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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 16, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, as the Members and staff of the House of Representatives continue their work to care for our Nation, we praise You and trust You hear our prayers.

It's harvest time in much of our Nation. Thank You for the farm workers and owners, ranchers, fishermen and women, and gardeners who are managing and harvesting the bounty of Your creation. Bless their labor and protect them from danger and adversity.

Election Day is approaching. Thank You for all who volunteer and work toward a fair, inclusive, and productive Election Day: Federal and local election officials, the secretaries of states and their staff members, campaign workers, and candidates. Inspire our diligence, help us correct our errors, and open our hearts and minds to each other.

Finally, we pray for our friends and family members who need Your care. You are gracious and merciful. Hear our prayers. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(a) of House Resolution 788, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 788, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, October 19, 2012, at 10 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8088. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program (NPO); Amendment to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock) [Document Number: AMS-NOP-11-0063; NOP-11-11FR] (RIN: 0581-AD018) received October 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8089. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Grading and Inspection, General Specifications for Approved Plants and Standards for Grades of Dairy Products; General Specifications for Dairy Plants Approved for USDA Inspection

and Grading Service [AMS-DA-10-0055] received October 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8090. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid; Quarantine and Interstate Movement Regulations [Docket No.: APHIS-2008-0015] (RIN: 0579-AC85) received October 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8091. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's report on the Availability of Credit to Small Businesses, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 252; to the Committee on Financial Services.

8092. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting report prepared by the Department of State concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8093. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Determination Pursuant to Section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act for the use of funds to assist civilian-led unarmed opposition groups in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8094. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8095. A letter from the Auditor, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting copy of the report entitled "District of Columbia Public Schools Local Schools and Central Office Budget Process Report (Report #2) Fiscal Years 2007-2010", pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8096. A letter from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Fiscal

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Year 2012 Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8097. A letter from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

8098. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers employed at the Clarksville Modification Center, Ft. Campbell, in Clarksville, Tennessee, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8099. A letter from the Controller, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, transmitting the Audited Financial Statements of NSDAR for the Fiscal Year ended February 28, 2011, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(20) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

8100. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to Class B Airspace; Salt Lake City, UT [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0438; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWA-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8101. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sweetwater, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0829; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASW-9] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8102. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Battle Creek, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1110; Airspace Docket No. 11-AGL-21] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8103. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lemmon, SD [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0391; Airspace Docket No. 12-AGL-2] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8104. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tullahoma, TN [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1367; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASO-41] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8105. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Montgomery, AL [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0411; Airspace Docket No. 12-ASO-26] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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8106. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1191; Airspace Docket No. 11-ANM-21] received September 28, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8107. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department of Energy's Nuclear Waste Fund's Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Statements, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10224(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LONG, and Mr. AKIN):

H.R. 6575. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6576. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to such travel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

H.R. 6575.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 (General Welfare) and Clause 3 (Commerce)

'Congress shall have the power to . . . provide for the . . . general welfare'

'Congress shall have the power . . . to regulate Commerce'

The Medicare Audit Improvement Act makes several changes to the way hospital

audits are conducted which involves at least three parties: a hospital, a private Medicare contractor who conducts audits and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During the auditing process, transactions take place between these parties which is what constitutes this bill as regulating commerce. Further, Medicare is considered to be constitutional as part of providing for the general welfare and therefore any changes to Medicare would fall under this provision as well.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 6576.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clauses 12, 13, 14, and 16), which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; and to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 546: Mr. GOHMERT.  
 H.R. 750: Mr. ROKITA.  
 H.R. 904: Mrs. BIGGERT.  
 H.R. 1054: Mrs. DAVIS of California.  
 H.R. 1876: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.  
 H.R. 2052: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. MCGOVERN.  
 H.R. 2103: Mr. LANGEVIN.  
 H.R. 2168: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.  
 H.R. 2479: Mr. CLEAVER.  
 H.R. 2514: Mr. ROKITA.  
 H.R. 2563: Mr. KING of Iowa.  
 H.R. 3032: Mr. DEFAZIO.  
 H.R. 3053: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.  
 H.R. 3300: Ms. PINGREE of Maine.  
 H.R. 3444: Mr. BARLETTA.  
 H.R. 3481: Mr. BOUSTANY.  
 H.R. 3591: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. ISRAEL.  
 H.R. 3625: Mr. NADLER.  
 H.R. 4024: Mr. STARK.  
 H.R. 4025: Mr. STARK.  
 H.R. 5969: Mr. FORTENBERRY.  
 H.R. 5970: Mr. FORTENBERRY.  
 H.R. 6138: Mr. STARK and Mr. CAPUANO.  
 H.R. 6291: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 6388: Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STARK, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 6428: Mr. MICHAUD.

H.R. 6527: Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

H.R. 6528: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. HONDA.



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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 and 5 seconds a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUYE).

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, October 16, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. COONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.,  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10 and 35 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, October 19, 2012, at 11 a.m.

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## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY  
SCOUT TROOP 21, ROCHESTER, MN

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me today in honoring the 100th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 21 in Rochester, Minnesota. Troop 21 is one of the oldest and hardest working Boy Scout troops in Minnesota.

Over the years, thousands of young men have passed through their program, learning valuable leadership and life skills while also enjoying outdoor activities and performing service projects. Over 160 of Troop 21's scouts have reached Eagle Scout—the highest achievement level possible in Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of America reached its centennial in 1910 with a renewed call for greater community service. In 2010, Troop 21 answered this call and performed 494 hours of community service ranging from trash collection, food drives, and projects to improve local churches and parks.

With the people of Minnesota, I ask this Chamber to join in celebrating Boy Scout Troop 21's 100-year anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE YAR-  
MOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce upon its fiftieth anniversary. The Chamber of Commerce plays an essential role in the Yarmouth community, connecting local businesses and offering visitors an insider's perspective on much of what this beautiful coastal town has to offer.

Founded in 1962, the Chamber of Commerce has grown to be comprised of nearly 400 members. From museums and charities to banks, churches, and seaside restaurants, the Chamber represents a diverse array of the organizations that help to give Yarmouth its unique character. Every day, these businesses provide vital services to Yarmouth's year-round residents and to its countless visitors. The many years of hard work by the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce have been essential in developing Yarmouth's vitality, a characteristic that draws so many to this beachside town every year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, its leaders, and the hundreds of businesses and organizations for their years of service to the town of Yarmouth. I am certain that the Chamber's and its member organizations' futures will be bright.

HONORING THE FAYETTE  
SPIRITUAL AIRES

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Gospel Singers' Group, The Fayette Spiritual Aires.

In 1975, God gave Jimmy Jackson a vision to organize a gospel quartet group, which he named "The Fayette Spiritual Aires". Throughout the years, this group has touched many lives and led many to Christ through its singing ministry.

The Fayette Spiritual Aires has been blessed to do three professional recordings: In 1986, 1992 and their latest album in 2009. Jimmy Jackson, the founder of this group, served as manager and lead singer until his sudden death in 2002.

