

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF ALEX  
HILDEBRAND

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the late Alex Hildebrand who passed away at the age of 98 on January 23, 2012.

Mr. Hildebrand was born and raised in the Berkeley Hills. He raised animals and rode horses, working from a young age for the Bruno cattle ranch. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1935 with a degree in Physics and Chemistry. Mr. Hildebrand had a 27 year career with Standard Oil where he served as a refinery design engineer, assistant chief engineer of the Richmond refinery, manager for the atomic energy subsidiary of Livermore Lab, and the director of Chevron's oil field research lab.

During World War II, after a stint in the Navy Reserves, Mr. Hildebrand served the war effort as Chief Engineer at an oil refinery on Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf. Upon returning home, he purchased farmland southwest of Manteca on the San Joaquin River. In 1962, he took an early retirement from Standard Oil and moved his family to the farm. For almost 50 years, he farmed his land and served as the Consulting Engineer to the South Delta Water Agency (SDWA). He worked tirelessly to protect the Delta and the agriculture of the region.

In addition to the SDWA, Mr. Hildebrand served on more than 20 federal, state and local boards dealing with water-related issues. He served on the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Board, California Farm Bureau Water Committee, Delta Water Uses Board, Water Education Foundation Advisory Board, California Central Valley Flood Control Association Board, Sierra Club and with several others created the San Joaquin River Flood Control Association. Mr. Hildebrand was appointed by Governor Wilson to serve on the CalFed Bay Delta Oversight Committee and then the CalFed Bay Delta Advisory Committee. He served as the President of the McMullin Reclamation District for many years. He was outspoken and persistent in his advocacy of Delta water and Agriculture but treated others with respect and always appreciated a good debate.

Mr. Hildebrand was warm, loving and caring to his family and was an inspiration to many. He met his wife Barbara on a Sierra Club cross country ski trip. Together they have three daughters: Mary, Janet and Harriet and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the recognition that I am offering today before the House of Representatives for Alex Hildebrand is small compared to the contributions and impact he had on the lives of so many. He was truly an invaluable member of our community and an outstanding human being.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
DONNA MCEACHERN

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the distinguished career of Donna McEachern, Councilwoman representing the City of Wayne, Michigan as she retires after 25 years of dedicated service.

After moving to Wayne in 1962, Donna graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964. Her devotion to her community was quickly apparent as she became secretary of Wayne Cooperative Nursery from 1966–1967. During her storied career in public service, Donna has dutifully served the citizens of the Wayne area as Public Relations Liaison for the Huron Valley Girl Scouts, Wayne Jaycee Auxiliary President, City of Wayne representative to the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board, President for the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers. She was also the director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for 28 years.

Donna McEachern has been involved in her community in an incredible number of ways. She shared her time as a Metric Program worker in the Wayne-Westland School District, worked with the Roosevelt Scouts, and spent six years as a Religious Education Teacher at St. Mary's of Wayne. Donna lent her considerable skills to Soroptimist International Wayne-Westland, Wayne Business and Professional Women, Wayne Rotary and the Western Wayne County YWCA and many other worthy organizations.

Donna has been acknowledged as Wayne Outstanding Jaycette, District 30 Speakup Winner, Wayne Business and Professional Woman of the Year, Wayne-Westland WYCA Woman of Achievement and was named by the Wayne County Commission as a "Woman of Distinction". Her dedicated support of cultural arts is a living legacy in the Donna M. McEachern Youth Theater Scholarship established in 2004.

Mr. Speaker, during her distinguished career, Councilwoman McEachern has bettered the lives of countless Michiganders. As she embarks upon the next chapter of her life with Barry, her beloved husband of 51 years, her adored children Donna and Barry II, and her treasured grandchildren Colleen, Ian and Meredith, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her legendary leadership, and in thanking her for her unfaltering service to our community and our country.

COMMEMORATING FATHER'S DAY

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate Father's Day and pay

tribute to our fathers and father figures in our lives, who shape us into the people we are today. The value of a father cannot be overstated. A father can be a most powerful role model, a child's best friend and loudest cheerleader. On this Sunday, families across the Nation express a deep gratitude to those who make sacrifices everyday to fill this important role in a child's life.

The unconditional love between parent and child is a pillar for that child's success. Whether by checking over a homework assignment, coaching a Little League team, or sharing time over a family dinner, fathers teach valuable lessons about succeeding in school and in life. They support and protect their children, giving them the confidence to take new risks and explore their dreams. All fathers know the enormous responsibility and hard work that come with parenthood; however, they also know the immense reward of helping a child grow into the best person he or she can be.

