

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WALTER
SHORENSTEIN'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter Shorenstein—a prominent San Franciscan, a great American and a dear friend. He is a man of extraordinary vision and leadership, of generosity and wise counsel. And today, it is my distinct honor and privilege to mark his 95th birthday on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Along with his late wife, Phyllis, Walter used the tools of philanthropy and civic activism to build a better San Francisco. Their gifts to the Bay Area's academic and cultural institutions have been an example to all who wish to leave a mark on our city's future. Their willingness to give—to donate their time, hospitality, and passion to others—has touched and influenced many lives.

One of San Francisco's most distinguished business leaders, Walter Shorenstein is a true pioneer, a visionary who helped shape our city's magnificent skyline and who worked to make San Francisco into the global economic and commercial center it is today. His leadership has been recognized by presidents and other world leaders, as well as the people of San Francisco.

After serving in World War II, Walter arrived in San Francisco in 1946 and began work in commercial real estate with the brokerage firm Milton Meyer & Company. By 1960, he had become President and sole owner of Milton Meyer, renamed it the Shorenstein Company, and transformed it into the largest owner and operator of commercial real estate in San Francisco and one of the largest privately owned real estate firms in the nation.

As firm believers in the power and promise of a strong education—and in memory of their beloved daughter Joan—Walter and Phyllis founded the Joan Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He also sponsors the Shorenstein Initiative at Stanford University's Asia/Pacific Research Center, as well as programs at UC Berkeley's Institute of East Asian Studies. He is the single largest donor in the U.S. to the United Way.

For Giants fans, Walter was a leader in keeping our beloved baseball team in San Francisco, galvanizing investors, local businesses, and the team's faithful fans to take action and preserve our national pastime in our city.

Walter and Phyllis proudly and lovingly raised three children: Joan, Carole and Doug. Doug Shorenstein became Chairman and CEO of the Shorenstein Company in 1995. Carole Shorenstein Hays is a Tony Award-winning Broadway producer and President of SHN, a theatrical entertainment company in San Francisco. Joan, a political journalist and producer at CBS News, died in 1985.

I join Walter's children Doug and Carole, his grandchildren Brandon, Sandra, Danielle, Wally, and Grace, and family, friends and colleagues in wishing Walter a happy 95th birthday.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague AL GREEN in co-sponsoring H. Res. 1046, which recognizes the significance of Black History Month.

This year, Black History Month marks Abraham Lincoln's 201st birthday, as well as our nation's first anniversary of the inauguration of an African-American president. This remarkable fact truly shows the capacity of our society to transform. Since 1926, February has been dedicated to giving Americans of every ethnicity and race the opportunity to reflect on the struggles of the past and look forward to an even brighter future as we continue working to ensure equality for all Americans. Black History Month is also a reminder that there will still be challenges ahead, and we must stay united as freedom-loving Americans to overcome them.

One sign of this progress is the United States Department of Agriculture's recent announcement of a settlement in the Pigford Case—a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs who were black farmers who sued for compensation for the harm they suffered as a result of unlawful actions of USDA government agents regarding loan applications.

Many African-Americans still struggle with disparities in their workplace, in their educational opportunities, and in their health care. We still have a long way to go before the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his brethren in the Civil Rights Movement becomes a reality. Let us reeducate ourselves this year as we do every February, to making our country a better, fairer, and kinder place for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 19 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII FESTIVAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom.

This festival, which shared with the community many presentations on religious liberty by experts from various faiths, aimed to build public awareness and support for religious liberty; bring civic, political, and faith leaders together to foster greater mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation; and promote the aloha spirit of religious freedom internationally.

In anticipation of the festival, the Hawaii State Legislature proposed legislation including H.R. No. 74 and H.C.R. No. 92 to recognize July as Religious Freedom Month in Hawaii.

Organized by Alan Reinach, held by the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and cosponsored by Liberty Magazine, North American Religious Liberty Association, and the International Religious Liberty Association, I would like to commend Earl Stuckey, Jr., Hawaii Conference President of the Hawaii Festival of Religious Freedom, for his great work to coordinate the festival's musical program. In "orchestrating" this festival, I am pleased to know that people of all religious faiths gathered in Hawaii to share their inspiration and music, individually and collectively. It reflects the Aloha State's reputation as the "melting pot of the Pacific."

HONORING MR. MICHAEL DOVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Michael Dove. Mr. Dove served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Carroll Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter, but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Dove served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Dove is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

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IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN DANIEL P.
MACK

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a man who has dedicated his life to courageous and exemplary service to our Nation, Captain Daniel P. Mack of the United States Navy.

Through his 27-year career, Captain Mack consistently demonstrated his dedication, diligence, and commitment to our great Nation. The son of John Francis Mack, a World War II veteran, and Helen Marie Conboy Mack, he was born February 18, 1960. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1982. After being commissioned, Captain Mack attended Nuclear Power School and Naval Submarine School and reported aboard the USS *John Adams*. After completing six deterrent patrols over a period of three years, he joined the staff of the Naval Academy, serving as 24th Company Officer and Executive Assistant to the Commandant of Midshipmen. In 1990, he reported to the USS *Puffer*, which completed Pacific and Arctic patrols during his time aboard, and he was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In 1995, Captain Mack graduated with the highest distinction from the College of Command and Staff at the Naval War College. After earning his Master's Degree in International Relations and National Security Affairs, he was assigned to Executive Officer duty aboard the USS *Phoenix*. He completed *Phoenix's* final deployment, during which she earned the 1996 Fleet Silver Anchor Award and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. Captain Mack then returned to the Naval Submarine School, where he served as Prospective Executive Officer instructor.

In January 2000, Captain Mack assumed command of USS *Houston*. Under his guidance, the boat earned the CINCPACFLT Retention Award, for outstanding personnel development and the highest retention rate in the Pacific.

After completing his tour as Commanding Officer, Captain Mack served as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron 11. He then served on the Joint Staff in the Strategic Plans and Policy Division. Captain Mack also served as Nuclear Policy Division Chief and as the Nuclear Weapons Council advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also reported to the Navy Staff where he held several vital positions.

In 2007, Captain Mack assumed command of Submarine Squadrons Sixteen and Twenty where he oversaw the development and training of sixteen separate submarine crews.

Even by the military's high standards, Captain Mack's record of achievement stands out. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, awarded for "superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility", the Legion of Merit, awarded for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services," as well as multiple awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

While the Navy is losing one of its finest officers after his retirement this month, Captain

Mack's legacy will continue to benefit the United States Navy for years to come. Whether as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy, Prospective Executive Officer instructor at Naval Submarine School, or as Commander of Submarine Squadrons Sixteen and Twenty, Captain Mack's career has deeply and positively affected the lives of countless Shipmates—improving their futures as Sailors and citizens.

I salute his committed service to our Nation. Moreover, I wish him and his three magnificent children Maggie, Daniel and Timothy great happiness as they embark on this new chapter in their lives. I am certain that Captain Mack will remain successful and productive in every future endeavor.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICHMOND BRANCH OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Richmond Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia on its momentous 100th Anniversary. The Richmond Branch is located in the Port Richmond section of Northeast Philadelphia which was once home to the busiest port along the Atlantic seaboard.

While the Richmond Library officially opened on March 15, 1910, the library's inception dates back to 1897 when a "Traveling Library" that was open two nights each week was established in a flour and feed store located in the heart of the Port Richmond neighborhood. In that same year a group of Protestant ministers rallied the community to establish a neighborhood library which featured expanded hours. The library was moved to the Mutual Hall Association at Richmond Street and Neff Street, which is now Indiana Avenue. This neighborhood library was named the Port Richmond Branch and housed 3000 books.

In 1908, the cornerstone of the current branch was laid through the generosity of both Andrew Carnegie, who endowed the Free Library of Philadelphia with a financial gift to construct library buildings, and Anne W. Penfield, who was considered the wealthiest woman in America at the time, who donated the land at 2987 Almond Street for the library. The building was renovated in 1994 as part of the city's "Changing Lives" campaign, which brought Internet service to this library as well as other libraries across Philadelphia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Richmond Library's 100th anniversary milestone and wish the friends, staff, and patrons many more years of community enrichment and service.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise

to celebrate Black History Month and its 2010 theme—The History of Black Economic Empowerment. With the current economic struggles facing our nation, it is fitting that this year's theme focuses on honoring those individuals and organizations that have had an immense impact on society during our most difficult times. Throughout our nation's history, time and time again, African American communities have found strength and purpose in coming together to rise above unfortunate circumstances, and I rise today to pay tribute to those who have demonstrated such remarkable leadership.

The theme for this year's Black History Month, The History of Black Economic Empowerment, is a reminder that in striving for a greater society, we must examine the past. Few organizations can match the impact that the National Urban League has had on promoting economic empowerment in our nation's urban communities. The National Urban League has been a cornerstone of communities across America in carrying out its mission, to enable African Americans to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights. As the National Urban League celebrates a remarkable milestone, its 100th anniversary, we take this time to remember the outstanding contributions of those visionaries who sought to bring about hope during the bleakest of times and to recognize those who have carried on their work.

As the Representative for the First Congressional District of Indiana, I have had the pleasure of representing the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the honor of knowing one of the organization's most influential members, Ms. Eloise Gentry. Ms. Gentry passed away on August 20, 2009, after leading the Urban League of Northwest Indiana for more than thirty years. While Ms. Gentry is missed by all of Northwest Indiana, the impact she has had on her community, not only as the president and chief executive officer of the Urban League but also as an educator in the Gary Community School Corporation and in her many other community service undertakings, will continue to resonate for generations to come. As an educator, activist, and community leader, Ms. Gentry has touched thousands of lives.

As her obituary read, "First and foremost, Eloise Gentry was an EDUCATOR." I cannot think of a more fitting one-word description. From those she taught in the classroom to those she worked closely with at the Urban League to those whose lives she improved through her work, everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Gentry learned from her, if not by her words then by her example.

While we have lost a pillar of our community, Eloise Gentry's lasting impression and the efforts of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana continue on today. Under the leadership of newly appointed president and chief executive officer, Vanessa Allen, the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, along with the more than one hundred local affiliates across America, continues to strive to provide economic empowerment and educational opportunities for African Americans while seeking to ensure their civil rights.

It is the efforts of organizations like the National Urban League and its affiliates that allow us to reflect on what makes the United States of America so special. While the United States is made up of people from so many different racial, religious, social, and ideological

backgrounds, it is the vision and leadership of people like Eloise Gentry, who have sought to improve the quality of life for all Americans, that has made America what it is.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the tireless dedication of the members of organizations such as the National Urban League, who continue their selfless work today, and I ask that you join me in remembering a true hero, Ms. Eloise Gentry, one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens.

NATIONAL JOB CRISIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter:

FEBRUARY 19, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. HARRY REID,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND MAJORITY LEADER REID: We write on behalf of the broad civil rights and human rights communities to urge swift action on a national crisis that is affecting us all. Unless we resolve our national job crisis, all of our other priorities—from reforming health care and fixing our broken immigration system to expanding economic opportunity for all Americans—are in real jeopardy. In our neighborhoods and communities, people are calling for bold action to rebuild the economy.

