A&M University at Commerce and also attended Miss Hickey’s Secretarial School in St. Louis, MO. A resident of Greenville for 54 years, she retired as a vocational counselor from W.J. High School in 1988. Prior to that, she was a guidance counselor at Greenville Junior High School and a sixth grade teacher at Bowie Elementary School. She remains active in the community, as an Associate of Grace Presbyterian Church, past president and annual book sale volunteer for the American Association of University Women, and past president of Greenville Area Retired Teachers and School Employees Association.

Nina also has been active in her church as well as various women’s groups and is a life-long Democrat. Throughout her life, Nina graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis with a degree in sociology—a significant accomplishment—and has been a productive and active member of her community.

Henrietta was married to the late Wilson Smith, who died in 1968. They have three children—Charlotte Wright of Davidsonville, MD, Marsha Smith of Pahrump, NV, and Edward Smith of Fairfield, TX, as well as four grandchildren. Nina lost her husband, Walter Klein, in 1985. Their daughter, Barbara Klein, lives in Garland.

Although these sisters live 50 miles apart, they still see each other several times each month. And so they celebrate their 85th birthday on Valentine’s Day, February 14, with their family, I want to take this opportunity in the House of Representatives to extend my best wishes to Henrietta C. Smith and Nina Lee Klein for a wonderful celebration and recognize their many contributions to their families and their communities.

BILL TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR BORDER SECURITY AGENCIES

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER OF MARYLAND IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a simple, straightforward bill to ensure that as the architects of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and the appropriators, we keep our promise regarding border security to the American people, the 9/11 Commission said, "We are not impressed with the Department of Homeland Security. Only two months after signing Intel Reform into law, this Administration has budgeted for only 10 percent of the border security agents we agreed were necessary." I urge House and Senate leadership to bring this bill to the floor immediately to rectify this discrepancy. I urge my colleagues to join with me in saluting her for thirty years of dedicated public service in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, while the retirement of Nancy Tippins marks a tremendous loss for the people of south Alabama, it also marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in Nancy’s life. I ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting her for thirty years of exemplary public service to this body and to her constituents of Alabama’s Fifth Congressional District. As my legislative director for the past two years, I found my new job as a member of this chamber much easier as a result of Nancy’s hard work and dedication.

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CONGRATULATING NANCY TIPPINS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER OF ALABAMA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and colleague who recently retired from Capitol Hill after three decades of exemplary service.

Nancy Tippins, a native of Auburn, Alabama, and graduate of Auburn University, first came to Washington in 1975 and accepted a position as legislative assistant on the staff of my predecessor, Representative Jack Edwards. Following Jack’s retirement in 1984, Nancy was hired by my immediate predecessor, Representative Sonny Callahan, as his legislative director.

During her tenure with Sonny, Nancy became an invaluable member of the legislative team, a role made even more important in 1994 with Sonny’s appointment as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs. She quickly developed a thorough and extensive knowledge of subcommittee operations and the appropriations process, and Sonny’s chairmanship became an integral part of the team drafting each year’s Foreign Operations appropriations bill.

Nancy’s hard work and dedication to her colleagues and the people of south Alabama won her wide admiration from Members and staff alike, and she developed a strong and well-deserved reputation for being a team player and a reliable source for assistance and information.

It would be difficult to adequately describe the tremendous gifts and skill Nancy brought to our office in Washington. Admired by members and staff on both sides of the aisle, she brought great levels of knowledge to the job and displayed tremendous dedication to the residents of Alabama’s First Congressional District. As my legislative director for the past two years, I found my new job as a member of this chamber much easier as a result of the experience and talent Nancy possessed. Having worked side-by-side with her for twenty years, it was not hard for me to develop a deep and genuine respect for Nancy and her professional successes. It is due in large part to Nancy Tippins that my first term continued what has become a time-honored tradition of dedicated public service for the people of south Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, for what we all agreed was needed exactly what it says: secure our borders to prevent violence with our communities.

