

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STEVE EBNER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Steve Ebner. Since 2006, Mr. Ebner has served as Fire Chief at the Fort Lewis Mesa Fire Department and on August 1, he will step down from this position.

Beginning his career as a volunteer in Maryland, Mr. Ebner worked for nearly 42 years in the fire service industry. His experience gained him teaching positions at both the University of Maryland and San Juan College Fire Science Programs. In 2006, after many distinguished years of service, the Fort Lewis Fire Department appointed Mr. Ebner to the fire chief position.

During his time at Fort Lewis Mesa, Mr. Ebner was essential to the development and expansion of the fire department. With improved training sessions and enhanced services, Mr. Ebner advanced the department's ability to perform. His leadership and commitment to the community were also recognized this past spring when eight department members shaved their heads in support of Mr. Ebner's battle with chemotherapy.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Chief Steve Ebner. I rise today to thank him for his work on behalf of the state of Colorado, and I wish him the best in his fight against cancer.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday July 17 and Wednesday July 18, 2012, I was not present for recorded votes and was with my constituents in my district preparing for and attending tornado recovery related events with the First Lady of the United States.

If I were present, I would have voted in the following way:

Tuesday July 17

H.R. 6018—To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes—voted “yes.”

S. 2009—Insular Areas Act of 2011—voted “yes.”

Wednesday July 18

H.R. 5872—Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012—voted “yes.”

McCollum Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces Military Retirement Funds (for military bands) by \$187,770,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Kingston/McCollum Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces the amount of Defense Department funding for professional sports spon-

sorships by \$72,300,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “yes.”

Quigley Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion account by \$988 million (funding for one DDG-51 Destroyer) and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Cohen Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Navy Cruiser Modernization account by \$506,660,000 and increases the Defense Health Program (for cancer research) account by \$470 million—voted “no.”

Pompeo Amendment to H.R. 5856—Strikes the \$250 million Rapid Innovation Fund from the bill and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Markey Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the funding for ground based missile defense by \$75 million and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Amash Amendment to H.R. 5856—Allows outsourcing of Defense-related work and strikes the requirement that such outsourcing be done on a competitive and cost-beneficial basis—voted “no.”

Cohen Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Reduces the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund by \$175 million and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Cicilline Amendment to H.R. 5856—Strikes the \$375 million in funding for the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund and applies the savings to the spending reduction account—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#1) to H.R. 5856—Reduces total defense funding by \$181 million—the same amount that the FY13 Transportation/HUD bill cut the Federal Transit Administration—voted “no.”

Markey Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Prohibits the use of funds to operate or maintain more than 300 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#2) to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding in the bill by \$293,900,000—the same amount as was cut in the proposed FY13 Labor/HHS appropriations bill for Title X Family Planning (zeroing out the account)—voted “no.”

Woolsey Amendment (#3) to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding in the bill by \$1,700,000,000—the same amount as the Republican budget cut the Social Services Block Grant program (zeroing out the account)—voted “no.”

Lee Amendment to H.R. 5856—Reduces funding for the Overseas Contingency Operation (OCO) by \$21 billion, excluding: the Defense Health Program; Defense Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities; the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund; and the Office of the IG—voted “no.”

King (IA) Amendment to H.R. 5856—Prohibits the use of funds to be used to implement, administer, or enforce the requirements in the Davis-Bacon Act—voted “no.”

RECOGNIZING THE FLINN FAMILY AS THE 2012 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Flinn family for being selected as the Santa Rosa County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family for 2012.

Shannon Flinn first began farming with his father in his native Illinois. From a young age, he has always been actively involved in all aspects of farming and personifies the spirit of American ingenuity that has helped make our Nation prosperous. His hands-on experience helped develop a natural aptitude for finding unique solutions to complex problems. In 1972, Shannon moved to Santa Rosa County, Florida, and in 1989, he and his wife, Audra, were married. Audra plays an instrumental role in their success, especially during the planting and harvesting seasons.

The Flinn family embodies the industrious nature and household unity that characterizes our Nation's family farmers. Today, along with their three children, the Flinns farm peanuts, cotton, corn, and soybeans on 500 acres of land in Northwest Florida. Sheldon, 16 years of age, is known as an excellent operator and is skilled at using essential farm equipment to plow, plant, and harvest the crops. Aaron, still relatively young at the age of 11, is a helpful worker who has already developed the patience required to think through problems that routinely arise on the farm. Megan, their oldest child, currently attends nursing school, but still finds time to help out on the farm when she is able.

The Flinn family is also very active in their local church and Cobbtown Christian Academy, where Sheldon and Aaron attend school. Shannon also serves on both the Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau Board and the Jay Peanut Farmers Cooperative Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Flinns' tireless work and their dedication to family, faith and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Flinn family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

H.R. 4367

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4367, a bill which would remove the current requirement under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act that ATM machines

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have a physical label indicating the fee charge. Currently, ATM machines have both a physical posted notification and an on-screen prompt that inform the customer of any fees prior to the withdrawal or transfer of money. These fees are often used to offset the cost of a patron withdrawing money from an ATM owned by another financial institution.

H.R. 4367 is an essential piece of legislation which prevents greed-motivated individuals from fraudulently removing the physical fee notification and then filing frivolous lawsuits on financial institutions for not having the physical notification posted. This fraud forces financial institutions to waste huge amounts of money on legal fees, some as much as \$500,000, merely to defend frivolous lawsuits. Unfortunately, the cost of this litigation forces banks to raise their ATM fees to deal with the action of a few unscrupulous individuals exploiting a legal loophole.

Today, virtually all ATM machines display on-screen notifications of a transfer fee, prior to allowing the customer to withdraw money. Altering the law so that banks are only required to post an on-screen fee notification will help them avoid expensive, unjust, and unnecessary lawsuits. H.R. 4367 is an essential and necessary part of modernizing our financial regulations to fit the needs of the digital world. Please know that I firmly support H.R. 4367 and would have voted in favor of it.

HONORING BARDSTOWN, KY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the town of Bardstown, Kentucky on its recent honor of being named the "Most Beautiful Small Town in America." This distinction was made by Rand McNally and USA Today after considering the 650 nominated towns.

This is a tremendous honor for Bardstown and its residents. Whenever people visit Kentucky, I always tell them to visit Bardstown because I believe it best exemplifies the beauty of the Bluegrass State. I am proud to call Kentucky my home, and I hope this honor will continue to draw attention to this beautiful town and all that Kentucky has to offer.

Bardstown, the second oldest city in Kentucky, has previously been named one of the 100 Best Small Towns in America and one of the 50 Best Small Southern Towns. Bardstown is home to many historic and notable sites, most notably "My Old Kentucky Home," which was visited by American composer Stephen Foster. The legendary story says it was his inspiration for the Kentucky State Song. Bardstown holds another impressive title of "Bourbon Capital of the World." Bardstown is home to Heaven Hill and Barton Brands and the distilleries at Maker's Mark and Jim Beam are just outside of town.

It is important to highlight the wonderful leadership of Bardstown, and this honor reflects on their work within the community. Thank you for making Bardstown what it is today.

I encourage everyone to visit beautiful Bardstown, Kentucky. You will fall in love with the majestic landscape and the sense of community.

RECOGNIZING 2012 BLUE STAR MUSEUMS: THE FRISCO HERITAGE MUSEUM AND THE COLLIN COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Frisco Heritage Museum in Frisco, Texas and the Collin County Farm Museum in McKinney, Texas for participating in the National Endowment for the Arts' Blue Star Museums program.

This program—also supported by Blue Star Families organizations and the United States Department of Defense—encourages museums across the country to offer free admission to active duty military personnel and their families between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Over 1,800 facilities nationwide participate, and many extend the offer of free admission to veterans of our Armed Forces. Two of these great institutions are located in Collin County, Texas, the place I'm privileged to call home.

