, that has grown from a three-person office to a 3000-person firm with over 30 offices worldwide. Mr. Gensler transformed interior design into a recognized profession and his firm serves as a model for design professions in the 21st century.

Gensler designed the stunning new Terminal 2 at SFO, located in my district, and Terminal B at Norman Mineta International Airport in San Jose. Other notable projects include the Toys R Us store at Times Square in New York, the Avenue of the Stars CAA building in Los Angeles, Jet Blue Terminal 5 at JFK, Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, the first LEED certified car dealership in McKinney, Texas and Shanghai Tower in Shanghai, China which is currently under construction. Among the many Awards Gensler received are the American Institute of Architects' IDP Outstanding Firm Award, Contract Magazine's Legend Award, Interior Design Hall of Fame, U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Award, the Lifetime Achievement award from Ernst & Young LLP, and AIA's Architecture Firm Award, the highest honor that AIA can bestow on an architecture firm for consistently producing distinguished architecture.

Mr. Gensler is a graduate of Cornell University, which named him "Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995. Today he serves on the Advisory Council of Cornell's College of Architecture, Art and Planning. Mr. Gensler has also been a Visiting Professor at Arizona State University, Cornell, and the University of California at Berkeley, where he is on the Advisory Board of the Haas School of Business. He is a Trustee of the National Building Museum, Washington, DC, and the Buck Institute for Aging, Novato, California. Mr. Gensler is a Fellow of both the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) and the International Interior Design Association (FIIDA), which honored him with its Star Award. He is also a professional member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and a co-founder of the AIA's National Interior Architecture Committee.

Mr. Gensler and his wife of over six decades, Drue Gensler, live in Mill Valley. They

are the proud parents of four sons and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to acknowledge the craft, talent and lasting impressions of Art Gensler.

CONGRATULATING NATIONAL  
HISTORY DAY

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate National History Day, a year-long academic program focused on improving the teaching and learning of history for 6th to 12th grade students, for receiving a 2011 National Humanities Medal presented on February 13 at the White House by President Obama. Inaugurated in 1997, the National Humanities Medal honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened citizens' engagement, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities. I am proud to recognize National History Day as the first K–12 education program that has received this honor "for sparking passion for history in students across our country."

National History Day is a program that can be integrated into any social studies or history classroom, as it helps teachers expand and enrich the existing curriculum. With schools spending more resources and time focusing on reading and math education, it is important that we also recognize and support programs that help to provide a well-rounded education that raises the bar for students and strengthens the instructional practice of teachers.

In every state and in hundreds of communities around the country, National History Day affiliates work with classroom teachers and students who choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews and historic sites. In my own state of Maryland, the Maryland National History Day program is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council. Last year about 19,000 students from 158 different middle and high schools participated across the state at the local, state and national levels. The program is an outstanding example of outcome-based and performance-based learning.

I am also proud that each June students travel from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories to participate in the culminating four-day event held at the University of Maryland at College Park where professional historians and educators evaluate their projects. Attending the National History Day national contest where students are working in groups as well as individually to make history come alive is truly a unique experience. Each student is able to become an expert on a chosen topic while they further develop college- and career-ready skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and oral and written communication. More than 5 million students have gone on to careers in business, law, medicine and countless other disciplines where they are putting into practice what they learned through National History Day.

As legislators, we are all interested in promoting increased student achievement and a deeper understanding of the impact of history on our everyday lives. For 30 years, the National History Day program has been transforming the way history is taught and learned in classrooms all over the country improving education every day.

THE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND  
UNREGULATED FISHING EN-  
FORCEMENT ACT OF 2011

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce legislation to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated, IUU, fishing. Illegal fishing threatens the economic and social infrastructure of fishing communities around the world by decreasing opportunities for legitimate and conscientious fishermen. While the United States is recognized for its commitment to domestic fisheries conservation and as an international voice in science-based ocean conservation, the failure of other nations to adopt similar approaches has both economic and conservation implications for U.S. industry and management. Additional action is needed from Congress if we are to be successful in combating IUU fishing and the depletion of fish stocks worldwide. Last Congress, I sponsored similar legislation and it passed the House without opposition by voice vote. This year, I am glad to be joined by Congressman FRANK GUINTA from New Hampshire as a bipartisan original cosponsor.

