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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 23, 2012.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have promised that You will always draw near to those who call upon Your name.

We call upon You this day to send upon this great Nation Your protection and guidance. Fill the hearts of those who have been elected to lead, mold, and shape our country. Bless their staffs and all who labor here that they will see You in the work that they do.

Lord, fill this Chamber with Your presence so that here freedom, peace, and the common good will always be sought.

We ask this in Your most holy name. 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. CON-

NOLLY) 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 noon on Friday, October 26, 2012.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until Friday, October 26, 2012, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

8129. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's "Major" final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines: Market Risk [Docket No.: R-1401] (RIN: 7100-AD61) received October 15, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8130. A letter from the Deputy Director, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Repeal of the Final Rule Imposing Special Measures and Withdrawal of the Findings of Primary Money Laundering Concern Against Myanmar Mayflower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank (RIN: 1506-AA63) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

8131. A letter from the Deputy Director for Policy, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8132. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Con-

sumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Safety Standard for Play Yards [CPSC Docket No.: CPSC-2011-0064] (RIN: 3041-AC92) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8133. A letter from the Division Chief, Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees (RIN: 1004-AE29) received October 4, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8134. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System, Saguaro National Park, Bicycling [NPS-SAGU-10884; 8671-0004-SZM] (RIN: 1024-AE08) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

8135. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; 2012 Ironman US Championship Swim, Hudson River, Fort Lee, NJ [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0223] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8136. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW); Wrightsville Beach, NC; Cape Fear and Northeast Cape Fear River; Wilmington, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0193] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8137. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone: Wedding Reception Fireworks at Pier 24, San Francisco, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0661] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8138. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Anchorage; Change to Cottonwood Island Anchorage, Columbia River, Oregon and Washington

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[Docket No.: USCG-2011-0348] (RIN: 1625-AA01) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8139. A letter from the Attorney—Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Cocoa Beach Air Show, Atlantic Ocean, Cocoa Beach, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0633] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8140. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Bay Bridge Load Transfer Safety Zone, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0706] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8141. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Milwaukee Air and Water Show, Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0688] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8142. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Dredge Arthur J. Lake Huron, Lakeport, MI [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0709] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8143. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance-Slayer's Rule Exclusion (RIN: 2900-AN40) received October 7, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8144. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of 30-Day Residency Requirement for Per Diem Payments During an In-Patient Hospital Stay (RIN: 2900-AO36/WP2011-037) received October 2, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8145. A letter from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final

rule—Fisher House and Other Temporary Lodging (RIN: 2900-AN79) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

8146. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of the Inwood Valley Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0011; T.D. TTB-107; Ref: Notice No. 125] (RIN: 1513-AB83) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8147. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of the Middleburg Virginia Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0009; T.D. TTB-106; Ref: Notice Nos. 123 and 123A] (RIN: 1513-AB67) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8148. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision to Vintage Date Requirements [Docket No.: TTB-2011-0008; T.D. TTB-105; Ref: Notice No. 122] (RIN: 1513-AB84) received October 1, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3973. A bill to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 112-692). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (for herself, Mr. KLINE, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California):

H.R. 6578. A bill to exempt decorative hearth products from energy efficiency regulation under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.J. Res. 121. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to increase by 29 votes the number of electoral votes awarded to the candidate for President who receives the largest percentage of the popular vote; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS:

H.R. 6578.

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

The Constitutional authority in which this bill rests is the power of the Congress to regulate Commerce as enumerated by Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.J. Res. 121.

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

Article V of the United States Constitution

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 860: Mr. ADERHOLT.
 H.R. 1621: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 2052: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 2600: Mr. LYNCH.
 H.R. 3307: Mr. MICHAUD and Mr. CUMMINGS.
 H.R. 3324: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
 H.R. 3661: Mr. SHIMKUS and Mr. BILBRAY.
 H.R. 3849: Mr. STUTZMAN.
 H.R. 4205: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. TOWNS.
 H.R. 4215: Mr. WHITFIELD.
 H.R. 5943: Ms. HIRONO.
 H.R. 6043: Mr. DEFAZIO.
 H.R. 6527: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 6575: Mr. HANNA and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.J. Res. 106: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California and Mr. MARCHANT.
 H.J. Res. 110: Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. HUELSKAMP.



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Senate

The Senate met at 1 and 05 seconds p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

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. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 23, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2012, AT 1 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday October 26, 2012.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1 and 38 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 26, 2012, at 1 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANDREW JENKINS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Andrew Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins has worked as a field engineer, construction analyst, and planning director for several federal, state, and local agencies throughout his career. In addition, Mr. Jenkins served as president of three independent and four joint venture limited liability companies.

