

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Denton Public Library, an esteemed local institution, in celebrating 75 years of service to the whole Denton community. The three-branch library system currently provides a full online catalog and a web-based automation system that houses more than 240,000 items. It has also assisted the community by providing over 1,400,000 quality resources of educational, informational, and cultural value. To achieve this service, took a great deal of commitment.

In 1914, the City Federation of Women's Clubs gave a report stating the clear need for a free public library for the City of Denton. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie would contribute a building if the city contributed a location and maintenance for the building. When the City Council could not guarantee their support, Carnegie withdrew his offer.

In the Depression Era, the federal government established the Works Progress Administration. One of its services was the sponsorship of school libraries. This program allowed the Denton County Schools Superintendent to employ Mattie Pyrene Wilson as the library supervisor and establish a program of inter-school loans. In order to expedite the loans, a bookmobile service was inaugurated. Wilson opened a small 3,000 volume library on the third floor of the courthouse and the bulk of the material was acquired through a \$10 state teacher allowance and books donated by the Parent Teacher Association of Denton. In 1935, the Junior Shakespeare Club commenced a movement to combine the Denton County School Library with a public library. The club encouraged the county school board and the city and county commissions to join together to support a library that would be free to all citizens of Denton County. The club also conducted a book drive and collected more than 4000 books to initially stock the proposed library; the city commission donated \$600 for the purchase of new books and the county agreed to furnish shelves, equipment and utilities. Finally, Denton's first public library opened on June 6, 1937. Over the years, the library has expanded to meet the needs of a growing population. There are now three locations and over 75,000 square feet of space dedicated to readers and researchers.

The Denton Public Library has positively influenced the community of Denton, serving young and old alike with a foundation of knowledge. With the support of the citizens of Denton, the library will continue to flourish and provide resources to broaden intellectual and creative horizons. It is my pleasure to recog-

nize the Denton Public Library for 75 years of service and this significant milestone in its history. I am privileged to represent the City of Denton in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS AND THE DONALD DANFORTH PLANT SCIENCE CENTER AS THE 2012 RECIPIENT OF THE COUNCIL'S INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, and to honor the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center as the 2012 recipient of the Council's International Humanitarian of the Year Award.

The World Affairs Council of St. Louis is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and engaging citizens and businesses in international affairs and the critical global issues of our times. It is the oldest such organization in St. Louis.

Each year, the World Affairs Council of St. Louis welcomes more than 300 visitors to the greater metropolitan area, including leading ambassadors and other foreign dignitaries, as well as students from around the world. The Council's mission is to promote understanding, engagement, relationships, and leadership in world affairs, and it connects the citizens of the St. Louis region with the world.

The Council's International Humanitarian of the Year Award, its highest honor, recognizes the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center this year for its mission to improve the human condition through crop research which centers on feeding the hungry, improving human health and preserving the environment. This award specifically recognizes the Center's Institute for International Crop Improvement, which aims to bring improved crops to small farmers in places such as Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso. These crops yield more per acre, are richer in essential nutrients, and resistant to disease, insects and drought, and they can bring tremendous benefit to small farmers.

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center serves as a seed of hope in the St. Louis region—applying research to better address malnutrition, preserve our environment, and explore novel, sustainable energy solutions. The World Affairs Council honors Danforth Center's leadership as an essential part of fostering this valuable, humanitarian-based research which can impact the lives of farmers and citizens in nations throughout the world.

On June 7, 2012, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center will receive the International

Humanitarian of the Year Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of this honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF JERRELLE FRANCOIS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge to a long-time servant of the community, Mrs. Jerrelle Francois, an accomplished educator and public servant who will leave her post as Vice Chair of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners on June 30, 2012.

Jerrelle has served the students of Baltimore for more than three decades. Beginning her service as a teacher at Cherry Hill Junior High School, and continuing on to become a Department Head, Assistant Principal, Principal and Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Francois has brought care, mentoring and education to thousands of the city's children. A graduate of Morgan State University, Jerrelle has dedicated her professional life to serving the children of Baltimore and to revitalizing education in the state of Maryland.

Due to her exemplary career, Jerrelle was nominated for the 2011 Richard R. Green Award by her colleagues. When nominating her, they wrote of her service, "Ms. Francois' 30-year career as an educator and administrator at every level of Baltimore City Public Schools exemplifies the highest standards of public service and dedication to the students and families of Baltimore." They went on to say, "Ms. Francois has devoted her life to a passionate commitment to the children of Baltimore and the relentless pursuit of constant improvement in student achievement. As part of this dedication, she is firmly committed to achieving equity in education for all students."

Jerrelle's career may speak for itself but what cannot be stated on a resume is her inspirational leadership and her value to the countless lives of students, parents, teachers and administrations alike that she has touched.

Mr. Speaker, the words of her colleagues speak volumes about the person that she is, but one of the most profound statements I can make about this great American is that Jerrelle exemplifies the dedication to providing education, especially to underserved populations, that we as a nation strive for. She is the personification of what we seek to have our education system be—dedicated, driven and providing for those who truly need it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great career.

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IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DR. MARSHA S. BORDNER FOR HER SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Dr. Marsha S. Bordner is retiring from Terra State Community College, located in Fremont, Ohio, after spending over Thirty-Five years in the education field.

Dr. Marsha S. Bordner became the President of Terra State Community College in 2003, following her time as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio. During her tenure as President at Terra State Community College, the school has seen record high enrollment levels, the redevelopment of the educational facilities to include state of the art equipment, and a new strategic plan to lead the college into the future.

A resident of Catawba Island, Dr. Marsha S. Bordner has strived to expand the education of the area's residents not only through the collegiate setting, but by working with local public school systems to allow high school students to earn college credit through Terra State Community College. Dr. Marsha Bordner has also reinstated Terra State Community College's partnership with local communities through the offering of music performances of Terra State Community College faculty and students at area venues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marsha S. Bordner for her role in promoting and expanding the educational opportunities for the residents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Our communities have undoubtedly benefited from her years of dedicated service. We wish Dr. Marsha S. Bordner all of the best upon her retirement as the President of Terra State Community College.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL WILLIAM
T. BARE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel William T. Bare on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force on August 1, 2012.

Colonel Bare has given 27 stellar years to service to the United States Air Force. He has had a wide array of experience in intelligence, foreign language training, program management, policy development, and has linguistic capabilities in several foreign languages. Of particular note, he recently served as the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) and the Commander, 517th Training Group, Presidio of Monterey, California, located in my congressional district. The Defense Language

Institute Foreign Language Center is regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the nation.

It is important that we as a nation recognize our service men and women for their dedication to the United States of America, particularly those as accomplished as Colonel William T. Bare.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Colonel Bare for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Air Force. I wish him, his wife Joselyn, his three daughters Lindsay, Jade, and J'adore (aka Jazzy), and his parents Bill and Elinor, much continued happiness as they start a new chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOSPICE OF
WESTERN RESERVE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 34th Annual Meeting of Hospice of the Western Reserve on May 24, 2012.

Since 1978, Hospice of the Western Reserve, a community-based, mission-driven not-for-profit organization, has provided comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families at the end-of-life. Its mission is "to provide palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout Northern Ohio."

Hospice of the Western Reserve is committed to providing ideal patient care, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. It celebrates the individual worth of each life, and strives to relieve suffering, enhance comfort, promote quality of life, foster choice in end-of-life care, and support effective grieving.

Hospice of the Western Reserve affirms the dignity of life, and advocates for patient and family comfort and quality during life's final phase. The board, staff and volunteers believe that hospice patients have the right to continue life to the fullest extent possible according to their circumstances. They foster opportunities for continued growth and fulfillment.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's specialized services (including AIDS, pediatric, perinatal, and chronic disease-specific teams) provide care and support to patients, families and caregivers wherever they call home, whether it be in their home, at an assisted living facility, in a hospital, nursing facility or group home, in a county jail or at a homeless shelter.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is not part of a chain or franchise and is not owned by anyone but the community. Its services are not administered by hospitals, insurance companies or health systems. Through exemplary partnerships with the Northern Ohio's premier healthcare systems, Hospice of the Western Reserve incorporates state-of-the-art care and best practices for its patients and their families.

Hospice of the Western Reserve's involvement with multiple community agencies, advisory councils and academic institutions keeps its staff and volunteers abreast of emerging

trends and allows them to take a leadership role in addressing the ever-changing needs of our community. Hospice of the Western Reserve has received numerous awards from community, professional and non-profit organizations.

In 2010, Hospice of the Western Reserve provided care to 6,779 patients and families across Northern Ohio, including care to 1,757 patients and families at its world-class 42-bed in-patient facility, David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie. Hospice of the Western Reserve is the longest-serving hospice and the largest non-profit hospice in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Hospice of the Western Reserve at its 34th Annual Meeting as it celebrates its long-standing service to the people of Northern Ohio and looks forward to many more years of quality care to its patients and their families.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, since late 2009, the Army Corps of Engineers has been working on a study of the Great Lakes and Mississippi Interbasin—

"To evaluate options and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River."

Recently, the Corps indicated this study may not be completed until March 2016.

When it comes to aquatic invasive species, 7 years is 7 years too long.

Senator SHERROD BROWN of Ohio introduced and passed an amendment to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, ensuring that the Corps finishes their study no later than July 1, 2014.

Further, the amendment ensures that the Corps fully examines the feasibility of all options, including permanent hydrological separation.

I can't help but stand here today and express my sincere disappointment for the missed opportunities in the legislative vehicle before us.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill that we consider on the House floor this week is not only missing this vital amendment, but its priorities are way out of whack.

The bill increases funding for the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, as well as for fossil fuels programs and nuclear energy research and development.

Meanwhile, funding would be reduced for a wide range of very important activities including: Army Corps of Engineers projects, Energy

Department science programs, advanced energy research, defense and non-defense environmental cleanup activities, nuclear non-proliferation programs, and most renewable energy programs (including solar, wind, water and geothermal programs).

But, to the point at hand—the Great Lakes and the terrifying prospect that we might continue standing still on this issue of invasive species prevention.

First and foremost, I must recognize the hard work and bipartisan effort from the Senators, including Senator DURBIN, and am hopeful that this provision is preserved throughout the appropriations process.

After all, this amendment does not tell anybody what to do.

It simply recognizes the urgency of the Asian carp threat to the Great Lakes and compels the Corps to quicken its study of solutions in the face of a potential catastrophe that no one wants.

The Great Lakes make up 20 percent of our fresh water and are home to a fishing and boating industry worth 7 billion dollars annually.

The Lakes are a priceless treasure for the millions of people who live in the region.

We must do all we can to encourage a speedy creation of an action plan to block Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.

In 1998 the late Senator Paul Simon predicted wars would be fought over water.

Let us not pretend this is near as drastic as war.

But, at the same time, let us not neglect or fail to acknowledge that the importance of today's actions will weigh heavily on the successes of tomorrow. I urge the Committees to preserve and protect Senator BROWN's amendment and hope that the final Energy and Water package looks far better for our land, air and water than it does today.

DYLAN BEKEMEIER OF REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE MISSOURI CLASS 3 STATE INDIVIDUAL GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dylan Bekemeier from Republic High School for winning the Missouri Class 3 State Individual Golf Championship.

Dylan should be commended for all of his hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the individual state title to his school, family and community. At the State Golf Championships in Springfield, Dylan won the individual state title with an impressive second round showing of 68, 4 under par. His total score was 140. Completing his sophomore year means Dylan will be a force to be reckoned with in Missouri high school golf in the coming years.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dylan Bekemeier, the Missouri Class 3 State Golf Champion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5th, 2012, I was absent during roll-call vote No. 315 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the McClintock of California Amendment No. 3.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL BRIAN L. TARBET

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and dedication of Major General Brian L. Tarbet, the Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. He has served his country as a member of the Utah National Guard for over 30 years. As the Adjutant General for the Utah National Guard, General Tarbet has been responsible for over 7,000 soldiers and airmen for the past 12 years.

General Tarbet began his military career as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve in 1973. After being a member of the ROTC program and earning his bachelor of arts degree in political science from Utah State University, General Tarbet served on active duty from 1973 to 1975. General Tarbet then joined the Utah Army National Guard as a First Lieutenant and received his juris doctorate from the University of Utah in 1978. During the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, General Tarbet commanded over 4,500 troops providing security in Salt Lake City, just months after the September 11 terrorist attacks heightened security concerns surrounding high profile events. He has led the Utah National Guard through many deployments of soldiers and airmen supporting operations around the globe.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of this incredible man who placed service to his country above that of his own ambitions. Major General Brian L. Tarbet is a great example of the men and women who have served or who are currently serving our country in the various branches of the Armed Forces. I am grateful to every member of the military for the great sacrifice that they make every day.

IN RECOGNITION OF H.E. MINISTER FADY ABOUD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize H.E. Minister Fady Abboud, Minister of Tourism for the Republic of Lebanon and to welcome him to the City of Cleveland.

Born on March 21, 1955, Minister Abboud graduated from the International School of Choueifat. In 1976, following a year of service

in the military, he began studying at the University of Westminster. Minister Aboud and his wife of 26 years, Sarah-Lilianna, have two children, Faddy and Joanne.

Fady Abboud had a successful career in industry, working in the packaging, plastic engineering, general machines and metal processing, and food businesses. In 1982, he was named Chairman of General Packaging Industries. In 2002, he was elected as President of the Board of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists. Minister Abboud is also a member of the American Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and the International Chamber of Commerce.