A recovery plan is needed that rescues Americans from job losses and foreclosures, and that lays the foundation for a more prosperous future for all. The lack of decent jobs, the fear of losing the family home to foreclosure, and the particular impact of both of these problems on minority, tribal, and poor neighborhoods are pushing people to the breaking point. In addition, people with disabilities, who have had historic high levels of unemployment, need relief. The economic and health care crises are inextricably linked as job loss causes the loss of health insurance coverage, leaving families one medical crisis away from bankruptcy and foreclosure.

Wall Street received the helping hand it needed, but the American people are still waiting. It is time to require Wall Street to do its fair share to rescue, restore and rebuild our cities and neighborhoods. Main Street is hurting, and the banks and the federal government must do their part to help turn the economy around in ways that all families can see and feel.

The House has passed a jobs bill that is awaiting action in the Senate. In his State of the Union address, President Obama urged the Senate to act quickly on it. We join the President's call to Congress, and strongly urge the House and Senate to enact bold legislation that provides immediate relief to people who are out of work and employers that are unable to maintain their workforces. As included in the House legislation, it is critical that substantial fiscal relief be made available to help stabilize State and local governments, and to preserve essential services and safety net programs in our communities and the jobs of tens of thousands of workers around the country. Similarly, and again as included in the House legislation, the extension and im-

provements to our Unemployment Insurance program and help with COBRA premiums as enacted in the ARRA must be extended at least through the end of 2010.

Of equal importance, and as urged by the Congressional Black Caucus, among others, the final legislation must provide tools for ensuring that stimulus funds go to the places and people most in need, especially those regions where homeowners were targeted by unscrupulous mortgage lenders and where job loss has been higher than average. Accordingly, we urge Congress to adopt legislation that provides for:

(1) FAST TRACK CREATION OF JOBS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR THAT SERVE COMMUNITY-LEVEL NEEDS

Appropriate \$40 billion a year for two years to create employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed residents of distressed communities. Under this proposal, the Department of Labor would administer grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes. Five percent of funds would be reserved for Indian tribes and discretionary grants, 30 percent would be allocated to states to be re-granted to small localities, and the remaining funds allocated to metropolitan cities and counties under the Community Block Grant formula. Implementation would occur in two phases. The first phase would fast-track job creation for nine months in public service-oriented work projects. The second would provide job creation on projects that serve areas with the greatest economic need, integrate education and job training, coordinate with apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, and provide job opportunities in sectors that offer high growth and the prospect of long term employment. These initiatives must be designed so that they maintain existing wage and benefit standards and do not displace existing jobs or simply exchange one group of unemployed workers for another. A number of models for public employment have been proposed, including H.R. 4268, the Put America to Work Act of 2009, sponsored by Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN).

Invest \$1 billion to hire workers to maintain and rehabilitate abandoned and foreclosed properties in neighborhoods by appropriating a second round of funds for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Under this proposal, at least 30 percent of new NSP jobs would be required to go to economically disadvantaged job-seekers, prioritizing hiring workers with low-income and low levels of education, and those not currently receiving UI. At least 30 percent of hires would be required to be low-income residents from the areas in which projects are funded.

Provide a work sharing tax credit, as proposed by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) in H.R. 4179, the "Shortening Hours and Retaining Employees (SHARE) Credit Act of 2009," which would minimize layoffs and incentivize new hiring. The tax credits would be used to pay firms to shorten the typical workweek or work year, while keeping pay constant. This would lead employers to hire additional workers to make up for the fewer hours worked by their incumbent work force. A rough estimate is that this tax credit would create a net total of 1.3 to 2.7 million jobs. Funding work sharing would be cost-effective and efficient, and would very quickly make a big dent in the unemployment rate.

Extend through FY2011 the time during which states and localities are allowed to use existing TANF Emergency Contingency Funds, which can be used to create subsidized jobs, as well as to improve access to cash assistance and other one-time assistance for low-income families. These funds were authorized in the ARRA, and under cur-

rent law, all funds must be spent by the end of FY2010. In addition, as proposed in the President's budget, additional funds, at least \$2.5 billion, should be made available in FY2011.

(2) IMMEDIATE INVESTMENT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

Provide \$20 billion for school maintenance and repair, with funds allocated in accordance with the ESEA Title I formulas. According to the Economic Policy Institute, this could generate 250,000 skilled maintenance and repair jobs. In addition, provide \$50 billion in capital funds for the lowest-income school districts.

Prioritize investments in public transportation, including regional systems that connect housing, jobs, and local services to improve access to healthy foods, medical care, and other basic services. Create clear guidelines to ensure that communities with high unemployment and poverty rates are served, and expand on language in the ARRA by creating strong accountability and enforcement measures tied to achieving equitable economic benefits.

Both programs should include safeguards to ensure that job creation results in widespread impact for all workers. For example, contractors receiving federal dollars should ensure that at least 15-30 percent of project work-hours are worked by local residents who are lower income, people of color, women, or who are otherwise underrepresented in the construction industry. Where joint apprenticeship programs are located near a project, contractors should have to maximize the use of registered apprentices who receive quality training. One percent of all dollars for infrastructure investment should be dedicated to creating a pipeline of workers ready to step into apprenticeship programs and construction careers. The Secretary of Labor should be authorized to ensure that public agencies and contractors receiving federal funds utilize Community Workforce Agreements.

(3) PREVENTION OF FORECLOSURES

Allocate \$10 billion of appropriated TARP funds to HUD to provide fixed-rate, low-interest loans to unemployed people facing foreclosure who don't qualify for other assistance. This program would be modeled on a successful effort by the Pennsylvania-based Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP). If a homeowner provided verification of their unemployment compensation to his loan servicer, he would be automatically approved for a loan that would pay any mortgage above 31 percent of family income. Loans would be repayable with interest, but interest would not accrue and repayments would not begin until the homeowner's income was sufficient to allow payment.

Allow homeowners to rent back their homes at market rates for up to ten years following foreclosure. The program would be modeled after the Fannie Mae "Deed for Lease" program that gives former owners the option to lease their recently-foreclosed properties and that targets neighborhoods with above-average foreclosure rates.

Support "cram down" provisions to allow bankruptcy court judges to approve changes to mortgage contracts for homeowners in bankruptcy, such as extending repayment periods, reducing interest rates and fees, and adjusting the principal balance of mortgages.

Implementing our proposals would swiftly stabilize neighborhoods and stem the human suffering in the most distressed parts of the country. While these are temporary investments, all would leave the kind of lasting benefits for homeowners, workers, and students, which would generate long term benefits to the economy and nation. By ensuring

that recovery and reinvestment programs reach all Americans, we ensure strong economic growth for the nation overall. We stand ready to support you and our President in efforts to build an economy based on shared prosperity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Asian American Justice Center; American Association of People with Disabilities; Campaign for Community Change; Center for Responsible Lending; Coalition on Human Needs; Communications Workers of America; Demos; Economic Policy Institute; Half in Ten; Japanese American Citizens League; Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Congress of American Indians; National Council of La Raza; National Partnership for Women and Families; Policy Link; Service Employees International Union; The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society; United Methodist Episcopal Churches; United States Student Association; United Steelworkers; USAction.

HONORING WILLIE BROWN, SR.,
M.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Willie Brown, Sr. M.D. upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Dr. Brown will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Dr. Willie Brown was born on January 4, 1932 in rural Mississippi. His father worked as a sharecropper and educator and his mother raised 12 children. Against all odds, he attended the University of California, Berkeley and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee during the 1950s. After completing the program with a medical degree, Dr. Brown was accepted as an intern at Fresno County Hospital, and moved toward becoming an obstetrician gynecologist. In 1962, he began a private practice. Dr. Brown was the first African American specialty board certified physician in Fresno County and the 51st African American Board Certified obstetrician gynecologist in the United States.

During Dr. Brown's 47 year career, he spent 22 of those years in practice with his son, Dr. Willie Brown, Jr. Together they delivered well over 22,000 babies in Fresno County. Dr. Brown's passion for education never ended, he was an instructor to many OB/Gyn physicians in the area and was recognized as an associate clinical professor in the department of OB/Gyn at the University of California, San Francisco in Fresno.

Dr. Brown also served as a Flight Surgeon and Clinic Commander of the U.S. Air Force 144th Dispensary in the California Air National Guard. He was honorably discharged as a Major by the Air Force and is a recipient of the Service Commendation Medal. Dr. Brown served as the director of the Office of Family Planning at the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. He was the founding presi-

dent of the John Hale Medical Forum and co-founder of the John Hale Medical Center in West Fresno. Dr. Brown was also a member of the Board of Governors in the Fresno Medical Society, a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International and was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Dr. Brown was also an entrepreneur. Along with a few colleagues, Dr. Brown started and funded the first African American privately owned supermarket in West Fresno. He was a real estate developer, a music producer, a co-owner of Robert's Collision Repair business, a co-owner of Just Julia's Jewelry business and had his own record label, Gimini Twins and Brownstone Entertainment. Dr. Brown was a benefactor for Second Baptist Church, Northwest Church, Youth for Christ, Meharry Medical College, Edison High School, Fresno Westside Seventh Day Adventist Church and Family Community Church, where he served as deacon and deacon emeritus. For his enormous contributions to the community, Dr. Brown has been recognized by a number of organizations; including West Fresno Health Care Coalition and the local NBC affiliate, KSEE Channel 24.

Dr. Brown and his wife, Julia, were married for 54 years. Together they raised three children and had six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Dr. Willie Brown, Sr. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING LEMARC HUMPHREY'S
ACT OF HEROISM IN JACKSON
STATE SHOOTING

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. LeMarc Humphrey for his heroic actions on Monday February 1, 2010 at Jackson State University. The 21-year-old computer engineer major rushed to the aid of a wounded and stumbling research chemist student, Andrea Scott, after hearing shots behind the John A. People's Science Building Monday night. The gunman fired two shots striking Mrs. Scott in the back of the head, after allegedly trying to rob her. Mr. Humphrey heroically picked Mrs. Scott up out of the pouring rain and rushed her to the hospital to receive needed medical attention.

Madam Speaker, if it were not for the valiant effort of Mr. Humphrey, Andrea may have never had the chance to tell her story. The victim's husband, Bill Scott stated, "Our country is in desperate need of repair, and when you find a man like LeMarc, you see he was an American and he did something above and beyond the call of duty". Mr. Scott would like to see Mr. Humphrey nominated for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Madam Speaker, Mr. LeMarc Humphrey was raised in Jackson, MS. He is currently in the Air Force ROTC and played trombone for the Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South" Band his freshmen year. After his freshman year, he chose to leave the band to devote more time to the ROTC.

Madam Speaker, this is truly an act of bravery and courage on the behalf of this young

man. I salute him for his tremendous act of selflessness and I wish Mrs. Scott a full recovery.

