

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF UP2US

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Up2Us—a leader in sports based youth development—on the occasion of its annual awards ceremony for its Coach of the Year contest to be held here in Washington, D.C.

Up2Us is leading a national movement to advance sports as a tool for addressing the critical issues facing youth in this nation, including childhood obesity, academic failure and anti-social behavior.

Up2Us accomplishes this by supporting a national network of nearly 500 member organizations operating in all fifty states. Together, these organizations serve 25 million youth through both traditional and non-traditional sports. As one way of serving this network, Up2Us launched an initiative called Coach Across America.

The Up2Us Coach Across America (CAA) program is an AmeriCorps program that represents the first nationwide effort to mobilize a workforce to promote positive youth development through sports. In partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and Nike, CAA coaches use sports as a means to promote health and nutrition, education success, civic engagement and personal and social development among youth in some of the nation's poorest neighborhoods.

Last year, CAA placed 250 AmeriCorps members to serve as coaches in 105 youth programs across 20 states to work with more than 35,000 kids. In exchange for college tuition awards and a living stipend, coaches completed a total of 170,000 service hours (equivalent to \$3.5 million in national service), recruited over 1000 program volunteers, connected roughly 500 new parents to their respective programs and conducted more than 250 service-learning projects totaling 35,000 hours of youth volunteer service effort.

The 35,000 kids served by CAA coaches have access to the programs they need for their full development; are provided a safe place to acquire new knowledge and skills; gain a heightened sense of competency and self-respect through working to make a difference in their communities; build relationships with caring adult role models; develop leadership skills on and off the field; and have a better understanding of healthy eating and the importance of physical activity and exercise.

In recognition of the powerful role that coaches have on the lives of youth, Up2Us runs an annual contest—Coach of the Year—to honor the unsung heroes who devote their lives to the positive development of youth through sports.

Mr. Speaker, as Up2Us and its participating members honor the winners of this year's

Coach of the Year contest, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating this year's finalists. They are among a distinguished group of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of our youth through sport.

Renato is the Executive Director of Access Youth Academy. He came to San Diego to join Access Youth Academy (formerly Surf City Squash) in May of 2007 from Harvard University where he was the Assistant Coach of the squash team. Originally from Brazil, Renato was a Brazilian Junior Champion and a top junior in South America. He represented his home country on the national team as its captain. Now, he is a role model, teacher and coach to hundreds of urban youth in San Diego.

Lisa Hawk is the Exercise & Health Science Department Chair, Athletic Director and lacrosse coach at the Preuss School at UCSD. The Preuss School is a nationally recognized school that serves a low income diverse population. Lisa is an advocate for sports as a tool for positive youth development and is changing lives through her work. Her athletes recognize how special Lisa is: "She sees the potential in each of her players and does not quit until that spark she sees within us is released for the public eye to see. She has helped me through the turbulence of a teenage life to the hectic lifestyle at home and has given me a comfortable place to go as well as someone to turn to."

Ktrice McNeill is the 2011 Coach Across America Coach of the Year recipient. Ktrice recently completed his year of service coaching basketball at Edenwald Community Center in New York. Ktrice is a NY native influenced by his parents who reminded him daily that "without education you have nothing." Growing up in an inner city where gang violence and drugs were prevalent, Ktrice understands first-hand that "sports give me and other young people in my community a safe haven to feel secure and feel like there's not a care in the world." As a coach, Ktrice aims to use his voice to teach young people that "failure is not an option."

Faye Stevens-Jett is a Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director at Morton School of Excellence in Chicago, Illinois. For the past eleven years, she has coached double dutch, cheerleading, and pom-pom. In addition to her many city championships, she has impacted many young lives through her work. Faye received several nominations highlighting her work ethic and commitment to her students: "Faye goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure her students have the things they need. She is consistently incredible."

I also want to recognize Up2Us' entire staff of employees and volunteers. They are all to be commended for their work to keep Up2Us the vibrant and strong organization that it remains today; I extend to all of them my best wishes for many more successful years ahead. Indeed they are demonstrating that advancing the lives of our youth is a team sport.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their upcoming centennial anniversary of becoming the first democracy in Asia on October 10, 1911. The annual celebration of this event is known as "Double Ten Day," and celebrates the start of the Wuchang Uprising which established the Republic of China.

Since the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Taiwan has been a true friend and long term ally with the United States. Both the U.S. and Taiwan have maintained strong trade ties stemming from our close friendship; I hope these ties continue to advance and expand in the future.

Alaskan and Taiwanese relations are also close as Taiwan is the only country with whom Alaska has a codified relationship agreement. In 2004, leaders from both Alaska and Taiwan established the Taiwan-Alaska Trade and Investment Cooperation Council to further extend collaboration between Alaska and Taiwan. Because of this collaboration, both Alaska and Taiwan have greatly benefitted from the many cultural exchanges, and improved trade and transport relations. In fact, in 2010, Taiwan was Alaska's 16th largest export power and received \$23 million in exports including forest products, energy, and machinery. However, since 2008, Alaska has exported \$143 million to Taiwan making it Alaska's 9th largest trading partner over the last 3 years.

I would like to congratulate Taiwan on its 100th anniversary and thank them for their role as an important strategic ally of the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China will celebrate its Centennial National Day. The United States of America and Taiwan enjoy a close and strong relationship based on shared democratic values and free market economies.

While welcome, the improved relations between the two sides does not eliminate the need for the United States to continue to help Taiwan's defense capabilities under the Taiwan Relations Act. Based on that act, the United States should continue to aid Taiwan in replacing its aging air force. According to the

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most recent Department of Defense report on Taiwan's military power, China currently enjoys air superiority over Taiwan.

In recent decades, we witnessed how Taiwan evolved from authoritarian rule to a vibrant democracy. Taiwan also has been a reliable political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

It is also my view that we must continue to support Taiwan's participation in global affairs by supporting Taiwan and its 23,000,000 people in becoming a member of the United Nations. An internationally visible Taiwan is a strong Taiwan.

Today, Taiwan remains a major trading partner and friend. Our strong economic and cultural ties go back nearly a hundred years. We hope that this strong bond will continue for another 100 years and more. Congratulations to the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their Centennial National Day.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2011, The Republic of China (Taiwan) celebrates their 100th anniversary and I want to congratulate our friends in Southeast Asia on this most important of milestones.

One hundred years ago a Chinese doctor, Sun Yat-sen, rose up against the Qing rulers of China to free his people from their tight grip. The end result of this uprising led to the formation of what is now known as The Republic of China (Taiwan).

Over these last 100 years, Taiwan has become a beacon of democracy in the Pacific and a champion for peace and human rights in that part of the world. Taiwan is a strong proponent of the same freedoms we enjoy here in the United States such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion.

Taiwan's President, Ma Ying-jeou is also to be congratulated for his work in maintaining peace in the Pacific by reducing tension with China, their neighbors along the Taiwan Strait.

Again, congratulations to Taiwan. We look forward to our continued friendship over the next 100 years and beyond.

KEEP AMERICA'S WATERFRONTS
WORKING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, coastal communities across this Nation are in trouble. Economically important working waterfront jobs are disappearing. Businesses that require access to the water are closing their doors, fishing wharves are being turned into condos. And, the cultural identity of our waterfront communities is dissolving.

I live in a community built around a working waterfront. My friends and neighbors on North

Haven need access to the coastline to land their lobsters, store their bait, load and unload their lobster traps. They need a place to keep their skiffs and park their trucks. Elsewhere on the coast, working waterfronts are critical connections between the ocean and land for boat builders, marina operators, aquaculturists, seafood processors, charter boat captains and crew, recreational fishing businesses, and many others who require access to the water. These businesses need to be located on the water and require access to the water for their business models to work. Water dependent, coastal-related businesses are the cultural and economic heart of many of our coastal communities and working waterfronts are quickly disappearing under tremendous pressures from incompatible use and development trends.

Of Maine's 3,300 miles of coastline, less than 20 miles support commercial fishing and other traditional marine-based activities. This small portion of the coastline contributes \$800 million to Maine's economy and provides direct or indirect employment for about 30,000 people. As the coastline became more developed, traditional uses disappeared, giving way to condos, summer houses, and other non-compatible uses. These changes in how coastal communities use their land present one of the primary challenges facing Maine's working waterfronts.

This problem is not unique to Maine, it occurs on all of our coasts and in the Great Lakes region. Across the country, working waterfront jobs are quickly disappearing under the tremendous pressure communities face from conversion to incompatible uses. Once these businesses close, once the waterfronts and waterways stop supporting water dependent businesses, the businesses do not come back. And, many states and local communities have recognized this dangerous trend and are taking action to preserve waterfront dependent businesses. In recognition of the national importance of working waterfronts, local community and state representatives have come together to form a national working waterfronts and waterways council that has helped put on symposiums that bring people to the table with the tools and knowledge needed to develop sustainable working waterfronts around the Nation. But, local communities and states need help at the federal level.

It is time to help maintain working waterfronts through a federally authorized program that will serve to support, implement, and further develop working waterfront preservation efforts across the nation. That is why I am introducing legislation with Representatives ROBERT E. ANDREWS, EARL BLUMENAUER, MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO, LOIS CAPPAS, DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN, GERALD E. CONNOLLY, SAM FARR, BOB FILNER, WILLIAM R. KEATING, BARBARA LEE, MIKE MCINTYRE, JAMES P. MORAN, PEDRO R. PIERLUISI, MICHAEL QUIGLEY, LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER, PAUL TONKO, and LYNN C. WOOLSEY that encourages states to seriously think about these areas and how to best protect them. While recognizing the common problem of disappearing waterfront access for businesses, this program will also provide the flexibility that different states and local governments need to address working waterfronts around the Nation.

Our legislation amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to establish a Working Waterfronts program. This legislation embodies

the spirit of the CZMA in that it allows each coastal state to determine what working waterfronts are important to the people of that state, which working waterfronts are most threatened, and who should be protecting them—the state, local or regional government, or a collaborative public-private partnership.

The CZMA was developed as a tool to allow states the flexibility to manage their coasts in a manner that fits that particular coast. The CZMA recognizes separate needs of various coastal states and provides the flexibility to states to manage their coastal resources. The working waterfront program creates a grant program that states can apply for. In order for states to be eligible for a working waterfront grant, the state must have a working waterfront plan that requires a thoughtful, collaborative, public process to identify the value and importance of working waterfronts. This bill is not designed to require states to undergo a completely new or comprehensive planning process but rather to utilize existing information, planning, and programs at state and local levels to the greatest extent possible. Finally, the bill provides technical assistance to the states to develop these plans as well as other tools to protect working waterfronts.

Maintaining working waterfronts preserves and creates coastal jobs, but also jobs beyond the water's edge. Waterfront and waterway businesses support entire economies that depend on the American tradition of marine-based trades. The Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2011 will serve to maintain jobs in our communities and maintain the American tradition of coastal and waterways industry.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALLY
COLEMAN FROMME

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cally Coleman Fromme, Executive Vice President of Zarsky Lumber Company in Victoria, Texas. Founded in 1928, Zarsky Lumber has ten locations throughout Texas, including Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Harlingen and Los Fresnos, serving builders, contractors and consumers.

On October 26, 2011, Cally Fromme will become the first woman to lead the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) as chair of the board. NLBMDA represents the interests of over 6,000 lumber and building material dealers across the country.

Prior to becoming NLBMDA chair, Cally served as chair-elect and vice chair of NLBMDA. She also served as chair of the Association's Regulatory, Codes and Standards Committee and as president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and Louisiana, becoming the first woman to hold that position as well.

A native of Victoria, Texas, Cally graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She has been honored as one of the Magazine of the Golden Crescent's 2010 Top 5 Businesswomen, as a two time Paul Harris Fellowship winner, and as a North American

Retail Hardware Association (NRHA) 2011 Top Gun.