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True to its vision of engaging the public on conservation issues, the Audubon Society worked for over 10 years to establish a center that would bring nature to the City of Los Angeles. Thanks to the generosity of public and private funding, Angelinos can today appreciate a unique nature experience in their own backyard at the Audubon Center at Debs Park. Working women who do not have the time or the means for nature trips, now have the option of utilizing the educational and family programs offered by the Center. The site is the perfect base for exploring and observing nature through its 282 acres of native walnut-oak woodland, grassland, and coastal sage scrub. The 5,023 square foot facility on site, which houses programming and the administrative offices, also offers a unique opportunity to learn about conservation through its sustainable features. The building is supported by a 100 percent solar electrical system completely independent of the electrical power grid serving the Los Angeles area. Recycled materials, including melted down handguns and scrap metal, were used in the facility’s construction wherever possible. Sustainable building materials were also used for the interior; furniture and cabinets were made from organic bamboo, bamboo doorknobs, recycled sunglass frame and flower board, both rapidly renewable materials and alternatives to wood.

By remaining faithful to its founding mission, the National Audubon Society has achieved an innovative and unique form of recreation, conservation, and education through the Audubon Center at Debs Park by maximizing nature, technology, and community support. Audubon plans to build similar centers in American cities to continue fostering the spirit of preservation that has inspired the over 12,000 visitors that have moved through the gate at the Audubon Center at Debs Park since its opening.

Mr. Speaker, the outpouring of support by family, friends, and the community made it evident to all what an extraordinary person Rev. Dooley was. His wife, children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren are a great testament to who he was as a person. My prayers are with his family, friends, and community today, as we honor his life.

Mr. Speaker, as advocates, supporters, and friends begin centennial festivities nationwide, it is with great admiration and pride that I ask you to join me in supporting the National Audubon Society for its visionary mission of engaging millions of people of all ages and inspiring them to celebrate and protect bird, nature, and life. Audubon, the National Audubon Society has much vigor and many ideas to share with all of us. We look forward to the next many years of fruitful endeavors with this great American Institution.

HON. XAVIER BECERRA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the National Audubon Society on the occasion of its centennial year. Founded to protect birds from adoring ladies hats, the Audubon Society has come a long way and has grown into a nationally-recognized advocate for environmental organization. Audubon’s current mission is not only to conserve endangered bird species, but also to preserve their natural habitats and ecosystems. Through a network of bird sanctuaries and community-based nature centers across the nation, Audubon is cultivating a spirit of environmental preservation in our communities.

The recent inauguration of the Audubon Center at Ernest E. Debs Park in the City of Los Angeles, and within my congressional district, is a unique example of how Audubon effectively connects people to nature. The Audubon Center is in the heart of one of the densest urban areas of Los Angeles, with 25,000 people per square mile—four times the city average. Despite this challenge, Audubon has constructed a first-class facility focused on sustainable features such as renewable energy sources, water conservation, recycled building materials, and native landscaping. In the fall of 2003, the Audubon Center at Debs Park was awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum Rating by the U.S. Green Building Council, recognizing it as the most environmentally friendly building in the United States, and the second greenest in the world. This notable achievement, however, is not the only reason the Audubon Center is special to Los Angeles. Even more substantial is that the Audubon Center at Debs Park is a safe haven for 282 acres of wilderness, 200 species of birds and animals, and for the tens of thousands of young children and families of Los Angeles.

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HON. RUSS CARNAHAN
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to pay tribute to the life of the Reverend Mr. Charlie Dooley, of St. Louis, MO, husband of Lonnie Merle Dooley, Rev. Dooley’s life was defined by dedication to his work, his church, and his family. Rev. Dooley worked for McDonnell Douglas Co. for thirty years without missing a day. His devotion to his job was matched by his devotion to his church. He served as pastor of the Revelation Missionary Baptist Church from 1966 until his retirement in 2004. Mr. Speaker, the outpouring of support by family, friends, and the community made it evident to all what an extraordinary person Rev. Dooley was. His wife, children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren are a great testament to who he was as a person. My prayers are with his family, friends, and community today, as we honor his life.

HON. RUSSELL D. HOLT
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce two new bipartisan bills to provide more federal support for the preservation and protection of the endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and related historic sites in New Jersey and many other states. I am especially pleased that U.S. Representatives Joe Donnelly, Maurice Hinchey, John McHugh, Ed Markey, John Sweeney, and Mark Souder have joined me as original cosponsors of this much-needed legislation.

In 1996, the Congress enacted the American Battlefield Protection Act, which established the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) within the National Park Service (NPS). At the same time, the Congress directed the U.S. Park Service to conduct a comprehensive study of endangered Revolutionary War and War of 1812 sites for.