The Frisco Heritage Museum exists to "collect, preserve, study, interpret, exhibit, and stimulate appreciation for the history and culture of Frisco, Texas—and the North Texas region—to all the people of the region." This great museum is situated on a six-acre Heritage Center where folks can visit a reproduction of the Frisco Train Depot and historic buildings that were moved to the lot. The museum itself walks visitors through Frisco's development from a small railroad town to the fastest-growing city in America.

Another museum designated as a Blue Star is the Collin County Farm Museum. This great facility, which boasts over 8,500 square feet of collections and exhibits, strives to "develop a better understanding and appreciation of Collin County's rural heritage." The museum also loans out artifacts to popular area attractions, allowing the public to enjoy historic equipment such as a Model T Ford and early-model tractors.

I commend both museums for honoring our nation's heroes by opening their doors free of charge. After all, it's the men and women of our Armed Forces who have defined the American story and who still fight to protect the freedoms that allow the United States to be the most innovative nation on earth.

To the staff, supporters, and volunteers of the Frisco Heritage Museum and the Collin County Farm Museum, thank you for your first-rate efforts. You help make our community great.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5856, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013. We are still a nation at war. Our troops continue to remain in harm's way fighting for our country in Afghanistan. Our consideration of this legislation must begin with an acknowledgement of this critical fact.

In that light, I am pleased that this legislation gives our troops the support they need while they are serving our Nation abroad. The bill provides \$519.2 billion for the Department of Defense's base budget, and \$88.5 billion in funding for the war. It also gives a 1.7 percent pay raise to our troops and provides \$2.3 billion for family support and advocacy programs. I am also very pleased to see the Committee include \$181 million in funding to keep the M-1 Abrams tank production line in operation, which will help ensure our military industrial base is strong and vibrant. The legislation also provides \$1.6 billion for activities to counter Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), which continue to be a leading killer of our troops abroad. All of these programs are an accurate reflection of our priorities as a nation.

That being said, I am dismayed that House Republicans chose to write all of this year's appropriations bills under a lower limit than was established under the Budget Control Act (BCA). The BCA represents a bipartisan compromise on Federal spending and it should be respected. The Senate Committee on Appropriations is moving forward with the limit established under the BCA with the blessing of the Republican leadership. Such a disconnect between the two bodies on an issue of critical significance only adds to the uncertainty surrounding our economy and is not in our national interest.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this vital legislation so our troops can know they have the support of the Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP GREGORY KEITH BLUE, D.MIN.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bishop Gregory Keith Blue, D.Min., Presiding Prelate of Perfecting Ministries Worldwide, Inc. and Overseer of Body of Christ Church International, who is celebrating 30 years of Pastoral Ministry this year. He will be honored at a banquet on Saturday, July 21, 2012 and at a church service on Sunday, July 22, 2012, in Columbus, Georgia.

A native of Miami, Florida, Bishop Blue holds five degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Arts in Psychology, Master of Divinity, and Doctorate of Divinity.

Stepping out of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Gregory Blue stepped into apostolic purpose birthing Perfecting Ministries Worldwide and Body of Christ Church International. Following Ephesians 4:11-13, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets,

the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ," the revelation became manifestation in July 2000 on a store front property in Columbus, Georgia.

Bishop Blue is responsible for establishing, developing, and perfecting the five-fold ministry by equipping and teaching followers of God and sending them out across the globe to found churches with Christ as the Chief Apostle.

A strong leader with an exceptional work ethic, Bishop Blue has spoken and shared the Word of God as a pastor throughout the State of Georgia since 1983. He had the honor of speaking at the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC in 2002 and has received many civic and social awards both locally and nationally. He is also affiliated with Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance (PHIPA) in Dallas, Texas and Summerfield Ministries in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bishop Blue has been sought out by local and state officials for his counsel and prayers. In late 2005, he traveled with Dr. Sherlock Bally to Israel to meet with key Israeli leaders. Since then, Bishop Blue has been traveling around the United States consecrating bishops and teaching true worship.

A father of five, Bishop Blue meditates upon Psalm 66:12, "You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment—abundance."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Bishop G.K. Blue for 30 outstanding years of Pastoral Ministry. He has transformed the lives of countless people and his leadership has inspired others to also help lead the way to eternal life.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF ATHOL
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 250TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 250th anniversary of the town of Athol, Massachusetts. On March 4, 1762 the colonial Governor of Massachusetts, Sir Francis Bernard, officially incorporated the Town of Athol, Massachusetts into the commonwealth. The town was named in honor of the Scottish heritage of an influential settler, John Murray, who had ancestral ties to Blair Athol in Scotland.

As with many colonial towns and villages in western Massachusetts, agriculture was an important and prosperous industry. In Athol, that industry grew to include milling lumber, grains, and other agricultural products. The advent of the locomotive and the expansion of railroads to Athol contributed greatly to the economic growth of the town and to increasing trade with Springfield and Vermont.

As the market for goods produced in Athol expanded, new industries, such as cotton processing, tanning, production of textiles, and metal working, flourished. Athol earned the

nickname of "Tool Town" because of the Athol Machine Company and the L. S. Starrett Company, which produced machinists' hand tools and precision tools and were both established in the 19th century. Athol's booming economy turned the town into a destination for travelers from all across Massachusetts and New England. Trolley lines from Athol to Orange shuttled visitors to and from their destinations.

Today, Athol is again on the rise; its population is increasing and the spirit of resilience and determination present in the days of the lumber mills and metal works factories remains strong. On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the town of Athol, Massachusetts, I congratulate its citizens and praise their dedication and perseverance throughout the town's history. It has been an honor to represent this great community, and I wish the people of Athol a healthy and prosperous future.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO REAUTHORIZE THE
NATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY
PROJECT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project. I originally worked with then-Senator Hillary Clinton to create this project, and with the authorization for the project. With its current authorization set to expire in Fiscal Year 2013, it is vital that Congress pass this reauthorization and ensure that the women who have shaped our Nation's history, and fought for women's rights, are remembered and honored for generations to come.

The National Women's Rights History Project will establish an auto route linking sites significant to the struggle for women's suffrage. It will also add to the National Register of "Places Where Women Made History," a variety of historic sites that were home to pivotal moments in our Nation's struggle for gender equality. Finally, this Project will establish a public-private partnership network to offer financial and technical assistance for educational programs about the history of the fight for women's rights.

On this day in 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Mary Ann M'Clintock convened the first women's rights convention at Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. This event marked the beginning of a 72-year struggle for women's suffrage. During the convention, 68 women and 32 men signed the Declaration of Sentiments, which set out radical notions such as women's freedom to own property, receive an education and earn fair wages.

I am especially proud that it was in Rochester, New York, where Susan B. Anthony fought so hard for the rights that women throughout this country rely on today. Among her many efforts, Susan B. Anthony established the Equal Rights Association to refute ideas that women were inferior to men and fight for women's right to vote. And in 1900, Anthony fought to tear down the walls of higher education. Twenty years earlier, a woman

launched a brave petition to be the first female student at the University of Rochester. For almost twenty years, the petition was flatly denied—until 1898, when the University said that women would be allowed if they raised \$100,000 for the school. In today's terms, that is equal to \$2 million.

By June 1900 a group of women had managed to secure \$40,000, and the University decided that women would be allowed to enroll if they could raise another \$10,000 by September. Scrambling to reach the new goal, the women were \$8,000 short a day before the deadline. With hours remaining, Susan B. Anthony stepped forward and raised \$6,000 from friends and family before pledging her own life insurance policy to raise the final \$2,000 and throw open the doors of higher education in Rochester.

Now, more than 100 years later, the University of Rochester is home to the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies—one of the preeminent institutions in the world.

These are the stories of incredible courage, dedication, and unyielding belief in equality that the National Women's Rights History Project is designed to honor.

The fight for women's rights and equality still continues today. It was just 92 years ago that women were finally granted the right to vote.

The struggle for women's suffrage was never easy and it is vital that we honor the sacrifices and commitment of those who have led us here today.