The group is currently managed by James E. Oliver and the supporting members are: Erma Clark, Carlton Brown, Ellison Brown, Freddie Blanton, Adrick Hunter, Kendrick Hunter, Derrick Varnado, Dwayne Thompson and James Jones. Fred Hunter is a former member of this group and one of the first promoters of professional gospel quartet groups in Southwest Mississippi.

Other members of the group that have departed life and left us with their memories are: the late Rev. David White, Moses Turner and Roosevelt Buie who were all dedicated to the Fayette Spiritual Aires.

This group has been inspired by personal performances with other professional gospel groups and has traveled to many cities throughout the United States performing their ministry through gospel singing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring The Fayette Spiritual Aires, a Mississippi Gospel Singing Group.

THE PASSING OF SENATOR ARLEN  
SPECTER

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and achievements of Senator Arlen Specter. On October 14, 2012, Senator Arlen Specter passed on due to complications of non-Hodgkins lymphoma; he was 82.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Arlen Specter was a dedicated public servant who served as a senator for the state of Pennsylvania. He made tremendous and long-lived contributions to Pennsylvania and to our nation.

Senator Arlen Specter was a leader on criminal justice issues and foreign affairs. He also worked on stem cell research legislation with Democrats as part of his fight to advance health care research.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Arlen Specter will be remembered for the important bipartisan role he played.

I urge my colleagues to join me in the mourning and remembering Senator Arlen Specter.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS  
TIGHE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas Tighe as he is recognized by the Kiddie Keep Well Camp on the occasion of their 10th Annual Fall Gala. Mr. Tighe is truly deserving of the Camp's 2012 Civic Leader of Distinction honor.

Currently serving as President of the Central Labor Council of Middlesex and Somerset Counties, Mr. Tighe touts an impressive resume of experience with organized labor. Since his 5 year apprenticeship in the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters in 1971, Mr. Tighe has steadily become a vital leader of the labor organization, having served as President of Local 9 of Central New Jersey; an Executive Board Member and Trustee of the Pension, Welfare and Surety Fund; and head of the Mega Base Organizing Committee, among others. In addition to his roles within the union, Mr. Tighe is an active member in his community and throughout Middlesex County. He serves as a member of the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board of Central New Jersey Council; as Vice Chair of Middlesex County College Board of Trustees; and as a member of the Board of the Middlesex County Board of Social Services.

Additionally, Mr. Tighe has served as a Board Member of Kiddie Keep Well Camp for 13 years. Kiddie Keep Well Camp has served underprivileged children in Middlesex County for over 80 years. It is a place where children, who may not otherwise have been able to attend summer camp, can participate in activities and learn valuable life skills and lessons. Mr. Tighe's commitment to his community is evident in his service to the Kiddie Keep Well Camp.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Thomas Tighe on his 2012 Civic Leader of Distinction honor. Mr. Tighe's leadership roles and dedication to Middlesex County is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE KAISER SINGERS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable group,

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The Kaiser Singers. The Kaiser Singers have become a household name for many. Their music has stirred the spirits and hearts of music lovers both young and old.

The group was formed in 1968 by Mrs. Beatrice Kaiser and her daughters, Annie, Hattie and Estella. They had no idea that this would be the beginning of a lifelong inspiration. The group's early years of singing was done mostly in churches around their hometown of Yazoo City, Mississippi. During those years they sang a cappella, learning to make sweet harmony with their voices.

After their first year of singing, the group was joined by Mrs. Kaiser's sister, Francine, and then later by her youngest daughter, Linda. In the early 70's, Ms. Diane Jones and Ms. Christine Burns joined the Kaiser Singers for a short while and Ms. Jones became the group's first musician. Several years later Mrs. Kaiser's son, Mr. Walter Ross, and a friend, Mr. Jamel Barley, joined the group as their musicians for a few months.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Kaiser Singers.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT  
OF LINDA SCHIMMEL

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement after nearly 36 years of federal service, I would like to recognize a member of the staff of the Congressional Budget Office: Linda Schimmel. Her last day with the agency will be this Friday, October 19. Linda Schimmel has spent almost all of her federal career as the Publications Coordinator at CBO, working for all eight of its directors as well as the several acting directors in between. In that role, she has provided exemplary and faithful service in distributing CBO analyses, making certain to get them into the hands of Members of Congress, Congressional and agency staff, and members of the public in a timely way. Her knowledge and hard work have meant that CBO's publications office has provided customer service to an extraordinary degree over the years, service that goes well beyond what is necessary and expected—to show real devotion to helping customers. For all that she has done, she has earned the admiration and affection of her colleagues at CBO and the gratitude of the U.S. Congress. I am wishing her well in her retirement.

THE DEATH OF MERVYN  
DYMALLY

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my regrettable duty to report the death of a personal hero and a great American, former Congressman Mervyn Dymally. Mr. Dymally died Sunday, October 7, 2012. He was 86. I was deeply saddened to learn about the passing of my dear friend Mervyn, known to his

friends as Merv. I will remember him most for his tremendous work helping African Americans in California succeed in politics at all levels of government.

Merv served as a California assemblyman, state senator, and lieutenant governor and as a Member of Congress for over a decade. However, I will remember him for the role he played in providing leadership, political representation, and for his efforts to increase accessibility to health care in African American communities. He also was a champion for education, social justice, economic opportunity, and an enlightened U.S. policy toward Africa and the Caribbean. He was instrumental in establishing the nursing school at Charles Drew University, which is named after him.

In 2006, I had the great honor of serving with Merv in the California State Assembly. He was a trailblazer who opened doors and mentored the next generation of political leaders, myself included. Merv had the foresight to see the possibility of increasing African American representation in elective offices all around the country. Merv legitimized our efforts and succeeded by establishing the largest Legislative Black Caucus in California history, coined the "Divine Nine."

Just five short months into my first term as a state assemblywoman, Merv was one of the mentors who encouraged me to run for the seat vacated by the untimely passing of the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald. Merv and I often shared many conversations about how to best serve the people of the 37th Congressional District.

Merv was by my side again this year, working to educate the community on the importance of voting and preserving African American representation. Merv has been a steady guide throughout my political career and for that I am blessed for having known him and learned from him.

Merv was a great leader, mentor and friend and he will be sorely missed. I extend my prayers to his family, offer my willingness to assist, and say thank you for sharing life's most precious treasures: time, life and love of a political father to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of Mervyn Dymally.

HONORING MS. KAREN DAVIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable gospel singer, Karen Davis. M. Davis was raised in a musical home in Mound Bayou, Mississippi by her parents Ms. Betsy Jackson and the late Joseph Jackson. Her mother a pianist has a gospel group called the Jackson Starlets formerly known as the Jackson Starters. At the age of 3 years old, Ms. Davis began singing in Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church choir and also at rehearsals with her mother's group. Ms. Davis was active in music classes in junior high and high school where she played the piano and sang with the school choir.

