EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China, which commemorates the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising on October 10, 1911, and led to the establishment of the Republic of China—more commonly known as Taiwan.

For decades, Taiwan has been a significant partner to the United States in regards to its security, economic, and political interests. Taiwan has acted as a model democracy in the Pacific region where the people of Taiwan enjoy self-governance with democratic elections. In addition to Taiwan's political contributions to the region, it is also a vital economy in the Pacific. Because of this, I believe Taiwan should be allowed to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership sooner rather than later.

Taiwan, however, is not only an economic player in the Pacific, it also plays and important role in the U.S. economy. In 2012, Taiwan was the 11th largest U.S. trading partner and it's the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. In light of this, I encourage the Administration to solidify a bilateral investment agreement with Taiwan, as it would boost both trade and investments for both parties.

As we go forward with this mutually beneficial partnership, it is important that we continue diplomatic visits to Taiwan; and, in return, we should invite Taiwan officials to the United States. By doing this we will see better understanding and respect between our countries.

HONORING CRISTIANI EXCAVATING

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, individuals and families benefit when businesses, big and small, are able to help communities maximize their economic potential. In Southern Indiana, Dan Cristiani is one outstanding example of a small business owner who harnesses the talent and work ethic of his employees to improve their community.

At just fifteen years old, Mr. Cristiani started his first business by cutting down timber and selling it as firewood. Today his company—Dan Cristiani Excavating—is a full service business that sells and rents heavy equipment, distributes topsoil and mulch, and offers waste disposal services for individuals and companies.

In addition to owning a thriving business, Mr. Cristiani has become a recognized community philanthropist. He is particularly involved with Clark County 4–H, saying, ''My dad was involved in Floyd County 4–H, and I guess I'm kind of a chip off the old block.'' In 2002, he started a consignment auction to help raise money for the organization. The annual event provides an opportunity for individuals and businesses to sell farm equipment that is no longer needed, typically generating between $15,000 and $20,000 for 4–H. Additionally, he donates money for 4–H project animals. There is no doubt that 4–H plays an essential role in educating children about the benefits of agriculture throughout Indiana's 9th District, and I appreciate that he is helping give children access to this wonderful organization.

Beyond his contributions to 4–H, Mr. Cristiani and his excavating company help provide many other services to Clark County, such as funds and equipment for a new baseball park. But perhaps his greatest impact is felt when the community is most in need. For example, in 2004 a tornado struck the north edge of Borden, Indiana, and he immediately sent his excavating equipment and crew to the affected area to begin cleanup. He did so under no pretense of being paid, and there was no guarantee of reimbursement for equipment use or staff salaries. Despite that, his team stayed in the area for weeks providing assistance to Hoosiers when they most needed it. As a result, Borden was back on its feet much more quickly than other towns impacted by the storm.

Dan Cristiani and Dan Cristiani Excavating are representative of the small businesses in which Hoosiers in Indiana's 9th District take pride. Their commitment and generosity prove that, whether big or small, businesses of any size can make a positive contribution to their community. I am proud to represent such sturdy Americans, and I am pleased to highlight their good works in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today in this installment of Indiana's 9th District Small Business Spotlight.

RICHARD LUTHCKE RETIREMENT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard Luthcke on his retirement from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department.

Mr. Luthcke served with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department for 23 years, retiring in February 2013. For 10 of those years, he was a detective in the homicide department, helping to find justice for murder victims and answers for their families and friends. Before working for the department, Mr. Luthcke served in the United States Navy for four years. Presently, he works for the Stroud Area Regional Police Department as a homicide detective on cold case murders in Monroe County.

Mr. Speaker, for 23 years Mr. Luthcke served to protect the Pocono Mountain community from danger and find justice for victims of homicide. Therefore, I commend Richard Luthcke on his retirement from the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING DENISE WEAR FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the enduring efforts of Mrs. Denise Wear on the occasion of the Chinese Newcomers Service Center Benefit on September 27, 2013 in San Francisco, California. For over 25 years, Denise Wear has devoted substantial time, talent, and resources to help raise funds and support for various community groups and she has coordinated many regional events for children and families.

Mrs. Wear has dedicated herself to many causes and organizations seeking to improve our communities including Friends of China Camp State Park, Bay Area Discovery Museum, and Asian Scholarship Fund. Through her efforts she has been instrumental in promoting the history of the early Chinese immigrants and appreciation of Chinese language and culture.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Mrs. Denise Wear for her long and impressive record of service to the Asian community in Marin County and to our entire Bay Area Community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDMUND REGALIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Edmund L. Regalia for his many years of service as Founding Director of the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Established in 1968 in memory of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial aid to graduating community college students from minority groups under-represented at California's four-year colleges and universities. Many award winning students have excelled academically but are faced with financial hardships.

Since its creation forty-five years ago, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund has raised well over $3.5 million to help send more than 600 community college students from Contra Costa to four-year universities. None of this would be possible without Ed Regalia's

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dynamic leadership in the community and his unwavering commitment to students.