Abboud was appointed as the Minister of Tourism in November 2009. Since his appointment, Minister Abboud has turned the office's focus to sustainable tourism in order to promote the different regions of Lebanon.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in welcoming H.E. Minister Fady Abboud to the City of Cleveland.

D-DAY REMEMBRANCE

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Second Annual Recognition and Remembrance ceremony being held in Delmar, NY by the D-Day Remembrance Association. It is truly a commendable event to honor those who sacrificed so much in order to return freedom and democracy to Europe in one of the most courageous and awe-inspiring military operations ever conceived.

The D-Day Remembrance Association hosts this event to remember and honor the events of those several days and particularly the servicemembers who stormed the beaches, airdropped behind enemy lines, and supported the invasion from sea. As a result of the efforts of this remarkable collection of volunteers, and many others like it across the nation, these annual gatherings create new treasured memories for all veterans, their children, grandchildren and others who recognize and appreciate the significant contributions and sacrifices that the "Greatest Generation" made in name of freedom.

The Battle of Normandy was fought during World War II in the summer of 1944, between the Allied nations and German forces occupying Western Europe. Almost 70 years later, the Normandy Invasion, or D-Day, remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, involving nearly three million troops crossing the English Channel from Great Britain to Normandy in occupied France.

On June 6, 1944, 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory." By the end of the first day, the Allies had gained a foothold in Normandy. The cost of D-Day was high—more than 2,500 were killed and 8,500 wounded—but more than 100,000 Soldiers began the march across Europe to defeat Hitler. I am in awe of what they accomplished during this period that can only be described as Hell on Earth.

Our men and women who served in combat and support roles did not ask for that war; yet, they answered the nation's call with honor and conviction. They put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risked their lives for all humanity in order to preserve freedom and defeat evil. They personified the words, "Greatest Generation." Those men had survived the Great Depression, fought and won World War II, returned to America and simply tried to put it all behind them—rebuilding lives, families, and our country.

We are strengthened by their courage and awestruck by their valor. God Bless our veterans and those who gave their lives so that we may live free. Let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they fought, live a life worthy of their sacrifice, and work tirelessly to preserve our cherished way of life.

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LGBT
PRIDE MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as National LGBT Pride Month. Our greatest strength is its promise of equality for every citizen, and we have made significant progress in ensuring that promise is kept regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

As a proud member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, I am committed to extending full rights to all Americans, repealing discriminatory laws, and eliminating hateful violence.

This past year has brought many changes in law and policy, and there have been noticeable changes in public discourse as well. Last year, the military repealed its discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and a federal circuit court ruled last week that the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional. President Obama's historic endorsement of same-sex marriage has also moved this country into a new era of progressive thinking and equal rights for all.

The 37th District of California has seen incredible movement toward equality and acceptance. I am proud to represent the significant population of gay, lesbian and transgender constituents in my district. This is a community that has become integral to the Long Beach area and continues to give back to the city in many ways.

Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. is one of the larger philanthropic organizations in the city, and they developed the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade in 1984. They have also granted nearly one million dollars to local non-profit organizations, and organized a toy drive for disabled and disadvantaged children in conjunction with catholic charities.

The Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade continues to be the main project for the organization. When it first began its organizers faced death threats and fierce opposition. Today, the parade is the nation's third-largest pride parade and attracts over 75,000 participants annually. It is heralded as one of the district's most popular attractions, and its organizers have helped to foster greater understanding and respect in the community.

During my time in Congress I have supported many different areas of LGBT legislation. I am an original co-sponsor of multiple bills including: the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to prohibit discrimination in the work place; the Equal Access to COBRA Act which guarantees the continuation of health coverage to any qualified beneficiary under an employer's health insurance; and the Reuniting Families Act which supports the core value of keeping all families together regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity together.

I voted to repeal the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy, and signed the amicus brief declaring the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, and I am proud the Obama Administration will no longer defend section 3 of DOMA. These actions make our country stronger not weaker; they bring our national policies closer to our national ideals; and they affirm that in America it is the content of our character that counts, not immutable characteristics of birth.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and American citizens to join me in celebrating the accomplishments of the LGBT community across the United States. However, there is still so much more work to be done. Every citizen of this country deserves the same opportunities regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Recent events have made momentous gains towards that goal, but let us not forget we still have a long fight ahead of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2012, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 297–305 due to a family obligation. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 297, 300, 302, 304, and 305. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes Nos. 298, 299, 301, and 303.

Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 2012, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 306–314 due to a family obligation. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 308, 312, 313, and 314. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes Nos. 306, 307, 309, 310, and 311.

OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE'S
70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Ozark Christian College's 70th Anniversary.

Ozark Bible College started out in Bentonville, Arkansas, on June 12, 1942 and two years later relocated to Joplin, Missouri. The name Ozark Christian College was adopted in 1985 when Ozark Bible College merged with Midwest Christian College of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ozark Christian College offers degree programs that help lay the foundation for their graduates who are called to careers in voca-

tional ministry. Ozark Christian College graduates total more than 14,000 and are serving in 48 states and 40 counties.

Volunteerism is an important characteristic for the school. Ozark Christian College has been serving the Joplin area for 68 years and was heavily involved in helping after Joplin was struck by an EF-5 tornado on May 22, 2011. With open arms, the entire campus was used in a variety of ways from a Red Cross Command Center, to housing for 3,000 volunteers, and to a meeting place for three churches.

The school's motto of "Training Men and Women for Christian Service" has played an important role in the school's 70 year history and will continue to as students answer the call to vocational ministry.

I want to congratulate Ozark Christian College as they celebrate 70 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. SEAN
NELSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the good work and achievements of Sean Nelson, who is leaving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Cleveland. Sean is leaving the VA after nearly a decade of service to the Veterans of North-east Ohio.

Sean Nelson is a 2001 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, with a degree in Biology and a 2003 graduate of the University of Memphis with a Master of Health Administration. Mr. Nelson began his career at the VA Boston Healthcare System in 2003 as an Administrative Fellow. He transferred to the Cleveland VAMC in 2004.

He held numerous line and staff positions of increasing responsibility in Cleveland, including Chief of Quality and Information Management starting in 2005 and Chief of External Affairs and Facility Planning beginning in 2007. He later served as Assistant Director and Acting Associate Medical Center Director before his appointment as the Deputy Medical Center Director of the Cleveland VAMC in January 2011.

Sean is a graduate of the 2011 Executive Career Field Program and graduate of the 2008 Cleveland Bridge Builders flagship program. He is an active member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

During his tenure, Sean has been part of the leadership team at the Cleveland VAMC that has overseen tremendous expansion with the opening of the Parma outpatient facility and the growth of the Wade Park facility as it was consolidated with the now-defunct Brecksville hospital. My staff and I have come to depend on Sean's eagerness to serve our nation's veterans and his ability to solve problems.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in wishing Sean Nelson much success as he takes his tremendous skills and dedication to service to the next steps in his career.

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY F. LYELL

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beverly F. Lyell upon her recent retirement as the Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan.

Compassion, commitment, and courage are three words which accurately describe Beverly. Over the past several decades, Beverly has been actively serving communities throughout Michigan. In 1975, she began working for Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan as an assistant supervisor in the Ceramics Department. During her tenure at Goodwill, she worked in a number of different capacities before becoming Executive Director. As Executive Director, she has helped Goodwill attain various certifications, coordinate capital campaigns, and develop successful programs aimed at assisting the physically and mentally impaired and at risk members of our community.

In addition to her work with Goodwill Industries, Beverly has also served as a board member of many other organizations. She has received a number of awards over the years that reflect the respect our community has for her work and her character. In addition to raising their own children, she and her husband, Steve, have served as foster parents and have raised service puppies for the disabled. She is also an active member of her church. Beverly has truly left a mark on the community and improved the quality of life for many. Her character, integrity, and ever-optimistic personality have changed lives forever.

Beverly should be commended for her service to the community and I offer her my best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF KTXR
101.3 FM "THE GENTLE GIANT"**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, it was June 13, 1962, when KTXR 101.3 FM "The Gentle Giant" began informing and entertaining the Ozarks audience with great music and special programming.

Under the guidance of local owners Ken and Jane Meyer, what started in the 60s as a 6,000 watt station by 1970 became a 100,000 watt "Class C" FM operation. In 2001, when a bad ice storm brought the KTXR tower down, the Meyers received FCC permission to build the only "Class C-0" tower in the state of Missouri. Soaring 1488 feet above ground, it is Missouri's tallest radio tower with the state's largest coverage, heard throughout mid and southern Missouri, northern Arkansas, parts of Oklahoma, and Kansas.

KTXR is a rarity in Springfield. It is one of the only locally owned and operated FMs in the market. When it signed on the air, KTXR became not only the second FM station in the city but also the second in the state to broadcast in stereo. Jane Meyer was the first woman in Springfield to sell radio advertising

and was the first woman in the state to be a radio station general manager.

While the music on KTXR may have changed over the decades from classical to easy listening to light hits to today's Greatest Hits, there have always been several constants. Jane Meyer decided early on to add "special programs with special appeal." Knowing the volatility and importance of weather in the Ozarks, she hired her own resident meteorologist rather than be dependent on the National Weather Service. Then, 35 years ago Wayne Glenn, "The Old Record Collector," became part of KTXR special programming and has not missed an air shift in all that time.

Possibly the most unique programming decision the Meyers made was to put sports on a music station. While most in the radio broadcast industry would tell you a music/sports format would never work, KTXR has proved them wrong. It started with the Kansas City Royals in the 1970s, and a few years later KTXR became the exclusive radio home of the St. Louis Cardinals in the Ozarks and remains so today. Drury University and Evangel University were two of the local colleges sports programs aired on KTXR in the 70s. In the 80s the station picked up the Missouri State University Bears and KTXR remains the flagship station of the Bears Radio Network. After carrying the Bears for several years it was Jane Meyer's decision to broadcast the Lady Bear basketball games that helped propel them to a nation-high attendance record and in turn she received an invitation to address the NCAA national meeting about marketing women's sports.

Though Jane Meyer passed away in 2001 her influence is still felt not only in the halls of KTXR but throughout the Ozarks. She and Ken Meyer have always served on numerous boards and foundations giving of their time and finances to support the community that has always been supportive of Meyer Communications.

Over the past 50 years Meyer Communications has grown from the humble beginnings of one station to, at any one time, owning several radio and television stations, an outdoor signage company, and an advertising agency. But, it has always been KTXR "The Gentle Giant" that is the heartbeat of the company.

Ken Meyer has stated unequivocally "in my opinion Jane Meyer made KTXR the class station of Springfield. Any way you look at it Jane was the Gentle Giant."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 318 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Matheson of Utah Amendment.

RECOGNIZING HERITAGE MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT ESSAYS**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, eighth grade students from Heritage Middle School in Maryville, Tennessee, recently visited Washington, DC.

Our office gave the students and chaperones a tour of the Capitol, and I received a very nice thank you letter from trip coordinator Patricia Russell and principal Steve Moser.

Along with the thank you note, I was also sent the enclosed four essays from some of the students on the trip. I was so impressed with these essays that I wanted them to be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I hope my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD will take a few minutes to read the impressions of these 8th grade students about our Nation's Capital.

MY AMERICAN APPRECIATION

(By Anna Stout)

"In a mountain of despair, there is a stone of hope," said Martin Luther King Jr. I read this quote from the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. This was one of the most significant moments on the whole Washington D.C. trip for me. The trip to D.C. changed my whole of life. I use to take every little thing for granted, like eating and the things I owned. Going to the Holocaust Museum, the Lincoln memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial all increased my appreciation for my American heritage.

The Holocaust Museum was probably the saddest, most moving thing I've ever experienced. When you read about what happened in books or on the internet you don't really understand what happened. You kind of just think "yeah that's awful, hope it doesn't ever happen again" but when you see with your own eyes the actual happenings of what Holocaust, it changes you forever. When I walked into the room, and saw hundreds of pairs of shoes, I went into shock. I just stood there and looked at how many there were. It took me a few minutes before I started to look at the individual shoes, the baby shoes, the shoes that were my size, and the shoes that were bigger than my own foot. I was in such shock it took me at least 5 minutes to move, and 10 to stop staring at them all. That change how I look at everything. How I get mad over having "nothing to wear" and they wore rags. Now everything I do, a part of the Holocaust is in my thoughts.

I really liked the Lincoln memorial because Lincoln really fought to keep our Nation together and without that, things today would be way different. Most of us probably would even be here. I use to think that Lincoln started the war to free all the slaves, when really he started the war to keep our united states together. Personally I think he was one of the most successful, helpful presidents ever. And Im glad that there is a memorial built in his honor. To remind the generations to come, about all he did.

Last but not least, the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. I really enjoyed going to this memorial, because I have a lot of respect for Martin Luther King. I think what he did for our nation was an amazing, and very brave thing. He stood up and fought for what he believed in, but he did it peacefully. That sets an amazing example for the people of our time. To not have to use guns and war to solve things is a great accomplishment. "In a mountain of despair, there is a stone of

hope.”—Martin Luther King Jr. I didn’t quite get this at first, until I started to think about it. What King means is, there is always a little bit of hope, even if the problem is huge. To always cling to that piece of hope, and you will overcome the problem.

Some of the reasons my appreciation for my American heritage has increased is because of the Holocaust Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial. I am deeply grateful for being able to go on this trip. I am so thankful for everyone that has done something for our country, not just the things listed above. Without these people and these events, we would not be here, and we would not be America. Thank you everyone.