HONORING MICHAEL BAIRD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor one of Northwest Indiana's most respected business and community leaders, Mr. Michael Baird, from Valparaiso, Indiana. On January 21, 2010, Mike was honored by the Northwest Indiana Forum in appreciation for his many years of service as a dedicated executive and for his numerous contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana. The celebration took place at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Mike Baird's professional and academic career led him to become a prominent leader in the banking industry for thirty-seven years. In 1970, Mike earned a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from Indiana University. Prior to graduate school, he worked as a representative for Hallmark Cards and also served in the United States Naval Reserve. In 1975, Mike went on to earn his Master's of Business Administration degree in Finance from Indiana University. Mike then began his career managing a middle-market lending division for Continental Bank in Chicago, covering both the Michigan and Indiana markets. In 1988, Mike joined Mercantile Bank as Senior Vice President, Chief Lending Officer, a position he held until 2004 when he assumed the position of Chief Credit Officer. In addition, Mike also served on the board of directors at Mercantile Bank from 1999 to 2004. In December 2004, Harris Bank completed the acquisition of the Hammond, Indiana-based Mercantile Bancorp Incorporated. On January 1, 2005, Mike joined Harris Bank as Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for the Northwest Indiana region. Mike continued to advance in the company and on January 1, 2008, he became the Northwest Indiana Region President for Harris Bank. After many years of devotion to the banking industry, Mike retired from his remarkable career in January 2010.

In addition to his impressive professional career, Mike passionately serves the people of Northwest Indiana through his involvement in many community organizations. Among his many contributions to the community, Mike currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Northwest Indiana Forum, Vice Chairman of the Board for the Center for Workforce Innovations, Board Member for the Valparaiso Economic Development Corporation, Board Member for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Advisory Board Member for the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and Advisory Board Member for the Porter County Vocational Career Center.

Mike's dedication to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Jeanne, for almost 29 years. They have one son, Eric, who is married to Tricia, and three beloved grandchildren: Nick, Russ, and Molly Baird.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me

in commending Mr. Michael Baird as he is honored for his lifetime of service and dedication to the Northwest Indiana community. Mike continues to touch the lives of countless people, and for his unselfish, lifelong commitment, he is worthy of the highest praise.

**TRIBUTE TO THE DEKALB YOUTH
POPS ORCHESTRA AND STILL
WATERS YOUTH SINFO-NIA OR-
CHESTRA**

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the DeKalb Youth Pops Orchestra and Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia Orchestra are unique tools for service and inspiration for citizens around the world; and

Whereas, over the past twenty plus years members of these stellar organizations have continuously given to our community by giving of themselves, their talent and their time; and Whereas, the DeKalb Youth Pops Orchestra and the Still Waters Youth SinfoNia Orchestra have instructed thousands of youth in the arts of music, performance, showmanship and civic responsibilities; and

Whereas, these orchestras have performed locally, nationally and internationally enlightening the lives of people from all walks of life; and

Whereas, Presidents, Governors, Legislators and citizens of the world have been touched and moved by the performances of these remarkable orchestras; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia wishes to honor and recognize the DeKalb Youth Pops Orchestra and the Still waters Youth Sinfo-Nia Orchestra for its outstanding service to our Community and wish them well on their 1st Reunion Concert;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 20, 2010 as DeKalb Youth Pops Orchestra and Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia Orchestra Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of February, 2010.

HONORING SHANI DAVIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chicago-native Shani Davis on his two speed skating medals at this year's Winter Olympics. Shani defended his 2006 gold medal in the 1000m and skated to a silver medal in the 1500m. He became the first man ever to win consecutive golds in the 1000m.

Born on Chicago's South Side, Shani overcame long odds to become the first African American to win an individual winter Olympics medal. His unique and historic story has inspired millions of Americans across the country and led to the founding of D.C. Inner City Excitement, a program that introduces Washington, D.C. youth to the sport of speed skat-

ing. It is an honor to recognize his remarkable road to glory and honor his groundbreaking career.

HONORING MRS. LYDIA YEH

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the accomplishments and ongoing work of Mrs. Lydia Yeh and The Cultural and Educational Scholarship Foundation of the Chinese Women's Club of Greater Miami/South Florida.

My Congressional district is blessed to enjoy the best of diversity in our melting pot of languages, races and cultures; and among them is The Chinese Women's Club of Greater Miami/South Florida, striving to fundraise and promote cultural activities.

Their scholarship foundation's primary mission for the past 20 years has been to acknowledge talented young scholars of Chinese descent in the greater Miami area.

Under the leadership of their founding President, Mrs. Lydia Yeh, and a group of dedicated members of the Chinese Women's Club, over two hundred outstanding high school, college and graduate students have received scholarship awards.

On Sunday, December 27, 2009 they celebrated their 20th anniversary at Miami's Dadeland Marriott Hotel, where their scholarship recipients gave remarks to inspire the younger generations to come.

Let us honor Lydia and the Chinese Women's Club's Scholarship Foundation, who seek to empower our youth and give them the tools to succeed in life.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding member requests I received as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE Air Force, Line 75, PE 0604706F Life Support Systems

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: Goodrich Corporation

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 1275 N. Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Description of the Request: \$1.92 million is included in this bill to continue development and testing of the Advanced Common Ejection Seat (ACES 5) modular ejection-seat for the Air Force variant F-35 LRIP as well as its application to the F-22, F-15, F-16, F-117, A-10, B-1 and B-2.

Requesting Member: Representative DOUG LAMBORN, CO-05

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE Army, Line 28 PE 0602787A Medical Technology

Legal Name of the Requesting Entity: University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Trauma Health and Hazards Center

Legal Address of the Requesting Entity: 1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Description of the Request: \$2.4 million is included in this bill to fund SupportNet, a program through the Trauma, Health, & Hazards Center at The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) providing comprehensive support for the critical treatment of Army service personnel who are treating mental health problems (e.g., Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Alcohol and Drug Addiction, etc.) at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SPECIAL WARFARE OPER-
ATOR 2ND CLASS RONALD
TYLER WOODLE OF WAYNES-
VILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ronald Tyler Woodle of Waynesville, North Carolina. Tyler was a proud Navy SEAL, and an exemplary member of our community. His life, while short, sets an example of patriotism and dedication for future generations.

Tyler grew up in the mountains of Western North Carolina. He was home schooled until high school, when he transferred to Asheville Christian Academy. A star high school soccer career led to a two year scholarship to Mars Hill College. After a brief time in the construction industry, he enlisted in the United States Navy in June of 2007, and graduated from boot camp in August of the same year. Always pushing himself to excel, he completed his advanced SEAL qualification training and was transferred to an East coast SEAL team in October of 2009. Since October, Tyler had been training for an overseas deployment.

Tyler was taking part in an intensive training in Key West, Florida, when he passed away on February 18th. He was only 26 years old. He was buried with full military honors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing remorse at the passing of Ronald Tyler Woodle. Tyler's life was an example of service and passion for us all to follow. We owe all of our veterans a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid. It is an honor to represent people like Tyler who are prepared to give their lives protecting our everyday freedoms.

**COMMENDING THE PUBLIC SERV-
ICE OF NCIS SPECIAL AGENT
GREGORY A. SCOVEL**

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Special Agent Gregory A.

Scovel, Deputy Director for Operations of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), who retired from that organization on February 19 after 31 years of highly distinguished public service. I am pleased to say that Special Agent Scovel is one of my constituents from Leesburg, Virginia.

He began his NCIS career in 1978 following his graduation from the University of San Diego. Among his first field assignments was his participation in Operation "Red Blanket" following the Red Brigade kidnapping of U.S. Army General James Dozier when he was detailed in Beirut at the time of the 1983 bombing of the USMC barracks.

Special Agent Scovel was selected in 1986 to be the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) for Counterintelligence at the Norfolk Resident Agency and moved in 1988 to serve as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Little Creek Resident Agency. He completed a "trifecta" of assignments in the Norfolk region with his posting as the Operations Officer for the NCIS Atlantic Command.

Special Agent Scovel was promoted in 1992 and assigned as the SAC of the Naples Resident Agency. Following the reorganization of the NCIS in 1994, he was designated as the ASAC for Counterintelligence of the Europe Field Office. For his performance in Europe, he was recognized with the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award as well as a 1996 promotion and transfer to headquarters as the Deputy Assistant Director for Technical Services. Following that tour, he was selected to serve as the SAC of the Washington Field Office.

In 2000, Special Agent Scovel attended the National Security Management Program at Syracuse University's prestigious Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Following the October 2000 bombing in Yemen, he was detailed to service on the USS Cole Commission and authored the CI and Force Protection Chapters for its final report, after which he was recognized with the Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award, the highest level career civilian honor given by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

He joined the NCIS Executive Staff in 2001 as the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for Criminal Investigations and following the tragic events of 9/11 assumed leadership in shaping the NCIS response including the development of the Counterterrorism Task Force and its ultimate successor, the Combating Terrorism Directorate.

He was later reassigned as the EAD for Counterintelligence and in 2007 was promoted as the Deputy Director for Operations and later concurrently served as the Acting Director of the NCIS until a new director was selected this month.

Following his retirement, Special Agent Scovel will begin a second career within the private sector. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Scovel for his 31 years of outstanding public service and to wish him "fair winds and following seas" as he begins the next chapter of his life.

MONTFORD POINT MARINE
ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and tremendous respect that I stand to recognize the Montford Point Marine Association and to join them in honoring the brave individuals who, by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, became the first African American Marines. In doing so, these Marines made one of the most significant strides in our Nation's fine military history. For their courage and for their willingness to serve their country, these American heroes were honored at an event in Hammond, Indiana, on Sunday, February 21, 2010.

On June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, which prohibited discrimination in the defense industry. This historical order was followed in 1942 by a directive that gave African Americans the opportunity to join the United States Marine Corps, a directive that would become one of America's most important advances, not only in terms of our military, but in society as a whole.

Between 1942 and 1949, approximately twenty-thousand African Americans from across the United States were recruited into the Marine Corps. Instead of being sent to traditional Marine training locations, such as San Diego, California, and Parris Island, South Carolina, they were segregated and sent for basic training to Montford Point Camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Montford Point remained active until 1949, following President Harry S. Truman's issuance of Executive Order 9981, which ended the practice of segregation in the United States Military.

As the war progressed, the military could no longer deny that these dedicated and skilled Marines were equally as capable of performing their duties and serving their country as any other members of the military. The Marines of Montford Point sought to serve the United States through their military service, and in doing so, their impact spanned far beyond the military and into American society.

While many of the Marines were recognized for their military achievements, one of the highest honors was bestowed on April 19, 1974, when Montford Point Camp was renamed in honor of one of the most outstanding Marines of the camp, Sergeant Major Gilbert H. "Hashmark" Johnson. One of the first African American enlistees to join the Marine Corps, Johnson was a distinguished drill instructor and a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. To date, Camp Johnson remains the only Marine Corps installation named in honor of an African American.

Madam Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring these fine individuals. Let us never forget their service and the sacrifices they made in defense of the United States of America.

HONORING CECIL HINTON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Cecil Hinton upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mr. Hinton will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Mr. Cecil Clarence Hinton was born in 1902. He was a native of Tennessee and spent his early life in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Mr. Hinton graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and completed some graduate work at Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Hinton moved to Fresno in 1944, and worked as a United Service Organization center director. He served for nineteen years as a director of the B Street Community Center in Fresno. The center was largely established through his efforts. Under his leadership the center served forty-eight youth groups and fifty-three adult groups through social and recreational programs. The center was rededicated in 1968 and renamed to the Cecil C. Hinton Community Center in his honor.

Mr. Hinton was a member of the National Conference of Social Welfare, the California Conference of Social Welfare, the California Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. For his efforts and community leadership Mr. Hinton was honored in 1976 by the California State Senate. In 1980, he was recognized and honored by the California State University, Fresno Black Gospel Choir and in 1985 was named a "Fabulous Fresnan."