Throughout his years of service, Mr. Jenkins has connected with many supportive and influential people that have given him great advice for building successful and rewarding businesses that benefit the community. Having been born and raised on his family's farm in the Mississippi Delta, where hard work was a badge of honor and your word was your bond, Mr. Jenkins still subscribes to those basic undaunting principles of work and uncompromised integrity.

Mr. Jenkins is a graduate of Tennessee State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He continued his thirst for knowledge when he received a second graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Jenkins also has a wealth of knowledge and experience through Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. which specializes in Program and Construction Management, Quality Assurance Inspections, Minority Business Enterprise, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Outreach to name a few. In addition, he has also provided a variety of other professional services. The Mississippi State Board of Contractors with Certificate of Responsibility Number 12728 has duly registered Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc. to practice Building Construction, Construction Management, Energy Management and Municipal and Public Works Construction.

He believes that every job is unique and represents a different set of opportunities for customizing Andrew Jenkins Associates, Inc.'s services to meet the needs of their various clients in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Andrew Jenkins for his entrepreneurial spirit and dutiful service to the community.

CONGRATULATING MOCKINGBIRD ELEMENTARY FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHARACTER

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate

Mockingbird Elementary of Coppell, Texas for being recognized as a National School of Character by the Character Education Partnership. Mockingbird Elementary was chosen for its ability to foster positive character development of within its curriculum.

Since 2004, Mockingbird Elementary has been a leader in implementing initiatives designed to build the character of its students. These interschool programs promote positive socialization between developing children and create a friendlier and cohesive educational environment.

Educational success and positive development of our nation's youth comes from hard work, innovation and a supportive community. I am proud to represent such a community, and especially a school that is reaching and surpassing all expectations. On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mockingbird Elementary in being recognized for its work as a national leader in proper character development and being named a National School of Character.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, NHCADSV, on reaching its 35th anniversary.

The Coalition started thirty-five years ago as the New Hampshire Coalition on Battered Women and began the important work of providing women and their families with a voice to stand up to the violence and abuse they have experienced. Over the years they have helped launch many programs and initiatives to prevent and combat domestic violence and abuse in collaboration with both state and federal partners, including the Domestic Violence Prevention Program and the Statewide Program to Improve the Response to Domestic Violence.

In addition to their advocacy and program support, the NHCADSV is made up of fourteen member programs and centers around the state that directly assist and provide services to those individuals and families who are in crisis. These programs and centers provide a safe place and secure environment, as well as the much needed support systems and tools women and their families need to work through these difficult situations.

As we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month it is very fitting that we celebrate the selfless work of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence and all of their partners across

the state. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication and congratulate you on your success throughout the last thirty-five years. I wish you all the best for the future.

CONGRATULATING JANE RAMSEY ON HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jane Ramsey on her retirement as President of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA, and to celebrate her thirty years of service with the organization.

Under Jane's leadership, JCUA has pursued its mission of combating poverty, racism, and anti-Semitism in our communities. Guided by the Jewish principles of "Tzedek", justice, and "Tikkun Olam", repairing the world, JCUA fights for social and economic justice and empowers communities in many of Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

JCUA is an active and leading voice in Chicago, fighting for human rights and civil rights. From comprehensive immigration reform to racism and bigotry, homelessness to government accountability, Jane and JCUA have empowered countless impoverished, oppressed, or otherwise marginalized communities.

Jane first came to JCUA in 1979 and, throughout her tenure, has fought poverty and hate wherever they occur. From efforts to combat the racism targeting mayoral candidate Harold Washington to organizing efforts to fight for the rights of Chicago Housing Authority residents when high-rise public housing buildings were destroyed, JCUA has been a leading voice demanding social and economic justice.

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, when Chicago's vibrant Muslim community faced a wave of hate crime attacks, JCUA launched its Jewish-Muslim Community Building Initiative. The program has built a long-term relationship between Jewish and Muslim communities, fighting barriers of ignorance and hate and building mutual understanding and respect.

JCUA operates on the principle that affordable housing is a human right, working to create viable housing options and community development projects in Chicago's low-income communities. The organization provides zero-interest seed-funding for affordable housing development and preservation projects, capacity-building assistance to community groups engaging in economic development projects, and advocacy on behalf of affordable housing initiatives.

In recent years, JCUA has fought for immigration reform. Building on Jewish law and experience, JCUA fights the expansion of federal immigration detention centers, supports passage of the DREAM Act, and advocates for

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fair and just immigration reform to keep families together and create pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

Throughout her distinguished career, Jane has been recognized both locally and nationally. In 2009 she was named to the "Forward 50" list of those "leading the American Jewish community into the 21st century". She is a current board member of CAN-TV, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights, and the Shalom Center. In the past, she has also served her community by working with the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as a commissioner for Private Industry Council, PIC, the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

For thirty years, Jane's work has changed the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities throughout Chicago. Her work has empowered Jews of all ages, brought together individuals of different faiths, and given a voice to those who would otherwise have gone unheard. I have been privileged to work with Jane over the years on several issues and projects and feel fortunate to call her a treasured friend. I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for her decades of work and lifelong commitment to social justice, empowerment, and human rights and in wishing her well.