WASHINGTON D.C. ESSAY

(By Chloe Atchley)

‘We the People of the United States . . .’ Thomas Jefferson wrote. I believe that as a citizen of the United States, we should have pride in our country. On my trip to Washington D.C., I grew a new appreciation and curiosity for my great Nation. Three places I was able to visit that helped my respect grow were the Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial.

The first place that helped me appreciate my Nation more was the Arlington National Cemetery. In my opinion, what shocked me the most was just how many graves there were. They lined the fields and area for miles. Every single one of those people served my country. Some of them died and sacrificed themselves for it. This cemetery did a wonderful job honoring those people, those heroes.

The second place that helped me appreciate my Nation more was the Vietnam’s Veteran Memorial. When I saw it, it was dark, and I couldn’t see how long it was. Walking along beside it, I was surprised to find that it kept on going on with me. There are 58,272 names on the wall today. It gave me pride to be American knowing that every last one of those people did their best to protect us and help others.

The last place that helped me appreciate my country more was the Jefferson Memorial. Out of everything I saw and visited, this was definitely one of my favorites. It was quiet, peaceful, and reflective, just like how I think Thomas Jefferson would have liked it. The sun was setting, and reflected on the walls of the little dome beautifully. It illuminated the excerpts from the Declaration of Independence that were engraved everywhere. It was a reminder of how we originally fought for our freedom, and of how my home began.

These are some of the places that increased my appreciation for my American heritage. This trip was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I hope everyone can stop to remember the sacrifices made and the struggles conquered through our history, and hold their head higher in remembrance that they are an American.

WASHINGTON, DC ESSAY

(By Callie Effler)

Very few places make one more proud to be an American than Washington, DC. I saw very many things in our nation’s capitol that I will remember for the rest of my life, but several stuck out that made me feel even more blessed than I already do to live in America. Three things and places in particular that made me especially appreciate my American heritage were the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial, the National Archives, and the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner.

All of the monuments were breathtakingly beautiful, but the Vietnam Veterans’ Memo-

rial didn’t catch my eye for that reason—it was that it had so many names. 58,795 brave men and women were willing to pay the ultimate price to preserve the freedom and safety that so many of us take for granted today. These soldiers, nurses, and others who gave their lives so that we in the United States and those in other countries could be free are true heroes.

Another thing that made me prize my American heritage was the National Archives. There, we saw many documents including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It made me feel honored to have the opportunity to see the documents that shaped our past, which led to my present, and will lead to our future. In my opinion, these are some of the most important documents in the world. They led to changes in not only our country, but others as well.

Lastly, the flag that inspired our national anthem was the most amazing thing I saw in Washington. I couldn’t believe that such a massive flag could even be made! It’s colossal size was accomplished by a woman and several teenage girls. They made a flag—by hand—that survived battle and sparked a poem that is now one of the most recognizable tunes in history. Even then, Americans were making great things, both physical items and ideas.

The Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial, National Archives, and the Star-Spangled Banner are only three of the things I saw in Washington, DC, that made me proud of my American heritage. I think that everyone should have the opportunity to see the things from the past that shaped their future. I will never forget my 8th grade field trip, and will cherish all of the things that make our country great.

WASHINGTON D.C.

(By Madison Jacobs)

Washington D.C. is located between Virginia and Maryland in the District of Columbia. I believe that it is important to know about your country’s history in order to be able to do the basic things adults do. This experience was breathtaking and intriguing. I have learned several things while on this trip but the three places that taught me a lot was The National Archives, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum.

My first place visited that I really enjoyed and learned a lot from was the National Archives. This acquaintance was both enticing and captivating. Seeing the Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, and the Bill of Rights I felt astonished and proud to live in this country. It is incredible to see that in 200 years these documents are still around and we go by them today. I especially enjoyed looking at all of the documents written so long ago.

The second place visited that I enjoyed and learned from was the Vietnam Memorial. It gave me great pride in my country but also at the same time it made me feel sad that all of these wonderful men; fathers, sons, husbands, and brothers lost their lives. This war lasted for 16 years. During these years 58,000 people died fighting so that we could all be free and giving their life for ours. The Vietnam Memorial was very humbling to me. My lasting impression is that I will always respect and honor those who fight and die for our country.

My third place I visited that I learned from was the Holocaust Museum. The Holocaust was a mass killing of Jews and other civilians. The factors that contributed to this were anti-Semitism and the rise of the Nazis. My most vivid thing that I will always remember is the room with all of the Jewish people’s shoes. Also the smell of the shoes from the leather was horrible. This will al-

ways stay in the back of my mind. The Holocaust Museum really touched me with the fact that millions of people died who were innocent and died for what they believed in.

The National Archives, The Vietnam Memorial, and The Holocaust Museum were the three places that we went to that touched me the most. These places have affected our nation’s history in many different ways and they represent what Americans are and what we stand for. I really enjoyed this trio and would like to go back one day in the near future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CROATIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the dedication of the Croatian Cultural Garden, taking place on June 3, 2012.

The 254 acre piece of land that constitutes Rockefeller Park was donated to the City of Cleveland by John D. Rockefeller in 1896. The Cleveland Croatian Cultural Garden is a two acre piece of land within Rockefeller Park. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens were founded in 1926 to create a memorial area for the diverse ethnic groups that shape the region, and to serve as a space for reflection on peace, cooperation and understanding. The Cultural Gardens are currently a collection of 26 gardens which include African-American, American Indian, British, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, and Slovenian gardens, among others.

The mission of the Croatian Cultural Garden is to dedicate a garden that celebrates the rich cultural achievements and contributions of the Croatian people and to endow an educational legacy for future generations. Groundbreaking on the Garden took place on April 30, 2011 with the support of the Garden’s benefactor, Ed Lozick.

The dedication of Phase I of the Croatian Cultural Garden will begin with a Holy Mass at St. Paul Croatian Church. Phase I includes the installation of “The Immigrant Mother” statue which represents Croatian mothers who emigrated to the U.S. The bronze statue was sculpted by Cleveland and Croatian-American, Joseph Turkaly. The granite base of the statue is inscribed with three Croatian symbols; the Croatian Homeland Shield (Grb), the original Croatian alphabet (Glagoljica) and the plerter design. The Gardens will also have a heart shaped flower garden representing the “Licitar Heart” as well as three benches carved from stone from the island of Brac.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the dedication of the Croatian Cultural Garden.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I am proud to support the Hirono-Chu-Matsui-Lee-Carnahan Amendment to the Energy and Water appropriations bill. The amendment would maintain our commitment to the successful Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, or ARPA-E as it is more commonly known.

In March of this year, Energy Secretary Chu came before the Science, Space, and Technology Committee to discuss the Administration's budget request, which included an additional \$75 million for ARPA-E. I had the opportunity to speak with him about the importance of ARPA-E and the effectiveness of the program as we seek to bring new technologies to market that change the way we generate, store, and use energy.

I take a particular interest in ARPA-E because in Oregon we have seen its benefits first hand. As a result of the program, a company by the name of ReVolt Technology actually relocated to our community and brought its amazing research—and jobs as well. In my discussion with Secretary Chu, he highlighted the effectiveness of ARPA-E in leveraging private-sector investments stating that a \$40 million federal investment has been leveraged to private-sector investments of more than \$200 million.

Keeping this in mind, I was dismayed to see that the underlying bill under consideration not only rejects the request for additional ARPA-E investment, but seeks to cut \$75 million in FY2013.

As a member of the Budget Committee, I understand the need to get our fiscal house in order. But we have a responsibility to do so in a strategic manner to ensure that we do not undermine our future security and competitiveness. It is precisely this recognition that makes the Hirono-Chu-Matsui-Lee-Carnahan Amendment so important.

This amendment addresses the lopsided priorities in the underlying bill in a reasonable and balanced way. It seeks to meet the Administration's request for the fossil fuels research and development, and uses the difference to support ARPA-E. This would provide roughly \$333 million for ARPA-E, a modest increase over FY2012.

This amendment takes a fair approach, balancing today's energy research needs with the promise of tomorrow's technologies, and the jobs and economic benefits that go along with them.

I commend my colleagues for their work on this amendment.

RETIREMENT OF JIMMY MILLER

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of one of this body's most able, dedicated and respected employees, James R. "Jimmy" Miller.

After 53 years of combined service here on Capitol Hill and a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, Jimmy is retiring from

the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Miller has ensured the smooth operation of the Committee's hearings, meetings, and functions for decades. And he has been the person that Committee Members and staff have gone to when we simply needed to get something done, because no one else has a better understanding of how the House of Representatives functions on a daily basis.

It has been said that every committee has a Jimmy Miller, but Transportation has THE Jimmy Miller.

Jimmy has been much more than a long-serving staffer; he has been a trusted friend to me, to other Members of Congress, and to his countless Hill colleagues for more than 30 years. While his family is undoubtedly happy they'll be seeing more of him in the coming days, we on Capitol Hill will feel his considerable absence.

Jimmy's service to our country began when he joined the United States Air Force in 1959, where he rose to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest rank possible for an enlisted airman.

During his 28 years of distinguished service in the Air Force, Jimmy served under three Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Earle Wheeler, General George Brown, and General David C. Jones.

In 1980, Command Sergeant Major Miller became the Air Force legislative liaison to the House of Representatives.

In 1987, he retired from the Air Force and was subsequently appointed by Chairman Bob Roe to join the staff of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. Jimmy then came with Chairman Roe to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation in 1991.

Jimmy has shepherded numerous delegations of U.S. officials to meetings with their foreign counterparts all over the world. He has crossed the globe more times than most people, having been to more than 170 countries, and he has established many friendships along the way.

Jimmy embodied a bipartisan spirit over the years, serving under six chairmen, Republicans and Democrats alike. In fact, Jimmy insisted that he equally serve all the Members of the Committee, regardless of which party led the House.

Jimmy accorded all of us on the Hill with the same respect over the years, whether we've wielded a gavel or a paintbrush, and we all admire his humble professionalism and dedication.

Jimmy was born on August 22, 1940 to Alyce and Robert Miller in Paulding, Ohio and was one of nine children. His parents instilled in them the values of family, God, and country and helped shape their children's personal lives and their public citizenship.

Even with all of his successes, including meeting many of the world's leaders, Jimmy's most important achievement has been his own family. He has been a caring, loving, and proud father to his children, Kim, Bob, Chris, and Shawn. I know Jimmy is looking forward to spending more time with his four children, nine grandchildren, one great grandson, and his wife Peg.

I will personally miss Jimmy. I consider him a close friend and I know that the House of Representatives will miss him. On behalf of this body, which he has served so well, I want

to thank Jimmy for his dedicated service to our Nation and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join in thanking Jimmy Miller for his years of service to the House of Representatives and our Nation. We wish him a wonderful retirement and want him to know we all appreciate his service and friendship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2012, I missed rollcall votes numbered 315, 316, 317, and 318. Had I been present, I would have voted "no," on rollcall No. 315, the McClintock Amendment which would reduce the Nuclear Energy account by \$514,391,000, and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; "yes" on rollcall No. 316, the Hirono Amendment which would reduce the Fossil Energy Research and Development account by \$133,400,000, and increase funds for the Advanced Research Project Agency account by the same amount; "no" on rollcall No. 317, the McClintock Amendment which would zero out the Fossil Energy Research and Development account (a cut of \$554 million) and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; and "yes" on rollcall No. 318, the Matheson Amendment which would increase the Non-Defense environmental clean-up account by \$9,600,000, and reduce the National Nuclear Security Weapons account by the same amount.

CONGRATULATING MRS. HELEN R. HENDERSON ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Helen R. Henderson from Pahokee, Florida on the occasion of her 100th birthday, which is June 8, 2012. Born in Kentucky, Mrs. Henderson was raised on her family's farm. From her earliest days, she learned the value of a healthy diet, eating the food her family raised. Her life has been characterized by hard work, dedication, compassion, and inner strength.

Helen and her late husband, Brooks Henderson, devoted their lives to education in the Glades area, with Brooks serving as the principal of Pahokee High School, and Helen working as a special needs elementary education teacher in Belle Glade and Canal Point. Helen began her love for learning at a young age when she traveled six miles by horse and buggy to attend her one-room schoolhouse in Kentucky. Sadly, the Henderson's only child, Ann, passed away several years ago, but their love of education was passed down to their grandson, Kevin Henderson, an instructor at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade.

An accomplished musician, Helen has played piano at her church, First United Methodist of Pahokee, for over 60 years. A lifelong

follower of Jesus Christ, she has taught Sunday school to several generations of Pahoee children. She still faithfully attends Sunday school and worship service each week. She still lives in her own home in Pahoee, where she enjoys spending time with friends, participating in church activities, and working in her yard. Helen says the secret to her longevity is hard work and eating right.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Helen Henderson is a fine citizen, and I am proud that she continues to make a positive impact on the Glades community. I am delighted to join her family, friends and many admirers in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday and continued good health and happiness for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIAS BOU SAAB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Elias Bou Saab, the Mayor of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh, and welcome him to the City of Cleveland.

Born and raised in Dhour Shweir, Mayor Bou Saab earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from The American College in London and his Master of Arts in International Relations from Boston University. In 1992, he established and served as the first president of the Lebanese Graduates of Britain.

Dedicated to higher education and improving relations between the United States and the Arab world, in 1995 Bou Saab moved to Dubai and founded the American University in Dubai. Today he serves as the executive vice president of the university overseeing the implementation of policies and long-term planning.