Mr. Hinton was married to Martha Galliard; they raised one daughter, Lois Juantia. They have three grandchildren; Lisa, Jan and Jenan all living in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Hinton passed away on August 23, 1987 at the age of eighty-five.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Cecil Hinton. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on roll-call Nos. 49 and 50 I was prevented from voting due to official business in the district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the

100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Established on February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts have provided a positive influence for millions of young men throughout the country and have instilled in them the twelve key pillars contained in the Scout Law, which reads: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Over the past 100 years, we've all known family, friends, and neighbors involved in the Boy Scouts who took these building blocks of leadership to heart and made their communities a safer and better place. The Boy Scout program has reminded the American people of the higher notions of patriotism and good citizenship. With a range of former Boy Scouts such as Buzz Aldrin, Bill Gates, Tommy Lasorda, and Gerald Ford, this program has served to structure the lives of some of our greatest countrymen.

I want to personally congratulate the two Boy Scout Councils in my district, the Northern New Jersey Council and the Patriots Path Council, on this very special anniversary. The dedicated Scout leaders who are involved in these programs have introduced Scouts in New Jersey to exciting explorations and taught them new skills that they will use throughout their life. They have recounted stories of Native American folklore around campfires, taught Scouts the uses of a taut-line hitch and bowline knot, and have provided the Scouts with an opportunity to take on responsibilities and duties to further their maturity into adulthood. There are few greater chances for aiding our country than to help these young men in their efforts to make themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Boy Scouts of America owes its tremendous history and over two million Eagle Scouts to an unknown English Scout who helped an American newspaper publisher cross a street in London. That newspaper publisher was so impressed by the Scout's willingness to help that he would later go on to found the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Boy Scouts of America embrace the social and personal virtues needed in mankind and provide countless opportunities for their Scouts to better our world as a whole. With their example in mind, I hope all Americans will use this opportunity to help a neighbor, volunteer in his or her community, explore nature, or learn more about our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 4425 and H.R. 4238 and wish to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Last night, I met with constituents of mine in a town hall forum at the Champaign County Nursing Home and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 49 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4425, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office," I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 50 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building," I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was absent and missed rollcall votes 49 and 50.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 49 and "aye" on rollcall 50.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHILIP BRUNELLE RECEIVING THE 2010 LOCAL LEGEND AWARD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Philip Brunelle who received the Minnesota Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Committee's 2010 Local Legend Award.

Philip Brunelle is a renowned conductor, organist and choral scholar. In 1969, with his partners, Brunelle founded the non-profit choral music organization Plymouth Music Series now known as VocalEssence.

VocalEssence presents concerts which feature the 130 voice VocalEssence Chorus and its core group, a 32-voice professional mixed chorus called the Ensemble Singers, along with guest singers and instrumentalists. VocalEssence stands apart from other choral groups because of its range, variety and quality of performance.

Mr. Brunelle has been awarded the 2010 Local Legend Award for his work with the WITNESS Collection. WITNESS is an initiative that began in 1991. It seeks to bear witness to the musical contributions of African American artists through concerts, recordings and educational programs.

This initiative has grown to include; an annual concert, a 4-volume collection showcasing 100 years of classical compositions by African American composers, educational outreach programs that strive to teach students about African American contributions, and the Teachers Guide that enhances educational outreach initiatives.

It is a privilege to recognize this valued leader before the United States House of Representatives. I salute Mr. Brunelle on behalf of his selfless dedication to music and the history of African American Artists.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Philip Brunelle, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Black History Month to recognize the many important contributions African Americans have made to our nation. We especially honor the extraordinary people who continue to help shape our community and our great nation. I have the privilege of representing thousands of successful and talented African Americans here in the second congressional district of Nebraska. Today I would like to recognize four individuals: Frank Hayes, Phyllis Hicks, Dr. Mary J. Clinkscale and Dr. Herb Rhodes.

Frank Hayes is a CPA who owns his own business. He is also a founding member and first president of the 100 Black Men organization, which is dedicated to improving the lives of youth. He has worked tirelessly to help minorities start their own businesses.

Since 1967 Phyllis Hicks has run the Salem Stepping Drill Team and continues to be a volunteer and chief fundraiser for this youth group. Through her outreach she has helped many youth overcome obstacles such as discrimination.

Dr. Mary J. Clinkscale, or "Dr. C" as she is commonly referred to, is the administrator of the Greater Beth-el Temple where she has planned, produced and directed more than 250 theatrical productions and presentations, including a performance to prelude the Tuskegee Airman receiving their Congressional Gold Medal.

Dr. Herb Rhodes has been a life-long member of the Omaha Business Community. He was featured in a 1975 issue of Ebony Magazine, which highlighted successful African Americans leading the way in the business industry. He not only has had success in the business community, but continues to be a role model in our city.

CONGRATULATING LEE COLLEGE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee College in Baytown, Texas for their 75 years of dedication to our community and commitment to excellence in education.

Since 1934, Lee College has established a legacy of leadership and learning in our community by providing learning opportunities and experiences that have allowed students to excel in an ever changing environment. As a result, Lee College is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country and has a nationally recognized Honors Program. It has furthered its accomplishments by being the first community college in the country to receive the Kresge Foundation Grant, reflecting the foundation's support for Lee College's critical role in providing access to higher education for minority and low-income students.

Americans turn to community colleges to provide the education that leads to greater

economic opportunity and improved quality of life. Lee College has never let our constituents down in this respect. Graduates of Lee College have become leaders in our community, in business, healthcare, education and many walks of life. I am proud to support Lee College in its continued efforts to develop first-rate affordable education in our area and know that they will continue to help build our workforce and community.

I congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Lee College for all of their hard work and dedication to academic excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the two rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 49, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4425—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. Marty Mahar Post Office.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 50, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 4238—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

HONORING SHIRLEY ANN WILEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Ann Wiley upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mrs. Wiley will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Shirley Ann was born to Albert and Faye Jones in Sweetwater, Texas; she was one of nine children. She attended Booker T. Washington High School in Sweetwater, and was honored as a salutatorian of her graduating class. She graduated from Wiley College in 1960 with a Bachelors degree in music and a minor in history.

After completing college, Mrs. Wiley moved to California and worked as a social case worker for the Red Cross in San Bernardino County. While in San Bernardino, she began substitute teaching and discovered her passion for education. In 1965 she received a full time teaching position with the Earlimart School District. After marriage, she and her husband moved to Lancaster, where she taught for one year before moving to Fresno.

Mrs. Wiley earned a teaching position with the Fresno Unified School District and began

working towards a Masters Degree in education from California State University, Fresno. She completed the program in 1975, and in 1986 she earned a Doctorate from the University of La Verne. During her forty-year career, Mrs. Wiley was a classroom teacher, resource specialist, and served as Vice Principal in the Fresno Unified School District. Later in her career, Mrs. Wiley began working for the West Fresno School District and served as the Principal and Assistant Superintendent. In 1987, Mrs. Wiley returned to the Fresno Unified School District, where she completed her career and retired in June 2003.

During her forty-three years in Fresno, Mrs. Wiley has been involved with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, the Black Political Council and is a founding board member of the African American Historical and Cultural Museum. Mrs. Wiley and her husband have raised two highly successful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Shirley Wiley for her years of dedicated service to education in Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Wiley many years of continued success.

HONORING DORIS MURPHY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor Doris Bailey Murphy of Occidental, CA, who marks her 100th birthday on March 11, 2010.

Doris, who lives in her mountain-top home surrounded by redwood trees and rhododendron bushes, was born in Portland, Oregon on March 11, 1910. At 100 she retains the spirit of adventure and independence she first demonstrated when she hitchhiked from Oregon to Arizona as a teenager.

She was married for four decades to San Francisco labor organizer Joe Murphy, head of Hod Carriers Local 36 and organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World. She wrote about their life in a memoir "Love and Labor." Published by Doris when she was 96, her book is peppered with smoke-filled rooms, night clubs and political drama, covering a rough and tumble time in California labor history and the colorful years in San Francisco during World War II and concluding in the coastal mountains of Sonoma County where she and Joe made their home for more than half a century.

Doris graduated from Reed College in 1938 with a psychology-sociology degree, followed by a graduate degree in social work from the University of California, Berkeley in 1956.

In San Francisco she was a welfare worker with the Traveler's Aid Society during the Depression and then with the Red Cross after World War II helping veterans, their families and other refugees of the era.

In Sonoma County she helped create the Sonoma County Council for Community Services which spawned various agencies concentrating on families and children. She worked as a therapist until she was age 90, explaining, "It was satisfying so why would I quit?"

In her adopted community of Occidental, where she has lived for more than 50 years,

she has been a vital community leader, helping to establish a senior lunch and rides program, a community health center, and the Occidental Community Council.

In recent years she has been a tireless champion and leader of efforts to create a home for the growing arts community in western Sonoma County and will celebrate her 100th birthday at the newly opened Occidental Center for the Arts.

A formidable woman with a keen wit, zest for politics and a passion for dogs, horses, the arts and social justice, Doris opens her house regularly for community meetings and social gatherings. She has continued to host the annual Labor Day picnic begun by her and her late husband. Last year she helped launch a writing workshop in her living room.

Doris is a woman who likes California white wine but prefers a good scotch. When her house isn't filled with friends and admirers, you can find her throwing logs into her stone fireplace to settle in with the evening news, her dog Matilda and her cat, Rebel.

Madam Speaker, here's to Doris Murphy and her 100 years of community leadership and good living. In the words of her friend Bob Klose, she's a pretty classy dame!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 17 I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE UNI-CAPITOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, The United States and Australia share a longstanding relationship that has allowed the two nations to cooperate on many international issues. Due to the strength and depth of this relationship, the United States has relied on the support of our ally Australia in many of our mutual international objectives. This relationship continues to be strengthened through the cooperation of our two governments and through the cultural exchanges that occur between our nations.

Developed by Erik Federer in 1999, the Uni-Capitol Internship Program enables a select group of young Australian students to experience the work of the United States Congress. It is through Mr. Federer's tireless efforts that this year, twelve exceptional Australian students are participating in internships in different Congressional offices. I have had the opportunity to work with three Australian students during the past five years and their professionalism and work ethic has been extraordinary.

This year my office worked with another student from the Uni-Capitol Internship Program,

Matthew Robertson. Matthew is a third year law student at Deakin University in Melbourne Australia. He applied to the program with the hope to learn more about the American government. Matthew's extensive knowledge of the Australian government and legal system enhances his understanding of the American legislative process. During his time at my office he had the opportunity to attend Committee hearings, briefings, perform legislative research, and prepare memos for my staff and myself. His professionalism in the office and willingness to handle any task that was assigned to him were outstanding. It has truly been a pleasure to have Matthew in the office.

I am certain that my colleagues were similarly impressed with the work done by the eleven other Australian students in the program. I rise to commend the Uni-Capitol Internship Program for its work to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Australia; and offer Matthew my thanks for a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO T.J. PATTERSON

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I would like to recognize Thomas James "T.J." Patterson for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas, as well as his leadership in honoring Black History Month in Lubbock, Texas.

Born in Waxahachie, Texas on June 29, 1937, T.J. was raised in Wichita Falls and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1954. He then went on to attend Bishop College and in 1958 received a degree in Physical Education. After graduation, T.J. came to Lubbock where he met and married his bride of over 50 years, Bobbie Gean.