As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I would also like to recognize all the fathers who are currently serving in the armed forces and are away from their families during this holiday. From their service, their children—and all our children—will live in a safer world. They are teaching their children by example, and I can think of no greater inspiration than the courage and sacrifice displayed by our servicemen and women. To these fathers and their families, I offer my own thanks and prayers for a safe return.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the millions of wonderful fathers and father figures in this country. They are a driving force for America's greatness, giving the next generation the guidance and encouragement to continue that legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF JOHN H. DAVIS OF BAGDAD,  
FLORIDA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life of Mr. John H. Davis of Bagdad, Florida who passed away on June 9, 2012. Mr. Davis was a beloved member of the Northwest Florida community, a proud veteran, and a dedicated public servant. I am humbled to commemorate his life.

Born in 1938, John Davis grew up in the close-knit community of Bagdad. He attended the Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee and later studied at both Florida State University and the University of Alabama. Mr. Davis honorably served a tour of duty in the United States Army, deploying to Germany and France, before returning to Bagdad. He joined Phillip R. Jones and Associates as a mechanical engineer and was the last remaining partner in the firm now known as PRJ Associates LLC.

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Outside of his professional life as an engineer, Mr. Davis was a true community leader. He served as the Chief of the Bagdad Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and was active in the Bagdad Village Preservation Association and Bagdad Waterfronts, Florida. Mr. Davis cherished his family and friends as part of the Emerald Coast Sandpipers RV club, as a member of the Blackwater Pyrates service organization, and as a lifelong member of the Bagdad United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life and service of John Davis. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his wife, Janet, his daughter Amelia, and their family. He truly will be missed.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 175

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I celebrate the 50th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 175 of Irving, Texas. The troop has a remarkable history of serving the community and developing young men into leaders.

Troop 175 was originally chartered at W.T. Hanes Elementary School in Irving. It then relocated its charter in 1981 to Northgate United Methodist Church in Irving.

Since its founding in 1962, Troop 175 has produced 27 Eagle Scouts with the first recorded promotion in 1971. The distinguished group of Eagle Scouts from Troop 175 include Craig Barton (1971), Paul Roberts (1975), Bobby Bell (1976), William Meers (1976), Mark Corry (1977), James Bush III (1986), Clyde Hogan Jr. (1988), Adrian Carrales (1989), Joseph Bush (1989), Andrew Bartlett (1991), Gregory Yoas (1992), Robert Daniel (1992), Travis Brandt (1998), James Cross (2000), Ryan Scott Barnett (2003), Stefan Austin Hopkins (2004), Reagan McNabb (2005), Ashwin Tharappel (2005), Robert Samczuk (2006), Frank Wright III (2006), Alexander Bichler (2007), Anish Tharappel (2007), Austin McNabb (2008), Samuel Anderson (2008), Colton Sligar (2010), Campbell Castleberry (2011), and William Canales (2012).

Throughout its 50 years, the troop has been guided by the leadership of Scoutmasters including Clyde Hogan, David West, Jerry Cross, Peter McNabb, James Roman, and Mark Sligar.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Boy Scout Troop 175 for its 50 years of developing fine young men and community involvement.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my horror and outrage at the

events currently taking place across Syria. It has now been 15 months since the first protests flared up in response to the imprisonment of 17 teenagers in Dara for writing anti-government graffiti on a wall, and the death toll has risen to well over 13,000 men, women, and children.

For the past three decades the Syrian people have lived in a restive peace. Israel had claimed it to be its safest border, and minorities were treated relatively well compared to surrounding countries. President Assad transitioned easily into power after the death of his father, and was hailed as a reformist who would lead Syria onto the world's stage as a constructive member of the international community.

However, the reforms never came, and the emergency law put into place over 50 years ago remained. People were living in a constant fear that they would be turned in by a friend or neighbor for even a simple comment against the regime. The mail and internet were tracked by government officials, and websites such as facebook were blocked. This was not the secular democracy the West expected for a reformed Syria. It is instead an authoritarian dictatorship.

In the beginning the protests in Syria were small and peaceful, but were met with such brutality from the regime that they incited even greater public resistance. The Syrian people were rising up and claiming their natural right to freedom. President Assad authorized the massacre of women and children in a desperate attempt to retain control over a country that no longer wants him.