Reauthorizing the National Women's Rights History Project Act will ensure that this important civil rights story is celebrated for generations to come. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and reauthorize the National Women's Rights History Project.

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT. RICHARD
A. CUMMINGS, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Sgt. Richard A. Cummings, Jr., a life long resident of Deal, New Jersey. Sgt. Cummings enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after high school and passed away while serving his country. His heroic actions to defend our nation's freedom are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Sgt. Richard Cummings, Jr. has exemplified a long standing history of dedication to his community and country. Sgt. Cummings attended Deal Elementary School and is an alumnus of St. Rose High School in Belmar, New Jersey. Richard was a devout member of the First Baptist Church in Manasquan, New Jersey and dedicated his time to serving the community as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2226. Richard was a member of Boy Scout Troop 70 and attained the rank of Life Scout. Sgt. Cummings enlisted in the United States Marine Corps the summer after he graduated high school. He proudly served at the 4th Marine Logistics Group in Red Bank, New Jersey as a diesel mechanic with the 6th Motor Transport Battalion and held this position for five years. Sgt. Cummings' most recent assignment was at the Marine Tactical Group, Marine Air Control Group—

48, in Great Lakes, Illinois. Sgt. Cummings also bravely served his country in Iraq supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He passed away while on assignment at Marine Air Base in Yuma, Arizona at the age of twenty-four.

Sgt. Cummings is predeceased by his grandparents, Charles and Helen Cummings and Becky Correia. He is survived by his grandfather, Toddy Correia of Manasquan, New Jersey, his parents, Richard, Sr. and Odette Cummings of Deal, New Jersey, his sister, brother-in-law and niece, Stefanie, Aaron and Rebecca Green of Ocean Township, New Jersey and his sister and brother-in-law Amy and Jim Bonney of Brownsville, Vermont. Also surviving are his uncle and aunts, Elliott and Marybeth Correia, Dennis and Sheri Cummings, and cousins, Todd and Lt. Mark Correia, Gregory Cummings. He will also be missed by his cousins Amanda, Toby, Mia and Izzy Wood of Austin, Texas. Sgt. Cummings will always be remembered as a loving son, brother, gracious friend and loyal Marine.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in memorializing the life and legacy of Sgt. Richard A. Cummings, Jr. His faithful dedication and service toward his country continue to uphold the proud legacy and motto of the United States Marine Corps of honor, courage and commitment.

THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC SCHOOLS ACT

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleague, Congressman RUSS CARNAHAN, and I, as co-chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus, introduced the Rehabilitation of Historic Schools Act, which would incentivize private investment to help rehabilitate our country's older K-12 public school buildings.

It is imperative that we improve our educational facilities to help our children learn and compete in today's economy. According to the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 28 percent of all public K-12 schools were built before 1950. In addition, a study by the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the quality of our nation's public school facilities a "D" rating. As state and local governments continue to feel pressure in this difficult economy, Congress must remove red tape that hinders private investment in our public schools.

Established by Congress over thirty years ago, the Historic Tax Credit, HTC, has helped create 2.2 million jobs, incentivized nearly \$100 billion in private investment, and renovated more than 38,000 buildings, while helping to revitalize our communities and protect our country's cultural heritage. In 2011, the HTC leveraged more than \$4 billion in private investment and helped create nearly 56,000 jobs to rehabilitate 937 projects.

Unfortunately, under current law, a restriction on the prior use of a property limits the ability of local governments to partner with private developers to rehabilitate older public schools through the use of the HTC. This bipartisan and bicameral bill would remove this

barrier, incentivizing the renovation of older K-12 public schools, improving the learning environment for our nation's youth and helping spur local job creation.

Our communities must have the ability to provide our children with the premier, 21st Century education they deserve. By allowing this incentivized private investment, school districts can rehabilitate their facilities at lower costs and dedicate more funding to educating their students.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to co-sponsor this important bill.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Chair, it is DoD policy that when a servicemember becomes a casualty, his remains are returned to the family as quickly as possible with the utmost respect and dignity.

This policy was revised and mandated by Congress in 2008 when new requirements were established for transportation and honor guards for the remains of combat casualties.

As a nation, we owe our fallen heroes and their families a debt that can never truly be repaid. The dignified transfer of a casualty is the least that we can do to honor the sacrifice paid by the men and women who volunteer to lay their life down in the defense of others.

I am happy that this bill in front of us today fully funds the transportation and escort of these heroes, and want to thank the Chairman and the Ranking Member for continuing to make this a priority.

I remember meeting with a family from my district last year whose son, Corporal Johnathan W. Taylor, gave his life defending our freedom on February 22, 2011 in Afghanistan.

Now beside his fellow brothers in uniform, his parents, Mark and Deborah, have said that they were proud to have seen their son off on what they like to call his final tour of duty.

This final tour of duty was important for his family, as well as his friends and fellow Marines.

It was important because they all had the opportunity to see Corporal Taylor return home for the last time, with the honor and military escort he has so rightfully earned.

Continuing to fully fund this important mission will allow other families, who have made the most difficult sacrifice imaginable, the opportunity to watch their children return home and laid to rest as a national hero.

Army SPC Clarence Williams III will be laid to rest next Monday, on July 23, in the Florida National Cemetery. He was killed in action in Afghanistan last week.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
BRANDON D. GOODINE

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today with great sadness to honor one of Georgia's own, Private First Class Brandon D. Goodine. On June 7th, Brandon gave the ultimate sacrifice when his unit was attacked with an improvised explosive device by enemy forces in the Maiwand District of Kandahar province in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Brandon was a beloved father, husband, brother, and son. He was taken from us much too soon, but not without accomplishing great things. He believed his greatest was his 3 year old daughter, Kathryn. Brandon became a father at a young age, but devoted his life to making sure Kathryn had everything she needed. In fact, his reason for joining the Army was so that he could be sure she was taken care of. Her birth gave him direction and purpose in life, helping him believe he could accomplish anything. Everything that Brandon did was for Kathryn.

Giving everything 110% was what Brandon did. He was just an all around great guy striving to make something of himself. Brandon attended Henry County High School, and later joined the Navy ROTC at Greenville High School. On May 2, 2011, he joined the Army and served as a scout with Bravo Troop, 4th Battalion, 73rd Cavalry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. In his unit, he was a brother to his fellow paratroopers. They remember not only laughing and having fun with him, but his kindness and generosity. Going out of his way to volunteer or help someone was not unusual for Brandon. On June 7th, he was assigned to a mission to prevent the enemy from freely attacking peaceful communities. He bravely gave his life doing what he did best, helping others and giving them a chance for a better life.

His commitment to his daughter, family, and our country inspired his older brother, Christopher, to enlist in the Army 3 months later. Brandon's mother, Mandy, said she was not only proud to be his mother, but his friend. He was a hero to his family, a role model for his three sisters and brother, and, a loving father, a dedicated husband to his wife, Nicole. One of the biggest tributes to Brandon's life has been the support from the community. When Brandon was being transported home, flags were placed along the road to honor him and his sacrifice. He was laid to rest on June 18 by his close friends and family in McDonough, GA.

I am proud to stand before you to honor the life of PFC Brandon Goodine and to thank him for his service to our country. Brandon has left a lasting impression on all those he has touched, and his bravery will never be forgotten.

Joan and I extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Brandon, and we will never forget his great sacrifice for our nation so that we may all live free.

DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to celebrate and honor the life of a great American who recently passed away—Dr. Stephen R. Covey, who lived in my district and was a dear friend. He died this past week at the age of 79 with his family at his side.

Dr. Covey received a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah, a master's in business from Harvard, and a doctorate from Brigham Young University. He began his career as a university professor and then later became a world-renowned author and leadership consultant. He is the author of many international bestsellers, including *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which has sold over 20 million copies and has been translated into 40 languages. In 2002, *Forbes* named it one of the 10 most influential management books ever written, and *Chief Executive* magazine called it one of the two most influential books of the 20th Century. His other bestsellers include *First Things First*, *Principle-Centered Leadership*, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, and *The 8th Habit*. In 1996, Dr. Covey was named one of *Time* magazine's 25 most influential Americans.