Cally has a long history providing service to others, especially in her hometown, as the first woman president of the 92-year-old Victoria Rotary Club and a Red Coat Ambassador for the Greater Victoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Cally has also worked on the boards of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, the Victoria Regional Museum Association, the Trinity Episcopal School and the Planning Commission for the City of Victoria. She has been politically active since she was a congressional intern in Washington, DC.

Cally is married to Travis Fromme, and they have two children, Karoline, age 10 and Coleman, age 7.

Congratulations to Cally Fromme for her many achievements throughout her career, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIEUTENANT ASA
STEVENS CHAPTER

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 90th anniversary of the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and four of its most distinguished members: Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett, Ms. Susan Kerrick Achromatic, Ms. Esther Jean House Mills, and Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir. These four women embody the spirit of the DAR and have devoted countless years to this organization which stands for the promotion of American patriotism, preservation, and prosperity.

Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett of Towanda, Pennsylvania has been a member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter since October 16, 1971 and has held the offices of Librarian and Registrar. She has devoted herself through service on several DAR committees, including; Genealogy Records, National Defense, Membership, and DAR Library.

Ms. Susan Lerrick Achromatic has also been a long-time member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter, having served since October 13, 1979.

Ms. Ester Jean House Mills of Towanda, Pennsylvania joined the DAR under her ancestor, Private Jonathan Stevens, son of Lieutenant Asa Stevens. Ms. Mills has served as the Chapter's treasurer for all 22 years that she has been a member and has sat on several committees including; Programs, Indians, and DAR Schools.

Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir of Ulster, Pennsylvania joined her mother, Ms. Ester Jean House Mills, to serve in the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter on October 12, 1996. In her time with the Chapter, Ms. Keir has served as both Regent and Vice Regent, as well as devoting her time to committees such as Conservation and Genealogy Records.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising the commitment of this organization to the continued memory and spirit of those who defended our nation's independence.

TRADE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT
OF 2011

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, trade agreements have the potential to increase export opportunities for U.S. businesses by removing market access barriers. However, U.S. companies' ability to take advantage of opportunities created by these, and existing, U.S. trade pacts depends on their government's willingness to enforce its trade agreements. Currently, U.S. companies face many non-tariff barriers (NTBs) that violate existing trade agreements. This bill offers an additional way for U.S. companies to get the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to act on market access barriers that are unlawful under any U.S. trade agreement.

NTBs are devices other than tariffs that are used to restrict the flow of imports into an economy. Under current law, the USTR has the ability to retaliate against a wide variety of unfair trade practices, including market access problems caused by NTBs. Sections 301 through 310 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (Section 301), give USTR a mandate to take retaliatory action when the rights of the United States under any trade agreement are being denied. USTR starts this process by initiating an investigation that includes formal negotiations with the country suspected of being in breach of an agreement. Should the issue not be resolved through negotiation, at the end of the investigation, USTR issues a determination as to whether the trade practice at issue is denying U.S. rights under an agreement. If the determination is affirmative, the USTR enters the formal dispute settlement process.

While U.S. producers can petition the USTR to take action under Section 301, they seldom do. During 2010 USTR initiated only one Section 301 investigation in response to a petition. To put together a petition that has even a chance of passing USTR's scrutiny, companies have to hire an expensive Washington law firm to compile a copious amount of information and advocate for them before the USTR. Tens of thousands of dollars later, there is no guarantee that their petition will be accepted, or that the trade practices in question will be addressed in a timely fashion. This is not a realistic option for a small or medium-sized company, especially one that is losing business due to unfair trade practices.

My bill will use a market access complaint process that the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) already has in place a starting point for possible action under Section 301. ITA will have 180 days to resolve interested party complaints that a foreign country is engaging in an act, policy or practice that acts as a non-tariff barrier; if ITA is unable to resolve the issue, the bill mandates that the Secretary of Commerce issue an opinion as to whether the reported NTB meets the criteria for mandatory USTR action under Section 301. If Commerce issues an affirmative opinion, the bill mandates that USTR initiate a Section 301 investigation. Further, the bill clarifies that subsections of the law giving USTR discretion not to start an investigation do not apply and gives interested parties the opportunity to request a hearing.

Only the U.S. government can ensure that U.S. trade agreements are enforced. U.S. companies should have every opportunity to have their complaints investigated and acted on. Even if only one small company makes a complaint about a specific NTB, it is highly probable that the NTB affects multiple companies in multiple sectors. Without strong enforcement of its agreements, the United States cannot get the full benefits from free trade. Given the opportunity, U.S. companies can compete with the best in the world and can grow and create good private sector jobs. This bill is one step towards ensuring that U.S. companies have the opportunity to achieve their full potential competing in the global marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this important bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. MARY'S
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the celebration of St. Mary's Benevolent Society's 100th Anniversary. The Society is an organization that provides social and community enrichment for Italian-Americans in Kingston, New York and the greater community. St. Mary's Benevolent Society is a beloved meeting hall and a cornerstone of the local community. I am proud that the constituents of New York's 22nd Congressional District continue to support the traditions and values of this esteemed fraternity.

From its creation in 1911, St. Mary's Benevolent Society has been committed to providing social club members with an environment that fosters camaraderie through hosting large gatherings, dinners, and church services. The Society's original mission was to help each other in times of illness or distress; a mission still carried on today. In addition to these traditions that continue a century later, the Society also maintains three church services a year: Christmas Day, Easter Sunday and the Feast Day of St. Mary. These highly esteemed gatherings have contributed to the success and respect of St. Mary's Benevolent Society.

Kingston has changed greatly since 1911, yet St. Mary's Benevolent Society continues to thrive in our community and hold true to its core values of providing Italian-Americans with support and services that are essential to the community. Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great pleasure to recognize St. Mary's Benevolent Society as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary during its Annual Feast of Saint Mary. I am confident that St. Mary's Benevolent Society will continue to thrive and be an asset to the City of Kingston for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF CARLOS
APARICIO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a fallen soldier and

unsung hero, Carlos Aparicio. Carlos was killed while serving on September 23, 2011, at the age of 19. A viewing will be held on Friday, October 7th, at Ingold Funeral Chapel in Fontana. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, October 8th at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Rialto. Burial will follow at Riverside National Cemetery.

Carlos was born on January 9, 1992, in Fontana, California to Concepcion and Hugo Aparicio. He was the youngest of three children. He had an older sister, Maricela, age 26, and an older brother, Miguel, age 29. He grew up in Fontana and moved to Redlands in 2008. He attended Fontana High School before graduating from Redlands East Valley High School in 2010. In high school, he was a standout member of the football and wrestling teams. He also excelled in the classroom—Carlos had a love for literature, and could often be found reading. He earned straight As on his last report card.

Carlos enlisted in the Army in June 2010 after graduating from high school. After training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he went to Fort Pork in January 2011. He deployed to Afghanistan in February 2011. He was an infantryman with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Pork, Louisiana.

Carlos died in Wardak province from wounds sustained when insurgents used an improvised explosive device to attack his unit, according to the Defense Department. He earned the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

His mother recalls that Carlos wanted to devote his life to serving in the military. "He told us he loved America and he wanted to make a difference. He felt his purpose in life was to make the country safer," his mother says. The last thing Carlos told his mother was that his goal was to earn a Gold Star and become an Officer.

His mother remembers him as an outstanding young man who achieved everything he set his mind to do. "He was outgoing and touched a lot of lives. He was a very happy person," she says. His sister remembers Carlos for his big heart, intelligence and down to earth nature. "He was our hero," she says.

Carlos leaves with cherished memories his parents, two siblings, and his two grandmothers, Juana Torres and Audelia Aparicio. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Carlos' family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a true hero, Carlos Aparicio.

HONORING JAMES AND ROSE
LENOX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituents, James and Rose

Lenox, on the occasion their 60th wedding anniversary.

Rose Homan was married to James Francis Lenox on October 20, 1951 at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Attendants for James included: Frank Hoffman, Leo Lenox, and John Finlan. Attendants for Rose included: Betty Homan, Alice Bustin, and Rita May. A reception following the ceremony was held at the Homan Farm.

Jim and Rose are the parents of three children; Kathy, David, and Rosemary, and are the grandparents of eight. Jim and Rose have been an asset to their community, devoting themselves to family, God, and country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, Jim and Rose, on their 60th wedding anniversary and ask my colleagues to join in praising their commitment to one another.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today's Continuing Resolution avoids an unnecessary government shutdown—and it does so in a manner that does not unduly threaten job creation or undermine our economic recovery.

Specifically, this CR extends FY 2011 discretionary funding at approximately 98.5 percent for agencies and programs through November 18 of this year. The 1.5 percent cut brings funding in line with the \$1.043 Trillion top line called for in the Budget Control Act agreement. Additionally, today's bill supports the postal service, extends the flood insurance program and funds vital disaster relief through November 18.

As Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, I would prefer timely completion of our annual appropriations bills. But in the absence of regular order, this relatively clean, bipartisan CR is preferable to the alternative.

I urge a yes vote.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING ALICE WISEMAN
ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE
GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL
OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Alice Wiseman for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Alice Wiseman along with five other candidates were selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the field of Public Education.

Ms. Wiseman, has been a teacher at Sugarcreek Local Schools for 30 years. During this time she has never stopped in her effort

to educate children. As a teacher, she was ahead of her time identifying and accommodating students with learning difficulties, challenging gifted students and serving as a mentor to new teachers. After retiring, Alice authored an elementary level book, *The History of Bellbrook*, which is used in conjunction with the third-grade curricular tie-in to a tour of the town, for which she serves as director. She has been an Ohio Reads program tutor, a member of the Bellbrook Family Resource Center Board, and currently is the President of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Historical Society. She is also an elected member of the Greene County Educational Service Center Board of Governors.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Alice Wiseman for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

HONORING DOUGLAS EDWARD
DAHILL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of an Allen County hero, Douglas Edward Dahill, who died while bravely serving our country in Vietnam, on or about April 17, 1969.

Doug joined the Army after graduating from Lima Senior High School, following in the military tradition of his grandfather, father, and uncle—all veterans.

Shortly after his twentieth birthday, Doug and two fellow soldiers were dropped behind enemy lines on a reconnaissance mission in a dense northwest jungle of South Vietnam. On the mission's third day, his team came under severe enemy attack.

For the next 10 years, Doug was listed as missing in action. Very recently, remains returned from Vietnam in 1991 were positively identified as Doug Dahill and his two colleagues from the recon team.

At long last, Douglas Dahill will be laid to rest today in Arlington National Cemetery, bringing his family closure after more than four decades.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the families of Ohio's Fourth District, I want to thank Specialist Doug Dahill and his family for the selfless service and sacrifice they gave to this, the greatest nation in history.

I was moved by Doug's words, found in a portion of a letter he wrote to his family from Vietnam:

I hope I haven't died in vain, but for a reason—the American way of life. . . . A lot of young American boys, rather men like myself, are dying in Vietnam now. Their eulogy would be that they died for a reason and not in vain. A job is being done and we're doing it. Sure, it's a dirty job, but freedom doesn't come easily.

Douglas Edward Dahill is an American hero who will never be forgotten. He will live forever in the hearts of every American he gave his life defending.

COMMENDING J. OSCAR WARD AND MEMBERS OF THE GREATER IRVING REPUBLICAN CLUB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. J. Oscar Ward of Irving, Texas, President of the Greater Irving Republican Club, and its members for their concern and respect for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen that are serving in harm's way. I appreciate their efforts in calling attention to the unfortunate extra challenges faced by the surviving family of Chief Warrant Officer Bradley Gaudet of Gladewater, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet was killed from injuries sustained in a helicopter crash on June 5, 2011 in Afghanistan. His surviving family faced significant hurdles and resistance from the military in transferring his body from Ft. Drum, New York to its final resting place in Gladewater, Texas. These are challenges that should never be a concern to a grieving family. I appreciate President J. Oscar Ward and the members of the Greater Irving Republican Club for their firm resolve in calling attention to the burial of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet.

I would like to further recognize the assistance and kindness of Southwest Airlines for flying the body of this fallen hero from New York to Texas for his final resting place. Without their assistance, this situation could have been even worse for all of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet's surviving family and loved ones.

