

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ACKNOWLEDGING DR. VICKI BARBER'S SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA'S EDUCATION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Vicki Barber who will be retiring from the El Dorado County Office of Education after an exceptional 30 years of service.

Dr. Barber began her career with the El Dorado County Office of Education in July 1983 and rose through the ranks, first becoming elected as County Superintendent of Schools in 1994. Dr. Barber's success is best exemplified through the numerous awards and recognitions she has received during her 19-year tenure as County Superintendent.

Twice she has been named Superintendent of the Year by the Small School Districts' Association and the Regional Association of California School Administrators. Most recently Dr. Barber was given the honor of Exemplary Leader in the region by the American Leadership Forum. Dr. Barber's true commitment to the field of education and her dedication to the job are shown through these awards.

Dr. Barber is also a board member of the Boys and Girls Club, Marshall Hospital, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce and has held leadership positions in various local and statewide organizations. She plans to continue her role as an advocate and contributor to public education after her retirement on June 30, 2013. Her legacy will live on in the El Dorado County Office of Education, and she will remain a fine example of the culture of service that ought to be reflected in every public official.

It is my honor to rise today in appreciation and acknowledgement of her service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS 'TE'
CAULFIELD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize my good friend Thomas 'Te' Caulfield as he receives the "Civil Pride Award." Te's admirable work contributes greatly to the strength and vitality of our neighborhood in South Buffalo, New York.

Te is a pillar in our tight-knit community. He embodies the Celtic values of hard work, loyalty, righteousness, and an inimitable sense of humor. Through his genuine love of Irish culture, Te builds a deep sense of community.

Born and raised in South Buffalo, Te is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas, and attended high school at Nichols. Te earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College,

and went to Vermont College for his master's degree in Irish Studies. Te has held positions as an adjunct lecturer, speaking to students at the University at Buffalo, Hilbert College, Daemon College and Ameri-Corps.

A lifelong student, Te's extensive research includes the study of Irish language through Scoil Cultur na hEireann, Irish song and dance through Comhaltas Ceoltrori Eireann, Irish Gaelic identity, the Irish Famine in North Ulster, integrated education in Northern Ireland, and the study of Irish history through music.

A dual citizen of the United States and Ireland and a member of the Irish American Cultural Institute, Irish Cultural and Folk Art Association, and the American Conference of Irish Studies, Te applies his research practically to advance cultural exchange. His efforts with the City of Buffalo Street Sign Project can be seen in the dual English and Gaelic street signs on each street in the South Buffalo Irish Heritage District.

Te is involved in countless community organizations and annual events, often serving as the Master of Ceremonies or as one of the lead event coordinators. To name only a few, they include the South Buffalo Irish Feis, South Buffalo Education Center, the Greater Buffalo Feis, American Conference of Irish Studies, American Society of Public Administrators, Goin' South, Notre Dame Academy, Nichols Alumni Board, Buffalo Board of Education Ethics Committee, South Buffalo Renunion, Ride for Roswell, and multiple races, including the Buffalo Marathon and the race we celebrate today, the Mount Mercy Academy 5k.

Te's love of his culture is matched only by his love for his family. Te is partner and best friend to Nancy Krug, father of Liam and Lauren Caulfield, a graduate of the Mount Mercy Academy class of 1992, and grandfather to Mairead and Brian Caulfield, the children of Liam and his wife Mary Kay.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the great works and spirit of Te Caulfield. I am grateful for the generosity and passion he so willingly shares with us, and I am honored to call him my friend.

HONORING CHARLES MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Charles Moore. Mr. Moore passed away March 14, 2006 and was married to the former Alfolonia Matthews, the father of 5 children, and grandfather of 3.

Mr. Moore was a native Greenvillian. His entire life has been lived in Greenville except for a brief period when he served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. After coming home and completing his high school requirements, he realized he had to

make a decision. Either he would leave Greenville or stay and make it a better place for all to live. He chose the latter.

His goals and aspirations were achieved by the following: getting involved in voter registration in the 1950's; getting involved with the inception of Delta Ministry in Greenville, in 1966; helping organize the effort to bring Headstart to his community in 1966; helping organize the effort to integrate Greenville Public Schools in 1968; spearheading the organization of Herbert Lee Center where civil rights meetings were held, which still exists; coordinating several Washington County campaigns; recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award, from the Magnolia Bar Association in 1966; and, recipient of the Point of Pride Award March in 1966.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, past Commander and lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), past president of the Greenville Travel Club, retired member of the National Association of Letter Carrier Union (NALC) and the past President of Branch 516 of the NALC. He was also a member of the Secretary of State Dick Molpus Task Force. He filed a discrimination complaint that resulted in Blacks being promoted to managerial positions in the United States Post Office. He was a member of the NAACP since 1946 until his death. He was elected to the City Council, Ward 4 in July 1990 and re-elected for a 4 year term in October 1993. Also, he held the position of vice-mayor of the City of Greenville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Charles Moore for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO REENA JASANI

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Reena Jasani is a junior at Travis High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLUMBINE

For every student waking up that morning on April 20, 1999 it was just another regular day, full of the usual tests, lectures, lessons,

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and homework. However, for the students of Columbine High School that day became much more. The seemingly normal school day abruptly transformed into a day full of terror, pain, confusion, and shock, as two senior students tried to bomb the school and shoot anyone and everyone in the way, resulting in the deadliest mass murder America had ever seen in one of its high school campuses. This event led to changes in school policy, intensified concern over gun control, and fear among Americans.

After the shooting, schools nationwide have strengthened their security and made improvements to prevent such an event. Schools instituted new security measures like metal detectors and see-through backpacks. Additionally, they numbered doors and rooms for an easier public safety response if this were to ever happen again. Most schools renewed anti-bullying and adopted a zero tolerance system for students in possession of weapons or students threatening others. Analysis of the common factors in perpetrators by the United States Secret Service concluded that schools should pay more attention to the behaviors of students, noticing potential attackers and being especially aware of them. Most attackers tended to feel bullied, reverting to shooting as some sort of revenge. If teachers paid close attention to students being bullied, they could try and put an end to it. Without the bullying present, the student would most likely be happier and not try to avenge.

The shooting also affected the way in which the police force handled situations with an active shooter. Instead of surrounding buildings, setting up perimeters, and containing the damage, a new tactic designed for the presence of an active shooter interested in killing hostages rather than taking them has been utilized. Now, police officers are trained to move toward the sound of gunfire and stop the shooter. The goal is to prevent the shooter from killing or injuring more victims, meaning police officers have to walk past injured victims until they have stopped the shooter. This tactic has helped tremendously at the later shootings in school campuses.

The Columbine shooting also aroused fear among Americans, for now schools, places that nearly every child went to every week-day across the nation, seemed unsafe. Schools became potential targets, with the perpetrators walking along side by side other students. The idea of spending nearly seven hours a day, five times a week, for about ten months a year with someone who may pull out a gun one day and start shooting terrified both kids and their parents. However, time and improved security and safety helped allay these fears.

April 20, 1999 will forever remain a day marked by alarm, fright, trepidation, and hurt. The mass murder at Columbine High School has not only affected the security of schools and the tactic of the police, but also the hearts and minds of Americans, for before, it was hard to imagine that such a terrible thing would ever happen.

EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE
HEALTH OF ATHLETES IN THE
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, like most Americans, there are few things that I enjoy more than a Sunday tailgate with friends and family. Football and the NFL are an intricate part of our nation's cultural and social fabric.

Football is America's favorite sport because it is exciting to watch, but that excitement—the clashing of helmets and tackles—takes a terrible toll on the bodies of our nation's athletes and on their families.

A recent study from the American Academy of Neurology found that NFL players are four times more likely than the general U.S. population to die from Alzheimer's or ALS.¹ This is only the latest piece in a body of evidence showing that the risks of repetitive head impacts, if not properly treated, can be severe and irreversible.

The scientific research, which shows a link between concussions and long-term injury to NFL athletes—is incontrovertible. And so, I call upon the NFL to do everything in its power to protect its athletes and warn them of long-term dangers to their mental and neurological well-being.

Far too many of our nation's favorite athletes have paid a terrible price for the brain trauma they sustained while playing in the NFL.

After taking his own life last May, Junior Seau, a former Miami Dolphin and one of the top linebackers in NFL history, was diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a progressive and debilitating disease associated with repeated head trauma. When asked whether the game the whole family loved was worth it, Seau's oldest son Tyler tearfully replied: "I'm not sure. But it's not worth it for me to not have a dad. So to me, it's not worth it."

While the NFL has taken some positive steps regarding the safety of current players, we need it to take the necessary action to mitigate the risks of debilitating brain injury. Last season we saw high-profile players being sent back onto the field immediately after sustaining concussions. This is unsustainable and unfair to athletes and their families. It is also unfair to taxpayers. As a 2008 congressional research services report revealed, when our athletes cannot afford to address their injuries, the cost falls upon the taxpayers.

The NFL has the power not only to give these former players and their families the care and support they deserve, but also to ensure that the game is safer for future generations. As a Member of Congress, and most importantly, as a football fan, I ask that the NFL make use of that power.

HONORING JOHANNA ZURNDORFER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, for the sick and homebound Johanna Zurndorfer is a direct contact with Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale where for the past 23 years she has spent countless hours visiting sick members and organizing volunteers who would call the homebound every Friday afternoon to wish them a Shabbat Shalom. She has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Johanna was born in Rexingen, Germany, before Hitler came to power, at a time when a family could enjoy a rich Jewish life in a small rural town. She went to a local Jewish day school and then attended a high school in a neighboring town bicycling there 5 miles

roundtrip. At 16 she apprenticed as a bookkeeper.

By 1936, her family knew it was time to leave Germany and Johanna went to live with her sister in New York City. She took the only job she could find as a housekeeper and later as a dental assistant, going to night school to learn English. Her mother followed her to the States in 1938 staying with her children until she passed away at 101.

Johanna's husband-to-be, Fred, made his own way to New York from Rexingen, by way of Chicago. Nine years her senior, it only took one date for him to propose to her. They married and moved to Inwood, where they raised two children, Eddie and Susan. Johanna and Fred were co-founders of Ohav Shalom, a shul with mostly German Jewish immigrants that served as the center of their Jewish life for many years.

Johanna and Fred moved to Riverdale in 1979 and soon joined CSAIR. It was after a difficult time in her life that she turned to CSAIR to fill a void in her life. The Sisterhood served as her first introduction to synagogue activism. From there she established new long lasting friendships and to this day, Johanna continues to contribute to the synagogue's life.

It is an honor to join Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale and three generations of her family in showing the pride all feel in what Johanna has done for the community and whose only motive was to help those who needed help.

HONORING MR. MORTON H.
ABRAMOWITZ

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great solemnity to honor the life and service of a great man, Mr. Morton H. Abramowitz.

Morton "Mort" was a tireless resident of Niagara Falls, NY who dedicated himself to the residents and to the betterment of his hometown.

Mort was a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls and proudly served his country in World War II as a Non-Commissioned Officer. He earned a degree in business from the University of Michigan as well as his Juris Doctor of Law Degree from the University at Buffalo.

Mort was a distinguished attorney in Niagara Falls as well as former Niagara Falls City Manager, former Niagara County Attorney and was currently the legal advisor for the Niagara Falls City Council and Niagara Falls Library Board. Mort recognized the importance and inherent value in serving in a community, through his commitment to service in local government, and also through his devotion to his local congregation, the former Temple Beth Israel in Niagara Falls and Rotary International of the Niagara Falls, NY chapter, where he served as past-President. Mort also served as past President of the Jewish Federation and the Health Systems Agency.

Mort also served as a volunteer for the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. Service was a very important part of his life. One of Mort's quotes was "service is the highest honor of any public servant."

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the life and service of

Morton H. Abramowitz. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our sincere condolences to the family he leaves behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the end of the first Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

Preeclampsia is a life-threatening disorder that can occur during pregnancy or the postpartum period and is one of the leading causes of maternal mortality and morbidity. Each day hundreds of women and babies are affected by this condition, which is marked by a rapid rise in blood pressure that can lead to seizure, stroke, organ failure or death. Any pregnant woman is at risk, but symptoms are often dismissed as typical pregnancy complaints. Knowing the warning signs can help lead to more timely diagnoses and improve health outcomes for both the woman and her child.

Unfortunately, few people are adequately aware and informed of the risks. That is why I worked with my colleagues Representative ROYBAL-ALLARD and Representative MOORE to add Preeclampsia Awareness Month to the National Health Observances Calendar.

We must improve the full scope of maternal health and need continued research to advance the field and improve the standard of care. In the meantime, we must build awareness to ensure women understand preeclampsia and are prepared to appropriately respond to warning signs.

Together we can eliminate preventable maternal death and disability by aligning resources, tools, and knowledge to address our most troublesome challenges. And this is exactly what the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative is doing in my home state. Just this year the Preeclampsia Collaborative began to help hospitals manage preeclampsia, reduce complications, and improve care for patients. I hope that as preeclampsia awareness grows this will be one of many initiatives across the country focused on helping providers deliver comprehensive, high quality maternal healthcare.

Thank you to the Preeclampsia Foundation and the many groups who worked tirelessly on behalf of women across the country to secure a national recognition. I am proud to be able to help commemorate the end of the first ever Preeclampsia Awareness Month and excited to see what the future brings.