After marrying Mr. Terry Davis and moving to Shelby, Mississippi, she expanded her gospel singing and piano expertise by becoming

Choir Director at Mount Layton Missionary Baptist Church in Ruleville, Mississippi, and Mount Moriah Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Ms. Davis has been a pianist for various churches and receives many invitations to sing at numerous Christian and civic events.

Ms. Davis' family lineage includes renowned blues legend Nellie "Tiger" Travis. Her ten siblings, Jorgen, Clinton, Patricia, Audrey, Debra, Metra, Glynis, Almata, Sonya and Bethina all sing and play the piano.

Ms. Davis believes gospel music is a ministry because it ministers to the soul of people. She has received many accolades from congregations and people who are fortunate to hear her sing. Her daughters, Sharita, Sharlette and Simone have developed a love for gospel music. Sharita sings alongside her mother at events and sings as a soloist.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Karen Davis as an inspirational gospel singer.

CONGRATULATING VETERINARY  
SERVICE INC. (VSI)

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Veterinary Service Inc., VSI, which will be inducted as a member of the Stanislaus County Ag Hall of Fame "Legends in Agriculture" during a ceremony in Modesto, California, on November 8, 2012.

VSI is a success story some fifty-two years in the making. Headquartered in Modesto, VSI provides a diverse supply of animal health products. The company was founded in the late 1950's when Frank Sweetman, a local sales representative for a chemical supply company, invited two veterinarians, Dr. Willis Woodward and Dr. Donald Rosenberg, to join him in establishing an animal health and nutrition distributorship. John Pugliese then teamed up with Sweetman to form the new company's sales team. These four leaders' decision to band together would forever change their lives.

Poultry was a major focus for the company during its first 20 years. Dr. Woodward became a renowned poultry pathologist, spending much of his time developing innovative products for the poultry industry. The company gradually expanded its offerings from poultry nutrition, to feed additives, to sanitation products and more. As the company continued to succeed, it explored ways to expand the business to meet the needs of more agricultural industries. In 1979, John Scheuber was hired to be the General Manager for the company—which by this point, included locations in Modesto, Fresno, Perris and Petaluma. Soon thereafter, VSI expanded to the retail feed store business.

In the 1990's, the company set out on an ambitious expansion plan that included establishing a distribution center in Oregon. In 1995, VSI ventured in to dairy sales in the southern San Joaquin Valley; and four years later, it purchased Merced Dairy Supply to improve sales to dairies throughout Central California. Over the years, the dairy market has provided the company with great growth and

continues to be a major share of the company's sales.

As part of the company's expansion efforts, it diversified its product offerings to include pet products. Seeing increased opportunity in the pet segment, VSI purchased LA Pet, a primary pet food distributor, in 2001. With the acquisition, VSI became a one-stop supply option for all pet items needed by any retailer. VSI also expanded its efforts internationally when it teamed with a Chinese customer, Alix Co., to establish ASI, Animal Supplies International, which imported products into the U.S. VSI then became the owner of ASI and its sister company, JC Logistics, JCL—a freight forwarding company which moves containers for importing and exporting. With involvement in ASI and JCL, VSI became internationally connected.

In 2004, Dr. Woodward passed away, and John Scheuber succeeded him as the President and CEO.

The focus on innovation by VSI's founders established a solid foundation for the company, as well as a culture for success that remains today. The company not only supports the growing agricultural industry, but it has established a standard of employee relations which has greatly contributed to the company's success and positioned it for strong growth in the future. The four original stockholders established a company that thrives because of its successful strategy to retain talented employees. It introduced an innovative and motivational Profit Sharing Plan in 1972; and in 1991, it developed an Employee Stock Ownership Program, which enables each employee to own corporate stock.

Today, at 52 years strong, VSI and its 220 employee-owners continue to provide quality products and customer-driven service for all segments of the animal health industry. VSI continues to be a strong supporter of the community, as well as a leader in the agricultural industry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising VSI, Veterinary Services Inc., for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of our local community.

HONORING MS. SYLVIA JONES

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young woman, Ms. Sylvia Jones. Sylvia was raised in Belzoni, Mississippi, by her parents, Marvin and Timaka Jones.

Sylvia has always strived for excellence. Her committed determination has earned her the Principal Scholar awards. Her high school grade point average is 3.70, putting her at the top of Humphreys County High School Class of 2012, and earning her the title of Valedictorian.

Sylvia has worked hard and has been active in different sports and organizations since she was in elementary school. During her high school years, she played basketball and served as a leader among her peers. She also played, softball, tennis, and ran track, which led to many athletic awards including the Coach's Award, Best Offensive Player, mem-

ber of the All-District team throughout the Delta, and named the #2 player in the Delta. Sylvia is a member of the Senior Beta Club, Student Council Association, and Students Making a Change (SMAC). In August 2012, Sylvia plans to attend Jackson State University and major in Mathematics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sylvia Jones for her determination and strive for excellence in education and leadership.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TWIN LIGHTS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Twin Lights Historical Site in Highlands, New Jersey on the occasion of their 150th anniversary celebration. The current structure, built in 1862, was commissioned by the United States Light House Board in the 1850s to provide the waters surrounding New York Harbor with a more permanent structure and to replace the existing structures which had fallen into disrepair.

Prior to the 1820s, the only lighthouse in the area surrounding New York Harbor was the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. However, with the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, Congress realized the need for an additional structure in the area of New York Harbor to ensure ships had an additional tool they could use to safely navigate the treacherous waters off Northern New Jersey. In 1828, two structures were constructed on the current site of the Twin Lights, but in the 1850s, the U.S. Light House Board realized there was a need for a more permanent structure in the location of Highlands, New Jersey. In 1862, the permanent structure as it stands was completed. The Twin Lights, named for the dual Fresnel lenses which were placed in two adjacent towers, began to emanate light from the hillside of Highlands, New Jersey.

In addition to its significance as a navigation tool for ships in the New York Harbor, the site was also home to several important and historical moments in U.S. history. In 1893, the site was chosen for the first reading of the pledge of allegiance. In 1898, the south tower of Twin Lights was electrified, and became the only on-shore lighthouse in the U.S. to have its own generator. Guglielmo Marconi in 1899 tested his telegraph technology at the site, where it became evident that this new form of communication would revolutionize the way people communicated. By the 1930s and 1940s, the role of Twin Lights began to diminish, as new technologies began to emerge. However, during the 1940s, Twin Lights was chosen by the U.S. government as the primary location to test radar technology, something which played a pivotal role in helping the U.S. and its allies obtain victory in World War II. In 1962, the Twin Lights Historic Site was transferred to the authority of the State of New Jersey, and is currently on the State and National Registry of Historic Places. Although the towers of Twin Lights were decommissioned in 1952, the light of the south tower still shines today as a navigational tool for private navigators.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in celebration of the Twin Lights Historic Site's 150th anniversary celebration. The Twin Lights Historic Site has played a pivotal role in American and New Jersey history, and it is with great pleasure that I am able to join them in their celebration.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE WORKS OF MRS. NORMA SIAS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Mrs. Norma Sias. Mrs. Sias is a living testament to what can be done through hard work, perseverance and dedication.