Dr. Covey founded Covey Leadership Center, a leadership training company which later merged to become FranklinCovey in 1997. Since that time, FranklinCovey has grown to operate in over 125 countries throughout the world. Whether it was with Fortune 100 CEOs, heads of state, or university and grade school students, Dr. Covey devoted his life to spreading principle-centered leadership and influenced the lives of millions.

Despite his astounding professional career, Dr. Covey always considered his family to be his most important work and greatest accomplishment. He was a devoted husband and father, and was beloved by his nine children, 52 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In 2003, he received one of his most meaningful awards—the Fatherhood Award from the National Fatherhood Initiative. Dr. Covey truly exemplified the principles he taught, balancing his family and personal priorities with an extraordinary professional career.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of one of the world's best—Dr. Stephen R. Covey. He left a legacy to the world and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING RICE UNIVERSITY
FOR 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of a fine higher educational institution in the Great State of Texas—Rice University. As one of only three Tier One schools in Texas, Rice also ranks among the world's top 100 universities. Consistently ranked as one of the nation's premier institutions, Rice is a

leading university in research and its stellar academic programs.

Located in the center of Texas' largest metropolitan area, Rice's small size allows for enriched personal interaction between students and professors. Year after year, the university produces first-rate graduates and students—many of whom have received such awards and distinctions as Fulbright Scholars, Marshall Scholars, Mellon Fellows, and many other merits. This level of success is due in part to the distinguished faculty which consists of a Nobel laureate, a Pulitzer Prize award winner, 6 Fulbright Scholars, and 86 fellows of the National Science Foundation—just to name a few.

In its 100 years of award-winning success, Rice University has established itself as a model institution of higher education, and its status as a top national university promises a remarkable future. Congratulations to everyone who helped make 100 years of educating the best and brightest a reality at Rice University. For all you do for the state of Texas, God bless you, and I salute you.

A TRIBUTE TO RYAN HANSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ryan Hanson of Ames, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Ryan has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Ryan and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING DR. DEREK WILLARD,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS AND ASSOCIATE VICE
PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the long, successful, and highly dedicated career of Dr. Derek H. Willard, the Special Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations and the Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Derek has served the University of Iowa, the Iowa City community, and the State of Iowa for almost three decades with admirable leadership, devotion, and loyalty. I have worked closely with him since I came to Congress six years ago, and it has truly been a privilege to witness and work with someone so focused on advocating on behalf of Iowans.

Prior to coming to the University of Iowa, Derek earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1964, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and served as a faculty member at the United States Air Force Academy. His own research brought him to the Hawkeye State, where he earned his doctorate degree in 1975 and began his long career at the University of Iowa.

Since 1999, Derek has been the primary contact for federal relations and the Iowa Board of Regents at the University of Iowa, which is not only a top tier public university of over 45,000 students, faculty and staff but also a premier national research institution. He has overseen external funding for the University, and, under his leadership, funding secured by the University from organizations such as the National Institute of Health has increased from about \$70 million annually to more than \$386 million in 2008.

Prior to his appointment as federal liaison, Derek served 17 years as Associate Vice President for Research, a position he still holds today and which demonstrates his impressive dedication to the University of Iowa's research mission. He also currently serves as a faculty member in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, and previously served as Director of Behavioral Sciences.

Among many career highlights, Derek played a pivotal role in securing funding and space on the University of Iowa campus for the National Advanced Driving Simulator. He also served as project director on a \$2 million Higher Education Disaster Relief Grant, which provided much needed federal assistance in the wake of the Floods of 2008 that devastated the University of Iowa campus. Derek was recently recognized by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities with a Lifetime Achievement Award for governmental relations.

The many successes he has achieved both for the University of Iowa and on a personal level demonstrate Derek's incredible dedication, professionalism, and commitment. On a personal level, I am grateful for Derek's helpfulness to my office in numerous generous

ways. His encyclopedic knowledge of University activities and his intelligent, openhanded advice has greatly helped me advocate on behalf of the University of Iowa, its students, and its faculty and staff. My staff and I will always cherish his graciousness, his wisdom, and his thoughtfulness.

On behalf of all Iowans, I would like to thank Derek for his years of service to the University of Iowa, the State of Iowa, and our nation. I know I join his colleagues, friends, and loved ones in wishing him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 472. If present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 472.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF TOMAS S. HERRERA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Sheriff Tomas S. Herrera, a distinguished individual who has served in law enforcement for 36 years in South Texas. He has dedicated his career to assisting the Texas community through his involvement in various coalitions, councils and distinguished positions centered on efforts to protect Texas and our southwest border.

Sheriff Herrera was born in Eagle Pass, Texas and is a graduate of Eagle Pass High. Mr. Herrera began his law enforcement career in 1974 and served as the Justice of the Peace until 1976. A year later he began his 16-year service as Chief Deputy under the late Sheriff Tom Bowles. Mr. Herrera was a key instrument in the planning and building process of the new jail facility named after the late Tom Bowles. In addition, Sheriff Herrera served as Municipal Court Judge from 1995 to 1997. After holding dual positions as Constable and Deputy Constable, Mr. Tomas S. Herrera was sworn in as the Honorable Sheriff of Maverick County in 2005.

Mr. Herrera is a highly regarded member of the South Texas community and has many notable career accomplishments. In an effort to assist the Federal Government in Homeland Security to protect our borders from terrorist activities or threats, he established the newly created Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition in Laredo, Texas in 2005. Under this newly created Coalition, he held the title of Secretary/Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Additionally, two years later Sheriff Herrera and other community individuals initiated the construction of a 688-bed detention facility.

Mr. Herrera held key positions within the community and State of Texas, including an appointment by the Sheriff's Association of Texas President by Sheriff Tomas Kerss to the Texas Jail Commission Committee. Sheriff

Herrera also served as Chairman of the Texas Border Sheriff Coalition in 2007 and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Border Security Council. From 2008 to 2009 Mr. Herrera was appointed as the Board of Director for the Southwest Border Sheriff Coalition (SWTBSC). Today, Sheriff Herrera continues to contribute to the community by being a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He was reappointed last year by the NSA President Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald to a 5th term to the Immigration/Border Security Committee. Mr. Herrera was also recently appointed by President of the Sheriffs', JW Jankowski to the Jail Advisory Committee. Mr. Herrera is married to Magdalena P. Herrera and together they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to have this time to recognize Mr. Tomas S. Herrera's extraordinary commitment and service in South Texas. His tremendous efforts to protect and serve the community have made a significant impact in the State of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DENNIS J. HEJLIK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate native Iowan Lieutenant General Dennis Hejlik of the United States Marine Corps on his illustrious 44-year military career that will be coming to a close on Monday at an awards dinner at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC.

Before he was a three-star general and commander of Marine Corps Forces Command, Lieutenant General Hejlik, then known around town as Dennis, grew up on a farm near Garner, Iowa, with his nine brothers and sisters. He would go on to graduate from Garner-Hayfield High School in 1965 and attend North Iowa Area Community College before beginning his military career when he enlisted in the Marines Corps in 1968. Four short years later, Lieutenant General Hejlik was commissioned through the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Course. Since joining the Marines, Lieutenant General Hejlik has gone on to become an honor graduate of the Basic School, the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Naval War College.

Lieutenant General Hejlik has earned numerous decorations for his service over the last four decades including the Defense Superior Service Medal with Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Leftwich Award, just to name a few. Since his humble beginnings in Iowa, his time with the Marine Corps has brought him to all corners of the globe, most recently culminating to his current position as the commander of Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia and Marine Corps Forces Europe in Boblingen, Germany.