In 2010, Bou Saab was elected as the Mayor of his hometown of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh. He is also an active member of the Clinton Global Initiative, co-founder of the Emirates Lebanese Friendship Association and former Member of the Board of Directors of the Young Arab Leaders.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me welcoming Mr. Elias Bou Saab to the City of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING OXFORD HEALTHCARE OF JOPLIN

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the reopening of Oxford HealthCare in Joplin, Missouri.

Oxford HealthCare is a home care provider that serves more than 50 counties in southwest and central Missouri. In 1975, Oxford HealthCare began operations in Joplin and Springfield, Missouri. On May 22, 2011, a tornado struck the Joplin community and destroyed Oxford's office. It was very important to Oxford HealthCare that they get to a new normal as quickly as possible because their

patients and employees were dependent on them, and in their business there is no excuse not to show up for work.

Hours after the tornado tore through Joplin, Destiny Church opened its doors to Oxford. By the next morning the Joplin and Springfield staff converged on the church with everything needed to do business. For weeks Oxford staff worked out of plastic tubs that held office and medical supplies and they used cell phones and laptops using a computer system that their IT Department was able to establish on the spot. Oxford was back to business as usual. The Zimmer Radio Group helped Oxford get word to their staff and patients that they were working out of Destiny Church.

With the help of the entire company, within three days of the storm all 650 employees and patients were accounted for. Some had been in the path of the storm and lost their homes. Many suffered injuries.

Immediately after the tornado employees who were suffering themselves continued to see their patients without fail. In those first days after the storm many Oxford staff stayed with the patients they were with during the storm, without going to their own homes, until they knew the patients were safe and had family to watch over them. In an effort to ensure that the community's clinical needs were being met, Oxford set up makeshift first aid stations throughout the neighborhoods that were in the path of the tornado. Volunteer nurses from the entire company took their vacation time to staff the tents from 8–5, seven days a week for a number of weeks, where 1,400 tetanus shots were given and first aid was administered.

Oxford eventually left Destiny Church and set up a temporary office in Carthage as plans were being made to return to Joplin. The resilience of Oxford and its employees is amazing and I am honored to help Oxford celebrate the reopening of their new facility in Joplin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on June 5, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways: "no" on rollcall vote No. 315, "no" on rollcall vote No. 316, "no" on rollcall vote No. 317, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 318.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 54 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Honor Flight of Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to our Nation's Capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Theodore Baumeister, U.S. Army; William Burgess, U.S. Army; Warren F. Ebersole, U.S. Army; Walter J. Forsea, U.S. Army; Teresa Fortino, U.S. Army; Jay L. Garrison, U.S. Army; Zoella Hickmon, U.S. Army; James E. Monroe, U.S. Army; Walter S. Saunders, U.S. Army; Joseph W. Sharpe, U.S. Army; Frank K. Walsh, U.S. Army; Earl C. Williams, U.S. Army; Glenn A. Wrede, U.S. Army; Arthur J. Blumberg, U.S. Army Air Forces; John Bogen, U.S. Army Air Forces; Merrit S. Kelsay, U.S. Army Air Forces; Daniel F. McAllaster, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert J. Miller, U.S. Army Air Forces; Arthur Perkins, U.S. Army Air Forces; Gene Woodward, U.S. Army Air Forces; Jerry Benson, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles L. Burgess, U.S. Marine Corps; Golda F. Fabian, U.S. Marine Corps; William Gordon, U.S. Marine Corps; Charles R. Holmes, U.S. Marine Corps; Keith C. Tucker, U.S. Marine Corps; Dwain E. Whitney, U.S. Marine Corps; Levi D. Chamberlin, U.S. Merchant Marine; John Alford, U.S. Navy; Robert Barber, U.S. Navy; Eldon Bartlett, U.S. Navy; Sylvine Elie Bourque, U.S. Navy; John E. Curran, U.S. Navy; Bruce L. Dickman, U.S. Navy; Richard M. Finch, U.S. Navy; Louis Fortino, U.S. Navy; Ted S. Georgioff, U.S. Navy; Dale D. Halm, U.S. Navy; Merrily Kurtz Hewett, U.S. Navy; Jack Hilbourne, U.S. Navy; Leslie H. Horn, U.S. Navy; Robert J. Huesby, U.S. Navy; Charles H. Kies, U.S. Navy; Robert L. Lee, U.S. Navy; Leo Moore, U.S. Navy; Thomas Mummy, U.S. Navy; Walker D. Nicholson, U.S. Navy; Raymond Quimby, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Ray, U.S. Navy; George Reiner, U.S. Navy; Louis Stone, U.S. Navy; Robert B. Stuart, U.S. Navy; Helmer C. Wallan, U.S. Navy; Aurther L. Welch, U.S. Navy.

These 54 heroes join more than 81,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize U.S. Army veteran Dick Tobiason and the Bend Heroes Foundation, whose tireless work will result in over 100 World War II veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 316 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Hirono of Hawaii Amendment.

JEWISH B2B NETWORKING: A VALUED RESOURCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jewish B2B Networking (JBN) and its founder, Shalom Klein, for their outstanding work in promoting and nurturing small businesses in the metro Chicago area. Next week, on June 14, JBN will hold its second "Business Event" at the Lincolnwood Town Center in my district, just one of the many ways that it is helping small businesses, workers and our economy.

I attended last year's inaugural Business Event, along with representatives from over 2,700 small businesses, elected officials and job seekers. It was extraordinary—a vibrant, exciting and incredibly useful opportunity for small businesses to network, learn from each other, make contacts, set up meetings to help build their companies, and share their experiences and concerns with Members of Congress. It was so successful that plans began right there on the spot to hold another Event in 2012.

Small business men and women are essential to our economic well-being. In Illinois, they represent 98 percent of all employers. They also represent the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has made our country so strong. It is imperative that we foster small business creation and expansion—and that is the mission of JBN.

It is never easy to start a small business, but it is especially challenging today as we work to recover from the impacts of the Great Recession. JBN was formed in 2010, through the vision of Shalom Klein, to help provide the support and tools needed to help small businesses thrive.

Through its monthly networking events, JBN provides critical and practical information to help small business owners learn about available lending resources. Business to business networking through monthly forums provide the opportunity to share "best practices" and pick up tips that can help small businesses succeed. JBN is creating a vibrant network—not just among Chicagoland small businesses but between small businesses and policymakers at the local, State and national levels. This year, for example, they brought small business owners to Washington, D.C. so that they could share their experiences and recommendations with the Obama Administration and Members of Congress and also learn about opportunities and assistance.

JBN has touched over 6,000 active business networking partners and has over 17,000 subscribed networkers receiving weekly communications and utilizing its interactive website.

Through its Business Event and through on-line job listings, JBN has helped more than 200 job seekers obtain employment. Over 5,000 businesses and job seekers are expected at next week's event in Lincolnwood, to exchange business information, ideas, and resources.

There are many wonderful small business men and women who have contributed to the

success of JBN, but I want to specifically recognize the vision and work of Shalom Klein, its founder. As a small businessman, Shalom felt the need to connect with others. As an organizer, he did something about it. He invited 20 people to an informal "networking" lunch at the Slice of Life kosher restaurant in Skokie—and 70 people came.

Out of Shalom's initiative, Jewish B2B Networking was born. Open to all, the non-profit organization has taken off—serving a role that had been missing in the community. What I so admire about Shalom Klein—beyond his enthusiasm and skill—is his refusal to rest on his laurels, despite the many successes he has already achieved. As he has said, he will not be satisfied if JBN reaches a plateau—as high as it may be—he wants it to keep growing and growing, empowering more and more small business men and women. His spirit is infectious, his ability to inspire people to action is enormous, and I know he and JBN will continue to excel in their efforts.

JBN knows that local communities cannot prosper without small businesses, and they are committed to providing the climate that will help them succeed. I want to thank JBN for all that it has done already and wish it well as it, like the small businesses it assists, seeks to expand its activities in the future.

IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM
ARTHUR FIELDS, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. William Arthur Fields, Sr., who lived his life centered around family, community, and hard work.

Mr. Fields was born on May 21, 1915 in Columbus, Ohio. He was married to Estelle, for 68 years and had four children, William, Jr., Ronald, Janice and Charles. He was an avid reader, who enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf and shared his love of nature with his family on many fishing trips to Lake Erie. He was a life-long member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Fields started a family-owned and operated construction and masonry company, Fields Brothers Masonry. A skilled block and masonry contractor, he used his skills to improve his community whenever he was called upon. Following his first retirement, Mr. Fields became a dispatcher for the City of Columbus, Maintenance Department. In addition, he was a volunteer firefighter for Clinton Township.

I offer my condolences to his children, Janice Bosley and Charles (JoAnn) Fields; daughters-in-law, Earlene Fields and Shirley Hawkins; brothers, Charles and Carl (Jean) Fields; sister-in-law, Bettye Randle; 15 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the long and prolific life of Mr. William Arthur Fields, Sr.

HEROES OF COMPASSION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the heroes and heroines of compassion in our community for their exceptional devotion to serving the needs of others. In so doing, the ethic they set creates a better way of life for people across our region and enriches the human condition. The Charter for Compassion was created by Karen Armstrong, author of many interfaith books in 2008. Her wish was that the faith leaders of the world would acknowledge their core common value of compassion in a simple document and the response to her idea for Heroes of Compassion was phenomenal. Greater Toledo has many individuals and organizations that qualify as Heroes of Compassion. But many of these individuals and institutions are unsung heroes and heroines. Their stories of compassion are untold, while news of violence and conflict make headlines. The First Heroes of Compassion of Toledo were honored at the 11th Annual MultiFaith Banquet on March 11, 2012 at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes University, and later at a community gathering at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Glendale Ave. The First Heroes of Compassion included:

Sr. Mary Angelita Abair: Decades of work in central Toledo with the poor, marginalized, imprisoned, and disabled;

Cherry Street Mission: Emergency shelter, food and other assistance;

Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, The Diller Foundation: Provides medical equipment and supplies to many deserving countries and the Medical Hall of Fame;

Judge Charles J. Doneghy: Inner city youth mentor and support for prostate cancer awareness;

Fr. Martin Donnelly: Founding chair of Erase the Hate Toledo and Central City Ministries and many other organizations;

Hannah's Socks: Founded by four year old Hannah Turner and has since supplied 200,000+ pairs of socks to the homeless last year;

Jewish Family Service Food Bank: Food, supplies and moral support to the needy in the general community;

Ken Leslie & Pat Lewandowski, 1Matters—Tent City: Working to change the perception of the homeless;

Lifeline Toledo: Support for inner city homeless, including mobile medical support;

The Ronald McDonald House Charities: Provides a free home away from home for families accessing specialized medical care for their children;

Martha Pituch, RN, Cherry St. Mission Clinic: Founded and developed a nursing clinic to provide primary health care for homeless persons;

Devorah (Friedrich) Shulamit, Interfaith Blood Drive: Founder of the first interfaith blood drive in the nation, now in its 25th year;

Sr. Grace Ellen & Sr. Jeremias, Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania Gardens: Developed a nationally recognized four-season polyhouse to provide food for the needy year round;

Mike Szuberla, Toledo GROWS: Provides support for 150 community gardens and re-entry and proactive programs for at-risk youth;

St. Paul's Community Center: Daily hot meals, emergency shelter, and other services for the homeless;

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tangible, confidential, no-questions-asked assistance to those in need;

Toledo Area Ministries, Feed Your Neighbor Ministry: 12 food pantries, serve over 80,000 clients per year;

Toledo Mountain Mentors: One-on-one mentoring and outdoor experiences for at-risk teens.

A MOVING TRIBUTE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit remarks delivered at the recent memorial service, at Washington National Cathedral, for the late Chuck Colson.

Emily Colson, Chuck's daughter, gave a compelling personal eulogy which gave us a glimpse into Chuck as a father and grandfather—his undying love and devotion to his family were beautiful to behold.

The Reverend Dr. Timothy George delivered the homily—a stirring charge to those Chuck left behind to “be not afraid.”

I commend these eloquent, heartfelt tributes which honor a man whose prophetic voice will be sorely missed.

EMILY COLSON MEMORIAL SERVICE TRANSCRIPT

Good morning. My name is Emily Colson, and I am very blessed to be Chuck Colson's daughter. Today we celebrate a life well lived. I am thankful to be old enough to have known my father before he became a Christian and to see the change, the transformation in my father when Christ ruled in his heart. My father still had the same intellect and drive and passion for life, but a softness came over him. I think about my dad's office in his home in Florida, the desk highly polished where he worked tirelessly, and I think about the over-stuffed green chair in the corner where every morning he would kneel and pray. I think of the 3x5 cards my dad carried in his pocket underneath his jacket. There were 15 or 20 of them there, an ever growing to do list. But in that list he also had names, people that he prayed for every day. My dad became, as Scripture says, a new creation, and he loved his family differently.

My father in his work changed people all over the world and he also changed his family. That drive became a source of an affectionate joke in our family. We love to get together for family reunions and vacations and all of our family would be so excited to relax for a week together. And we would find ourselves in one scheduled fun activity to the next scheduled fun activity. And then my father would announce, he would declare, let's all take five minutes and relax. I was teasing him about it one day, and he looked at me just with a hint of a smile, and he said “Emily, six minutes would be wasteful.”

But even with that drive when I would call my dad or when he would call me, which was daily (sometimes it was more than once a day), you would think my dad had nothing else to do in his life. He was fully present. I thought he only did that for me. But I now know he has done it for everyone in our family. He put God first, family second above all else. That's the mark of a great father and a

great leader. I encourage all of you who are fathers to understand the powerful impact you can have in your children's lives. Don't miss it. My father loved his family. He and Patty just celebrated 48 years. Patty has been there as a partner in ministry; has kept my dad humble and well fed. My dad loved his three children, his grandchildren, and he almost lived to see his first great-grandchild, who will be born next month.