Born July 24, 1943 to parents Leodis and Ukele York in Leona, Mississippi, Mrs. Sias is a graduate of Jordan High School in Carthage, Mississippi and current resident of Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Norma obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Literature in 1966 from Jackson State University after which she began teaching at Henry Weathers High School in Rolling Fork. After four years of teaching English, Mrs. Sias became Librarian at Henry Weathers in 1970 and then later returned to Jackson State University to continue her studies in Library Science.

After completing her work at Jackson State University, Norma then ventured on to receive her Masters in Library Science from Delta State University, to shortly thereafter become Librarian of Anguilla High School, until she retired after 34 years of service in 2004.

In addition to her work as Librarian, Mrs. Sias serves as the president of the South Delta Retired Education Personnel office, secretary of the Issaquena Credit Union and secretary of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

She is also an active member of Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she continues to work as a civil servant, participating in countless public service activities.

Mrs. Norma Sias has been married to Mr. Melvin Sias for 41 years to their union they have one daughter, Melanie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Norma Sias for her dedication to serving our great her community and Sharkey County Schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BRIAN ROTHSCILD

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Brian Rothschild on his receipt of the 2012 Prince Henry Society Award. On October 20, he will be recognized for his contributions to the maritime and fishing industries.

Dr. Rothschild has long dedicated his life in pursuit of better science and instruction. He

currently serves as Co-Director of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute at the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

His contributions to the marine fisheries industry extend from studies of population dynamics and biological oceanography to fisheries management and natural resources policy. This is not the first time his expertise has been recognized. In 2004, he received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists and in 2008 he was recognized by The Standard-Times as the "South Coast Man of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Rothschild on his receipt of the 2012 Prince Henry Society Award. We thank him for his role in marine sciences and eagerly anticipate his continued contributions to the field.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND MICHAEL  
SNIFFEN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Reverend Michael Sniffen, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community.

Rev. Michael Sniffen was ordained in 2007 and went to The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew in 2010 after serving as Assistant Rector of St. John's, Lattingtown, NY. Since arriving at The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew, Fr. Michael has created a full time Artist-in-Residence program, opened the church to the community more than ever, expanded programs for children, built relationships with youth in detention and attracted a growing and diverse congregation.

As part of linking the church and the neighborhood, Fr. Michael won a grant of \$287,000 from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to undertake a major green infrastructure project in the churchyard that will help the environment as well as create a new public greenspace on the block. In 2011 NYC chose The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew to launch ChangeByUs—a program linking neighbors together to build a better city.

Fr. Michael holds a B.A. from W.V. Wesleyan College and a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University. He is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Homiletics and Liturgical Studies. A member of the American Academy of Religion, a visiting member of the Academy of Homiletics and the North American Academy of Liturgy, Fr. Michael has won awards in Pulpit Oratory and Manner, as well as pastoral leadership and innovative ministry. For the 2011/12 academic year he was a Luce Fellow of the Center for Christianity in Global Contexts. He is currently Secretary of the board of Episcopal Response to AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Michael Sniffen for his commitment to economic and social justice in Brooklyn and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Reverend Michael Sniffen.

HONORING MR. TYRONE DAVIS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable blues artist, Mr. Tyrone Davis.

Tyrone Davis was born as Tyrone Fetteson on May 4, 1938, in Greenville, Mississippi. Through his blues career, he was first known as Tyrone the Wonder Boy, then later as Tyrone Davis.

Tyrone moved with his father to Saginaw, Michigan, before relocating to Chicago, Illinois in 1959. He then became a valet/chauffeur for blues singer Freddie King. He befriended the likes of Bobby "Blue" Bland, Little Milton, and Otis Clay, among others, and began to pursue his own singing career in the clubs on the city's West and South Sides. While working for King, he started singing in local clubs where he was discovered by record executive/musician Harold Burrage. This became the start of his career as a blues singer called "Tyrone the Wonder Boy".

His records for small labels under "Tyrone the Wonder Boy" did not bring him much success. In 1968, a successful Chicago record producer Carl Davis signed him to a new label, Dakar Records, that he was starting as part of a distribution deal with Atlantic, and suggested that he use the stage name Tyrone Davis. A Texas DJ flipped his first release over and started playing the B-side, "Can I Change My Mind."

Teamed with producer/arranger Willie Henderson, who masterminded "Can I Change My Mind", Tyrone Davis capitalized on his breakthrough with a string of orchestrated hits that emphasized his new, smoother style, and helped point the way for Chicago soul into a new decade. "Is It Something You've Got" reached the R&B Top Five in 1969, and it was followed in 1970 by the sublime "Turn Back the Hands of Time." It was his second R&B number one, and also his biggest hit on the pop charts with a peak at number three.

Tyrone Davis hit the R&B Top 40 with steady regularity over the next few years, including the Top Tens . "Could I Forget You," "I Had It All the Time," "Without You in My Life," and "There It Is." In 1975, he scored his third number one R&B hit with "Turning Point," but left Dakar for Columbia the following year.

Tyrone Davis' ballad mastery was a main selling point for Columbia, which made his backing orchestrations even lush than before, but he also made the occasional concession to contemporary dance trends, which informed his debut Columbia hit "Give It Up" a number two R&B single from 1976. Further successes followed in "This I Swear" (1977), "Get On Up" (1978), and the slinky ballad "In the Mood" (1979). Tyrone Davis recorded his final album for Columbia in 1981, then switched to Highrise, where he promptly landed a Top Five R&B hit—his last, as it turned out—with "Are You Serious" in 1982. Short stints with Ocean-Front and Prelude followed before Tyrone Davis settled in with Future for the latter half of the 1980s. He spent the first half of the 1990s on retro-soul label Ichiban, recording several albums, and then moved to Southern soul imprint Malaco in 1996 for an

equally productive stay that lasted into the new millennium. Tyrone Davis continued to release new albums every year or two, and toured the soul/blues circuit as restlessly as ever. Tyrone Davis suffered a stroke in October of 2004 and remained hospitalized until his death in February of 2005.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tyrone Davis, a great blues legend from Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

HONORING MR. LEONARD JAMES  
CANTY, JR.

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Leonard James Canty, Jr., community stalwart and entrepreneur, co-founder of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. and founder of the Black Economic Council, BEC. "Len," as he was known, was a trailblazing businessman committed to supporting and promoting minority- and women-owned businesses. Known as a hard-working and talented visionary, a passionate advocate and a man of great faith, Mr. Canty has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on September 22, 2012, we look to Len Canty's legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on April 26, 1945, to Leonard James and Elisabeth Canty, Len was part of a large family growing up in Atlanta, Georgia. A U.S. Air Force veteran during the Vietnam War, Mr. Canty moved to Oakland, CA, upon his honorable discharge in 1968. There he met his loving wife and lifelong partner of 42 years, Kyra. Mr. Canty worked for United Airlines and in real estate, until launching his own mortgage brokerage firm, Canty & Associates, in 1984.