Mr. Speaker, our country owes Lieutenant General Hejlik a great debt of gratitude for his decades of service and sacrifice. His unwavering commitment to serving his country and fellow Americans embodies the Iowa spirit. I

know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in thanking Lieutenant General Hejlik and congratulating him on his truly stellar career. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors as he begins a new chapter in his life.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 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 \$15,874,046,715,877.56. We've added \$5,247,169,666,964.48 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.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Chair, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, I have spent the last eleven years I have fought for patients with brain injuries, both on and off the battlefield. We all know that traumatic brain injury (TBI) is the signature wound of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and while we made great progress on ensuring our soldiers have the best care, there is still more work to be done.

An Institute of Medicine study was released last week about the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on our troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am particularly concerned with the report's analysis of the Department of Defense's efforts to identify and treat PTSD. The 2010 Defense Authorization required this study as well as mandated the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report a response to this report the relevant Committees by no later than January 1, 2013.

As this report shows, there is still more work to be done when it comes to caring for our soldiers suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The report notes that the prevalence of PTSD in 2.6 million service members who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan is at a staggering rate of 13% to 20%. This statistic points to the importance of finding better ways to identify and treat this ailment. The report's many recommendations include the need for the Department of Defense to collect data on the delivery and effectiveness of all prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitative services currently in use to determine

best practices, as well as ensuring that PTSD screening occurs once a year. The report also points out barriers to care faced by returning soldiers to accessing care.

It is clear that the Department of Defense must do more to ensure that soldiers who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are identified, the effectiveness of treatments are tracked, and that returning soldiers suffering from PTSD are encouraged to come out of the shadows. Making sure that funding for Defense Health programs and research into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder addresses the concerns raised in the IOM report is extremely important. This year's Defense Appropriations bill provides \$125 million for traumatic brain injury and psychological health research, and \$30 million for suicide prevention and outreach programs. We must continue to make the investments in these critical areas to ensure the health and safety of all our returning soldiers.

I hope that going forward, these recommendations will be factored into the research and funding undertaken by the Department of Defense-Defense Health Programs. With continued work and adequate funding for research and treatment for PTSD and TBI, I know our service members will be able to attain improved health outcomes, live more productive and satisfying lives, and ultimately, save our nation millions of dollars in future care costs.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HE XIANGDONG, COUNSELOR, CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE FOR THE CHINESE EMBASSY

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of my good friend, He Xiangdong, Counselor for the Congressional Liaison Office of the Chinese Embassy.

Counselor He graduated from Wuhan University in 1985. From 1985–1994, he was editor for the World Affairs Magazine in Beijing. From 1994–1996, he was Second Secretary of the Chinese Embassy in Oman. From 1996–1999, he served as First Secretary and Chief of the Political Section for the Chinese Embassy in Saudi Arabia. From 1999–2004, he was First Secretary of the Policy Planning Department in the Foreign Ministry of China.

Since 2004, he has been assigned to work with the U.S. Congress to strengthen relations between China and the U.S., and having worked closely with him in my official capacities as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, I am proud of Counselor He's accomplishments and the indelible mark he has made in furthering relations between our countries.

Counselor He is to be commended for his exemplary service for and on behalf of the People's Republic of China. He has served his nation well.

On a personal note, I will miss him, and I extend to him my highest regards.

A TRIBUTE TO BENJAMIN HURD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Benjamin Hurd of Ames, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Benjamin has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Benjamin and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES HUERTA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my dear friend Dolores Huerta, who recently received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. This coveted honor is the highest civilian award for service to the nation. It recognizes individuals who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

Dolores is a world renowned activist and is regarded as the most prominent Chicana labor leader in the United States. She is currently the President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, whose mission is to build active communities in disadvantaged areas and to work towards fair and equal access to healthcare, housing, education, jobs, civic participation and economic resources with an emphasis on women and youth. Dolores gives a voice to the voiceless and countless Americans owe a debt of immense gratitude to her for making their causes her own.

I met Dolores in 1972 when I was a member of the California State Legislature and she was the vice president and co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America. Over the last forty years, I have had the pleasure of working with her on many issues.

In 1955, when she was only twenty-five years old, she found her calling as an organizer while serving in the leadership of the

Stockton Community Service Organization (CSO), a grass roots organization that battled segregation and police brutality, led voter registration drives, pushed for improved public services, and fought to enact new legislation. Through her tireless lobbying efforts, she succeeded in getting the citizenship requirements removed from pension and public assistance programs. She was the leading force in the passage of legislation allowing voters to vote in Spanish, and the right to take the driver's license examination in their native language.

She has been arrested twenty-two times for participating in non-violent civil disobedience activities and strikes to protect farmers and women, which has resulted in great benefit to both groups. Due to her solid support for the grape strikes, farm workers won health and benefit plans for the first time, and those who had lived, worked, and paid taxes in the United States for many years were granted amnesty. Dolores fought tirelessly to provide a better working environment and stop the abuse of female immigrants across the U.S.-Mexican border, and she lobbied law enforcement agencies in both countries to stop the brutal rape and the murder of these immigrants.

Dolores was given the Outstanding Labor Leader Award in 1984 by the California State Senate. In 1993, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. That same year she received the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award; and the Eugene V. Debs Foundation Outstanding American Award, and the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award. She is also the recipient of the Consumers' Union Trumpeter's Award. In 1998, she was one of three Ms. Magazine, "Women of the Year", and the Ladies Home Journal's, "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century." She received three honorary doctorate degrees for her extraordinary life work.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in honoring Dolores Huerta for her outstanding contribution to our community. Few Americans in our history have done more to protect workers and safeguard women's rights than Dolores Huerta. We are a better country because Dolores continues to play a vital role in shaping our laws and values.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM KAMPELMAN

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a World War II Veteran, Mr. William Kampelman. He passed away in St. Louis, Missouri on Saturday, July 7, 2012. He will be deeply missed.

After serving in World War II, Mr. William Kampelman founded an electrical business in Webster Groves, Missouri. Then he strengthened the community of Webster Groves by working for the Webster Groves Public Library.

He was the beloved husband of the late Phillis Kampelman; father of Ann Amato, Bill, and Pat Quarles; and grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the life of William Kampelman. I invite my colleagues

to join me in this tribute to this incredible man, and hope that his legacy lives on for future generations.

WELCOMING THE XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the XIX International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2012, back to Washington, DC. On July 22, 2012, more than 30,000 people from approximately 200 countries are expected to converge on Washington, DC, for AIDS 2012, including 20,000 delegates, 10,000 additional participants in the Global Village, and up to 2,000 journalists. Over the course of the Conference, which runs through July 27, 2012, the world's leading scientists, public health experts, policy-makers, community leaders, and persons living with HIV/AIDS will chart the way forward in the global response to HIV/AIDS by turning the latest scientific advancements into action.

The III International AIDS Conference was held in our Nation's capital in 1987, the same year that the United States established a policy barring HIV-positive foreigners from obtaining permanent immigration status or entering the United States without special waivers. As a result, no major scientific conferences on HIV/AIDS have been held in this country since—until now. Thanks to years of advocacy by countless individuals and the leadership of former President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama, the misguided travel and immigration ban against people with HIV was lifted in 2010. This was a critical step forward in addressing societal stigma and discriminatory practices against people living with HIV/AIDS.

The return of the International AIDS Conference to the United States could not come at a more critical time. Here at home, more than one million people are living with HIV and approximately 50,000 individuals become newly infected with the virus each year. And among individuals living with HIV, one in five is unaware of his or her infection. This not only increases one's risk for developing worse health outcomes and unknowingly transmitting the virus to others, but undermines HIV prevention efforts as a whole. Furthermore, significant disparities persist across diverse communities and populations with regard to incidence, access to treatment, and health outcomes, particularly for men who have sex with men, MSM, African Americans and other minorities, women, and young people.

However, more than 30 years after the beginning of the epidemic, we are now at a point where we have the tools necessary to prevent the spread of HIV and bring an end to the crisis. The theme of AIDS 2012, "Turning the Tide Together," represents the challenge before us. In order to change the course of HIV/AIDS in the United States and abroad, we must harness the potential of the most recent scientific advances in HIV/AIDS treatment and biomedical prevention, continue research for a HIV vaccine and cure, and scale up effective, evidence-based interventions in key settings.