But perhaps for me the greatest mark of my dad's character has been his relationship with my son, Max. Max is 21 with a diagnosis of autism. And when we would come, which was frequently, my dad would clear his schedule and do nothing else but be present for Max and do everything Max loved, because Max needed his grandfather. And as it turns out, his grandfather needed Max.

My father has stood by his convictions even when no one else was looking. My father has been a defender of the weak. We will miss his zest for life. He was always the first to laugh and the last one to stop laughing. Every meal he ate was the best one he'd ever had, or so he would tell us. He was our advisor, mentor, friend, shoulder and encourager.

I think of that encouragement today. Today is a celebration of my father's life. But today is also about us, you and me. What will we do in the shadow of such an extraordinary role model. There is work to be done. I encourage you to continue the work God has begun through my father's life. Do the right thing. Seek the truth. Defend the weak. Live courageous lives. My father left a wonderful legacy and he left many writings for us to follow, to learn from. He left something for us this morning, for this moment today. “I want my funeral services to be joyful. I don't want people to be sad because I believe with every ounce of conviction in my body that death is but a homecoming and that we will be in the presence of God. It is the culmination of life. It's a celebration.”

BE NOT AFRAID!

A HOMILY DELIVERED BY THE REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY GEORGE AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHARLES W. COLSON AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL ON MAY 16, 2012

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In the ancient book of Joshua we read: “Now after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun saying, ‘Moses my servant is dead: now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. . . . As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage. Be thou strong and very courageous. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.’” (Joshua 1:1-9, selected verses)

Charles Wendell Colson was once the youngest captain in the United States Marines and, at his request, he was laid to rest several days ago at Quantico National Cemetery. He loved his country fiercely and served it well. But we are here today, in this the nation's church, to celebrate the life of one who ended his days as a soldier in another army, the militia Christi, a battalion without bullets, soldiers of Christ, arrayed in truth, wielding weapons of faith, prayer, and love. To describe this change in the life of Chuck Colson requires us to use freighted words such as conversion, redemption, transformation.

Not that Chuck ever completely outgrew the Marines. There was an intensity and drivenness about him that could be formidable. He did not suffer fools gladly and he

was not blessed with an overabundance of patience. Chuck loved to tell the story about a man who accosted him on a plane one day, pushing, shoving, jostling for a seat. Chuck said to him, “Fella, do you know who you're messing with? I'm an ex-marine, an ex-con, and if I weren't a Christian you'd be on the floor of this plane!” Then he presented the Gospel to him.

Chuck was not perfect, but he was forgiven. He never got over the wonder and surprise of having encountered Jesus Christ as a real person, a living reality; the one person in human history who passed through the gossamer veil of death and came back to tell us what was on the other side and how we should prepare for that journey by living every day in the light of eternity. Chuck's autobiography, *Born Again*, tells the story of a man born in Boston on the wrong side of the tracks. He clawed his way up the ever-spiraling ladder of success until he reached the pinnacle of power as Special Counsel to the President of the United States.

But when his career was shattered in the wake of Watergate, he found himself in the position of another henchman, Thomas à Becket, who had done the bidding of King Henry II in the twelfth century. In a play about his life, Becket stands on stage, stripped of the insignia of his high office, and exclaims, “Oh, God, there must be more, there must be something more!”

Chuck Colson had such a moment in the summer of 1973. Sitting alone late one night in the driveway of his friend Tom Phillips, filled with guilt and despair, he burst into tears “crying so hard,” he later said, “it was like trying to swim underwater.” That night he prayed his first real prayer, “God, I don't know how to find you. But I'm going to try. Somehow I want to give myself to you.” Take me, take me, take me, he repeated over and over.

And God did take Chuck Colson from that moment of surrender to a federal prison in Alabama, to the experience of baptism as a new believer in Christ, to the founding of Prison Fellowship, a wonderful ministry to prisoners and their families now chartered in 113 countries around the world. And God took Chuck to the side of Mary Kay Beard, a former inmate and bank robber who could boast of being on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. At our fundraisers, Chuck used to say that no one could ask for money like Mary Kay! Together with Chuck she founded a ministry called Angel Tree that has served some six million children of prisoners over the last three decades. Chuck never forgot that he served a Savior who had been crucified as a prisoner, one who knew what it was like to be stripped, sentenced, beaten, and mocked. He never forgot Jesus' words: “I was in prison and you visited me.”

Chuck's conversion was not only emotional, it was also intellectual and moral as well. “I could not sidestep,” he said, “the central question God had placed squarely before me. Was I to accept without reservation Jesus Christ as Lord of my life? It was like a gate before me. There was no way to walk around it. I would step through or I would remain outside. A ‘maybe’ or ‘I need more time’ was kidding myself. The phrase ‘accept Jesus Christ’ had sounded at first both pious and mystical, the language of the zealot, maybe black magic stuff. But the question was: did I believe what Jesus said? If I did, then I accepted. Not mystical or weird at all, and with no in-between ground left. Either I would believe or I would not—and believe it all or none of it.”

Of course, there have been and still are the critics. When *Born Again* was released, Chuck's hometown newspaper, *The Boston Globe*, wrote: “If Colson can repent, there just has to be hope for everyone!” To which

Chuck would be the first to say, Yes! that's exactly the point. Hope for everyone, anyone. The invitation has gone out with your name on it. It says RSVP. There is no limit to this love of God. His grace and forgiveness reach to the least, the last, and the lost, which, at the end of the day, is all of us, each of us sooner or later, in one way or other.

Of all the tributes that have been written about Chuck in recent days, the one that touched me most deeply was by Mr. Lanny Davis, who served as Special Counsel to President Clinton, the same title Chuck Colson had in his work at the White House with President Nixon. Mr. Davis described his meeting with Chuck several years ago at a dinner before the National Prayer Breakfast. They greeted one another, and Chuck said to Mr. Davis, "I've wanted for a very long time to say something to you: I am sorry, may God forgive me." "I looked at him, stunned," Mr. Davis wrote. Chuck continued, "You know, I'm the guy who put you on the enemies list—that was wrong, please forgive me." Mr. Davis said, "I looked into his eyes and I felt a strange and deep peace. It was eerie. I also saw a profound goodness and spirituality. My eyes teared up. 'Of course I forgive you, Mr. Colson.' Mr. Davis then asked for Chuck's forgiveness, as years before he himself had spoken with hatred about Chuck. Immediately, Chuck hugged him. "I learned an important lesson that night," Lanny Davis said. "I vowed that I would never use the word 'hate' about people in politics with whom I disagreed."

Over the years, Chuck came to see the close connection between the despair he witnessed within the prisons and the "culture of death" in society on the outside. He knew that genuine reform had to embrace the family, the community, and the church as well as the state. He came to see that the work he had done, and continued to do, in the prisons would ultimately fail unless it was undergirded by a robust Christian worldview, an understanding of what it is we believe and how it applies to our lives.

This perspective was reinforced by the three great intellectual heroes to whom Chuck turned again and again. William Wilberforce, the young member of Parliament who devoted his life to the abolition of the slave trade. And Abraham Kuyper, the Reformed theologian and prime minister of the Netherlands whom Chuck quoted, I believe, more than anyone else. Kuyper said: "There is not one square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine, that belongs to me!'" And there was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a champion of faith and conscience in one of the darkest moments of human history. Bonhoeffer, who preached a gospel of costly grace and who, in 1937, wrote "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

Chuck Colson was a Baptist but he had a passion for Christian unity that reached far beyond his own denomination. In the early nineteen-nineties, Chuck and his close friend, the late Father Richard John Neuhaus, brought together a group known as Evangelicals and Catholics Together—not a mere coalition but a fellowship of earnest Evangelicals and faithful Catholics who recognized that beyond all the differences that continued to separate us, we shared a fundamental unity as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision for reconciliation that continues still.

This same impulse was behind the 2009 Manhattan Declaration, which began as a statement and has now become a movement of more than half a million Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox believers all committed to the three most pressing, and increasingly contested moral issues of our

time: the sanctity of life for every single person including the elderly, the weak, and the pre-born, each of whom is made in the image of God (*imago Dei*) and is worthy of our respect and protection; the historic institution of marriage, not for the sake of traditionalism but for the flourishing of families and the nurture of children, an institution Cardinal Timothy Dolan has called the cornerstone of society; and religious freedom, not only for Christians, but for all persons everywhere, and for religious institutions as well as for individuals, for synagogues, mosques, temples and churches and the work they do on behalf of the common good in education and benevolence. Chuck believed in these things and he stood for them with courage, charity and civility.

For those who thought that this was just the old political Colson in a new disguise, he reminded them that while citizens in a representative democracy such as ours have a special responsibility, the fundamental issue is not political but spiritual. What Chuck advocated was a chastened form of civic virtue based on the fact that Christians hold a dual citizenship, one in this world, and the other, as St. Paul said, in heaven. With St. Augustine, Chuck wanted us to avoid two mistakes that Christians have often made and that still tempt us today.

One is the lure of utopianism, the mistake of thinking that we can produce a human society that will solve our problems and bring about the Kingdom of God on earth. This was the basic error of both liberalism and Marxism in the nineteenth century. But the other error is equally disastrous: cynicism. This happens when we become so jaded by the evil around us that we are tempted to give up on this world altogether, to retreat into our own self-contained circle of contentment, which can be either a pious holy huddle or a secular skeptics club. How are we to avoid such reactions?

Perhaps Francis of Assisi can help us here. One day after his conversion to Christ when he was riding back to Assisi, he saw a leper on the road. He reached out to embrace the leper and actually gave him a kiss. It was the kiss of peace. In that moment when he embraced this filthy diseased outcast, Francis said that he was overcome by a dual sensation. On the one hand, he was nauseated. He wanted to throw up. On the other hand, he was permeated with a sense of sweetness (*suavitas*) and well-being, and both sensations were in that one embrace.

Chuck Colson knew that both reactions were critical to our faith. If all we experience is nausea, we will become cynics. We will give up on the world and turn away from it in despair. But if all we have is sweetness, then our faith will amount to little more than sentimental fluff, what Schopenhauer called an "unscrupulous optimism that leads us nowhere but to vanity." Genuine faith and true ministry take place on the thin edge between nausea and sweetness.

Chuck Colson often experienced that thin edge. Once while visiting Trivandrum, India, he was taken to a camp with more than a thousand inmates, most of them "untouchables." Caged in squalid holes, with no toilets or running water, they were totally dehumanized, treated as outcasts. Speaking through a Hindi translator, Chuck shared his own testimony of grace and forgiveness. After the closing prayer, acting against the advice he had been given, he jumped down from the platform and ran to touch the men before him. Later, he wrote about this event: "Suddenly, like a flight of birds, men rose to their feet and circled around me. I shook every hand I could. Most of the men just reached and touched; they were desperate to 'touch,' to know that the love God offers is real." Later, they went back to their grim

cells. But that night, through the witness of Chuck Colson, they had received some good news: in Jesus Christ there are no untouchables. All of us bear that message whenever we walk the thin edge of costly discipleship.

John Calvin was right when he warned against extravagant speculation in the mystery of death. There is much we do not know. And this is a good occasion for each of us to think about our own deaths, for death waits for each of us around the next corner, or the next. John Donne spoke of the democracy of the dead. Mortality is egalitarian. It comes equally to each of us, and when it comes, it makes us all equal. Today we mourn with Chuck's beloved Patty, the Colson family, and countless citizens across our land and around the world who have lost a great friend, champion, leader, and world Christian statesman. But we do not grieve as those who have no hope, for as St. Paul has reminded us, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

It has been said that this life is a chasm of light suspended between two eternities of darkness. But the Gospel Chuck Colson believed and proclaimed tells a different story: this life is the real shadowland, and often a vale of tears, suspended between two eternities of light. We come into this world, each of us, from the hands of the invisible God who dwells in light inaccessible. And, we leave this world, trusting in Jesus Christ, to go into what the African American preacher calls the land of "no more," no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain or death, no more crime or violence, no more prison and no more night, for we go into that land beyond the shadows where we shall have no need of candles, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God will give light to all those gathered around his throne and that of the Lamb.

And in the meantime? How now shall we live?

One of Chuck's last books was titled *The Good Life*. And it closes with these words: "The good life? A life worth living? Indeed. But the good life is possible only if we live in expectation that life will end as richly as we lived it, if we laugh off the maggots and affirm that these bones shall live in the resurrection. Live each day as if it were the best of days and the last of days. And when the last of days comes, live it as the best of days."

And who will take the place of Chuck Colson? Earlier this year I visited the grave of the great evangelist D.L. Moody who died in 1899 in Northfield, Massachusetts. At that time, everyone was saying, who can fill the shoes of the great D.L. Moody? There seemed no one on the horizon who commanded the respect and loyalty that Moody had. It's quite depressing to read the religious press of those days. But unbeknownst to anyone on earth at the time, a little baby named John was about to be born to Sir Arnold Stott and his wife Lily. About the same time, another little boy named Billy entered the Graham family in Charlotte. A few years later, Pastor and Sister King in Atlanta celebrated the birth of baby Martin. And in 1931, in a hardscrabble section of Boston, a baby named Charlie Colson arrived.