HONORING PEARL ALICE MARSH,
PHD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh of California as she retires from a distinguished career in academia, public service and advocacy for both the United States and throughout Africa. Emerging from humble roots to become the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Marsh continues to be an inspiring trailblazer.

Dr. Marsh's prolific career includes a decade of service as Senior Professional Staff for Africa on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Yet, Dr. Marsh's long record of activism is at the heart of her call to service. Playing a role in some of the defining civil and human rights movements of our time, Dr. Marsh spoke out for non-discriminatory Fair Housing in California and helped drive the Civil Rights, Students, Health Rights, Women's and African Liberation movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s. This bold activism was part of an engine for enormous social and political change, and Dr. Marsh's passion for social justice went on to inform every aspect of her long career.

Pearl Alice Marsh began her career as a social worker and advisor to the Oak Park Neighborhood Council Member in Sacramento, CA, in 1968. Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, she held many key positions

driving efforts to strengthen the response of California communities to mental health issues, including joining the University of California, Berkeley to coordinate health administration and planning seminars for the Neighborhood Health Seminars Project and becoming the Associate Director of Mental Health Planning at Northern Alameda County.

Yet, in 1986, Dr. Marsh turned her attention back to academia and her studies of Africa, accepting a position as Program Director of Berkeley's Center for African Studies. In 1993, she moved to Washington, DC, to put her academic skills into policy practice as the Senior Research Associate for International Affairs at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In this critical role, Dr. Marsh developed and convened a series of multi-party forums in the run-up to the South African elections, which saw the election of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of the newly racially-integrated South Africa. She later became Executive Director at the Africa Policy Information Center, where she supervised the development of the Advocacy Network for Africa, a network of over 60 human rights, advocacy and humanitarian organizations working to raise the level of understanding and attention to current events in Africa through key policymakers.

In the years that followed, Dr. Marsh employed her ample knowledge and expertise to help guide Congressional policy as Senior Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Domestic Policy for Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. And, for the next decade, from 2000 to 2011, Dr. Marsh served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs where she reported to consecutive chairmen and helped to develop two key pieces of legislation—the U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003 that created PEPFAR and the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003, which has helped to provide AIDS treatment for more than 6.6 million people around the world.

In the final chapter of her professional career, Dr. Marsh returned to her activist roots, assuming the position of Director of U.S. Policy and Global Health at the ONE Campaign, where she developed an advocacy plan to scale up African co-financing of their national health needs.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh, I salute you. I am proud to call you a colleague, a former constituent, but most importantly my friend. Thank you for your countless contributions to the struggle for equal opportunity and for your manifold commitment to teaching, advocating and producing groundbreaking U.S. foreign policy in the fight against global poverty and disease. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

RECOGNIZING CANNON'S CATERING FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Mississippi Delta, minority-owned business, Cannon's Catering. Owned and operated by Bobby and Della Cannon, Cannon's Catering was started by Della Cannon when she was just a high school student.

Originally, she wanted to use her culinary expertise to earn extra money by baking cakes and preparing refreshments for small parties held by family and friends. What started as an after school job transcended into a lucrative catering business; preparing meals for family reunions, class reunions, weddings, office parties as well as a host of other functions.

Cannon's Catering primary goal is to meet the needs of its customers. As a result, they take incredible pride in their work by paying close attention to details, providing excellent customer service, and creating a menu suitable for the occasion. The secret to their longevity has been their undeniable commitment to customer service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cannon's Catering for their entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellent customer service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUZANNE AND JEFFREY CITRON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron for their tireless efforts and work with the community. As co-founders of the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne and Jeffrey have dedicated much time and effort to philanthropy.

Founded in 1999, the Charles Lafitte Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals live a more well rounded life. Under the leadership of Suzanne and Jeffrey, the Charles Lafitte Foundation helps and supports individuals and organizations in several areas, including support for children's advocacy, education, medical research and initiatives, as well as the arts. The Charles Lafitte Foundation holds numerous events each year in their attempt to further their ability to reach those in need.

Much of both Suzanne's and Jeffrey's philanthropic success is rooted in their background in the private sector, where both have ample experience leading successful private enterprises. Suzanne served as CEO of New World Aviation, a small aircraft company co-founded by both herself and Jeffrey. Jeffrey co-founded the telecommunications company Vonage in 2001, served as CEO of Vonage from 2001–2006, and is currently chairman of the board of directors. Besides her work in the private sector and with the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne for the past several years has served on the American Cancer Society Advisory Board of the Jersey Shore.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County in honoring their work this evening. Both Suzanne and Jeffrey are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

GOOD EGG BREAKFAST 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker: I rise today to recognize and honor the Good Egg Breakfast on its 50th anniversary. The first Good Egg Breakfast, GEB, was held in April 1963 at the Sportsmen of Stanislaus Clubhouse. Today, the event is billed as the world's longest running egg promotion breakfast.