As the world's leader in HIV research and the largest funder of international AIDS programs, including the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, TB, and Malaria, continued commitment by the United States to HIV/AIDS research, prevention, and treatment programs is crucial to improving global health.

Mr. Speaker, AIDS 2012 is a tremendous opportunity to further strengthen the role of the United States in global HIV/AIDS initiatives within the current context of significant global economic challenges. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join me in welcoming the delegates and participants of AIDS 2012 to Washington, DC, as well as commit to helping support a stronger international response to HIV/AIDS, advancing the health and rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, and working to create an "AIDS-free generation."

LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Leadership Alliance. Founded in 1992 by Brown University in my home State of Rhode Island, the Leadership Alliance is a national academic consortium of leading research universities and minority-serving institutions with the mission to develop underrepresented students into outstanding leaders and role models in academia, business, and public service.

Through an organized program of research, networking, and mentorship at critical transitions along the entire academic training pathway, the Leadership Alliance prepares young scientists and scholars from underrepresented and underserved populations for graduate training and professional apprenticeships. Leadership Alliance faculty mentors provide high quality, cutting-edge research experiences in all academic disciplines at the Nation's most competitive graduate training institutions and share insights into the nature of academic careers.

During difficult economic times, it is important to educate and train young people to become active participants in the workforce. In particular, I believe we must build on programs in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM fields. If we do not engage future generations to excel in these fields, it will hurt our Nation's ability to innovate, and hurt our employers' ability to fill 21st century jobs. It is through their creativity and talent that we will strengthen our economy and competitiveness.

In the 20 years since its establishment, the Leadership Alliance has proven that investing in our students yields immeasurable returns. Brown University has mentored 386 Leadership Alliance participants, of whom 35 percent have received a graduate level degree. Notably, over half of the Leadership Alliance doctoral degree recipients are in the STEM disciplines.

Opportunities through the Leadership Alliance and other programs, such as the Community College to Career Fund, offer students of all gender, racial, and economic backgrounds to get involved, and ultimately, to suc-

ceed. As co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, I am always searching for ways to excite and entice these young students to develop their potential and share their knowledge. When we invest in their successes, we invest in our economic future.

I am pleased today to congratulate the Leadership Alliance and Brown University for 20 years of mentoring a diverse, competitive research and scholarly workforce, and I look forward to following their successes over the next 20 years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of Mr. YOUNG's statement. As a fellow * * * as is BILL YOUNG, and as a father of four sons currently in the military, I find the suggestion that the Department of Defense spends too much money recovering the remains of our military men and women who are killed in action to be absolutely offensive and insensitive to military families. As Chair of the Military Personnel Subcommittee I appreciate the extraordinary efforts of recovery worldwide.

Our service members who are engaged in combat operations make a solemn vow to one another: "I will never leave a fallen comrade behind." The military, consisting of all the branches of service have a similar responsibility to the families of our service members. When a service member is killed in action, the military service branch that they belong to has a responsibility to return the remains home to the family. They have a responsibility to return the remains to their final resting place with dignity and honor.

The military men and women who are killed in action overseas are heroes who make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy. The military rightly does everything necessary to return our service members' remains to their families. I believe that the military does a superb job under very trying circumstances, and I know that our military families are very grateful. I know firsthand of this * * *. I sadly was present for the return of a brother-in-law killed overseas as a Marine pilot. Our family appreciated the proven love of the American people, which has been promoted by Congressman BILL YOUNG and his wife, Beverly.

OBAMA TAX HIKES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at a time when businesses in this country are navigating

through waves of distress, the administration wants to deliver a tsunami in the form of tax increases. Taxing, taxing, taxing is about the only solution that it can come up with. But what it doesn't seem to realize is how it's failed all of us. It's shrinking the economy even more and is shrinking paychecks too. If the administration lets the Bush era tax cuts expire, 700,000 jobs will be destroyed. And out of those jobs, 56,800 will be in Texas.

The administration has had its chances to restore financial stability in this country without creating tax hikes. These tax increases not only target the wealthy. These taxes will actually take hard strikes at small businesses and the middle class. Contrary to what the administration believes, this is not fair.

Ernst & Young's latest study breaks it down just right. It examined the long-term impacts of increasing top tax rates. And let me tell you, they're not good. The long-run economic consequences are severe. Here it goes.

The administration proposes a one-year extension of the current tax rates for households making \$250,000 or less. Then, those making \$250,000 or more, including a lot of small businesses that file under the individual rate, will pay the tax rates prior to the Bush era. That means the top rate will go from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. Tax rates for the other top income tax bracket will go from 33 percent to 36 percent.

But this isn't all of them. The administration continues to tax. Medicare tax will go from 2.9 percent to 3.8 percent. A new 3.8 percent tax will be implemented on investment income. And last but not least, higher taxes on capital gains and dividends.

So, what does this total and how does it all play out? The combination of all these taxes will take the top individual income tax rate from 35 percent to 44.7 percent next year. And beware; this doesn't include all of the Obamacare taxes that will empty your wallet in 2013.

What does this do? Approximately 2 million businesses will be affected by these tax hikes. This will take capital out of the hands of business owners and reduced labor supply and the United States will lose \$200 billion in economic output. And extending the rates for families earning less than \$250,000 will cost us \$175 billion dollars next year. As bad as this sounds already, the tax hikes will likely force American employers to trim their workers' pay by 1.8 percent.

What will happen? Business firms will be hit hard. We will see patterns of less hiring, less investment in businesses, and retarded growth of these businesses in their sector. Sixty million Americans are small business employees. About two out of three jobs was created by a small business. And the administration is trying to take this away from us.

We've had enough of their fun with taxes. As someone who claims his focus to be "rebuilding the economy," he is doing quite the opposite. Our lives now revolve around taxes and this is all thanks to our nation's leader who thinks he can tax our way into economic prosperity. It doesn't take a math genius to figure out that these tax numbers are not the solution to a damaged economy. His idea that taxing the wealthy won't hurt this economy is false. If his job is to stifle job creation, create class warfare, and even further damage our market, then he's really done it well.

We can't afford to let this happen.

We can't afford to lose more than 700,000 jobs.

We can't afford to give more control to our government.

And that's just the way it is.

DESIGNATION OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL FUEL EFFICIENCY MONTH

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge President Obama to designate August as National Fuel Efficiency Month. It is critical that we help educate the American public that we can all contribute to energy independence and environmental sustainability if we undertake a few simple measures.

More fuel-efficient vehicles are being built and sold in the United States every day. But as we head into the major summer driving season, it's important to remember that we all can improve fuel efficiency right now, through a number of simple measures—even without buying a new car.

In my home state of Pennsylvania, there were nearly 7.9 million passenger vehicles on the roads last year. Armstrong, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Vernango, and Warren counties accounted for almost 500,000 of those registrations. For all of the drivers in Pennsylvania's 3rd congressional district—and for all of the many drivers across the United States—we should be raising awareness about how to be more fuel efficient.

For example, simply using cruise control will help drivers maintain a steady speed and save fuel. Turning your car and keeping tires inflated each can increase your fuel economy by 3 or 4%. Driving responsibly and at the speed limit also improve fuel economy.

AAA and many other organizations have tips for driving economically. EPA also has posted information on efficient driving at <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/drive.shtml>. These techniques will save Americans fuel, decrease emissions and help us achieve energy independence.

Again, I urge the President to designate August as National Fuel Efficiency Month. Such a designation would provide the perfect opportunity for all of us to take a good look at our driving habits and see how easily we can improve fuel economy.

CONGRATULATING WILFRED COOPER, SR. FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CALIFORNIA HOME-BUILDING FOUNDATION'S HALL OF FAME

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Wilfred Cooper, Sr. for his service to the community and this nation. Mr. Cooper has recently been inducted into the California Homebuilding Foundation's Hall of Fame,

which honors individuals who are active in the home building industry and committed to improving the lives of others through service to civic, social, and philanthropic organizations.