Mr. Speaker, this conflict has escalated into civil war. Those who have fared well under Assad's government have no desire for change, but the impoverished majority has found its voice and is unwilling to return to the status quo. I believe that the United States should stand with those who are fighting for democracy and human rights.

Kofi Annan's peace plan was a valiant effort to bring an end to the violence through diplomacy, but it has not yielded the results hoped for, and President Assad has shown no inclination to keep his promises. The time has come for greater action. Yesterday Secretary Clinton rightly criticized Russia for its continued support of the Assad regime, specifically the weapons it has been providing to the regime. This and other actions by the Russians undermine the efforts of the United Nations to broker a solution to meet this crisis.

The recent massacre in Houla a few days ago, which left over 50 children dead, is the most shocking example of official terror that has been occurring weekly over the past 15 months. President Assad has lost the confidence of the Syrian people who no longer regard his regime as legitimate. I believe that for the good of the country and for the cause of peace in the region President Assad should step down.

What began as a peaceful stand against tyranny has morphed into the bloodiest movement of the Arab Spring. With a grip as tight as the Assad family has had over this country for decades the outcome was foreseeable, but nobody could have envisioned anything as bloody as this.

Mr. Speaker, Syrian men and women fighting for democratic ideals should not be abandoned to face the wrath of a tyrant alone. They should know that they have a friend in

the United States and the United Nations. I call upon both to redouble their efforts to find a solution to the crisis in Syria. As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security I have seen how America is an example of democracy and peace, and I wish to see the same outcome for Syria. I stand today to show my support for the rebel fighters and all those in Syria who are fighting against oppression and cruelty.

HONORING RITA CANNAN

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Cannan on her retirement from the Can Am Crown International Sled Dog Races.

Rita is stepping down from the Can-Am International Sled Dog Races after 15 years as its President and 19 years of dedicated service overall. Her remarkable efforts helped transform the community of Fort Kent, Maine into a premier dog sled racing location on the mushing map of North America.

The Can-Am International Sled Dog Races loses an incredible asset with Rita's departure. She is extremely well known in the Fort Kent community as a businesswoman and a civic leader. Rita has served as a member of the planning board, president of the Greater Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Northern Maine Medical Center, a member of the Aroostook County Tourism Board, a member and president of the Rotary Club, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Fish River Scenic By-Way Committee, and as a director of the University of Maine at Fort Kent Foundation. Without question, Rita's leadership was instrumental to the growth of Can-Am.

The recipient of countless awards and commendations issued by the town of Fort Kent and the State of Maine, there has been little left unsaid about Rita's enormous value to the community. I am pleased to join the members of the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races, and the people of Maine, in congratulating Rita Cannan on her retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Rita on achieving this milestone, and thanking her for her all that she has done for the community of Fort Kent.

DR. BENJAMIN T. DURAN

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Benjamin Duran in the event of his retirement after fourteen years of dedicated service as Superintendent/President of Merced Community College District.

Dr. Duran has spent forty years as an educator in Merced County. His career began as a high school teacher in Le Grand. He served as Vice Principal of Le Grand High School from 1976 to 1980 before becoming the Assistant Director of Merced County's migrant

education program. He returned to Le Grand in 1983 as Superintendent of Schools, a position he held until 1991. Dr. Duran's career with Merced College began in 1991 when he became the Vice President for Administrative Services.

Dr. Duran chaired the Community College League of California's 2010 Commission on the Future. He has served as President of the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chief Executive Officers Board of Directors and President of the CCC Economic and Workforce Development Program Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Hewlett/Irvine Foundation Task Force on Basic Skills Development, the CCLC Board of Directors, and has served as Staff Developer for the California School Leadership Academy.

In addition, Dr. Duran has been involved in numerous community organizations and initiatives, among them include the Greater Merced High Speed Rail Committee, the Merced County Regional Arts Council, the Mercy Medical Center Board of Directors, and the Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. His professional associations include the UC Merced Foundation Board of Directors, the CSU Stanislaus Community Advisory Board and Center for Public Policy Studies. He is a member of the California Association of Latino Superintendents and a director of the California Dollars for Scholars Program.

Dr. Duran and his wife, Dr. Rose Mary Parga-Duran have two children in college. Dr. Parga-Duran is presently serving as the District Superintendent for the Merced City School District. Upon his graduation he is looking forward to becoming engaged in the community as well as watching his children continue to grow into adulthood. He also is looking forward to spending more time with his eldest daughter and two grandsons who live in Southern California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Dr. Benjamin Duran for his dedication to Merced College and our community as a whole.

