

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN  
DANIEL BURBANK

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Daniel Burbank of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, on his successful completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station (ISS).

Captain Burbank has a long and distinguished career in service to our nation. He received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1985 and served with the Coast Guard until 1996, when he was recognized for his elite abilities and selected by NASA for its space program. Following several years of training, he flew on a twelve-day mission on the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* in September 2000, during which he and his fellow astronauts successfully prepared the ISS for the arrival of its first permanent crew. Captain Burbank again flew to the International Space Station on *Atlantis* in September of 2006, this time assisting in the installment of new solar arrays to provide the ISS with one quarter of the station's electrical power, and performing unprecedented robotics activity using the Shuttle and ISS robotic arms. His third and most recent venture to the International Space Station launched on November 13, 2011. After 165 days in space, of which 163 days were spent in research, Captain Burbank safely and successfully returned home this past May.

As a result of his outstanding service, Captain Burbank has been the recipient of several awards and special honors. In particular, he has received a NASA Exceptional Service Medal, two NASA Space Flight Medals, two Defense Superior Service medals, and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals. He was also awarded the Orville Wright Achievement Award by the Order of Daedalians as the top naval flight training graduate during the period of January 1 to June 30, 1988, as well as that year's Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Achievement Award as the top Coast Guard Graduate on flight training. Such a long list of awards and accolades certainly are indicative of the level of service that Captain Burbank has given to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Daniel Burbank on the completion of Expedition 29/30 to the International Space Station, as well as for his long and outstanding career of service. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on his successful flight, in applauding his noteworthy career, and in welcoming him home.

HONORING GAIL PENNYBACKER

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gail Pennybacker, an award-winning, longtime television journalist who has covered local news in the District, Maryland—and especially Virginia—for more than a quarter century. During her time as the Northern Virginia Bureau Chief for ABC7 News, Channel 7, Gail has garnered the respect of law enforcement, lawmakers, and everyday citizens alike.

Gail joined the ABC7 News team in 1986. She has covered many of the capital region's top stories, including the September 11th terror attacks, the Beltway sniper shootings and the Columbine High School massacre. Gail has reported from the Persian Gulf during Iraq War, conducted exclusive interviews with high-profile, nationally known cases, such as Zacarias Moussaoui, and followed hundreds of high profile local crimes and trials including the abduction/murders of sisters Kristin and Katie Lisk, and Sofia Silva in the 1990s.

Along with winning prestigious Emmy and Associated Press awards for her reporting, Gail has also been awarded several Edward R. Murrow Awards, as well as the national Quill and Badge Award from the International Union of Police Associations for “consistent, effective reporting.”

Gail has also been active in several civic associations and community organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association and the American Diabetes Association, where she was awarded a Distinguished Public Service Award. Gail's active involvement shows that she was interested in the entirety of her community—she did not simply just show up to report. Her recognition by the Northern Virginia Victims/Witness Coalition for the “objective, fair and compassionate portrayal of crime victims” is truly a testament to her respect for all persons, no matter their situation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gail Pennybacker upon her retirement from ABC7 News, Channel 7. Her ability to bring light to news reporting for countless individuals epitomizes the dedication and excellence that makes news reporting a reliable source of information for so many. Gail's familiar face will be missed by many, but we wish her only the best as she begins the next phase of her life.

COMMEMORATING ELLSWORTH'S  
150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the sesquicentennial celebration of Ells-

worth, Wisconsin. With its origins as a village going back to 1862, Ellsworth serves as the country seat for Pierce County, named after our 14th President, Franklin Pierce. Since a proclamation made in 1984 by Wisconsin Governor Anthony S. Earl, Ellsworth has been known as the Cheese Curd Capitol of Wisconsin.

Originally established with the name Perry, the village immediately began to grow. It wasn't until a number of years later that it was renamed Ellsworth after Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth, who fought in the Civil War. Still to this day, Colonel Ellsworth's likeness symbolizes the strength of a thriving community.

With a population of 3,284 residents, Ellsworth is proud of its many close-knit community connections. The village boasts two amazing parks, Summit Hill Park and East End Park, where residents can come together to enjoy Wisconsin's great summers and cheer on the Ellsworth Hubbers Baseball Team to victory.

The village also hosts a number of extremely popular events in the area. These include the Ellsworth Polka Fest, the Beldenville Old Car Show, the Pierce County Fair, and of course the annual Cheese Curd Festival.

The beautiful wooded lands surrounding the city make it an excellent destination for outdoorsmen and women of all sorts. With streams filled with trout and miles of premier snowmobile and hiking trails, you can't go wrong in Ellsworth.

On July 4, 2012, Village President DeWolfe, local elected leaders, and Ellsworth residents came together to celebrate Ellsworth's sesquicentennial with music, an art show, food, and fireworks. Today, I recognize Ellsworth's sesquicentennial and join in their celebration.

HONORING GOVERNOR WILLIAM  
WARREN SCRANTON

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Republican Delegation of Pennsylvania to honor former Pennsylvania Governor William Warren Scranton on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

After earning his law degree from Yale Law School in 1946 and serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Governor Scranton began his illustrious professional career with O'Malley, Harris, Warren & Hill in Scranton. While working in the private sector, Governor Scranton remained active and involved with the Republican Party. In 1959, he was appointed to serve as special assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in President Dwight Eisenhower's administration.

In 1960, Governor Scranton was elected to the 87th Congress, representing the 10th District of Pennsylvania. As a freshman member, he fought tirelessly for his constituents, representing their needs above all else and building bi-partisan appeal across the state with

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both Democrat and Republican voters. In 1962, he ran successfully for Governor of the Commonwealth, defeating then Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth. During his four years in office, Governor Scranton commanded one of the most productive state governments, advocating for a strong education system, continued industrial development, and fiscally responsible policy.

After being drafted by many Republicans to seek the Presidential nomination in 1964, Governor Scranton vowed to never again run for public office. He returned to the private sector in 1967, serving on numerous boards and continuing his public service through leadership with many civic organizations including; director of the Boys Club of Scranton, vice president of the University of Scranton's President's Council, director of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the board of directors for Geisinger Memorial Hospital.

After turning down continued overtures to run again for public office, Governor Scranton accepted an appointment from President Gerald Ford in 1976 to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Governor Scranton's ability to promote diplomacy and cooperation earned him favor with many nations and promoted a positive world view of the United States.

Governor Scranton embodies so many of the traits, ideals, and values that we, as a delegation, strive to achieve today in the 112th Congress. I am honored to serve as his representative, and I speak on behalf of the Republican Delegation of the Commonwealth to thank him for his service to Pennsylvania and to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Governor William Warren Scranton, an exemplary citizen, veteran, philanthropist, and public servant, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, community, Commonwealth, and country.

#### WELCOMING THE XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my distinguished colleagues in welcoming the delegates and participants for the nineteenth annual International AIDS Conference, which will convene here in Washington from July 22nd to 27th. This is the first time that the conference has been held in the United States since 1985—a return made possible by our bipartisan efforts to remove travel and immigration restrictions against persons infected with HIV.

This international conference is important not just because of the issues it will highlight and the people it will bring together, but because of the scientific and informational exchange it will make possible. AIDS 2012, as it has been billed, is recognized as the premier gathering for individuals working in the HIV/AIDS field, as well as policymakers, advocates, care providers, people living with HIV/AIDS, and others committed to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It offers a unique opportunity to change the course of the epidemic by capitalizing on scientific advances in treatment

and prevention, building consensus to improve service delivery and maximize outcomes, facilitating global civil society engagement, and accelerating momentum toward a cure.

Even today, the magnitude of the challenge posed by HIV/AIDS is difficult to fathom. Despite the fact that the disease is easily preventable and treatable, almost 2 million people die each year from AIDS-related causes. At last count an estimated 34 million people were living with HIV/AIDS, including 3.4 million children. Sub-Saharan Africa continues to bear the brunt of the disease, accounting for 68 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS — 59 percent of whom are women. Here in the United States, as many as 1 in 5 individuals living with HIV/AIDS is unaware of being infected, and significant disparities persist across different communities and populations with regard to incidence of infection, access to treatment, and health outcomes. Our nation's capital has an HIV prevalence rate of nearly 3 percent, which is comparable to the rate in many parts of the developing world.

The enormity of the challenge calls for a sustained, coordinated and robust response. In 2003, President George W. Bush launched the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR, which received bipartisan support in Congress. It represents the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease and has saved the lives of millions of people around the world by establishing and expanding the infrastructure necessary to deliver prevention, care, and treatment services in low-resource settings. In 2008, I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act. That bill, which passed the House by an overwhelming margin of 308 to 116, authorized up to \$48 billion over 5 years to combat those three diseases. The authorization will expire next year, and it's time for us to renew the same spirit of bipartisan cooperation that led to this record of success.

With the help of PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the world has seen truly remarkable advances in AIDS research, prevention and treatment over the past decade. What was once seen as a death sentence is now, for those with access to treatment, a manageable illness, and large numbers of people in even the poorest countries are receiving treatment that once seemed out of reach. By the end of 2011, the Global Fund alone had supported anti-retroviral treatment for 3.3 million HIV-positive people, anti-tuberculosis treatment for 8.6 million, and 230 million insecticide-treated nets for the prevention of malaria, in all saving about 7.7 million lives. Recently the Fund has begun making comprehensive reforms to its structure and program to ensure that funds are spent in the most efficient, effective and accountable way.

President Obama has articulated a global vision of an AIDS-free generation, which means virtual elimination of new pediatric HIV infections by 2015, as well as a domestic goal of cutting new infections in the United States by 25% by 2015. As the eyes of the world are turned on our nation for the conference, we have an opportunity to step up to the plate and endorse these goals, not just in principle but also by making a commitment to provide

the resources that are necessary to achieve it. We can't do it all by ourselves—each country needs to do its part, with the help of the private sector and civil society organizations—but neither can it happen without us.

DAVID CARPENTER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of David Carpenter on the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of service as President and CEO of North Kansas City hospital.

David arrived at North Kansas City hospital in 1999. Before coming to the great state of Missouri, David served as administrator for Scottsdale Healthcare in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was also President and CEO of Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays, Kansas.

David's accomplishments exceed those of many in his industry. He was named Northlander of the Year by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, and was a recipient of the Missouri Hospital Association Visionary Leadership Award.

David has been a great leader to both the staff and patients at North Kansas City Hospital. He built a positive work environment for his employees and worked toward making the hospital more patient-focused, effectively creating a better experience for all. He leaves the hospital with a strong foundation as a top ranked facility in Missouri. David is a shining example of what it means to be a leader—not only for the hospital, but for our entire community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending David Carpenter for his dedicated service to North Kansas City Hospital. I know that his family, friends and colleagues join me in wishing David and his wife all the best in Arizona. I'm confident that he will continue to carry on the values that have made him such an outstanding leader in the northland.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF BRUCE JUN FAN LEE

### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Representatives CHU, HANSEN CLARKE, FALCOMA, VAEGA, GRIJALVA, LUNGREN, RICHARDSON, SABLON, and LORETTA SANCHEZ to pay tribute to the life of Bruce Jun Fan Lee.