Recent reports have documented that IUU fishing accounts for between 10 and 22 percent of the reported global fish catch, or \$9–24 billion in gross revenues each year (MRAG, 2009, Sumaila et al., 2006 and Agnew et al., 2009). This undermines the United States' conservation focused approach to fisheries management and the efforts of fishermen, and has implications for sustainable international fisheries that benefit the world's Marine ecosystems. Unsustainable fishing practices by foreign fishing fleets adversely affect stocks that migrate between the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the high seas. This problem can be particularly acute in places like Guam, where the EEZ is vast, and where the United States Coast Guard, despite its best efforts, will never have sufficient resources to patrol all of our waters.

The "Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2011," which I introduced today, further enhances the enforcement authority of NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard to regulate IOU fishing. This bill would amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act, HSDFMFA, and other international and regional fishery management organization, RFMO, agreements to incorporate the civil penalties, permit sanctions, criminal offenses, civil forfeitures and enforcement sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. It would strengthen enforcement authority of NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard to inspect conveyances, facilities, and records involving the storage, processing, transport and trade of

fish and fish products, and to detain fish and fish products for up to five days while an investigation is ongoing.

In addition, this bill makes technical adjustments to allow NOAA to more effectively carry out current IUU identification mandates, including extending the duration of time for identification of violators from the preceding two years to the preceding three years. This bill broadens data sharing authority to enable NOAA to share information with foreign governments and clarifies that all information collected may be shared with international organizations and foreign governments for the purpose of conducting enforcement. These amendments promote the conservation and sound management of fish stocks internationally and in a manner consistent with the expectations placed on U.S. fishermen. This bill would establish an international cooperation and assistance program to provide funding and technical expertise to other nations to help them address IUU fishing. This bill, however, does not authorize new funding or appropriations.

Finally, this bill implements the Antigua Convention, an important international agreement that provides critical updates to the principles, functions, and processes of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, IATTC, to manage fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The Antigua Convention modernizes the IATTC and increases its capacity to combat IUU fishing and illegal imports of tuna product. Without implementing legislation, the U.S. does not have the authorities necessary to satisfy its commitments under the Antigua Convention, including addressing IUU in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

IUU fishermen are "free riders" who benefit unfairly from the sacrifices made by U.S. fishermen and others for the sake of proper fisheries conservation and management. I would like to thank Rep. GUINTA, Rep. FARR, Rep. FALEOMAVAEGA, Rep. CHRISTENSEN, Rep. PIERLUISI and Rep. SABLAN for joining me as original cosponsors and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this important bill through the legislative process.

HONORING SAXTON T. WATSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Saxton T. Watson. Saxton 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Saxton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Saxton 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, Saxton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

COMMENDING THE HUNTERDON  
CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL VARSITY CHEER-  
LEADING SQUAD

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad for winning the 2012 Universal Cheerleaders Association High School National Championship. After a week of competition in Orlando, Florida, this talented group of young women defeated the defending national champions to become the first team from Hunterdon Central Regional High School to bring home a national championship title.

Last year the team took second place, but the squad returned motivated this year to take home the championship. Supporters, friends and family refer to the winning performance as "The Perfect Routine." I congratulate Superintendent Christina Steffner, Principal Tim O'Brien, Head Coach Heather Buterbaugh and Assistant Coach Julie Strober for their hard work and dedication to the team. This marks another proud accomplishment for the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Athletics Department.

These talented young women should be proud of their hard work and I congratulate them on the outstanding achievement of bringing their "Perfect Routine" to the national stage.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 90TH  
BIRTHDAY OF ROSARIO PEREZ-  
PENA

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate the 90th birthday of Rosario Perez-Pena, who was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 28, 1922.

Rosario was married to the late Luis-Perez Soto, who was an accountant, writer, poet, playwright, musician, artist and actor. Together, they had four children, and she is now the proud grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 18. She has spent most of her life in Puerto Rico, but also lived in New York for 24 years. She has designed and made most of her own clothes, and has been an active reader and voter throughout her life.