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 289 "COMMEMORATING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 289, which celebrates June as Caribbean American Heritage Month and recognizes the significant contributions of Caribbean Americans that have made strengthened our country and made it better.

This month also marks the 50th anniversaries of independence for the Caribbean nations of Jamaica and of Trinidad and Tobago. Although a half century has passed since they gained their independence, the struggle they waged to win their freedom still stands as a testament to the ideals of our own great nation.

I am privileged to represent a large segment of Los Angeles County, which is home to the second largest foreign-born population of any major metropolitan area. There are an estimated 500,000 Americans of Caribbean herit-

age living, working, and enriching the quality of life in Southern California.

Mr. Speaker, Americans of Caribbean heritage have made a positive impact on virtually every aspect of American life, including the arts, science, business, education, athletics, military, and government. For example, in the area of government and public affairs America has benefitted from the contributions of Colin Powell, a former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice; former Members of Congress Mervyn Dymally of California, and Shirley Chisholm of New York, and current Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE of New York; Kamala Harris, the Attorney General of California; and Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown.

American art and culture has been enriched by the legendary performances of Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Cicely Tyson, and Sheryl Lee Ralph; the writings of authors W.E.B. DuBois and Malcolm Gladwell; the music of Grace Jones, Gil Scott-Heron, and Christopher Wallace, "The Notorious B.I.G."; and the prowess of great athletes like Carl Lewis, Tim Duncan, Patrick Ewing, Sandra Richards-Ross, Dwight Freeney, and Ndamukong Suh.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that on June 29 the Caribbean Heritage Organization will be holding the 2012 Caribbean Heritage Salute to Hollywood and the Stars gala in Los Angeles honoring industry stalwarts Sheryl Lee Ralph, Antonio Fargas, Lorraine Toustaint, and Rob Edwards.

I also wish to recognize the leadership of the Institute of Caribbean Studies. The ICS has been very effective in advocating on behalf of the Caribbean American community and each year it hosts a Legislative Conference Week as part of the month long celebration. The conference focuses the attention of policy makers and experts on issues of particular concern to the Caribbean American community such as trade, job creation and economic empowerment, Haitian disaster relief and economic reconstruction. I congratulate the ICS, the Caribbean Heritage Organization in my home county of Los Angeles, and the many community organizations and volunteers across the nation for their efforts in making Caribbean American Heritage Month the success that it is.

During this month I hope all Americans will join with me in celebrating the remarkable history, culture, and contributions of Caribbean Americans to our nation's past and future.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). I represent the city of Davis, which is home to the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). The USDA has a natural partner in UC Davis given its outstanding history of agricultural research and outreach. In California, USDA has reduced crop pests and disease, protected

over 120,000 wetlands in California, and worked to keep the farming culture strong. I would like to submit for the RECORD the following letter dated May 16, 2012, from Val Dolcini, the State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency in California. This letter illustrates just a few successes of USDA over the last 150 years and, with our support, their accomplishments will continue in the future.

USDA AT 150: FARMS, FOOD, JOBS

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the midst of a great Civil War, President Lincoln signed legislation to establish a Department of Agriculture to "acquire and to diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture . . . and to procure, propagate, and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants."

Armed with these broad mandates, the "People's Department," as he called it, set about to serve American farmers and a mostly rural American landscape.

At that time, half of all Americans lived on farms, compared with about 2 percent today. The U.S. population in 1862 was about 31.4 million and today, that number has increased tenfold to almost 313 million people.

Since its inception, the department has continued to fulfill Abraham Lincoln's original vision to touch the lives of every American, every day in almost every way. Now, the modern USDA works in food science, agricultural research, nutrition assistance, bio-fuel production, economic and community development, natural resource conservation, international trade, credit and a host of other issues.

By any measure, it's been a very successful 150 years for the USDA. Americans benefit from safe, abundant and reasonably priced food. We produce 85 percent of what we consume and therefore enjoy food security.

Our food, fuel and fiber industries provides employment for more than 20 million Americans, and agricultural exports continue to post significant trade surpluses, which, in turn, have generated almost 1 million jobs alone.

Looking to the future, the USDA must continue the legacy of contributing to the strength and health of the nation by becoming a more modern and effective service provider. We must tighten our belt, just as many Americans are doing with their household budgets.