The 39th anniversary of Bruce's death is this week, on July 20th. Bruce had, and continues to have, an immeasurable impact on American and global popular culture through the important role he played in creating a bridge between cultures; championing values of self-respect, self-discipline, and tolerance in our Nation; and pioneering and cultivating the genres of martial arts, martial arts films, fitness, and philosophy in the United States and the world.

Bruce was born on November 27, 1940, in San Francisco, CA. His family relocated to Hong Kong shortly thereafter, and he experienced firsthand the occupation of Hong Kong by the Japanese during World War II, during the years of 1941–45, and the subsequent hostility and war that shook the continent. It was during his time in Hong Kong that Bruce sought out martial arts as a means to gain self-confidence and discipline, as well as to overcome repeated instances of taunting racism, and gang activity during his youth.

In 1959, with only \$100 to his name, Bruce boarded a steamship in the American Presidents Line and began his voyage back to San Francisco. Soon thereafter, with much dedication, Bruce threw himself into learning colloquial English in honor and love of America and its culture. He subsequently attended the University of Washington, where he studied philosophy, psychology, drama, and other subjects.

While at college, Bruce began his legendary martial arts teaching career, initially as a means to pay for his education. Bruce's willingness to teach martial arts to non-Chinese individuals as a way to bridge the cultures angered many in the field, and he was forced to defend his freedom as well as others' rights to learn the arts.

Bruce had a true desire and the fortitude needed to expand the reach of martial arts by breaking away from the exclusionary mentality that limited its reach. His ingenuity and creativity led him to Hollywood, where he became an authentic face for Chinese Americans and an inspiration to youth across the world. Simultaneously, he began to create his own martial expression, ultimately naming it Jeet Kune Do.

To millions of people around the world, Bruce Lee remains more than a celebrity or a martial arts legend—he was a true catalyst for social change and civil rights. His memory, which is brought to life everyday by the work of his daughter Shannon Lee, who leads the Bruce Lee Foundation, remains a beacon of hope and opportunity for future generations in America.

It is my distinct honor to have introduced H. Res. 654 in this Congress, in order to honor the life of Bruce Lee and the continuing contributions of the Bruce Lee Foundation to our nation.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in paying tribute to the life of Bruce Jun Fan Lee, a cultural and American icon, as well as master teacher, whose legacy resonates throughout the world for posterity.

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#### REMEMBERING WEN WANG LEE

### HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mrs. Wen Wang Lee.

Born in Taiwan in 1916 as the third daughter of a poor family in a society that favored male children, Mrs. Lee's prospects were dim. Given their meager resources, Mrs. Lee's family sought to find her an adoptive home and, when this proved to be impossible, neglected her and fed her only scraps of food. For a typ-

ical child in her situation, this could have been the end of a very short life, but Mrs. Lee showed early on that she was anything but typical. After three days of starving, her resilience and tenacity to cling to life could no longer be ignored and she was accepted back into the family.

Mrs. Lee went to work by age six, forgoing any opportunity for schooling in order to help provide for her family. From this early age her rapidly developing character was clearly evident: she was a model of extraordinary perseverance, determination, and a strong will that would eventually lead her family to a better life.

After her marriage, Mrs. Lee became the predominant provider for her family, including her eight children. Each day she would rise by three in the morning and walk two hours to an orchard, where she would pick fruit and carry it back on her shoulders to sell. On a typical day, having left home long before first light, she would return from work after dusk, and continue housework until nearly midnight. Mrs. Lee endured this hard life for almost two decades and received three awards from her village for being a model mother while providing for her family and raising her children.

From 1940 to 1960 Wen Wang Lee, with no formal education of her own, raised eight children. In resource-scarce post-war Taiwan, even satisfying basic necessities was a formidable challenge, let alone being able to set aside money for children's tuition. However, while most of the children in her village were forced to begin apprenticeships immediately after finishing elementary school, Mrs. Lee insisted that her children continue their education. Even though it meant personal sacrifices and financial hardship, she never gave up her strong belief that education would enable her children to pursue a better future. Her efforts were not in vain, as her children have gone on to excel in academics in Taiwan and consequently be accepted to pursue graduate studies in the United States. Here, her children have exemplified the amazing story of American immigrants: through hard work and dedication—undoubtedly traits inherited from their mother—they have made numerous positive contributions in both academia and the high-tech industry.

When Wen Wang Lee arrived in the U.S. in her late fifties to live with her children, her quality of life improved drastically. Even though she carried the burden of a hard life, she cast aside her worries and poured all her love into her children's families. She dedicated herself to ensure a better future for her grandchildren, who inherited her strength and perseverance and have attended some of our nation's most renowned universities and hold professional careers in science, medicine and engineering.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lee spent her entire life leading her family to prosperity and left behind a precious spiritual legacy: carry yourself upward, advocate education, and overcome challenges with determination, fortitude, and sincere dedication. This maxim may sound familiar to Americans: when President Theodore Roosevelt was asked to define the essence of our nation he said that "Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood—the virtues that made America." I have no doubt that it was individuals like Wen Wang Lee that President Roosevelt was describing, and I am honored to

rise in recognition of her life and accomplishments today.

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#### COMMENDATION OF THE SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND

### HON. HANSEN CLARKE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the Social Innovation Fund, operated out of the Corporation for National and Community Service, provides competitive grants to highly-successful non-profit organizations. In my district, the United Way for Southeastern Michigan was selected as a Social Innovation Fund grantee and is using its funding to develop promising, evidence-based solutions focused on replicating early childhood learning communities. The Social Innovation Fund uses a unique federal funding model that requires all grantees and sub-grantees to match federal resources 1:1, thereby increasing the return on taxpayer dollars and strengthening local support. In addition, it relies on outstanding existing grant-making intermediaries to select high-impact community organizations rather than building new government infrastructures. It also emphasizes rigorous evaluations of program results.

The Social Innovation Fund is proof that by focusing our limited resources on those organizations and programs that are proven to be successful can reap tremendous results for our country. In my own state, the Social Innovation Fund has provided the United Way for Southeastern Michigan with \$4 million over two years, or over \$12 million with the required match, to build on the expertise of its partnering organizations and facilitate the development of a portfolio of replicable early childhood learning communities in 10 underserved communities in metro Detroit and surrounding areas. They have a track record of using evidence to select grantees, validate programs, and support the replication and expansion of programs. The United Way for Southeastern Michigan is replicating and expanding its program from five sites, impacting 280 children, to twenty-nine sites, impacting 12,000 children. In addition, they are using the funding for a four-year longitudinal evaluation of its current early childhood grantees to measure the extent to which the program intervention improves school readiness.

I want to highlight this emphasis on evaluation and the use of evidence in picking the grantees for the Social Innovation Fund. Last month, the Office of Management of Budget released a memorandum that encourages the use of both evaluation and evidence in the government's decisions around the FY 14 budget process, which I am introducing into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This similar commitment to evidence-based models and evaluation not only benefits the United Way for Southeastern Michigan by making them eligible for unique funding streams, but also puts them on the leading edge of change in the Federal Government's commitment to 'fund what works.'

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE  
PRESIDENT,  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,  
Washington, DC, May 18, 2012.  
MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE  
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

From: Jeffrey D. Zients, Acting Director.  
Subject: Use of Evidence and Evaluation in  
the 2014 Budget.

Since taking office, the President has emphasized the need to use evidence and rigorous evaluation in budget, management, and policy decisions to make government work effectively. This need has only grown in the current fiscal environment. Where evidence is strong, we should act on it. Where evidence is suggestive, we should consider it. Where evidence is weak, we should build the knowledge to support better decisions in the future.

Agencies should demonstrate the use of evidence throughout their Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 budget submissions. Budget submissions also should include a separate section on agencies' most innovative uses of evidence and evaluation, addressing some or all of the issues below. Many potential strategies have little immediate cost, and the Budget is more likely to fund requests that demonstrate a commitment to developing and using evidence. The Budget also will allocate limited resources for initiatives to expand the use of evidence, including but not limited to approaches outlined below. Agencies may include these initiatives in their submission at the guidance level or with proposed addbacks.

1. Proposing new evaluations. As in 2011 and 2012, OMB invites agencies to propose new evaluations. Areas of potential focus may include the following:

Low-cost evaluations using administrative data or new technology: As explained in the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy's recent brief, agencies can often use administrative data (such as data on wages, employment, emergency room visits or school attendance) to conduct rigorous evaluations, including evaluations that rely on random assignment, at low cost. Similarly, the private sector has used new software and online tools to dramatically reduce the time and cost of experimentation. Agencies should consider whether they can use such data or technology to support rigorous evaluations of their existing programs or new initiatives.

Evaluations linked to waivers and performance partnerships: One of the best ways to learn about a program is to test variations and subject them to evaluation, using some element of random assignment or a scientifically controlled design. OMB invites agencies to explain how they will use existing waiver authorities to evaluate different approaches to improving outcomes. Agencies should also consider seeking authority from Congress, through the FY 2014 budget process, to allow new waivers linked to evaluation or to establish cross-agency "performance partnerships" that enable blending of multiple funding streams to test better ways to align services and improve outcomes. Several agencies are seeking such authority in 2013 for initiatives supporting distressed communities and disconnected youth.

Expansion of evaluation efforts within existing programs: In addition to specifying evaluations to be performed with dedicated funding, agencies can also add a general policy and requirements favoring evaluation into existing grants, contracts, or waivers. These measures may require new legislation. For example, Congress recently approved the Department of Labor's request for a small cross-agency set-aside for evaluation activities.

Systemic measurement of costs and cost per outcome: Agencies are encouraged to in-

clude measurement of costs and costs per outcome as part of the routine reporting of funded programs to allow for useful comparison of cost-effectiveness across programs.

Agencies should release evaluations promptly through either their agency websites or alternative means. OMB particularly welcomes agency proposals to improve public access to, and understanding of, evidence about what works and what does not.

2. Using comparative cost-effectiveness data to allocate resources. Through the Pew Charitable Trust's Results First initiative, a dozen States are currently adopting a model developed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) that ranks programs based on the evidence of their return on investment. Once evidence-based programs have been identified, such an analysis can improve agency resource allocation and inform public understanding. For example, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are working together to incorporate evidence about the cost-effectiveness of different pollution control strategies in the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

OMB invites agencies to identify areas where research provides strong evidence regarding the comparative cost-effectiveness of agency investments. The research may pertain to the allocation of funding across agency programs (e.g., research showing that some funding streams have higher returns on investments) or within programs (e.g., research showing that some types of grantees or programmatic approaches have higher returns). Agencies should describe the body of research and then apply its results to support a proposed resource reallocation. OMB is more likely to support an existing resource allocation or a request for new resources supported in this way, and may feature the agency's reasoning in the 2014 Budget.

3. Infusing evidence into grant-making. Grant-making agencies should demonstrate that, between FY 2013 and FY 2014, they are increasing the use of evidence in formula and competitive programs. Agencies should consider the following approaches, among others:

Encouraging use of evidence in formula grants: OMB invites agencies to propose ways to increase the use of evidence-based practices within formula grant programs. For example, formula funds can be conditioned on the adoption of evidence-based practices, and high-quality technical assistance can be used to share and support implementation of evidence-based practices. Competitive programs can assign points to applicants based on their integration of such practices into formula streams.