I join her family in wishing her a very happy birthday on this special day.

A TRIBUTE TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
AMBASSADOR HAN DUK-SOO

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer thanks and respect to His Excellency Han Duk-soo, who is departing Washington after

three years as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States.

Before his appointment in March 2009, Ambassador Han had served as his country's Prime Minister. The fact that President Lee Myung-bak chose a man of such distinguished credentials to be his country's Ambassador to Washington demonstrates the high regard with which he holds the longstanding friendship of South Korea and the United States.

In addition to his service as Prime Minister and Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Han has also been Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economy, Ambassador to the OECD, and a senior diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The three years of Ambassador Han's tenure in Washington have been marked by great success and achievement in strengthening the U.S.-Korea alliance.

Last October, at the invitation of this body, President Lee addressed a joint meeting of the House and Senate. It was emblematic of not only the importance of our bilateral alliance, but a reflection of Ambassador Han's diligence and the many friends he has cultivated on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Speaker, nearly six decades have come and gone since the armistice that ended the Korean War, and the United States and the Republic of Korea remain partners dedicated to peace, freedom, democracy, and global stability. Our two countries' soldiers have fought side by side not only in Korea but also in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

In recent years, the Korean government has sponsored visits by American veterans to the place where they served and fought. Many Korean War veterans are getting up in years. There will not be many opportunities for them to revisit the battlefields of sixty years ago. The Korean people are most generous, and most gracious, in making these trips possible.

Ambassador Han has made a point of visiting with groups of Korean War veterans as he travels the United States. His personal expressions of gratitude have been touching, and most appreciated.

The friendship of the United States and Korea goes well beyond a military alliance, and well beyond our shared past on the battlefield.

Our countries are major trading partners. Our students study in each other's universities. We share numerous cultural exchanges. Ambassador Han has done much in his time here to strengthen and deepen the longstanding relationship between the United States and Korea. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ambassador Han Duk-soo, wishing him well in his future endeavors as the Chairman of the Korea International Trade Association. I thank him for his service and most especially his friendship.

HONORING CAPTAIN ROBERT C.  
GRANT

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Robert C. Grant, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Captain Grant

is an outstanding individual who served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Seventh Coast Guard District since coming on Active Duty in April of 1998.

Captain Grant first entered military service as a medic in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in December 1966, serving at both Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, FL and Homestead Air Force Base in South Florida. In April 1974, he received a Direct Commission in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and served as a drilling Reservist in various Coast Guard Reserve Units in the Seventh District until coming on Active Duty in April 1998. Most notable of his Reserve Unit assignments was his three year tour as Commanding Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Unit Marine Safety Office Miami, during which the majority of the 90-member unit was activated in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

During his tenure as Deputy Chief of Staff, Captain Grant served as a senior advisor to eight Admirals. He was the primary District liaison to Congressional Members and their staffs from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico. His efforts assisted Congress in passing legislation that has proved instrumental in addressing new maritime smuggling tactics that constitute a threat to the United States.

Among his many achievements, Captain Grant was active in strengthening the relationship between the Coast Guard and the South Florida Hispanic and Haitian communities through a dedicated public outreach initiative. In the wake of the devastating 2010 earthquake near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, he also supported such large-scale responses as Operation Unified Response and Operation Southeast Watch—Haiti, which led to the evacuation of over 1,150 US citizens, 250 medical evacuations, the transport of over 715 first responders, and the delivery of over 1.1 million pounds of critically-needed relief cargo and equipment by Coast Guard aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Captain Robert C. Grant for his continued service to our nation, and more specifically South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

RECOGNIZING THE SPOTSYLVANIA  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many achievements of the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center (SRMC). Since the hospital opened in June of 2010, its staff and volunteers have served their community selflessly, assisting patients with everyday illnesses as well as after tragic incidents such as the August 2011 earthquake that was centered just 25 miles from SRMC. With over 50,000 total hours of volunteer service performed in less than two years, these individuals have shown an extraordinary devotion to their community, and their compassion and friendly service certainly played a part in SRMC's high patient satisfaction ratings in 2011.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for hospitals; however, it is reassuring to know

that there are great medical centers such as SRMC should we ever require medical assistance. I'd like to commend the doctors, nurses, administrators, and volunteers who make up the impressive team at SRMC on their stellar performance in the brief amount of time since the hospital's inception, and I look forward to following the continued service of the great folks at the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center in the future.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 73. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted "yes" on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 347.