In the past few decades, American agriculture has become one of the most productive sectors of our economy, thanks to farmers, ranchers and growers adopting technology, reducing their debt and effectively managing risk.

The USDA is adopting these same strategies in its Blueprint for Stronger Service, announced by Secretary Tom Vilsack earlier this year. The blueprint aims to build a modern and efficient service organization that is closely aligned with technological innovations—and better suited to respond to 21st century agricultural challenges.

The challenges ahead are many, both for the USDA and American agriculture. But by focusing on a strong safety net for farmers and ranchers, supporting policies that encourage sustainable productivity, and promoting vibrant markets that help feed consumers at home and abroad, the "People's Department" will continue to help create jobs, support working families, strengthen rural communities and build on the success and productivity of the American farmer.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE  
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Maine Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, in honor of their tremendous work on behalf of the "Operation: Military Kids" program.

Our men and women in uniform put themselves at risk every day to defend our freedom and security. It is our duty as citizens to honor their sacrifices and the sacrifices made by their families. In this spirit, Operation: Military Kids was established to support children and youth who have family members deployed around the world. 945 community members representing over 43 national, state, and local organizations came together in 2011 to remind our military children that they are not alone.

I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Maine Auxiliary, and the rest of the Maine American Legion family, on securing 24 kayaks and supporting equipment for the Operation: Military Kids program. This was a remarkable effort by the community. The kayaks, valued at over \$24,000 all together, will be put to use in Maine's western mountains at the Maine Army National Guard Youth Camp in Bog Brook, ME.

Today, we celebrate the tremendous success of the American Legion's fundraising efforts and the incalculable joy those kayaks will bring to Maine's military families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the members of the American Legion Department of Maine Auxiliary for their dedication to our military families.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 1842, THE  
DREAM ACT

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1842, The DREAM Act. I call up the House Republican leadership to bring this important legislation, which reflects fundamental American values of opportunity, responsibility, and community to the floor. The DREAM Act provides an opportunity for certain young men and women who demonstrate the responsible behavior necessary to earn the chance to become a naturalized citizen.

The DREAM Act recognizes that there are a limited number of young people who, through no fault of their own, have been living in the United States illegally since childhood. For the vast majority of these young men and women, the United States is the only country they have ever known and is the one to which they have always pledged allegiance.

By providing those who have demonstrated good moral character the ability to integrate fully into American society through military service or a college education, The DREAM Act rewards responsible and productive behavior while at the same time invests in the future prosperity of our great Nation.

Passing The DREAM Act makes our country stronger, fairer, more just. And it will also make our Nation more prosperous in the long term by providing incentives and opportunities for higher education for thousands of students who each year are unable to attend college because of their immigration status.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that The DREAM Act will reduce the deficit by \$1.4 billion over the next 10 years through increased tax revenue. Similarly, a study conducted by UCLA also estimates that DREAM Act beneficiaries have the potential to generate from \$1.4 trillion to \$3.6 trillion in income throughout their working lives.

Each year, approximately 65,000 students graduate high school without the possibility of continuing their education due to their immigration status and less than 10 percent of these students will go on to pursue college. Not only do these talented, law-abiding young individuals lose out on their extraordinary potential, but as a Nation we also run the risk of losing out on a tremendous amount of economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, The DREAM Act gives these students the opportunity to continue their academic pursuits, be officially recognized by the country in which they have spent most of their lives, and realize everything the American Dream has to offer. Young, undocumented immigrants who have just graduated from high school deserve the opportunity to follow their dreams and should not have a ceiling placed on their future because of decisions made by others and circumstances entirely beyond their control.

During my visits to schools in my district, one of the most ethnically diverse in the Nation, I have had the opportunity to meet many students who will benefit greatly from the passage of this legislation. These students have grown up attending schools in the United States and are intimately woven into our Nation's fabric. It is time that we recognize these students' achievements and allow them to step out of the shadow that prevents them from pursuing their dreams.

The Washington Post recently published an article on a young woman named Heydi Mejia, whose story exemplifies the type of situation we can hope to avoid by passing The DREAM Act. Young Heydi has lived in America from the age of 4, graduated in the top 10 percent of her class and had plans to attend college to become a nurse and return to serve her community. Her life was turned upside down when nine immigration officials showed up at her house this past December ordering her back to Guatemala, a country she barely knows, and to which she never pledged allegiance.