In 1961, T.J. was drafted into the U.S. Army where he valiantly served his country. After an honorable discharge, T.J. spent several years teaching at the Texas Tech University. In 1977, T.J. co-founded the Southwest Digest, a newspaper that has served as a strong voice for Lubbock's African American community for over 30 years.

In 1984, T.J. was elected as the first African American to serve on the Lubbock City Council, breaking down barriers for others to serve in public offices throughout the community, and I had the honor of serving with T.J. on the City Council. After 20 years of serving as the representative for District 2, T.J. retired from the Lubbock City Council in 2004 as the longest serving council member in Lubbock's history. In addition to this service, T.J. was elected president of the Texas Municipal League in 1998, becoming the first African American president in that organization's history.

T.J. is an active member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a legend in Lubbock's fight against illegal drugs. Over the past several years, T.J. has organized and participated in countless marches against drugs and violence. T.J. is an incredible role model for not only African American children, but all youth.

T.J. and his wife have a branch of the Lubbock Public Library named after them, the

Bobbie Gean and T.J. Patterson Library, and the library hosts annual events in honor of Black History Month. They are pillars of the community and can be found visiting inmates in the local jail on Christmas Day offering messages of encouragement.

I am honored to know T.J. His message to us is that Black History is every day, not just one month out of the year. He is a hero, a public servant and a dreamer; a man of character and a faithful man of God. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District, including myself, I thank T.J. for all he has given and continues to give our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Monday's two rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4425 and H.R. 4238.

HONORING GEORGE CROUSE FOR BEING NAMED THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate George Crouse for being named the New England High School Coach of the Year by the United States Tennis Association (USTA). This is a fitting title for a man who has served as a tennis coach at Stonington High School for 37 years and has amassed more than 600 wins in the process.

George Crouse is a consummate professional and enthusiastic coach whose achievements continue to amaze his colleagues both in Connecticut and around the country. His commitment to the academic success of his student athletes in the classroom, exceed only his record on the court. Since 1973 he has coached boys and girls teams at Stonington High, with the girls team having achieved a 341-96 record while reaching four consecutive Class S state championships. He was named the Connecticut Coach of the Year for both boys and girls tennis in 1998 and 2008, respectively.

The dedication he shows to his athletes is matched only by his passion for the sport of tennis. He is a member of the USTA Connecticut board of directors and operates the Stonington-Eastern Connecticut Community Tennis Association. In addition to coaching the teams of Stonington High, George coaches squads on the USTA Jr. Teams, leading them to state and sectional championships. George is also a public servant, serving in numerous volunteer roles and also as a member of the Stonington Board of Selectman.

I am grateful for Mr. Crouse's service and dedication to the town of Stonington. I am proud to call him a constituent and a friend.

The years of hard work that he has dedicated to improving the lives of countless athletes and members of his community will continue to define his life and his work.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA AND HONOR HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO BUILDING A MORE EQUITABLE AND UNITED WORLD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that celebrates the 20th anniversary of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's release from prison and honors his lifelong dedication to building a more equitable and united world.

On February 11, 1990, Nelson Mandela exited Victor Verster Prison in Paarl, South Africa, after 27 years of imprisonment. Years of international pressure from activists, artists and politicians in South Africa and the international community had finally convinced the South African government to reinstate the African National Congress (ANC) as a legitimate political party, and release Nelson Mandela.

In the hours following his release, tens of millions around the world watched as Mandela stood at the City Hall in Cape Town and proclaimed his commitment to abolish apartheid and institute a system of government that protected the rights and freedoms of all people. For over 40 years, racial segregation was enforced under the law of apartheid, and severely restricted black South Africans and other people of color from basic human rights and social and economic equality.

Madam Speaker, Nelson Mandela never wavered from his commitment to combat apartheid and create a free and democratic country whether he was rallying support for the ANC as a young lawyer and activist, or serving as an inmate at the infamous prison on Robben Island. Decades of menial work and degrading conditions in South Africa's prisons did not make Nelson Mandela's drive to achieve a more just and equal society any less potent. Once released, 71-year-old Nelson Mandela and his ANC colleagues continued their efforts to dismantle apartheid until it finally ended in 1994.

More than four years after his release, 20,000,000 South Africans of all colors lined the streets to vote in South Africa's first election that was held under a law of universal suffrage. The people of South Africa elected Nelson Mandela as the first President of the fully representative democratic state, a man whose resilience, humility and eloquence symbolized a new era in which South Africa strove to achieve equality, communication and cooperation within its government and communities. The newly elected President Mandela addressed the world and pledged to lead a "united, democratic, non-racial and non-sexist government" for all people of South Africa.

Madam Speaker, 20 years after his release, Nelson Mandela's wisdom, strength and work continues to inspire people of all walks of life. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution

that commemorates the 20th anniversary of an important moment in world history and recognizes an extraordinary man's dedication to equality, peace and reconciliation.

RECOGNIZING HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
IN SUPPORT OF HAITI

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to express my support for the three House Resolutions on today's legislative calendar honoring the Americans who responded courageously and humanely after the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12th.

We all remember the startling and sobering televised images of the aftermath of the earthquake. The men and women being honored today, in the military and amongst our first responders, ran to the epicenter of this tragedy to help save lives. I am proud to join my colleagues in recognizing these individuals with House Resolutions H. Res. 1066, H. Res. 1059, and H. Res. 1048. I would especially like to recognize New York Task Force One, the FEMA-sponsored urban search and rescue team, made up of 80 members of the New York Police Department and the Fire Department of New York, who were successful in freeing six individuals from the rubble.

The immediate response from our citizens to the tragedy in Haiti has been heartwarming, demonstrating the decency and compassion we all have for our fellow mankind during difficult times. Even those who have not been formally recognized in the resolutions noted above are partners in this shared effort to overcome such a disaster. Within 24 hours following the quake, we saw Americans from a cross section of society—from elected officials in Washington to everyday residents all over New York City—reach out and offer assistance. Even today, the statistics are hard to believe, almost 50 percent of Americans have donated to the Haitian relief efforts and there are still thousands waiting in line for their turn to assist on the grounds.

As a nation, it has warmed my heart to see us dedicate our efforts, and commit ourselves to supporting, the long-suffering Haitian people, now and into the future.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in recognizing those who offered their time and effort to assist those in Haiti and challenge them to stay the course until Haiti is made whole again.

HONORING THE CITY OF
ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, 100 years ago Zephyrhills, FL was founded as a colony paradise by Howard B. Jeffries for his fellow Union civil war veterans. Originally named Abbot after the owner of the town's first drug store, Zephyrhills is now home to 11,000 proud residents.

Tradition holds that the town of Abbot's name was changed to Zephyrhills because of the cool, gentle, zephyr breezes from neighboring Greer and LeHeup Hill. The name officially changed to "Zephyrhills" on March 10, 1911; with it, the town of Abbott officially moved from an A to Z in the alphabet.

Zephyrhills residents are proud of the many accomplished men and women who have brought notoriety to their hometown. Zephyrhills High School coach John Clements has the distinguished record of being one of only five coaches in the United States with over 400 recorded wins; "The Bulldogs" baseball team now plays on the John F. Clements field in his honor. Having played professional baseball prior to coaching for ZHS, John, along with Yankees pitching coach Dave Eiland, Green Bay Packers defensive tackle Ryan Pickett, and NASCAR driver David Reutmann, is among the list of athletes that call Zephyrhills their hometown.

Zephyrhills is also proud of its local beauties. Begun in 1956, the Lions' Club's "Miss Zephyrhills" pageant is a favorite feature during the annual Founders Days. It has become a launching ground for the statewide "Miss Florida" competition. Many former "Miss Zs" love their hometown as much as any other resident, 1978's winner, Diana Kennedy, summed up her experience saying, "I was very proud to represent Zephyrhills and I know the experience made me feel like Miss America. I remember being involved in the community; throwing out the first baseball and attending parades. Of all the titles I held, representing my hometown was the most rewarding."

One hundred years ago Howard B. Jeffries founded a town. Zephyrhills has become a community based around family, neighborhoods, small businesses and longstanding traditions. I congratulate Zephyrhills on this momentous occasion and wish them continued prosperity and lasting memories throughout the next one hundred years.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE C. DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, "Semper Fi," always faithful.

Like the strong foundation upon which this great Capitol has been erected, so to is America's foundation created by outstanding American citizens who quietly and humbly go about their daily life, devoting themselves to their God, Nation, family, friends and life's calling.

One such individual was Wayne Clair Dell. Born in Duncansville, Pennsylvania, to Helen and Charles Dell on June 29, 1946, Wayne worked with his father during middle school and high school in the construction industry.

Like most Americans, he comes from a very simple family background and had two loving and devoted sisters and one brother.

He attended Penn State University and served this great Nation during one of its most trying hours as a Nation, as a United States Marine from 1966–69, having been discharged honorably to return home, fall in love, and marry Ouida Cleland Dell in Ridgeland, South Carolina, in June of 1969.

Upon leaving the Marines, Wayne went to work in the construction and architectural industry on Hilton Head Island, long before anyone had ever heard of Hilton Head Island, and began as a draftsman with a firm in Savannah, Georgia, eventually taking that great American plunge into self-investment and small business by opening his own architectural firm out of the Dell homestead: Wayne C. Dell, Architect.

Working from home allowed Wayne to become very involved in his family's life, and he never missed an event in which his children participated. For many years, he served as a little league baseball announcer and was an avid and excellent tennis player, having won many community tournaments—to the great pride of his family, I might add, who loved cheering him on! Likewise, Wayne's hobbies were supporting his children and family in all their endeavors.

In addition to these pursuits, he enjoyed woodworking and carving and took great pride in the handmade high quality gifts he made for his family members, yet another enduring legacy. An active athlete his entire life, Wayne also played for many years in the church volleyball league, enjoyed playing all sports and staying in top condition; a quality that he learned as a Marine.

Incredibly, Wayne, as many of our forefathers, taught himself a profession, architecture, and passed the state licensure exam the last time that you could legally take the exam without having a college degree; an impressive feat, indeed.

Wayne eventually became known as a respected architect and specialized in high-end residential homes in communities in Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County, in addition to commercial architectural work. He prided himself on the art of architecture, which, to this day, stands as monument to his life's work.

Wayne had two natural born children, Eric (age 37) and Melissa (age 39). Possessing a strong desire to spread their love, they adopted their daughter's child Bethany, who is now 13 years old, when her mother was stricken with Huntington's disease, as did Wayne, and as did his mother.

Wayne and his loving wife of 40 years, Ouida, have cared for their daughter, Melissa, who has had to live with them for the past dozen years due to her health, quite literally serving as caregiver to her, and as proxy father to their daughter's daughter for the past 13 years. Wayne represents the perfect American father figure.

A strong man of Christian faith, Wayne attended and was married in St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Ridgeland, SC (1969). He was a certified Lay Minister within the United Methodist Church.

It is a sad calling, as I stand here today, to inform my friends and this Nation, that a dear friend, and father of a most trusted friend, Wayne C. Dell, passed away yesterday morning.

But as all architects know, with each great stone that is laid, another rests atop it to make the building stand stronger, and Wayne can be very proud of the son he raised, my Chief of Staff, Eric Dell of the Second Congressional District. In Eric, Wayne raised a son who many in both political parties have come to know, love and trust—no easy task on Capitol Hill, I know.