HONORING RABBI ZVI
DERSHOWITZ

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz of Los Angeles, on the occasion of his 85th birthday. On

this happy occasion, it is a privilege for me to honor Rabbi Dershowitz, who I came to know through his leadership in the Los Angeles Jewish community and whose life-long contributions have made their mark in so many areas—Jewish youth and adult education, the struggle to free Soviet Jewry, advocacy on behalf of Iranian Jewish immigrants fleeing Iran, and more. Through his years as teacher, camp director, rabbi, counselor, and human rights advocate, he has touched many thousands of lives.

Perhaps it was his own experience as a refugee that influenced so much of the work Rabbi Dershowitz would later engage in on behalf of those fleeing oppression. When Zvi, whose Czech name was Hugo, was 10 years old, Germany invaded Czechoslovakia. Young Zvi's grandfather Sholem gathered the family and said, "Hitler is different. You have to leave." The family left the country on the last day of 1938, thirty-three days before Hitler's forces marched into the industrial city of Brno, the city where he was born and enjoyed his childhood. On February 2nd, 1939, with his parents Aaron and Ruth and sister Lili, the family moved to Williamsburg, a neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York City. There he grew up, learning English, studying, and playing kickball.

Zvi spent his spare time working to support the nascent State of Israel. In 1949, he spent a year of leadership training, working and studying in Jerusalem. Zvi helped refugees from Yemen and elsewhere settle into the newly independent State of Israel.

Inspired by his parents' love for Israel and Judaism, Zvi came back to Brooklyn and attended Mesivta Torah Vodaath and received his rabbinical ordination in 1953.

Rabbi Dershowitz is married to Tova. He met his bride of nearly 60 years recruiting for staff for Camp Soleil in Ithaca, New York. Guitelle Tova Russekoff, originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania, was a student at Jewish Theological Seminary Teacher's Institute at the time they met. They married and settled in Morristown, New Jersey.

Rabbi Dershowitz held several pulpits, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Kansas City and Temple of Aaron in St. Paul, Minnesota. During that period, Rabbi Dershowitz was recruited to become director of Herzl Camp in Wisconsin. One of his campers was Bobby Zimmerman, who later changed his name to Bob Dylan. Rabbi Dershowitz laughs when he recalls telling the teenage Bobby to "stop banging on the piano." Years later, Dylan would become a guest at Rabbi and Tova Dershowitz's family Passover seder.

At camp, Rabbi Dershowitz's philosophy was to focus on creating an atmosphere in which campers would feel the joy of Judaism. The number of campers at Herzl Camp doubled during his tenure. In 1961, he accepted an appointment from renowned educator Shlomo Bardin to direct the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Simi Valley.

Once in California, Rabbi Dershowitz pursued his love of Jewish education particularly with young people, at Camp Ramah in Ojai, where he served as director from 1963 to 1973. During that period, he was invited to build the adult education program at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, one of the most well known synagogues in the country. He eventually became Associate Rabbi at Sinai Temple, a post he held for some three decades and

where he now serves as Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Dershowitz's tenure there witnessed much growth and vibrancy, but also leadership transitions. Throughout these challenging years for the synagogue, Rabbi Dershowitz was the glue that held the congregation together and he saw it through many achievements.

Rabbi Dershowitz has contributed to Jewish communal life in diverse ways, including serving often neglected populations. For several years he led services, singing and discussions with Alzheimer patients at an old age home, bringing joy and meaning to a special population. To this day, Rabbi Dershowitz conducts religious services at a home for the elderly while maintaining a hectic schedule, which includes teaching weekly classes at the University of Judaism, now American Jewish University.

Rabbi Dershowitz and Tova have traveled to many places around the world. At each place, they would meet with the Jewish community, become enriched by their experiences and seek to do whatever they could to be helpful. One visit to the former Soviet Union was different from their other travels, however. It was on this trip that they were able to take in a large load of books that would help Jews in Russia learn Hebrew, something that at the time was not permitted. Rabbi Dershowitz's advocacy in support of Soviet Jews continued for many years thereafter.

During his time at Sinai Temple, the synagogue witnessed an influx of Jews fleeing the Iranian Revolution. Many Jews had difficulty getting out of Iran but Rabbi Dershowitz worked with Congress and the Executive Branch and helped secure visas for countless Jews who today make up a significant and wonderful part of the synagogue. For the work he did to help them enter this country and for the work he continued to do to help integrate them into the Los Angeles community, he has become well-known and well-loved among the Persian Jewish community.

Rabbi Dershowitz remains highly engaged with Sinai's membership, officiating at the lifecycle events of many of its members.

While his professional work is rich and rewarding, his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchild remain the top priority for Rabbi Dershowitz—and he and Tova consider them to be their greatest achievements.

It is a privilege to pay tribute to Rabbi Dershowitz, who has been an inspiration to so many in his community and around the country.

HONORING COACH DOUG WIL-
LIAMS, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH
AT GRAMBLING STATE UNIVER-
SITY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Coach Doug Williams on his 25th anniversary as the first African American quarterback to start and also win a Super Bowl. During this historic game, Williams also received the recognition of the Most Valuable Player for his performance that led to the Washington Redskins victory over the

Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXII. Currently, Williams serves as the head football coach at Grambling State University.

A 1978 graduate of Grambling, Williams enjoyed a stellar college career for the G-Men. Highlights from his four seasons as the team's starting quarterback include leading the Tigers to three Southern Athletic Conference championships and a compiled record of 35 wins to only five losses.

The 1977 season was especially outstanding for Williams. Along with leading the country in touchdown passes and yards, he was named All-American quarterback by the Associated Press and finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. Overall, he was twice named the Black College Player of the Year and his career totals in passing yards, total offense yards, and touchdown passes were NCAA records.

Williams was selected in the first round in the 1978 NFL draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In the next four years the Buccaneers made the playoffs three times, and in 1979 Williams led the franchise, who had never won a postseason game before his arrival, to the NFC Championship game.

Williams signed with the Washington Redskins in 1986, and in Super Bowl XXII made history. He led his team to a 42–10 defeat of the Denver Broncos, where Williams threw for four touchdowns and collected post-game MVP honors.

Williams returned to Grambling in 1997, but this time as the head football coach. He left for a brief time to rejoin the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a personnel executive and director of professional scouting. His combined stints as head coach at Grambling have facilitated three Southwestern Athletic Conference championships—the most recent coming in 2011.

He and his wife, Raunda, are the proud parents of eight children: Ashley, Adrian, Doug Jr., Jasmine, Laura, Temessia, Carneleta, and Lee.

Williams' career has brought honor and pride to his family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on all of his successes.

IN HONOR OF SHADY BROOK FARM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for 100 years, members of the Fleming family have farmed Bucks County's rich soil, turning land into bountiful acres of produce for local consumption and wholesale markets. Today, the descendants of T. Herman Fleming carry on the tradition at Shady Brook Farm in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County. In 1945, the Fleming patriarch's eldest son, Ed, took over the first farm in Andalusia and, in 1960, purchased 90 acres in rural Lower Makefield. The growing tradition continued with Ed's sons, Ed Jr. and Dave, followed by Dave's children, Dave Jr., Paul and Amy, and Wendy, the daughter of Ed Jr., at the helm. Within the circle of highways, homes and office buildings, Shady Brook Farm is a snapshot of both the historic and future farm, a destination for visitors who enjoy the Garden Center, country

fresh market and seasonal entertainment. And so we acknowledge the remarkable heritage of the Fleming family on the farm's 100th birthday, with best wishes for continued success.

HONORING SARAH H. JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Sarah H. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson was born on March 10, 1938 in Charleston, South Carolina, to Louisa Hutchinson. She grew up in Anniston, Alabama, and attended the public schools of that city. Upon graduation from Cobb Avenue High School as valedictorian of her class, she attended Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, for one year, at the end of which she married a ministerial student, Ned Howard Johnson. To this marriage were born four children: Geneva Louise Johnson, Ned Howard Johnson, Jr., Yvonne Elizabeth Johnson and Karen Yvette Johnson. The Johnson family moved to Greenville, Mississippi, in 1964. After she and Mr. Johnson divorced in 1967, Mrs. Johnson married Cornelius Carter on December 24, 1977, but continues to use Sarah H. Johnson as her professional name.

Mrs. Johnson is a black woman who has been active on behalf of her race and her community. She has achieved much and received numerous honors in her lifetime, foremost of which is the fact that after two successful political campaigns in 1973, she was elected the first black member of the Greenville, Mississippi, City Council.

Mrs. Johnson has held several administrative positions in local government and has been active in local and national politics. She was employed by Mississippi Action for Community Education and was area director for People's Educational Program, a county-wide Headstart program. She is a former member and vice-chairperson of the Mississippi Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and a former member of the Continuing Committee of the International Women's Year. She served as a 1972 Fellow of the Mississippi Institute of Politics and during the Carter Administration attended affairs by invitation at the White House several times. In 1979, she ran as a part of a slate for the Public Service Commission in the Central District of Mississippi.

Aside from her interest in politics and civic affairs, Mrs. Johnson has been active in several other spheres of life. In 1974, she earned a radio licensing diploma from Elkins Institute in Memphis, Tennessee. That same year she took three Federal Communications Commission examinations and received her first-class radio operator's license. She has also graduated from the Mississippi Realtor's Institute and is currently in the process of taking exams to acquire a real-estate broker's license from the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. She is a member of Revels Memorial United Methodist Church and a former member of the Board of Church and Society, a national board of the United Methodist Church.

Among her numerous citations and awards, Mrs. Johnson was presented the Woman of

the Year Award by the Utility Club at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on June 8, 1975. Her biography appears in *Who's Who Among Black Americans*; and she is listed in the National Roster of Black Elected Officials, Mississippi's Black Women, and the History of Blacks in Greenville, Mississippi, from 1868 to 1975. She also has a street honoring her name, Sarah Johnson, in Greenville, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Sarah H. Johnson for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

A REFLECTION ON OUR NATION IN WAR

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I submit an important op-ed concerning our nation in war. Sebastian Junger is an author and documentarian whose work includes the book *War* and the film *Restrepo*, which tells the story of a platoon of U.S. soldiers in the Korengal Valley in Afghanistan.

For the past year, I have been working with Mr. Junger and Karl Marlantes, a decorated Marine veteran and accomplished author, to start a national conversation about what it means for our country to go to war. Mr. Junger's op-ed perfectly encapsulates the reason that Congressman WALTER JONES and I introduced the bipartisan bill, H.R. 1492, "To establish the Commission on America and its Veterans."

Forty-three years ago, I left the military with a heart and head full of other people's stories from the Vietnam War. As a psychiatrist, I felt the anguish and confusion that my patients experienced as they came home to a country that did not understand, or take responsibility for America's battles abroad. As Mr. Junger points out, "The country approved, financed and justified war—and sent the soldiers to fight it."

This is a nation in a perpetual state of war. Vaguely defined missions under banner of combating extremism have desensitized the American people. News comes as someone else's problem in someone else's country. Few understand how it can corrode our nation's fabric. Yet war is not something we can afford to forget.

Consider the 1991 Gulf War, a conflict that lasted for less than two months. Today, we continue to spend billions per year paying compensation, pension, and disability benefits to more than 200,000 veterans. 40,000 of those veterans struggle from long-term disabilities, some of which we are still only beginning to understand as part of "Gulf War syndrome."

Mr. Junger's reflections on war extend beyond the economic or political dimensions, though both are important for our national security. It's about our moral duty to own the wars our soldiers fight. S0634

VETERANS NEED TO SHARE THE MORAL BURDEN OF WAR

(By Sebastian Junger)

[From the Washington Post, May 24, 2013]

Recently I was a guest on a national television show, and the host expressed some indignation when I said that soldiers in Afghanistan don't much discuss the war

they're fighting. The soldiers are mostly in their teens, I pointed out. Why would we expect them to evaluate U.S. foreign policy?

The host had made the classic error of thinking that war belongs to the soldiers who fight it. That is a standard of accountability not applied to, say, oil-rig workers or police. The environment is collapsing and anti-crime measures can be deeply flawed, but we don't expect people in those fields to discuss national policy on their lunch breaks.

Soldiers, though, are a special case. Perhaps war is so obscene that even the people who supported it don't want to hear the details or acknowledge their role. Soldiers face myriad challenges when they return home, but one of the most destructive is the sense that their country doesn't quite realize that it—and not just the soldiers—went to war. The country approved, financed and justified war—and sent the soldiers to fight it. This is important because it returns the moral burden of war to its rightful place: with the entire nation. If a soldier inadvertently kills a civilian in Baghdad, we all helped kill that civilian. If a soldier loses his arm in Afghanistan, we all lost something.

The growing cultural gap between American society and our military is dangerous and unhealthy. The sense that war belongs exclusively to the soldiers and generals may be one of the most destructive expressions of this gap. Both sides are to blame. I know many soldiers who don't want to be called heroes—a grotesquely misused word—or told that they did their duty; some don't want to be thanked. Soldiers know all too well how much killing—mostly of civilians—goes on in war. Congratulations make them feel that people back home have no idea what happens when a human body encounters the machinery of war.