I was delighted to hear yesterday that Heydi and her mother have been granted a 1-year reprieve from deportation by the DHS, but this situation should not have arisen in the first place. It should not take a front page article in The Washington Post to keep a hardworking and successful young woman from being deported.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support The DREAM Act. We are a nation of immigrants, built on the backs of those who risked everything for the dream of a country that accepts all those who are willing to work hard and make something of themselves. I believe America is still that country, and it is our fundamental duty to provide a better life to those willing to work for it.

CELEBRATING 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF C.H. "BUDDY" AND JEANETTE BELLAMY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize a significant milestone in the lives of two of my constituents. On June 24th, C.H. "Buddy" and Jeanette Bellamy, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Buddy and Jeanette were both born in rural South Carolina; Buddy just outside of Loris and Jeanette in Dillon. He was the only son and she the youngest daughter of families who were familiar with hardship and difficult circumstances. In fact, it was one of those difficult circumstances that brought their lives together. Buddy was hospitalized after suffering a severe injury in his work as an auto mechanic. In the hospital, he was treated carefully and brought back to health by a young nurse named Jeanette. During the time that she cared for him, a friendship began that would soon lead to love.

Soon after, Buddy began working for Trailways as a driver, and was able to see every one of these great United States in the process. Jeanette continued nursing and has continued to focus her life on the caretaking of those in need.

Buddy and Jeanette were married in Dillon, South Carolina in 1961. They started a family with the birth of daughter Sharon and then sons, Scott and Dean, soon after. Eventually the Bellamy family settled in Clemmons, North Carolina in the Fifth Congressional District, where they still reside today. They are proud grandparents and have been blessed with eight wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Buddy and Jeanette Bellamy are proud Americans who are role models for us all. They enjoy the simple things in life that living in a country like ours offers them, including shagging to Carolina beach music. They love their family and, most importantly, they love each other. It is my distinct pleasure to represent them in Congress and to recognize them today for this wonderful milestone in their lives.

EL PASO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT—ASAP REGIONAL AWARD

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) on receiving a regional award for combating obesity and promoting healthier habits among its students.

Physical activity is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. In combination with healthy eating, it can help prevent a range of chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, and stroke, which are the three leading causes of death. Physical activity helps control weight, builds lean muscle, reduces fat, promotes strong bone, muscle and joint development, and decreases the risk of obesity.

The Active Schools Acceleration Project (ASAP) was launched by First Lady Michelle Obama and ChildObesity 180 and identify and reward the most creative, impactful, and scalable school-based programs and technological innovations that promote physical activity for children. ASAP initiated a competition this year for schools nationwide to create a school-based physical activity program in order to inspire youth to be more physically active. ASAP honored school districts with the most innovative ideas.

EPISD and the other regional winners will receive a grant of \$25,000 to support physical activity programming. Regional winners are now eligible to become national winners with the opportunity to receive a \$100,000 grant, and participate in a developmental pilot aimed at expanding its program's to reach even more students and schools within the region and nationally, so I wish EPISD the best of luck! This award displays the courage and activism of a community that prioritizes children's health.

None of this could have been possible without the passionate staff, the leadership of Superintendent Terri Jordan, and, of course, the energetic students of EPISD. I am pleased that EPISD has made great strides in the area of health and wellness, and the award both gives their program validation and allows them to do more for our students in these areas. It is important that future generations have a well-rounded education that includes physical wellness. The award is not only an indication of the district's success, but is also a great example for youth to follow.

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COMMEMORATING "JUNETEENTH"

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the occasion of "Juneteenth," the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as the African American Emancipation Day has spread from coast to coast in the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom. This special day emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings.

Juneteenth is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

The Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's yielded both positive and negative results for the Juneteenth celebrations. While it pulled many of the African American youth away and into the struggle for racial equality, many linked these struggles to the historical strug-

gles of their ancestors. This was evidenced by student demonstrators involved in the Atlanta civil rights campaign in the early 1960's, whom wore Juneteenth freedom buttons.

Again in 1968, Juneteenth received another strong resurgence through Poor Peoples March to Washington D.C. Rev. Ralph Abernathy's call for people all races, creeds, economic levels and professions to come to Washington to show support for the poor. Many of these attendees returned home and initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas previously absent of such activity.

On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration granted official state recognition. Representative Edwards has ever since actively sought to spread the observance of Juneteenth all across America.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. As I look proudly upon the 37th District of California—one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse districts in the nation—the future of Juneteenth looks bright.