Evidence-based grants: Several agencies—ranging from the Department of Education to the U.S. Agency for International Development—have implemented evidence-based grant programs that apply a tiered framework to assess the evidence supporting a proposed project and to determine appropriate funding levels. Under this approach, programs supported by stronger evidence, as established in a rigorous agency process, are eligible for more funding. All programs are expected to evaluate their results. Examples of tiered-evidence programs include the Department of Education's Investing in Innovation program and the Department of Health and Human Services' Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Home Visiting programs.

Even without creating tiers, agencies can provide points or significant competitive preference to programs that the agency determines are backed by strong evidence, and can build the evidence base by embedding evaluation into programs. Because running evidence-based programs requires more re-

sources, agencies may wish to combine multiple smaller programs into larger, evidence-based efforts.

Pay for Success: Taking the principle of acting on evidence one step further, the Departments of Justice and Labor will be inviting grant applicants to use a "pay for success" approach, under which philanthropic or private entities (the "investors") pay providers upfront and are only repaid by the government if certain outcomes are met. Payment amounts are based, in part, on the amount that the Federal, State, or local government saves. A pay-for-success approach is appropriate where: (i) improved prevention or other up-front services can produce better outcomes that lead to cost savings at the Federal, State, or local level; and (ii) foundations or others are willing to invest.

To date, the Administration has focused its Pay for Success planning on programs financed with discretionary appropriations. OMB invites agencies to apply a pay-for-success model for programs funded by either discretionary or mandatory appropriations. Agencies should also consider using the new authority under the America COMPETES legislation to support incentive prizes of up to \$50 million. Like Pay for Success, well-designed prizes and challenges can yield a very high return on the taxpayer dollar.

4. Using evidence to inform enforcement. Rigorous evaluation of strategies for enforcing criminal, environmental, and workplace safety laws often reveals that some approaches are significantly better than others at securing legal compliance. OMB encourages agencies to indicate how their allocation or reallocation of resources among enforcement strategies is informed by such evidence.

5. Strengthening agency evaluation capacity. Agencies should have a high-level official who is responsible for program evaluation and can:

Develop and manage the agency's research agenda;

Conduct or oversee rigorous and objective studies;

Provide independent input to agency policymakers on resource allocation and to program leaders on program management;

Attract and retain talented staff and researchers, including through flexible hiring authorities such as the Intergovernmental Personnel Act; and

Refine program performance measures, in collaboration with program managers and the Performance Improvement Officer.

These goals can be accomplished by different kinds of leaders, ranging from a chief evaluation officer who reports to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary to the head of an independent institute in the agency. An existing official could play the role, or a forceful new position could replace several less empowered ones. OMB invites agencies to propose in their budget submissions ways to strengthen the agency's evaluation capacity, within tight resource constraints.

#### SUPPORT FOR EVIDENCE-BASED INITIATIVES

OMB invites your agency to participate in a number of forums to improve use of evidence:

OMB and the Council of Economic Advisers will organize a series of topical discussions with senior policy officials and research experts in the agencies. The meeting agendas will focus on administrative and policy levers for driving an increasing share of Federal investments into evidence-based practices. We will plan summer meetings in order to help inform agencies' evaluation plans and budget submissions, and will also have follow-up meetings in the fall.

OMB will reinvigorate the interagency evaluation working group established in 2010 with a series of meetings focused on issues commonly affecting evaluators, such as procurement rules, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and the integration of evidence in agencies' decision-making process.

The Performance Improvement Council will convene research, performance management, and program officials to develop ways to improve performance measures, validate their correlation with outcome data from program impact evaluations, and use data analytics to support more cost-effective decision-making.

The Office of Science and Technology Policy has created a "community of practice" for agency personnel involved in designing and managing incentive prizes and has organized a Science of Science Policy working group that is developing tools aimed at establishing a more scientific, empirical evidence basis for science and technology policymaking.

To discuss which ideas in this memo make most sense at your agency, please contact your agency's OMB contact. For more general support on evidence-based policy and evaluation, you also may contact Dan Rosenbaum (Dan T. Rosenbaum@omb.eop.gov).

HONORING WAIRTERRICA  
GALMORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable young woman, Ms. Wairterrica Galmore, the Valedictorian of Coahoma Agricultural High School Class of 2012. Wairterrica is the proud daughter of Latoya Reddick and Eric Galmore. She has six siblings and they reside in Friars Point, Mississippi.

Wairterrica has always viewed learning as a priority. She was an honor student throughout school, remaining on either the Superintendent or Principal lists. Her performance in the classroom landed Ms. Galmore placement in "Accelerated" and "Gifted" classes.

As a student in high school Wairterrica maintained her placement in high accelerated courses, while also participating in extracurricular activities. She was a member of the Olive Branch All Girls High School Senior Choir and the Olive Branch High School Co-Ed Choir. Wairterrica also received many awards while at Olive Branch High School such as the Positive Award, Highest Average in Math, and the Highest Average in Art. Her test scores on the Mississippi Curriculum and Subject Test ranked in the "Advanced and Proficient" categories. Wairterrica was also one of two students chosen to represent Coahoma Agricultural High School in a women's conference at Tougaloo College in the summer of 2011. Relocation caused Wairterrica to complete tenth through twelfth grade at Coahoma Agricultural High School, where despite the challenge she reigned victorious, gaining the honor of class Valedictorian.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Wairterrica Galmore, the Valedictorian for Coahoma Agricultural High School's Class of 2012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise regarding my excused absence from rollcall votes 452–454 on Monday, July 9, 2012. I was unavoidably delayed on my return to Washington from Houston, TX due to weather.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 452, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 4155, "Veterans Skills to Jobs Act", which would require the head of each federal department or agency to ensure that an applicant for any federal license who has received relevant training while serving as a member of the Armed Forces is deemed to satisfy any training or certification requirements for the license, unless the training received is found to be substantially different from the training or certification requirements for such license.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 453 on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 4367, "To Amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the free disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine", which cancels the requirement that such a fee disclosure appear in a prominent and conspicuous location on or at the ATM.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 454 on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 5892, "Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012", which Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) to increase from 5,000 to 10,000 kilowatts the size of small hydroelectric power projects which the Federal Energy.

IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE SIX ASSURANCES AND  
THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW  
IN TAIWAN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two important anniversaries this month in relation to our close friend and ally: the country of Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker: Since the end of World War II, the United States and Taiwan have fostered a close relationship that has been of enormous strategic and economic benefit to both countries. When the United States shifted diplomatic relations from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China in January 1979, Congress moved quickly to pass the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, to ensure that the United States would continue its robust engagement with Taiwan in the areas of commerce, culture, and security cooperation. On April 10, 1979, this important and lasting piece of legislation became the "Law of the Land" and has since served as the statutory basis for U.S.-Taiwan relations going forward.

After 33 years, the TRA still stands as a model of Congressional leadership in the history of our foreign relations, and, together with the 1982 "Six Assurances," it remains the cor-

nerstone of a very mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

These "Six Assurances" were designed by President Reagan to further clarify U.S. policy toward Taiwan (in particular to the sale of arms to Taiwan) to reiterate our commitment to Taiwan's security under the TRA and to reaffirm our position on Taiwan's sovereignty. It also stipulated that we would not pressure Taiwan to enter into negotiations with the PRC.

July 14th marks the 30th anniversary of President Reagan issuing said Six Assurances in 1982. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the lifting of martial law in Taiwan in 1987.

Martial law was promulgated in Taiwan on May 19, 1949 by the Chinese Nationalist government, and was ended 38 years later. July 14, 1987 set the stage for a momentous process of democratization in Taiwan that continues to this day. We very are glad to see that Taiwan has transformed into a full fledged Democracy since then.

Over the past three decades, Taiwan has remained a trusted ally of the United States that shares with us the ideals of freedom and democracy. However, the people of Taiwan continue to live day after day under the ominous shadow cast by over 1400 short and medium-range ballistic missiles that the People's Republic of China, PRC, has aimed at them. The PRC persists in claiming Taiwan as a "renegade province," refusing to renounce the use of force to prevent Taiwan's formal de jure independence.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Six Assurances and the 25th anniversary of the lifting of martial law in Taiwan, to further underline our unwavering commitment to the people of Taiwan and to affirm our support for the strong and deepening relationship between the U.S. and Taiwan.

HONORING MARY ALICE O'CONNOR

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, to recognize Mary Alice O'Connor as she retires after 7 years as Executive Director of the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center.

Mary Alice, born in Chicago, Illinois, was ordained a minister by the Unity of the Spirit Ministry School in 1991 and earned her bachelor's in business administration from Golden Gate University in 2002. After many years working for industry leaders in the communications sector, Mary Alice joined the Peace and Justice Center as executive director in 2005. Over the past 7 years, her work has embodied the Peace and Justice Center's mission "to work for a culture of peace through education, advocacy and community building," while at the same time increasing business operations and doubling the Center's operational budget in just 3 years.

Under Mary Alice's leadership, the Peace and Justice Center planned, expanded, and promoted a number of invaluable community programs that have raised awareness for both local and global issues of social justice. The

“Speakers’ Forum” hosts distinguished individuals to address global peace, issues of environmental justice, gun violence, and the politics of crime and punishment that affect quality of life in local communities. The “Art and Writing Challenge” encourages awareness and discussion among Contra Costa County students of the environment, economic inequality and the promotion of non-violence. The first “Creating Peaceful Schools Conference” brought together over a hundred local educators to develop strategies for promoting non-violence in the classroom and encouraging children to focus on ways to promote a more peaceful and just environment. Furthermore, through peaceful public protests against wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and many educational forums developed by Mary Alice and her board of directors, the Center has become a well-known hub for thoughtful discussion of current events in the East Bay Area.

Mr. Speaker, we invite this chamber to join us in honoring Mary Alice O’Connor for her tireless and dedicated service to the people of Contra Costa County. We join her family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating her on a successful and fulfilling career at the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, and wish her the very best on her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CHRISTENING  
OF THE USS “SOMERSET”

**HON. MARK S. CRITZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the christening of the USS *Somerset*. On July 28, 2012, the USS *Somerset* will become the latest San Antonio class landing platform/dock, LPD, to join our Navy’s fleet. This ship will commemorate the valor and courage of the 40 passengers and crew of United Flight 93 who gave their lives to protect our way of life on September 11, 2001.

In waters across the globe, the USS *Somerset* will continue the fight for freedom that the United Flight 93 passengers and crew began. Wherever the ship travels, her impregnable exterior will symbolize our impregnable resolve to honor their memory and to continue their legacy of sacrifice for the greater good.

About 22 tons of steel taken from a crane near the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, PA, has been incorporated into the ship’s bow stem. Like the steel from that crane, the American people have taken a new form since 9/11. We are stronger and more resilient than we were prior to that fateful day. Like the steel from that crane, we have emerged from the tragic events of September 11th ready and eager to take on new challenges, embark on new journeys and explore new horizons.