Recently Ed was named a ''Hometown Hero'' by our own Bay Area News Group-East Bay in partnership with Comcast Corporation specifically recognizing his work with Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund. For those of us who have known and worked with Ed these many years, the term Hometown Hero is certainly fitting. He and his wife, Gwen, have made a decided difference not only in the lives of the deserving students but through their community service and philanthropic work. Truly, they have touched the lives of all of us in Contra Costa County.

Please join me in congratulating Ed and Gwen Regalia for their dedication to our students and our community, and I commend my colleagues to read the following article recognizing their work:

[From the Contra Costa Times, Sept. 3, 2013]

HOMETOWN HERO: WALNUT CREEK ATTORNEY'S 40 YEARS OF HANDING OUT MINORITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

(By Matthias Gafni)

Shortly after Robert Kennedy was assassinated in June 1968 and months after Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed, a young Ed Regalia met with his Democratic Club in a friend's Walnut Creek backyard.

The idealistic young attorney, along with wife Gwen and others, thought of how they could honor the two men's contributions to society. They decided to create a scholarship fund for low-income, minority students in Contra Costa County. They consulted a black professor at Diablo Valley College, Regalia said.

''He set up a program that he recommended, and we followed his rules,'' Regalia said in a recent interview from his Walnut Creek home.

More than four decades later, the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund has helped send more than 600 Contra Costa community college students to four-year universities, raising more than $3.5 million.

''We're very grateful,'' said Regalia, now 82, retired and recovering from a stroke five years ago.

The well-known attorney, whose wife served as Walnut Creek's mayor for many years, still sits on the fund's board. His work with minority students began even earlier, when he was a 16-year-old El Cerrito High student leading the Del Mar Hi-Y club. A district official wrote a letter to the teenage Regalia in 1948 about a recital, saying, ''The spirit of your organization in being willing to agree to sponsor a colored boy before the public was, to me, far more important.'' It was a year after Jackie Robinson had broken the color barrier in baseball, his wife pointed out.

Regalia was born in El Cerrito; his father laid bricks for a living. Regalia attended nearby UC Berkeley while earning a scholarship from the Navy. He served three years during the latter part of the Korean War, leaving the military as a lieutenant before returning to Cal and graduating from Boalt Law School.

By 1964, Regalia joined Boalt classmates Harry Miller and Marvin Starr to form the Miller Starr Regalia law firm. Dealing almost exclusively in civil litigation, Regalia led the firm in real estate and business issues, representing title companies, banks, savings and loans, and other companies.

The father of four was involved in many major cases, litigating once for a woman whose house was damaged from a landslide. That case wound its way to the state Supreme Court and led to requirements to provide disclosures for homebuyers.

His work with the scholarship fund raised some eyebrows, with most thinking it would quickly fizzle out.

At the inaugural dinner, held June 14, 1969, in Concord, Regalia's group awarded $2,000 scholarships each to the first two recipients. The organization spent months personally collecting pledges from various politicians and Contra Costa movers and shakers. U.S. Rep. George Miller's father, then a state senator, pulled a $100 bill from his money clip when the couple approached him, Gwen Regalia said. The younger George Miller continues to raise $8,000 each year to fund a scholarship, she added.

The fund has always reached across the political aisle. At the first dinner, the speakers included former Democratic U.S. Reps. Pete Stark and Jerome Waldie, and Republican State Sen. John Nejedly.

Over the years, more and more of the fundraising came from corporations, enabling more students to get help. The fund requires low-income minority students to have spent two years at one of Contra Costa's three community colleges, and the scholarships help pay for their junior and senior years at four-year universities. Graduate school scholarships also are available.

Alameda County deputy district attorney Mark Jackson, who is black, received an undergraduate scholarship in 1988 as a Contra Costa College undergraduate, and it allowed him to finish his degree at San Francisco State. He won the scholarship again in 1991 as he tackled his law degree at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

As a college student, Jackson struggled to earn enough money to attend college.

''The scholarship was very helpful in enabling me, in conjunction with working two jobs and with my family's help, in graduating college without any student loan debt,'' Jackson said. ''These students need every dollar they can get from this program.''

Jackson, now 45, has since served on the scholarship's board and started a pre-law program at Contra Costa College.

''Whenever they finished and got a job, they were expected to devote their time in the community,'' said Gwen Regalia, who has served on the scholarship fund board, as well as 21 years on the Walnut Creek City Council and nine years on the Walnut Creek school district board.

In May, Ed Regalia's organization awarded scholarships to another 20 students who will attend undergraduate and graduate schools, including San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, Mills College, University of Alaska, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal State East Bay, Holy Names University and Samuel Merritt University.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker on rollcall No. 491, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

RECOGNIZING THE WEDDING OF ASHLEY SHILLINGSBURG AND MICHAEL ALDERFER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the upcoming wedding of Ashley Shillingsburg and Michael Alderfer. Having worked in my D.C. office for the last five years, Ashley is someone I have come to greatly respect and rely on. She is tirelessly committed to her job and commands a wide range of policy expertise. Ashley is an invaluable asset and a cornerstone of my D.C. operation.