Like his father, Eric is a man of his word, a rare commodity today, and a devoted servant of the people whom I represent, as well as this great Nation. As with all great champions, the torch must eventually be passed. I can assure Eric's father, my friend, that his torch shall be strongly, honorably and steadfastly carried forward into the future by Eric and his family.

There is a time in each man's life when the sun must set, and when his Creator calls, once again, Wayne has answered that final call, with great distinction, honor, and love as his foundation.

May God bless you, Wayne Clair Dell, and this great Nation which you have helped create.

Semper Fi.
Always faithful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, due to a death in the family, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, February 22, 2010.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 4425—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the Martin G. "Marty" Mahar Post Office, and "yea" on H.R. 4238—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the W.D. Farr Post Office Building.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on February 22, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 49 and "yea" on rollcall 50.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSMAN KILDEE'S 20,000TH VOTE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks to Congressman DALE KILDEE for his honorable service to the State of Michigan over the last 33 years. It has been a privilege to serve with him for half of that time.

Congressman KILDEE'S diligence and commitment to voting is unrivaled, having missed only 27 votes in his entire career.

His consecutive vote streak of 8,141 votes is admirable, not only for its unprecedented nature, but because it shows his commitment to taking a stand on the issues.

Of the votes that Congressman KILDEE has cast, many have been in support of important

education reforms and our auto and manufacturing industries. I have enjoyed working with him on the Education and Labor Committee and, as a fellow educator, I have always appreciated his approach and commitment to improving our nation's schools.

On a personal note, Congressman KILDEE has been a great friend and a good example to me and every Member of Congress.

The State of Michigan has been well represented by Congressman KILDEE, and I hope he will be able to cast another 20,000 votes!

IN MEMORY OF SGT. JEREMY MCQUEARY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of a fallen American hero, Marine Sergeant Jeremy McQueary of Columbus, Indiana.

Sgt. McQueary served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he gave his life in service to a grateful nation on Thursday, February 18th while serving with the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. McQueary enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 2002 after graduating from Columbus East High School. According to his mother, Jeremy always had an interest in becoming a Marine and continuing the proud tradition of service in his family by donning the uniform of our nation.

Though Sgt. McQueary did not speak often of his experiences overseas, his dedication and bravery were quite evident by his actions and decorations. In June of 2008, he survived a roadside bombing attack and volunteered to continue serving in Iraq. His awards include a Combat Action Ribbon and Purple Heart, among others.

Sgt. McQueary was a compassionate man who cared especially for children. A father himself, Sgt. McQueary expressed a desire to work with children in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our condolences go out to Jeremy's wife Rae and young son Hadley, as well as his mother and stepfather, Deborah and David Kleinschmidt, and sister Rebecca.

We will never be able to pay the debt of honor owed to Sergeant Jeremy McQueary and his family. Heroes like him are our nation's most cherished citizens without whom freedom and democracy would not be possible. His passing is a profound loss for his family, this community and this nation.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,403,027,179,655.21.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,764,601,433,361.41 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$972,344,066.53 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING DR. JOHN R. GRAY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John R. Gray, Deputy Commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, on his commendable career upon his retirement after thirty-two years of distinguished service.

Dr. Gray joined Letterkenny Army Depot in 1985 and founded a branch for the U.S. Army Materiel Command Management Engineering Activity. Since 1988, he has held a number of positions at the depot working his way up to Deputy Commander. After two years of service as the Supervisory Budget Analyst with the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Army Depot appointed Dr. Gray as Deputy Commander at Letterkenny. As the senior civilian at the depot, Dr. Gray managed a \$500 million operation and an 18,000 acre installation, that employs many of my constituents in Franklin County.

Deputy Commander Gray began his federal career in 1978 in Rock Island, Illinois, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. During his time there, he was an instructor with the Army Management Engineering College providing training to students on financial management and productivity measurement. In addition, Dr. Gray performed cost analyses on hydropower, flood control, and water supply projects.

Dr. Gray graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975 and Master of Business Administration in 1978. Twenty years later, he earned his Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California where he later received his Doctorate in Public Administration. In 1990, Dr. Gray became a graduate of the Secretary of Defense Executive Leadership Development program.

Dr. John Gray's service is a brilliant example of how dedication to personal and professional development in life can lead to success. He has been a leader throughout his entire career and a valuable resource to all whom have had the pleasure of knowing him. He is a man of outstanding character and we will remain grateful for his unwavering dedication and service to our community and our nation. I wish Dr. Gray and his family continued success and my best wishes upon his retirement.

HONORING WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TEAM ON WINNING: IOME CHALLENGE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the student team at Western

Michigan University on winning the national iOMe Challenge competition, which focused on solutions to make the U.S. retirement system solvent for future generations.

WMU's proposal was the collaborative effort of four students from the University's Lee Honors College—Sam Demorest, Lauren Hearit, Ashley Horvat, and Brad Kent—with the guidance and encouragement of WMU Professor Susan Hoffmann. The proposal submitted by the WMU team was one of 41 entries submitted by schools in 17 states for the opportunity to travel to Washington and present their ideas before Members of Congress. The iOMe Challenge asked college students across the country to think, analyze, and propose a solution addressing the issue of retirement for future generations. The WMU team analyzed every potential aspect of what life in retirement could be four decades from now and collaboratively put together a proposal that directly meets the challenges that lie ahead. The Western Michigan University team's project was selected by an independent blue-ribbon panel who judged based on content, style, economic soundness, and accessibility to young Americans.

Certainly there are a number of proposals for going about preserving the retirement system, and I have been deeply impressed by the recommendations of the team at Western Michigan. Their objective analysis of our current system and common retirement preparation practices, including each aspect's strengths and weaknesses, is sound and pragmatic. The adaptability within our current system allowed these students to provide cost cutting solutions that actually raised benefits for all Americans, while ensuring the system's long-term viability.

With a steadily aging population, significant reforms will need to be made to ensure the retirement system remains viable not only for today's retirees but generations to follow. To simply continue to kick this issue further down the road will only compound the problem for future American retirees. That is why this issue deserves constant attention from all Americans, especially younger generations who will be most greatly impacted. I commend these four students at Western Michigan University for their leadership in taking up this difficult issue, in order to show that our nation's future leaders will not be ignored when we discuss possible solutions regarding our future retirement problems.

Once again, congratulations to the team at Western Michigan University. You make your university, state, and nation very proud.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3326—the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, provides for funding for the National World War II Museum Expansion in the

amount of \$10,000,000. This funding would be used to design and construct the U.S. Freedom Pavilion and its exhibitions which teach the importance of service to the nation, including the importance of service in the United States Armed Forces.

As requested by me, Rep. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3326—the Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, for Tulane University for Biosensors for Defense Application in the amount of \$2,500,000. This funding will leverage Tulane and Xavier Universities biosensor and risk assessment technologies (which provide real-time information about threats from bioterrorism and environmental polluters) program to develop biologically derived sensors for detecting pollutants and contaminants.

INTRODUCTION OF COLUMBIA RIVER RESTORATION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Columbia River Restoration Act. The Columbia River is the largest river in the Pacific Northwest, supplying fishermen with jobs, serving as a recreational resource, and providing power to the Northwest. The river and its tributaries provide significant ecological and economic benefits to the Pacific Northwest and the entire country. Approximately 8 million people, including my constituents, inhabit the basin and depend on its resources for their health and survival. The 14 hydropower dams in the Columbia Basin provide over 75% of the power for the Northwest. Half of the 7.3 million acres of income producing farm and ranch land in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are irrigated with the Columbia River; sales from these exceed \$10 billion annually. Traditionally, the Columbia and its tributaries have been the largest salmon producing river system in the world, with annual returns peaking at up to 30 million fish. Recognizing the river's importance, the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, designated the Columbia River as an Estuary of National Significance in 1995 and a Large Aquatic Ecosystem in 2006.

Sadly, after years of treating this great river like a machine, we know that the Columbia River is plagued by habitat loss and degraded with dangerous PCBs and other chemical pollutants that are detrimental to fish and wildlife, including thirteen species of salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered. Legacy contaminants such as DDT that were banned in the 1970s are still detected in juvenile Chinook salmon. According to EPA and tribal surveys, these contaminated fish are consumed in large quantities by tribal populations, putting them at risk. Other pesticides and contaminants, such as hormone disruptors from pharmaceutical and personal care products, have been found in the river and salmon and may impair salmon growth, health, and reproduction. These contaminants threaten not only the health of fish and wildlife, but the humans who depend on them.

I am proud that stakeholders in the Columbia Basin have come together in a partnership including states, tribal governments, public

and private entities, and key federal partners to look with a hundred-year vision toward the future of the river, and to clean it up and make it a sustainable resource for generations. The Lower Columbia River Partnership (LCREP), for example, works to protect the estuary's ecosystem and its species, reduce pollution, and provide information about the river to the public. The partnership has restored 2,600 acres of habitat, opened 41.7 miles of stream habitat, completed toxic and conventional pollutant water quality monitoring, and engaged in innovative public involvement and restoration efforts in the region. LCREP has worked with the EPA to complete a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan to guide recovery efforts in the lower basin. EPA has also worked with stakeholders to develop a Toxics Reduction Action Plan to reduce toxics throughout the Basin. While there have been numerous studies and projects for toxics reduction and habitat restoration on the river, it is time for a broader, more comprehensive, and better funded effort.

The bill I am introducing today would authorize the EPA to work with LCREP, the States of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, Columbia Basin tribal governments, local governments, citizen groups, industry, and other Federal agencies to develop and implement a collaborative and comprehensive strategy to increase monitoring and reduce pollution in the basin. Through a new Columbia River Program Team located in EPA's Region 10 Oregon Operations Office, EPA will assist and support the implementation of the Toxics Action and Comprehensive Plans to reduce toxics, coordinate the major functions of the Federal government related to the plans, track progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the plans, and share this information with the public. The legislation authorizes \$40 million a year for this effort.

Restoration projects, toxic monitoring and other activities associated with the restoration effort will create between 700 and 900 jobs a year in the region for biologists, construction workers, and others. It will also enable the river to continue supporting jobs in the farming, hydropower, recreation and transportation industries.

I am pleased to be joined by some of my colleagues in Oregon and Washington in introducing this legislation. I look forward to working with stakeholders in the Pacific Northwest to move it quickly.

A TRIBUTE TO CLAUDIE C. ROYAL

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to recognize Claudie C. Royal for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas, as well as his leadership in honoring Black History Month in Abilene, Texas. Although Claudie passed away in 2008, the Abilene community continues to carry on his memory and the initiatives he started.

Claudie was born on February 15, 1945 in Marlin, Texas, and raised in Abilene where he graduated from Woodson High School. After high school, Claudie married his high school

sweetheart, Lula, on April 13, 1964. He also attended Cisco Jr. College and was an active member of Plum Street United Methodist Church. For over 18 years, Claudie was employed by the Keebler Cookie Company.

Abilene remembers Claudie for planning many community activities and for his boldness in executing these plans. He dedicated his life to the youth, the elderly, the truly disadvantaged and those in the community who were not being treated fairly. He encouraged others to become involved in the community.