I am no pacifist. I'm glad the police in my home town of New York carry guns, and every war I have ever covered as a journalist has been ended by armed Western intervention. I approved of all of it, including our entry into Afghanistan. (In 2001, U.S. forces effectively ended a civil war that had killed as many as 400,000 Afghans during the previous decade and forced the exodus of millions more. The situation there today is the lowest level of civilian suffering in Afghanistan in 30 years.) But the obscenity of war is not diminished when that conflict is righteous or necessary or noble. And when soldiers come home spiritually polluted by the killing that they committed, or even just witnessed, many hope that their country will share the moral responsibility of such a grave event.

Their country doesn't. Liberals often say that it's not their problem because they opposed the war. Conservatives tend to call soldiers "heroes" and pat them on the back. Neither response is honest or helpful. Neither addresses the epidemic of post-traumatic stress disorder afflicting our veterans. Rates of suicide, alcoholism, fatal car accidents and incarceration are far higher for veterans than for most of the civilian population. One study predicted that in the next decade 400,000 to 500,000 veterans will have criminal cases in the courts. Our collective avoidance of this problem is unjust and hypocritical. It is also going to be very costly.

Civilians tend to do things that make them, not the veterans, feel better. Yellow ribbons and parades do little to help with the emotional aftermath of combat. War has been part of human culture for tens of thousands of years, and most tribal societies were engaged in some form of warfare when encountered by Western explorers. It might be productive to study how some societies re-integrated their young fighters after the intimate carnage of Stone Age combat. It is

striking, in fact, how rarely combat trauma is mentioned in ethnographic studies of cultures.

Typically, warriors were welcomed home by their entire community and underwent rituals to spiritually cleanse them of the effect of killing. Otherwise, they were considered too polluted to be around women and children. Often there was a celebration in which the fighters described the battle in great, bloody detail. Every man knew he was fighting for his community, and every person in the community knew that their lives depended on these young men. These gatherings must have been enormously cathartic for both the fighters and the people they were defending. A question like the one recently posed to me wouldn't begin to make sense in a culture such as the Yanomami of Brazil and Venezuela or the Comanche.

Our enormously complex society can't just start performing tribal rituals designed to diminish combat trauma, but there may be things we can do. The therapeutic power of storytelling, for example, could give combat veterans an emotional outlet and allow civilians to demonstrate their personal involvement. On Memorial Day or Veterans Day, in addition to traditional parades, communities could make their city or town hall available for vets to tell their stories. Each could get, say, 10 minutes to tell his or her experience at war.

Attendance could not be mandatory, but on that day "I support the troops" would mean spending hours listening to our vets. We would hear a lot of anger and pain. We would also hear a lot of pride. Some of what would be said would make you uncomfortable, whether you are liberal or conservative, military or nonmilitary, young or old. But there is no point in having a conversation about war that is not completely honest.

Let them speak. They deserve it. In addition to getting our veterans back, we might get our nation back as well.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH CURTIS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Sarah Curtis is a junior at George Ranch High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. Her essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

Within the past 50 years, our nation has seen great divides socially created by monumental governmental decisions. In the year 1973, the law allowed legal abortions within the United States passed under the court ruling of *Roe v. Wade*. By creating this abominable law that now prohibits state and federal unrecognizing of the law, new corporations

have begun to boom, those such as Planned Parenthood. Morally and ethically wrong, a law that allows the legality of the killing of our unborn is practically manslaughter and an unjust crime against humanity. This court ruling has created such a massive divide within our country that even politics are being decided through this law. Liberals have taken a more pro-choice (proabortion) stance while the conservatives of the U.S. take a more pro-life (against abortion) stand. Even those who see this law as a sacrilegious act against God have recognized the monstrosity situation this has become. Religious leaders, as of recently, have been forced, under Obama Care to offer abortions, even though it goes against everything they morally believe. Our country has been known in the past to be the "promised land" or "the land of the free", but forcing laws down everybody's throats and creating a divide between our own people not exactly unite us united against one cause, but rather against each other for different causes. Because of one court decision 40 years ago, the repercussions are still being dealt with today with the killing of the innocent and unborn being so normal and legal. *Roe v. Wade* may have been a court case about one woman claiming to have been raped, and wanting to legally have an abortion, but she was not raped, and ended up having the child before the case ever appeared in court anyway. So what was the point of one woman's want to not have a child costing our nation nearly 800,000 unborn children per year.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING IMPACT THE BALDWIN CENTER HAS MADE ON THE COMMUNITY OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize talented staff and dedicated volunteers of the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, Michigan, for the outstanding work they engage in every day to fulfill its mission to feed, clothe, educate and empower the disadvantaged residents in the Pontiac community.

Like so many great community organizations, the Baldwin Center traces its foundation to people of immense compassion and faith, who have been committed to making a difference in their community. Created as an outreach program of the Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church in 1981 to respond to increasing need in the community, the Baldwin Center has grown into a multifaceted, comprehensive human service agency that serves thousands annually. The Center's first programs provided children with food and recreation, but quickly expanded to include a soup kitchen, tutoring services and emergency shelter. In 2006, the congregation of Baldwin Avenue moved and the Baldwin Center remained at its current location, becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Over the decades it has served the Greater Pontiac Community, the Baldwin Center has significantly increased both the size and scope of the support it offers to area residents.

Today the Center offers more than twenty-five different programs which fulfill its core mission, including programs that feed, clothe, provide educational enrichment for children and adults, and offer critical health care related services. Among its most widely used programs are its Clothing Closet which offered almost fifteen thousand low-income individuals and families access to clean clothing, sheets, blankets and other smaller household items, including victims of domestic abuse. Furthermore, in 2012, the Baldwin Family Soup Kitchen provided over eighty-three thousand meals to residents that are food insecure; include more than nine thousand children. However, its programs are not limited to just basic necessities; the Baldwin Center also offers a GED program, ESL classes and nutrition education sessions, as well as flu shots and blood pressure screenings.

In the economic downturn, the Baldwin Center, like so many human service agencies across our nation, saw an increase in demand coupled with a decrease in funding. However, the fourteen staff under the leadership of Executive Director Lisa Machesky and the dedicated army of three thousand volunteers have not only risen to meet this challenge, but have continued to excel in providing vital services to Pontiac area residents who are in need. Just last year, the Center added a computer lab that offers adults access to the important resources they need to achieve success.

Mr. Speaker, organizations like the Baldwin Center occupy a vital position in our communities. During our times of prosperity, they ensure that no one is left behind, and in times of economic challenge, they are on the front lines of holding families, neighborhoods and communities together. The impact the Baldwin Center has made on the lives of thousands in the Greater Pontiac area has enriched many neighborhoods. Again, I commend Lisa Machesky and her staff, as well as the thousands of volunteers, for the daily work they do to empower the entire community. Pontiac is a brighter city because of the Baldwin Center and I look forward to continuing our joint endeavors to empower all segments of the community to achieve success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 130, I missed a vote on H.R. 291, the Black Hills Cemetery Act (Noem, R-SD) because I was unavoidably detained.

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

IN HONOR OF GLORIA HALL

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Bucks County is in the forefront of Pennsylvania land

preservation because of individual leaders such as Gloria Hall, who founded The Friends of the Farmstead in 1986 and helped launch the successful, countywide "Save the Farms" campaign. Since 1989, Bucks County's farmland preservation program has saved 157 farms and over 14,000 acres. Gloria Hall has inspired farm families — and the greater community — to safeguard the land for future generations. In so doing, she epitomizes environmental stewardship at its best and; therefore, is most deserving of the George M. Bush Farmland Preservation Award from the Bucks County Conservation District and acknowledged by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2013. I thank Gloria Hall for her dedicated 25-year effort to save Bucks County's farms for future generations.

SAFEGUARDING AMERICA'S PHARMACEUTICALS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, although this bill takes important steps to secure our nation's pharmaceutical supply chain, we need to do more to protect patients and the public health.

For over a year, I have been investigating the problem of so-called "gray market" drug companies that take advantage of critical drug shortages to charge exorbitant prices.

Working with the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate HELP Committee, we identified numerous cases in which gray market drug companies were able to get their hands on shortage drugs when hospitals and other providers could not. And in many cases, these middleman companies exploited national drug shortages by charging exorbitant mark-ups for drugs used to treat cancer and other life threatening conditions.

This kind of price gouging is unconscionable, and it represents a serious threat to patients' health and safety.

Our investigation found that in more than two-thirds of cases, prescription drugs entered the gray market through pharmacies. These pharmacies purchased their drugs from authorized distributors, but instead of dispensing them to providers or patients in accordance with state laws, the pharmacies re-sold them to gray market wholesalers.

For these reasons, I introduced the Gray Market Drug Reform and Transparency Act to implement reforms in this area and to protect consumers and providers from exploitation.

I am encouraged that the bill before us takes up one of my proposals, which is to require wholesalers to register and report annually to the FDA, including on their disciplinary actions. Although this is a step in the right direction, the bill fails to make this information publicly available, which is critical to consumers, healthcare providers, and state boards of pharmacy.

The bill also fails to close the primary loophole by which drugs enter the gray market, by prohibiting wholesalers from buying drugs from pharmacies.

We need to put an end to unethical profiteering at the expense of patients with cancer and other critical illnesses, and I hope we can add these common sense provisions to H.R. 1919 in conference negotiations.

CONGRATULATING DENNY ZANE AND MOVE LA

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Mr. Denny Zane and Move LA, as the 2013 recipients of the John Leighton Chase Legacy Award from the Westside Urban Forum. Move LA received this award for its advocacy for transportation development in the Los Angeles region. Mr. Zane, the Executive Director of Move LA, garnered this award for his positive contributions to the Los Angeles region over a period spanning more than three decades.

This award's namesake, John Leighton Chase, passed in 2010. He had been a renowned West Hollywood urban designer, writer and advocate of civic spaces and vernacular architecture (which is focused on local needs, reflects local traditions and is constructed with local materials). The Westside Urban Forum, that bestowed this deserved award on Mr. Zane and Move LA, has for over twenty years been a prominent organization dedicated to land-use issues impacting the west side of Los Angeles.

Mr. Zane has been a persistent advocate in the Los Angeles region for "smart growth" in local development and for bringing best practices to local communities, with a focus on soliciting broad input from varied constituencies, protecting local jobs, generating local revenue and limiting adverse traffic impacts. In 2007, seeking to support development of a robust Los Angeles regional transit system—a goal that had been announced already by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaragosa—Mr. Zane, a former Mayor of Santa Monica, succeeded, with the help of the Annenberg Foundation, in bringing together a powerful coalition of major local stakeholders, including business, labor, environmental, and political leaders and in forming Move LA. In 2008, Mr. Zane and Move LA impressively led a successful effort to achieve the required two-thirds majority vote favoring a local tax measure that is expected to generate for regional transportation development in excess of \$40 billion over 30 years.

Mr. Zane served the public in many ways as Mayor, as a City Councilmember, as the director of the local Coalition for Clean Air, as a local teacher and now in his role with Move LA. His resolute commitment to public service has strengthened our community and for that we owe him our heartfelt gratitude.

I have personally known Mr. Zane for many years and am most pleased to join the Westside Urban Forum in honoring Move LA for its contributions to regional transportation and Mr. Zane for his legacy of successful community activism.

HONORING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL OF CENTRAL MAINE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, SOMERSET REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND LIFEFLIGHT OF MAINE COMMUNICATIONS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous acts and professionalism of dispatchers from Central Maine Regional Communications (CMRCC), Somerset Regional Communications Center (SRCC), and LifeFlight of Maine Communications in the rescue of a grievously injured snowmobiler. These agencies were the recipients of the Critical Incident of the Year Award from the Maine chapter of the National Emergency Numbers Association.

On the morning of March 8, 2012, Bonnie Sancomb and several others embarked on a snowmobile ride in Somerset County, Maine. During the course of the adventure Ms. Sancomb missed a tight turn, which catapulted her 45 feet from the marked trail and pinned her underneath the 500-pound sled. All the while, the snowmobile track continued to turn, shredding Ms. Sancomb's clothes and eventually her skin, exposing her internal organs.

About 15 minutes later, the rest of Ms. Sancomb's party realized her absence and backtracked to the scene of the accident. A member of the party dialed 911 and was received by a dispatcher at CMRCC, who immediately notified SRCC, mobilizing Maine Warden Service units and LifeFlight of Maine. Complicating the response efforts was the fact that the accident occurred in a remote Unorganized Territory, 13 miles outside of Rockwood Township. All parties remained in constant contact during the rescue mission, which was critically important as the accident's location was determined solely from the GPS coordinates of the caller's cell phone.

After close to an hour of sustained communication, LifeFlight of Maine arrived first on the scene and began treating Ms. Sancomb, who only had a few minutes left to live. The truly incredible and coordinated communication efforts by the dispatchers and rescue workers from CMRCC, SRCC and LifeFlight are responsible for saving Ms. Sancomb's life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Jennifer Berube, Darren Curtis, Joanna Kenefick, Jessica Mihalik, Susan Poulin, Shane Hunt, Margaret Parady, Stephen Crowe, JR Roebuck, and all other dispatchers and first responders involved, for their courageous and truly professional display of emergency communications.

HONORING MRS. CELAINE GORDON COLEMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Celaine Gordon Coleman, who is a remarkable public servant.

Mrs. Celaine Gordon Coleman who is 95 years old was born June 29, 1917 in the Lebanon Community of Holmes County, says it seems that "folks have forgotten about what we went through to make things better for these children today. The children need to know their history. Folks don't talk about it much anymore."