The USS *Somerset* is the last of three ships that have been built in honor of the September 11th victims. The USS *New York*, christened in March 2008, was built as a tribute to the individuals who lost their lives at the World Trade Center and the USS *Arlington*, christened in March 2011, was built as a tribute to the servicemembers and civilians who perished at the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the christening of the USS *Somerset* with great pride. It is my most sincere hope that the delivery of this ship

will provide the family members and friends of the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 with some measure of solace. For the USS *Somerset* will carry the story and sacrifice of their loved ones to the Sailors and Marines tasked with defending our freedoms, promoting peace and providing assistance across our oceans.

HONORING KINEU DONALD

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Kineu Donald, Salutatorian of Raymond High School; Class of 2012. Kineu was born to the proud mother of Sheillia Donald, on December 16, 1993, in Edwards, Mississippi.

She attended Bolton-Edwards schools through middle school. While in middle school Kineu was consistent in her efforts to remain on the Honor Roll and Principal’s List. She finished Bolton-Edwards Elementary Middle School, and was acknowledged as the Val-dictorian of her eighth grade class.

Throughout high school, Kineu has been recognized for her many achievements in both academics and extra-curricular activities. She was a member of the band, choir, Beta Club, Student Council, and Student Body. In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Kineu also participated in many community service projects sponsored by her school and church.

As a high school graduate, Kineu plans to attend Alcorn State University and major in agricultural economics or nutrition and dietetics, to aid her in her pursuit to become a food science technologist or a dietician.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Kineu Donald the Salutatorian for Raymond High School Class of 2012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes:

1. H.R. 6018—To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes, as amended. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this bill.

2. S. 2009—Insular Areas Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this bill.

RETURN OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
AIDS CONFERENCE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in more than two decades, the

United States will host the 19th International AIDS Conference—drawing over 20,000 people from around the world to our Nation’s capital.

Having participated in every Conference since I was first elected to Congress in 1998, I knew we could not bring the conference back to the United States until the discriminatory immigration ban on people living with HIV was lifted.

In 2007, I first introduced a bill to repeal the ban. Few believed it could be done, but through bipartisan support we achieved this goal.

This week, the return of the Conference is an important opportunity to shine a global spotlight on the fight against AIDS in African American communities and a national spotlight on the ongoing global epidemic.

Today, I will introduce new legislation to do just that.

Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic Act articulates a policy and financing framework to achieve an AIDS-Free Generation in the United States and globally.

I urge all my colleagues to support it so that we can begin to bring an end to AIDS here at home and around the world.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR  
INVESTS IN THE NATIONAL  
ECONOMY

**HON. RANDY HULTGREN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, as the national economy continues to struggle, I would like to highlight an encouraging development with regard to the telecommunications sector. As the attached synopsis of a recent report by the Progressive Policy Institute indicates, investment in the economy is a critical factor in promoting growth, creating jobs, and stimulating productivity. I applaud the telecom industry for its contribution to this effort.

REPORT: TELECOM SECTOR LEADS THE WAY IN  
DOMESTIC ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS

While the domestic economy continues to struggle, a new report shows that the telecommunications space remains one of the biggest investors in attempting to boost the nation’s fortunes.

The Progressive Policy Institute report, “Investment Heroes: Who’s Betting on America’s Future,” found that among non-financial institutions, AT&T and Verizon Communications were the two top investors of capital expenditures in the country last year. AT&T took the top spot with a reported \$20.1 billion in investments in 2011, with Verizon investing \$16.2 billion.

“The exponential growth in consumer demand for cable and wireless data services makes it both a necessity and an incentive for these companies to invest in building out their service capabilities,” the report noted. “Investment is what led to development of the latest high-speed 4G networks, estimated to be 50% more efficient in streaming wireless data than its 3G predecessor. What’s more, the commitment of these telecom companies to investment in wireless infrastructure, cable communications, and processing equipment is a good example of how investment can have important spillover benefits. By using the infrastructure developed and maintained by telecom companies,

companies that develop software applications for smart devices along with companies that provide Internet services—like Facebook and Twitter—are able to innovate and get those innovations to consumers quickly. Because of the broadband networks in place these non-telecom companies are able to expand their businesses and service offerings.”

Other telecom-related companies on the list included Comcast at No. 8 with \$5.3 billion in investments; Southern Company, which owns wireless operator SouthernLINC, at No. 10 with \$4.5 billion; Sprint Nextel at No. 16 with \$3.1 billion in investments; Time Warner Cable at No. 19 with \$2.9 billion in investments; Google at No. 24 with \$2.2 billion in investments; and Apple at No. 25 on the list with \$2 billion in investments.

“The role of investment in the economy is essential,” Diana Carew, an economist at the Progressive Policy Institute and co-author of the report, told Breakout “It creates jobs. It boosts wages. It boosts productivity. It stimulates growth. It affects millions of Americans in a very positive way.”

**INVESTMENT HEROES: TOP 25 NONFINANCIAL COMPANIES BY U.S. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE\***

Rank and Company	U.S. Capital Expenditures (\$Bns)
1 AT&T**	20.1
2 Verizon Communications**	16.2
3 Exxon Mobil	11.7
4 Wal-Mart	8.2
5 Intel	7.4
6 Occidental Petroleum	6.2
7 ConocoPhillips	5.6
8 Comcast**	5.3
9 Chevron	4.8
10 Southern Company**	4.5
11 Hess	4.4
12 Exelon**	4.0
13 Ford Motor	3.9
14 General Electric	3.7
15 Enterprise Product Partners**	3.6
16 Sprint Nextel**	3.1
17 Walt Disney	3.0
18 FedEx	2.9
19 Time Warner Cable**	2.9
20 General Motors	2.8
21 Target	2.5
22 IBM	2.5
23 Chrysler Group	2.5
24 Google	2.2
25 Apple	2.0
Total	136.2

\* Universe includes nonfinancial Fortune 150 companies from 2011; financial reporting from FY11.  
 \*\* Reported to have U.S. operations only; may include a small amount of non-U.S. investment.

**CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE GENE UPSHAW MEMORIAL TAHOE FOREST CANCER CENTER**

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the completion and opening of the Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center in Truckee, California.

Led by Medical Director Laurence Heifetz, MD, FACP, and Medical Oncologist Hematologist Ahrin Koppel, MD, the Tahoe Cancer Center first opened its doors in 2006 with a mission of providing quality care for cancer patients in the Tahoe region.

The Center’s services are vast and include: medical evaluation, examination, diagnosis and treatment; chemotherapy infusion and blood product administration; pharmacy, laboratory and diagnostic imaging services; a psychosocial services program with wellness,

support groups, nutritional counseling and rehabilitation therapies; professional and caring staff; and Financial Counseling for patients. And for the first time in the Truckee-Tahoe area, the expanded Center will also house radiation oncology services as well.

In coordination with the University of California Davis Cancer Care Network, the Tahoe Forest Cancer will provide world class treatment and care for cancer patients in north-eastern California and Nevada. The Center will connect patients not just to the best in modern treatments and equipment, but to some of the most renowned medical professionals in our state. I am certain that both these patients and their families will reap the dividends of this facility for decades to come, often in the hour of their greatest need.

Mr. Speaker, the foundation of our nation’s strength has always been found in our local communities. Neighbors who willingly band together and pool their resources are remarkably skilled at employing those resources to their most useful and productive ends. They do so because they have a vested stake in the future of their towns and cities, and they understand the burdens borne to finance that future because they are the ones who bear them. I can think of no finer example of this remarkable and unique characteristic of our shared heritage than the opening of the Gene Upshaw Memorial Tahoe Forest Cancer Center and I am proud to rise today in celebration of this auspicious occasion.

**HONORING LISA WARD**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a worthy member of our society Mrs. Lisa Ward. Lisa Ward and her husband, Darrel Ward, are the proud parents of two.

Mrs. Ward is a dedicated and devoted mom, who works tirelessly in the Canton Public School District and in the community to make a difference in the lives of children. As an employee for the Canton Parks and Recreation Department in the city of Canton, she has helped to create various service-oriented activities for our youth.

Some of those youth activities include indoor and outdoor sports, movies in the park, carnivals, health feasts and decreasing childhood obesity. Understanding the importance of community and parental involvement Mrs. Ward works diligently to garner support and sponsorships from vendors, merchants, and parents in the community to offer these and other activities to help provide recreational opportunities for children and to help them develop socially. In her desire to serve as a concerned and involved parent in the lives of children, she often goes above and beyond the call of duty. In honor of her dedication and contribution to her local community and children, Mrs. Ward has received the Parent of the Year award from the McNeal Elementary School and the District Parent of the Year award from the Canton Public School District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lisa Ward, for her commitment and contribution to helping improve the

lives of children in the Canton Public School District, located in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

**HONORING DR. JOSEPH THOMAS FELSEN, MD UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS “RETIREMENT”**

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Joseph Thomas Felsen on his “retirement” as he transitions to a new adventure. Commonly referred to as Dr. Joe, he dedicated over 35 years to serving my district. Between raising funds for Jones Memorial Hospital, joining various health committees in the district, and working to bring more physicians to the rural areas of his county, Dr. Joe’s unselfish concern for others improved the well-being of his patients and community.

Dr. Joe has been an outstanding member of this district for his entire life. He was born at Jones Memorial Hospital and later worked there as an attending physician in Internal Medicine from 1979 until his retirement. Practicing for over 30 years in the same building as his father, Dr. Irwin Felsen, the two combined for 73 years of patient centered care in the 29th district.

I am extremely grateful for Dr. Felsen’s invaluable contributions to our community and wish him the best of luck when he and his wife, Florence Anne, leave for the Peace Corps this September.

**TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH SMUKLER, ESQ.**

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, the late Joseph Smukler, Esq.

Joseph was a giant of a man. He was a humanitarian, a philanthropist, a scholar and an attorney of great renown. He was universally recognized as one of the most public spirited citizens of the Delaware Valley.

Joe was a tireless advocate of the voiceless. The urge to advocate led to his leadership on behalf of Jews persecuted in the former Soviet Union and to reach out to the poor and disadvantaged at home through charitable work. His professional advocacy led his statewide peers to recognize him as Pennsylvania’s “Super Lawyer” in 2004.

Joseph had a keen intellect, which he honed as a cum laude graduate of Kenyon College, with an A.B. and Highest Honors in Economics, Harvard Law School where he earned an LL.B., Oxford University England where he attained a Graduate Diploma in law, and at Gratz College where he was awarded his Doctor of Hebrew Laws (Hon.)

He was a natural leader who served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. That talent and leadership ability advanced him through the legal ranks to the positions of senior partner and chairman of the Personal

Injury Group at the prestigious firm of Fox, Rothschild LLP.

Joseph's leadership and commitment to community propelled him to the ranks of our region's great philanthropists. He was a past president of the Family Service of the Main Line, Jewish Campus Activities Board (Hillel), Association for Jewish Children, and the Jewish Community Relations Council, where he was also honorary President. He served as Commissioner of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, Chairman of Har Zion Radnor Temple, Vice-President and Board of Trustees member of Har Zion Temple, Vice-Chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and founding Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Soviet Jewry Council.