Today the servant of God named Chuck Colson is dead and the Lord is saying to us as he said to Joshua and the children of Israel long ago: as I was with Chuck, so I will be with you. Be not afraid! I will not fail you, nor forsake you. Be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid! Be not dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Let us pray: Oh, God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life. Remind us of the wonderful promise of our

Lord Jesus Christ who said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. We praise thee that through his atoning death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection, Jesus has opened wide the gates of eternal life to all who believe.

Today we give thanks for thy servant Charles Wendell Colson, for his steadfastness in faith, obedience to thy Word, and love for thy Church, for his gracious smile, loving touch, and contagious confidence in Jesus Christ his only comfort in life and death, and ours as well. We say farewell in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, until we meet again in that blessed land of "no more", through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost now and forevermore. Amen.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM SECOND ANNUAL LUNCHEON IN CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge the gathering of supporters of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Cleveland for the second annual Cleveland Luncheon on Monday May 21, 2012. The luncheon featured remarks by Museum Director Sara Bloomfield, a Cleveland native, and former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey. Judge Mukasey discussed the importance of the Museum's training for judges, "Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: How the Courts Failed Germany."

The idea of a U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum began in 1978. On November 1, 1978, President Jimmy Carter established the "President's Commission on the Holocaust," chaired by author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel. The commission was charged with, among other things, reporting back on how an appropriate museum could be created in Washington to commemorate the Holocaust which would be funded through contributions by the American people. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was completed in 1993 on 1.9 acres of land adjacent to the National Mall in Washington donated by the federal government with the \$200 million in construction costs paid completely by private donations.

To quote Director Bloomfield, the "Museum presents the Holocaust in a way that challenges people to confront human nature—the entire spectrum, from extraordinary evil that led to the mass murder of Jews to the extraordinary goodness of people who risked their lives, risked the lives of their families to save another human being, and every kind of shade of human behavior in between. And, for me, it says to people, now that you know this about ourselves as a species, what must you do with this? You must do something with this. You must be responsible for our species."

Mr. Speaker, Director Bloomfield's perspective sums up the practical necessity of peace education, which I fully support and have advocated on this floor and in the corridors of Congress. I am pleased that there is a national grassroots movement to support the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and that the movement has convened for a second

year in Cleveland. Please join me in acknowledging the importance of this movement and the support they provide to continuing the peace education conducted on a daily basis at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 315, "yea" on rollcall No. 316, "nay" on rollcall No. 317, "yea" on rollcall No. 318.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,733,409,283,200.18. We've added \$5,106,532,234,287.10 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT MARC ROGERS' SERVICE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor LTG Marc E. Rogers for his service to our country.

Our country has been blessed to have citizens like Lt. Gen. Rogers who have selflessly volunteered to defend our Nation and freedom. They are the reason why we are the strongest Nation on Earth, and the reason we stand today with freedoms unparalleled across the globe. Lt. Gen. Rogers joined the Air Force in 1974 and served as an electronic combat pilot, Aggressor pilot, instructor pilot, evaluation pilot, operations officer and commander. During his time in the Air Force he commanded at the squadron level, group, wing and numbered air force levels. Lt. Gen. Rogers led combat operations in Iraq and Bosnia. He has served in a variety of positions at command headquarters including the Joint Staff, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Tactical Air Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Air Education and Training Command, and Air Force Material Command.

Our republic and the freedoms that flow from it remain the envy of the world because of service and sacrifices of men and women like Lt. Gen. Rogers. I am proud of Lt. Gen. Rogers' service to our Nation and am honored to call him my neighbor in the 7th Congress-

sional District of Missouri. I wanted to take this opportunity to honor his service to a grateful Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5th, 2012, I was absent during roll-call vote No. 317 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the McClintock of California Amendment No. 5.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER JOHN J. CREGAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Father John J. Cregan, who ministered to parishes throughout our community, including Blessed Sacrament, St. Joseph's Church, St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Angels. Father Cregan also served as the Chaplain for the Cleveland Police and Fire, Greater Cleveland Police and Fire, Holy Name Society, Cleveland Office of the FBI, the Greater Cleveland Police Emerald Society, Retired Irish Police Society and the Anchor Club. Collectively, he held these roles for more than forty years.

Father Cregan had a long and distinguished history in Cleveland. Born on June 2, 1935, Father Cregan went to St. Vincent de Paul grade school and later graduated from Saint Ignatius High School. After attending St. Meinrad Minor Seminary, Borromeo Seminary, and St. Mary Seminary, Father Cregan was ordained at Saint John Cathedral by Auxiliary Bishop Floyd Begin on May 20, 1961.

Father Cregan was especially active with safety organizations such as police officers and firemen. He was an invaluable source of support, kindness and guidance for the women and men who bravely serve in the line of duty. His service led to him being honored with numerous awards, including becoming the 12th inductee of the Cleveland Police Museum Hall of Fame.

Father Cregan's joy and strong faith were apparent after listening to any of his sermons. His kind spirit and good nature has brought countless people to his church. His dedication, generosity, and love to his members was like no other. He truly cared for all people. We, as a community, were blessed to have Father Cregan.

I offer my condolences to his sisters, Sister M. Theresine, Rita Joyce, and Florence Schwind and his 15 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Father John J. Cregan who served his community selflessly with love and talent.

RECOGNIZING DR. MATTHEW HOLDEN, ACADEMICIAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Dr. Matthew Holden, Academician.

Holden was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and subsequently grew up in Chicago. He is married to the former Dorothy Amanda Howard and they are the parents of Paul Christopher Hendricks and John Matthew Alexander Holden. Holden is an alumnus of Northwestern University (M.A., Ph.D., Political Science, Anthropology minor), of Roosevelt University (B. A., Political Science, History minor), and of Wendell Phillips High School (Chicago).

He taught at Wayne State University in Detroit, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Wisconsin—Madison, and the University of Virginia, where he was the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor of Politics. He has also been the Newman Visiting Professor of American Civilization, Cornell University, and has been a visiting professor at Jackson State University. In his writings and experience, Holden has emphasized the connection of political science concepts to the actual world that they seek to explain, and of learning from the actual world to refine concepts.

Professor Holden has written extensively in many fields of the discipline of political science. This work has included energy politics and environmental policy, regulatory policy and practice, urban and metropolitan politics, public policy and administration, executive politics, law and politics, and race and ethnic politics.

Among his works are *Continuity & Disruption: Essays in Public Administration*, a study of race and politics entitled *The Divisible Republic*, an edited volume on *Varieties of Political Conservatism*, and contributions to a joint volume on *Resources and Decisions*.

He is also the author of a new volume, now in the last stage of writing, entitled *The Practice of Power*, a study of public administration and political power, for the University of Oklahoma Press. This volume is based on the Rothbaum Lecture in Representative Government delivered in 2001 and rewritten over the past decade. In 1973, he published a two volume perspective on race relations and civil rights entitled *The Politics of the Black "Nation"* and *The White Man's Burden*. A combined trade edition was also published under the title *The Divisible Republic*.

He has also been engaged in many activities outside the academy. He held full time appointive public office as Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He has been a member of the Electricity Advisory Board (U.S. Department of Energy), Task Force on Electric System Reliability (U.S. Department of Energy), President's Air Quality Advisory Board, and of the Board of Directors of Atlantic Energy, Inc.

Among his public affairs activities have been assignments in congressional testimony on

D.C., government organization and on energy policy, and as a witness before the House Judiciary Committee on historical and constitutional standards on Presidential impeachment. He has also been a witness on state legislative hearings on energy.

He has also been a member of the Delegate Assembly of the National Urban League, the Education and Youth Incentives Committee of the National Urban League, the Boards of Directors of the Madison, Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Urban Leagues, in local NAACP chapters, and is an active layperson in the Episcopal Church.

He has also been a strong advocate for improving the analytical basis of African American politics, and has spent recent years advancing the concept of a think tank on politics, economics, and government, especially in the Lower Mississippi Valley. One of his major current interests, as well, is historic preservation, especially in Mound Bayou where the vicissitudes of the contemporary economy are severe and adverse effects.

He is a former President of the American Political Science Association, a former President of the Policy Studies Organization, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Senior Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He holds the L.L.D. (Hon.) from Tuskegee University, the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Roosevelt University, and the L.H.D. (Hon.) from Virginia Theological Seminary. Holden has recently become a member of the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Jackson State University has also created a Matthew Holden, Jr. Symposium Lecture in recognition of his work and of his and Mrs. Dorothy Holden's donation of the 4,000 volume library that is now called The Mrs. Dorothy Howard Holden and Dr. Matthew Holden, Jr. Reading Room. Holden's academic, personal, and official papers have mainly been donated to the University of Virginia Archives. When those papers are processed they will provide one of most extensive collections in any university of materials on regulatory policy and procedure as seen from a commissioner's standpoint.

Holden served in the United States Army, with sixteen months in Korea in the 7th Infantry Division Artillery.

Matthew Holden, Jr. is the Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science, University of Illinois—Springfield, a position he has held since August 2009. He is the convener of the Wepner Symposium on the Lincoln Legacy and Contemporary Scholarship.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EVELYN WEINSTEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Evelyn Weinstein, beloved mother, grandmother, and wife, tireless advocate for the underprivileged, and friend to all who knew her. Regrettably, Evelyn passed away earlier this week.

To say that Evelyn believed in giving back and paying forward would be an understatement—she devoted her entire life to helping the most vulnerable members of our society. The daughter of Polish immigrants, Evelyn worked hard to achieve the American Dream, graduating first from Brooklyn College and then going on to receive a Masters degree from Columbia University. Evelyn used her education and training to help others by becoming a certified psychiatric social worker in New York State.

During World War II and its aftermath, she helped veterans and their families cope with the psychiatric issues of war and also assisted children with respiratory ailments. During her four-decade long career as a social worker, she was a stalwart advocate for patients, assisting thousands of them at Jamaica, Long Island Jewish and North Shore hospitals. She was also the director of Long Term Care Ombudservice, Nassau County, safeguarding the rights of nursing-home residents and helping families deal with the difficult transition of placing loved ones into elder-care facilities.

Always the ardent activist, Evelyn was involved with many social agencies and organizations dedicated to assisting low income and vulnerable individuals, including: the Nassau Action Coalition, helping the aged and disabled and blind on Social Security Income; the Kimmel Housing Development Foundation, advocating for affordable housing; and the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanuel of Great Neck, serving as its chairperson. Evelyn also received numerous honors for her good works during her long and varied career, including: the American Jewish Congress Woman of the Year award, the Nassau County Social Worker of the Year award, and Nassau County Senior Citizen of the Year award.

Evelyn met the love of her life, Jack Weinstein, while she was attending Brooklyn College. They married in 1946 after Jack's service in the U.S. Navy and had three sons, Seth, Michael, and Howard. Jack went on to become a federal district judge, then chief judge, in the Eastern District of New York. But before Jack could become one of the most distinguished jurists in the country, Evelyn worked nights as a social worker and helped care for their young son so that Jack could attend Columbia University law school.

Evelyn was known for a lifetime of selfless devotion to her family, friends, coworkers, patients and clients. Her human touch and empathy for those in need led to the bettering of thousands of lives, not just through her own work, but also through her efforts of teaching people how to help people. She trained and supervised hundreds of social workers and volunteer "ombudspeople" along the way so that they could continue to "pay forward" what Evelyn had "given back" to her community. Evelyn was deeply committed to the concept of citizen representatives overseeing and engaging in government programs in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn's energy and compassion for helping the disadvantaged never wavered, never flagged. She is already sorely missed, but her gift of helping others, as well as inspiring all of us to help those less fortunate than us, will always endure. I ask all of our colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Evelyn Weinstein.

HONORING LEROY KELLER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Leroy Keller of Scarborough, Maine, who is celebrating his 50th consecutive year as a volunteer with the American Legion, Department of Maine Dirigo Boys State Program.

Leroy has been an integral part of the Maine American Legion Boys State Program for the last half century. Boys State programs currently operate in 48 States around the country, and serve over 19,000 high school students ever year. Enrolled students are given the opportunity to learn about the operation of State and local governments by running a model state. Boys State helps instill a sense of civic engagement in our youth, while also providing them with an experience that is both fun and educational. The Department of Maine Dirigo Boys State was founded in 1947, and through the hard work of people like Leroy, the program has made a significant impact in the lives of thousands of Maine high school students.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of community engagement as completely as Mr. Keller. Leroy retired from a distinguished career as an educator in the Mount View and Deer-Isle Stonington School districts. He has also refereed and coached youth sports for 40 years in the Eastern Maine Conference.

After five decades, Leroy's commitment to Maine's youth through the Boys State Program is second only to his 51-year marriage to his wife Mary. He has been the senior counselor coordinator for most of his 50 years at the organization, overseeing countless volunteers and students, including myself. I am humbled to be one of the many lives touched by Leroy's warmth and dedication.

On June 16, Dirigo Boys State will be honoring Leroy for his service at Thomas College in Waterville, ME. I can think of no one else more deserving of this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Keller on achieving this milestone, and thanking him for all that he does on behalf of Maine's youth.

WEST VIRGINIA ALWAYS FREE
HONOR FLIGHT**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of distinguished West Virginia Veterans—the State's first Honor Flight—who came to Washington today to visit war memorials and our Nation's Capitol. It was my privilege to meet with them so that I could personally thank them for their outstanding service. I am humbled and honored at any opportunity to meet such remarkable American patriots and to pay tribute to those who have done so much for us.

I welcomed them to their Nation's Capitol, and I do mean their Capitol, because without them and their service to our Nation, this old capitol just might not be here.