The daughter of the late Eddie and Celaine Gordon, Mrs. Coleman did whatever she could to help move the civil rights movement in Holmes County. "I used to cook for them," she said. She was also one of the early pioneers of the Head Start Program as it came to the hills of Holmes County. She served as a cook for years at the Mt. Olive Head Start Program.

Mrs. Coleman also served the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church as Sunday School Secretary for 50-plus years. The church is one of the oldest black churches in Holmes County and it was once a very prominent church school for blacks. Although her health will not permit her to attend now, she once had perfect church attendance.

Mrs. Coleman would walk for miles sometimes just to attend church. On muddy days she would carry her good shoes in her hand and put them on once she got to the church, and she would be on time as well. Through her hard-working spirit, she was also instrumental in positively impacting the lives of many black children in Holmes County. She is the widow of the late Mr. Monroe Coleman and the mother of three adult children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Celaine Gordon Coleman for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

HONORING RIVERDALE TEMPLE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a centerpiece of any community can usually be found in a neighborhood religious institution. In Riverdale one such institution is the Riverdale Temple which is celebrating its 65th year as a liberal Jewish congregation.

In February 1947 a small group met in the Riverdale Neighborhood House to discuss the establishment of a new temple. By September, the charter establishing it was signed and 67 families founded the Riverdale Temple, the first Jewish congregation in Riverdale. The Honorable Francis J. Bloustein was named first president and a dynamic rabbi infused with enthusiasm for the new project, Charles E. Shulman, was recruited from Chicago to become the first rabbi of the "liberal congregation."

The new Riverdale Temple initially met at the Arrowhead Inn and a Religious School, Sisterhood, and Youth Group were formed. In 1952, the building was demolished and the Riverdale Temple was homeless. These difficult times drew the congregants closer and services were conducted first at Christ Church, then at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, and Religious School classes moved from the Riverdale Country School to the Fieldston School. Yom Kippur services were held in Horace Mann School. In June 1953, the cornerstone

for the new Riverdale Temple was laid, in March 1954, the new building was opened and, in September 1954, the building was formally dedicated.

All are welcome at the Riverdale Temple no matter what their approach to Judaism or degree of Jewish literacy. The temple is founded on the principals of faith, mitzvot and tikkun olam and offers communal support. It has a beautiful sanctuary with a rich and evolving musical tradition.

I congratulate the Riverdale Temple on 65 years of giving unstintingly to the community and in its tradition of welcoming everyone. I have visited the Temple many times and have felt its inspiration and its warmth. It has truly brought the Riverdale and surrounding communities closer together.

MS. SYDNEY EVERETT

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Sydney Everett, an outstanding high school graduate of Metro Academic & Classical High School in the great city of St. Louis, Missouri. Indeed, there are many recent high school graduates who deserve significant accolades for their commendable academic achievements. However, Sydney is a rare instance of intellectual rigor coupled with an enduring and heartfelt commitment to the well-being of her community. Given her extensive track record of high academic standings and numerous extracurricular activities, Sydney was offered over \$1.2 million in school based scholarships and academic grants from nine institutions of higher education.

Sydney Everett's story is that of a young American woman whose tenacity and resolve have allowed her to thrive in her academics and extracurricular activities. While attending Metro Academy, she immersed herself in the most rigorous curriculum available at her high school as a candidate for a full International Baccalaureate diploma. She has always challenged herself to broaden her understanding and extend the horizon of her knowledge. Yet, her drive extends far beyond the walls of the classroom.

Sydney is deeply involved in the functions of her school with an extensive and well-rounded resume of extracurricular activities including her involvement in her school's student council, concert band, policy debate team, and literary magazine. Moreover, she genuinely values the time she gives back to the St. Louis community as a volunteer at a local church and elementary school.

Before her junior year, Sydney served as a Congressional Page and proudly represented my district in the United States House of Representatives. Additionally, she participated in my Congressional Youth Cabinet, which is an organization I founded to provide outstanding high school students across the St. Louis area with the opportunity to advise myself and my staff on key local and national issues. With her hard work ethic and strong social conscience, Sydney was a valuable advisor to my office.

Sydney has left an indelible impact on her school and her community, and she will be sorely missed when she advances to college.

She will attend Barnard College at Columbia University in the fall and intends to earn a degree in international human rights law with hopes of attending law school and one day representing people and organizations throughout the world that are fighting for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, it is not every day that we come across such talented and caring students like Sydney Everett. Her unique accomplishments serve as an example for every student in St. Louis and across the United States. It is a great honor to recognize her relentless passion for knowledge, unwavering dedication to her community, and humble character in light of such great achievements.

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP LOPEZ

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Phillip Lopez is a senior at Clear Lake High School in Harris County, Texas. His essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

Over the past fifty years America has seen an explosion in technology, social changes, and monumental historic events. A man walked on the moon and remade the concept of the frontier. A wall fell that divided a nation, helping bring peace to a decimated land. A plane smashed the security of a great people and showed that terror can strike anywhere. And the demographics of this country have shifted establishing it as a true land of freedom for all who cross its borders. All have shaped this country, but one breakthrough has extended its impacts further than all others. In 1969 the first internet connection was made and revolutionized our society. Over the past forty five years the internet has created innovations that Americans fifty years ago could only dream of. The internet has fostered a new era of social and economic reformation across the nation helping us establish ourselves as the global superpower that we are today.

The age of the internet has allowed Americans to interact with people, places, and events from around the world. For example, the internet has given rise to the popularity of social media sites that enable you to communicate with and learn about others from half the world away. In addition these sites have impacted politics by enabling average citizens to stay more informed with an elected official's policy or daily activities. This web of interactions has led to America becoming a more global power and its people staying connected with information that is occurring anywhere in the world. Furthermore, we can now send and acquire that information faster, quicker, and easier than

ever before. With the click of a button anyone can become their own encyclopedia by having the ability to know anything about everything; from the current state of the economy to the price of eggs in China one can find it all. This plethora of available knowledge has led to younger generations developing proficiency in finding it. Furthermore, the news programs have embraced the importance and speed of the internet by enabling people to stay more informed and have more detailed information about current events. However, as a result of the speed at which one can acquire knowledge it is now expected to return information to people much faster, such as quickly responding to a text message or email. This speed of information is made even easier yet more required with the introduction of the web on mobile phones allowing Americans to know anything, anywhere, at any time; as long as you have service. For example, Google Maps has revolutionized the map industry and made paper maps obsolete. Why carry a large, bulky piece of paper when you can find where you are in minutes with a device the size of your hand. Anything that does not fit into the "faster, quicker, and easier" category that was created by the internet is not outdated and archaic. The new American society has more knowledge at its disposal than ever before which has propelled us as the leader of the modern world.

The internet has revolutionized the American economy and trade across the world. People can now purchase and sell items online in a process that is faster, easier, and more available to everyone. Online shopping has led to the creation of large companies such as Amazon and eBay. These online companies have opened new markets and made it easier to trade with remote places such as Alaska or small islands. The ability to trade with anyone in the world has helped establish America as a major leader in global trade. The internet has also caused our perception of a store to change. Instead of traveling to a store, one can buy the same good with the push of a button from the comfort of their home. Stores have become somewhat unnecessary and as a result many have gone out of business. Nevertheless the internet has created a nation built on quicker, easier, and cheaper trade across the world. Combined with social revolutions regarding education and available knowledge, the internet has quickly changed a nation.

Although it can be perceived as a positive or negative technology the internet has made America an economic superpower. Socially it has allowed this country to become more globally connected and opened the possibilities for endless knowledge. Economically it has revolutionized the way that we trade with other nations and altered our perceptions of traditional shopping methods. The internet has created a shiny future for our society in the world of trade and communications.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 3rd, 2013, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 184 and 185 for unavoidable reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 184: "yea" (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1206, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013). Rollcall No. 185: "yea" (On motion to

suspend the rules and pass S. 622, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2013 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments:

Liam Thomas Catoe, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Lucas Adrian Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Robert Guney, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Dillon Mitchell Launius, Vandegrift High School, United States Air Force Academy; Adam S. Lee, East Central High School, United States Air Force Academy; Kevin Michael McGinty, MacArthur High School, United States Naval Academy; Joshua Andrew McMillen, International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy; John Edward Monday, Jr., Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Military Academy; Clara Elizabeth Navarro, Rice University, United States Naval Academy; James Lyn Pazdral, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Albert Dixon Patillo III, Heritage School, United States Military Academy; Rafael David Ramos-Michael, Brackenridge High School, United States Naval Academy; and Kirsten S. Redmon, United States Military Preparatory School/Sam Houston High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

HONORING MRS. BIRDIA BEATRICE CLARK KEGLAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman who was a champion against human oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi, Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Keglars. Mrs. Keglars and her family lived in Charleston, MS located in Tallahatchie County, which is one of many counties in the state known by the name "Free State of . . ."

That caliber of courage and stance warrants recognition. Mrs. Keglars was a tiny woman in stature, standing about 4 feet 9 inches and her biggest fear wasn't her height or those she stood up against but rather the negative impact of injustice on African-Americans and society if nothing was done to change things.

The constant threats on her life and acts of violence didn't stop her either.

Mrs. Keglar's fight for equality and empowerment has a place of longevity in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. The Fox Funeral Home where Mrs. Keglar worked until her death became the location where many of her plans would evolve and manifest. Her journey included but is not limited to:

A march with Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery Alabama for the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

The organizing of the first local chapter of the NAACP in Tallahatchie County; and

Leading the fight which helped her son, James, become one of the first Black bus drivers in the county; and

When citizens living in the community needed a place to host Sunday school classes, Mrs. Keglar allowed them to be held in her local store; and

The establishing of the first African-American Business and Professional Women's Club in the county; and

When the need came, she crossed county lines helping to lend a hand to secure housing for elderly citizens living in Grenada, Mississippi; and

On January 11, 1966 Mrs. Keglar and Ms. Adlena Hamlett were killed as they traveled back from Jackson, Mississippi after testifying before a Joint Committee chaired by Senator Robert Kennedy. Mrs. Keglar's testimony was about voting discrimination in the State of Mississippi against African-Americans.

It saddens me to report Mr. Speaker that the untimely death of Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Keglar and Ms. Adlena Hamlett are among those unsolved murder cases from the 1960s civil rights era.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Keglar for her dedication to fighting oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING DAVID GOLDSTEIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Goldstein for his many years of selfless and compassionate public service in the Bronx.

David has been an exemplary contributor to the Bronx community for more than 13 years, and during that time he has served as mentor and leader to countless professionals. His career in public affairs and community service has been a testament to the importance of unselfish devotion to the well being of others.

Since 2003, David has served as the Chairperson for my office's Military Academy Committee so I have firsthand knowledge of his outstanding professionalism. During his tenure as Chairperson, my office has sent 7 young people to the United States Naval Academy. He has brought a variety of skills to his role with the committee, including sharp intellect, a strong work ethic, and a deeply felt commitment to ensuring that the candidates selected serve our nation in the United States military with honor and distinction.

David's acute appreciation for the needs of the people he serves can be seen in all of his

work. During his tenure at the United Parcel Service of America, Inc (UPS) as Government and Community Relations Director for New York City, he established bilateral relationships with not-for-profit organizations, small businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, and various business associations. Recently, as the former Vice President of Operations at the Food Bank for New York City, David developed operational strategies that led the Food Bank to increase their food donations by more than one million pounds. David also worked to redesign the existing community kitchen/food pantry program to become the Food Bank's flagship program for all of New York City. David's unique ability to understand the goals of each of these organizations, and expand them in ways specifically designed to advance these goals in extraordinary ways is what makes him such an exemplary leader.

David has recently taken a position with the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean County in New Jersey. As many of my colleagues from New Jersey can attest, Monmouth and Ocean Counties were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. I am confident that David will bring the same dedication and effort that accomplished so much for the Bronx and for New York City to this new endeavor. I know David will be successful in this new position, and that he will help the many families who are still recovering from this devastating storm.

David's dedication to helping others, and expanding opportunities for young men and women who wish to serve our country, are truly outstanding. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring David Goldstein for his remarkable dedication to the people of the Bronx, New York City, and the Tri-State area.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ADAM KLEMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Adam Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Adam's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Adam brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Adam was a Member of the National Honor Society and ranked near the top of his class academically.

Throughout high school, Adam was a member of his school's soccer and track teams and

earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Adam was a member of the marching and pep bands, as well as the annual high school musical, junior fair board, 4-H, junior leadership, and Boy Scouts of America. I am confident that Adam will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Adam Kleman on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Adam will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING SUSAN SCHWARTZ

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Susan Schwartz has performed an almost endless array of services for Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale since she first visited the Synagogue in 1984 pregnant with twins.

Initially Susan enrolled in a learners' service that met on Shabbat. Later she was a liaison from the Parents Association to the Board of Trustees, which led to her serving four years as Chair of the Education Board. Afterwards she served on the Board of Trustees and on the Mission Statement Committee.

She has served as a member of the Search Committees for Rabbi, Cantor, Assistant Rabbi, Education Director, and, twice, for an Executive Director. She served as President of CSAIR for five years during which time \$1.2 million was raised in a capital campaign to redesign the Sanctuary, Social Hall and main synagogue entrance. Accessibility—both spiritual and physical—was an important aspect of the work that was accomplished during the renovation.