Joe served on the Boards of United Way of Greater Philadelphia and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He was a past Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and Vice President of the National Museum of American Jewish History and Vice-Chair of the Anti-Defamation League. He was a recipient of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's highest honor, the 2003 Avodat Ha Kodesh Community Award and is a member of Central High School of Philadelphia's Hall of Fame. He and his beloved wife Constance received the Soviet Jewry Council Human Rights Award, the Mellon Bank Good Neighbor Award and the State of Israel Bonds Humanitarian Award. Together they chaired the "Israel 50" celebration and the first Philadelphia Jewish Book Fair.

But, more than anything, Joe was a loving family man. He cherished and inspired his children and grand children and lived for Constance. He will be deeply missed by all of us and I'm proud to have known him.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise regarding my excused absence from rollcall votes 462–468 on Thursday, July 12, 2012. I was unavoidably delayed on my return to Washington due to pressing matters in my District.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 462, on agreeing to the Tonko (NY) Amendment, which would narrow the scope of the underlying bill to address strategic and critical minerals only; the underlying bill covers mining for virtually all minerals, including sand, gravel, and clay.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 463, on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment, which would give the lead agency, in the event of new or unforeseen information, the authority to extend by two six-month periods the arbitrary 30 month time limit the bill imposes on permit approval.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 464, on agreeing to the Markey amendment (A003), which would require a royalty payment of 12.5 percent of the value of hardrock minerals such as gold, silver and uranium mined on federal lands. The revenue generated by royalty payments would be dedicated to cleaning up the more than 160,000 abandoned

hardrock mines. Currently, companies pay no royalty to mine hardrock minerals on federal lands.

I would have voted "no" for rollcall vote 465, on agreeing to the Young (AK) amendment, which would require the Forest Service to allow mining roads in areas currently designated as roadless.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 466, on agreeing to the Grijalva amendment which would protect hunting, fishing, grazing and recreation on public lands by requiring review of any mineral exploration or mining permit that might diminish opportunities for these activities.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 467 on motion that the House instruct conferees.

I would have voted "aye" for rollcall vote 468, on final passage of H.R. 4402—National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2012 which would require federal agencies to expedite environmental review of proposed mining projects, and limits the judicial review process for challenges to approved mining permits on federal lands or associated environmental reviews. In addition the measure would give mining companies control over the timing of permitting decisions for virtually all mining operations on public land, not just those involving strategic or critical minerals.

#### HONORING GIDARELL BRYANT

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable man, Gidarell Bryant, Jr., Valedictorian of Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, Mississippi Class of 2012. Gidarell was born on November 25, 1993 in Clarksdale, Mississippi to Ms. Tammie Turner and Gidarell Bryant, Sr.

Gidarell has always had a competitive nature. Graduating as Valedictorian of his class was a goal that he set for himself in middle school and at the close of his senior year of high school was privileged to be bestowed the honor. To remain focused on his goals, Gidarell often recalled his mother's words, "If you put in no effort you will get nothing in return. Whatever you want to achieve in life comes with hard work and hard work will pay off."

In accordance with her advice, Gidarell took advanced coursework in high school such as: Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and Trigonometry, achieving many academic and honorary awards throughout his secondary education and as an honor student throughout elementary, middle, and high school. Gidarell was inducted into both the National Junior Honor Society in middle school and National Honor Society in high school, where he served as Vice President. He was also chosen as a student ambassador for Lead America and People to People programs, and has served as a scholar in the Rotary Youth Leadership. Gidarell also received nominations for the United States Achievement Academy.

Gidarell credits his mother for diligently working to keep him focused on his goals; his grandmother, Leola Turner, was always supportive of him; his two uncles, Chester and

Corneilus Lambert, who are retired military personnel, who have not only served this country but also served as male role models.

Gidarell will attend Mississippi State University and major in Business Administration. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he hopes to attend Harvard University to pursue a professional degree. Gidarell hopes to one day serve as Governor of Mississippi, in addition to owning a National Basketball Association franchise that he would relocate to Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Gidarell Bryant, Jr. as Valedictorian of Rosa Fort High School Class of 2012, in Tunica, Mississippi.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FRANK M. TOSTE, SR.

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Frank M. Toste Sr., a respected dairyman and community leader, who passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2012. His dedication to family and farming made him a true source of pride for California's San Joaquin Valley and our nation.

A proud product of California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, Frank was born in Riverdale, California on January 26, 1921 to Mary Carreiro and Joseph Toste, who were Portuguese immigrants from the Azore Islands. He attended Valley schools and developed a love and appreciation for the San Joaquin Valley. Mary and Joseph instilled a sense of responsibility and dependability in Frank early in his life. As a young boy Frank worked on his family's small dairy in Kerman, California, where he learned the value of hard work. Years later, those same values would encourage Frank to serve his nation in the United States Army during World War II. He served in Northern Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. During his service he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon returning home, Frank met and married the love of his life, Iva Jean Heitz. Together, they started their own business, the Hillview Dairy Farm near Easton, California. His passion and enthusiasm for farming, combined with his skills and work ethic, made him a very successful farmer and dairyman. Frank loved what he did and passed on the gift of farming to younger generations in his family.

Frank's contributions to his community went beyond his exceptional farming abilities. He was active in many organizations including the Knights of Columbus, the Cabrillo Civic Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Farm Bureau, and the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. His participation and admirable service to his community made him a valuable leader and respected voice on important Valley issues. He will be sorely missed.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Iva; his sons, Frank Toste Jr., Ron Toste, and Scott Toste; his grandsons, Frank Toste III, Jason Toste, Jacob Toste; his granddaughters, Marlene Borges, Anneka Anderson, and Roni Aust; five great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; his brother Willie Toste; and many nieces and nephews.



Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Mr. Frank M. Toste Sr. His character truly exemplified the best of what America has to offer. His many contributions to agriculture and unwavering commitment to his loved ones will ensure that his legacy lives on for years to come.

THE DESIGNATION OF MEADOW BROOK HALL AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join with Oakland University in celebrating the designation of Meadow Brook Hall as a National Historic Landmark.

Meadowbrook Hall, built on what was the Dodge family's Meadow Brook Farms in 1929 in then Avon Township, now Rochester Hills, Michigan, is a symbol of the American automotive industry's transformative effect on Michigan. When the 88,000-square foot, 110-room residence was envisioned by Matilda Dodge Wilson, the widow of Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company cofounder John F. Dodge, it was a country residence for her and her family. Today, Meadow Brook Hall is the site of Oakland University, a fully fledged institution of higher learning which supports a student body of 19,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

In Meadow Brook Hall's construction, Mrs. Wilson held true to many of the principles that guided the greats of America's automotive industry. Believing in the spirit of American innovation and contrary to the prevailing practices of the time, Mrs. Wilson had the Tutor-revival styled estate constructed almost entirely from American materials crafted by American designers. And in keeping with the spirit of community involvement that has been ever prevalent in the American automotive industry, Mrs. Wilson often used the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall to host charitable events and civic engagements.

In 1955, it became a focus of the community in Oakland County that as Michigan's second most populous county, area residents should join together to cultivate a local institution of higher learning. Answering the call of their community, Mrs. Wilson and her second husband, Mr. Alfred Wilson, bequeathed the entire 1500-acre Meadowbrook estate to the State of Michigan. And after supporting the endeavor with an additional two million dollars, Michigan State University (MSU) opened its MSU-Oakland Campus in 1959. MSU-Oakland would become known as Oakland University in 1963.

Steeped in the history of Michigan's industrial ingenuity, Meadow Brook Hall has come to embody the American automotive industry's spirit of transformation. Just as the auto industry once raised millions of Americans into the middle class, Meadow Brook Hall and Oakland University continue that proud tradition; providing our youth the tools they need to become the successful leaders of tomorrow. And throughout its years, the spirit of philanthropy and service upon which Meadow Brook was

gifted to the State, continues to be a fundamental tenant to Oakland University as it supports many community endeavors and engages local stakeholders in shaping the future of the Southeast Michigan region.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have supported Oakland University in its endeavor to have Meadow Brook Hall designated a National Historic Landmark. As a symbol not only of Michigan's history, but also its future, the designation of Meadow Brook Hall as a National Historic Landmark is truly becoming of its significant impact on the communities of Southeast Michigan.

FORMER PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR WILLIAM WARREN SCRANTON

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Pennsylvania Governor William Warren Scranton on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

Governor Scranton comes from a long line of statesmen and his family founded the Northeastern Pennsylvania city of Scranton. After graduating from Yale University in 1939, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps just before World War II. Although he did not see combat, he served honorably and remained active in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for two decades.

Governor Scranton's public service began in the 1950s, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him as a special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of State in 1959. After a little over a year, Governor Scranton was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Pennsylvania's 10th District. As a freshman member, he fought tirelessly for his constituents and fostered bipartisan support for the common good. In 1962, he successfully ran for Governor of Pennsylvania, defeating then Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth. During his four years in office, Governor Scranton advocated for a strong education system, continued industrial development in the United States and abroad, and fiscally responsible policy.

In 1966, Governor Scranton vowed to never run for public office again, but his service to the community did not end. From 1967 to 1968, Governor Scranton attended the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and helped write a new constitution for the state. Additionally, he continued his public service through leadership positions with several civic organizations including; director of the Boys Club of Scranton, vice president of the University of Scranton's President's Council, director of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the board of directors for Geisinger Memorial Hospital.

After turning down several proposals to run again for public office, Governor Scranton accepted an appointment from President Gerald Ford in 1976 to serve as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. His ability to promote diplomacy and genuine interest in human rights earned him favor with many nations and promoted a positive world view of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, today, Governor Scranton embodies the traits, ideals, and values which many of us strive to achieve today, and I am honored to congratulate him on his many years of dedicated civic service to the community of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth, and the country.

HONORING ARIEL KOMINIQUE TAYLOR

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young woman, Ms. Ariel Kominique Taylor. Ariel was born in Indianola, Mississippi, to LaShunda King and Kamia Taylor. She is a dedicated member of Weeping Mary Baptist Church and proud member of the Humphreys County High School Class of 2012.

Ariel's commitment to academic excellence earned her the title of Salutatorian for Humphreys County High School Class of 2012. At Humphreys County High School, Ariel was a charter member of Students Making a Change, SMAC, a participant in The Mayor's City Youth Council, and was a member of the Youth with a Vision Community Choir. She also served as a sports journalist for the school's newspaper, a member of the Varsity Cheerleader Squad, and the school's tennis team.

After graduating, Ariel plans to attend Jackson State University and major in mathematics with an emphasis in accounting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Ariel Kominique Taylor for her continued effort in achieving excellence in education and leadership.

HONORING CAPTAIN FREDERICK E. GAGHAN

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Fredrick E. Gaghan of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, JIEDDO, who will retire in November after 25 years of service.

Captain Gaghan has had a long and distinguished career in the United States Navy. Upon graduation from Hartwick College in 1987, he enlisted in the Navy as part of the Special Operations Officer Program and was subsequently commissioned in 1988. As a young naval officer, Captain Gaghan served onboard USS *Opportune*, ARS 41, as a qualified Surface Warfare Officer. Following his initial sea assignment, he became an Explosive Ordnance Disposal, EOD, officer and was first assigned to EOD Mobile Unit NINE. Throughout his career, Captain Gaghan has displayed exceptional professionalism and technical proficiency. As such, he was identified by his seniors as a leader who could be entrusted with command. He served as the Commanding Officer of EOD Mobile Unit FOUR as well as Commander, Task Group 56.1 in Bahrain. At

the Joint CREW Program Office, PMS-408, he served as the Director, Test and Evaluation and Principle Assistant Program Manager before arriving at JIEDDO.