This is why I am happy to stand here today in recognition of her upcoming wedding to Michael Alderfer on October 5, 2013 at Willow Creek Winery in our neighboring West Cape May, NJ. Michael Alderfer, while not a Philadelphian, is an accomplished young man with a bright future and, as of equal importance, an avid Eagles fan. Being married to an incredibly bright woman, one who challenges me every day in the best of ways for over 16 years, I am confident that Michael and Ashley will treat each other with the love, dignity, and respect that guarantee a long-lasting marriage.

It is a privilege to recognize a person who has become such an integral part of my office. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Ashley and Michael on their upcoming nuptials and wishing them a bright and happy future together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Saturday, September 28, 2013. I was traveling back to DC from family obligations in La Crosse, and my flight was delayed due to fog in Detroit. Had I been present, I would have voted against H. Res. 361 (Roll No. 493).

RECOGNIZING 110 YEARS OF WORSHIP AT CALVIN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Calvin United Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio as it celebrates 110 years of worship in the historic Birmingham neighborhood of Toledo's East Side. Worshipers will come together in a special celebration on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Toledo's Birmingham neighborhood was established and grew when Hungarian workers were relocated from Cleveland to Toledo to work in foundries. More and more Hungarian workers came to Toledo and the neighborhood

quickly established itself. In 1891, these immigrants founded the Magyar Reformed Church. The building was designed by local architect T. W. Matz and was completed in 1901. Echoing features of Hungarian village churches, its design is that of Hungarian Neo-Baroque church, with a tower, four round arched windows and round-shaped clocks pointing to each cardinal direction. The Hungarian coat-of-arms can be found on the bottom of each of the stained glass windows. The church stands still at its original location at the corner of Bogar and Bakewell Streets in Toledo.

The church was incorporated by the State of Ohio as the Hungarian Church of Toledo on June 16, 1903. The name was changed to Calvin United Church of Christ in 1962.

Since its beginning, Calvin United Church of Christ has been an anchor of Toledo's East Side and its Birmingham neighborhood. Its members are community leaders and the church is a good neighbor. Following the Scriptures call in 1 Chronicles 16:9 to ''Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; meditate on and talk of all His wondrous works and devoutly praise them!'' Calvin United Church of Christ's faithful have lived Christ's Word across three centuries and continue a proud tradition in its neighborhood. We are pleased to congratulate the congregation as it approaches its 110th anniversary, and look forward to its efforts in Christ's service for years to come.

HIGHLIGHTING SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to promote awareness of the fact that September is ''Suicide Prevention Month,'' and to specifically highlight the vulnerabilities of our nation's veteran community.

Tragically, the Department of Veterans Affairs reports that, on average, 22 United States military members and veterans commit suicide every day. Not all battle wounds are visible from the outside.

Please stand with me to help emphasize, not only to our hurting veterans but every American in need of help that people matter—relationships matter—and their lives remain full of hope and meaning.

When a loved one is in crisis, even the smallest act can make a lifesaving difference. I ask that we all take time to learn to recognize signs of isolation, withdrawal and suicidal behavior. And further, I ask that when we grow concerned for an individual, we become proactive and reach out to appropriately address the situation.

To all those who are hurting—no matter what problems you are dealing with, you can find a reason to keep living. If you are a veteran in need of help, please call 1–800–273–8255 or for non-veterans please call 1–800–273–TALK.

It's time to act, because ''It Matters.''

HONORING MR. HERMAN J. ''PETE'' MATTHEWS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Herman J. ''Pete'' Matthews, Jr. Mr. Matthews will be receiving the Labor Man of the Year Award at this year's Friend of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332 Annual Black Tie Charity Dinner.

Mr. Matthews has served as President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for District Council 33 since 1996 and has brought true union democracy to its membership. Before this position, Mr. Matthews served as the Business Agent of Local 394 for thirteen years. Building upon his education from Temple University, Mr. Matthews completed the Harvard University Trade Union Leaders Institute and regularly attends continuing education courses on labor and health care at Harvard University. Mr. Matthews is an active member of many boards, including the Executive Board of the Philadelphia AFL–CIO and the AFSCME International Judicial Panel. He is committed to his position as President of District Council 33 and is a force for stability and positive change in all communities of the City of Philadelphia.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Matthews for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 490 I was unable to be present for the vote.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of approving H.R. 3095 (roll No. 486), in favor of approving H.R. 2600 (roll No. 487), in favor of approving the Journal (roll No. 488), in favor of the Grijalva amendment to H.R. 687 (roll 489), and in favor of the Napolitano amendment to H.R. 687 (roll 490).

ALCOA INC. 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Alcoa Inc., which is celebrating 125 years in the aluminum industry this year.

Alcoa was originally founded as the Pittsburgh Reduction Company in 1888 by Charles Martin Hall. Mr. Hall discovered a way to produce aluminum through electrolysis, sparking the modern aluminum industry both here and abroad. Starting with their creation of the first prototype aluminum tea kettle, they have been behind major milestones in fields ranging from aerospace to consumer electronics.

Today, Alcoa remains one of the most admired metals companies in the world, employing approximately 61,000 people in 30 countries. They are the leading global producer of primary aluminum and fabricated aluminum, as well as the largest miner of bauxite and refiner of alumina. The company's innovations have led to the creation of products such as the world's lightest planes and most fuel efficient cars.