After stepping down as President, Susan spent two years with a wonderful, engaging group of women, studying together for their bat mitzvah, which they celebrated together in 2010. Susan has spent more than 10 years as a member of, or the chair of, the High Holiday honors committee and has had the honor of giving honors and of assisting on the bimah on Shabbat and on the high holidays. She is currently Chair of the Ritual and Religious Life Committee.

Susan is a learning disability specialist and a dedicated advocate for children with special needs. She has specific expertise in child development, reading and literacy, learning disorders, and the development of language skills and higher-level reasoning skills in children and adolescents. She is a significant public voice on learning accommodations and special education services in our schools.

Susan spent 13 years as the Clinical Director of the Institute for Learning and Academic Achievement at the NYU Child Study Center then for two years the Clinical Director of the Learning and Diagnostics Center at the Child Mind Institute. She is currently one of two learning specialists in the Lower School at Friends Seminary in Manhattan.

She hails from a large, close-knit multi-generational family spanning in age from newborn to age 93.

It is a joy and pleasure to join with Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale in honoring Susan Schwartz for her many and myriad accomplishments for the synagogue and, ultimately for her community. We are all better off for her being among us.

TRIBUTE TO RACHEL DANIEL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Rachel Daniel is a sophomore at Dawson High School in Brazoria County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

PROCESSING POLITICS

The purpose of creating this nation, The United States of America, was so that the people could have a say in their leaders and politics and people were willing to go against everything they believed and start a war just to earn the right to this liberty. After all the hardships that the Founding Fathers of our nation suffered through in order for us to have a representative democracy, we the people of the United States of America have not only an obligation towards nation but also towards ourselves. Our nation depends on each and every citizen to make an informed decision as well as pick the best people to represent us, and all citizens of America deserves to have leaders who they support and trust.

We were given the rights and freedoms that many nowadays take for granted, but they really should be treasured, valued, and taken advantage of. That is why it is paramount that every citizen of America takes part in the political process. It is the people's chance to express their views for all to hear and to support what has taken centuries to achieve.

The political process is what holds this nation together. It's when our nation unites in the form of many different parties to decide who is fit to run our nation. The people, who are chosen, are the ones who lead us as a nation with the help of many. If we don't participate in the political process of choosing these leaders and then helping to implement new laws and policies, there is no longer any point of having a representative democracy, and everything that has been fought for will have been fought for in vain. All those lives lost for our freedom and democracy will be lives lost in vain. All the blood, sweat, and tears will be in vain. The political process of our nation is what makes us great. Not our education. Not our manufacturing. But, instead, our political process and the unity of the United States of America.

HONORING MRS. GERTRUDE
GRENADA

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown Civil Rights era activist, Mrs. Gertrude Grenada. Mrs. Grenada has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Mrs. Gertrude Grenada was born March 16, 1933 in Hinds County, MS. Growing up in Bolton, Mississippi, Mrs. Grenada witnessed and experienced a multitude of injustices during an era of legal segregation and Jim Crow. Although at times frightened by intimidation tactics used against her family and others in her community, Mrs. Grenada maintained a resilient and determined spirit to make strides toward ending laws targeting the civil rights and liberties of African Americans.

She received her formal education at the Southern Christian Institute (SCI), located in Edwards, Mississippi. After graduating from SCI, she attended Jackson State University and received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. For many years, she played an instrumental part in educating preschool children through the Hinds County HeadStart Program.

In addition to her commitment to education, Mrs. Grenada was very active in local strategizing and planning meetings with Freedom Riders and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Because of her determination to invoke positive change during the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Grenada also participated in a number of marches, most notably alongside other well-known Civil Rights pioneers, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Medgar Evers. In 1972, Mrs. Grenada volunteered her time to assist in the election of her hometown's first African American mayor. Her lifelong efforts toward establishing change in her community will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gertrude Grenada for her astounding resolve to actively contribute to the cause during the Civil Rights Era in her community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISABLED MILITARY CHILD PROTECTION ACT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Disabled Military Child Protection Act. This important bill would enable military retirees, investing in a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), to transfer their benefit to a Special Needs Trust (SNT) to provide long-term care for a disabled child.

Under the SBP, a military retiree can have a portion of his or her monthly retired pay withheld in order to provide, after his or her death, a monthly survivor benefit (55% of base amount of military retired pay at the time of the retiree's death) to a surviving spouse or

other eligible recipient(s). However, by directing SBP annuity payments to an SNT, the retiree may ensure that a dependent, disabled child might continue to qualify for certain benefits, such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicaid, that are means tested. As you know Mr. Speaker, assets placed into an SNT are not generally counted as income or assets for the purposes of determining eligibility for these benefits. Current individual care costs for a disabled child could exceed \$100,000 a year if he/she has assets greater than the Medicaid threshold.

A SNT can be created by anyone, but there is no current mechanism for a military member to designate a Trust as the beneficiary of his/her SBP. This legislation would enable a SNT transfer similar to what is available to the general public today. This is an equity issue; currently, civilians can create a SNT for their permanently disabled children to ensure they receive care beyond their guardian's death, and are not subject to an income means-test. It is only fair to allow retired military personnel to prepare for the long-term care of their disabled children.

As of March 2011, CBO estimates that the bill would increase mandatory outlays by \$123 million over the 2012–2021 period. The mandatory cost is not directly attributed to DoD, but rather reflects the increased costs to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicaid, since affected dependent children who are currently ineligible for those benefits would become eligible. This legislation would impact approximately 1,065 military dependents who are currently incapacitated beneficiaries under SBP.

This bill would help many Americans who have nobly served our country, like one of my constituents who has a son named Thomas. Thomas was diagnosed with severe autism by the age of 2 and is non-verbal, communicating primarily through hand leading to express he is hungry, wants to take a shower, or go for a car ride. He is unable to independently perform routine activities of daily living such as dressing or tending to his personal hygiene, much less make himself something to eat, ask for help, or let someone know he is in pain. Thomas requires supervision and assistance, around the clock, to ensure his safety needs are met. Other than his severe autism diagnosis, Thomas is healthy and expected to live a normal lifespan. Our constituent, a single parent, is nearly 38 years older than Thomas, and has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The passage of this bill would allow him the flexibility to plan for Thomas' future care and well-being.

In the name of decency and fairness, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and allow our military personnel some well-deserved peace of mind, knowing that their disabled children can be adequately provided for long after they are gone.

HONORING THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM
IN KENNEBUNKPORT,
MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the

Brick Store Museum, located in historic Kennebunkport, Maine, for achieving accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums.

Since 1936, the Brick Store Museum has offered generations of locals and visitors the opportunity to explore the rich history of one of Maine's most prominent port cities.

The Brick Store Museum's focal point is a building constructed in 1825 as a dry goods store by William Lord. The exterior remains much the same as when it was built, giving today's visitors a glimpse of what life was like nearly 200 years ago.

I am proud of the museum's commitment to preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting Kennebunkport's important role in our history. Many students have passed through its rooms, gaining knowledge, understanding, and a stronger attachment to the area where they have grown up.

I share the Brick Store Museum's belief that the history of our oldest towns is crucial to understanding where we are now and where we are headed. As Maine continues to advance into the future, the Brick Store Museum offers an important tether to our past.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. 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 \$16,738,788,832,145.30. We've added \$6,111,911,783,232.22 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING MR. WALTER BRUCE,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Walter Bruce, Jr., who is a remarkable public servant.

Mr. Walter Bruce, Jr., an 84-year-old native of Durant, Miss., was born May 30, 1928. He is the son of the late Mr. Walter Bruce, Sr. and the late Mrs. Georgia Bruce. He had seven sisters and six brothers and a loving wife, Louise, who are all deceased.

Mr. Bruce, Jr. was educated in Holmes County and grew up in the country where his parents were small farmers. Historically, he is mostly known for his dedicated work to the civil rights movement in Holmes County. He started the county's Freedom Democratic Party (HFDO). The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party was an American political party created in Mississippi in 1964, during the Civil Rights Movement. It was organized by black and white Mississippians with assistance from the student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and Council of Federated

Organizations (COFO) to challenge the legitimacy of the white-only U.S. Democratic Party.

Mr. Bruce participated in marches and boycotts in Holmes County and in Jackson, Miss.. He and others worked with nationally noted activist Fannie Lou Hamer of the Mississippi Delta. He was extremely instrumental in bringing about emergence of black elected officials in Holmes County as well as black police officers.

Prior to his work in the civil rights movement, Mr. Bruce organized an all-black Little League Baseball Team which he headed for 16 years. He is also founder of the legendary gospel singing group, Soul Travelers of Durant, Miss. After 54 years, he still heads the group today.

Mr. Bruce is the father of two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Walter Bruce, Jr. for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

NATIONAL AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC
DAY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of their 95th anniversary.

The Republic of Azerbaijan has been helpful to the United States, committing troops to our efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq and providing airspace and the use of its airports for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Azerbaijan has also joined all 12 international conventions on counter-terrorism and they support regional cooperation to fight terrorism through local agreements and participation in NATO, the Organization for Security in Europe, and others. Azerbaijan also provides a key alternative route for the oil and natural gas supplies of Central Asia to reach Europe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Azerbaijan's 95th anniversary.

HONORING ERIC MESCH

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Eric Mesch has been involved in adult Jewish education programming at Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale where he teaches on topics of interest, and for several years, organized the all-night learning program on Shavuot. Last year, Eric organized an event in memory of Matt Fenster z"l, in which members of many different Jewish communities came together to mark the completion of the study of the Mishnah. Eric is also a member of the Board of Directors of Mechon Hadar.

For as long as he can remember, Eric's connection to Jewish study has been intense, complex and defining. He grew up on Staten Island in a Conservative Jewish home and synagogue, but attended the Orthodox

Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn from third grade through high school. Later, as an undergraduate at Yale College, Eric majored in religious studies and also spent a semester at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Israel. After college, Eric attended Columbia Law School, graduating with his J.D. in 1995.

Eric met his wife Rachel while they were undergraduates at Yale but they didn't start dating until his senior and her junior year. Their relationship blossomed over good coffee, something that is still important to them. They married in 1995 and in their first year of married life they lived in Jerusalem where Eric was a law clerk to the Supreme Court of Israel and Rachel continued her graduate work at Hebrew University. They have three children, Abby, Eliza and Sam.

Eric is a partner with the law firm of Dickstein Shapiro LLP, focusing on bankruptcy-related and other complex commercial litigation while Rachel is a professor of French literature and chair of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Yeshiva University.

I congratulate Eric for all the good work he is doing at the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale. He had made CSAIR and the Riverdale community a better place.

HONORING THE PLATTE COUNTY
FAIR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Platte County Fair for celebrating 150 years of providing entertainment and excitement to its attendees.

The very first Platte County Fair was held in 1858. However, the fair did not become an annual event until 1863. The first fair in 1858 was planned on Oct. 6 and took place only a short time later from Oct. 21–23, with 400 people in attendance.

The fair was a great success and continued until 1860, when the Civil War prevented the fair from taking place during the years of 1861 and 1862. The fair was praised as "an honor to the soil and people" and "a glorious reunion of a prosperous and happy people."

On December 16, 1861, Platte City was ravaged by a Civil War raid. However, not even the devastation of Platte City was enough to keep its resilient citizens down. Just 22 months later, proud Platte Countians filled the fairgrounds for the First Annual Platte County Fair, which was held October 21–23, 1863.

The fair has been held annually since 1863, establishing itself as the oldest continuously running county fair west of the Mississippi River. The entire event is privately held and sponsored by a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. The fair now spans four days, featuring many great events such as the demolition derby, a truck and tractor pull, the Queen contest, and more. The Platte County Fair is also home to many great sources of entertainment including a floral hall, a carnival, a fiddle contest, and the Dirty Shame Saloon, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding the Platte County Fair for celebrating

their 150th anniversary and providing a great source of pride and excitement to Platte County. I wish them 150 more years of greatness to come.

TRIBUTE TO SHANNON WU

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Shannon Wu is a senior at Dawson High School in Brazoria County, Texas. Her essay topic is: In your opinion, why is it important to be involved in the political process?

As the age of 18 creeps up on me slowly around the corner, the thought that I will be a legal adult and will be able to become a registered voter looms overhead. As a senior in high school, some of my peers are already 18, and were 18 at the time of the 2012 presidential election, and yet, I constantly hear them griping and complaining about who's president and which legislations are passed and which aren't. Yet, these are the same exact people who don't seize their rights and actually vote.

What ground does the government have to say that all their decisions are based off the voice of their constituents when less than 60% of the people are actually voting? As our country enters a more progressive era, both socially and economically, it's the most detrimental time for citizens to become involved in the political process. The new issues and concerns that have emerged within the past few decades are some of the most controversial topics to have ever been brought to the table. Thus, without political participation, how will the government act accordingly to the views of the citizens?

Because bills are created and passed in the three branches of the government, and our congressmen, senators, and president are the ones who vote to pass or veto a bill, people believe that voting on the matter won't make a difference. However, it is more important than it ever was to have input from the constituents in order to smooth out the bumps and bubbles in the laws governing our country. Furthermore, by getting involved in the political process, citizens will be able to select a candidate that encompasses the ideals and values of the greater majority of the people and create their own "check" upon the government by electing those they deem qualified and supportive of their opinions. This then protects democracy and reducing the possibilities of tyranny, oligarchy, and anarchy. Most importantly, the government will pass laws that will be enforced, and, if people become involved in the political system, these rules will reflect the desires of the majority of the constituents, rather than the thoughts of politicians.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM TRULY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. William Truly, who was the first elected mayor of Canton, Mississippi in May 2009.