In 1980, Claudie organized an annual march honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Today that annual march and associated activities are widely acknowledged and participated in by the citizens of Abilene. In 1981, Claudie was the driving force behind the development of a park constructed in the community of Pasadena Heights in Abilene. Through Claudie's influence, the park was named to honor Mr. Nelson Wilson, Sr., a community leader and long time resident of the city. In 1989, Claudie established H.O.P.E., a successful organization devoted to stopping and preventing youth drug use. In 1995, he was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Services Award. After his death, the Abilene City Council permanently named February 15 as Claudie C. Royal Day to honor him.

Claudie was a strong Christian and family man. Claudie and Lula had 5 children: Michael, Cedric, deceased, Michelle, Mitchell and Matthias Royal, and five grandchildren: Mylles, Michael Ryan, BriAnna, Myller, and Mylliah.

During Black History Month, we pay tribute to generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity and made great contributions to shaping our Nation. We should keep in mind those who made a difference in their communities, and Claudie Royal truly made a difference in Abilene, Texas. The 19th Congressional District thanks Claudie for the imprint he left on his community. Even though he is no longer with us, we remember his devoted service to Abilene.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 18, I was unable to vote because my arrival in Washington from Iowa was delayed by severe winter weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING PAUL WHITE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Paul White upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mr. White will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Mr. Paul White was born on March 23, 1947 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At age eleven his mother passed away and he, along with his five siblings, moved to Fresno, California to be raised by their grandparents. He graduated from Edison High School in 1962 and attended Fresno City College where he played basketball. He graduated from California State University, Fresno with a Bachelors of Arts degree and a Masters degree in Public Administration.

Mr. White served the Fresno community for over thirty years with distinguished careers in health care administration, human resources and social services. He was the first African American Assistant Administrator at Saint Agnes Hospital, Valley Medical Center and the Fresno County Health Department. Mr. White served as the Assistant Executive Director of Fresno County Economics Opportunity Commission for many years.

Outside of work, Mr. White was heavily involved with various community organizations including: the Black Infant Health Project, Babies First, the Marjaree Mason Center, March of Dimes, the California Transplant Donor Network, United Network of Organ Sharing, Minority Affairs Committee, Boy Scouts of America and he served on the Board of Directors for West Fresno Health Care Coalition, Inc. For his dedicated service, Mr. White has also been recognized and awarded by many organizations including: Fresno Metro Ministries, the California Transplant Donor Network, the United Black Men of Fresno, former California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante and the California State Senate and Assembly. Mr. White passed away on March 17, 2005. He and his wife, Sheila, had been married for forty years. Together they raised six children and had nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Paul White. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING EVAN LYSACEK

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Evan Lysacek on winning an Olympic gold medal in men's figure skating. Evan skated a breathtaking routine in both the short program and free skate to reach the pinnacle of his sport on its greatest stage. All of us in the Chicago area are proud not only of what he has accomplished but also the way he has represented himself, his family, the state of Illinois and all of the United States.

Born in Chicago and raised in Naperville, Evan attended Neuqua Valley High School, where he graduated with honors. In Vancouver, he became the first American man to win gold in figure skating since Brian Boitano in 1988. Evan was the U.S. Champion in 2007 and 2008 and World Champion in 2009, but did not skate his best at the 2006 Olympics in Torino, finishing fourth. His story of triumph and redemption is one we can all learn from. I wish Evan the best of luck in his figure skating career and beyond, and am so proud to recognize him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent on Monday, February 22, 2010, due to a death in my family. Had I been present for the two votes which occurred, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 4425, rollcall No. 49 and H.R. 4238, rollcall No. 50.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Priority Name: Thunder Radar Pod (TRP)

Appropriated Amount: \$1.6 million

Account: Air Force—RDT&E

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mid-American Precision Products

Address of Requesting Entity: 1927 West 4th Street, Joplin, MO 64801

Description of Request: The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the Air National Guard (ANG) has an essential requirement to provide its F-16 fighter forces with all-weather, day & night strike and situational awareness capability that will complement its current EO/IR capability with the Advanced Targeting Pods. This capability can only be provided with an airborne Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) that is capable of seeing through cloud cover, inclement weather, and smoke obscured targets or areas of interest. Lack of an all weather targeting capability will continue to limit the USAF's ability to effectively fulfill its Destruction of Enemy Air Defense (DEAD) tasking regardless of weather and allow the enemy to operate unfettered in poor metrological conditions. This all-weather DEAD capability will not be realized until approximately 2018 with the fielding of a like capability in the F-35, making the procurement of the TRP in the near-term time frame critical.

RETIREMENT OF MARIE RICHARD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, after more than fifty years of working for The Beaumont Enterprise newspaper, Marie Richard has decided to retire. She is the longtime assistant to the editor and very well known throughout the company and the community.

She began her newspaper career in 1959. At the age of twenty, she started working for the Beaumont Enterprise newspaper, and now at the age of seventy, she is ending her wonderful career.

She is recognized for fortifying relationships with the newspaper's customers; an aspect of her job she has enjoyed the most. She is also recognized for her work with the newspaper's

annual holiday fund drive. Her dedication to the people of the Second District of Texas is truly heartfelt.

Madam Speaker, the Second District of Texas is proud to have such a wonderful individual in its community. We have no doubt that the newspaper will miss Marie Richard and her dedication to the people of Beaumont, Texas.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D.
MONTAGUE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of William D. Montague, Director of the Cleveland, Ohio Veterans Administration Medical Center (Cleveland VAMC), and in celebration of his retirement. For nearly twenty years he provided excellence, leadership and expertise in support of United States Veterans from northeast Ohio.

Thanks in part to his hard work and dedication, the Cleveland VAMC has consistently provided superior and innovative clinical care, outreach services and numerous programs for veterans and their families. Throughout his tenure at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Mr. Montague has served as CEO or acting CEO at six VA facilities, and has been actively involved in 13 major construction projects which enhanced and expanded services and programs for veterans.

Mr. Montague's effective leadership and professional accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized numerous times with local, state and national awards and honors, including the 2009 American College of Healthcare Executives Federal Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award; the Presidential Meritorious Award (twice); and the AMVETS Civil Servant Award. Mr. Montague was a key contact in working with my Congressional staff to assist veterans who reside in the 10th Congressional District. His response and support was consistently timely and thorough.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of William D. Montague, retiring Director of the Cleveland VAMC, who served with integrity, dedication, diligence, compassion and expertise. I thank Mr. Montague for all of his assistance to United States Veterans of the 10th Congressional District and the region. I wish him and his family peace, health and happiness as he journeys onward.

NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAILS
ACT OF 2010

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the bipartisan National Discovery Trails Act of 2010. This legislation seeks to connect existing trails, greenways, and country roads to form the American Discovery Trail a unique coast-to-coast, non-motorized, multi-use trail accessible to urban and rural areas alike all across the country.

Americans have utilized our nation's trail system for more than 40 years for outdoor recreation, exercise, historic study, and general enjoyment of the natural beauty this country has to offer. The American Discovery Trail will connect people to small towns, historic sites and natural wonders along a coast-to-coast route. It will provide millions of people greater access to a trail system that can be utilized for two hours, two days, two weeks, two months or longer giving users the flexibility to explore the trail for as much or as little time as they want. Numerous studies have shown that the presence of trails and greenway corridors positively impact quality of life, but also real estate property values, small businesses, tourism, and even some corporate relocations.

The National Trails System currently has two categories of significant long-distance trails. The first category is the National Historic Trail, which are famous historic routes, such as the Santa Fe Trail, Pony Express Trail, and the Lewis & Clark Trail. The second category is the National Scenic Trail, which are classic wilderness-only routes meant for hiking far from civilization, such as the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Continental Divide Trail.

The National Discovery Trails Act of 2010 would add a third long-distance national trails category called National Discovery Trails. National Discovery Trails would tie together historic and scenic trails and connect them with population centers from small towns to big cities in a way that will increase access to and awareness of our national trail system.

The legislation would also designate the American Discovery Trail as the first National Discovery Trail. The American Discovery Trail route—the first non-motorized way to cross the entire country—would utilize already existing right-of-ways on public land. It would be a patchwork quilt of the country's east-west pathways, including National Park hiking trails, National Forest logging roads, sections of historic routes, historic canal towpaths, rails-to-trails conversions, state and county park trails, country roads, small town sidewalks, and big city greenways—all stitched together to form one trail from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The National Park Service supported creation of the National Discovery Trail designation in a comprehensive feasibility study in 1996.

Madam Speaker, it is time to expand the national trails system and establish American Discovery Trails, linking community to community and providing trail users the opportunity to journey into the heart of all that is uniquely American—its culture, heritage, landscape, and spirit. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting of this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE J.
AUGUSTUS ACCURSO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor the late Judge J. Augustus "Augie" Accurso. Augie was not only an engaged member of our community in Stanislaus County, California, but he was a beloved fa-

ther and grandfather. He was a very special and well respected man to many people, known for his gift of conversation, sense of humor and positive approach to life. At the age of 79, Augie Accurso passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

The Queens Village, N.Y., native had several other jobs before settling into law. He went to barber school and worked as a pharmacist, which his colleagues said ensured he would carefully scrutinize chemical evidence. Judge Accurso started out in the Stanislaus County district attorney's office in 1969, then after a little more than a year went into private practice. He was then selected by the county Board of Supervisors to become a Justice Court judge in Turlock. In 1977, the Board of Supervisors abolished the Justice Court, the board appointed him to the Municipal Court bench.

Judge Accurso served on the bench for two decades, and during his 20-year career as a judge, he served at every judicial level in the state shy of the Supreme Court. He served on the Justice Court, the Municipal Court, the Superior Court and the Court of Appeal. During his tenure, he also served as dean of the Judges College, an ongoing curriculum to help judges keep abreast of judicial procedures and rules.

Judge Accurso was also an active alumnus of the Theta Chi Fraternity. Judge Accurso pledged, and was initiated, Theta Chi while attending San Jose State. This was a relationship that he held proudly throughout his life as he encouraged and nurtured the chapter that formed at CSU Stanislaus in the late 70s. Judge Accurso was very influential in the lives of the members of the Eta Tau Chapter of Theta Chi at California State University Stanislaus, and was like a father to many of them.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join my community in honoring the memory of Augie Accurso. He will be greatly missed by all.

RECOGNIZING WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD AND LOCAL RESPONDERS FOR HEROIC WORK

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of my fellow West Virginians, who safely and successfully rescued 17 individuals from a downed military helicopter in Pocahontas County, WV, last week. The Navy helicopter was participating in the Operation Southbound Trooper X annual military exercise, when it went down in a deep snow-covered and rugged site, which lies in northwestern Pocahontas County.

A West Virginia Army National Guard HH-60 Blackhawk helicopter—piloted by Bluefield, WV, native Major Kevin Hazuka—located the downed aircraft. Two medics were lowered to the landing site to assess the situation and provide assistance to the injured. A C-130 Hercules aircraft from the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston was dispatched and orbited the site to maintain communications with the downed aircraft, while emergency response and rescue teams worked through the night

and into the next morning to make their way to the survivors.

A February 20th editorial in the Beckley, WV, Register-Herald newspaper titled, "Our Nature," perhaps tells this story best:

When a crisis strikes, West Virginia responds. Time and time again. We've seen it this winter during all the snowstorms that have paralyzed different regions of the state. We've seen it during all the major floods. We've seen it in the aftermath of major accidents. We've seen it beyond our borders, like helping with the relief effort following Hurricane Katrina, like battling western forest fires.