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IN CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S  
BLOOD CENTERS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. WALLY HERGER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, America's Blood Centers is North America's largest network of community-based, independent, non-profit blood centers. I congratulate ABC on its half-century anniversary and applaud its continued mission to help member blood centers serve their communities.

BloodSource is the blood center in Northern California. A regional, non-profit organization, BloodSource provides blood and services in ten counties within California's Second Congressional District and sixteen other counties in the state. In my district, BloodSource operates two major regional blood centers and one community donor center. Every day BloodSource conducts multiple blood donor drives to assure a safe and plentiful blood supply for the people who receive care in thirteen hospitals I represent.

I am proud to be a BloodSource blood donor and honored to represent 90,000 BloodSource blood donors. I have had the privilege of sponsoring BloodSource blood drives for several years. I applaud the efforts of BloodSource to make certain that every patient has the blood and blood components needed, wherever and whenever the need.

I join BloodSource in celebrating the 50th anniversary of ABC. Together with its members, ABC provides half of the American and a quarter of the Canadian blood supply to more than 150 million patients who receive care in 3,500 hospitals and healthcare facilities across North America. The work of ABC members impacts all of us.

Congratulations to America's Blood Centers. Because of their work, lives are being saved in cities and towns across the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DALE MINAMI

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dale Minami who today is receiving the 2011 Silver Spur Award from San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR). This award recognizes a lifetime of civic achievement of a San Franciscan.

Mr. Minami is one of the country's pre-eminent attorneys recognized for his civil rights leadership. He is best known for heading the legal team in *Korematsu v. United States*, the legendary Supreme Court case that overturned the wrongful criminal conviction of Fred Korematsu who refused internment during World War II.

Mr. Minami is a personal injury attorney with Minami Tamaki LLP and has made significant contributions to the advancement of the rights of Asian-Americans. Minami is a co-founder of the Asian Law Caucus, the Asian-American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, the Asian Pacific Bar of California and the Coalition of Asian-Pacific Americans.

Other landmark decisions he was involved in include *United Filipinos for Affirmative Action v. California Blue Shield*, the first class action employment lawsuit brought by Asian-Pacific Americans; *Spokane JAFL v. Washington State University* which established an Asian American Studies program at the Washington State University; and *Nakanishi v. UCLA*, a claim for unfair denial of tenure which resulted in the granting of tenure after multiple hearings and widespread publicity over discrimination in academia.

Mr. Minami has been involved in the judicial appointment process and in public policy. He was a member of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission and chaired the California Attorney General's Asian Pacific Advisory Committee. He served as a commissioner on the California State Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Nominees' Evaluation and Senator Barbara BOXER's Judicial Screening Committee. President Clinton appointed him chair of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund in 1996. Mr. Minami specializes in personal injury and entertainment law and has represented well known clients such as Kristi Yamaguchi, Philip Kan Gotanda and Steven Okazaki. He is counsel to the Asian American Journalists Association and has also represented many of San Francisco's best known faces on television, including Sydnie Kohara, Lawrence Karnow, Vic Lee, Heather Ishimaru and David Louie.

He received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California in 1968 and his J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1971. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1972. In 1982, he was admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Among his many awards and recognitions, Mr. Minami received the American Bar Association's 2003 Thurgood Marshall Award, the 2003 ACLU Civil Liberties Award, and the State Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award. A dormitory at UC Santa Cruz was named Queen Liliuokalani-Minami Dormitory. Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me

to acknowledge Dale Minami's extraordinary work and lasting contributions to justice and equality in the Asian American community and our community at large.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,438,518,062,690.37. We've added \$4,811,641,013,777.29 dollars to our debt in 3 years. This is \$5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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RECOGNITION OF LESLIE LEWIS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Leslie Lewis. A native of the Bronx, New York, Mr. Lewis is an outspoken highly respected advocate for the community.