Mr. Speaker, for 125 years Alcoa Inc. has served to create innovative and sustainable solutions in the aluminum field. Therefore, I commend all the personnel who have worked at this industry leader.

GOV'T SHUTDOWN FAIRNESS ACT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to once again remind my colleagues here in the House, and in the Senate, that we are employees of the American people. Employees charged with operating a federal government that works for those people—our constituents.

For lawmakers, a shutdown of the federal government is the ultimate admission of failure to do your job. Simply put, if we can't find a way to fund the government, than we shouldn't accept a paycheck. It's that simple.

That's why I support the Government Shutdown Fairness Act which codifies just that.

It is the primary responsibility of governing bodies, no matter how big or small: to pass a budget and appropriate tax dollars so the government can function. As a government shutdown is unacceptable to me, it's important to let the American people know that should it happen, Members of Congress won't continue cashing in while Americans pay the price.

Americans know that getting paid should be tied to getting the job done. This legislation, like 'No Budget, No Pay' says it's time lawmakers be held accountable. It is my hope this legislation will never have to take affect because no one should have to deal with a government shutdown.

HONORING MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY—WEST PLAINS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Missouri State University—West Plains on 50 years of service to South Central Missouri. September 16, 2013 marked the exact date 50 years ago the university began offering classes at the West Plains campus. Since the campus opened its doors, MSU—West Plains has provided area residents with access to affordable and quality education. I applaud hard work of the university staff and the continued support of the surrounding community that has helped the West Plains campus thrive since 1963.

The university has expanded significantly since its founding, with an average enrollment of 2,200 students. This institution has also been recognized as one of the top two-year schools in the nation and as a military friendly school. Transforming the landscape of education in the region, MSU—West Plains has had a significant impact on the lives of many local Missourians. Over 700 community members attended the 50th anniversary celebration, during which a time capsule was created to be opened 50 years from now.

I offer the highest congratulations to Missouri State University—West Plains Chancellor Drew Bennett and Missouri State University System President Clif Smart on this accomplishment. I look forward to another 50 years of success for Missouri State University—West Plains.

HONORING MR. W. CODY ANDERSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. W. Cody Anderson. Mr. Anderson will be receiving the Outstanding Community Leader Award at this year's Friend of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332 Annual Black Tie Charity Dinner.

Mr. Anderson has committed himself to the field of broadcast radio for more than 35 years, beginning in the Sales Department of WDAS Radio and working his way to become the President and General Manager of the station. He is widely considered a leading communicator to African-American and urban-based communities and has long-standing relationships with leaders and organizations throughout the region. His expertise in community and grassroots based marketing has allowed him to build one of Philadelphia's most influential talk radio stations, 900AM WURD. He is consistently listed as one of Philadelphia's Top Ten Influential African-Americans and remains concerned with and accessible to community members and the issues they face. Throughout his very busy and successful career he has served as a member and advisor for several community organizations such as Action AIDS and the African-American Interdenominational Ministries, Inc., and is an Ambassador in the Team Pennsylvania Outreach Program.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Anderson for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 489, I was unable to be present for the vote.

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

THE INTRODUCTION OF H.R. ___, THE FREE MARKET ROYALTY ACT

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced H.R. ___, the Free Market Royalty Act (FMRA), which creates a ''performance right'' that will obligate AM/FM radio stations to compensate performers for the use of their music just as cable, satellite, and Internet radio are obligated to do. Currently, cable, satellite, and Internet radio compensate writers, publishers and performers for the use of their music. However, when a song is played on AM/FM radio, the songwriter and publisher receive compensation, but the performer does not. The failure of terrestrial broadcasters to compensate the vocalists, musicians, and background performers sets the U.S. apart from most industrialized nations where performers are compensated for their performances. As a result of this lack of reciprocity, royalties collected internationally for over-the-air performances are not available to American sound recording artists.

As part of the revision process that culminated in the Copyright Act of 1976, the Register of Copyrights was directed to examine whether the performance right should be extended to sound recordings. The Register's study considered whether a law should be enacted providing a performance right for sound recordings and also evaluated copyright systems developed in foreign countries. The exhaustive study transmitted to Congress in 1978 found that ''[s]ound recordings fully warrant a right of public performance'' that would address a major gap in the copyright laws. However, AM/FM broadcasters have fought against this equitable change for the last 35 years contending that AM/FM stations provide unique and valuable promotion to performers.

In 1995, the Clinton Administration noted that ''[t]he copyright owners of sound recordings should be able to decide for themselves, as do all other copyright owners, if 'free advertising' is sufficient compensation of their works. If the users' arguments regarding the benefit copyright owners derive from the public performance of their sound recordings are correct, the users should be able to negotiate a very low rate for a license to do so.''

In 2009, I joined a broad, bipartisan majority of the House Judiciary Committee in favorably reporting the ''Performance Rights Act'' to the full House. The Senate judiciary Committee reported similar legislation to the full Senate. These bills would have established in law a performance right for sound recordings.

Airtime on AM/FM radio is no different from exposure on other mediums. Cable, satellite, and Internet radio also promote artists to new audiences, yet all these services pay performance royalties because clearly the value in these relationships runs both ways. AM/FM stations profit from advertising revenue. Why do advertisers pay? Because people listen. Why do people listen? To hear the songs. For many stations, take away the music and you take away the audience.