Original cosponsors of the GEB were Stanislaus and San Joaquin County area poultrymen and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was added as a cosponsor, and the poultrymen evolved into the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association and the California Poultry Federation. Today, the four entities that plan and execute the breakfast are the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, California Poultry Federation, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Federation. The Good Egg Committee is made up of members from the aforementioned sponsors.

The original GEB award was given to an area resident singled out for their outstanding contributions to agriculture. The breakfast also kicked off Farm-City Days in Stanislaus County. The breakfast now includes recognition not only of agriculturists but also those from every walk of life who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service for the benefit of the community. Mr. Good Egg of 1970, Governor Ronald Reagan, is the most famous of past honorees. In 1981, the Good Egg of the Year award was renamed the "Fred C. Price Good Egg of the Year Award," in honor of farm advisor Fred Price.

The GEB also awards scholarship stipends to local Modesto Junior College students who epitomize a "Good Egg"—someone who gives back to the community.

The following is a list of all the Good Egg recipients for the past 50 years: 1963—Joe Domecq; 1964—John G. Veneman; 1965—Ernest Tarone; 1966—William Ulm; 1967—Richard Lyng; 1968—Joe Hart; 1969—Milton Kidd; 1970—Ronald Reagan; 1971—Fred G. Thiemann; 1972—Romain Stewart; 1973—John Keefe; 1974—Dan Kelsay; 1975—Frank Espinola; 1976—Clare Berryhill; 1977—Donald West; 1978—George Biddle; 1979—John Thurman; 1980—Norton Coleman; 1981—Mathew Fiscalini; 1982—Max Foster; 1983—Paul Lavine; 1984—Bill Lyons, Sr; 1985—Peggy Mensinger; 1986—Larry Banks; 1987—John De Boer; 1988—Larry Can; 1989—Larry Hooker; 1990—Grant Lucas; 1991—Bette Belle Smith; 1992—James S. West; 1993—Ernie Gemperle; 1994—Roland Starn; 1995—Henry Voss; 1996—Bob Benson; 1997—Stan Hodges; 1998—Ray Simon; 1998—Genie Zehrun; 1999—Tony Cobarrubia; 2000—George House; 2001—Dr. George West;

2002—Nick Blom; 2003—Willis D. "Woody" Woodward, D.V.M.; 2004—Saxon Downs; 2005—Shirley Jorgensen; 2006—Bill Lyons, Jr; 2007—Carol Whiteside; 2008—Gary West; 2009—Dr. Mark Bender; 2010—Dr. Richard Breitmeyer; 2011—Reverend Vernon Deatherge; 2011—Barbara Deatherge, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Good Egg Breakfast for 50 years of promoting eggs, agriculture, and community service.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central High School in Morgan Hill, California, which is located in my congressional district.

A quality education is the cornerstone of our children's and country's future. A strong educational system ensures that we will remain competitive in an ever growing and interconnected world. We must demand the best from students, excellence from teachers, and the involvement of parents and communities. Central High School is emblematic of the rewards of hard work.

Central High's dedication and commitment to quality education has been a model for schools throughout California. The hard work of everyone involved at the school, including teachers, students, and administrators is evident in its exceptional 158 point improvement in the state's Academic Performance Index. This success shows what can be achieved when all stakeholders work together with a focused goal, and is something that will benefit these students their entire lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the improvements, accomplishments, and dedication to academic excellence at Central High School.

HONORING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR IRA MARKS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ira Marks for his dedicated leadership and service to the Borough of Fair Lawn, a community that I have the pleasure of representing in New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District. At the end of the year Ira will be retiring from his position as Director and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough, a position he has held since 2006. Mr. Marks is a dedicated public servant and I am pleased to recognize him as he completes his distinguished career.

Mr. Marks first began working in the Office of Emergency Management in 1997. Since then he has served as Local Emergency Planning Committee President, Shelter Coordi-

nator, Deputy Coordinator, and Emergency Management Coordinator. He has been integral in restoring the borough after several natural disasters, including flooding from Hurricane Irene, and assisting in medical training. Mr. Marks has demonstrated his talent for combining community service with his training and knowledge of the health field to improve the Office of Emergency Management.