Mr. Lewis was born and raised in the Bronx, New York but eventually spent a large part of his life in Scarsdale, New York. In Scarsdale, Mr. Lewis raised his two sons, Robert and Mark. Mr. Lewis first moved to Brooklyn in 1982, when he settled into a home on Wyckoff Street—between the Gowanus Housing Projects and the Wyckoff Housing Projects. Shortly after moving there, he joined the precinct community council.

Mr. Lewis worked for 30 years in the exhibition business, becoming president of the Greyhound Exposition Company in the process. Along with national trade shows, Mr. Lewis maintained his concern for minority areas. He developed his "Job Power" concept as a way to bring employers to unemployed urban minorities. This concept was recognized by then President Nixon, who transformed it into the modern day job fair.

These experiences led Mr. Lewis towards recognizing his talent for bringing the concerns of regular people to their elected officials. Upon moving to Brooklyn, he developed a relationship with the district attorney's office in an effort to improve community relations. In his capacity of police liaison, as well as council president of the 84th Precinct, Mr. Lewis serves as a switchboard between Borough President Markowitz, the Brooklyn district attorney's office, the police and his 2.5 million constituents.

Mr. Lewis gathers complaints from the public and then communicates them to the police, making sure that something gets done about them. Crime has seen a dramatic decrease in the 84th Precinct. Since 1990, it's gone down over 90%, according to NYPD statistics. Because of efforts of community leaders like Mr. Lewis, Brooklyn neighborhoods have a high

quality of life, are more walkable and real estate is more valuable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Leslie Lewis for his lifelong effort to bring additional resources into our local institutions, communities and neighborhoods, and helping to improve employment opportunities for needy Brooklyn residents.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
REVEREND LAWRENCE A. DAVIES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who has made an unforgettable mark on his community over the last fifty years. Since becoming Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) on March 4, 1962, Rev. Lawrence A. Davies has lived a life full of dedicated service, guiding his church and his community through five decades of struggle and success. Rev. Davies will retire from his post on March 4, 2012, 50 years to the day after he began his tenure.

A native of Houston, Rev. Lawrence A. Davies was elected to City Council shortly after arriving in Fredericksburg, and in 1976, he became the city's first African American mayor. During the 20 years he spent as mayor of Fredericksburg, Rev. Davies led the city through many economic development projects, including revitalizations of the city's downtown and the establishment of the city's first low-income housing complex. His tenure also saw the creation of a regional public transit system that successfully provided low-cost transportation to citizens.

Rev. Davies' service has extended to his private exploits as well. Having been directly impacted by the tragic effects of sickle cell anemia on his family, he and his wife, Janice, have worked tirelessly to increase attention of and advocacy for the victims of this debilitating disease. Rev. Davies also founded Citizens United for Action, a group that promoted civic activism, racial tolerance, and voter education, and his guidance and leadership in the city undoubtedly helped to preserve peace during the Civil Rights era. He has served on numerous boards during his time in Fredericksburg, including the Mary Washington College Board of Directors, the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

As pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), Rev. Davies has served as an anchor of his community over the last fifty years. Under his leadership, the church has flourished, with continued growth in membership and a focus on the development of innovative ways to help the homeless and provide community outreach. I have worshipped with Rev. Davies and his congregation on multiple occasions, and his insightful, energetic sermons are full of spiritual encouragement and inspirational teachings. Rev. Davies' contributions to the Fredericksburg area since his arrival in 1962 have impacted the entire fabric of the region, and I greatly admire his selflessness, faith, and compassion for his fellow citizens. As he celebrates his retirement with friends and family on March 4, I wish him many years of happiness. I know that he will continue to set the

standard for selfless service in Fredericksburg for many years to come, and I look forward to our continued friendship.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELMER "BOB"  
EASTMAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant Elmer "Bob" Eastman for his 29 years of service with the South San Francisco Police Department. He will be missed by his fellow officers who praise him as a go-getter, team player, leader, master detective and trainer.