I was happy to hear Bob Pittman, the CEO and president of Clear Channel, the nation's largest broadcaster, say ''[t]here are plenty of people in radio who think we already give the record labels so much by giving them free promotion to break their artists, and they say that ought to be enough. But clearly that is not enough, or there wouldn't be a decades-long battle over it.'' I agree that promotion is not adequate compensation.

I was less happy to hear the National Association of Broadcasters' claim that certain direct licensing deals that Mr. Pittman has reached with a handful of record labels illustrate that performance rights legislation is not needed. In fact, those deals expose the unfairness and inadequacy of the current system and they strongly point out the need for a legislative solution that will apply market wide. Indeed, Scott Borchetta, the president and CEO of Big Machine Records and one of the architects of the first private deal with Clear Channel that has become the template for others, wrote Congress in November that ''the absolute need for legislation cannot be emphasized enough.''

What these deals really highlight is the uneven patchwork of rights that infects any effort to negotiate in the market as it stands today. AM/FM broadcasters get songs for AM/FM airplay without paying a single cent to the performers. That gives them a source of revenue they can leverage in negotiations, for example to obtain lower royalty rates for digital radio play. But digital-only services don't have this unfair advantage. Meanwhile, only some labels and artists and only some broadcasters are in a position to undertake the costly negotiations that these deals require.

At the same time, Internet broadcasters have come to the Judiciary Committee to complain of the separate unfairness in the market under which they pay performance royalties at a different rate than satellite radio (which has its own illogical grandfathered exception) while AM/FM doesn't pay at all. In some respects, I agree. The Obama Administration recently echoed some of these concerns noting that ''in the context of the growing digital audio market . . . there is still no public performance right when sound recordings are used by over-the-air FCC-licensed broadcasters. As a result, over-the-air broadcasters enjoy a competitive advantage over emerging digital services.'' The solution to all these problems is for everyone to pay and for all royalties to be set under

the same fair-market standard. That is essentially what the 2009 bill did.

Unfortunately, however, we've reached a legislative stalemate in which a reasonable compromise that virtually everyone agrees makes sense has become stuck. And the parties have all become locked into their positions and unwilling to make a move.

The FMRA seeks to end that stalemate by putting a new idea on the table that respects the equities and responds to the arguments of all. This bill creates an AM/FM performance right, to match the digital right that already exists in law. This would jumpstart meaningful private negotiations for all.

The FMRA's solution for royalty setting is the one the broadcasters have called for: let the market decide. But it also provides equal rights and bargaining power to both sides by allowing recording artists to reject offers they find unacceptable—something they currently cannot do under the copyright laws because the compulsory license requires them to make their music available. To implement this free market approach, the bill would repeal the existing compulsory license.

Internet radio says it pays too much, that the current "willing buyer, willing seller" standard results in rates that are too high. Under this bill, they may negotiate any rates they can. While Congress will establish a right, it will get out of the business of essentially establishing a price for that right. The value of music will be determined by the market.

There are of course many useful features of the current system that we should retain. Radio services have been able to use the compulsory licensing as one-stop licensing, allowing them to get access to any music they wish to use at an established price. To preserve that convenience to radio, the bill empowers broadcasters, and rights holders with SoundExchange as their agent, to collectively negotiate a one-stop licensing rate that will be available to all. Broadcasters and music creators are also free to negotiate separately alternative arrangements on top of those backstop terms.

Current law also contains critical protections for artists requiring that they receive a statutorily mandated fair share of performance royalties and that those royalties be paid directly to them through SoundExchange. The bill retains those requirements.

In 2009, we hoped all stakeholders could reach an agreement that would end the years of waiting for fair pay for airplay. This proposal makes it in everyone's interest to reach such an agreement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 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 $16,738,433,470,635.61. We've added $6,111,556,421,722.53 to our debt in 4 years. This is $6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 492, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues may be aware, September 2013 is National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month. This month gives us a valuable opportunity to call attention to this issue and what we can do to support people living with spinal cord injuries.

There are approximately 270,000 people living with spinal cord injuries in the United States. In particular, an estimated 100,000 of those people are veterans who sustained a spinal cord injury while serving as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Approximately 12,000 new spinal cord injuries occur in the U.S. each year. In fact, every 48 seconds in our country, a person becomes paralyzed. A majority of these injuries occur from work-related accidents, motor vehicle accidents, sports injuries and falls.

The impact of spinal cord injuries is felt throughout our society. The estimated lifetime medical cost of a spinal cord injury can range from $1 million to $5 million, depending on the level of injury, and the ripple effects can be felt throughout other sectors, such as housing, job training and transportation.

Increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injuries. Better treatments, therapies and access to the right equipment and services can go far toward both improving their quality of life and ultimately finding a cure for these injuries.

Throughout this month, awareness efforts have been taking place across the country to highlight the need to expand and build support for programs and initiatives that help people with spinal cord injuries.