Today, one of the greatest threats faced by our service men and women is the improvised explosive device, TED. Our troops face an adaptive enemy with little regard for the sanctity of human life. As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I work closely with JIEDDO to help provide the necessary capabilities to protect our service men and women from the TED threat. JIEDDO has made significant strides to combat those dangers by not only reducing the effectiveness of IED attacks themselves, but also by targeting and eliminating the enemy networks that seek to use these devices to harm our troops.

Captain Gaghan has contributed greatly to protecting the lives of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. At JIEDDO, he was initially responsible for leading all Counter-TED research and development efforts in support of our Combatant Commanders urgent needs. In this role, he developed and delivered numerous capabilities that have enabled our forces to more effectively detect IEDs, jam radio-controlled initiators and identify Home Made Explosive precursors. Lieutenant General Michael Barbero, Director of JIEDDO, quickly recognized Captain Gaghan's strong leadership abilities and selected him to fill two key positions in the past year: JIEDDO's Chief of Staff and Acting Deputy Director of Rapid Acquisition and Technology. Throughout his tenure at JIEDDO, Captain Gaghan's tireless efforts and great dedication helped JIEDDO achieve its mission of rapidly providing Counter-IED capabilities in support of the warfighter to defeat the IED as a weapon of strategic influence.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Captain Gaghan's military career, and I join his colleagues in honoring his extraordinary leadership at JIEDDO and his distinguished military service.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE ARNOLD  
M. GOLDEN, SR.

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of one of my constituents, the late Arnold M. Golden, Sr., who passed away at his home on St. Croix last Saturday. Arnold M. Golden was a Crucian gentleman and statesman, one who spent all of his life in service to his family and his community.

Known to family and friends as "Morty", he distinguished himself as a Virgin Islands Senator, a St. Croix administrator, Commissioner of both the Departments of Public Works and Commerce under the Governor Juan Luis Administration, and the manager of the Sunny Isle Shopping Center. He served on many community groups and organizations to include the Knights of Columbus, League of Women Voters, Boy Scouts of America, Landmarks Society and AARP.

Morty Golden was a community servant, dedicating himself to the betterment of our islands, especially St. Croix. He was among the generation of Virgin Islanders who guided the

growth and development of the modern Virgin Islands, working to develop the tax system, the planning, land use and conservation laws, and the Virgin Islands National Guard. His most recent service of note was as a Delegate to the Fifth Constitutional Convention, where he advocated for transparent, workable government.

I knew him as an elder statesman, always ready with words of wisdom on how to make our islands a better place to live and our government function in a way that served the needs of all its people. He was a champion of municipal government and of transparent government with more accountability to its citizens. He was a champion of good governance and for the further development of our territory through the adoption of its own Constitution.

Arnold M. Golden was born on December 13, 1931 in the town of Frederiksted to Louis R. and Violet (Pedersen) Golden. He was the eldest of 10 children and attended the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parochial Schools. He graduated from Christiansted High School in 1949 and attended the Polytechnic Institute and UPRAT Mayaguez in 1949 and later the University of the Virgin Islands, where he pursued interests in engineering and management.

Morty worked briefly at VICORP before being drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served 2 years of active duty, with one tour of duty in Korea. He was later Commissioned in the Armed Forces Reserves, and served with the Army Reserve Unit on St. Croix for a number of years. Later he was employed by A.C. Sanford as a land surveyor, where he worked on the construction of the Alexander Hamilton Airport. He was later employed as an appraiser by the Tax Assessor's Office, assisting in the modernization of the office and tax system.

In 1968, he was elected to the Virgin Islands Legislature and was instrumental in the passage of legislation to create the Planning Office, the Executive Budget Act, and land conservation legislation. He worked on legislation authorizing Governor Melvin Evans to secure the authority to activate a National Guard Unit in the Virgin Islands, as well as the Jr. ROTC units.

Morty Golden was honored to serve in numerous positions under the administration of Governor Juan F. Luis to include: Administrator, Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Commerce and Assistant to the Governor. He also served on many government boards and commissions. He also managed the Sunny Isles Shopping Center in between his government service. Upon his retirement in 1987, he returned to land surveying.

He served the community in various community organizations to include the Catholic Social Center, the Knights of Columbus, the Boy Scouts, the League of Women Voters, Landmark Society, and AARP. He has been honored for his outstanding community service by the Jr. Chamber of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Postal System and Rotary Club of St. Croix West.

Mr. Speaker, Arnold M. Golden's most important role was as the patriarch of his beloved family. He was preceded in death by his son, Louis M. Golden, and leaves behind his beloved wife of 56 years, Carmen Maria (Encarnacion) Golden, his children: Helen Marie Danielson, Violet Anne Golden, Peder Mark Golden, Carmen Louise Walker, and Ar-

nold M. Golden, III, his grandchildren: Leroy E. Danielson, Jr., Janelle Marie Plummer, Louis M. Danielson, Lionel Danielson, David M. Thomas, Jasmine L. Walker, Benjamin Walker, IV, Christina Walker, Nico Golden, Carla Golden and Juma Golden and four great-grandchildren: Leroy E. Danielson, III, Alimah M. Danielson, Daylon Lee Tank Yuk and Louriz M. Danielson.

Mr. Speaker, the life and legacy of Arnold M. Golden is one of which the entire U.S. Virgin Islands community is very proud. He is an example of public service at its best. My family and staff extend our condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

#### A TRIBUTE TO HILLSIDES

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor HillSides, a nonprofit organization for abused and emotionally disturbed children, in Pasadena, California upon its 100th Anniversary.

In 1913, Evelyn Wile, a kindhearted young deaconess of the Episcopal Church, opened HillSides Home for Children in Highland Park for 13 abandoned children that sought to reject the established approach of cold, uncaring institutions and provide a personal and empathetic community for homeless children.

Ms. Wile's vision of a campus of cottages where children could flourish in a country-like environment surrounded by sunshine, fresh air, and open space became a reality in 1918, when she moved the home from Highland Park to 17 acres in the San Rafael Hills of Pasadena, where it has remained to this day. The increase in space allowed Evelyn to build more residential cottages and an administration building, which was completed in 1927. Over the next 40 years, HillSides Home for Children was a safe haven where children were the top priority. In the 1960s, HillSides shifted focus from being an orphanage to becoming a center for abused and emotionally disturbed children. By the late 1970s, it had grown to include 14 on-campus buildings and 2 satellite homes. HillSides Education Center was established in 1982 to offer specialized instruction for students with behavioral challenges or learning disabilities, and the Family Center was created that same year to provide crisis intervention and parent education for at-risk families. HillSides Home for Children's name changed to HillSides in 1999. In 2005, HillSides Youth Moving On was established, a transitional living program for young adults leaving foster care.

In the last century, HillSides has grown tremendously from Ms. Wile's original home that served 13 children. To date, HillSides has rescued over 110,000 families and is recognized as a leader in children's rights advocacy issues. Encompassing a comprehensive network of residential and community facilities that provide an unmatched depth and breadth of resources to at-risk children and families, HillSides has pioneered techniques that have become standard practices and ranks among the region's most respected and trusted organizations in the field.

I am honored to recognize Hillside for its 100 years of loving care and support to countless children and families and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Hillside for its remarkable achievements.

HONORING MELVIN YOUNG, JR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a determined young man, Mr. Melvin Young, Jr.

Melvin Savelle Young, Jr. was born June 28, 1994 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to the proud parents of Melvin Young, Sr. and Rhonda Morris Young. He is also the proud grandson of Bernice Profit of Hollandale, Mississippi and the late Emma Lee Dorsey of Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

While in high school, Melvin was the runner up for Mr. South Delta High School, a member of the varsity football, baseball, and the track team. He also participated in the JROTC program. He is a faithful member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church where he is a devoted choir member. In conjunction with his hopes to positively impact his community, Melvin became a member of the Mayor Youth Council and has worked as a volunteer at the Sharkey County Tax Assessor and Collector Office. Melvin also volunteered in the emergency response efforts of the county to save public records during a flooding crisis; as a volunteer he worked to move official records to a secure location.

In the fall Melvin plans to attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston, Mississippi where he will pursue a degree in Pre-Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Melvin Savelle Young, Jr. for his hard work and dedication in his efforts to achieve his goals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 469 and 470 I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 469, and "aye" on rollcall No. 470.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 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 \$15,884,155,929,632.05. We've added \$5,257,278,880,718.97 to our debt in

just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR  
TAMMY COON

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I along with Representative ISSA rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Major Tammy Coon, United States Army. Sergeant Major Coon has served a distinguished career in the United States Army, spanning over twenty eight years. She has distinguished herself with exceptional meritorious service in a succession of positions of great importance and responsibility to the Army and the nation. She has culminated her military career in the Army's Office of the Chief of legislative Liaison as a Congressional Legislative Liaison to the United States House of Representatives for the past 2 years. Additionally, she is the first Sergeant Major in the United States Army to serve as a Congressional Legislative Liaison to the House of Representatives. Over the course of the 28 years which she has spent in uniform serving her country, she has been cited by her command as exhibiting outstanding initiative, leadership and professionalism in all of her actions. In doing so, she has made significant contributions to the welfare of soldiers and their families, to say nothing of the service she has provided to the people of this nation.

Sergeant Major Coon's previous positions of significant leadership included: First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Space Brigade, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Chief, Enlisted Promotions, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Senior Enlisted Advisor, Directorate of Personnel, Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I), Baghdad, Iraq; Senior Enlisted Advisor, Special Management Division, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia; and Senior Enlisted Advisor for Soldier Programs/Community Recreation, Department of the Army, Alexandria, VA.

Sergeant Major Tammy Coon served as a Congressional Legislative Liaison to the United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC. During this assignment she served as the primary point of contact for 70 Members of Congress within the Pacific Region, which included California, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Additionally, she served as the Army House Liaison Division's primary point of contact for Wounded Warrior Care issues and for the Mental Health and Invisible Wounds Causes, routinely interacting with Members of Congress and senior staffers.

As First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Space Brigade, Colorado Springs, Colorado, she was responsible for discipline, health & welfare, safety, and training of 120 active duty, reserve, and National Guard soldiers as well as 130 Department of the Army Civilians. Even though the unit was deployed in five separate locations, Sergeant Major Coon ensured that the soldiers, civilians, and families were well cared for.

Sergeant Major Tammy Coon served as the Chief, Enlisted Promotions, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia. She managed the Department of the Army's enlisted promotion system, affecting Army enlisted soldiers worldwide. Her guidance and leadership were instrumental in the execution of over 50,000 promotions annually, while markedly increasing the efficiency of the promotion process. Additionally, Sergeant Major Coon reviewed and provided input for regulatory guidance revisions. She routinely proposed new initiatives and prepared correspondence on behalf of the President, Congress and Department of Army Senior Leadership.