On this day they will visit the World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans memorials. I asked them while they are at the Korean War Memorial, to read the words chiseled in the granite wall there, "Freedom is not free." Truer words were never uttered.

And, for their service, we, as a Nation, can never repay them, but I have to say, we darn well better never quit trying to honor them in our thoughts and prayers and deeds.

The Honor Flight is a measure of what the service of Veterans has meant to those who freely contribute to keep these missions of lasting memories for you going. We salute all those who contribute and help organize them.

And it's up to those of us in the public sector to stand firm in our Nation's commitment to Veterans' long term health care and other benefits.

From towns born of mining, to our state born of war, to a nation under God, each of West Virginia's Veterans symbolizes the depth of human giving and the height of divine compassion. One word best describes what our Veterans did: sacrifice.

What they, and those who served with them, sacrificed is reflected in the white and black granite of our war memorials. They serve as timeless reminders to all who pass their way that we must always remember and honor those who stood in harm's way so that freedom's light could continue to shine.

Every time a Veteran steps foot on the grounds of one of the war memorials, they honor all who did not live to see it. And their visit adds a living testament to the memorial's significance, when each returns home and tells family and friends about the experience.

These West Virginia Veterans defended our Nation under the banner of red, white and blue; and on behalf of a grateful Nation, I presented each of them our country's colors, Old Glory, to take home with them.

I am so proud of all Veterans and will continue to fight and to work with my colleagues in the House to address their needs. As a Nation, we have a duty and responsibility to support and acknowledge the great sacrifice that our veterans so willingly made for all of us.

So much of the Nation's greatness rests on the shoulders of these protectors of America—like the members of West Virginia Honor Flight—whose commitment and duty to God, country, and family keeps strong the foundation of our republic.

May God always bless our Nation with men and women such as these:

Andrew Semonco—Age 88—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Harold Lee Dobbins, Sr.—Age 85—WW II Vet.—Beckley, W. Va.; Robert Arthur Day—Age 85—WW II Vet.—Beaver, W. Va.; Frank Martin Johnston—Age 90—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, Va.; Howard B. Candler—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Joseph Laenen—Age 84—WW II Vet.—Montcalm, W. Va.; Cecil Pennington—Age 83—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Buford S. Helmandollar—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; William D. Foley—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Crab Orchard, W. Va.; Ralph L. Kiblinger—Age 82—WW II Vet.—Beaver, W. Va.

Victor T. Birchfield—Age 89—WW II Vet.—Lester, W. Va.—joined Army in 1940's in Hotchkiss, W. Va.—Sgt., served in the European Theater in combat units, infantryman; Bruce Blewins—Age 86—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Eugene Lusk—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Herndon, W. Va.; Leonard (Whitey) Beckett—Age 87—WW II Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; James A. Harvey—Age 78—Korean War

Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Franklin Sargent—Age 77—Korean War Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Conrad (Connie) Jenkins—Age 79—Korean War Vet.—Lashmeet, W. Va.; Joel W. Birchfield—Age 64—Vietnam Vet.—Lester, W. Va.; Raymond A. Desplaines—Age 60—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Alphonso Hancock—Age 74—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.

Ivan R. Freeland—Age 64—Vietnam Vet.—Fairmont, W. Va.; David A. Simmons—Age 62—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Randall R. Lawhorn—Age 62—Vietnam Vet.; Robert B. Ashby—Age 73—Vietnam Vet.—Princeton, W. Va.; Johnnie Williams—Age 66—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Justin S. Bays—Age 65—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; James L. Scott—Age 70—Vietnam Vet.—Rock, W. Va.; Donald F. Sternoff, Jr.—Vietnam Vet.—Bluefield, W. Va.; Ernest R. Rose—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Raysal, W. Va.; Jackie L. Etter—Vietnam Vet.—Age 75—Bluefield, W. Va.

Richard N. Wirt—Vietnam Vet.—Age 74—Princeton, W. Va.; Gary S. Bowling—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Bluefield, W. Va.; Richard Sturgell—Vietnam Vet.—Age 63—Thorpe, W. Va.; Stephen O. Beckett—Vietnam Vet.—Age 59—Hiwassee, Va.; Laura King and Marie Blackwell—Bluefield, W. Va. representing their father and husband, David Blackwell, Vietnam Veteran who passed away 4 months ago; Dreama Denver—Princeton, W. Va.—President, The Denver Foundation, V-Pres. Always Free H. F. representing her deceased father Korean War Vet., Glen E. Peery; Charles Thomas Richardson—Princeton, W. Va.—President, Always Free Honor Flight representing his deceased father WW II Vet., Clifford Richardson; Pamela Coulbourne—Princeton, W. Va.—Exec. Assistant, The Denver Foundation, Coord. Always Free H.F. representing her deceased father WW II Vet.—Francis L. Fluharty; Steve Coleman—Bluefield, W. Va.—Official Photographer, The Denver Foundation & Always Free H. F. representing his deceased father WW II Vet., James M. Coleman; Burk Allen Adkins—Washington, D.C.—Board Member of Always Free H.F., Public Relations for The Denver Foundation, representing his deceased father WW II/Korea Vet., Stanley Adkins.

IN HONOR OF ST. MARTIN OF
TOURS SCHOOL**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Martin of Tours School, a distinguished primary Catholic school located in Maple Heights, Ohio that is closing after 49 years of serving the community.

St. Martin of Tours was founded in 1963 under the leadership of Pastor John J. Gerrity. The school originally had just three grades. One grade was added each year until each grade, from kindergarten through eighth, was represented. The first principal was Sister Mary Electa Coleman, a member of the Humility of Mary Sisters.

Students at St. Martin of Tours participate in many activities that are educationally, spiritually, and socially enriching. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders maintain pen-pal relationships with residents of a local senior care facility. The Liturgy Team collaborates with the West Side Catholic Center. Twice a month students in grades 4–8 travel to the Center to volunteer their service. Since 1989, students have participated in the DARE program, a program that

teaches children how to avoid drugs and violence. The school also has a Peace Pole in their Memory Garden, around which students and faculty gather each Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and for special prayer services to commemorate loved ones who have passed away.

In 1997, the school won the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award from the United States Department of Education. Despite the outstanding education students at St. Martin of Tours have received for almost fifty years, this year will be the school's last.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring St. Martin of Tours, a school that has provided education of the highest quality for decades. It will certainly be missed by the community it served.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my district, I had to miss votes on H.R. 5325. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 315, "aye" on rollcall vote 316, "no" on rollcall vote 317, "yes" on rollcall vote 318.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, during Floor consideration of H.R. 5325 on June 1, 2012, I mistakenly recorded my vote on roll No. 311 as "no" on the question on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. McCLINTOCK of California.

I intended to vote "yes", on the McClintock amendment, which sought to reduce the Department of Energy, Energy Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account by \$1,450,960,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. Again, I would like to reiterate my strong support for the McClintock amendment and wish to clearly state for the record that I support the amendment to H.R. 5325 and did not intend to vote against it.

HONORING LOGAN ROUSH

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Logan Roush, of New Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Logan, a 22-year-old, lifelong resident of Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District, will have the distinct honor of delivering the keynote address at this year's dinner for Pennsylvania Cystic Fibrosis, Inc.

As an amateur historian, Civil War buff, and diehard Notre Dame football fan, Logan

stands as an example to people across the district and the country who are struggling with cystic fibrosis. He embodies courage and strength, as he works to achieve good through the adversity of his struggles.

Logan graduated from Mifflinburg High School and completed one semester at Susquehanna University, until he was unable to continue due to his battle with cystic fibrosis. Along with his parents, Shawn and Kelly Roush, and his grandmother, Betty Hollenbach, Logan has served as a longtime member of PACFI, emceeding their annual dinner for the past ten years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Logan Roush, and ask my colleagues to join in praising his commitment to country and community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNT WASHINGTON CRUISES ON THEIR 140TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mount Washington Cruises on reaching your 140th anniversary.

New Hampshire is proud to be home to some of the most beautiful sights in the Northeast. The White Mountains and Lakes Region have attracted tourists from all over the world, and the beauty and grandeur of Lake Winnepesaukee has been shared with thousands of visitors thanks to the M/S Mount Washington.

The MIS Mount Washington is truly one of New Hampshire's greatest treasures and continues to be one of the State's leading tourist attractions in the Lakes Region and for Weirs Beach. The daily in season tours give visitors the chance to view firsthand the beauty and majesty of Lake Winnepesaukee. With the ability to hold 1250 passengers, the "Mount" has also been a popular venue for parties, weddings and various celebrations. Today Mount Washington Cruises is owned and operated by local individuals ensuring that this fine vessel and her operations maintain in New Hampshire and are run by New Hampshire's great citizens.

I congratulate the owners, officers and crew of the Mount Washington Cruises for their continued success and their dedication to maintain the great legacy of the M/S Mount Washington here in the Granite State. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today is World Environment Day. Established by the United Nations and now in its 40th year, World Environment Day draws the attention of the international community to the urgent and continuing need to address environmental issues.

A "green" economy is one whose growth in income and employment is driven by public

and private investments that reduce carbon emissions and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. These investments need to be incentivized and supported by targeted public-private partnerships, policy reforms, and regulation changes.

One of the main engines for economic growth is a higher rate of employment, which both reduces the burden on the economy and gives consumers the purchasing power to sustain a middle-class standard of living through supporting industries. And "greening the economy" creates good-paying jobs.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Green Economy: Does it Include You?"

On behalf of the 7,000,000 residents of the 37th Congressional District of California whom I represent, I am proud to answer this question in the affirmative. The people, businesses, and institutions of the 37th Congressional District of California have taken groundbreaking steps to strengthen and advance America's green economy. For example, the Port of Long Beach's Clean Trucks Program has reduced air pollution from harbor trucks by 90 percent. The City of Long Beach has implemented several initiatives aimed at 'greening' its economy, including the Green Business Recognition Program, the Environmental Purchasing Policy, and the foundation of the Green Job Center.

As a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Caucus and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I have worked to advance environmentally sustainable policies that will position our country to compete and win in the global economy of the 21st century. In the 111th Congress, I introduced the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, DERA, of 2010, which extended a national and State-level grant, rebate and loan program that created jobs and improved the Nation's air quality. This legislation also provides economic incentives to decrease emissions and protect the environment, which will result in significant health benefits for communities across the country. DERA was signed into law by the President on January 4, 2011.

I am also proud to have voted to pass such other important 'green' legislation as the American Clean Energy and Security Act, the Home Star Jobs Act, and Renewable Energy Credits and Other Business and Individual Credits Act.

Mr. Speaker, since its inception in 1972 World Environment Day has grown to become one of the main vehicles to focus attention and encourage action by the international community in support of the environment. World Environment Day is a day for people from all walks of life to come together to ensure a cleaner, greener and brighter outlook for themselves and future generations.

Everyone counts in this initiative and everyone can help make a difference. Whether by organizing a neighborhood clean-up, stop using plastic bags and get your community to do the same, planting a tree, walking to work, starting a recycling drive, everyone can contribute to making our communities safer, healthier, and cleaner.

So on World Environment Day, I commend all those individuals and organizations across the Nation and around the world for the contributions they are making and urge all Americans to join them in the worthwhile effort.

IN HONOR OF TOM AND BEVERLY
JELEPIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Tom and Beverly Jelepiss, the former Mayor of Bay Village, Ohio and his wife.

Tom Jelepiss was the Mayor of Bay Village from 1994 to 2000. In August of 2010, Tom was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After ten months of treatment, Tom is now cancer-free. However, the experience left his wife, Beverly, overwhelmed with the responsibilities of maintaining a home, a family, and also their real estate business. Friends and Bay Village residents were eager to help the former mayor and his family by providing them with food, lawn care services, and other day-to-day needs for which they no longer had time. The couple realized how difficult a cancer diagnosis must be for people without such support, and was deeply thankful for the generosity of their friends and neighbors during their difficult time.

Tom and Beverly have decided to establish an organization called Friends From the Start that will provide the same basic services for other cancer patients. The organization's website will include links to businesses that are willing to offer their services for free or a reduced cost to people with cancer. Friends From the Start will be run by volunteers and will also have volunteers present to personally assist the patients.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Tom and Beverly Jelepiss, a couple familiar with the hardships of cancer who are dedicated to maintaining the quality of life for their neighbors should they battle this terrible disease.

GRACE APOSTOLIC CHURCH'S 65
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Grace Apostolic Church's 65 years of service in the community of Joplin, Missouri.

Grace Apostolic Church was founded in 1947, by the late Irving Baxter Sr. It was originally located at 16th and Pearl Street. In 1948, an Army chapel was picked from Fort Crowder and moved to the location on 15th and Pearl, where the church remained until 1967. In 1957, Reverend William J Garrett assumed the pastorate.

In 1966, land was acquired at 2601 Connecticut, where the new facility was built. The new building at 26th and Connecticut was dedicated in 1967 and Elder William Garrett served as Pastor for 52 years. In 2009, Dr. Gary W. Garrett assumed pastoral duties.

A major remodeling project was started by Pastor Garrett and has transformed this property.

Grace Apostolic Church has impacted the Joplin area for 65 years and is a purpose-driven church. The vision of Grace Church is to

help people, restore lives and families, and help meet the needs of the families that are hurting.

On May 22, 2011, Grace Church became a refuge for many who sought shelter, just minutes before the storm ravaged the city. Having been blessed by God and escaping the full impact of the storm, Grace Church stood and continually provided shelter, food, and encouragement to those in need.