We should never allow a situation similar to what happened to Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet to ever be experienced again by a grieving family. I call on my colleagues to help ensure that every possible consideration is made for every surviving family. I am requesting that any rules and regulations that may preclude the proper burial at the location of the surviving family's choosing of a brave American hero be promptly changed. We must avoid anything similar to this ever occurring again.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS STEPHEN HEARD, JOHN DARDEN, MAMMY KATE, DADDY JACK, DIONYSUS OLIVER, AND PETER OLIVER

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Governor Stephen Heard, Captain John Darden, Mammy Kate, Daddy Jack, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver for their patriotic service accomplished during the American Revolution.

Stephen Heard, who served as Governor of Georgia in 1781, Captain John Darden, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver all fought courageously in the American War of Independence. Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack, who were slaves at the time, played a pivotal role as well. When their master, Heard, was

captured at the Battle of Kettle Creek, the British condemned him to die. But on the eve of Heard's execution, Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack rescued him from the British prison at Fort Cornwallis, and for their heroic deeds, Heard awarded them their freedom.

All six of these Revolutionary War patriots are buried in what is currently Elbert County, Georgia. On October 15, 2011, the community will honor the memory of these patriots with a grave marking dedication conducted by the Stephen Heard and Kettle Creek Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Samuel Elbert, Button Gwinnett, and Washington-Wilkes Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to these six brave heroes, who with countless other patriots, successfully achieved for us American liberty and made way for our nation to stand as a beacon of freedom and hope to the rest of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 3, I requested and received a leave of absence for October 3 and 4 to attend official business in my congressional district. The President of the United States came to my district on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

On rollcall No. 742, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 743, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 744, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 745, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 746, providing for consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, I would have voted "no."

SALUTING MR. LOUIS E. JAMES, PRESIDENT AND CEO SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOGISTICS (SEEL)

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Louis E. James, President and Chief Executive Officer of Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL), recipient of the 2011 Andromeda Star of Energy Efficiency Award. Louis James has done Mississippi and his Alma Mater, Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, proud.

SEEL, a Detroit-based minority owned enterprise was recognized by the Washington, DC-based organization, Alliance to Save Energy, for advancing energy efficiency. SEEL was selected for the award based upon its unprecedented commitment to provide energy-efficiency services to residents in the city of Detroit, its surrounding communities and throughout the state of Michigan. Specifically, SEEL is responsible for transitioning Detroit jobs from "blue" collar to "green" collar and successfully implementing energy efficiency programs for DTE Energy Neighborhood Energy Savings Outreach (NESO) program. As the facilitator of these programs, SEEL has increased efficiency at more than 25,000 properties and helped to boost neighborhood morale in its service areas and customer satisfaction for its client, DTE Energy. More significant is that Louis James created job opportunities in his area—hiring more than 75 new employees to implement the programs for which SEEL received the award.

Again, I ask that my colleagues congratulate Mr. Louis E. James and SEEL for receiving the prestigious "Star of Energy of Efficiency Awards" and for its outstanding achievements in energy efficiency and savings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 745, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SANDY SKINN ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Sandy Skinn for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sandy Skinn, along with five other candidates, was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus,

she was nominated for her great endeavors in Girl Scouting.

Ms. Skinn has worked closely with co-leader and fellow inductee Jan Dobo. Sandy has worked for over 30 years to promote the positive qualities of leadership skills, strong values, confidence and conviction about self-worth to young women. The troop led by Ms. Skinn and Ms. Dobo have maintained an open troop, reaching out to girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts from beyond their North Beaver Creek neighborhood. Her love of the outdoors has led to many camping trips, both in Ohio and as far as Maine for activities ranging from outdoor survival training, to week-long sailing and adventures. Sandy and Jan have been co-chairs of the Beaver Creek North Service Unit, which serves over 500 girls, as a Council area of Greene, Warren, Miami, Montgomery and Clark Counties. Additionally, Sandy has served as the Greene County representative on the Buckeye Trails Girls Scout council Board, which covered a multi-county area, and she has also served on various Council committees.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Sandy Skinn for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
DANIEL G. CAHILL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Daniel G. Cahill. On September 17, 2011, Father Dan will be recognized as Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Father Dan continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance for the members of the Monmouth County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Father Dan, fondly referred to as "Donnie" by his family and peers, was the third of six children raised on a small farm in the village of Gortdarrig, County Kerry in Ireland. At the age of thirteen, Father Dan was enrolled at St. Brendan's Seminary in Killarney, Ireland. His attendance at this prestigious institution later influenced his future decision to become a priest. Upon graduation from St. Brendan's, Father Dan entered All Hallows Seminary College in Dublin, Ireland, an organization recognized for preparing men to serve as missionary priests in foreign countries. During his time in the Seminary, Father Dan also spent a summer abroad working in various New Jersey parishes alongside the late Father Thomas O'Connor, former Pastor of St. Robert Bellermine in Freehold, New Jersey. His positive experience serving in New Jersey later influenced his decision to accept a position as a recruit from the Diocese of Trenton. Father Dan was ordained on June 17, 1973 at the age of twenty-four. He served for many years in the parishes of St. Anthony of Padua in Hightstown, New Jersey and St. Anthony in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1989 he became the Pastor of St. Ann's Church in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Father Dan currently presides as Pastor of the Church of St. Ann in Keansburg,

New Jersey and has held this position since 1995.

In addition to his work with the ministry, Father Dan provides spiritual guidance to various Christian organizations, specifically the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). He served as the New Jersey State AOH Chaplain for nineteen years during which time his outstanding spiritual leadership assisted the organization in fulfill their motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. He continues to serve as the Chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pat Torphy Division—Monmouth 2, located in Middletown, New Jersey, and hosts an annual mass in recognition of those lost during the Great Hunger. Father Dan also serves as the Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Vincent T. Lombardi Council.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Father Daniel Cahill for receiving the esteemed title of Festival Chieftain at the Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore. His extraordinary spiritual leadership continues to guide Monmouth County Bayshore community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

HONORING JAMES LENOX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, James Lenox, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

James Francis Lenox was born on June 1, 1931 in Towanda, Pennsylvania. He attended Saint Agnes School through 8th grade, and then went on to graduate from Towanda High School, where he served as captain of the football team. James attended Hamilton College in New York for one year on a football scholarship. After working at Towanda's Sylvania Plant, Mr. Lenox began a 25-year tenure with Pennsylvania Electric.

James has been an active member of his community his entire life. Mr. Lenox grew up attending Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, where he served as an altar boy and still regularly attends. Additionally, James sat on the board of the Wysox Sewer Authority, and has served on the Towanda School Board for 26 years.

Mr. Lenox has been married to his wife Rose nee Homan for 60 years. Together, James and Rose have three children (Kathy, David, and Rosemary) and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, James Lenox, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to his family and country.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDY HARRIS

MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is proper and fitting that the United States offer our sincere

congratulations to The Republic of China (Taiwan) on the 100th anniversary of the origins of their Democracy on October 10, 2011.

Taiwan is a true democracy and a beacon of freedom in a part of the world where it is notably needed. A true strategic ally of the U.S., Taiwan has led the fight for freedom, equal education and advancement of human rights in many areas across the globe.

Taiwan is also a willing partner in helping to respond to the economic melt-down which has so adversely affected the world economy. President Ma Ying-jeou has made stabilizing the world economy a priority, for which he should be congratulated.

RECOGNIZING DR. ADAM G. RIESS,
THE 2011 PHYSICS NOBEL PRIZE
WINNER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Adam G. Riess, who was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for his outstanding contributions to the field of physics. Dr. Riess is a constituent of mine living in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Nobel Prize is awarded each year to recipients for outstanding achievement in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. These prestigious awards, which were established through the generosity and vision of Albert Nobel, are reserved for the most important discoveries and inventions.

Dr. Riess, who is a professor of physics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University and a senior staff member at the Space Telescope Science Institute, shares the 2011 physics award with two other scientists for their combined discovery that the universe is expanding at an accelerated rate—a concept that Albert Einstein first introduced but could never fully explain or prove. This discovery was made through extensive years of studying the explosions of supernova stars.

Johns Hopkins University is a Maryland institution second to none in the world and Dr. Riess is the fourth member of the faculty to receive the Nobel Prize. Hopkins, the affiliated Applied Physics Lab, the National Institutes of Health, and other premier scientific institutions in our state showcase the best of public-private partnerships and have produced innovations that change the world and power our local economy. Dr. Riess' discoveries, and the many breakthroughs and innovations that are accomplished in partnership with the federal government, underscore the importance of federal funding for scientific research. Dr. Riess indicated that the Hubble Space Telescope, in particular, was critical to his research.

I applaud Dr. Riess' outstanding achievement as it reflects many years of study and hard work and a deep commitment to scientific innovation. Congratulations to Dr. Riess and his colleagues for their groundbreaking work in the field of physics and for their extraordinary contributions to science.

H.R. 2681 AND H.R. 2250

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act, and H.R. 2250, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulatory Relief Act, which are common-sense bills that will reduce uncertainty in the marketplace, and allow businesses to compete and grow.

We can no longer continue with the failed economic policies of the past couple of years. As was seen with the nearly \$1 trillion failed stimulus program from last year, throwing money at our economic problem does not create jobs. Instead, we need to tackle the heart of the issue and create an environment that attracts new businesses and allows them to successfully compete in our global economy. Industries across all sectors have been reluctant to expand, in large part due to the uncertainty over the slew of heavy-handed government regulations. I believe reducing and eliminating these costly regulations will stimulate confidence and allow small businesses to grow and be successful.

Today and tomorrow, Members will have an opportunity to vote on legislation to delay two of these job-killing regulations and give industry officials more time to come into compliance. H.R. 2681 and H.R. 2250 are two important bills that will give the EPA 15 months to re-propose and finalize regulations on boilers, process heaters, incinerators, and cement manufacturing facilities. Additionally, these bills instruct the EPA to establish new rules that are actually achievable, and are in the least burdensome regulatory standard.

The Cement MACT and Boiler MACT rules are two examples of over-regulation by the government that are estimated to cost billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs. The Boiler MACT regulations are estimated to affect approximately 200,000 boilers, and have a compliance cost of approximately \$14.4 billion, threatening 200,000 jobs. Even the EPA has admitted that more time was needed to consider this rule, given the outpouring of concerns they received from industry officials. The impact of the Boiler MACT regulations will be felt across a wide range of industry sectors including agriculture, chemical, biomass power, forest and paper, refining and municipal utilities. I believe we need to give the EPA more time to reconsider this rule, and we must also give those affected by it a reasonable amount of time to comply.

Additionally, the Cement MACT regulations are another set of rules that will have major implications on jobs. According to the Portland Cement Association (PCA), the likely cost of compliance for the cement industry is estimated at \$3.4 billion, nearly half of the industry's annual revenues. It will cost an additional \$2 billion to comply with incinerator requirements. The PCA estimates that almost 20 percent of the domestic industry will potentially shutdown due to these regulations. In addition to the jobs lost by the plant closures, the effect of rising cement prices on our already struggling construction industry is cause for serious concern.

I am mindful of the fact that we must do our part to preserve our environment for future

generations, which includes reasonable environmental regulations. However, it is troubling to see the EPA's total disregard for our current economic situation, and its push for unrealistic and unattainable goals that are stifling economic growth. Just last month, President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress demanding that Congress pass legislation to restore confidence in our economy and create jobs. I am pleased that House Republicans have once again brought to the floor legislation that does just that. I strongly support passage of H.R. 2681 and H.R. 2250, and urge my colleagues to support these bills.