Throughout his entrepreneurial success, Mr. Canty never lost sight of the needs of his community. Among his many career milestones, he was a founding member in 1988 and an eventual President of the 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc. A tireless champion for African American equality and opportunity, he was Chairman of the 1993 African American Economic Empowerment Conference and a lecturer in the African American Entrepreneurship program at California State University, East Bay. In the early 1990s, he founded a private equity venture capital fund for small, minority- and women-owned businesses. And, in 2005, after a decade of investment banking, he founded the Black Economic Council, a national 501(c)(3) headquartered in Northern California.

Today, the BEC celebrates its Second Annual Game Changers and Bridge Builders Awards in tribute to its founder, Len Canty, who epitomized the qualities of positive change and collaboration. As an organization facilitating local business development, economic sustainability and job creation to advance the economic platform of Black Americans and underserved communities, BEC is a leading advocate in promoting the equity and self-sufficiency of Black communities through stronger economic infrastructure.



Len Canty's tireless work to open access to intellectual and economic capital for communities of color stretched to many fields. He frequently traveled to Washington, DC, to fight for initiatives and spoke extensively about financial fitness, health disparities, supply diversity issues, regulatory bodies and equal access to federal and corporate contracts. His numerous accolades included, most recently, the 2012 "Spotlight Award" from the Bay Area Business Roundtable.

On a personal note, Len was a longtime friend and supporter. His "tough love" was a constant source of inspiration. Our conversations were deep and authentic. He was truly a visionary and a magnificent leader who always kept his "eyes on the prize." Moreover, Mr. Canty was a church Deacon and a man of deep compassion. He demonstrated a strength and commitment to both his immediate family and the extended family that he created within our community.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and inspiring community leader, Mr. Leonard James Canty, Jr. He was a dear friend, a respected colleague and mentor, and a beloved husband, father, son, grandfather, brother and uncle who will be deeply missed by an extended group of loved ones. I offer my sincerest condolences to Len's surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his incredible life. The Bay Area and the nation has lost one of its greatest advocates for economic justice. May his soul rest in peace.

SUPPORT FOR VOTER EDUCATION  
EFFORTS BY NORTHWESTERN  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thanks and support for recent actions by Northwestern University to help students register to vote and navigate increasingly complex and strict voter registration procedures nationwide. Their efforts were chronicled in an article by the New York Times this past Sunday, and I hope that my colleagues will pay attention to the story and its lessons.

Today, roughly 11 million college students are eligible to vote. Unfortunately, states across the country have considered or passed legislative initiatives that erect barriers to student voting. Northwestern University, which I am proud to represent, rose to the challenge and adopted a series of policies to ensure that its student body could go to the polls. When incoming freshman picked up their student IDs, they were given the opportunity to register to vote. Volunteers took time out of their day to make sure that out-of-state students were given absentee request forms, and any assistance they required so that their vote would count when they engaged in their civic duty.

As last weekend's article noted, Northwestern University's initiatives were wildly successful. Last year, 89% of incoming Northwestern freshmen were registered to vote in 37 states by the first day of class. This year,

the university again saw dramatic success—almost 95% of their eligible freshman were registered as of the first day of classes, and out-of-state students had the tools to make sure their vote was not denied due to new state regulations.

After the enormous success seen on its campus, Northwestern University expanded its project and created the UVote Project. The UVote Project shares these proven registration techniques to campuses across the nation—providing consistent and streamlined registration efforts so that students get the support they need to participate in the democratic process. According to the project's web page, schools who adopt these methods typically see their student voter registration rates double or triple.

These recent efforts by Northwestern University and their UVote Project are the type of collaboration between students and institutions of higher learning that I envisioned when I introduced the Student VOTER Act, a bill that would make institutions of higher learning play a key role in voter registration efforts. The contents of this bill have been incorporated into H.R. 5799, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2012. The Voter Empowerment Act modernizes and overhauls our voter registration system to assure that as many people are involved in our democratic process as possible, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

I congratulate Northwestern President Morty Shapiro and hope other universities will follow his lead. Together, through policies like those created by Northwestern University and through legislation such as the Voter Empowerment Act of 2012, we can encourage increased engagement and participation, including among student voters.

[From the New York Times, Oct. 13, 2012]

COLLEGES TAKE A LEAP INTO VOTER  
REGISTRATION

(By Steven Yaccino)

EVANSTON, IL.—Every four years, volunteers swarm university campuses, clipboards in hand, to register newly eligible voters for what is generally the only presidential election of their undergraduate careers. This year they found large numbers were already registered.

Dozens of colleges have begun their own voting registration drives in orientation programs, class registration, intranet Web sites and other interactions crucial to campus life, institutionalizing services that had often been left to outside efforts. As a result, thousands of students registered to vote, updated their addresses or requested absentee ballots from their home states within days of arriving to campus this fall, officials at several universities said.

University-sponsored attempts to make voting easier for students are being tested in at least 60 colleges across the country amid the outbreak of battles over new voting laws.

"The voter registration process has become more cumbersome and difficult as there's been a competition to define who is eligible to vote," said Dan A. Lewis, director of Northwestern University's Center for Civic Engagement, which started incorporating voter registration into its freshman orientation last year. "You almost have to have a Ph.D. now to figure out how to do it if you're not sitting in the same house for the past 20 years."

Northwestern officials who developed the new program, UVote Project, said their intent was not to critique voting rules across the country, but to help students navigate them more easily.

"We're not always going to have the incredible excitement among 18- to 22-year-olds that you did in 2008, so I think it's an obligation," said Morton Schapiro, the president of Northwestern. "We're supposed to teach citizenship."

Northwestern, just north of Chicago, began a drive to register voters last year, with incoming students signing up when they picked up their campus IDs. University-trained staff and volunteers provided absentee ballot request forms from all 50 states, scanned students' driver's licenses or other identification, and offered to mail in the paperwork.

By the first day of class, 89 percent of the university's freshmen had been registered to vote, in 37 states. Northwestern repeated the effort this year, registering almost 95 percent of eligible freshmen, and expanded the model to eight other colleges. Stanford University used the method around campus, including on its bicycle registration line, netting more than 700 new voters in two weeks.

Roughly 11 million eligible voters ages 18 to 24 are in college, about a quarter of all eligible young voters, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

The federal Higher Education Amendments of 1998 require colleges to make a "good faith effort" to distribute registration materials to transient students, who have the option to establish residency in their home community or where they go to school.

Students who prefer to vote absentee must first traverse an array of varied rules. Some states, like Michigan and Tennessee, make voters who register by mail cast a ballot in person for their first election. North Carolina requires that ballot requests be handwritten. Other states, like Delaware and Wyoming, require a notary.

Complicating matters more this election have been partisan fights over restrictions on registration drives and new laws requiring state-issued IDs for voting, though many have been overturned or blocked this year.

Harvard University, which holds a competition among dormitories to register the most voters, is one of a growing number of schools expanding efforts by purchasing access to the Web site of TurboVote, a non-profit effort that provides complete online registration and automated vote-by-mail services.