Grace Church has an illustrious history of 65 years of service in Joplin, and has provided spiritual guidance for thousands of people spanning nearly seven decades. Grace Church has been blessed to serve Joplin and the surrounding communities.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
JEFFREY KNIGHT

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled today to recognize Lance Corporal Jeffrey Knight for his service to our country. Lance Corporal Knight was a combat engineer for the United States Marine Corps, who was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan in June of 2011, resulting in the loss of both legs and one hand. Currently undergoing treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center, Lance Corporal Knight takes great pride in the fact that no other soldier was hurt under his watch.

Thanks to the selfless sacrifice of Lance Corporal Knight and others like him, my children will sleep in a safer and freer America tonight. As a father, as a congressman, and as an American, I am honored to offer this small token of gratitude to Lance Corporal Knight for his brave service to our nation. As Ronald Reagan once said, "We will always remember, we will always be proud, we will always be ready, so we may always be free."

On behalf of the constituents of the Fifth District of Texas, I extend prayers and best wishes to LCpl Knight for a speedy recovery.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2012 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2012 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition (NECO), the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. We honor these outstanding individuals because they create a better world for all of us in the future by the work they do today. Since the Medal's founding in 1986, more than 2,000

American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

This medal is not about money, but about people who seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. Even in the midst of difficult financial times, this award serves to remind us all that with hard work and perseverance anyone can achieve the American dream. In addition, by honoring these remarkable Americans, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promote unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO, and in congratulating all of the 2012 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

2012 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENTS

A. Marshall Acuff, Jr., Michael W. Allen, PhD, Nancy Arabian, Carol M. Baldwin, Michael D. Bennett, Neil Berg, Peter Bheddah, Ravishankar Bhooplapur, Herman Chanan, Sam Chang, Johnson Chen, Sanjiv Chopra, MD, MACP, William A. Cooper, Bitu Daryabari and Helene Irma der Stepanian.

Leena Doshi, MD, NYS Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy, Angelo Dundee, Robert F. Dunn, Annie Falk, Leonard A. Ferrari, PhD, Jason C. Fu, Bob Gaudio, Fletcher Doud Gill, Nishan Goudsouzian, MD, Richard H. Grace, Dr. Peter Gruss, VADM Robert S. Harward, USN, David A. Hirsch and Chung-Wha Hong.

Surendra Jain, MD, James J. Jimmerson, Esq., Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Dr. Henry (Hyun Suk) Kang, Kevork Karajerjian, AIA, Declan Kelly, Howard Kessler, Michele Kessler, Dalida Keuroghlian, Dongsuk Kim, Paul Klaassen, Gerda Weissmann Klein, Emrah Kovacoglu, Thomas C. Lee, MD and Harry Leibowitz, PhD.

Sugar Ray Leonard, Hoi Ken Leung, William Li, MD, Emily E. Lin, AIA, Superintendent David Luchsinger, Felix Luu, David E. Luzzi, PhD, MBA, David S. Mack, Spiro J. Macris, DDS, Kai D. Mai, DDS, Ray Mancini, Steven G. Mandis, John A. Mattiacci, DPM, Leonard Mazur and James H. McGuire.

Hon. Gregory W. Meeks, Papken Megerian, Lt Col Ed Monroe, USAF (Ret), Dr. Gordon H. Mueller, Colonel Mark Mykleby, USMC (Ret.), Ryan Nabors, MSIR, Ohannes Nercessian, MD, Helen Ngan Shim Ng, General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, BGen Joseph

L. Osterman, USMC, Edith Padilla-Serrano, John A. Peca, Helen K. Persson, Alice Petrossian and H.E. Dr. Vanda Pignato.

First Deputy Commissioner Rafael Pineiro, NYPD, Pasquale Pistorio, CAPT Wayne Porter, USN, Dominic L. Pugliani, Thomas C. Quick, Edward J. Rappa, Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Ghassan M. Saab, Peter Kaivon Saleh, DrPH, Theresa Patnode Santmann, Wido L. Schaefer, Dr. Tamer Seckin, Dr. Hasu P. Shah, Peter Stephen Shelley, MME, Brooke Shields, Joan Ellyn Silber, PhD, Dr. Rajendra Singh, Ronald E. Spears and Joyce Philibosian Stein.

John P. Thomas, MD, FACS, Dr. Ronan Tynan, Frankie Valli, Mohammad Reza Vaziri, Helen verDuin Palit, DHL, CAPT Joe Vojvodich, USCG, Paul E. Wakim, DO, Jose M. Wiley, MD, FACC, FACP, FSCAI, Maj. Gen. James L. Williams, USMC (Ret.), Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo and Tommy C. Xie.

SUPPORT FOR FIRE AND SAFER GRANTS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the amendment offered by Mr. RUNYAN and Mr. KISSELL and others, which seeks to ensure that our Nation's fire stations are adequately staffed and that firefighters have the tools they need to protect our communities safely and effectively. Specifically, this amendment will restore the successful FIRE and SAFER grant programs to last year's funding level of \$337.5 million each.

Independent observers have found that FIRE and SAFER work: an independent study from the U.S. Fire Administration found that grants like these are making our fire departments more prepared and better equipped to protect our communities. Cutting FIRE and SAFER makes it more difficult for our communities to recruit, train, and retain skilled firefighters. And, it makes it far more difficult for our departments to equip themselves with the up-to-date tools critical to protecting property and saving lives.

I want to make clear that I am not pleased with the offset being used to restore this funding. However, I recognize that my colleagues were left with very few options, given the cuts made to the overall bill. I am hopeful that this will be addressed in conference with the Senate.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, fund FIRE and SAFER at the Fiscal Year 2012 level, and protect these vital investments in public safety.

HONORING CAPTAIN SCOTT MCKEE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled today to recognize Captain R. Scott McKee for his service to our country. In 1987, he enlisted in the Army as an airborne paratrooper at the age of 17 and was soon accepted into Georgia Military College, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1991.

After his commission as a lieutenant, he served as an operations officer and tank platoon leader with the 1st Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. While at Fort Hood, then-First Lieutenant McKee deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In Cuba, he served as a Quick Reaction Force platoon leader in support of Operation Sea Signal, responsible for the security and safety of over 2,000 Haitian and Cuban migrants and U.S. personnel on the base.

Upon leaving active duty, Captain McKee enrolled at Texas Wesleyan School of Law, attending classes at night while working full-time. In 2008, he was elected to serve as the Henderson County District Attorney, taking office on January 1, 2009.

A year after assuming office, Captain McKee mobilized with the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 256th Light Infantry Regiment for a deployment to Iraq on January 4, 2010. During his deployment to Iraq, Captain McKee served as the infantry operations officer for the battalion and planned over 1,200 combat missions throughout Iraq, participating in many of them.

While in Iraq, Captain McKee was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions and performance in a combat zone. He was also awarded the Louisiana War Cross by the Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana.

Captain McKee currently serves as the commander of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, Louisiana National Guard out of Fort Polk, Louisiana. He and his wife, Ashley, have three children, Stuart, Ryan, and Ranger.

As the Member of Congress for the Fifth District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, it is my honor to recognize Captain McKee for his service to our nation in uniform and to the citizens of Henderson County as the District Attorney.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, on Friday June 1, 2012, I attended a family funeral and was unable to cast my votes for Roll Numbers 306 through 313. These were amendments to H.R. 5325, the fiscal year 2013 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows:

For roll No. 306, an amendment by Congressman SCALISE of Louisiana Page 3, Line 16—Transfers \$10 million from Department of Energy Salaries & Expenses to Corps of Engineers construction account. I would have voted "aye".

For roll No. 307, an amendment by Congressman KING of Iowa Page 3, Line 16—Strikes \$1 million from Fish and Wildlife and adds \$571,000 to Operations and Maintenance. I would have voted "aye".

For roll No. 308, an amendment by Congressman MORAN of Virginia, Page 12, Line 16—Strikes Sec. 110. Sec. 110 prevents the Corps of Engineers from updating guidance concerning federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. I would have voted "no".

For roll No. 309, an amendment by Congressman HULTGREN of Illinois, Page 20, Line 15—Takes \$30 million from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and puts \$15 million in the Office of Science. I would have voted "aye".

For roll No. 310, an amendment by Congressman CHAFFETZ of Utah, Page 20, Line 15—Reduces Advanced Manufacturing by \$74 million, to FY 2011 spending levels, and transfers this amount to the Spending Reduction Account. I would have voted "aye".

For roll No. 311, an amendment by Congressman MCCLINTOCK of California, Amendment No. 6—Reduces Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$1.45 billion and puts the savings in the Spending Reduction Account. I would have voted "no".

For roll No. 312, an amendment by Congresswoman KAPTUR of Ohio, Page 20, Line 15—Transfers \$10 million from the Department of Energy Administrative accounts to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. I would have voted "no".

For roll No. 313, an amendment by Congressman TONKO of New York, Page 20, Line 15—Transfers \$180 million from National Nuclear Security Administration—Weapons Activities to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Weatherization assistance and state energy programs. I would have voted "no".

For roll No. 314, an amendment by Congresswoman HAHN of California, Page 20, Line 15—Adds \$50 million to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy offset by a \$100 million reduction in Fossil Energy Research and Development. I would have voted "no".

It is an honor to serve the people of the 17th Congressional District of Illinois.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWISH AMERICANS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today it is my honor to rise and recognize the contributions of Jewish-Americans to our nation. I commend President Barack Obama for designating May 2012 as Jewish Heritage Month. Also, I thank Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, my fellow Floridian, for leading the congressional effort to commemorate Jewish Heritage Month.

My relationship with the Jewish community dates back to my childhood years. It was a very different time then. While segregation and oppression were the norm, members of the Jewish community treated me and my family with love and compassion. Decades later, these guiding principles remain the same. Today, as many of my colleagues honor Jewish-Americans who have made significant contributions to our nation, I will recognize Steven Sonenreich, a leader in the healthcare industry and South Florida community.

Mr. Sonenreich has been a leader in my community for over 30 years. In addition to leading Mount Sinai Hospital, he is an advisory board member for the University of Miami School of Business's Health Administration Department and the 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project. Furthermore, he serves on numerous other boards and committees.

Whether we visit hospitals as an expecting mother or for emergency purposes, we place our lives in the hands of the many healthcare professionals and we expect them to meet our needs at the highest level. Mr. Sonenreich keenly understands this. During my mother's last moments, Mr. Sonenreich ensured that I had access to her, so that I could remain by her side. His commitment to serving others and leadership are two factors accounting for his remarkable career.

After earning his Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of Miami, Mr. Sonenreich began his health care career at Mount Sinai in 1976. During his initial 20-year tenure at Mount Sinai, he worked his way through the ranks, starting in the finance division. He was Mount Sinai's first Director of Marketing and Business Development and later was named Vice President of Administration. In 1990, he became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, responsible for all the operational management of the Medical Center.

In 1996, Mr. Sonenreich left Mount Sinai for the opportunity to become Chief Executive Officer of Cedars Medical Center in Miami. Under his direction, Cedars won several awards for customer service and overall performance including Florida Medical Business Journal's Annual Healthcare Award for the Best Run Hospital and Best Hospital Administrator, Mercury Award for overall performance and the Systema Group's Consumer Opinion Award in 2000.

The Mount Sinai Medical Center Board of Trustees recruited Mr. Sonenreich back to the hospital in October 2001. Under his leadership, the hospital has won numerous awards, including the Solucient 100 Top Hospitals, designation as a UnitedHealth Premium Cardiac Specialty Center; the Clinical Trials Participation Award presented by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Excellence in Facility Expansion (Mount Sinai's cardiac catheterization lab) from South Florida Business Journal, Excellence In Health Services (Mount Sinai's Community Clinical Oncology Program) from South Florida Business Journal and Kids Crown Award—Best Place to Give Birth in Miami-Dade County and South Florida.

Mr. Steven Sonenreich remains one of our nation's most outstanding community leaders and providers of healthcare. I thank him today for his service to South Florida and our nation.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ROBERT ROACH (RETIRED)

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Robert Roach for his service to our country. Lieutenant Colonel Roach joined the United States Army Air Forces as an Aviation Cadet in November of 1942, was called to active duty in January of 1945, and beginning at age 21, piloted his B-17 through 35 missions into Germany during World War II.

During one of these missions, his plane was hit by ground fire. Fearful that they would not make it, he ordered his crew to bail out. Thankfully, he survived and continued to

serve—retiring after 28 years in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

As the Member of Congress for the Fifth District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, it is my honor to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Roach for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

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, June 7, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 12

- 10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine equality at work, focusing on the "Employment Non-Discrimination Act". SD-106
- Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SR-232A
- Appropriations
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. SD-124
- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for

Financial Services and General Government. SD-138

JUNE 13

- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine risk management, focusing on JPMorgan Chase and Co. SD-G50
- Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, and Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. SD-406
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider any pending nominations. SD-430
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine economic opportunity and transition legislation. SR-418
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Defense. SD-192
- 2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine empowering patients and honoring individual's choices, focusing on lessons in improving care for individuals with advanced illness. SD-562
- 2:45 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Jay Nicholas Anania, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State. SD-419
- JUNE 14
- 9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine competitiveness and collaboration between the United States and China on clean energy. SD-366
- 10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine saving taxpayer dollars by curbing waste and fraud in Medicaid. SD-342
- 2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine new taxes on tribal self-determination. SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

JUNE 27

JUNE 28

10 a.m.

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine health and benefits legislation.

To hold hearings to examine creating positive learning environments for all students.

SR-418

Room to be announced