Furthermore, Ira Marks has served as a volunteer for the Borough of Fair Lawn since 1978 while working in the private sector. He spent 21 years in the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, donating his time and holding the offices of Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Trustee. Among his many accomplishments, Ira aided in obtaining a grant for 10 automated external defibrillators for the training of Fair Lawn police officers. Ira was recognized for his excellent work when he was awarded the Distinguished Volunteer Service Cross in 1995, as well as the Hackensack Medical Center Award for EMS Excellence of Life Saving in 1998.

Ira is a graduate of Monmouth University in New Jersey, a veteran of the Army National Guard, and a wonderful New Jerseyan. His extraordinary dedication to public service is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Ira Marks for his tremendous service to our community. I join with the grateful residents of the Borough of Fair Lawn in thanking him for his innumerable contributions to our community. His leadership and dedication to service have improved the lives of many and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the charitable, nonprofit organization, Christian Volunteer Service.

Christian Volunteer Service, CVS, is an organization that has been active in Claiborne County, Mississippi, for 31 years. Founded in January 1981 by Don and Jeannette Mahoney, Christian Volunteer Service began their work in the community by providing practical aid for citizens that were sick and confined to their home. The services included home visits, preparation of meals and feeding, bathing and light household cleaning.

Later, they partnered with Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers meals free of charge to the elderly, to continue their philanthropic efforts; Christian Volunteer Service began providing roundtrip transportation for medical appointment for the elderly throughout the Port Gibson, Vicksburg and Jackson areas. Christian Volunteer Service has a stellar record for serving over 12,500 families, repairing over 1,600 homes and spending over \$700,000 on the needy with the help of dedicated volunteers and supporters over the past years.

The volunteers of Christian Volunteer Service are dedicated to working with local churches and residents in the county to provide care

for the needy and the elderly. Due to the encouragement and financial support they receive from local churches, members of the community and the United Way, Christian Volunteer Services has been able to sustain their mission of strengthening and nurturing the community with a spirit of love and concern for its neighbors.

In 2006 Bishop Randal Burge became the Director of Christian Volunteer Service. Currently, they host teams of volunteers from all over the United States and Canada that are willing to come and service the area.

Christian Volunteer Services is the recipient of a number of Community Service Awards, including one from the State of Mississippi Governor's Office and an Excellence Award from the United Way Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Christian Volunteer Service for its philanthropic work throughout Claiborne County, Mississippi, and surrounding areas.

TRIBUTE TO MAYA WESBY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Maya Wesby, the 2012 Congressional Black Caucus, CBC, Spouses Essay Contest winner. Maya, a native Washingtonian, is a dedicated student and burgeoning scholar at one of the District's top performing public schools, the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts. Her outstanding essay, "Defeating the Barriers of Physical Activity," won first place at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference this year.

Each year, high school and college students from the districts of CBC members write essays on issues that affect the lives of African Americans for the CBC Spouses Essay Contest. This year's topic was "How America's youth are moving us into a healthier tomorrow." Maya's essay documents childhood and adolescent obesity in our country and offers a solution for the staggering statistics. As an advocate for healthy living, Maya's thought-provoking work shows a young scholar who is getting the most from her education, is on top of the issues of the day, and has great promise as she prepares for college and for success in life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Maya Wesby for winning the 2012 Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Essay Contest.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and in special recognition of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. This Council comprised of more than 35,000 girls

and 16,000 adult volunteers spans across 32 counties in Northeast Texas. It is with great pride that I honor their long history of public service and leadership.

Established by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, the Girl Scout movement started with just 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, and the belief that bringing girls into the open air and the community would allow them to develop the confidence, self-reliance, and resourcefulness needed for personal and professional success. A century later, Low's extraordinary vision has impacted the lives of over 50 million girls and helped to produce some of the most accomplished women in the fields of business, science, education, and public service.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has nearly 4 million members and more than 100 different councils across the nation. In the greater Northeast Texas community, it is the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas who carry on this incredible legacy by offering a variety of community outreach and educational programs that help all its members become strong leaders. Thanks to this Council, thousands of girls in my district are being given the tools to become successful women and accomplished professionals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and recognizing the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. I look forward to the members of this Council becoming the next generation of successful American women.

HONORING JANE RAMSEY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jane Ramsey. She is a long-time Chicago area resident who has worked for three decades as a community leader for social and economic justice.

Jane Ramsey is retiring this year from her current position as the President of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA. She had been the Council's Assistant Executive Director from April 1979 and was named its Executive Director in 1982. JCUA combats poverty, racism and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities. Guided by prophetic Jewish principles, JCUA pursues social and economic justice for Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods by promoting a vision of empowering communities from within. Her leadership of over 30 years has helped enable the JCUA to become one of Chicago's most active and important organizations speaking on behalf of human and civil rights issues.

Jane Ramsey led the JCUA in an effort to combat racism facing mayoral candidate Harold Washington. Further, when Chicago Housing Authority residents were fighting to ensure that their rights were honored when the City of Chicago tore down its highrise public housing buildings, the JCUA organized a coalition of religious and civil rights groups to work for the tenants. When Chicago's Muslim community became the target of hate crimes after September 11, 2001, the JCUA formed the Jewish-Muslim Community Building Initiative.