Founded in 2010, TurboVote is working with 58 colleges this year. It now helps more than 100,000 individuals get absentee ballots, find voting locations and track coming elections, sending out text reminders for important deadlines.

"We single-handedly registered more people in a couple of hours than several organizations that have been doing this for months," said Shelby Taylor, a spokeswoman for the University of Florida, which promoted TurboVote on the college's intranet home page and in an e-mail from the university's president. The school, which registered more than 3,000 students this year, also flashed ads for TurboVote on the football stadium's GatorVision screen during the opening home game last month.

"We alone cannot do this," said Heather Smith, president of Rock the Vote, which has been registering voters on campuses for two decades. "If we could get every university engaged and invested in the work of asking every one of their students to register to vote, we'd have a very different democracy."



RECOGNIZING MRS. DORIS STEEN IVY FOR HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today Mrs. Doris Steen Ivy. Mrs. Ivy has proven to be a woman of tenacity, dedication, and compassion.

She is a resident of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, but was raised in the town of Anguilla. In 1972, Mrs. Ivy obtained her Bachelors of English degree from Mississippi Valley State University and later received her Master's of Science from Jackson State University in 1979.

After graduating from Jackson State University, Doris began teaching English for the South Delta School District in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, where she served as a Department Chair.

From 1992–1993, Mrs. Ivy taught English Composition I and II as an adjunct professor at Mary Holmes Junior College in West Point, Mississippi, and served as a Mississippi Teacher's Accountability Instrument Evaluator. Doris served as an ACT protector for twenty-two years and Drug-Free and Safety facilitator for South Delta High School for fourteen years as well as advisor for the South Delta High School peer counseling program. This program was able to provide food and inspirational services to members of the elderly community in Rolling Fork. In 2011, Mrs. Ivy furthered her commitment to literacy by becoming certified as a Library Media Specialist.

She is the wife of Mr. Sammie Ivy; to their union they have two children, Stephanie and Steven. Mrs. Ivy is a faithful member of Chapel of the Cross Church, where she has served as secretary for over thirty years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in recognizing Mrs. Doris Steen Ivy for her unwavering commitment to serving as a role model and educator for the children of the South Delta School District.

HONORING ELIZABETH "BETH"  
BARNES

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Elizabeth "Beth" Barnes, Tuolumne County Senior Veterans Services Representative, who will retire in December 2012, after 35 years of outstanding service to our veterans.

Elizabeth "Beth" Barnes was born October 2, 1945, in San Andreas, California. Beth moved to Tuolumne County in 1967 and went to work at Brown's Drive Inn in 1972. On June 1, 1977, she was hired on as a Housekeeper at Tuolumne General Hospital. On June 5, 1982, she was promoted to a clerk typist in the Veterans Office. Beth was then promoted to Senior Veterans Services Representative on November 5, 2000.

Beth married Harold "Barney" Barnes on March 26, 1965. Barney went to work for Ras-

mussen Lumber Company, now known as the Sierra Pacific Industries, in Chinese Camp on September 12, 1965, and retired on June 28, 2012. Beth and Barney have three sons: Stephen, Harold Jr. (Chip) and wife Debbie, and Rick and wife Sheila. Stephen and Rick both enlisted in the Marines and each served eight years.

Beth's first passion is her family and home, then her family of veterans. She served as the Secretary of the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers from 1992 until 2012. She also served as the Secretary of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers from 2006 to 2012.

Over the years, Beth's name has become synonymous with Veterans Services. Before most of us had even entered public service, Beth had gained a reputation for her vast experience helping veterans and their families apply for and obtain their benefits. Her devotion to veterans is not only professional, but personal. Many of her family members have served in the military, so it is not surprising that working with veterans has become her life's work.

The work that Beth has chosen to do makes significant differences for our veterans—from applying for financial compensation, to ensuring veterans receive appropriate medical care, to helping their dependents with health insurance and college tuition. She has filed claims and advised veterans from the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Beirut, Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan. These benefits also help our community. Between 2009 and 2010, over one million dollars in new one-time benefits were obtained.

Beth has numerous accreditations and affiliations with the following agencies: Accreditations with American Legion; California Department of Veteran Affairs; Disabled American Veterans; National Association of County Veteran Service Officers; California Association of County Veteran Service Officers; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Veterans; Military Order of the Purple Heart; Retired Enlisted Association; World War I of USA; Vietnam Veterans of America; Jewish War Veterans; and Catholic War Veterans.

To quote Beth: "This is more than a job; it's a life."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Beth Barnes, Tuolumne County Senior Veterans Representative, for her many years of selfless service to our veterans and the betterment of our community.

IN MEMORY OF UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA JOHN  
CHRISTOPHER STEVENS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my Northern California colleagues GEORGE MILLER, JACKIE SPEIER, ZOE LOFGREN, MIKE THOMPSON, LYNN WOOLSEY, ANNA ESHOO, DORIS MATSUI, PETE STARK, JOHN GARAMENDI, JERRY MCNERNEY, MIKE HONDA, and SAM FARR of California, to honor, celebrate, and remember Ambassador John Christopher "Chris" Stevens. A son of Northern

California and the Bay Area, Ambassador Stevens tragically lost his life in the greatest service to this country—selflessly and courageously representing American values in a foreign nation he knew intimately and cared for deeply.

Born in 1960 in Grass Valley, California, Ambassador Stevens made a mark early in life as a student at Piedmont High School, where he participated with enthusiasm in academics, the performing arts, and tennis. His education in the 9th Congressional District continued upon his admission to the University of California, Berkeley. As a History major, he delved into studies of the Near East and became a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Later, he earned a law degree from another Bay Area institution, UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. His subsequent work in international trade law preceded the takeoff of his diplomatic career in 1991.

Ambassador Stevens' passion for foreign service began early, starting with his high school participation in an AFS Intercultural Program in Spain and blossoming during his years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco. The diverse and instrumental positions he held as a member of the U.S. Foreign Service in Israel, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Washington, D.C., among others, helped to build his deep and personal understanding of the Middle and Near East.

A fluent Arabic speaker, Stevens was selected by President Obama to be the U.S. Special Representative to the National Transitional Council in Libya, undertaking the complicated task of creating connections with insurgents and tribal groups on behalf of the United States. As the Qaddafi regime crumbled, Ambassador Stevens worked passionately towards establishing a nascent Libyan democracy. In the process, he created innumerable personal friendships and professional relationships with Libyans—not only with officials and diplomats, but with everyday people.

In his diplomatic capacity, Ambassador Stevens brought a profound and prolific knowledge of the Arab world to his assignment. His exemplary gift for making personal connections was invaluable in his role as Special Representative and, later, Ambassador, to one of the most complex and challenging regions of the world. Therefore, as we join in recognizing Ambassador Stevens amidst a sober outpouring of praise from his family, colleagues, fellow Americans, and the leaders of this nation, we remember that Chris Stevens was beloved by many Libyans, as well.