FRANCES REEVES JOLLIVETTE
CHAMBERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Frances Reeves Jollivette Chambers, warmly known as Fran, was born on November 13, 1921 in Overtown. She was the sixth of five surviving children born to The Miami Times Founder, the late Henry E.S. Reeves and Rachel Jane Cooper Reeves, who had emigrated in April 1919 from Nassau, Bahamas, to Miami. She wed Cyrus M. Jollivette, Sr., in December 1942. Widowed in January 1960, she wed James R. Chambers in July 1963; he died in June 2000. Her daughters are Miamians Regina Jollivette Frazier and Cleo Leontine Jollivette; her son, Cyrus M. Jollivette, resides in Mandarin, Florida. She is blessed with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington High in 1938, Chambers was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude from Bennett College in 1942 and the Master of Arts degree from New York University in 1959. She later studied at the University of Miami and University of Florida and Florida A&M, Florida Atlantic, and Barry universities, amassing more post graduate credits than are required for the doctoral degree. She taught and guided generations of students at Dunbar Elementary, Miami Jackson Senior High, COPE Center North, and Holmes Elementary before retiring from the Dade County Public Schools in July 1979 after more than 37 years as a teacher, reading specialist, counselor, and principal.

Hers has been a lifetime of involvement. In the 1950s she was a volunteer for the March of Dimes and the American Heart Association. In the 1960s she was JESCA board chair, a board member of Senior Centers of Dade County and a member of the American Association of University Women. In the 1970s and 1980s she was a member of the Florida State Board of Optometry and the League of Women Voters. As a retiree in the 1990s she continued her community volunteerism and also traveled the world visiting more than 50 countries and six continents. She is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the NAACP, a platinum member of The Links, Inc., and a charter member and past president of the MRS Club, a six-decades-old group of friends. At Incarnation Episcopal Church she is a member of Daughters of the King.

In a far different world almost three decades ago she conceived, developed, and imple-

mented the research plan to publish a book to record, preserve, and transmit the history of Miami's black pioneers. Her goal was to help assure that future generations could appreciate the long and difficult road so many Pioneer Miamians had traveled.

Her vision has been realized. The 120-page hard bound coffee table book, *Linkages & Legacies*, is being published in March 2010 by The Links, Inc., Greater Miami Chapter, through the non-profit *Linkages and Legacies, Inc.* The publication—a gift to the community—was made possible because so many gave so much and demonstrated the resolve to complete the project even though Chambers could no longer lead nor participate in the effort. It is because of her concept for the book that the AT&T African-American History Calendar was created 17 years ago. In 2010 Fran Chambers is recognized for her vision to help preserve and transmit our history for generations to come.

Since 2000, Fran Chambers has been afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and cared for at her home.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING JAN DOBO ON HER
INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE
COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF
FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jan Dobo for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Jan Dobo along with five other candidates were selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in girl scouting.

Ms. Dobo has provided countless travel opportunities and taught valuable skills to hundreds of Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts for well over 30 years and on-going to this day. Despite suffering a debilitating stroke while on a scouting campout, Jan has continued to be deeply involved. Typically, Girl Scout Troops are organized within communities, but Jan and co-leader Sandy Skinn, have always maintained an open troop and allowed any girl to join without consideration of where she lived. The troop has had a reputation for working hard with women in order for them to achieve Gold Awards which is equivalent of an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouting. Jan has also volunteered her home over the last 30 years to be the Girl Scout Cookie Cupboard for the area. Jan has received many awards for her service, including the Thanks II Badge—the highest award to volunteers in Scouting.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Jan Dobo for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

GRANTS FOR LOCAL STEM
EDUCATION**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) and California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), who have been selected as recipients of the Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM and Articulation Programs Grant.

This highly competitive award will give each school approximately \$1,200,000 in funding for the next five years and will help them to develop and expand their capacity to serve Hispanic and other low-income students.

I believe STEM education is fundamental to prepare our children for jobs in a more technically-oriented economy.

This is vital for our nation's economic security, and I am proud to have supported legislation that made this grant opportunity possible.

As a longtime advocate of STEM education, I am thrilled to see that students in my district, especially those most in need, will have the opportunity to excel in mathematics and the sciences.

This will make way for a competitive workforce that will increase minority participation in the STEM fields and lay the groundwork for a nation filled with educated and diverse individuals.

I congratulate Rancho Santiago Community College District and California State University, Fullerton for receiving such impressive grants.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WAR IN AFGHANISTAN**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, the war in Afghanistan will mark its 10 year anniversary this coming Friday. After 10 years, it is clear money is being wasted on military spending and wars that aren't making us safer, and are doing nothing for ordinary people in Afghanistan and Pakistan and beyond. It's working people in Michigan, and throughout the rest of the country, who understand that—but unfortunately not enough of my colleagues in Congress.

Sometimes it's only outside of Washington, DC, that the fundamental common sense of Americans shows up. This year the National Conference of Mayors passed a powerful resolution calling on the U.S. government to end the war in Afghanistan and to "bring the war money home." It was the first time since the height of the Vietnam War, in 1971, that the Mayors took a clear anti-war position. The mayors understand that the money is there, but it's being diverted—away from jobs, away from the crucial investments in people that keep our workers employed, our children healthy, and our elders safe.

Americans get it—64 percent of Americans already say that the war in Afghanistan is just not worth fighting. But it sure seems like no one is listening. Because just this year, tax-

payers in my congressional district are paying about \$172 million just for our share of the war in Afghanistan. That war isn't doing anything to make us safer—the CIA and all the rest of the intelligence agencies admit there are only 50 or 100 al-Qaeda members even left in Afghanistan. But the numbers of civilian casualties are higher than they've been since this war began ten years ago.

And that 172 million in tax dollars? If we weren't wasting it on a failing war in Afghanistan we could use that money for something that really might help keep us safe—like hiring 3,275 firefighters for a year. We could retrofit 53,807 houses in my district to provide renewable electricity. Those war dollars could cover health care for 22,447 of our brave veterans, so many of whom are coming home from the wars with devastating physical and emotional injuries. Any of those things would keep us safer than wars that create more terrorists with every civilian casualty.

We can't afford to keep fighting counter-productive wars. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and Pakistan are not keeping us safe. It's time to end them; it's time to spend the money we need to bring our troops safely and quickly home. We have too much to rebuild in our cities and across our country, to waste our hard-earned tax dollars. Americans get it. After 10 years, it's time to bring our troops, and our war dollars home.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN
FRANK PAPAIIANNI**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Patrolman Frank Papaiani of Edison, New Jersey. On September 16, 1971, Patrolman Papaiani and his partner responded to a silent holdup alarm at a bank located within the Menlo Park Mall in Edison, New Jersey. The gunfire exchanged fatally wounded Patrolman Papaiani and critically wounded his partner. Today, members of the Edison community gather to remember and honor the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani.

Patrolman Frank Papaiani was a noble officer who faithfully protected and served the local residents, businesses and visitors of Edison, New Jersey. Patrolman Papaiani served with the Edison Division of Police for three years and continued to personify his commitment and dedication to maintaining a safe and peaceful environment. He was survived by his wife Adeline and his three children, Maria, Joann and Frank. Lake Papaiani in Edison, New Jersey is named in honor of the late Patrolman.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in commemorating the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani and remembering him for his dedication to serve and protect the Township of Edison.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIRNESS
IN THE AMERICAN TAX CODE
ACT OF 2011**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Fairness in the American Tax Code Act of 2011."

During these difficult economic times, the wealthiest of Americans should be paying their fair share in taxes. Our nation's unemployment rate is over nine percent and yet, we have the lowest tax rates in decades. Why are we giving tax breaks to Wall Street CEOs and Big Oil Executives, instead of helping the millions of Americans who are struggling.

Thanks to loopholes in the tax code, M. Speaker, the rich keep getting richer. The top one percent of earners are responsible for 20 percent of the nation's annual income, up from 10 percent in 1981. The wealthiest CEOs are paid 400 times what the average worker earns. Only 30 years ago, it was 20 times as much.

Since President Ronald Reagan started lowering tax rates up until President George W. Bush slashed capital gains and income tax rates for the wealthy to their current historic lows, the wealthy have continued to pay less and less in taxes. As I travel throughout my district, into areas where the unemployment rate is over 40 percent, I ask myself where are the jobs and where did all the money go?

Americans in the highest tax bracket are supposed to pay 35 percent of their income in taxes. However, since President Bush slashed the capital gains rate to 15 percent, the top 400 wealthiest Americans, for example, pay only 15 percent in taxes on 80 percent of their income. As the law is currently written, any wealthy American paying the full 35 percent needs to get a new accountant.

My bill simply asks the wealthiest to pay their fair share. It produces a progressive "job creation" surtax for those making more than \$350,000. The surtax increases gradually until those with incomes over \$10 million are paying the same amount on all their income as the legally required statutory rate. M. Speaker, it is time for the wealthiest of Americans to pay their fair share in taxes.

An editorial in the New York Times recently noted: "Critics also claim that raising the capital gains rate would hamstring investment. But economists studying the historical record have concluded that the effect is small, dwarfed by considerations like profit growth. The truth is that despite the current low tax rates, American businesses—small and big—are investing very little. Business surveys show that the main reason is that there are very few customers with money to buy their products."

The wealthiest Americans have rigged the tax system in their favor to the detriment of the middle class. They've changed the rules to their own financial advantage. My bill will make our nation's tax code fairer.

Mr. Speaker, investing in America is the only way that we are going to create jobs. The Fairness in the American Tax Code Act of 2011 ensures the investments made for strictly personal gains are investments that will actually create jobs in America. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me

in supporting this critically important piece of legislation that will help to put our nation's economy back on track.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,856,859,498,405.73.

On January 6, 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 \$ 4,218,433,752,111.93 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARGARET "PEG" ARNOLD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Margaret Arnold for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Arnold along with five other candidates was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the fields of Public Education and Government.

Ms. Arnold was elected to the Beavercreek Board of Education in 2000 and is still an active on the board. Under her leadership the district passed an \$80 million dollar bond issue to build two new buildings in an effort to serve the rapidly growing population of the community. This was the first new school construction in 40 years. While it did take three attempts to gain the support of voters on the issue, she kept fighting for it until the plan was passed. She continues to play a key role to make sure the 2010 strategic plan is implemented properly. Further, Peg was awarded the Educator of the Year award by the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce. At the same time, Peg is a certified level three acquisition professional and has been a highly successful and valued government employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for over 30 years, in the contracting field. In 1994, Peg was named one of the top 100 Federal Government Employees by Federal Computer Magazine.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Margaret Arnold and wish her well in her service to the community.

HONORING KENT ELWOOD EDSSELL

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Kent Elwood Edsell, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Kent Elwood Edsell was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania on October 22, 1931. In 1950, Mr. Edsell graduated from LeRaysville High School and began working at DuPont in Towanda, Pennsylvania before entering the United States Marine Corps in 1951. After the Korean War, Kent was honorably discharged and began working for Jug Gerald. He then relocated to Nichols, New York, working for the Grange League Federation until he retired in 1992.

Mr. Edsell recently celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary with Catherine (nee Riley), whom he married on August 19, 1956 at the Saint Thomas Catholic Church of Little Meadows, Pennsylvania. Kent is the proud father of six (Larry, Barbara, Kevin, Andrew, Theresa, and Joel), grandfather of 14, and great grandfather of five.

A long-time baseball enthusiast and Yankee fan, Kent played baseball with North Orwell and the Tri-County League through the 1980s. In addition to his love of bowling, wood working, and hunting, Mr. Edsell is a long-time member of VFW Post 6824, having held a number of positions over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Kent Elwood Edsell, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to his family and country.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH—BOLIVAR, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar, Missouri, on their 75th anniversary. I am honored to join them in their momentous milestone of celebrating 75 years of blessings.

In 1936, a small congregation in Bolivar, Missouri, received their official church charter from the Assemblies of God fellowship. Over the course of the last 75 years, First Assembly of God of Bolivar has served others with excellence, unity, and purpose.

First Assembly is a family-oriented, multi-generational church. They serve families and individuals through a variety of services and activities for all age groups, genders, and backgrounds. First Assembly believes that God makes His presence known in a variety of ways, and the church looks to Him to guide them in everything they do.