Jane Ramsey has also served on numerous boards including the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as commissioner for Private Industry Council (PIC), the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. She is currently a board member of CAN-TV, the Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jane Ramsey. She is truly worthy of recognition by this august body, the U.S. House of Representatives.

REPEALING SECTION 907 OF THE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of repealing Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act. Since 1992 the people of Azerbaijan have been under unfair restrictions for American assistance.

Twenty years ago tomorrow, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the FREEDOM Support Act.

While a well intentioned effort at lifting out of poverty and tyranny the afflicted peoples of the former Soviet Union, the law also contained a provision under Section 907 of the bill, which restricted Azerbaijan from receiving assistance.

Azerbaijan was the only former Soviet state restricted in this manner, and bound by outdated criteria.

Every year since 2001, the restrictions under Section 907 have been waived. The US-Azerbaijan alliance has grown immensely over the previous 20 years across all sectors of cooperation, from military intelligence, to trade and business, to academic and cultural ties.

It is time to do away with this unnecessary and unfair law. Azerbaijan is a key ally in the War on Terror, and is a strategic geographic partner given its close proximity to Iran and Israel.

Instead of dwelling on conflicts of the past, we should be embracing economic growth of the future while continuing to foster and encourage democratic values in Azerbaijan.

Congress should repeal Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and allow Azerbaijan access to the support it deserves.

RECOGNIZING DA' HOUSE OF KHAFRE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Indianola, Mississippi minority owned business, da' House of Khafre. Owned and operated by, Ms. C. Sade Turnipseed and Mr. Robert Terrell, Jr.

In 2010 da' House of Khafre opened to offer people from around the State of Mississippi and the world a place to gather and hear musicians play authentic blues and spiritual music while enjoying delicious teacakes and other delicacies. Prior to its grand opening legendary bluesman David "Honey Boy" Edwards of Shaw, Mississippi visited da' House of Khafre to bless its humble beginnings. Upon his visit, Edwards predicted that people were going to come from all over the world to see da' House of Khafre, honor its heritage and partake in the various activities and delicious food that is known throughout the Mississippi Delta.

da' House of Khafre is home to the historical Wall of Fame of Indianola, where visiting musicians from around the world, including Ghana, Norway, Japan, and France have signatures engraved in the wall which is held as a staple in the community.

Artists from these countries and many others have performed on da' House of Khafre's historical Front Porch stage where the music room door of legendary bluesman Sam Chatmon from Hollandale, Mississippi is gracefully hinged. The Chatmon's door, traditional quilts, African art, and the sweet smell of soul food provide a rural sophistication and ambiance that is reminiscent of the rich culture of the Mississippi Delta.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing da' House of Khafre and its owners, Ms. C. Sade Turnipseed and Mr. Robert Terrell, Jr. for their commitment to preserving the rich, history and heritage of the Mississippi Delta.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GLORIA CAMACHO BORJA NELSON

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson, a dedicated educator, community advocate, and leader within the Democratic Party of Guam. She passed away on October 14, 2012.

Known affectionately as Lola to her family and friends, Gloria Nelson was born to Luis Quitugua Borja and Maria Camacho Borja on April 20, 1935, in Guam's capital city of Hagåtña. She was only six years old when Imperial Japanese forces invaded Guam during World War II.

Although she was unable to begin her schooling until after the war, Gloria was determined to obtain an education and she completed her elementary and high school education in nine years, graduating from George Washington High School in 1955. She went on to receive an Associate of Arts Degree from the Territorial College of Guam, now the University of Guam, and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from the Ohio State University.

While attending the Ohio State University, Lola met Ted S. Nelson whom she later married. Upon graduating from Ohio State, Ted and Lola attended the University of New Mexico, where they earned Masters of Arts degrees in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Lola dedicated much of her life to educating Guam's children. As a classroom teacher she was firm and instilled in her students not only academic knowledge, but also self-confidence, motivation, and a desire to give back to their community. She is remembered by many who she taught as an enthusiastic and energetic educator who contained a wealth of knowledge of the histories of Guam and Micronesia, and a teacher who dedicated herself to the needs of her students, even beyond the classroom.

Recognizing her commitment to education, Guam leaders frequently sought Lola's counsel in efforts to improve the island's school system. She was appointed a school principal, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education, and Deputy Director of Education. In 1983, then-Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo called on Lola to serve as the Director of Education, a position she held for 56 months. Lola would continue her service to Guam's public school system as the chairperson of the Board of Education for three years.