Sergeant Eastman started at the South San Francisco Police Department as an officer in May 1982 and was promoted to sergeant in February 1998. He served as a special agent with the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force and was a founding member of the San Mateo County's North-Central Regional SWAT Team.

He remembers 1998 as one of the best times in his life. He weighed 219 pounds. To get on the SWAT team he had to lose 50–60 pounds—and he did by running with a buddy every single day.

Sergeant Eastman's perseverance is matched by his optimism and sense of humor. He came close to being killed in the line of duty twice, once in a shootout on El Camino Real, the other time when a suspect in a drug case tried to run him over with a car, or as he puts it, "Bob's on the hood."

From 1992–95, he worked as an undercover agent in San Mateo County. He says he bought any drug imaginable and looked like Charles Manson. His wife was not fond of that look. In fact she banished him to the back of the church in those days.

Sergeant Eastman volunteered for 16 years as the original drill instructor for the county's Peninsula Explorer Academy and he was the president of the South San Francisco Police Activity League from 1987 to 1989.

He was born in New Jersey in 1958, but spent his childhood in Sydney, Australia. He attended Ku-Ring-Gai High School before transferring to Menlo-Atherton High School when his family moved to the Bay Area in 1974.

Before he started his career in law enforcement, Sergeant Eastman served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Sergeant Eastman and his wife Kerry will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary next year. They have two children, David and Janelle. In his retirement he will no doubt enjoy more time with his family and friends and find ways to keep his quick wit and creativity engaged.

He applies the same optimism he has applied to his work to his life. Faced with serious health challenges, Sergeant Eastman says life is wonderful and he is going to live every day to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Sergeant Elmer "Bob" Eastman for his decades of dedication to public service and for keeping the residents of South San Francisco safe.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630,  
MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND  
JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 17, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, I want to provide an explanation of a key provision in the spectrum title of H.R. 3630, the recently enacted Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, which promotes competition and ensures a vibrant wireless marketplace.

Section 6404 enables participation in a spectrum auction if a person "complies with all the auction procedures and other requirements to protect the auction process established by the Commission" and "meets the technical, financial, character, and citizenship qualifications that the Commission may require under section 303(1)(1), 308(b), or 310" of the Communications Act, or would meet those qualifications by means approved by the Commission prior to the grant of the license.

A similar provision was included in the version of H.R. 3630 passed by the House in December, however, the Conferees made three important modifications. First, they added the requirement that an auction participation must comply with "auction procedures and other requirements to protect the auction process." This ensures that the FCC can ensure the integrity of each auction.

Second, they added a requirement to ensure the FCC has the authority to design auction rules, such as divestiture plans, and require a winning bidder's compliance prior to the grant of the license.

Third, and importantly, the Conferees added language stating that none of the limitations on the FCC's ability to prevent a person from participating in an auction "affects any authority the Commission has to adopt and enforce rules of general applicability, including rules concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition." This provision is critical to ensuring that the FCC can meet its statutory obligation to ensure competition in the wireless marketplace by avoiding an excessive concentration of licenses through auction-specific rules.

I'm pleased the Conferees saw fit to balance the original House language with this savings clause. As Americans increasingly depend on wireless services for both voice and data, this legislation makes substantial new spectrum available for auction and ensures that the FCC—by rulemaking—can adopt rules enhancing competition, consumer choice and innovation.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN FREE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AS THEY CELEBRATE  
THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join community

leaders, literacy advocates, and the many members of the New Haven Free Public Library as they gather to celebrate the organization's 125th Anniversary. This is an extraordinary milestone for this very special City landmark.

Following the passage of legislation authorizing its establishment and with a funding allocation of only twelve thousand dollars, the New Haven Free Public Library opened its doors on February 21, 1887 offering twenty-six newspapers and eight periodicals to its first patrons. By June of that same year, circulation of the Library's thirty-five hundred volumes began—and they have gone strong ever since.