Mr. Cooper has devoted his career to addressing the need for affordable and available housing at both the national and local level. He has served as senior life director of the National Association of Home Builders, chairman of NAHB's Multifamily Council, and as a member of NAHB's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Steering Group. Mr. Cooper also volunteers on the Board of Advisors for Jamboree Housing, the Board of Directors for Volunteers of America, and the Tuberosus Sclerosis Alliance.

In addition to his advocacy and volunteer work, Mr. Cooper founded WNC & Associates, Inc. in 1971. It was one of the first affordable housing investors in the United States and has long been recognized as an industry leader in affordable housing. Today, his firm proudly serves more than 45,000 low and moderate income families in 42 states.

Mr. Cooper's tireless energy and passion, which is apparent in his business, advocacy, and volunteer work has bettered the lives of many and has produced positive change in neighborhoods across the nation. I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for this award. It is my privilege to congratulate Mr. Wilfred Cooper, Sr. on this recognition and for his lifetime of service to promote affordable housing in America.

IN HONORING OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLAST, THE UKRAINIAN SCOUTING ORGANIZATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Plast, the Ukrainian Scouting Organization.

Plast was founded in 1911 by Dr. Oleksandr Tysovsky, and it is based on the principles of scouting started by Lord Baden Powell in Great Britain.

As a consequence of the country's absence of national independence through most of the 20th Century, Plast was forced to go underground when the occupying Soviet Union declared the organization illegal and banned its activities.

However, following World War II, when many Ukrainians emigrated to various countries of the Free World, including the United States, the plastun among the émigrés formed Plast organizations in the countries of their settlement. This included incorporating "Plast, Inc." in 1950 in the state of Michigan.

Additionally, after the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine in 1991, Plast was reconstituted in Ukraine with the help of plastun from the United States and other Free-World countries.

Today, Plast is an international organization of Ukrainian youth which fosters personal development, leadership and teamwork, as well as a love of Ukrainian culture and history while also raising youth to be conscientious, responsible and valuable citizens of their communities at the local, national and international

level. Former President of Ukraine, Victor Yushchenko, is an honorary plastun, and Liubomyr Cardinal Husar, a U.S. citizen and now Patriarch-emeritus of the Ukrainian Eastern Rite Catholic Church based in Ukraine is one of many distinguished plastuns.

Currently, Plast has 23 branches coast to coast in the United States, and Plast will be celebrating its Centennial with a Jamboree in Ukraine August 10 to 24, with the official opening of the Jamboree Celebration on August 19th in the city of Lviv.

As such, we should recognize August 19, 2012 as the Centennial Day of Plast, commend the Ukrainian Scouting Organization for its tremendous contributions, and celebrate the Centennial of Plast.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485 and 486 I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 472, "aye" on rollcall No. 473, "no" on rollcall No. 474, "no" on rollcall No. 475, "aye" on rollcall No. 476, "no" on rollcall No. 477, "aye" on rollcall No. 478, "no" on rollcall No. 479, "no" on rollcall No. 480, "no" on rollcall No. 481, "no" on rollcall No. 482, "no" on rollcall No. 483, "no" on rollcall No. 484, "no" on rollcall No. 485, "aye" on rollcall No. 486.

A TRIBUTE TO JASON KENNETH WITTMUSS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jason Wittmuss of Waukeet, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Jason's project involved remodeling a gardening shed for Wildwood Hills Ranch, a summer camp program for low-income youth. The work ethic Jason has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jason and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House

will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 481.

Had I been present for rollcall 481, on agreeing to the Woolsey amendment to reduce the total amount of appropriations made by the bill by \$181,000,000, I would have voted "no."

HONORING DANIEL A. SCHULTZ

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Daniel A. Schultz, who recently lost his battle with Sarcoma.

Daniel Schultz was an outspoken advocate for Sarcoma awareness. Sarcoma is a rare, highly aggressive, cancer which can present anywhere in the body and occurs in connective tissues, such as muscle, fat, fibrous tissue and blood vessels. As with most rare diseases, this cancer has a higher prevalence in children. Sarcoma represents approximately 15 percent of all children's cancers. Treatments for rare diseases, like Sarcoma, are difficult to achieve which is why I was happy to cosponsor the Creating Hope Act, introduced by my colleague from Texas, Congressman MICHAEL McCAUL. This bill, which was signed into law last month, creates incentives for the development of treatments for rare diseases that disproportionately impact children. In honor of Daniel A. Schultz, I would like to recognize the importance of Sarcoma Awareness.

HONORING MRS. STELLA TOKAR

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Stella Tokar, an outstanding individual who has continuously supported the Miami community.

As a busy military spouse and dedicated mother of two, Mrs. Tokar has always found time to represent and lead her community. Although her family was constantly relocated around the nation to follow her husband who served in the military, this constant relocating did not stop her from giving back to her community. While living in Texas she was PTA President at four different schools in the area and served on a state appointed committee to institute media rating systems. While living in

Annapolis, MD she was offered a position as Special Assistant to the House Majority Leader of the State of Maryland, and shortly after was promoted to work in the Senate.

Upon her arrival in South Florida she returned to work in education, but quickly distinguished herself as a community leader and was asked to become the President/CEO of the Miramar Pembroke Pines Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure, she was able to transform a struggling establishment into what is now considered a fiscally sound and model Chamber of Commerce in the State of Florida. She has received numerous awards for her work including the 2011 Florida Association of Chamber Professionals "Professional of the Year" and has been recognized as one of "100 Most Influential Women in Broward County".

Always striving for excellence and new endeavors Mrs. Tokar started her own company, BOLD Consulting, LLC, which stands for Build, Organize, Lead, and Discover. Mrs. Tokar is an accomplished businesswoman and community representative, but she considers her greatest treasures in life to be her husband, children, and grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Stella Tokar for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this exemplary individual.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND DR. ROBERT E. PRICE, SR.

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Reverend Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., the pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Price passed away on Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Born in Smithville, Texas, Dr. Price grew up in a large family as the second youngest of eleven children. At an early age, he took a strong interest in ministry. He helped local pastors during his high school years and assisted chaplains during his tenure in the U.S. Army. After retiring from a successful career at a mortgage banking company, Dr. Price felt the call to ministry. He attended Bishop College for training in theology and later graduated from Saint Thomas Christian College with a Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Price was a man with great vision who wholeheartedly dedicated himself to serving his community. Under his leadership, New Mount Zion Baptist Church grew from less than one hundred members to over 3,000 members. It also began to offer a variety of ministries, including educational, business, and technological ministries, to meet the needs of its congregation. His dreams of having a day care center and credit union for the church also came to fruition. To recognize Dr. Price and his dedicated service to our community, I sponsored legislation to have a local post office named in his honor. In March 2007, I had the privilege of attending the dedication ceremony, where I witnessed firsthand the countless elected officials, community leaders, and individuals that came out to show their support, love, and respect for Dr. Price. His legacy is one of faith, service, and charity.

Dr. Price is survived by his loving wife, Deloris Brashear Price; his son, Robert E. Price, Jr.; his daughters, Patricia Hicks and Lisa Rausaw; and his grandsons, Donald Hicks, Kelvin Rausaw, Jr. and Kortland Rausaw. I am honored to have known Dr. Price and know that he will be greatly missed. May the peace of God be with those he loved and sustain them through this hour of sorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRESIDING
JUDGE HERBERT E. PHIPPS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to extend my sincerest appreciation and personal congratulations to Presiding Judge Herbert E. Phipps for his distinguished service on the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia. On Monday, July 23, 2012, his legacy as a judge will be recognized at the Unveiling and Hanging of His Portrait at the Judicial Building in Albany, Georgia, where he first began his career as a judge in 1980.