First Assembly is committed to the spiritual needs of the Bolivar community and provides

their congregation the necessary tools to live a Christian lifestyle in an ever-changing world. By demonstrating the compassion of Jesus Christ, First Assembly of God reaches out to people of all backgrounds in Southwest Missouri to deliver their ministry of love.

The church also sponsors missionaries across the world, sending out members to spread the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. They have donated over \$30,000 to purchase an African Tabernacle, vehicles, equipment, and study Bibles for international ministers.

It is clear that First Assembly has performed many great services and received many blessings over the past 75 years. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating First Assembly of God for their exceptional service and wish them the best for another 75 years of blessings.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, October 10th marks the 100th anniversary of China's Wuchang Uprising which led to the creation of the Republic of China, ROC, that now exists on Taiwan. The uprising marked the end of the Qing Dynasty in what is now the ROC, effectively ending 2,000 years of imperial rule and resulting in East Asia's now-oldest republic.

It is worthy of note that the Republic of China was born at a time when many repressive and colonial regimes ruled much of East Asia.

Its founding father, Sun Yat-sen, had hoped the ROC would one day develop into a fully democratic society modeled on many of the same principles and norms that he had observed while an adolescent in Hawaii. And though it came to pass well after he left this world, and on a different land mass, his dreams of representative democracy are an undeniable reality on Taiwan today.

The ROC's emulation of American principles and ideals has not been limited to the political arena. Time after time, whether it be in the struggle against fascism, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or joining us in calling for the removal of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003, the ROC—be it housed on mainland China, or Taiwan—has stood shoulder to shoulder with the United States to defend and promote the very values and ideals that inspired Dr. Sun to create the ROC in the first place.

In recognition of all of the foregoing, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on Taiwan on its 100th anniversary, while also acknowledging its Founding Fathers' foresight and—most of all—thanking the government and the people of Taiwan for their loyalty, friendship and support for an entire century.

H.R. 2681 AND H.R. 2250

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the two bills, H.R. 2681 and H.R. 2250, are an affront public health and to our environment.

When we take our air, waters and land for granted; when we show a simple lack of respect for nature and our environment, we unmake God's good creation. Over 40 years ago, Republicans and Democrats passed the Clean Air Act because they believed that every American child deserved to breathe clean air. They believed that every American child deserved an environment free from toxic pollutants that cause cancer and impair their ability to learn.

EPA standards, like the ones attacked in this bill, did not run our economy off the cliff. EPA standards did not drive us into debt, or stop the banks from extending credit. But here we are, ready to stop common sense protections are 11 years overdue. If enacted, these bills would make damaging changes to the Clean Air Act. We would stop future EPA standards from protecting our children and our families from mercury and toxic air pollution. 2,500 lives are lost for every year these pollution reductions are delayed.

There are protesters right outside this building, Mr. Chairman. They want us to take up the American Jobs Act. They want it passed. They don't need another attack on the Clean Air Act. They don't need another attack on the public's health. We're wasting their time, Mr. Chairman.

It is my strong belief that our country needs environmental protections and that real protections do not have to come at the expense of jobs or our economy. Whatever we do to the earth, we do to each other. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

THE BREAST DENSITY AND MAMMOGRAPHY REPORTING ACT OF 2011**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, this year, more than 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. We owe them every opportunity for early detection. Information on breast density can help both doctors and patients better understand a patient's risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer. This is why I am so pleased to join Representative DELAURO in introducing this extremely important piece of legislation. Mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers and aunts across America deserve all the information and resources possible when concerning their physical health. When we empower scientists, women and their doctors with knowledge, we take another step towards finding a cure.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, this year, a memorial honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was finally unveiled on the National Mall. This unveiling, which occurs during the presidency of the first African-American President of the United States, is, for many, the culmination of the movement for equality and civil rights that began with Dr. King in the 1950s and 60s.

However, those of us who have carried Dr. King's dream forward to the present understand that history isn't so neat and clean. While the arc of history does bend toward justice, it bends only because advocates for justice, peace, and human dignity have dedicated their lives to bending that arc through their leadership, determination, and sheer force of will.

My friend, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, is one of those people. From his days standing alongside Dr. King in Selma, to his groundbreaking run for the presidency in 1988, Reverend Jackson's commitment to an uncompromising vision of racial harmony and economic opportunity for all Americans has inspired millions.

Perhaps the work Reverend Jackson is best known for are his efforts to fulfill the promise of America's great democratic experiment. Our history books teach us that the America established by our Founding Fathers purported to endow each American with certain fundamental rights. However, we all know that certain residents of this country—African-American slaves, immigrants, women, and those without property—were left out of this original social contract. Reverend Jackson has spent his life trying to remedy this failing—to expand the membership of our social contract and ensure that everyone feels welcome in our big, loud American family.

That's exactly what Reverend Jackson was doing when he founded the National Rainbow Coalition in 1984 and later ran for President in 1988. All of a sudden, millions of new voters—the young, ethnically and racially diverse minorities, the poor, and the politically marginalized all felt like they had a voice and a candidate who spoke for them. For the first time, many of them felt like they had ownership and a stake in the direction of their country. They realized they had power. I'm certain that the young people currently making headlines with their "occupation" of Wall Street owe much of their movement's energy to the groundwork laid down by Reverend Jackson in 1988, when he reminded America that "people power" is the only surefire way to successfully challenge an entrenched and corrupt power structure that favors a wealthy few.

Jesse Jackson has spent the last 50 years bending the arc of history towards justice. It is hard work, and a lesser man might be getting tired. For Reverend Jesse Jackson, the work of creating a more perfect union continues. Just last week, he marched with me through the streets of Detroit and spoke out on behalf of 41,000 mothers and children in Michigan who risk losing their access to the basic ne-

cessities of life because of cruel and misguided government policies. He was there to give a voice to the voiceless. That's just what he does. Mr. Speaker, this is why I am proud to acknowledge Reverend Jackson on the floor today for his life, his tremendous legacy, and, most of all, for the work that is yet to come.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. MARY AGNA ON HER INDUCTION IN TO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mary Agna for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Dr. Mary Agna, along with five other candidates, was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the field of public health.

Dr. Agna was the first woman Health Commissioner in Greene County, where she served from 1963 until 1970. During this time she started the first home care program within the County Health Department. She was also an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Wright State School of Medicine from 1979 to 1987, and, continues today as Emeritus Associate Professor. She also served on the State Public Health Council from 1974 until 1981. This council is the primary rule-making body for the State Department of Health. Her vision and leadership led to Greene County being recognized by the Ohio Council of Home Health Agencies and the Ohio Department of Health as one of Ohio's premier home health agencies.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Dr. Mary Agna for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

PEOPLE'S MOJAHEDIN ORGANIZATION OF IRAN**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, last July, the DC U.S. Court of Appeals found that People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, PMOI/MEK, was not awarded due process when their petition to be removed as a terrorist organization was denied by the State Department. The Court ordered the State Department in conjunction with the Attorney General to review the decision and make a decision.

But I stand here today, over 500 days after the Court made this decision, and the State Department still has not given a response. Every day of delay means another day where peaceful MEK democratic leaders and activists are at risk.

Nearly 100 of my colleagues have joined together by cosponsoring H. Res. 60 to ask the State Department to heed a federal court order and remove Iran's largest opposition group called the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran, PMOI/MEK, from the U.S. list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations, FTO.

Because the U.S. needs to use its influence to protect Iranian dissidents fighting for democracy, Iran is using the U.S. terrorist designation to attack MEK leaders opposed to their rule. As long as the MEK is listed as a foreign terrorist organization, thousands of its members living in Camp Ashraf, Iraq are subject to further brutality by the Iraqi government. The longer we wait to remove the MEK from this list, the more we put Ashraf residents and fighters for democracy at risk.

STATEMENT CONGRATULATING
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, October 30 marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Republic of China, which is now on Taiwan.

Just as the United States is considered a cultural melting pot, the Republic of China represents a society that has found success in embracing openness and respect for all citizens. As closely related and longstanding trade partners, the United States and Taiwan have a rich history of cooperating to create economic growth.

Since passage of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the United States has been very supportive of the Republic of China, and, in turn, Taiwan has remained a friendly and faithful ally to the United States. America's support for the freedom, security, and stability of Taiwan stems from our shared foundation in individual liberty and from our mutual interest in defending peace and prosperity in the Pacific Rim region and throughout the world.

As a member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I am committed to enhancing and strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations, and ensuring that the Republic of China continues to thrive as a free and democratic country. I am working with my colleagues to ensure that Taiwan has the capacity to defend itself from potentially hostile nations, and to perpetuate the democratic ideals that inspired its creation.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on completing its first century as a nation, and in renewing America's commitment to our common defense.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS
LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2011, to subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal workplace

laws and standards that protect individuals in the private sector and the executive branch. The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, CAA, was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable to its employees, but it did not finish the job. While the CAA did bring the legislative branch under thirteen major civil rights, labor, and workplace safety and health laws, it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative provisions.

The Congress Leads by Example Act of 2011 is a follow-up to my 2010 investigation of Capitol Visitor Center, CVC, staff complaints and the recommendations from the Office of Compliance, OOC, which revealed a gap in authority to enforce the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, OSHA, provisions against the legislative branch. Last year, as chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, I held a hearing examining claims by the OOC of an estimated 6,300 safety hazards in the U.S. Capitol complex, as well as complaints by CVC guides that they were compelled to work in uniforms inappropriate for outdoor work in the summer and winter, and that they had limits on their water consumption. Our hearing demonstrated that many of the safety hazards had been resolved, and the Architect of the Capitol assured us that they continue to correct the outstanding hazards with due speed. Eventually, the formation of a union local by CVC guides led to specific improvements in uniform and water consumption practices and policies.

In the 2010 report, Recommendations for Improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act, the OOC, which was created by the CAA, identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch, including laws that grant the OOC General Counsel subpoena power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. In the 2011 report, State of the Congressional Workplace, the OOC presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2010. My bill takes into account the OOC reports, and seeks both to apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Capitol Hill employees by bringing the legislative branch further in line with what is legally required of private sector employers and the executive branch.

As Congress searches for ways to trim the federal budget, it would be timely to provide whistleblower protections to legislative branch employees so that they can report misuse of federal funds and other legal violations without fear of retaliation. My bill provides general whistleblower protections, also championed by Senators CHUCK GRASSLEY and CLAIRE MCCASKILL. My bill also makes applicable additional provisions under OSHA, including providing subpoena authority to the OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations and requiring the posting of notices in workplaces detailing employee rights to a safe workplace under OSHA.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination by prohibiting adverse

employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act, CCPA, and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. The bill also requires employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Adding the CCPA and bankruptcy provisions will deter economic discrimination, while the notice and training provisions will empower legislative branch employees with the full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, the bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as required by OSHA, as well as the employee records necessary to administer the anti-discrimination laws. The enhanced recordkeeping requirements will facilitate better enforcement of laws.

On the eve of the CAA's passage, Senator OLYMPIA SNOWE may have best captured the intent of Congress and the will of the people when she remarked, "Congress simply cannot continue to live above the law and call itself a body that is 'representative' of the America we live in today. After all, what kind of message does Congress send to Americans when it sets itself above the law? What kind of message does Congress send to America when it believes it is beholden to different standards? And how can Congress claim to pass laws in the best interest of the American people if Congress refuses to abide by those very same laws . . . Congress should be the very last institution in America to exempt itself from living under the nation's laws. Rather, Congress should always be the very first institution to be covered by the laws of the land, especially as the body legislating such laws." By passing this bill and heeding this wise call to action, Congress will help restore the faith of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support of this important measure.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, here in America, we can walk in to our kitchen and turn on the faucet in order to get a drink of water. This routine has become so natural, that sometimes we forget how blessed our country is. Americans are lucky to be able to drink water without the fear that it could make them ill or put their lives in jeopardy. One young man in my congressional district became aware of how fortunate he was, and wanted to find a way to make a difference in the lives of those who did not have access to clean water. This young man, Nico Kroeker, began a business in October 2010 at 17 years old, in order to benefit people who are suffering from unsanitary water conditions.