As the Senior Enlisted Advisor, Directorate of Personnel, Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I), Baghdad, Iraq, she was the principal advisor for all enlisted personnel readiness and Human Resource management issues for 150,000 U.S. military and 13,000 members from 25 Coalition Countries deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this time she developed, synchronized, and implemented personnel policies and training that impacted enlisted members throughout the Iraqi theater.

As the Senior Enlisted Advisor, Special Management Division, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia, Sergeant Major Coon was responsible for the manpower management and strength management of enlisted personnel assigned to Special Mission Units (SMU) and Special Access Programs (SAP) which support national security objectives. SGM Coon compiled, analyzed, and produced personnel statistical information for all enlisted career management fields quarterly reviews ensuring that these units were properly manned in order to execute missions directed by the National Command Authority.

While serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Soldier Programs/Community Recreation, Department of the Army, Alexandria, Virginia, she coordinated and implemented Soldier Programs for 84 United States Army Garrisons and had oversight of a \$40 million budget. She co-authored and analyzed strategies and surveys for various Army initiatives and served as lead trainer for all Soldier programs across the Army, training over 30,000 Soldiers and civilians.

Sergeant Major Coon is the perfect representative of the United States Army. We have gotten to know Sergeant Major Coon as the "soldier with a smile". She brings an enjoyment and enthusiasm to serving her country and representing the Army that is unparalleled in the halls of Congress. We are grateful for the advocacy Sergeant Major Coon has done on behalf of the physical and mental well being of soldiers and their families. Sergeant Major Coon has provided us with advice and counsel on issues affecting wounded warriors and their families that has led to legislative action improving wounded warrior care and mental health care. We particularly appreciate the work Sergeant Major Coon has done with our staff in providing them with the materials, briefings and support they need to work on issues affecting the Army.

Sergeant Major Coon's dedication to duty and superior leadership has left an indelible mark on the United States Army, the soldiers with whom she has served, and the Congress of the United States. Her actions, in over 28 years of military service, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army.

We have been honored to work with Sergeant Major Coon, and thank her for extraordinary service to our nation.

HONORING CHERRY MATHIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a young woman whose commitment to her academics has earned her this recognition.

Ms. Cherry Mathis. Ms. Mathis is a straight-A honors graduate of Charleston High School in Charleston, Mississippi.

She has been consistent in maintaining the highest average in nearly all of her courses throughout high school. Her grade point average is an astounding 4.1, which gives her the highest average among her peers in the twelfth grade. As a result of her studious feat, Ms. Mathis was designated as the Valedictorian of the Charleston High School Class of 2012.

Receiving this honor implies that Ms. Mathis is incredibly hard working, and dedicated to her education. She has earned numerous awards and distinctions such as being inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. However, her proudest accomplishment was being named as a National Merit Scholar. In addition to her academic responsibilities, Ms. Mathis has also held leadership positions in several school organizations including the Yearbook Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Club, and Student Council.

Ms. Mathis plans to attend the University of Mississippi where she will major in Integrated Marketing Communications. She believes that obtaining this degree will be a primary tool in achieving her future goals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cherry Mathis for her outstanding academic achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes yesterday. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 469 and 470.

HONORING THE DEDICATED  
SERVICE OF SOL FLORES

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, last week the White House honored leaders who have made a significant difference in the way their communities combat homelessness among children and youth. I am pleased that

one of the 13 "Champions of Change" is Sol Flores, Executive Director of La Casa Norte in Chicago.

Nearly one million American men, women and children are currently homeless. That is simply unacceptable, but progress is being made. Because of Sol's leadership of La Casa Norte, the city of Chicago—and the Humboldt Park neighborhood in particular—has seen a significant reduction in homelessness.

Since founding La Casa Norte 10 years ago, Sol has made it her mission to serve youth and families facing homelessness. La Casa Norte's continuum of services to assist children, young adults, and families has proven incredibly successful. Eighty-four percent of youth leaving La Casa Norte's transitional housing program find permanent housing, and 87 percent of families who receive homeless prevention assistance maintain housing stability. The organization is a recognized leader in effective homeless prevention in the Chicago area and across the country.

I thank Sol Flores for her tireless efforts to promote stable homes and stable communities, and I wish her continued success. Her leadership of La Casa Norte and dedication to eradicating homelessness are worthy of her distinction as a "Champion of Change."

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
BRINTON W. OVERHOLT, SR. IN  
THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor an outstanding Hoosier for his patriotism and service during World War II. Brinton W. Overholt, Sr., 90-years young this year, served with honor in the United States Army from 1944–1946. Trained stateside at Camp Blanding, Fort Meade, and finally Camp Shanks; Brinton was eventually shipped overseas to support the Allied march liberation of France. Landing in Le Havre, France, Brinton was assigned as a casualty replacement for the 106th Division, 423rd Battalion, Squad 4 of the 3rd Platoon. The 106th Division served with distinction in France; helping to trap some 20,000 German soldiers around St. Lazare; a vital submarine base near Paris. Of the Division's original compliment of 1500 soldiers; only 88 would survive the war.

Shooting the 81 mm mortar, Mr. Overholt served in the Heavy Weapons Unit. Later, he would become the squad leader, directing the shots of the mortar men. While Overholt was still in France, Nazi Germany surrendered; and the 106th Division became part of the United States Army of Occupation in Germany.

The American soldiers moved into German houses and Brinton Overholt was assigned the of taking inventory of the household so that if the U.S. soldiers broke anything or if something went missing, our government would replace it. Brinton was in the midst of an inventory when an officer informed him that he was going to be shipped out to the Pacific for the invasion of Japan. Fortunately, for Brinton and the Japanese, Brinton was granted a 30-day furlough in the U.S., before his rotation to Japan and the war would be over before his furlough ended.

Brinton spent the rest of his military career at Camp Campbell in Kentucky. (now called Fort Campbell) where he served as a medic's and Chaplain's Assistant to special troops. Brinton would in fact serve under three different Chaplains over the time he was there—including Chaplain John Brown.

If you ask him about his service during the war, Brinton will tell you quite honestly and matter-of-factly, that he doesn't consider himself a hero, just a kid who served his country because it was the right thing to do. I ask my colleagues to join with me today to honor and thank Brinton W. Overholt Sr.; because it is the right thing to do.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAZZ GREAT  
BEN KYNARD

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Ben Kynard, the great jazz saxophonist, whose musical performances, jazz compositions, and great legacy continues to enrich the lives of so many jazz enthusiasts.

Kansas City jazz has become a worldwide staple. It was born in a town where, as the great Monarch manager, Buck O'Neal, said, "Everything was wide open." No one knows how many nightclubs and cabarets were in operation during the 1930s. The clubs were packed and the great musicians were working—and playing. In those "hot" clubs, Mary Lou Williams, the jazz pianist, said that Kansas City was, "A heavenly city . . . musicians everywhere." Indeed, they were. Among them was the soft spoken saxophonist Ben Kynard, who as a teenager, migrated to Kansas City from Arkansas.

Ben Douglas Kynard was born in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on February 28, 1920, to Bennett and Amelia Kynard. When he was just seven years old, his mother passed away. Three years later, his father remarried, moving the family to Kansas City. He learned first to play the horn, and later the saxophone, from his older brother B.C. Kynard began to play professionally in 1938 at the age of eighteen, performing in night clubs in Kansas and in country clubs with his companion, Celester White and later Oliver Todd's band, known as the Hottentots.

Kynard later joined the U.S. Army, where he played in a military band, one that frequently played at officers' clubs and funerals. After returning to Kansas City, he joined Lionel Hampton's band and traveled the country with the group from 1946 until 1953. He wrote "Red Top," which is still a jazz favorite, while on tour in Newark, New Jersey. He named it after his wife Joyce, whom he married in 1953 and had red hair at the time. After seven years with the band, Kynard left and returned to Kansas City, where he worked for the United States Postal Service for thirty-two years, still playing jazz in the evenings. He also maintained his career as a jazz composer, writing music for himself and other local musicians.

One of the highlights of my life was the evening my father-in-law, who lived directly across the street from Mr. Kynard, introduced

me to the jazz great himself. Later, he played in my in-laws' living room the song that gave him fame, "Red Top." Sadly, on July 5, 2012, Mr. Kynard passed away at the age of 92. He was survived by his wife Joyce, of fifty-nine years, their two children, Brett and Carmen, and their two grandchildren. I am proud to have known Mr. Kynard and have heard him—on a number of occasions—blow that sax.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Kynard for his contribution to the world of jazz and honoring his musical accomplishments as a jazz great. Mr. Kynard was an accomplished musician who left behind a rich legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come. His loss will be felt by many, not just in the Kansas City community, but also by those throughout the jazz world who miss this exceptional jazz talent. We wish his family the very best during this time of bereavement. We would also remind them that no one is dead who is remembered. To be sure, Mr. Kynard will, indeed, be remembered.

#### HONORING LUCILLE HOLMES

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable educator, Lucille Holmes.

Ms. Holmes is the second of four children born to the late Mr. Arthur D. Randle and Mrs. Josephine Randle of Starkville, Mississippi. Her maternal grandparents are the late Walter and her paternal grandparents are Earlene Franklin and the late Charlie and Lydia Randle. She was born in a small community known as Rock Hill and was a member of Rock Hill United Methodist Church. After marrying her husband Clarence Holmes, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church in Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Upon completing high school Lucille graduated from Mississippi State University in 1978 where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Upon graduation she obtained a position at Boswell Retardation Center, now known as Boswell Regional Center in Sanatorium, Mississippi, as a special adult education teacher.

Her goal early in her youth was to become an educator due to her second grade teacher Ms. Viola Johnson. Ms. Johnson's teaching techniques and methods impacted her decision to become an educator.

Mrs. Holmes educational philosophy is that all children can learn and they have the right to be taught the way they learn. As an educator she believes it is her responsibility to learn how each child learns and teach him or her accordingly. Furthermore, she is always willing to do the unthinkable to ensure that each and every life she touches is changed in a positive way.

In 1981 she began employment with the Cleveland School District at East Side High School, as a special education teacher. In 1983 she went to Delta State University and completed her Master Degree in Guidance and Counseling. After completion of her degree she went to work in the Shaw School District as an elementary school counselor at McEvans. She left Shaw to work in the Shelby school system as an elementary, middle

school and high school counselor. In 1997 Lucille returned to the Cleveland School District as a counselor at East Side High School. She has since received her certification in school administration.

Mrs. Holmes is the mother of two children, Cristal Arlette and Clarence Anthony Holmes Jr. whom she has instilled the importance of getting an education, just as she has for the students in her classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that our colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Lucille Holmes for her commitment to education.

#### RETIREMENT OF DOMINIC ROMEO FROM NEW JERSEY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest appreciation to Dominic Romeo for the more than 50 years of service to the state of New Jersey as a law enforcement officer and advocate for the Fraternal Order of Police. The true embodiment of a public servant, Dom began his career in 1959 as a seasonal police officer in his hometown of Wildwood and rose through the ranks, including two stints as President of the Cape May County FOP Lodge 7. His leadership and commitment to the oath 'to serve and protect' are a model for current and aspiring officers. His advice and insight have helped me on Congressional issues related to law enforcement. On behalf of South Jersey residents and all those kept safe by his selfless actions, I wish Dom Romeo a very relaxing, rewarding retirement and thank him both for his steadfast friendship and service to South Jersey.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF EVERETT "BUD" RANK, JR.