West Virginians are ready to help in a moment's notice, often without being asked. Paid responders. Volunteer responders. Neighbors. Even those who may not be physically able to provide aid will show up with food, drink and supplies for those who are.

And now we've seen it again with what are being described as "heroic" efforts on the part of many who rescued 17 military personnel aboard a Virginia-based Navy helicopter that crashed during a training exercise Thursday on a rugged, snow-covered mountain on the Pocahontas-Randolph county line.

"I'd like to thank the West Virginia National Guard and the local responders for their heroic work," Navy Capt. Steve Schreiber said. "Their efforts were extraordinary and took place under the most difficult of situations. The rescuers had to traverse more than three miles from the nearest road through heavily wooded and mountainous terrain to reach the crash site."

"A special thanks to the Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort for providing Snowcats that enabled first responders to reach the site."

The West Virginia National Guard and first responders around the state have a way of turning the extraordinary into the ordinary. In other words, we've seen it enough times to still marvel but not be surprised by what they do, even as they take rescue efforts to another level.

And this one reached another level, literally and figuratively. "... we've never had anything quite this big," said Shannon Boehmer, chief of the Shavers Fork Volunteer Fire Department.

After rescuers went as far as they could with special equipment along a railroad grade, Boehmer said, "it was still about a 45-minute hike in five feet of snow, straight up the side of a mountain. . . . It was probably a 50-degree pitch or so. The guys described it as like climbing a 'snow ladder.'"

Have you ever tried to walk in 5 feet of snow? Even on flat ground, just a few steps can wear you out.

Sometimes we may not realize what we have here in West Virginia. We have the finest National Guard unit in the country, first responders to match and a general willingness by everyone to help.

One thing is for sure: The US. Navy now knows.

And, now Madam Speaker, as I share this with our colleagues, the world now knows the courage, ability, incredible determination, and willingness to lend a neighborly hand of West Virginians—from those who serve in and lead our West Virginia National Guard, to our local fire, rescue and first responder units, and the countless volunteers, families and neighbors nearby.

MELANIE SHOUSE

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of an individual I was just beginning to get to know last year during the height of the intense debate over health insurance reform—Melanie Shouse. It is with sadness that I inform you that we have lost Melanie earlier this month entirely too soon.

Melanie was diagnosed with breast cancer years ago and was unable to afford a doctor. After being diagnosed she became one of the St. Louis area's strongest advocates for health care reform, but sadly wasn't able to see her hard work come to fruition.

Last year, she was kind enough to share her story with those for and against health insurance reform at one of my town hall meetings. Melanie handled herself with great poise and distinction as she had throughout her time advocating for reform and I could not thank her enough. She so successfully made the case for reform. Despite our loss, she continues to give us hope that health insurance reform can become a reality.

My thoughts are with Melanie's partner Steve, her parents, sisters and grandmother. Melanie served as an inspiration for so many and will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF ROBERT BOWMAN

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of Mr. Robert F. Bowman, a life-long farmer and agricultural leader, well known throughout the San Joaquin Valley, California and the nation.

Robert served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant, stationed in Okinawa, Japan during WWII. He later graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1950 with a B.S. in Animal Sciences.

From very meager beginnings, at age 15, Robert and his parents formed a farming partnership that would grow from Kern to Tulare County. With a legacy that began in the depths of the Great Depression, Robert ran a successful farming operation for nearly 70 years.

While Robert's impact on the agricultural industry is immeasurable, perhaps his greatest contribution was to the student-leadership organization, Future Farmers of America, FFA, where he was elected as the first national president from California in 1941. His dedication to vocational agriculture was exemplified by his continual support of the organization through his help in establishing the first California FFA center in 2005 in Galt, California.

First and foremost, Robert was a husband and father; patriarch to a family devoted to serving the agricultural industry. He believed in family and education and was known to tell people; "that his six girls were his greatest in-

vestments". Today, Robert's wife Gloria Bowman, his six daughters, sixteen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren, continue to live out his legacy.

Robert Bowman was someone whom I knew personally. I valued his judgment and guidance. At heart, he was always a farmer, with an undeniable belief in the agricultural industry, inspiring all those who knew him. Robert's impact will not end today. His life's values, devotion to the agricultural industry, and commitment to education will live on through his family, friends, and community.

IN HONOR OF MRS. MINNIE L. JONES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Minnie L. Jones in celebration of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Jones has been blessed over her lifetime with faith, family and friends. She is known for her positive outlook and for seeing the good in others. She lives every day with a grateful heart and warm smile.

Mrs. Jones' abiding faith continues to be a source of strength and joy. She is a life-long member of and missionary with the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where she volunteers her time. Aside from her time at the church, Mrs. Jones' greatest joy in life is spending time with her family and friends. She remains close with her grown children—Billy, Patricia, Mabel, Kenneth, Stafford, Sandra, Larry and Cindy. She is also a doting grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Jones loves to cook and share memorable holiday and Sunday meals with family and friends, and welcomes everyone with hospitality and friendship.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mrs. Minnie L. Jones upon the joyous occasion of her 90th birthday. Her love of family, love of life, service to others and youthful spirit have all served as an inspirational example for all of us to follow. I wish Mrs. Jones abundance of peace, health and happiness today, and throughout the years to come.

HONORING BILLY DILWORTH FOR HIS FIFTY YEAR CAREER IN BROADCASTING AND JOURNALISM

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Billy Dilworth, a legend in Georgia broadcasting, and an award winning journalist who is known by thousands in north-east Georgia for his newspaper articles as well as his television and radio shows.

Just after graduating from the University of Georgia, his career got off to a great start. His first interview was with a rising star in the music world named Elvis. His second interview was with a well-known politician, Harry

Truman. In fact, during his time as a journalist and radio personality, Billy would interview five presidents and several country music stars. But most importantly, he always made time for folks in the community.

Over the past twenty years, Billy has hosted "The Billy Dilworth Show" on WNEG-TV. During the show, he and co-host Michelle Austin have entertained viewers with their great humor, music selections, and updates from political, civic, and religious leaders. One of their regular segments that I can certainly relate to was named "Doctor's House Calls" and allowed live call-in questions.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this Georgia legend. Though he is stepping away from the limelight, he can never be replaced. I, along with the rest of his viewers, will miss him. His talent and work will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that yesterday a prior engagement prevented my timely return to Washington. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of roll-call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 4425, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office." I also would have voted "yes" on H.R. 4238, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building."

TRIBUTE TO VERNON HUNTER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero. Vernon Hunter was an unsung hero who was thrust into the national spotlight when his life was tragically cut short last week in the senseless attack on his office in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Hunter was a model citizen who spent his life in the service of his country. He served in the Army for 22 years, including two combat tours in Vietnam. After his service ended, Mr. Hunter spent several years in the private sector before starting work at the IRS where he was employed for 27 years.

Friends and family indicate that Mr. Hunter was a loving father and husband who remained fiercely committed to public service and those around him for all his days. They report that Mr. Hunter was considering retiring from the IRS to start a new career as a special education teacher.

Mr. Hunter was born and raised in Orangeburg, South Carolina, a city I am proud to represent. He grew up there and graduated from Wilkinson High School in 1959.

He is survived by his wife Valerie and their six children. The citizens of South Carolina,

Texas and Americans everywhere mourn his tragic loss.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere condolences to Vernon Hunter's family and to recognize his heroic contributions to his country. Mr. Hunter represents the unsung American heroes who dedicate themselves every day to serving their country and their fellow men and women. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1046, "Recognizing the significance of Black History Month" and for other purposes, introduced by my distinguished colleague from Texas, Representative GREEN. "Black History Month," recognizes, reflects, and honors the many contributions, achievements and works of African-Americans who have influenced American history through their selflessness and sacrifices. The origins of "Black History Month" derived from Negro History Week, in efforts to enhance the knowledge of Black history started through the Journal of Negro History, published by Dr. Carter G. Woodson's Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. The birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass inspired the creation of Negro History Week.

Negro History Week is the precursor to Black History Month, and the month of February has been celebrated as Black History Month since 1926 when a special period of time was set aside to recognize and celebrate the heritage and achievements of African-Americans. Whereas the first African-Americans were brought involuntarily to the shores of the America as early as the 17th century and despite being held in slavery, African-Americans in all walks of life have made significant contributions throughout the history of the United States. Significant contributions made by African-Americans include the—

(1) Writings of Booker T. Washington, Phyllis Wheatley, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Ralph Ellison, Zora Neale Hurston, and Alex Haley;

(2) Music of Mahalia Jackson, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane, Bessie Smith, and Duke Ellington;

(3) Resolve of athletes such as Jackie Robinson, Althea Gibson, Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, and Muhammad Ali;

(4) Scientific advancements of George Washington Carver, Charles Drew, Benjamin Banneker, and Mae Jemison;

(5) Vision of leaders such as Frederick Douglass, Mary McLeod Bethune, Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, and Shirley Chisholm; and

(6) Bravery of those who stood on the front lines in the battle against oppression, such as Sojourner Truth, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Rosa Parks.

In the face of injustices, United States citizens of good will and of all races distinguished

themselves with their commitment to the noble ideals upon which the United States was founded and courageously fought for the rights and freedom of African-Americans, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and died to make real these noble ideas. He is most known for his "I Have a Dream" speech.

The Honorable Barack Hussein Obama was elected the 44th President of the United States, making him the first African-American Chief Executive. President Obama's election to the U.S. Presidency broke one of the last racial barriers in politics in this country. President Obama has inspired hopes in the lives of many Americans across the country and to people across the globe.

Black History Month is an important time that we recognize the contributions of African-Americans in the Nation's history and encourages the continued celebration of February to provide an opportunity for all peoples of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have helped shape the Nation.

HONORING REVEREND RANDOLPH BRACY, JR.'S SERVICE TO THE FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Randolph Bracy, Jr. for his dedicated service to his church, our central Florida community, and our great State of Florida. Born on November 4, 1944, Reverend Bracy, Jr. is a native of Jacksonville, Florida and has since given a great deal back to our community.

Reverend Bracy, Jr. graduated from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. In 1970, he pursued graduate studies in Guidance and Counseling, and graduated from Florida A&M University with a Master's of Education Degree. Later in 1974, he earned the Doctor of Education Degree from the University of Florida in Higher Education Administration. In 1982, he received the Master of Divinity Degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. In 1999, he earned a certificate at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts with the Summer Leadership Institute. In 2004, he presented a paper at the Oxford Round Table on Religion, Education and the Role of Government at the University of Oxford in England. Reverend Bracy's educational accomplishments are only surpassed by his commitment and work in the community.

In 1991, he joined the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida. In August 1992, he and his wife, Dr. LaVon Wright Bracy, led the organization of the New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando. The New Covenant Church has grown to a membership of more than 2,000. The New Covenant Church has created a charter school to educate and mentor hundreds of youth. They have created a community development corporation that has rehabbed neighborhoods, created safe havens for after-school and community activities, and provided financial and housing counseling.

As President of the local NAACP, he has worked tirelessly for human and civil rights for all people. He has inspired and mentored a generation of new leaders and for that I am proud to call him my friend and ally for justice.

Madam Speaker, as Black History Month comes to a close, it is with great honor that I recognize Reverend Bracy, Jr.'s incredible work and his leadership in the African American community and in our Florida community

as a whole. He provides inspiration for the people in his community and is a great activist.