Originally from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Mayor Truly relocated to Canton, MS in 1978, after completing medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Truly became an active member of the community. In 1996 he founded the Truly Medical Center that was one of five medical centers in Canton, MS. He has long served as an advocate for justice and a voice for the people of Canton, including serving as an Alderman-At-Large.

During his inauguration, Dr. Truly pledged to take the "City of Lights" (Canton, MS) in a new direction by increasing economic development and seeking more industry.

Since taking office, Mayor Truly has also set out on an ambitious agenda to revitalize Canton by focusing on improvements to public safety, education and making government more accessible to citizens. He is an active participant in his community and currently serves on a number of different Boards.

In addition to being the city's leader, Mayor Truly continues to practice medicine at different hospitals as the Chief Medical Director. Dr. Truly is married to the former Wassie Booker and has five children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. William Truly for his dedication to serving others in need.

RECOGNIZING TERRI LYNCH FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY WORK ON BEHALF OF OLDER VIRGINIANS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of Terri Lynch in making Arlington and the Commonwealth of Virginia a better place to live in your twilight years.

Terri Lynch, MPA, has been the director of the Arlington County Agency on Aging since 1982. She helped to establish a network of services and programs in the Arlington Aging & Disability Services Division, including many that became state and national models. She consistently provided assistance and expertise to the Arlington Commission on Aging and Commission on Long-Term Care Residences. In 2006, she provided primary staff support for the County-Board's Elder Readiness Task Force that assessed the status of Arlington's capacity to serve older adults.

Ms. Lynch was president of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging from 2000 to 2002. She was a cofounding director and vice chair of the Consumer Consortium on Assisted Living from 1996 to 2003. She has served on the Policy Board for the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Pro-

gram, the Advisory Committee for the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Board for the Virginia Elder Rights Coalition, and the Virginia Legal Services Corporation Board. She is a founding member of Northern Virginia Womenade, a giving circle that aids nonprofit organizations.

Ms. Lynch has been a long-standing driving force in the Northern Virginia Aging Network, comprised of the region's agencies on aging and commissions on aging, as well as aging service and advocacy groups. NVAN has produced a state legislative platform since 1983, which has resulted in advances in community-based aging services, accessibility, housing, mental health and long-term care.

Ms. Lynch has been a leader in the field of aging at the local, state and national levels. She has received more than 20 distinguished honors, letters of appreciation and superior performance awards. She received the prestigious Winston Award from the Arlington County Bar Foundation in 2007 which recognizes members of the local community for longstanding public service, promotion of democratic ideals and the advancement of the rule of law. She received the Culpepper Garden Elder Services Award in 2009.

Ms. Lynch has been recognized multiple times by elected officials, policy-makers, community advocates and colleagues. They acknowledge her creativity, strategic thinking, administrative and advocacy skills, energy, and sheer ability to make things happen for the benefit of older people. She is always innovative, ahead of the curve, and exercises leadership that counts for elders. Ms. Lynch is retiring on June 28, 2013, and I salute her long track record of success and the positive differences she has made. I look forward to her continuing work in the public interest.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE A CREDIT AGAINST TAX FOR HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION EXPENDITURES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Hurricane and Tornado Mitigation Investment Act of 2013. This legislation seeks to encourage individuals and businesses to take proactive preparedness measures to protect their property from potential storm damage. Recent tornado outbreaks across the country this spring, and the impending start of the Atlantic hurricane season, remind us that weather-related emergencies and disasters are ever-present. The bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow individual and business taxpayers in certain states a tax credit for a portion of their qualified hurricane and tornado mitigation property expenditures for any taxable year. They would be eligible when they take steps to improve the strength of a roof deck attachment; create a secondary water barrier; improve the durability of a roof covering; brace gable-end walls; reinforce the connections between a roof and supporting wall; protect against windborne debris; or protect exterior doors and garages. In short, this

legislation will help communities mitigate against future weather related hazards. Taking mitigation steps now can make a huge difference. In many cases, it may help to reduce loss of life and property damage, while saving money and reducing insurance rates in the long run. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

THE JACK OF HEARTS

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on April 6, 2013, something remarkable occurred at Memorial Stadium. During the University of Nebraska football team's spring game, seven-year-old Jack Hoffman sprinted 69 yards down the field to score a touchdown with over 60,000 fans watching him. But his amazing touchdown is nothing compared to the courage he displays in his two-year battle with brain cancer. I am proud to call young Jack a Husker and would like to submit this tribute poem written on his behalf by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE JACK OF HEARTS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The . . .
The Jack of Hearts . . .
Oh how you've so done your part!
To so inspire us with but your little heart!
For you are but a work of art!
Jack be nimble!
Jack be quick!
Oh Jack how all of our hearts you've so hit!
For you are a champion,
that our Lord has so picked!
Running down that football field,
as your heart would not yield!
As to our Nation,
what your most courageous little big heart
so revealed!
Giving us all such a lift!
For you are one fine Husker,
as we are all so very sure of this!
All at what your little heart can muster,
is but to all of us such a great gift!
As you have brought us all to,
such tears of bliss!
Yea, Jack be nimble!
Yea, Jack be quick!
Jack be Strong!
As Jack you so battle on and on!
As like your Husker's on those fields of
green,
Jack you so fight with all your being!
For already Jack,
your short life is like a song!
A song of courage!
A song of faith!
Who against all odds,
will not so wave!
Teaching us all,
so how to behave!
And children,
as Heroes should not have to be!
But, sadly sometimes . . .
through them our Lord so shows us all what
we need!
For you are a brave as a Navy Seal,
or a Special Forces member of The United
States Army,
or a member of The United States Air Force
we've seen,
or a member of The United States Marines!
And Jack,
as you ran down that football field . . .

Our Nation's hearts,
we all so hope that you could feel!
All in what your great heart has revealed!
And as you scored that touchdown,
and they held you way up high!
I wonder if you could but hear all of our
tears,

as we so all began to cry!
Saying Jack,
we are with you every step of the way!
And in Oklahoma on this day,
even the Sooner's became Husker fans as did
they!

As Congressman Fortenbury would say,
we're Nebraska, and This Is How We Roll
each day!

For in The Game of Life Jack,
you've gone deep!
As why in our thoughts and prayers,
you we will so ever keep!
So win that battle!
So win that fight!
For your heart is the brightest of the bright!
And one day,
we will see you in college playing at Ne-
braska under the lights!

And if your betting against Little Jack,
well you better not!

Because,
a Jack of Heart's . . . beats any hand that
you've so got!

So Jack, as you so lay your little head down
to sleep!

We pray to our Lord to watch over you so to
keep!

And remember Jack our Nation,
now carries you all in our hearts so very
deep!

The Jack of Hearts, who to our hearts and
souls does so speak!

We Are The Huskers,
and This Is How We Roll!

HONORING LILLIE PITTMAN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Mrs. Lillie Brown Pittman. Lillie has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Lillie Pittman, a resident of Delta City, Mississippi was born on July 4, 1940 to Tobias and Charlotte Bell. She graduated from Henry Weathers High School in Rolling Fork, MS in 1959. At the age of 22, she moved to California where she met and married Benjamin Brown and to that union they had three children, Anthony, Antoinette, and Patrice.

While in California, she worked for Raytheon as a Quality Control Inspector and for Hewlett Packard for 5 years as a Quality Assurance Inspector. In 1974, Lillie returned to Mississippi with her three children. She was later employed with Asemco and Head Start until she was hit by the entrepreneurial bug. Ms. Pittman applied and obtained a small business loan to purchase the Delta City Trading Post in 1981 which she successfully operated for 8 years. In the midst of operating The Delta City Trading Post, she also created Brown's Janitorial Services, where she had several contracts with the United States Corps of Engineers.

In 1987, Lillie Pittman became the first African American woman to be elected to the Sharkey County Board of Supervisors. During her term in office, she made many accom-

plishments that brought jobs to the community and was awarded a grant to help low-income homeowners repair their homes.

Although she only served one term, Lillie continued to work effortlessly for her District in Sharkey County. She continues to fight for better jobs, schools, and living conditions for the people of the community.

Her ongoing contributions include petitioning for better water quality in Delta City, working with children in Anguilla, MS to create a community garden, and working with the current County Supervisor to clean up the over grown roadways with the Summer Youth Program. Mrs. Lillie Brown Pittman is currently doing what she calls her greatest work, being a grandmother of four, Salena, Sydney, Margaret Alexander, and Noah.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lillie Brown Pittman for her dedication for change and serving her community.

HONORING SAMUEL MATZNER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a talented young musician in the 8th Congressional District, Samuel Matzner of Arlington County, Virginia. Samuel was selected on March 4th to participate in the first ever National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America.

Sam plays the Viola at Wakefield High School, as well as for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. Due to his extraordinary abilities, he will join a group of 120 of the finest young musicians in the country aged 16-19, representing a selection process that included all 50 states, who will act as musical ambassadors during their worldwide tour in July. Organized by the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City, the group will travel to New York for two weeks of rehearsals at Purchase College, State University of New York, and then embark on an international tour that includes Moscow, St. Petersburg, and London.

The National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America is a unique and unparalleled opportunity for young, high school-aged musicians in the United States to be recognized as the pinnacle of our musical training system. The success of Venezuela's El Sistema has generated increased international interest in the value of youth orchestras, and I am thrilled that Carnegie Hall has spearheaded this initiative to showcase our nation's talent and reinvigorate interest in youth musicianship at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud of these cultural ambassadors, and their commitment to musical excellence. I look forward to hearing the orchestra play, and wish them the best of luck on their tour.

TRIBUTE TO WALKER SHORES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in

the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Walker Shores is a junior at Austin High School in Fort Bend County, Texas. His essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

On the 4th of November, 1979, several hundred Iranian students inspired by anti-American statements and speeches from their "Supreme Leader", Ruhollah Khomeini, invaded the United States Embassy in Tehran. Due to the aftermath of the recent revolution, and inflamed by the support and endorsement of the regime the wayward students had come to love, what was supposed to last only a few hours became a 44 day nightmare for the fifty two American diplomats, aides, attaches, and Marine Embassy Guards held within Tehran.

The sitting president, Jimmy Carter, immediately attempted diplomatic means to persuade the Iranians to see reason. However, after almost a year with no progress in the negotiations, President Carter was convinced by his cabinet to organize a military strike in Iran to free the hostages, using the newly created Delta Force. Operation Eagle Claw was scheduled to take place on April 24, 1980.

Due to a lack of communication between all of the services involved, and an absence of a clear chain of command, the operation was a failure. Two helicopters were disabled by a sandstorm and another due to electronic failures, then a fourth helicopter collided with a C-130 tanker, destroying both of the vehicles and killing eight service members. The fiasco among the fledgling special forces community was the catalyst for the creation of SOCOM, or Special Operations Command. This organization would help Delta Force, the Navy SEALs, and the Green Berets become the immeasurably powerful foreign policy tool that they are today.

At Jimmy Carter's last State of the Union speech, our thirty ninth president did something rather out of character, changing the way America would treat the Persian Gulf region forever. For the first three years of Carter's administration, he advocated peace and diplomacy as the primary, if not only, response to challenges and crises around the world. He tried to cut down on the United State's consumption of oil, and symbolically shut off the lights on the White House Christmas Tree to save power. However, due to the overthrow of the once ardently pro-U.S. Iranian regime under his administration, this speech had a more somber tone. At the time, there were still hostages in Tehran, and there were severe fluctuations in the price of oil in the United States due to the dubiousness of the middle eastern oil supply. In the most groundbreaking speech of his career, Carter pledged to use American resources, and military unit if need be, to explicitly protect overseas sources of oil.

This was the first time that The United States had made a foreign policy statement

to commit their military to defend natural resources. This decree dramatically shaped how the United States treated the region, and how future presidents would be obliged to act. Both the new foreign policy doctrine and the creation of SOCOM were two of the direct results of the hostage taking at the American embassy in Tehran on November 4th, 1979.

OZARK BEACH DAM 100 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Empire District Electric Company's Ozark Beach Dam.

In early 1911, two businessmen from St. Louis formed the Ozark Power and Water Company and obtained permission from Congress to erect a hydroelectric dam across the White River at Ozark Beach.

Unfortunately, the financial backing the men had secured was lost. At this point, the Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Co. of Boston became involved with the project. They took the plan for the dam to the Henry L. Doherty & Company of New York, a company that had been investing in electric and gas companies in Missouri and Kansas, primarily due to the lead and other mining operations that were springing up in the states. The Doherty Company, which later formed the basis of the Empire District Electric Company through the consolidation of several utilities, began work on the dam.

The dam was completed and the White River was officially closed off on March 20, 1913, creating Lake Taneycomo. Power began flowing on September 1, 1913.

Upon completion, the dam housed five, 25-cycle turbines that were rated at two megawatts each. Energy from the dam was carried north to the Nichol Street Substation in Springfield on steel towers and then west to Joplin. This line carried 66,000 volts of electricity which involved considerable pioneering since transmission facilities were limited in the "Ozark" country. The 150-mile line was also considered an engineering achievement, since transformers, insulators, switching, and the general design were just being developed for such a high voltage.