Lola's devotion to the people of Guam extended beyond the classroom. She committed herself to many community organizations and gave freely of her time in service to those who needed it. She was elected president of Guam's Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, vice chair of the Latte of Freedom Foundation, president of the Guam Association of Retired Persons, GARP, chairperson of the Guam Election Commission, and most recently as the chair of the Democratic Party of Guam.

One of her most notable achievements came in her fight to recover unpaid Cost of Living Allowance, COLA, benefits to Guam retirees from the government of Guam. As a member of GARP, Lola, along with Mrs. Candelaria Rios, waged and won a legal battle that forced the government of Guam to retroactively pay COLA benefits to retirees that were not paid for 13 years. Because of her efforts in this battle, the retiree benefits became known as the "Lola Cola."

Lola will always be remembered for her warm, caring and compassionate concern for her island people. Her legacy and contributions to our community will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam. I will deeply miss my dear friend Gloria Camacho Borja Nelson. My prayers are with her husband, former Senator Ted S. Nelson and their children Gwendolyn and Raymond L.G. Taimanglo; Ted, Jr. and Stephanie C. Nelson; Glenn and AnnMarie F. Nelson; Rhonda and Manuel P. Calvo; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIOLA, CALIFORNIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Biola, California's founding. Biola is a small community located in the Central Valley with a population of about 1,600 people. The community was founded in 1912 by William Kerchoff, and it was incorporated in 1921. Biola has gone through tough times in the past 100 years, but they have proven to be a society that thrives

and fights to always be better than the previous year.

Biola is known for its sense of community and comradeship. Families have lived in the same few square miles for generations. Neighbors are like family in Biola, and there is no question that there is a sense of loyalty between everyone.

In 1936 the Biola Raisin Day Festival began. It is a time for the citizens to come together, appreciate their town, and enjoy each other's company. This year marks the 56th Raisin Day Festival, and for three days, there will be entertainment, fun, and delicious food. The Biola Chamber of Commerce has made this weekend one of their top priorities. 100 percent of the profits that are made at the festival will go to bettering the sidewalks in the community.

Improving the quality of life in Biola is extremely important to its citizens, especially young people. A Biola Youth Group has been created so young men and women can be involved in making their community a better place. They participate in city cleaning projects, fundraising activities, and they support local events. The citizens in Biola understand that change does not happen on its own, and that a community engaged is vital.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of California's most close-knit communities. The citizens of Biola must be commended for their hard work and dedication to making their small town a wonderful place to live.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF TEXAS OKLAHOMA PLAINS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and in special recognition of the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. This Council comprised of nearly 24,000 girls and over 9,500 adult volunteers spans across 81 counties throughout Northwest Texas and Southern Oklahoma. It is with great pride that I recognize their long history of public service and leadership.

Established by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, the Girl Scout movement started with just 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia and the belief that bringing girls into the open air and the community would allow them to develop the confidence, self-reliance, and resourcefulness needed for personal and professional success. A century later, Low's small movement has grown into a massive organization and generations of women have benefitted from her extraordinary vision.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has nearly 4 million members and more than 100 different councils across the nation. In the greater Northwest Texas and Southern Oklahoma communities, it is the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains who carry on this incredible legacy. Thanks to this Council, thousands of girls in my district are being given the tools to become successful women and accomplished professionals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating

the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and recognizing the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. I look forward to the members of this Council becoming the next generation of strong American leaders.

HONORING THE MODESTO ARCH

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the rich heritage of the Modesto Arch as it celebrates 100 years of symbolic history in the Central Valley.

Early settlements in the great Central Valley of California were established along the only transportation routes available at the time—the rivers. In 1854, Stanislaus County had a population under 1,000 individuals. The county was named after Estanislao, a Native American who fought battles along the rivers in the area. A statue was recently dedicated in the Stanislaus County Courthouse Park to honor Chief Estanislao.

If you've lived in Modesto for any length of time, you've probably heard the story of how the city got its name. Originally laid out by the Central Pacific Railroad, there was an effort made to name the new village after one of the people involved with the development of the railroad venture—William C. Ralston, a San Francisco banker. Not wanting his name to be associated with something so new, he declined “modestly”—hence the name and the legend of Modesto.

In 1871, Modesto was voted the county seat of Stanislaus County; and from then on, it became the permanent trading center of the county. In 1884, it was incorporated; and in the same year, steps were taken to organize irrigation districts to supply water for the surrounding lands, which were devoted to grain growing and cattle. It was not until 1904, that the long fight for irrigation was won and the irrigation works were completed. From that point, colonization and development had been rapid and Modesto has grown as the metropolis within the county.

In 1912, the Modesto Arch—located at 9th and I Streets—was constructed by the Modesto Booster Club, founders of the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. The arch spanned the entrance to the city for many years. Other than a short move during the Ninth Street expansion and a recent refurbishment, there has never been a real threat to dismantle the city's most famous landmark. There are 696 light bulbs on the arch, and it was christened with a bottle of canal water.