Mr. Kroeker calls his project The Ripple Effect, and sells water bottles from his Web site in order to raise funds. Keeping nothing for himself, Mr. Kroeker takes all of the profits and puts them toward purchasing more water bottles to sell. A portion of the profits go to Living Water International, an organization that builds wells in villages where water is either unsanitary or difficult to obtain. Living Water International strategically places these wells near schools so women are able to get an education rather than travel long distances for unclean water.

Now wells do not last forever, which can be a problem with this type of program, but Living Water International has worked to find a solution to this. The organization works alongside the villagers teaching them how to build and maintain the wells. By doing this, the villagers are able to maintain the wells and fix them even after Living Water International has left.

Mr. Kroeker really liked how the fact that the organization did not just build the well and leave, but rather taught the villagers so they could become independent. Even though he is leaving for college in the fall of 2011, Mr. Kroeker still plans on managing his company from Blinn College in College Station, Texas. His company operates through a Web site, which will make it very convenient for Mr. Kroeker to balance his school work and continue to provide clean and safe water to people in need.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud this young Texan for taking action and making a difference in the lives of others.

And that's just the way it is.

THE BREAST DENSITY AND MAMMOGRAPHY REPORTING ACT OF 2011

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011, which will provide women and their health care providers with the information they need about identifying breast cancer risks and help to detect this deadly disease at the earliest possible stage.

One in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. This year alone, more than 230,000 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly 40,000 women will die of the disease. We know that there are risk factors, things that increase an individual's chance of developing for breast cancer—gender, family history of cancer, certain genetic mutations, and numerous others.

Among them is dense breast tissue. Women with more dense breast tissue have a relative risk of developing breast cancer that is four or more times higher than individuals with less dense breast tissue. And dense breast tissue may also make it more difficult to identify potential problems on mammograms.

This bill seeks simply to update the information that women and their health care providers receive after a mammogram. By including information on an individual's breast density in these reports, we can raise awareness

among both patients and their physicians. We can help ensure appropriate screening, and help make sure that more women are diagnosed at an earlier stage of cancer.

This legislation has been endorsed by several national organizations, whose letters of support I hereby submit for the record. And it is based on strong legislation already enacted in my home state of Connecticut. But women should not live or die because of geography—we owe it to women across the country to ensure that they have access to the information they need to make informed decisions about their health. This legislation will help the women in our lives and their health care professionals access critical, potentially life-saving information, and I urge my colleagues to support our efforts.

OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Hon. ROSA L. DeLAURO,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DeLAURO: On behalf of the Board of Directors of Are You Dense, Inc., we are pleased to support the Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011. The grassroots breast density information effort began in Connecticut in 2004 when I was diagnosed with an advanced stage breast cancer after a decade of "normal" mammograms. When I questioned my breast surgeon why my cancer was detected at such an advanced stage, since I received a "normal" mammography report a few months earlier, her response was that I have dense breast tissue. This was the first time that I was informed about this critically important aspect of my breast health and what dense breast tissue meant to me for access to an Early Cancer Diagnosis. I began working with Connecticut State Senators Joan Hartley and Joseph Crisco and, with their unwavering support for Early Detection for women with dense breast tissue, Connecticut established itself as a leader in state legislation for breast density notification and expanded insurance coverage for women with dense breast tissue. I am so proud that you are leading the federal efforts to change the outcome of an advanced cancer to an early stage cancer for women across the country with dense breast tissue.

Research for more than a decade demonstrates that women with dense breast tissue are at increased risk of breast cancer and have only a 40% chance of having their cancer detected by mammography alone. As density increases, the sensitivity of mammogram to "see" cancer decreases. Breast density is one of the strongest predictors of the failure of mammography screening to detect cancer.

A Harris Poll found that less than 1 in ten women team about their breast density from their health care providers and ninety-five percent of women do not know their breast density even though it is one of the highest risk factors for breast cancer. The Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011 will correct this fatal flaw in the Early Detection of Breast Cancer by standardizing the communication of breast density to the patient across our country. Breast Density notification will help bring about a new era in which women, in conjunction with their doctors, can make fully informed choices about their breast screening and personal surveillance.

Thank you for giving Are You Dense, Inc. the opportunity to support this important and timely legislation.

Sincerely,

NANCY M. CAPPELLO, Ph.D.,
President and Founder,
Are You Dense, Inc.

OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Hon. ROSA L. DeLAURO,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DeLAURO, the Black Women's Health Imperative is very pleased to support the introduction of the Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011.

Women with dense breast tissue are more likely to get breast cancer, it is more likely to be aggressive, and very likely to be missed on a mammogram. The Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011 corrects a fatal flaw in the post-mammography patient communication. The inclusion of breast density information in the lay letter, sent from radiologist to patient, recognizes the importance of patient notification of this risk factor. Without the provision for this notification, the opportunity for an informed and educated patient is tragically compromised. This legislation will ensure that the 40% of women with dense breasts, armed with critical information about their own physiology, can have equal access to early detection of breast cancer.

Breast Density notification will help bring about a new era in which women, in conjunction with their doctors, can make fully informed choices about breast screening and surveillance.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to support this important and timely legislation.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR HINTON HOYTT,
President & CEO,
Black Women's Health Imperative.

OCTOBER 3, 2011.

Hon. ROSA L. DeLAURO,
House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DeLAURO, Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc. is pleased to support the introduction of the Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act of 2011. It is in the interest of public safety to enact a standard that requires doctors to inform women of their breast density, its inherent risk factor, and apprise them of the limitations of mammography in dense breasts. Without this simple notification, women with dense breast tissue, unaware of this critical piece of their own physiology, and kept in the dark about density's inherent risk factor, can hardly be considered informed participants in their own health surveillance.

Women with dense breasts are more likely to get breast cancer, it is more likely to be aggressive, and is more likely to be missed on a mammogram. Over the past decade, peer reviewed scientific studies have demonstrated that mammography misses breast cancer at least 40% of the time in women with dense breasts. The inclusion of breast density information in the lay letter, sent from radiologist to patient, recognizes the fundamental right of a patient to be aware of her own density, her personal risk factor, and supplemental screening tools which may be appropriate.

We strongly support this timely legislation which will prove life saving for so many American women.

Sincerely,

JOANN PUSHKIN,
Director of Government Relations,
Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
BREAST CARE PROFESSIONALS,
Houston, TX.

DEAR CONGRESS: The American Association of Breast Care Professionals (AABCP) in collaboration with the AABCP Foundation, strongly supports all legislation regarding

research, education and early diagnosis of breast cancer for individuals with dense breast tissue. We ask all congressional leaders for consideration and co-sponsorship of this legislation.

AABCP is a non-profit trade association and foundation dedicated to educating the public and promoting public policy that is in the interest of the breast cancer patient, the post-mastectomy amputee, and the providers who serve them.

Currently, more than 2,500,000 individuals in the United States are living with breast cancer. Each year, more than 200,000 people, 97% women and 3% men, are diagnosed with breast cancer. Additionally, women with more dense breast tissue have at least a four-time greater risk of developing breast cancer than individuals with less dense tissue.

Physicians and health care providers are the first line of information during diagnosis and treatment. The provision of more scientific and appropriate information regarding the risks of dense breast tissue to individuals, immediately after a mammogram, ensures receipt of timely information and allows an individual to make a more informed decision regarding their health care.

The American Association of Breast Care Professionals believes that women will benefit from knowing both that they have denser breast tissue and the associated risks. When dealing with cancer, knowledge is survival.

We thank you again for your leadership and consideration of this very important issue.

Respectfully,

RHONDA F. TURNER, PHD, JD, BOCP, O,
President.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. WOMEN'S
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has been vital to fostering entrepreneurship among females. Today, the number of women-owned businesses is growing at a rate double of all other firms. In 2007, women owned 7.8 million businesses and accounted for 28.7 percent of all businesses nationwide, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners. These firms generated \$1.2 trillion in receipts, about 3.9 percent of all business receipts nationwide.

As this dynamic sector continues to evolve, it is vital women have a strong voice representing them and the Women's Chamber of Commerce has been a stalwart champion for female entrepreneurs.

Founded ten years ago, the Women's Chamber is the only national organization of its kind, working with over 500,000 members to eliminate barriers to female entrepreneurship. Throughout its history, the Chamber has secured a series of key victories that have helped small firms owned by women flourish and grow. In 2005, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce won a lawsuit against the government for failing to implement the "Women's Procurement Program," an initiative helping female entrepreneurs secure federal contracts. The Women's Chamber has also fought to expand access to capital among female en-

trepreneurs, which is often a key impediment to women seeking to launch a new venture.

Beyond its work advocating for female entrepreneurs, the Women's Chamber has helped to promote career advancement for women and protect the rights of female employees. The Chamber was a strong advocate for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and has stalwartly fought for female advancement in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, this week the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce celebrates ten years of service to American female entrepreneurs. As our economy continues to evolve, we can expect female entrepreneurship will only further blossom and play a greater role in American commerce. As that happens, the U.S. Women's Chamber will continue its role as a strong advocate for women-owned businesses and female employees.

HONORING ROSE LENOX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Rose Lenox, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Rose Lenox nee Homan was born on October 19, 1931 in Towanda, Pennsylvania at Mills Hospital. She attended school through fourth grade in a one-room school house in Black, Pennsylvania, and then transferred to Ulster Elementary. Rose had daily responsibilities at the family farm, which she had to balance with her studies at Towanda High School. Rose met her future husband, James Lenox, in ninth grade.

After graduating, Rose was one of the first on the job training students to earn a clerical job at the DuPont plant in Towanda. After raising her children, Rose went on to work at Finlan Insurance and the Towanda Country Club.

On October 20, 1951, Rose married James Lenox at the Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church. Together, Rose and James have three children (Kathy, David, and Rosemary) and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Rose Lenox, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and ask my colleagues to join in praising her commitment to her family and country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD ELIMINATION ACT" AND THE "RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD FLEXIBILITY ACT"

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it is past time for us to have a serious conversation about the federal government's role in supporting ethanol. One of the big drivers of ethanol is an artificial market, created by the federal government. The Renewable Fuel Standard, RFS, mandates that 36 billion gallons of

renewable fuels be in our nation's fuel supply. This mandate is being fulfilled by grain ethanol that comes from corn.

The federal government's creation of an artificial market for the ethanol industry has quite frankly created a chain reaction that is hurting consumers. It is expected that this year about 40 percent of the U.S. corn crop will be used for ethanol production. With increasing food and feed stocks being diverted into fuel, we are seeing diminished supplies for livestock and food producers. This year livestock and poultry producers will use 1.1 billion fewer bushels of corn than they used in the 2004/2005 crop year, the last crop year before the RFS. This will be the first year ever that ethanol production has used more of our corn supplies than feeding livestock and poultry in the U.S.

The RFS mandate has created a domino effect. Tightening supplies are driving up the price of corn. The higher cost for corn is passed on to livestock and food producers. In turn, consumers see that price reflected in the price of food on the grocery store shelves. In the debate over ethanol, the government is picking winners and losers and livestock and food producers, and the consumers of livestock and food products are the losers. As we confront the reality of the tightening corn supplies, there are real concerns about having enough corn supplies to satisfy the RFS and the needs of our food producers. We should not be in a position where we are choosing between fuel and food. That is why I am introducing two bills that would alter this artificially created government market.

The first bill, the Renewable Fuel Standard Elimination Act is simple; it would eliminate the RFS and make ethanol compete in a free market. The government should not be creating a market to sustain an entire industry. While I believe that we should completely eliminate the RFS, I recognize that there may not yet be the political will in Congress to completely eliminate this mandate. And while there may not yet be the political will to eliminate this mandate we have to address the reality that we are being confronted with, tightening corn supplies, and our livestock producers, our food manufacturers, and our consumers need relief now.