With the exception of some reinforcement work completed on the dam in the early 1920's, the dam remained unchanged until the early 1930's when the original 25-cycle equipment was replaced. The power house interior was redesigned to house new vertical water wheels and four, four-megawatt, 60-cycle generators were installed.

In 1995, the plant received further modernization. Following installation of some control equipment, the plant became remotely operated from the Company's Systems Operation Center in Joplin.

Starting in 2002, each one of the turbines was replaced with stainless steel turbines with

additional horsepower improvements. The turbines were replaced one per year with the last one coming online in March 2005.

With the exception of several modernization upgrades, the dam stands much the same as it was when finished in 1913. It provides the Empire District system with 16 megawatts of power and the Taney County area with a beautiful recreational area.

I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Empire District Electric Company's Ozark Beach Dam.

HONORING CHARLES MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant. Mr. Charles Moore. Mr. Moore passed away March 14, 2006 and was married to the former Alfolonia Matthews, the father of 5 children, and grandfather of 3.

Mr. Moore was a native Greenville. His entire life has been lived in Greenville except for a brief period when he served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. After coming home and completing his high school requirements, he realized he had to make a decision. Either he would leave Greenville or stay and make it a better place for all to live. He chose the latter.

His goals and aspirations were achieved by the following: getting involved in voter registration in the 1950's; getting involved with the inception of Delta Ministry in Greenville, in 1966; helping organize the effort to bring Headstart to his community in 1966; helping organize the effort to integrate Greenville Public Schools in 1968; spearheading the organization of Herbert Lee Center where civil rights meetings were held, which still exists; coordinating several Washington County campaigns; recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award, from the Magnolia Bar Association in 1966; and, recipient of the Point of Pride Award March in 1966.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, past Commander and lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), past president of the Greenville Travel Club, retired member of the National Association of Letter Carrier Union (NALC) and the past President of Branch 516 of the NALC. He was also a member of the Secretary of State Dick Molpus Task Force. He filed a discrimination complaint that resulted in Blacks being promoted to managerial positions in the United States Post Office. He was a member of the NAACP since 1946 until his death. He was elected to the City Council, Ward 4 in July 1990 and re-elected for a 4 year term in October 1993. Also, he held the position of vice-mayor of the City of Greenville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Charles Moore for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

REMEMBERING TIANANMEN
SQUARE'S MARTYRS FOR FREE-
DOM AND DEMOCRACY

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the twenty-fourth anniversary of the massacre of unarmed civilian protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

1989 was a momentous year in human history. We saw a new birth of freedom in many nations that had suppressed their people for more than a generation.

That year, we also witnessed the People's Republic of China violently crush those who had the courage to stand up to their government. These protesters came from all walks of life. They were mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters. Many were students. They were united in their thirst for democracy and in their desire for the universal human freedoms of assembly and expression.

They were silenced because they dared to defy their government. However, no government can crush the universal aspiration of people to be free.

These protesters became martyrs in the cause for human rights and their thirst for freedom lives on in those who continue to struggle for human rights and dignity in China and around the world.

We will never forget the heroes of Tiananmen Square.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1989
TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, today marks the tragic anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre in China. On this day, 24 years ago, the Chinese government harshly cracked down on pro-democracy, freedom-seeking student protesters and murdered hundreds, possibly thousands of peaceful demonstrators. Simply put, these men and women demanded and deserved liberty and died striving for this basic human urge. This is why it is crucial that we rededicate ourselves to defending and protecting the Constitution upon which our great nation was formed. As long as we fight to uphold this inspired document, we protect human liberty; we defend freedom; we give life to people's dreams; we empower hardworking families and individuals. This is a sacred duty we must not take lightly—especially as we remember the brave victims of Tiananmen Square.

HONORING RABBI JUDITH LEWIS &
OTTO KUCERA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Judith S. Lewis became the rabbi of Riverdale Temple

in the summer of 2006, after celebrating her 25th year in the rabbinate in 2005. She was part of the first generation of women rabbis, becoming ordained at a time when there were fewer than a dozen women in the Reform rabbinate. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, where she was ordained in 1980. Her undergraduate degree was in Philosophy, from Oberlin College in Ohio.

Rabbi Lewis was born and raised in Rochester, New York where her extended family participated in every congregation of every denomination. A favorite recollection from childhood is the successive observance of Jewish holidays at each congregation. After services ended at her family's Reform synagogue, they would often go to join her grandparents in their Conservative congregation, and finally join aunts and uncles at the Orthodox synagogue to finish the celebration of the holiday.

Otto Kucera was born and raised in Astoria, Queens, above his family's funeral home. After graduating from American Academy McAllister Institute he joined the family business. Aside from several years in Boston, as a family owner of several independent funeral homes, he has been with Riverside Funeral Chapels and their associates for over 40 years.

The diversity and proximity of the Jewish population in Riverdale is both familiar and welcome to Rabbi Lewis who believes that a Reform congregation has a vital role to play in the ongoing creativity of modern Jewish life. As the oldest Jewish institution in Riverdale, this congregation has a rich and noteworthy heritage of involvement with the community which she looks forward to promoting and sustaining.

Otto and his wife, Isabell, had three children, Peter, Jennifer, and Veronica. Peter is a funeral director in Schenectady, New York. Jenny was a production manager for Penguin Publications after graduating from Rutgers University and married her husband Joel. They live in Massachusetts with their two children.

Rabbi Lewis introduced the Tot Shabbat, adult bnei mitzvah classes, and she and Otto conduct congregational trips to Israel. Her willingness to try new modes of worship and her spirit of experimentation are attracting new young families to the congregation.

Otto and Rabbi Lewis got to know each other outside of their respective professional roles 12 years ago, when introducing their son and daughter to each other. Instead, they married each other four years later.

I offer my congratulations to Rabbi Lewis and Otto for all they have accomplished for the Temple, both individually and together. They are an example of all that can be done when working together.

HONORING FRANK CRUMP, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decorous and determined man Mr. Frank Crump, Jr., who has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Mr. Crump, a resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi was born on May 26, 1927 to Frank Crump, Sr. and Angeline Turner Crump.

In 1941 Mr. Crump enlisted in the United States Navy where he attended Ships Cook School and Airplane Mechanics. After being honorably discharged from the United States Navy, he graduated from Alcorn State University in 1951 with a Bachelors Degree and in 1978 he earned a Masters Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

During the summer of 1964; Mr. Crump was instrumental in coordinating the Vicksburg Citizens' Appeal, a newspaper aimed at publicizing news events involving black's worldwide and social events happening in the black community. He also played an intricate role in Freedom Summer, whose mission was to register black voters and initiate a slow sunset for Jim Crow laws.

Mr. Crump has held various positions in education. He was: the Building Grounds Clerk and Mathematics and Physical Science Instructor at Alcorn from 1950–1952; from 1952–1958, while in Chicago, Illinois he worked as postal clerk, aircraft assembler for Ford Motor Company, bus driver and instructor for the Chicago Transit Authority. After returning to Mississippi he worked as a Mathematics Instructor at Mixon Junior High, Utica, MS; Mathematics, Drafting and Physics Instructor at Temple High School, Vicksburg, MS; and Mathematics Instructor at Tallulah High School, Tallulah, LA. Also Mr. Crump served in several capacities at Hinds Community College, Utica Campus including Mathematics Instructor, Vocational-Technical Administrator and Dean of Vocational-Technical Education.

Mr. Frank Crump, Jr. is the recipient of several accolades including: Recognition for Military Services during the Period of the Cold War; Instructor of the Year and Christian Leadership Award through Music to name a few. Similarly, he is a member of several social and civic organizations.

Mr. Crump is married to Orelia Peterson Crump and to that union they had four children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Frank Crump, Jr. for his unwavering dedication to education and social equality.

RECOGNIZING THE ORGANIZATION
OF KOREAN AMERICAN WOMEN
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Organization of Korean American Women (OKAW) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Nearly 1 out of every 4 of the residents in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia is foreign born. Asian Americans comprise the largest ethnic group, including a large Korean American community. The transition to a new home country can be daunting; adapting to different customs and learning a new language are only two of the challenges that face every immigrant. OKAW has distinguished itself

through its services to assist those adapting to their new home so they can become full participants in our American society.

OKAW also supports The House of Hope and the Artemis Shelter which serve the needs of the most vulnerable immigrants—women who are struggling with poverty or are victims of domestic violence, abuse, or persecution. These organizations provide women with financial support, shelter, and legal assistance so they can gain the skills necessary to overcome language and cultural barriers and become self-sufficient.

These efforts are truly commendable, but as activists and humanitarians, OKAW has again expanded its reach to address another need—support of our wounded warriors and their families. The upcoming anniversary gala will include a special tribute to veterans of the Korean War. In addition, OKAW will make a special contribution of \$20,000 to two organizations which provide assistance to our wounded warriors and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Organization of Korean American Women on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and in commending OKAW for its decades of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MEDAL OF MERIT AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic acts of Christopher Mayhew who was recently awarded the Medal of Merit by the Boy Scouts of America for providing first aid to the victim of a car accident. A Medal of Merit, is presented for an outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional nature that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well being of others. Since it was instituted in 1946, just 6,229 have been awarded.

Christopher, who joined Troop 1131 in 2008, is currently a Life Scout and has been a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was 15 at the time of the incident.

On July 27, 2012, Christopher and his family were returning from Virginia Beach. Suddenly, a car in front of them swerved and went off the road, flipping over as it went down an embankment. Christopher immediately directed his mother to stop the car to help.

He jumped out of the car, asked his mother to dial 911 and ran down the hill to the wrecked car, which was barely visible from the road. The car had landed on its wheels and the driver and passenger were able to get out of the car. The driver had numerous cuts from broken glass, some deep, on his arms, face and head. Christopher ran back to his own car and retrieved the only first aid supplies he could find—paper napkins and a bottle of water—and ran back down to help clean up the driver's cuts and apply pressure to one deep cut to slow the bleeding. He continued to provide first aid until the rescue squad arrived. For his actions Christopher received a letter of Commendation from the Chief of the James City County Volunteer Fire Department, whose EMT unit was the one on the scene.

The Boy Scouts' Medal of Merit awards nomination process is a long and involved one. To determine if an action is worthy of special recognition, witnesses to the event must first contact the Unit Leader. The Unit Leader gathers facts and documentation to make a determination if the event warrants further attention. If so, he submits the information to an Area Council.

If the Awards Committee at the Area Council decides the nomination is worthy of consideration, it conducts face-to-face interviews of the Scout and witnesses. The Awards Committee may then submit the nomination to the National Scout Headquarters in Irving, Texas. The nomination is then reviewed at the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and if approved, the National Court of Honor makes the award. In 2012, just 126 Scouts earned the Medal of Merit.

Christopher's heroic actions exemplify the Scout motto: Be Prepared! The founder of the Boy Scouts in England, Robert Baden-Powell explained that to Be Prepared "means you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty." Christopher was prepared through his training to provide first aid, but technical skills alone could not have prepared him for the situation he confronted that day. More importantly, he was prepared mentally to react immediately and had the fortitude to risk his own safety in order to help others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Christopher Mayhew of Fairfax County, Virginia, for the remarkable bravery and skill he demonstrated in this harrowing situation and in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor. I also thank the Boy Scouts for continuing to teach young men to be prepared to serve others in need.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX EQUITY ACT OF 2013

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, since California first passed a medical marijuana initiative in 1996, 19 states and the District of Columbia have approved medical marijuana programs. In addition, voters in Washington and Colorado recently voted to allow the sale and use of recreational marijuana. Yet any business associated with these expanding industries faces a legal gray area between federal and state law. While states have expanded legal economic opportunities, federal drug, tax, and banking laws continue to limit these emerging small businesses.

It's long been recognized that marijuana has therapeutic values. People use it to deal with chronic paralyzing pain, the nausea associated with chemotherapy, the symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis and more and more of our veterans now use it to help with PTSD. At least one million people now receive legal medical marijuana treatment.

What, however, remains illegal is for the thousands of legitimate businesses providing a legal product to treat their business expenses like every other business and deduct them from their operating income.

Decades ago, a drug dealer claimed the cost of his yacht and weapons as legitimate

business expenses. Congress responded by making expenses associated with a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance ineligible for deduction. This change has since ensnared the thousands of legitimate marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law, who are now paying a federal income tax double or triple the effective tax rate of most businesses. These businesses cannot claim the work opportunity tax credit if they hire a veteran. They cannot depreciate their American-made irrigation equipment. The deductions that any other business could take for the construction or operating costs of their facilities are unavailable to them.

This is why I am introducing the Small Business Tax Equity Act, bipartisan legislation to allow marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law to deduct their legitimate expenses. It will only have effect in states which have legalized aspects of marijuana use.

Legal businesses in America are taxed on their income, not on their gross revenues, except for the otherwise legal operation of marijuana businesses. Our failure to update federal tax law forces these businesses to discontinue an important service, or to drive it underground, which encourages evasion. This bill conforms federal tax law to state law and ensures the fair treatment of a legal industry.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST ANNUAL GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "ABOVE AND BEYOND" AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding group of first responders and public safety officers who have been honored with the First Annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce "Above and Beyond" Award.