In remembering Ambassador Stevens, we also honor the three other Americans who bravely sacrificed their lives alongside him: Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty. The mournful loss of these members of the Foreign Service will not be forgotten. We pay tribute to all of them today and keep their families in our thoughts. We also express our deepest sympathy and condolences to Ambassador Stevens' family, to whom he was a devoted son, brother and stepson who always made time for visits home despite the incredible demands of his diplomatic missions.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents of California's 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th Congressional Districts, we join President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI and an expansive global network of supporters in saluting Ambassador John Christopher Stevens.

Ambassador Chris Stevens will be remembered for his strong sense of dignity, his humility, and his generous service to others. He will be truly missed by all who loved him and by all he served through the magnitude of his life's work.

HONORING MR. JOE WILLIE  
"PINETOP" PERKINS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the best blues pianists known, Mr. Joe Willie "Pinetop" Perkins.

Pinetop was born Joe Willie Perkins in Belzoni, Mississippi, on July 7, 1913. Pinetop dropped out of school after the third grade. He taught himself the rudiments of blues guitar on a homemade instrument called a diddley bow: a length of wire stretched between nails driven into a wall. He began entertaining at dances and house parties at age 10 and soon learned to play the piano as well. While still in his teens he left Mississippi and traveled to Chicago. But he came back to Mississippi and didn't decide to make Chicago his home until the 1950s.

He worked primarily in the Mississippi Delta throughout the 1930s and '40s, spending three years with Sonny Boy Williamson on the King Biscuit Time radio show on KFFA in Helena, Arkansas. Pinetop also toured extensively with slide guitar player Robert Nighthawk. After briefly working with B.B. King in Memphis, Pinetop "barnstormed" the South with Earl Hooker during the early '50s. The pair completed a session for Sam Phillips' famous Sun Records in 1953. It was at this session that he recorded his version of "Pinetop's Boogie Woogie," a song originally written and recorded by pianist Clarence "Pinetop" Smith—the influential blues pianist who died from a gunshot wound at age 24 in 1929. Willie Perkins was already being referred to as "Pinetop" when he played on King Biscuit in the '40s, but it was his sensational version of this song that secured him the lifelong nickname of "Pinetop."

Pinetop Perkins started out playing guitar and piano at house parties and honky-tonks. In the 1940s, he had to drop the guitar due to an encounter with an outraged chorus girl in a Helena, Arkansas, nightclub when she knifed him, leaving him with severed tendons in his left arm. That dashed his guitar aspirations, but Pinetop came back strong from the injury, concentrating solely on piano from that point on.

Pinetop is known for holding down the piano chair in the great Muddy Waters Band for twelve years during the pinnacle of Muddy's career. Replacing Otis Spann in 1969, Pinetop helped shape the Waters sound and anchored Muddy's memorable combo throughout the '70s with his brilliant piano solos. In 1980, Pinetop and other members of Muddy's crew struck out on their own and formed the Legendary Blues Band—a group that recorded two records for Rounder and toured extensively, culling several Grammy nominations.

After being labeled a sideman for most of his career, Pinetop eventually left the Leg-

endary Blues Band to concentrate on solo work. Within two years, he had cut his first domestic record as a frontman and pursued an ambitious tour schedule. He was featured on several nationally syndicated news and music programs, and appeared in numerous movie productions and TV and radio ads.

The great irony of Pinetop's career is that he didn't blossom as a headliner until his eighth decade on the blues scene—a phenomenon that resulted in the release of 15 solo records in 15 years, beginning in 1992. On his 1998 release, "Legends," Pinetop collaborated with master blues guitarist Hubert Sumlin. Together, they blended the traditional Delta blues sound with modern electric blues rock, showcasing the spirit and energy of the music. "Born in the Delta" and "Legends" were both nominated for Grammy Awards—in 1997 and 2000 respectively. This was followed by a 2005 Grammy nomination for "Ladies Man," released by MC Records. That same year, he was also presented with a lifetime achievement award at the Grammys.

Aside from his well-deserved Grammy recognition, Pinetop also received a National Heritage Fellowship in 2000 from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has been featured in the documentary "Piano Blues," directed by Clint Eastwood for the Martin Scorsese PBS series, "The Blues." In addition, he continued to win the Blues Music Award for best blues piano every year until 2003, when he was retired from the running and the award was renamed the Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year.

In 2007, he was still on the road at 94 years old; Pinetop Perkins' unique life was chronicled in Peter Carlson's biographical documentary DVD, "Born in the Honey," which includes a live CD with a rare studio outtake track.

"Pinetop Perkins and Friends" released on Telarc, an independent classical recording company that crosses over to include blues and even jazz music. In that release by Telarc in the summer of 2008, Pinetop was positioned in the midst of several high-profile guests—all of whom have been influenced by his music in some way or another over the past several decades. Included on Pinetop's list of Friends were such luminaries as Eric Clapton, B.B. King and Jimmy Vaughan.

His latest recording is "Joined at the Hip," a collaborative project with Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, released in June 2010. Pinetop also received a Grammy in 2010 for this collaborative project with Willie "Big Eyes" Smith for Best Traditional Blues CD.

Pinetop passed away on March 21, 2011, at the age of 97. When he passed away, he still had performances lined up for the year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Joseph Willie "Pinetop" Perkins, a great blues legend from Mississippi's Second Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANGEL  
GOMEZ

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angel Gomez for selfless service to our community. He has helped thousands of

people through his non-profit, Operation HOPE Helping Other People Endure.

Selfless doesn't even begin to describe Angel Gomez.

Many lives have been touched by Angel, an appropriate name for a man with a heart the size of Texas.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he attended Bowie High School and later joined the United States Navy. He is a proud Bowie Bear Alumni and Veteran.

His real passion, other than serving his county in uniform, has always been helping others in need.

In 1995 he began volunteering his time to the community, with the support of his wife Patricia, daughter Rubi and other family members.

Seeing the growing need around him he co-founded Operation HOPE in 2009, and he has invested even more time and resources to help the El Paso Community he loves so much.

Operation HOPE has allowed Angel to share his vision of community outreach with thousands of people in need. He works with community partners and volunteers who share the same values and passion for giving, and these relationships have made it possible to multiply his efforts to improve our community.

Over the past seventeen years, El Paso residents have received food baskets during the holidays, along with blankets, clothing, and medical supplies. Hospitalized children that were hospitalized have received toys and gift baskets to lift their spirits. Hundreds of persons with disabilities have received assistance with medical supplies, medications, durable medical equipment, and accessible ramps. And families have received assistance with funeral expenses and spiritual support during their time of need.

To others, the donated items and arrangements made may not seem like much, but behind each action is something intangible, something money can't buy: hope.

On behalf of the El Paso community, I would like to thank Angel Gomez for all he has done for those in need and for the positive impact he continues to have in our community.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.  
TONY AND MARY CARDOSO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthdays and 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Mary Cardoso. The life that Tony and Mary have built together over the past sixty years is an inspiration to all of us. Their story is reflective of the American Dream, working hard to create better lives for themselves and their children.