That is why I have joined with several colleagues in introducing legislation to reform the RFS. This reform will provide relief to our livestock and food producers and consumers of these products. This legislation, the Renewable Fuel Standard Flexibility Act will link the amount of ethanol required for the RFS to the amount of the U.S. corn supplies. This legislation would provide a mechanism that when the USDA reports that U.S. corn supplies are tight, based upon the ratio of corn stocks to expected use, there would be a corresponding reduction of corn ethanol made to the RFS. For example, if this policy was in place now, the legislation would trigger a 25 percent reduction in the RFS. This is a common sense solution to make sure that we have enough corn supplies to meet all of our demands.

I am a strong supporter of renewable fuels, when they compete fairly in the marketplace but the current policy is unfair and is causing unintended and negative consequences for American consumers, livestock farmers, and food manufacturers. Congress created this artificial market that is distorting the food and feed market, and we must provide relief of its

unintended consequences. I urge the Congress to pass this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DEAN
JANEWAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Dean Janeway, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wakefern Food Corporation, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Janeway has dedicated forty years of service to the Wakefern Food Corporation and has been a catalyst for the organization's expansion and advancement throughout the Northeast. His outstanding commitment is undoubtedly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Dean Janeway's commitment to Wakefern Food Corporation is a testament to his outstanding character. Mr. Janeway joined the Wakefern team in the 1960s as a Junior Accountant. He later earned a position as Executive Vice President before being named President and Chief Operating Officer in 1995. As a member of the Wakefern team, Mr. Janeway took every opportunity to learn the intricate aspects of the business. He has overseen the largest expansion in the organization's history and managed the advancement to become the premier supermarket retailer in the Northeast. Under Mr. Janeway's direction, Wakefern has also experienced significant expansion in its membership base resulting in the growth of its retail sales by more than 150 percent. Mr. Janeway also continues to direct Wakefern's corporate giving endeavors, spearheading Wakefern's fight against hunger.

In addition to his professional responsibilities at Wakefern, Mr. Janeway served as a member of various prestigious boards including the Board of Directors of the Eastern Frosted Foods Association, EFFA, and is past President of the Eastern Perishable Products Association, EPPA. Among other prestigious positions, he has also admirably served on the Board of Directors of the national Grocers Association and is a member of the Board of the national Co-op Bank. Mr. Janeway presently sits on the Board of Directors of Insure-Rite, Ltd and in 2009 began his reign as Chairman of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Finance Committee.

As a result of his outstanding accomplishments, Mr. Janeway is the recipient of various prestigious awards including the Modern Grocer's annual Publisher's Award for Lifetime Achievement, the New Jersey Food Council's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Food Marketing Institute's Herbert Hoover Award. His humanitarian work was honored by the Special Olympics of New Jersey in 2009 and earlier this year he was recognized by the Archdiocese of Newark at their annual Business and Labor Recognition Reception for his support for various charitable causes. Mr. Janeway is a graduate of Rutgers University, a father of three adult children and currently resides in South Mantoloking, New Jersey with his wife MaryAnn.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Mr. Dean Janeway for his out-

standing contribution to the Wakefern Food Corporation and wishing him the best as he begins to enter the next chapter of his life.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MACY REYNOLDS
ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE
GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL
OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Macy Reynolds for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Macy Reynolds along with five other candidates was from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the field of Horticulture.

Ms. Reynolds, a teacher by profession, taught in Mad River Schools and as an adjunct at the University of Dayton. Becoming a Master Gardner in 1998, she has taught many educational programs and volunteered in many public gardens all over Greene County. An Ohio certified insect, weed and tree specialist, Macy has removed invasive species from various locations around Greene County while also working hard to restore prairies by harvesting and planting seeds in their natural areas. Macy also put together an educational program for the Miami Valley Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in Xenia. The resident youth attend gardening classes, plant and care for the garden. The produce from these gardens are then donated to the local Fish Food Pantry. She is also a founding member of the Midwest Native Plant Society and has worked to maintain the Women's Park in Yellow Springs where she also serves as secretary of the Tree Committee. Ms. Macy also was Greene County's first representative to the Heritage Garden Ambassador Program.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Macy Reynolds for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

BISHOP DUNNE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Dunne Catholic-School in Dallas, Texas for 50 years of educational excellence. Bishop Dunne is a coeducational, college preparatory school which serves grades 6 through 12.

The students here are our best and our brightest, and with encouragement and support from their principals and teachers, these students are achieving remarkable success. Because of the high quality education the students at Bishop Dunne and other schools like

it are receiving, they can have the opportunity to live the American dream—to do anything they want to do, to go on to a great college or university of their choice, and to pursue any career path that sparks their interest.

In 1961, Bishop Dunne Catholic School began under the name Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur had established two girls' high schools in Dallas; Our Lady of Good Counsel Academy in Oak Cliff in 1901 and St. Edward's Academy in East Dallas in 1912. At the request of the Diocese of Dallas, the Sisters agreed to close the two high schools and invite students from them to be part of a new entity, a diocesan sponsored high school. In 1963, the name of the school was officially changed to Bishop Dunne in honor of one of the first bishops of Dallas. In 1969, the school officially became coeducational.

Core values Bishop Dunne instills in its students and counts as a priority are spiritual growth and faith development; academic excellence in an innovative and creative environment; formation in a positive and nurturing environment; commitment to fellowship, social justice and community service; appreciation of individual uniqueness and value; commitment to social and civic responsibilities and to global leadership and; Service to a multi-cultural community.

Mr. Speaker, my community and our country benefits immensely from the educational excellence Bishop Dunne Catholic School continues to provide. I congratulate them on 50 years of service.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF REV.
FRED SHUTTLESWORTH AND RE-
FLECTING ON HIS LEGACY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened to learn today of the passing of a great man, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, who was truly an American hero and a committed civil rights legend. His life and dedication fighting in Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the segregated black community will never be forgotten.

The Reverend helped create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy and served as secretary for several years. During his lifetime, Rev. Shuttlesworth was beaten and arrested several times for his activism. His church and home had even been bombed, but he persevered in his struggle. The many sit-ins and boycotts he led helped advance a people and a nation forward from the evils of segregation to enjoy many of the freedoms we have today.

As we reflect on the sad passing of one of the greatest inspirations of the Civil Rights movement, I hope everyone back in his hometown, Birmingham, Alabama, and across the nation reflects on his legacy with gratitude and admiration. I speak on behalf of all the people of New York's 15th Congressional District when I say we are all thankful for what Rev. Shuttlesworth accomplished.

CONGRATULATING THE LINCOLN MAGNET SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A 2011 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lincoln Magnet School in Springfield, Illinois for being named a 2011 National Blue Ribbon award winner in high academic performance. Lincoln Magnet School was only one of 17 public and private schools in the state of Illinois and one of 304 schools nationwide to receive this prestigious honor.

Lincoln Magnet School serves 321 students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. It incorporates technology in the classroom by providing each student with an individual laptop. The school has previously been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School, one of a select number of schools nationwide to receive that elite honor. Their vision is to "prepare students to be outstanding global citizens in an ever-changing technological world." Lincoln Magnet School has not only met this goal, but has exceeded it.

Lincoln Magnet School is the type of institution more schools should emulate. Students at the school have also consistently demonstrated high academic performance—outscoring their peers at the state level in every category. For example, 95% of students in 2010 met the State of Illinois' benchmark in mathematics with 44% of students exceeding the benchmark. In reading, 96% of students achieved the reading benchmark and 33% exceeded it.

The staff and leadership of Lincoln Magnet School have also partnered with local agencies in order to offer numerous educational opportunities to their students. At a time when employers in my district lament the lack of skills in the workforce, I am proud to see schools such as Lincoln Magnet School utilize laptops, virtual lab experiences and other types of technology to better prepare their students for the technical demands of the future.

The one-to-one laptop environment present at Lincoln Magnet School offers students the ability to answer their own questions while also incorporating real-world experiences into the classroom. Virtual science laboratories make difficult concepts easier to understand. The prevalent use of different types of technology means a student never stops learning.

Once again, I congratulate the teachers, staff, students, parents and community members of Lincoln Magnet School for all of their hard work in achieving the National Blue Ribbon award.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
NANCY KEENAN

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nancy Keenan of Perkasio, Pennsylvania. Born and raised in South-eastern Pennsylvania, Nancy was truly com-

mitted to the well-being of her friends and neighbors, particularly to the senior citizens of Bucks County.

A self-educated woman, Nancy became an integral part of her community, serving as member of the Perkasio Borough Council, a frequent columnist for her local paper, the Morning Call, the chairperson of the Bucks County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and a member of the Southeast Regional Council of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging.

Of all the projects Nancy was a part of during her remarkable life, one of the dearest to her was the foundation of the new Penridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale. While the task of raising funds to build this new center was no small undertaking, Nancy patiently and diligently persevered until the project was completed. Her advocacy for the senior citizens of Bucks County goes well beyond the construction of a single building, and this new center will stand as a testament to her hard work and dedication for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great pride and as a life member to recognize the 75th Anniversary and Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our beloved NAACP New York State Conference.

On October 7 thru Oct. 9, 2011, The New York State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host its 75th Anniversary Conference and Diamond Jubilee Celebration, at the Westin Times Square Hotel and Conference Center in New York City. The Celebration will honor the rich history of the NAACP and examine critical issues challenging all New Yorkers. Delegates and participants will enjoy interactive workshops on education, health, civic engagement, economic empowerment and criminal justice.

The NAACP New York State Conference has been a vital programmatic component of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for 75 of the 102-year history of the oldest, most effective and most respected civil rights organization in the Nation. The New York State Conference has played a pivotal role in moving the agenda for freedom and equality forward under the leadership of dynamic State Conference Presidents, each of whom addressed critical issues during their tenure.

Dr. James E. Allen, the first President, took on the challenge of expanding the number of branches all across the state. From 1936 to 1952, the number of branches grew from 15 to 45, providing local civil rights advocacy in every corner of the state on a wide range of issues. The succeeding Presidents have built on that solid foundation and added to the scope and innovative advocacy techniques. They were Mrs. Effie Gordon, Dr. Eugene T.

Reed, Judge William Booth, Donald Lee, Raphael Dubard and the current President, my sister, Dr. Hazel N. Dukes.

Through its seventy-five year history, the New York State Conference has been a leading force in driving the missions and goals of the Association. The first Prison Branch of NAACP was chartered in New York. The Youth and College Division grew as a vigorous power to be reckoned with, and continues to be outspoken and on the front line of advocacy today.

Under the leadership of Dr. Hazel Dukes and the first Executive Director David Bryant, Esq. the New York State Conference State opened its offices in lower Manhattan in 1978. Shortly before the historic Centennial Celebration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 2009, the state conference relocated its office to a beautiful spacious Suite at 1065 Avenue of the Americas in Midtown Manhattan. The state-of-the-art office is run with an Administrative Assistant, support staffs and interns to facilitate activity throughout the state to the 56 adult units, Youth, and College Chapters from Harlem to Highland Falls, Brooklyn to Buffalo, Syracuse to Suffolk County, Albany to Amityville and all points in between.

New York State Conference Civil Rights Advocacy over the years has included historic demonstrations, marches and mobilizations. Like the memorable 160-mile march from New York City to Albany to underscore our civil rights issues, the Over-ground Railroad project to promote voter registration and voter participation throughout the State of New York, marches and demonstrations to protest police brutality and the murders of Michael Stewart by Transit police and Eleanor Bumpers by Public Housing police. The New York State Conference held one of the largest demonstrations in Howard Beach to protest the racial murder of Michael Griffin and in Middletown, New York to protest the police murder of the son of NAACP branch President, Maude Bruce.

Reflecting on these important moments and milestones, President Hazel Dukes said, "The New York State Conference has been a vital component of the National NAACP for 75 of its 102-year history. We have played a pivotal role in moving the agenda for freedom and equality forward. The celebration of our 75th Anniversary gives the State Conference an opportunity to review past challenges, celebrate accomplishments and be emboldened by future possibilities." Members and guests of the NAACP from the tri-state area will participate in numerous events during this milestone weekend.