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the life and work of Everett "Bud" Rank, Jr., who passed away on June 3, 2012. He will not only go down in history as a former member of both the Nixon and Reagan Administrations' Agriculture Departments, but as an avid golfer, ardent family man, and long-time Valley rancher.

Bud was a lifelong Fresno resident. He was born on December 1, 1921 and attended Clovis High School before fighting in World War II for four years as a gunner's mate in the South Pacific. After the war, Bud returned to his roots in Fresno to help organize the Clovis chapter of the Future Farmers of America; where he later served as president.

Bud's passion for agriculture was reflected by the time and effort he contributed to the many organizations he was a part of. He was a member of the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers, the Clovis Grange, the International Cotton Advisory Committee, the Sierra Soil and Water Con-

servation District, and many others. Bud worked within the Agriculture Department, first as Western Regional Director of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, then as both head of the ASCS and Executive Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corp.

While his commitment to the San Joaquin Valley agricultural community was unmatched, Bud's commitment to education was equally impressive. He wanted each student to have every opportunity to thrive in school and reach the highest level of education possible. He did this by serving three terms as the President of the Clovis Unified School District Board of Trustees in the 1960s and early 1970s. His contribution and impact on the community are now honored and remembered though the Bud Rank Elementary School in Clovis.

Bud was a legendary community leader. He cared greatly about the future of the San Joaquin Valley residents and youth. He leaves behind a legacy that will be hard to equal. The people of Fresno will miss Bud for years to come, but will never forget all that he gave and did for the people of Fresno County.

#### L.J. FERDINAND HAZLETON GROUP OF THE MEN OF MALVERN

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern who will be attending its 72nd annual retreat at the Malvern Retreat House on July 20, 2012.

The L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group began in 1941, when nine men from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, traveled from Hazleton to Malvern, Pennsylvania, to seek spiritual guidance and inspiration. Founded in 1912, the Malvern Retreat House is the largest and second oldest Catholic retreat house in the United States. This year, the Malvern Retreat House celebrates its 100th year anniversary. For the last one hundred years, the Malvern Retreat House has been a place of reflection and sanctuary for over one million men and women from all fifty states and abroad.

As a Catholic, it is an honor to recognize the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern, an organization that has given so much back to the community. On a personal note, I have had the esteemed privilege of attending the annual Malvern Retreat a number of times in the past.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the L.J. Ferdinand Hazleton Group of the Men of Malvern for all they do for Northeastern Pennsylvania and I congratulate the Malvern Retreat House on celebrating its one hundred years of dedicated service to our country and its citizens.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise regarding my absence from rollcall votes 469–470 on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. I was attending a funeral.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 469, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 6018 "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", which would authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 470, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill S. 2009, "Insular Areas Act of 2011" which would require a study of possible health risks to people living on an atoll in the Marshall Islands, and also delay an increase in the minimum wage in American Samoa, and require those increases to take place every three years instead of annually.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL 2012  
OLYMPIANS

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seven remarkable athletes who are competing in the Summer Olympic Games in London later this month. Of the 530 Americans participating in the Olympics, these 7 will proudly represent my district. I wish them the best of luck in each of their respective sports.

Through dedication and determination, Ryan Lochte from Canandaigua, Abby Wombach, Iris Zimmermann, and Jason Turner from Rochester, Meghan Musnicki from Naples, Molly Huddle from Elmira, and Henrik Rummel from Pittsford achieved their goal of competing for the U.S. Olympic team. Lochte, Zimmermann, and Turner head to London as veteran Olympians in swimming, fencing, and shooting, respectively, while the other four will compete for the first time in various events including soccer, rowing, and track and field.

Qualifying for the Olympic Games is one of the highest athletic honors the world has to offer. The countless hours these seven athletes sacrificed practicing and perfecting their skill set exemplifies the true American spirit. I will proudly watch these seven Olympians compete for a Gold Medal in London and I hope they attain the success they deserve.

HONORING SHUNDRARIA  
RONEISHA TRIBBLE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable young woman: Shundraria Roneisha Tribble. Shundraria is the only daughter of Michelle Tribble of Falcon, Mississippi.

She graduated as an outstanding scholar of Madison Shannon Plamer High School. Throughout her high school career she has remained on the Principal and Superintendent Lists. She was a member of the Beta Club, the Student Council, and the United States Achievement Academy. Shundraria was also elected as Miss Madison Shannon Palmer High School 2011–2012.

As a freshman, Shundraria set a goal to graduate in the top ten of her senior class,

and through hard work and determination she was named class Salutatorian on May 12, 2012. Shundraria aspires to enter the medical field as a Registered Nurse to later venture on to become a physician.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shundraria Roneisha Tribble, Salutatorian for Madison Shannon Palmer High School Class of 2012.

HONORING THE SIXTH CONGRES-  
SIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA'S  
OLYMPIC ATHLETES

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two constituents from the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, Kathleen Hersey and Eric Hurd, who will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Kathleen Hersey will be participating in 100m/200m butterfly, while Eric Hurd will be in the Slalom Double Canoe event.

By taking second place in the 200m butterfly, Kathleen qualified for her second Olympic games. Last year Kathleen won a national title and a gold medal at the Duel in the Pool, both in the 200m butterfly. She finished eighth in the same event in Beijing four years ago. Kathleen has shown amazing dedication, discipline, and devotion to swimming, training roughly 9,000 yards per day, six days a week.

Eric earned a spot on this year's Olympic team by winning the Gold earlier this year at the 2012 Pan American Championship in Brazil. Eric also finished first at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Teams Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric's paddling career began at Atlanta's "Waterworks"—a single Class II rapid with gates set up for training purposes. Since then, he has been preparing rigorously ahead of this year's games by training at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Members of the House in wishing these two outstanding individuals the best of luck. Their exceptional commitment to athleticism is an inspiration to us all. I know Kathleen and Eric, along with a multitude of other exceptional athletes across this great land of ours, will be a wonderful illustration to the world of American strength and perseverance.

IN MEMORY OF A HOOSIER HERO,  
SPECIALIST NICHOLAS ANDREW  
TAYLOR

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as flags fly at half-staff in northeast Indiana today, I rise with a heavy heart to remember and honor a constituent, Indiana National Guard Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor, an American hero who lost his life while courageously supporting combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on July 16, 2012. He served with the 713th Engineer Company of the Indiana

National Guard based out of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Army Specialist Nick Taylor was from the small town of Berne, Indiana. Despite receiving several offers to play college football after graduating from South Adams High School in 2010, Specialist Taylor signed up to serve his country in the Indiana National Guard. He was a hard worker and a man of integrity. He excelled in everything he did, whether it was being a three-sport athlete or his involvement in First Missionary Church.

Specialist Taylor wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. His father, Timothy Taylor, is Berne's chief of police and those who knew Nick said he wanted to continue his public service after his deployment by applying to the Fort Wayne Police Department. He also planned to use the money he earned from his military service to enroll in college and study criminal justice.

Specialist Taylor was an outstanding citizen-soldier who, along with the other brave members of the 713th, was assigned a dangerous mission and performed courageously on behalf of a grateful state and nation. Our hearts in Indiana are heavy as we remember one who lost his life wearing the uniform of the United States, and those he left behind.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District and my wife and children, I extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Specialist Nick Taylor, including his father, Timothy Taylor, his mother Stephanie, brother Drew, and sisters Holly and Sophia. The Bible tells us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted," and that shall be our prayer. May God bless the memory of this brave young man. The name of Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor will be forever enshrined in the hearts of a grateful state and nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY E.  
COVERDALE

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Shirley E. Coverdale, First Lady of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, New York, who is being honored on July 21st for thirty years of service to her church and community.

In her tireless work on behalf of others, Mrs. Coverdale has come to embody the mission of the church where her husband, Charles Coverdale, serves as pastor. As a faith community, First Baptist seeks to offer hope and service to both its members and the community at large. Mrs. Coverdale's hand and heart have been instrumental in almost every aspect of the church's work.

Specifically, Mrs. Coverdale has served as Sunday school superintendent; director of an after-school mentoring program in collaboration with the Riverhead School District; developer of a computerized membership and financial management database for the church; project manager for C.A.R.E, which established a volunteer corps of senior citizens; grant writer; fundraiser; and catalyst for legislation that improves the quality of life for ordinary people.

Furthermore, Mrs. Coverdale is committed to social justice, care for the elderly and infirm,

education, and leadership development. She is a powerful voice for people in need, and an advocate for the less fortunate among us. In her current work as Executive Director of the Family Community Life Center in Riverhead, New York, she is spearheading the development of a Community Benefit District that includes housing for working families, a recre-

ation complex, an early childhood development center and an adult day health program.

In typical fashion, Mrs. Coverdale also finds time to do the important hands-on work of the church and is presently the caregiver and guardian for the oldest widow in the church. I am proud to know Shirley Coverdale and to represent her as a constituent in New York's First Congressional District. I know that her

husband, two children, eight grandchildren and great-grandchild are also proud of her.

Mr. Speaker, Shirley E. Coverdale has indeed earned the title of First Lady of her church in a multitude of ways, perhaps most importantly through being a living example of the ideals she espouses.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 20

10:30 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, and Rainey Ransom Brandt, and Kimberley Sherri Knowles, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

JULY 24

10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine housing partnerships in Indian country.  
SD-538  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine assessing the opportunities for, current level of investment in, and barriers to the expanded usage of natural gas as a fuel for transportation.  
SD-366  
Environment and Public Works  
Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health Subcommittee  
To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine Environmental Protection Agency authorities and actions to control exposures to toxic chemicals.  
SD-406

Judiciary  
Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine strengthening the student visa system.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the Cable Act at 20.

SR-253

Judiciary  
Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine responding to Citizens United and Super PACs.

SH-216

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine private student loans, focusing on providing flexibility and opportunity to borrowers.

SD-538

Intelligence  
To hold a closed markup session to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 25

10 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, focusing on research, collaboration, and discovery.

SR-253

Appropriations  
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the proper size of the nuclear weapons stockpile to maintain a credible U.S. deterrent.

SD-192

Finance  
To hold hearings to examine education tax incentives and tax reform.

SD-215

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine ensuring judicial independence through civics education.

SH-216

Appropriations  
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on education.

SD-124

Foreign Relations  
Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine Iran's support for terrorism in the Middle East.

SD-419

2 p.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine enhancing women's retirement security.  
SD-562

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine short-supply prescription drugs.  
SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies.  
SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use.  
SD-366

3 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine S. 2215, to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, focusing on economic statecraft.  
SD-419

JULY 26

9:30 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine assessing overlap between disability and unemployment benefits.  
SD-342

2:15 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the regulation of tribal gaming, focusing on brick and mortar to the internet.  
SD-628

2:30 p.m.  
Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.  
SH-219

AUGUST 1

9 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to examine MF Global, focusing on accountability in the futures markets.  
SR-328A