Libraries are an integral part of our communities. Most of us can remember that unique feeling of holding your first library card and checking out your first book. Over the course of time, libraries became central gathering places for community members—in fact, in many towns across the country libraries are still home to town meetings and social gatherings. The New Haven Free Public Library is no different.

Housing scores of volumes from biographies to fiction, science to current events, libraries have always been a place where adults and children alike can allow their imaginations to run wild. Over the course of its 125-year history, the New Haven Free Public Library has not only been home to a growing collection of literary work, but within its walls the doors of opportunity have been opened to many. Literacy programs, computer learning classes, and many more innovative programs and services have been offered to support the members of our community.

The New Haven Free Public Library represents the very best of our community. That they are celebrating their 125th Anniversary—that the community has always ensured its availability to its citizens—is testament to its special place in all of our lives. It is part of our past, present and future and I am proud to join all of those gathered today in celebrating this very special occasion. I have no doubt that the New Haven Free Public Library will continue to serve our community well for generations to come.

## STATEMENT ON H.R. 2117

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I voted against H.R. 2117, the "Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act." This bill infringes on the duties of the Department of Education and it undermines efforts to reduce fraud and waste within the federal financial aid system.

The legislation would prohibit the Department of Education from issuing regulations regarding the definition of a credit hour and regulations requiring institutions of higher education to comply with the state laws in which they offer educational services. In effect, it undermines efforts to demand accountability in the federal financial aid system. There is a clear federal interest in establishing consistent definitions for a credit-hour, the underlying unit used to determine federal financial aid benefits.

In addition, requiring institutions of higher education to continue to register with the state where they teach distance or correspondence classes will help ensure that basic accountability standards are being met. We have a responsibility to taxpayers to ensure that the institutions receiving support through the financial aid system are in compliance with state laws. This bill restricts the Department of Education's attempts to reduce fraud and waste within the financial aid system, and makes it difficult to ensure that our financial aid systems support the institutions that are effectively educating tomorrow's workforce.

The institutions in my district will benefit from a more fair financial aid system, as it will ensure long term viability of the system and protect their students' access to the very important financial aid benefits.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVEN W.  
WALDO**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Brisbane City Councilmember Steven W. Waldo for his 18 years of service to the people of Brisbane. During his four terms as the Mayor and five terms as the Mayor Pro Tem,

Steve used a keen and analytical mind on every issue that he confronted. He has the rare skill of bringing discussions to a vote.

I met Steve in 1989 when he first ran for City Council and have witnessed his years of tireless dedication to our community and to public affairs on the San Francisco Peninsula. He personifies the can-do attitude of the residents of Brisbane who love their small town.

Steve has been a driving force in maintaining Brisbane's character and the quality of life for all residents. He has worked hard to balance Brisbane's thriving economy with the preservation of the town's natural beauty.

Steve deeply appreciates the pristine open space on San Bruno Mountain. One of his long-lasting accomplishments was the preservation of over 3000 acres of open space to protect the endangered Calippe Silverspot and Mission Blue butterflies. The City Council revised the design for 37 single-family homes on the Northeast Ridge after weeks of public input and discussions with the council and the planning department. It was the first time a community in the United States had developed a habitat conservation plan, HCP, and it served as a model for an amendment to the Endangered Species Act.

In the early 1990s the town was proposing to build a city hall in the center of town. Steve advocated successfully to create a community park instead. Today that park is a popular location for picnics and concerts that are bringing the community together.

Around the same time a proposal for a casino on Sierra Point didn't sit well with Steve. He campaigned against it and the proposal was soundly defeated.

Steve is also an enthusiastic and tenacious advocate for education. He has fought for the local schools and worked closely with the school district to ensure that future generations had access to quality education.

Steve, a native of Palo Alto, graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1970 and earned a law degree from Hastings College of Law in 1974. He worked for 24 years at the law firm of Severson & Werson in San Francisco and for 10 years as chief legal officer of CPP, Inc., a publishing company in Mountain View.

Steve and his wife of 30 years, Patricia Franklin Waldo, have three daughters, Amanda, Rebecca and Hilary, and one son, Lloyd Stevens Waldo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the life and work of Steve Waldo who has made the city of Brisbane a better place for residents and visitors alike.