The Conference begins Friday, October 7 at noon with registration and the opening plenary at 2:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Gregory Smith, Senior Pastor and the Congregation of the historic Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will host an Ecumenical Service in Harlem featuring keynote speaker the Honorable Benjamin Todd Jealous, President and CEO of the National NAACP. The service will also highlight a performance by Vy Higginson's Gospel for Teens Choir, recently featured on CBS' 60 Minutes, by legendary News Correspondent Barbara Walters.

On Saturday, October 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m., a number of interactive workshops and

trainings on health, education, civic engagement, criminal justice and economic development are scheduled. I will be bringing welcoming greetings to all of the delegates and special guest assembled for the 75th Annual Luncheon, which begins at 12 Noon and features our dynamic leader, the Honorable Dr. Roslyn M. Brock, Chairman of our NAACP National Board of Directors as the keynote speaker. Other speakers include the Hon. Alphonso David, New York State Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights, Michael Mulgrew, President United Federation of Teachers, Reverend Edward Mulraine, Unity Tabernacle Baptist Church Mt. Vernon, New York, and our beloved State Conference President Dr. Hazel N. Dukes.

The activities of the day culminate with the 75th Diamond Anniversary Awards Dinner Dance. Cheryl Willis, Anchor NY1 News and author of "Die Free" A Heroic Family History," will be the Mistress of Ceremony. The evening speakers include my longtime loyal friend, supporter and ally, George Gresham, President of the mighty SEIU Local 1199. The closing program will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 with a breakfast, Church Service, and a legislative session presided by Judge Laura D. Blackburne, Chairman of the Crisis Magazine and by Kenneth Cohen, Sr., Regional Director of the Metropolitan Council of NAACP Branches.

Mr. Speaker, let me take a moment to salute my sister, Hazel N. Dukes as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee of our New York State Conference. For as long as I have been involved with the NAACP and a Member of Congress, Hazel has always been an outspoken opponent of policies that she felt undermined the achievements of the civil rights movements of the 1960s and today. Hazel's political career has made her one of the most important black activists and campaigners of the last quarter of the twentieth century; I am proud of her stance to reduce class sizes in our New York City Schools and for equal and fair education for all children. Hazel can be a one-woman band, but her advocacy and hard work create and orchestrate for change.

I ask my colleagues and a very grateful Nation to join me in a very special congressional salute to the NAACP New York State Conference celebrating their 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.

ST. CROIX CROSSING "MEGA-BRIDGE" OPPOSED BY TAXPAYERS FOR COMMON SENSE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today, the Natural Resources Committee is marking up H.R. 850 which grants an exemption from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in order to allow construction of a \$700 million mega-bridge connecting Minnesota and Wisconsin across the St. Croix River. This bridge would be located less than six miles from the eight lane Interstate 94 crossing of the St. Croix. At a time of extremely scarce transportation dollars and tremendous need (Minnesota and Wisconsin have more than 2,000 structurally deficient bridges in need of repairs) building a sin-

gle mega-bridge with a cost of \$700 million is fiscally irresponsible and terrible public policy.

I strongly oppose H.R. 850 and I am not alone. The conservative watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense sent a letter today to members of the Natural Resources Committee opposing H.R. 850 and states, "accepting a project that is too big and too expensive for the sake of speeding project delivery would be irresponsible at any time, and even more so while we are doing everything possible to find our way out of a budgetary mess."

A St. Croix River crossing that is affordable, meets transportation and safety needs, and responsibly scaled should be built, but H.R. 850 and its companion in the U.S. Senate, S. 1134, are bills that should be rejected. I appreciate that the willingness of Taxpayers for Common Sense for voicing their concerns about this mega-bridge exemption and I have enclosed their letter to the House Natural Resources Committee for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TAXPAYERS FOR COMMON SENSE,

October 4, 2011.

OPPOSE H.R. 850: IT'S TIME TO RETHINK THE STILLWATER BRIDGE

DEAR NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER: Taxpayers for Common Sense Action urges you to oppose H.R. 850 ("To facilitate a proposed project in the Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River") when it comes before the Natural Resources Committee for your consideration. Proponents argue that this bill will not cost any taxpayer dollars, but granting the proposed bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin over the St. Croix River an exemption from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is one of the final few steps before taxpayers are asked to pay many millions on a bridge that is far too large in scope and far too expensive. A bridge in this location is warranted to replace an outdated lift bridge, but needs to be done at a far lower cost. The project as proposed should be rejected.

The current fight over spending cuts and the debt ceiling highlights the immense budget challenges our nation faces, including a trillion-dollar-plus deficit and more than \$14 trillion in debt. The state of our transportation program is little better, as the highway trust fund collects inadequate funds to meet the nation's transportation challenges. As a result, doing more with less is essential, and the same holds true for the proposed St. Croix River crossing.

We are deeply concerned about the scale and cost of this project for a number of reasons:

Driven by a desire to create a "signature" bridge for the region, stakeholders chose the most expensive alternative. This would be by far the most expensive bridge ever constructed in Minnesota, and would be more expensive than the cost of two other Minnesota bridges—the I-35W and Lafayette bridges—combined, yet will carry less than 10% as much traffic. When every dollar is scarce, it is simply irresponsible to build signature bridges that place form before function, and asking taxpayers to fund such an expensive project to carry the 18,000 vehicles the current bridge accommodates is simply outrageous.

According to Minnesota Department of Transportation documents, the so-called "extradosed" bridge proposed for this project, comes with "relatively high cost risk." An extradosed bridge—a combination of a box girder bridge and a cable-stayed bridge—is under construction in Connecticut, and that is the only other example of its kind in the U.S. MnDOT lists its own

lack of internal expertise regarding such a bridge as a project risk. Though some of the extra risk has been built into the project's cost estimate, there still remains an increased chance of cost overruns.

Building this bridge would limit the funds available for the other priorities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Combined, the two states have more than 2,000 deficient bridges and nearly 6 million trips are made across them every day. In addition, nearly half the roads in Minnesota and Wisconsin need additional maintenance to get them back to "good" condition. Building such an expensive bridge across the St. Croix, with the chance of significant cost overruns, would seriously hamper each state's ability to perform these vital maintenance efforts in as timely a manner as possible, to say nothing of new facilities that may be required to relieve congestion, improve safety, facilitate commerce, and keep the transportation system moving efficiently.

There is little question that a new bridge is required at this location to replace the outdated lift bridge that currently carries traffic over the St. Croix, but only if it can be done at a far lower cost than is currently envisioned. The proposed bridge is a relic from a different time: before our nation finally committed to taking care of its budget mess, before the end of the housing boom that dramatically changed the landscape in western Wisconsin, and before the realization that the current state of our transportation program may lead to a cut as deep as 30% from current funding levels in future years.

At the very least, it is worth taking a hard look at additional alternatives to determine whether we can accommodate the region's transportation needs at a far lower cost to taxpayers, and possibly without an exemption from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. We understand that there is an urgency to move forward with a new bridge, but accepting a project that is too big and too expensive for the sake of speeding project delivery would be irresponsible at any time, and even more so while we are doing everything possible to find our way out of a budgetary mess.

If you would like additional information, please contact Erich Zimmermann in my office at (202) 546-8500 x132.

Sincerely,

RYAN ALEXANDER,
President.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV.
FRED SHUTTLESWORTH

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of the late Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. Today, we mourn the loss of an American soldier who lived without fear to exemplify the power of nonviolence in the ongoing fight against injustice, inequality and inequity.

No other word best describes civil rights pioneer Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth but the word "fearless." Rev. Shuttlesworth was a native of Alabama and spent his entire life there dedicated to combating discrimination and the alienation of underrepresented communities. He co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and was a key strategist of nonviolent campaigns, working alongside notable civil rights leaders such as Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Bayard Rustin and Ella Baker. Rev. Shuttlesworth was committed to civil disobedience in order to bring about the Constitution's promise of equality, however, he was in no way considered a "passive" individual. Many who worked closely alongside of him recall how he prodded his fellow civil rights comrades to be more active and deliberate in the push for equality.

Prior to founding the SCLC, Rev. Shuttlesworth was a very visible civil rights figure, serving as Membership Chairman of the Alabama State Chapter of the NAACP in 1956, and establishing the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) after the state of Alabama outlawed NAACP activities. His visibility made him a clear target of bigotry and violence, including an assassination attempt on the Christmas of 1956 where sixteen sticks of dynamite placed under Shuttlesworth's bedroom window resulted in extensive damage to his home. Shuttlesworth, however, suffered no bodily harm. When advised by a police officer with Klan allegiances to "get out of town," Shuttlesworth rejected the officer's admonition, stating "I wasn't saved to run." Rev. Shuttlesworth refused to be driven out by intimidation, ignorance and intolerance.

We are ever so grateful he did not run. Rev. Shuttlesworth was one of the many brave souls who participated in the sit-ins at segregated lunch counters in 1960. His fingerprints are all over the Freedom Rides of 1961, where he organized and saw the mission to its completion. When riders were severely beat-

en, Rev. Shuttlesworth solicited other clergy and religious leaders to drive the wounded to hospitals and nursed some riders in his church, Bethel Baptist in Birmingham. His character was such that if one was hungry, he would feed them; thirsty, he would provide them with water; homeless, he would open his doors; imprisoned, he would visit them. Rev. Shuttlesworth believed that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, regardless of race, creed, orientation or any other qualifier, we are indeed doing for all of humanity.

All men perish, but it is often upon the passing of great men that we truly recognize their value. Rev. Shuttlesworth is a universal figure whose activism led to several victorious litigations against segregation, including the Supreme Court decision of *Shuttlesworth v. Birmingham*, which reversed his conviction for holding a peaceful demonstration. His involvement in the marches in St. Augustine, Florida and Selma, Alabama led to the historic passages of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Every state in the United States, as well as twenty countries, has created programs to combat racism and prejudice implementing Rev. Shuttlesworth's strategies and organizational skills.

Rev. Shuttlesworth once vowed that he would "kill segregation or be killed by it." Fortunately, he lived to see the fruits of his labor. He served our country fighting for segregation's demise and as a result, we are all beneficiaries of his efforts. Now more than ever, we must follow the example of Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and see the value in caring for

the least among us. His efforts will never be forgotten.

REPRESENTATIVE JERRY COSTELLO WILL BE DEARLY MISSED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am sad to learn that the House of Representatives will be losing a strong leader with the retirement of my dear friend and Colleague, Congressman JERRY COSTELLO. In the U.S. Congress, he fought hard to protect the environment and promoted progressive development of infrastructure.

I am privileged to have worked with JERRY in the past 23 years he has served in this great Institution we both so love. JERRY has been a steadfast steward of the public interest from his early days in law enforcement to his more than two decades in the House of Representatives. Throughout his public career he has demonstrated time and again how colleagues can reach across the aisle to find compromise for the good of the nation.

I wish JERRY the best of luck with his future endeavors. His service to the people of Illinois' 12th District has been impeccable and he will be dearly missed by both his constituents and colleagues.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 11

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government.

SD-342

OCTOBER 12

Time to be announced

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a status report on information sharing.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine finding consensus in the Medicare reform debate.

SD-562

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Namibia, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the state of chronic disease prevention.

SD-430

OCTOBER 13

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine addressing potential threats from Iran, focusing on Administration perspectives on implementing new economic sanctions one year later.

SD-538

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine arbitration.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Carcieri crisis, focusing on the ripple effect on jobs, economic development and public safety in native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

OCTOBER 18

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Elementary and Secondary Education Act", and any pending nominations.

SD-106

OCTOBER 20

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 134, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights, S. 399, to modify the purposes and operation of certain facilities of the Bureau of Reclamation to implement the water rights compact among the State of Montana, the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, and the United States, S. 1298, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 1327, to amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Dineh Corporation, and S. 1345, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam.

SD-628

NOVEMBER 3

9 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine speculation and compliance with the "Dodd-Frank Act".

SD-342