I thank everyone who has participated in this month's activities, and I applaud the dedication of local, regional and national organizations, as well as the researchers, physicians, volunteers and people across the United States who are working to improve the quality of life of individuals and their families living with spinal cord injuries.

My hope is that we not only continue to make progress in this field, but that we also take every opportunity to elevate this issue and work toward finding solutions to help these thousands of people. I hope my colleagues will all join me in recognizing National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.

HONORING MRS. BERTHA N. GODFREY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Bertha N. Godfrey. Mrs. Godfrey retired from her position as senior vice president of the Philadelphia Tribune on July 31st after working for the paper for 67 years.

With 129 years of service, the Philadelphia Tribune is the Nation's oldest continuously published African American newspaper and has employed Mrs. Godfrey for over half of its existence. Throughout her nearly seven decades of employment with the newspaper, Mrs. Godfrey rarely missed a day of work, totaling up to approximately 17,500 plus days. Mrs. Godfrey has been described as an anchor and a historian for the newspaper, serving four different presidents of the paper from 1946 until 1980. At 92 years of age she continues to be a vibrant and dedicated character in the lives of those around her and will be sorely missed at the Philadelphia Tribune.

I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mrs. Godfrey for her lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District and the Philadelphia Tribune. May we all learn from her legacy of hard work, commitment, and passion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 487, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ON THE PASSING OF MR. KENNETH EDWARD BENTSEN

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the legacy of the father of a dear friend. Our colleague, the former Member of Congress who represented large parts of the district I have the honor of representing today, Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr. lost his beloved father this past week. Ken's father was also the brother of the late former Senator, and Treasury Secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, Jr.

Kenneth Edward Bentsen died Tuesday morning, September 24, 2013 in Houston, Texas. Mr. Bentsen was a prominent architect in Houston spanning over four decades. He was married to the former Mary Dorsey Bates for 60 years, who survives him.

He attended the School of Architecture at the University of Texas, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. In his sophomore year, he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps.

Following the completion of his military service, he entered the new College of Architecture at the University of Houston. He graduated in 1952 with bachelor degrees in Science and Architecture. He had the good fortune to be a student of both Donald Barthelme and Howard Bamstone. The University of Houston hosts the Kenneth E. Bentsen Architectural Papers in the UH Library's Special Collections.

His first practical experience was with the firm Mackie and Kamrath. In 1958, he opened Kenneth Bentsen Associates Architects where he practiced until 1991. He chose to sell the firm following the completion of one of his most interesting projects, the 1,038,000 square foot Texas Children's Hospital Complex in the Texas Medical Center. It was the largest children's hospital in the United States at that time.

One of his favorite commissions was the City of Houston Summit Sports Arena, the original home of the Houston Rockets, which is now Lakewood Church. Another favorite was the Southwest Tower of the Bank of the Southwest. Perhaps the most rewarding of all of his projects was the opportunity to design 18 structures at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, now the University of Texas—Pan Am.

He also designed the State Bar Center in Austin; the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas, Austin; the William Levin Learning Center and the Allied Health and Nursing School at University of Texas, Galveston; Agnes Arnold Hall and Phillip Guthrie Hoffman Hall at the University of Houston. For the Agnes Arnold Hall, he received the Award of Merit for Achievement of Excellence from the U.S. Office of Education, the American Institute of Architects and the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Architectural Excellence from the University of Houston.

The firm's design excellence was recognized with more than 100 architectural design awards. In 1971, Kenneth was inducted into the American Institute of Architecture College of Fellows (F.A.I.A.) in the Excellence of Design category. He was the first graduate of the University of Houston to be honored in this category.

He served on the National American Institute of Architects Committee on Design, The Houston and Texas Chapters of the American Institute of Architects, the Texas Commission on the Arts, as well as the boards of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Gallery at the University of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital.

Kenneth was born in Mission, Texas on the 21st of November 1926 to Edna Colbath Bentsen and Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr., who preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, he is survived by children: Molly Bates Bentsen, Betty Bentsen Newton and husband Stephen, Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr. and wife Tamra, William Lloyd Bentsen; grandchildren: Emmie Bentsen Zimmerman and husband Zachary, Elizabeth Newton, Louise Bentsen, Camille Newton and Meredith Bentsen; and great grandchildren: Chloe Zimmerman and Bentsen Zimmerman. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Bentsen Winn of McAllen; and sister-in-law, B.A. Bentsen of Houston; and many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. and Donald L. Bentsen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to have my votes recorded on the House floor on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1961 (Roll No. 484) and in favor of H. Res. 354 (Roll No. 485).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 486, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING UPS FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF 20 NORTHBROOK CIRCLE OF HONOR DRIVERS

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Northbrook UPS for its outstanding commitment to community service, to recognize the incredible safety records of 20 Circle of Honor drivers and to congratulate UPS on 106 years of business excellence.

What started as a small–time messenger service has grown into one of the world's most recognizable companies. Over the years, UPS has revolutionized the way we all do business and connected every corner of the world in ways we never thought possible. After 106 years of excellence, I look forward to what will come next.

At the local level, UPS has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the community. In Illinois, UPS employees have logged more than 26,000 volunteer hours, and 1,800 of those were performed by employees from my district, Mr. Speaker. Beyond this dedication to community service, UPS employees are also committed to keeping our community safe.