Presiding Judge Phipps was born in Baker County, Georgia to J.W. Phipps and Marion Gadson Phipps. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Morehouse College in 1964. He has traveled throughout Europe and Asia and taught English at Thammasat University and private schools in Thailand. He earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1971 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio where he also served as an editor of the Law Review. In 2004, he was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Presiding Judge Phipps returned to Albany, Georgia in 1971 to practice law, focusing on civil rights litigation. In 1980, he was appointed part-time Magistrate and Associate Judge of the Dougherty County State Court and in 1988, he was appointed to the Dougherty Circuit Juvenile Court. In 1995, he was appointed Judge of the Dougherty County Superior Court by Governor Zell Miller and in 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed him to the Court of Appeals. In April 2010, he became a Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Due to his enduring dedication and his strong leadership, Presiding Judge Phipps has received many awards, including the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia. In 2007, he was inducted into the Society of Benchers of Case Western Reserve School of Law and his Commencement Address to the Class of 2007 of Case Western Reserve School of Law, "Lawyers—the Guardians of Truth and Justice," is published at 58 Case Western Reserve Law Review 483 (2008).

In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Presiding Judge Phipps has served on a number of boards and commissions and has been involved with many law and professional organizations. He also lives a life of service and faith, attending Bethel A.M.E. Church in Albany and serving as a past President of the Albany Association for Retarded Citizens, the Albany Sickle Cell Foundation, the Faith Fund Foundation and The Criterion Club, as well as being a member of numerous community organizations.

Presiding Judge Phipps has accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife Connie, children Herbert and India, son-in-law Will J. Epps and granddaughter Zoë Olivia Epps.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Presiding Judge Herbert E. Phipps for his outstanding professional achievements and dedicated service to the people of the state of Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF
SANDSFIELD ON THE OCCASION
OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ITS FOUNDING

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 1762, Sir Francis Bernard, colonial Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, approved the incorporation of the town of Sandisfield. The town was named for Samuel Sandys, the First Lord of Trade from 1761 to 1763. Beginning around 1750, settlers from Connecticut Colony, drawn in by the abundance of land, arrived in what had been called "Housatonic Plantation Number Three."

Today, Sandisfield boasts 53 square miles of land, the largest in Berkshire County, covered with flourishing forests and countless brooks, streams, and ponds. Sandisfield's natural beauty, highlighted in the Sandisfield State Forest, Knox Trail, and York Lake, provides many opportunities to explore hidden trails, undisturbed woods, and shimmering lakes.

Sandisfield's golden age, filled with the buzz and vibrancy of sawmills, tanneries, and numerous dairy farms, is not forgotten today; more than one hundred buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries remain. Three are included on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Baptist Meeting House from 1842. The building now houses the Sandisfield Arts Center, which exemplifies the centrality of community, so important to many cities and towns in western Massachusetts.

On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the town of Sandisfield, Massachusetts, I congratulate its citizens and praise their civic dedication and perseverance throughout the town's history. It has been an honor to represent this great community, and I wish the people of Sandisfield a healthy and prosperous future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOHN F.
KENNEDY HYANNIS MUSEUM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum on its twentieth anniversary.

For the past two decades, the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum has been providing Cape Cod residents and visitors with a glimpse into the life that President Kennedy

and his family led on the Cape. Founded in 1992 by the Hyannis Chamber of Commerce, the Museum has since served as a favorite Main Street destination in the town, showcasing rare photographs and family artifacts that reflect the laid-back summer vacations enjoyed by the Kennedys on the beaches of Hyannis. Guests of the museum are greeted with a bronze statue of the President just outside the main entrance, pensively walking along a sandy beach, which calls to mind the President once saying that "the Cape is the one place I can think and be alone." Once inside, the main gallery houses photos from family albums and clips from home movies. These images, of the Kennedys relaxing on the beach and enjoying time with their friends, could come from the album of any American family. Even though the Kennedys' other home was the White House at the time that many of these pictures were taken, the Kennedy Hyannis Museum's display accurately portrays the truly down-to-earth family that the Kennedys were.

The Museum is also famous in the Hyannis area for hosting many special exhibits and lecture series. The now-sold-out series, Mrs. Kennedy and Me, opened this past June, and details what it was like to be a secret service agent during the Kennedy presidency. Jackie Kennedy—Life on Cape Cod is another special exhibit that the Museum launched this summer, achieving great critical success. As the Museum showcases such an important aspect of our local and national history, it continues to thrive, and it remains a celebrated destination in downtown Hyannis.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum on its twentieth anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Museum for its many years of success, and in applauding it for preserving this important era of Cape Cod's history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker on rollcall No. 490 I was present for all prior and subsequent votes but was off the floor on legislative business and inadvertently missed the vote. I support the underlying concept of non-intervention regarding the subject material, but also feel the amendment was excessively micromanagerial and did not accomplish mine and the sponsor's objectives. Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLEGAL
INVASION OF CYPRUS BY
TURKISH ARMED FORCES

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 38th anniversary of the illegal invasion of Cyprus by Turkish armed forces. The lengthy duration of this occupation, which consumes

nearly 37% of Cyprus' territory, is particularly disappointing given the number of multilateral organizations—the UN, NATO and the EU—who have a vested interest in this dispute and who should work in concert to bring about a peaceful resolution. While some progress has been made, there is still much work to be done. Greek Cypriots have been evicted from their property, and cultural and religious desecration has been widespread. The Turkish government cannot maintain this occupation and hope to ever achieve membership in the EU.

Respect for international law and calls for self-representation must be answered with regard to Cyprus. Turkey must live up to its international responsibilities and return all of Cyprus to the Cypriots. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have supported a variety of initiatives in support of this outcome including sending letters to President Obama and Secretary Clinton applauding the administration's commitment to exercise U.S. leadership in the negotiation for a just solution on Cyprus. We agree that a solution to the Cyprus problem should result in a single, sovereign country within a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. 38 years of discord is long enough; Cypriots deserve a government for them and by them.

Since his election in February 2008, President Demetris Christofias has followed through on his promise to make the solution of the Cyprus problem his top priority and principal concern. In September of 2008, he embarked on

negotiations with the then-leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, Mr. Mehmet Ali Talat, under the auspices of the United Nations with U.S. support. He also continued these negotiations with the new leader of the Turkish Cypriot community, Mr. Dervis Eroglu.

Unfortunately, despite these negotiations, Turkey has stepped up its efforts to illegally obtain natural resources like oil and natural gas from the Republic of Cyprus' sovereign territory. Furthermore, Turkey's threat of possible annexation of northern Cyprus and Turkey's refusal to be a part of any EU discussion, communication, or policymaking while Cyprus holds the EU presidency does nothing to facilitate progress.

The solution must reunite the island and safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and the withdrawal of Turkish forces from Cyprus.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ROBERT EARL PRICE, SR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Robert Earl Price, Sr., the late pastor of the New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas.

Dr. Price dedicated more than 42 years of his life to his congregation before he passed away at the age of 80.

Dr. Price was born in Smithville, Texas, where he grew up working with local pastors in spreading their ministry. Dr. Price later settled in Dallas with his wife, and went on to have three children, whom he loved tremendously. While he was devoted primarily to his church, Dr. Price spent time with a number of groups such as the NAACP and Dallas Museum of Art, contributing to the betterment of his community.

Dr. Price was a vibrant leader who was well respected within the church and Dallas, and credited with expanding the church's services and bolstering their ranks. The New Mount Zion Baptist Church grew to be a pillar of the community under the leadership and direction of Dr. Price. The church now houses a robust food bank, a day care that now serves nearly 110 families, and a credit union for local residents. Dr. Price provided spiritual guidance and inspired his congregants to strive to bring about positive social change.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Price led with the utmost integrity in his work. He prided himself on his faith, and others often looked to Dr. Price for spiritual guidance. It comes as a great loss to the community to hear of his passing, however his invaluable contributions have gone far from unnoticed. I hope his friends, loved ones, and congregants can take comfort in the good he did.