These awards honor Fairfax County Firefighters, EMTs, Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies who give back to the Greater Springfield area by providing service to the community outside their normal duties.

In addition to the immeasurable contributions made every day in the line of duty, these men and women have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary efforts in the community, which largely go unseen. They willingly volunteer their personal time, energies, and support to activities for the betterment of our children, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

It is my honor to enter the names of the following individuals into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Captain II Fred Brandell, who is assigned to Company 5 at the Franconia Fire Station, has led his crew to become one of the nation's top fundraising fire stations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and also in serving at the Central Virginia Burn Camp, where young people who have suffered a traumatic burn can have fun like every other kid.

Detective Monica Meeks of the Fairfax County Police Department's Franconia Station is passionate about victims' rights and the prevention of domestic violence. She lectures at

community events and organizes seminars at schools. She works closely with area abuse shelters whether she is on or off duty. During the holidays she arranges for truckloads of toys, supplies, and gift cards to be donated and transported to children's shelters throughout the county.

Private First Class Omecihuatl Mann serves in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office's Records/Transportation Section. She also devotes hundreds of hours to the Fairfax County Public Library system as a weekly library volunteer and board member of the Friends of the Library. She has collected and distributed more than 10,000 books in the past four years. Beneficiaries include the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and NOVACO, which provides transitional housing and services for mothers and children, who have fled situations of domestic abuse.

Private First Class James L. Thur is assigned to the Fairfax County Police Department's West Springfield District Station. Besides his own patrol officer responsibilities, he ensures his coworkers are well equipped and able to complete their duties. PFC Thur will drop what he is doing to assist with any cruiser issue, ranging from a burned out light bulb to a dropped transmission. In his spare time, he serves as a volunteer fire fighter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking each of the brave men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. They are part of The Bravest and The Finest who collectively ensure that Fairfax County remains one of the nation's safest communities in which to live, work, and raise a family. Moreover, the volunteer service exhibited by these honorees is one of the hallmarks of what has made Fairfax the thriving community it is today, and because of their efforts, that tradition will carry on for future generations.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN DAY SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School of Prince William County, Virginia, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, and to recognize the school for its continued dedication to the education of our youngest citizens.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School was established after Senior Pastor David Bohannon went door-to-door in 1971 to gauge the interest of the surrounding community for early childhood education opportunities. The day school, open to any member of the surrounding community, began in 1973 with 88 children. Now there are 250 students enrolled at St. Matthew's. The school has served several thousand children from Prince William County since 1973. St. Matthew's students graduate well-prepared for elementary, secondary, and post secondary education.

I commend the administration at St. Matthew's for using a comprehensive curriculum that focuses not only on academic learning but also on imaginative play and hands-on learning. Activities at the Day School include group

time, circle time, center time, snack time, play-ground time, and story time. These activities encourage a positive and interactive learning environment for the three- to five-year-olds served by the St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School.

St. Matthew's began its 40th anniversary celebration entitled "Early Years Are Learning Years," in April with an Open House, during which the school displayed student artwork. The school will continue to celebrate through the end of the year by hosting literacy concerts throughout the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School for serving families and children in our community for 40 years. I extend my personal appreciation to the staff of the Day School for their commitment to empowering our children by providing access to a high quality early childhood education.

CONGRATULATING BOLD CITY CHAPTER OF LINKS INCORPORATED'S 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bold City Chapter of Links Incorporated's 20 years of service to the Jacksonville community.

As the representative of Florida's 5th Congressional District, I have followed this chapter's community service efforts for many years and am most impressed with their commitment to the City.

On behalf of my Congressional office and my constituents of Florida's 5th congressional district, I thank the Bold City Chapter of Links for all they do to make Jacksonville a better place. Indeed, our city is extremely fortunate for the service and leadership the Bold City Chapter provided through the chapter's programs over the past 20 years.

This chapter is a symbol of hope to numerous citizens that have been served through the chapter's many accomplishments, most recently the Links Leadership Academy. I am certain that this Academy will serve to develop our next generation of leaders, the future leaders of our City.

COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION OF SOUTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TO RECOGNIZE PRINCIPAL MARSHA MANNING FOR BEING NAMED THE 2013 NANCY F. SPRAGUE OUTSTANDING FIRST-YEAR PRINCIPAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the newest Fairfax County public middle school, South County Middle School in Lorton, Virginia, and to congratulate Principal Marsha Manning on being

named the 2013 Nancy F. Sprague Outstanding First-Year Principal for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Responsible for the education of more than 180,000 students, the Fairfax County Public School System (FCPS) is the largest public school system in Commonwealth of Virginia and the 11th largest school system in the nation. With a budget that exceeds \$2.4 billion, the school system offers a full range of educational opportunities to each of the students who attend one of its 196 schools. Nearly 75% of local high school graduates go on to some form of post-secondary education, and in 2012, Newsweek magazine designated all eligible FCPS high schools as the most challenging public schools in the nation. In 2012, the average SAT score in Fairfax County was 1654; 140 points higher than the Virginia average and nearly 200 points higher than the national average.

These extraordinary accomplishments at the high school level would not be possible without an exceptional middle school system that thoroughly educates and prepares students in grades 7-8 for the challenges of high school. It is my honor to recognize our newest middle school, South County Middle School in Lorton, Virginia.

Following the transfer of the former Lorton prison property to Fairfax County in 2002, the explosive growth in the southern end of Fairfax County continued to accelerate. In 2005, the doors to a new secondary school opened to accommodate children in grades 7 through 12. The new school, South County Secondary School, had a maximum student capacity of 2,500 and immediately exceeded capacity, requiring a number of temporary trailer classrooms to be installed on site.

In 2008, as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I was honored to work with the community and my fellow Supervisors to set aside \$10 million from the county budget expressly for the purpose of constructing a new middle school that was desperately needed to alleviate overcrowding and provide an environment conducive to education and our children's well being. South County Middle School opened its doors in September 2012, and on June 5, 2013, we celebrate the formal dedication of this institution.

Principal Marsha Manning has led the school during this inaugural year with professionalism, dedication, and devotion to the children in her charge. Ms. Manning, a 23-year veteran of FCPS, began her career in 1990 teaching English at Washington Irving Middle School. She then went on to serve as an assistant principal at Mark Twain Middle School, and in 2005, helped to open South County Secondary School where she served as a subschool principal. It was a natural fit for her to take the reins as principal of the new South County Middle School, where she, the school, and the students have thrived. She has been described by her colleagues as a person who displays "hard work, integrity, and exceptional passion" and is credited with instilling pride and a sense of identity to the school and students—a task that usually takes years. I congratulate Principal Manning on being named the 2013 Nancy F. Sprague Outstanding First-Year Principal, a recognition very well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the faculty, staff, administration, parents, and entire South County

Community for their unwavering dedication to the students of South County Middle School. The commitment displayed to the education, safety, and well being of our children is instrumental to their health and future success, and it is one of the primary reasons that Fairfax County is often rated as one of the best counties in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family. I thank each of you for your tireless efforts, and wish years of success to the Mustangs of South County Middle School.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 8 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishment and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Air Force. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

I have had the privilege of working with Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia since its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students. In two short years that number has grown to 101.

With graduation season upon us, thousands of young people in my community, and millions across the nation, are preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Some will pursue higher education or vocational training, others will seek to enter the workforce immediately, and many will answer the call to serve their community and their country.

The United States of America has distinguished itself from other nations through the entrepreneurship and spirit of our people, the knowledge that we can achieve any goal if we set our minds to it, our inherent compassion and generosity, our fierce patriotism, and the extraordinary sacrifices and dedication to country exhibited by the members of our Armed Forces. The young men and women from our community who will be enlisting possess an abundance of each of these qualities. I join with their families and friends in congratulating and commending the following graduates on their enlistment in the United States Air Force:

Robert Avara; Lance Clark; Megan Cumpas; Megan Drechsler; Julie Jones; Luis Martinez Ramirez; Bradley Mauldin; Anthony Morgan; Kyle Pelar.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of

these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense of our nation's freedom.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 1919, THE SAFEGUARDING AMERICA'S PHARMACEUTICALS ACT

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concerns about a provision in H.R. 1919, the Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013, raised by a large employer in my district. The legislation passed by voice vote, and like many of my colleagues I support the overall goal and intent of this legislation: namely, to protect more Americans from counterfeit pharmaceuticals. However, I have reservations about certain sections of the bill due to concerns raised in my Congressional District that I hope might be addressed if further action is taken in the Senate.

Section 8 of H.R. 1919 includes language addressing the use of electronic labeling for pharmaceutical drugs, meaning that important consumer information related to usage, side effects and other issues may in some instances be available only over the internet unless a customer specifically asks for drug-related instructions in writing. I remain concerned about the possible effect these provisions will have on seniors and in communities that are underserved or un-served entirely by broadband internet. This legislation if passed in its current form may create a scenario where a customer who shops at a pharmacy that uses the electronic system will be left without critical drug information unless they think to ask for it themselves. For many, this will leave them in the dark about important, potentially life-saving information.

As a representative for a rural community where broadband internet is unavailable in many areas, this presents a real concern. I ask that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both houses of Congress reconsider these provisions should the Senate take action on the bill.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 28 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishment and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Army. I also ex-

press my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

I have had the privilege of working with Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia since its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students. In two short years that number has grown to 101.

With graduation season upon us, thousands of young people in my community, and millions across the nation, are preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Some will pursue higher education or vocational training, others will seek to enter the workforce immediately, and many will answer the call to serve their community and their country.

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Eric Alvarez Carranza; Damaris Aparicio; Niel Barasona; James Blersch; Gabriel Brey; Mayerling Castillo; Tyler Cirillo; Andrew Coreas; Stacy Darpoh; Tyler Davis; Timothy Driscoll; Austin Dunn; Zachary Francis; Jocelyn Garcia Gonzalez; David Gillespie; Lewis Green; Icavetta Gregory; Emmanuel Hernandez; Nathaniel Holmes; Rezaul Khan; Joseline Lopez Martinez; Yenis Lopez-Arias; Oscar Luna Rivera; Francis Nguyen; Dino Ponce; Cody Smith; Mathias Sobarzo; Danny Ventura

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense of our nation's freedom.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 13 graduating seniors in my community

for their record of academic and athletic accomplishment and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Navy. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

I have had the privilege of working with Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia since its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students. In two short years that number has grown to 101.

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Jessica Blas Salazar; Kafahni Crowell; Tyler Deleeuw; Bryan Ignacio; Jinsuk Lee; Jay Lee; Hasmeed Machuca; Ashley Sager; Timothy Skubal; Daniel Vanderplas; Evertt Vasquez; Christina Vithaya; Lars Yates

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense our nation's freedom.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN
HOUSTON FIREFIGHTERS

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathies

for the Houston firefighters who perished or were injured due to the blaze at the Southwest Inn and Bhojan Restaurant, which took place on May 31, 2013. Upon visiting the site of the horrific tragedy, I was saddened to see the remains of a building consumed by a pernicious inferno. I was also able to appreciate the courage and spirit necessary to be a firefighter at the scene on that fateful day.

To date, while "in the line of duty," four firefighters have died and many others have been hospitalized due to their injuries in what has become the most lethal day in the history of the Houston Fire Department (HFD). Among the deceased were: an eleven-year-veteran of the HFD, Captain Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Matthew Renaud, and a recent graduate from the fire academy, Anne Sullivan, along with Firefighter EMT Robert Garner and Engineer Operator EMT Robert Bebee.

Our firefighters selflessly risked their lives and limbs to save as many civilians as possible. While tragedies such as these shock and emotionally devastate us, we should remember the extraordinary heroism displayed by our firefighters: They rushed to the scene battling flames on both the roof as well as within the motel and restaurant, thereby preventing a single civilian fatality.

Mr. Speaker, since the fire, I have visited with firefighters from the HFD at the Houston Professional Firefighters Association Union Hall. I was truly inspired by their dedication to each other and devotion to public safety. As a result, I now have a greater appreciation for what is for me a chilling expression "in the line of duty."

COMMENDING LOCAL 2013 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE THIRD ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 51 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishment and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

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its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students. In two short years that number has grown to 101.

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Kamo Abdulrahman; Jonathan Aguilar; Kevin Amaya; Jackson Burgess; Benjamin Burruss; Daniel Chhieu; Emily Collins; Latrice Coram; Larry Davis; James Degrafft; Kevin Diaz; Ludvigsen Diaz; Aaron Ellassal; Jacob Facas; Mario Fajardo; Azad Fattahi; Ismael Ferman; Christopher Foerter; Spencer Gonsalvez; Veronica Gonzalez; Matthew Gregory; Jeffrey Hong; Nicholas Hunter; Mateusz Laguna; Gwendetta Mabry; Isaac Martinez; Tyreek Minter; Robert Mondloch; Yenifer Montalvo; Matthew Moser; Jason Pabontancara; Omar Paniagua; Tae Park; Erik Ploompoo; Herson Reyes; Jorge Ribera-Pedraza; Carlos Rodriguez; Leonel Santos; Romeo Sarmiento, III; Bradley Sherman; Simranjit Singh; Joshua Skym; David Smith; Kyle Stears; Brittany Thompson; Christian Valencia; Leopoldo Valiente Marquez; Joseph Stephen Vanwijngaarden; Deyvis Vasquez Soto; William Vo; Jaime Zamora

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense our nation's freedom.