With drivers on the road and pilots in the air every day, UPS has made safety paramount. In Northbrook, 20 drivers have qualified for the Circle of Honor, meaning 25 accident–free years on the road. This is an exemplary record, and I would like to honor the following drivers for achieving this mark:

John Hayes; Donald Babo; Brian Behm; Douglas Caldwell; Phillip Guido; Henry Sielck; Randall Kaufman; Steve Makowski; Will Woodfork JR.; Joseph Nowik; Steven Kass SR.; Douglas Soriano; Stephen Mann; James Twarowski; John Hill; Timothy Schwellenbach; John Truska; Richard Forney; Neil McGreevy; Robert Janiak.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate these drivers and thank UPS for its outstanding community service and leadership.

IN HONOR OF THE BIG SUR LAND TRUST

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Big Sur Land Trust on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary. I have a deep personal history with and love for Big Sur's land and people. So it is a true personal honor to share the tribute with the House.

In 1978, seven families came together to ensure that Big Sur, California's beauty and quality of life would be preserved for later generations. Around kitchen tables and over potluck dinners, they decided that a land trust would enable their vision, and so was born the Big Sur Land Trust. These visionaries included Zad and Laela Leavy, Sherna and Kipp Stewart, Roger and Beverly Newell, Nancy Hopkins, Lloyd and Pat Addleman, Martin and Suzanne Forster, and Peter Harding. The Land Trust's first president was Nancy Hopkins, and Zad Leavy later served as its first executive director, devoting 25 years to the cause of conservation.

They thought big from the start. The Trust's first acquisition encompassed over 3,000 acres now known as the Circle M Ranch on the southern Big Sur Coast. It was a pioneering example of how to connect a conservation buyer, in this case David Packard, with the principles of stewardship and community collaboration in order to protect natural resources. This transaction even attracted national attention.

For the last thirty-five years, the Big Sur Land Trust has continued in this tradition by working with private landowners and conservation partners to ensure the conservation of more than 40,000 acres in Monterey County. Thanks to many generous donors and members, an interconnected network of parks, natural landscapes, trails, ranch- and farmlands, wildlife corridors, and coastal rivers and streams has been set aside for community benefit. Some of the most notable of these projects include 9,980 acres of the Palo Corona Ranch, 1,312 acres of the Point Lobos Ranch, 89 acres at the Odello Fields, and the 316 acres Whisler-Wilson Ranch. The Land Trust has also supported several conservation projects in the Salinas Valley as part of its effort to expand its conservation mission county wide. Some of these projects include conservation easements the Violini Ranch, the Dorrance Ranch, and the Arroyo Seco Ranch.

In an effort to broaden its impact and be in greater service to communities across Monterey County and the Salinas Valley, in 2007 the Land Trust acquired the 816-acre Marks Ranch near Salinas where the Land Trust partners with ranchers, artists, biologists, youth groups, and others to give urban youth the opportunity to experience the natural world. It is also using Glen Deven above the Big Sur Coast for more sustained and intimate wilderness experiences.

The Land Trust's journey over the past thirty-five years built accomplishments and inspired dreams that its founders could not have imagined: more than 40,000 acres conserved; a membership of 1,200 active community leaders, and a permanent home in an historic Monterey adobe. Its new strategic plan lays

out the Land Trust's vision: To inspire love of the land and conservation of our treasured landscapes.

Mr. Speaker, Big Sur is truly one of our national treasures and the Big Sur Land Trust has played an instrumental role in keeping it safe. I know I speak for the whole House in celebrating the Big Sur Land Trust's many achievements and wish it many more years of success.

GOV'T SHUTDOWN

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, let's cut through the static and stop throwing around terms like CR, shutdown and numbers like 988 and 1058.

Let's get to the crux of what's happening here tonight.

Congress has two basic jobs: Passing a budget; and Paying its bills.

The Republican Congress, right now, is refusing to do either. They're refusing to do our most basic duties and putting the American economy at risk in the process.

Here's what failure to keep the government running means for average Americans.

Tomorrow, Americans will continue to pay their taxes—same rates, same costs.

But tomorrow, Americans will get far less in return.

Tomorrow, the backlog at the VA will get worse; as Veterans Administration claims workers are furloughed.

Tomorrow, our troops will have to keep fighting on the frontlines in Afghanistan, but they will no longer get paid for their service.

Tomorrow, loans to American small businesses will stop.

Yes, Americans will pay their taxes tomorrow. They will do the right thing.

Yet we won't honor the taxpayers who sent us here by doing the most basic jobs we were entrusted to do.

If Americans still have to pay their taxes, we should still do our jobs.

The Republican House is holding hostage: benefits for our veterans, pay for our military, aid for American small businesses—all in the name of denying access to health insurance for hardworking Americans.

Let's do the right thing for those hardworking Americans—let's do our jobs and keep government running.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 28, I missed the following votes:

H. Res. 361—Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform of agricultural programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018.

On agreeing to the resolution had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall No. 493.

H. Res. 366—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3210) making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown

On ordering the previous question had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall No. 494.