Throughout the year, but especially during this celebration, the communities of Southern California have come together to recognize one another's heritages and histories. From commemorating Black History Month in February to celebrating the Cambodian New Year this April, we are seizing every opportunity to educate ourselves about the experiences of others in true Juneteenth spirit.

And yet, we remain mindful that the struggle continues.

Unfortunately, laws aimed at voter suppression have been recently introduced in several states across the country and disproportionately reduce the turnout of minority voters. Some laws require specific forms of government-issued photo identification that as many as one in ten voters do not have. Nine states have introduced bills to reduce early voting periods, a system that is most utilized by minorities and seniors.

Given the lack of evidence of current voter fraud, I fear that these bills instead stem from a political agenda to dampen voter turnout. These unnecessary and discriminatory regulations are a dangerous step backward in time. We should be promoting civic participation, not limiting it and disenfranchising millions of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, freedom is not to be taken for granted. It is promised to every citizen, but that promise is only upheld by constant vigilance and hard work. To mark Juneteenth this year, I ask my colleagues to join me in ensuring that the freedom secured through emancipation is a reality for all citizens almost 150 years later.

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HONORING MAYOR ROB LEDERER  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY  
OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Mayor Rob

Lederer of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, for his years of service to our community. On June 30th, Mayor Lederer will complete his 5th term as mayor and he will retire from elected office. First elected to the City Council in 1982, Mayor Lederer served three two-year terms and later returned to the Council to serve two more terms starting in 1998. In 2002, he was elected Mayor.

During his decades of service to the City, Mayor Lederer has had many notable accomplishments. Forbes Magazine ranked the City of Fairfax as the third best place to live in the U.S. The city achieved a AAA bond rating from the credit rating agencies in recognition of its sound fiscal management, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in financing costs for needed infrastructure improvements. The city received a Gold Medal from the National Recreation and Parks Association, only the fourth time a Virginia locality has won this award since 1965.

As a former Member of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors and as the current Representative for the 11th District of Virginia, which includes the City of Fairfax, I have been pleased to partner with Mayor Lederer in regional matters affecting our shared constituents. Mayor Lederer led the effort to redevelop and renew historic Old Town Fairfax, including the planning, development, construction and opening of the City of Fairfax Regional Library in partnership with Fairfax County.

In addition, Mayor Lederer played a lead role in protecting surrounding businesses and homeowners affected by leaks from the gas and oil tank farm at Pickett Road. The tank farm affected residents of both Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, and the Mayor collaborated with me and other regional leaders to improve safety and accountability. Thanks to those efforts, last year the Commonwealth of Virginia enacted a law to require modern storage and safety procedures at the tank farm. This is a tremendous example of how local leaders like Mayor Lederer are able to work with neighboring jurisdictions and with various levels of government to protect the interests and the safety of their communities.

Mayor Lederer is a lifelong resident of the city. In addition to serving the entire city, he found time to serve his neighbors as a board member on the Cobble Dale Civic Association. Thanks to his tireless efforts over the years, Mayor Lederer has made a tremendous contribution to the lives of residents of the City of Fairfax now and for future generations. I have no doubt that despite his retirement from elected office he will continue to serve the community for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mayor Rob Lederer for his service to the residents of the City of Fairfax, thanking him for all that he has done to improve our community, and wishing him and his family well in his retirement from public life.

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HONORING THE PRINCETON SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS"  
BASEBALL TEAM WEST VIRGINIA  
STATE CHAMPIONS

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2012*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Princeton Tigers, the 2012 Class

AAA state high school baseball champions, who won the West Virginia state championship with a come from behind 7–4 victory over the Nitro Wildcats on June 3, 2012.

From little league to legends, the Princeton “Nine” have stuck together through thick and thin. There’s a lesson in that for all of us. Teamwork is as American as baseball, Chevrolet and apple pie. Every time we have succeeded, we have succeeded together.

And, boy, did the Tigers ever succeed this year.

We all are proud of what they have accomplished together. They have the hearts of true champions, the determination of true all stars, and the talents of true all Americans.

And if you have any questions about that, well then, just ask Josh Wilburn—Coach of the Year—what this team is made of. Congratulations, Coach—way to bring it home—you deserve this honor.

There’s not much I can tell Mercer Countians about baseball—a county where baseball is the county’s pastime—from Little League to the minor league. And we know the value especially of Little League, as only the great Yogi Berra could put it, “Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.”

Mr. Speaker, all in the Nation’s Capitol, should take notice of what nine young men with grit and gumption can do when a seasoned coach brings out the best in each of them and turns teamwork into triumph.