The unique Modesto Arch is inscribed with “Water, Wealth, Contentment, Health,” which was selected over “Nobody's Got Modesto's Goat.”

One hundred years later, Modesto's esteemed landmark has been restored to its original glory. Community volunteers developed plans to update the lighting, patch the concrete, restore the original color scheme, replace the flag poles, and reinforce the structure, so the Arch will stand as a Modesto icon for another century.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the Modesto Chamber of Commerce and the City of Modesto for their efforts in protecting a landmark and the heritage of our community. The Arch bears witness to Modesto's past and future. Congratulations on the last 100 years and the restoration effort to keep “Water, Wealth, Contentment, Health” for generations to come.

HONORING OMEGA BOYS CLUB/
STREET SOLDIERS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers, an award-winning Bay Area non-profit organization providing a safe space for thousands of at-risk youth to learn violence-prevention skills, survive hardship and thrive in their communities. Under the helm of Executive Director, Dr. Joseph E. Marshall, Jr. and cofounder Jack Jacqua, young men and women throughout the San Francisco Bay Area have gained conflict reduction tools, mentorship opportunities and a new outlook on life—helping them to achieve stellar education, career and family goals that seemed previously out of reach.

In 1987, two middle school teachers, Joe Marshall and Jack Jacqua, began the Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers as a program of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in response to growing numbers of African American young people dropping out of school and becoming dangerously involved in illegal activity. At first the Club offered traditional activities in recreation and education, but the founders soon adopted an innovative public health intervention method to address the systemic culture of violence deeply ingrained in every facet of the youths' communities. Omega decided to treat violence as a disease that must be diagnosed, addressed and eradicated.

As a result of this early vision, the Omega Leadership Academy has provided more than 1300 boys and girls with academic support, life skills training, college preparation and assistance securing scholarships—all free of charge. With over 175 college graduates and 40 graduate school graduates (and counting), the program has a proven track record of not only changing—but saving lives. Through wrap-around, targeted life services, Omega has kept countless youth out of harm's way and free from incarceration. Moreover, the Omega Training Institute teaches individuals who work with youth—like police officers, development workers and school faculty—how to employ the Omega model's Alive & Free Prescription violence prevention methodology. This program, along with its Street Soldiers National Consortium, School Adoption Program, outreach-conducting Street Soldiers Violence Prevention Program and its acclaimed Nationally Syndicated Street Soldiers Radio Show, have impacted more than 15,000 Bay Area students and countless more across the nation.

Dr. Marshall and Mr. Jacqua have personally spent their entire careers preparing young men and women to achieve their dreams and positively contribute to society. These achievements are unparalleled, and the renowned success of Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers reflect their many decades of compassionate sacrifice, hard work and groundbreaking ingenuity. I also want to thank and congratulate Omega's many students and alumni for their amazing commitment to pursue these hard-earned achievements.

Omega has proven that communities benefit when youth are given opportunities to live, study and participate as informed and valued citizens. The Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers is more than a destination for youth seeking a new path; it's a gathering place, a place to find common cause and friendship, and a place to learn and grow. Ultimately, Omega is a place that teaches and empowers all of us to recommit to the principles of non-violence each and every day.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this 25-year milestone in your mission to keep young people “alive and free.” I thank all of the many people who have contributed to the continued success of the Omega Boys Club/Street Soldiers and wish you the very best in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING RESOUNDING SMALL
BUSINESS, J & W SMOKEHOUSE
OF MOUND BAYOU, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor minority owned business, J & W Smokehouse in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Owned and operated by Kennedy and Jean Johnson, J & W Smokehouse is a barbeque staple in the Mound Bayou community.

Since the age of sixteen, Kennedy dreamed of owning his own business. In 2009, on a quest to fulfill his passion for cooking, he and his wife Jean opened J & W Smokehouse.

Developing much of his skills from observing his father Mr. Eddie Johnson, Sr., Kennedy utilized his skills & unique grilling technique to master what has become known as the best barbeque in the Mississippi Delta.

The noteworthy recipes of the Johnson's have drawn the attention of specialty foods stores as well as online distributors which have aided in the great success of J & W Smokehouse.

Today, J & W Smokehouse services a multitude of clients and barbeque lovers in the Mound Bayou area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing J & W Smokehouse and owners Kennedy and Jean Johnson for their contributions to the Mound Bayou community and their resounding entrepreneurial spirit.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 1:00:05 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 1:00:38 p.m. until 1 p.m., on Friday, October 26, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 6578; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 121 were introduced. **Page H6314**

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3973, to facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-692). **Page H6314**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6313**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Patrick Riffle, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, DC. **Page H6313**

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 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Friday, October 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Friday, October 26

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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