Anthony Bernard Cardoso was born in Lemoore, California, on October 16, 1922. When Tony was 20 years old, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the height of World War II. He proudly served our country for six years, spending time overseas on the Marshall Islands and Hawaiian Islands as an aviation mechanic. Tony was honorably

discharged from the Marines in 1948 as a Staff Sergeant. Upon his return home, he went into the dairy business with his brothers.

Mary Dorothy Couto was born in Kerman, California, on October 18, 1922. In the 7th grade, Mary was pulled out of school, so she could contribute all of her time and energy into the family farm. In 1944, Mary bravely joined the Navy where she served our country for two years. In 1946 she returned home; a few years later, she met Tony at a local dairy.

Tony and Mary were married on October 18, 1952. In the early years of their marriage, Tony and Mary owned a dairy farm. The farm was sold in 1959, and they opened a liquor store in Biola, California. Over the years, they experienced great success and had the opportunity to expand their store, which was aptly named the Biola Variety Liquor Store. Tony and Mary were proud owners of the store for over 20 years. They worked long hours and were open seven days a week.

In the past six decades they owned and operated three businesses, raised their children, Antoinette and Charles, remained active in the community, and have acted as loving and caring grandparents and great grandparents. Clearly, their marriage not only reflects a partnership filled with deep affection and love, but also one that enjoys the intelligence of two business savvy people.

Tony joined the Biola Chamber of Commerce in 1959, and was a past president in 1963. He was a past commander of the Biola VFW Post. Tony is extremely proud of a veterans' memorial that was put up near an elementary school in Biola. He believes it is a perfect location because children can walk by and better understand the sacrifices men and women make to serve our country. Tony is also a member of the Biola American Legion Post and the Kerman American Legion Post. He has proudly served as Grand Marshal at the Biola Raisin Day Parade.

The Cardosos retired in 1979. They stay busy by working in their vegetable garden, being involved in the community, and spending time with family. Having a cohesive and close-knit family is very important to Tony and Mary. As a grandmother, Mary made it a point to bring all of her grandchildren together whenever possible, so all the cousins would have close relationships. Mary and Tony truly understand what is important in life. On a personal note, Mary and Tony have served as exceptional role models for me—their nephew. Their work ethic and commitment to service allowed me to witness first-hand the best of what our nation has to offer and encouraged me to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Tony and Mary Cardoso for their 60 years of commitment to one another and for their long lives that exemplify the genuine meaning of hard work and dedication.

HONORING EDDIE McCORD

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Ms. Eddie M. (Thompson) McCord was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana. She graduated from

Monticello High School in 1989. She then attended and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Alcorn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. While at Alcorn, she also joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She later graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Master of Education Degree in K–12 Educational Leadership.

Ms. McCord began her career as an educator in the Vicksburg-Warren School District, teaching fifth grade. She later relocated to East Tallahatchie School District and served as a teacher of first and second grade students and eventually the assistant principal. The desire for professional growth then led her to West Tallahatchie School District where she served as Assistant Principal of R.H. Bearden Elementary School for three years and later became the Principal. After serving as the Principal at R.H. Bearden, she became the Principal at West Tallahatchie High School for two years. Currently, she is the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the West Tallahatchie School District.

Ms. McCord has been an asset to the West Tallahatchie School District because of the relationships she has developed with local stakeholders and throughout Tallahatchie County serving in various capacities in both West Tallahatchie School District and East Tallahatchie School District. She has been involved in initiatives and partnerships that have been critical to meeting the educational needs of school-age children in surrounding communities. These partnerships include collaborative professional development sessions between elementary school teachers and Head Start teachers. As a result of this collaboration, more students are entering kindergarten ready to learn at the necessary academic level. Additionally, she was instrumental in securing the district in-house GED Option Program which assists students who have academic deficiencies in meeting the requirements necessary for obtaining their general education diploma.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY LYNN  
ANN D'AVERSO

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Lynn Ann D'Averso on her retirement from Brookdale Community College at Long Branch, New Jersey. Ms. D'Averso dedicated over 31 years to Brookdale Community College, and her many achievements should be celebrated.

Nancy Lynn D'Averso's commitment to education is not only evident in her years as a teacher, but also in her many personal academic achievements. A graduate of Long Branch High School, Ms. D'Averso went on to earn a "Certificate of Culture" from the University of Madrid, Spain as well as a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Spanish and a Grade 7–12 Teaching Certificate from Montclair State College. After 6 years of teaching at Memorial School in Eatontown, New Jersey, Ms. D'Averso continued her studies at Montclair State College, graduating with a Master's of Arts Degree in Spanish Literature. She later also received an Associate Degree in Human

Services from Brookdale Community College, which helped her to excel at her work at Checkmate Fort Monmouth Homeless Shelter in Oceanport, New Jersey.

After teaching briefly at the primary education level, Ms. D'Averso went on to teach at Brookdale Community College at Long Branch in 1981. Combining her educational studies in Spanish and teaching, Ms. D'Averso taught English as a Second Language, GED studies in Spanish and Citizenship Studies. Her commitment to helping others through her various positions is admirable, and the impact she has had on the Brookdale Community College community is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Nancy Lynn Ann D'Averso on her retirement. Her commitment to the Brookdale Community College at Long Branch community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE CHRISTIAN  
HARMONIZERS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gospel singing group, The Christian Harmonizers. They were organized in the late 1980s by Jerome Williams along with Bobby Bailey and Ellison Brown.

The group began to grow over the years, adding such singers as Thomas Murray, Larry Thompson, Jerry Davis, Ronnie Polk, Calvin Harris, Frank McGriggs, Jr., Xavier Hampton, Frank Curtis, Maurice Buck, and the late Sherman King, Sr., who sang with the group for over 22 years, and Antoine Eakins, who sang with them for over 17 years. The current members of the group are Elder Frank Curtis, Elder Antoine Eakins, Bobby Bailey, and of course, the founder and organizer, Jerome Williams. In the earlier years, the late Walter Griffin and the late Robert Moore served as the group's teachers and advisors.

In 1988, the Christian Harmonizers recorded popular songs such as "Consideration" and "Don't Doubt the Lord" which were penned by Jerome Williams. Their current album is "30 Years Live" which is comprised of 10 songs and features two of Williams' originals: "Somebody" and "Grateful." The remaining tracks of the album were rearranged by Jerome Williams.

The Harmonizers are known worldwide for their performances and have shared the stage with such great gospel artists as: Lucille Polk & Pearly Gates, the Jackson Southernaires, The Angelic Gospel Singers, The Swanee Quintet, the Sensational Nightingales, Debra Snipes, Ronica & The Blazing Stars, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Willie Banks & The Messengers, the Canton Spirituals, and Gold City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring The Christian Harmonizers, a Mississippi gospel singing group.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate met at 10:00:05 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:35 a.m. until 11 a.m., on Friday, October 19, 2012.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 6575–6576; were introduced. **Page H6310**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Herrera Beutler to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6309**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC. **Page H6309**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

#### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing on online safety under repressive regimes, focusing on responsibility of technology companies, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Friday, October 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, October 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** The House will meet in pro forma session.

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