Congress could use a few doses of Tiger spirit here in the Capitol, as well. Because when one participates in a celebratory parade with this community as I did, you know that it just wasn’t nine guys on the field and their coach by the dugout by themselves in that championship game. It was the whole town rooting with them and for them.

Princeton High School is a special place. The city, Mercer County, the State of West Virginia, and our nation have invested in this community. These students are blessed with many fields and resources other schools can only dream of, and they have more choices in extracurricular activities than many can even imagine.

But, they have your priorities right, too. All nine student athletes graduated before they took to the championship field. Parents, boosters, coaches, teachers, staff and administrators are all fully engaged—day in and out.

The good book tells us that to whom much is given, much is also expected. Everyone should celebrate their well-earned championship today. But for all the tomorrows yet to come they cannot ever forget what this one day means—that hard work, determination, community support and spirit, good leadership and teamwork can produce victories throughout life.

As dependable family members, good neighbors, and fellow citizens there will be many causes to champion. Looking around Princeton High School at the Tigers celebration, I know I am looking at champions—America’s champions—on and off the field.

Congratulations to everyone in Tiger County.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute and revise and extend my remarks.

I was unavoidably detained on Tuesday, June 5th and for the early afternoon of Wednesday, June 6th. Therefore was not present to be recorded on rollcall votes No. 315 to 324. I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 315 (McClintock Amendment #3), I would have voted “no” (June 5)

(Reduces the Nuclear Energy account by \$514,391,000, and applies the savings to the spending reduction account.)

2. On rollcall No. 316 (Hirono Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 5)

(Reduces the Fossil Energy Research and Development account by \$133,400,000, and increases funds for the Advanced Research Project Agency—Energy (ARPA-E) account by the same amount.)

3. On rollcall No. 317 (McClintock Amendment #5), I would have voted “no” (June 5)

(Zeroes out the Fossil Energy Research and Development account (a cut of \$554 million) and applies the savings to the spending reduction account.)

4. On rollcall No. 318 (Matheson Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 5)

(Increases the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup account by \$9,600,000, and reduces the National Nuclear Security Administration construction and expansion account by the same amount.)

5. On rollcall No. 319 (Rohrabacher Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used for the U.S. China Clean Energy Research Center.)

6. On rollcall No. 320 (First Stearns Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used by the Department of Energy to subordinate any loan obligation to other financing in violation of section 1702 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the loan guarantee provisions) or to subordinate any Guaranteed Obligation to any loan or other debt obligations in violation of section 609.10 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.)

7. On rollcall No. 321 (Shimkus Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Reduces the Department of Energy salary and expenses account by \$10 million and increases the Nuclear Regulatory Commission salaries and expenses account by the same amount to support review of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository license.)

8. On rollcall No. 322 (Tipton Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 6)

(Prohibits agencies funded under the bill from conducting surveys in which money is included or provided for the benefit of the survey responder.)

9. On rollcall No. 323 (Second Luetkemeyer Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized in section 108 of the FY 2009 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.)

10. On rollcall No. 324 (Fourth Jackson Lee Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 6)

(Reduces the amount made available for the “Atomic Energy Defense Activities—National Nuclear Security Administration—Weapons Activities” Account by \$10 million and increases the amount made available for the “Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Construction” Account by the same amount.)

## HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR SHUFFLEBARGER

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2012

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Arthur Shufflebarger and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 60.

Born on May 3, 1952, Arthur graduated in 1970 from Atchison High School in Atchison, Kansas. He attended Benedictine College from 1970 until 1972 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Kansas State University in 1974. In 1977, Arthur received a Masters of Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas where he earned a Masters in Public Administration in 1983.

After serving as City Manager in Osawatomie, Kansas, Arthur became Village Manager of Milford, Michigan in 1990 where he served until his sudden passing. Mr. Shufflebarger was an active director in the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Michigan Municipal League, a Rotarian and shared his time and talent with many other professional and civic groups.

A member of Milford United Methodist Church, Arthur was known as a calm, gentle and caring man. He possessed an amiable sense of humor. His dedication to Milford will forever be remembered. Arthur loved his community and his community loved him.

Regrettably, on June 11, 2012, Arthur Shufflebarger passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kelsey and his daughters Kayla Marie and leasha Nicole. An honorable man, Arthur will be sorely missed. Mr. Speaker, Arthur will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, a leader, and a friend. Arthur was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Arthur farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.