H. Res. 366—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014 . . .

On agreeing to the resolution had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall No. 495.

H.R. 2251—To designate the United States courthouse located at 118 South Mill Street, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, as the ''Edward J. Devitt United States Courthouse.''

On motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended had I been present, I would have voted ''yes'' on rollcall No. 496.

H.J. Res. 59—Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

On concurring in the Senate amendment with amendment #1 (permanently repeal medical device tax) had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall No. 497.

H.J. Res. 59—Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

On concurring in the Senate amendment with amendment #2 (delay implementation of the ACA by one year) had I been present, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall No. 498.

H.R. 3210—Making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

On passage had I been present, I would have voted ''yes'' on rollcall No. 499.

H.R. 2848—Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2014.

On motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended had I been present, I would have voted ''yes'' on rollcall No. 500.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, on September 28, I was not present to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted: ''aye'' on rollcall vote 500—H.R. 2848: Department of State Operations and Embassy Security Authorization, FY2014; ''aye'' on rollcall vote 499—H.R. 3210: Making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a government shutdown; ''no'' on rollcall vote 498—H.J. Res. 59: On concurring to the in the Senate amendment with amendment #2; ''no'' on rollcall vote 497, H.J. Res. 59: On concurring in the Senate amendment with amendment #1; ''aye'' on rollcall vote 496, H.R. 2251: On motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended; ''no'' on rollcall vote 495, H.Res. 366: Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3210) making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown; and ''no'' on rollcall vote 494, H.Res. 366: Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59), making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill.

CELEBRATING WHITE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER'S CENTENNIAL

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White Memorial Medical Center on its centennial celebration marking one hundred years of healing and caring for the people of Boyle Heights and the surrounding communities.

White Memorial Medical Center was founded in 1913 to improve the quality of life of the residents of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles by giving care to the whole person—body, mind and spirit. As a non-profit, faith-based, teaching hospital which provides our community with inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic services, White Memorial Medical Center embodies a unique sense of family, loyalty, trust and commitment.

White Memorial Medical Center plays an important role in training the next generation of physicians, nurses and other medical professionals. Its physicians are some of the finest in Los Angeles. White Memorial Hospital is known for quality outcomes and patient satisfaction. It is one of the top hospitals in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

White Memorial Medical Center employees, physicians and volunteers extend their mission of healing and caring by supporting community projects and organizations such as Dolores Mission, the Homeless Outreach Project and the House of Ruth. They also participate in medical missions around the world including Africa, Mexico, Haiti, Peru and the Philippines.

Through its ongoing operations, capital improvements and physician activities, each year White Memorial Medical Center generates approximately $1 billion in economic activity and supports more than 6,000 jobs in the Southern California region.

White Memorial Medical Center is a strong community anchor which provides quality health services that improve the health and well-being of all Angelenos.

I extend my sincere congratulations to White Memorial Medical Center on its centennial celebration, and I sincerely thank its outstanding staff and volunteers for their quality service to the Los Angeles community and for the significant impact they make in health care, medical education and charitable contributions.

May their outstanding service continue for another hundred years and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIE MAE KIRK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary person, Mrs. Willie Mae Kirk.

Mrs. Kirk attended what now is known as Huston-Tillotson University, where she met her husband Lee Kirk. Lee and Willie Mae Kirk became the proud parents of four children. Mrs. Kirk served as a teacher for 32 years, where she championed equal opportunities for her students in East Austin and also helped lead protests against segregation at Austin businesses, schools and Barton Springs Pool. As a teacher, she lived a committed life ensuring the future of young Americans was a bright one.

Mrs. Kirk was a leader in her community and played an important role in Austin politics for over five decades. In her younger years she worked to repeal the poll tax and register African Americans to vote. Even late in life, she continued to speak out about how minorities were treated in Austin, particularly in the wake of police shootings. Last year, the city of Austin named the Willie Mae Kirk Branch library in her honor.

It is with great respect and admiration that I ask this esteemed body to keep her son, former Mayor of Dallas and former United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk and the rest of the Kirk family in our hearts and prayers. May we all rejoice in having known such a great woman and cherish both her memory and her legacy.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, October 10th will mark the 102nd Anniversary of the Wuchang uprising, which led to the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1912. The people of Taiwan pay tribute to this anniversary, known as the National Day of the Republic of China, through celebrations, parades, and fireworks, befitting its importance as a national holiday. Due to our cooperative and warm relationship over these many decades, it is also a special occasion worthy of tribute by this Congress as well.

This important anniversary also provides an opportunity for Congress to contemplate the current state of our bilateral relationship with Taiwan and to take proactive steps to enhance it.

In this rapidly evolving global economy, and with Taiwan's economic importance only growing, I believe now is the time for our two nations to further enhance economic and trade relations, such as the US considering a Bilateral Investment Agreement with Taiwan. Taiwan is already the 10th largest trading partner with the US and I urge the Administration to conclude this bilateral agreement as soon as possible.

Concurrently, the US Trade Representative recently wrapped up the 19th round of negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. I believe it's vitally important that this Agreement between the United States and Asian Pacific nations include Taiwan. My hope is for Taiwan to join the agreement expeditiously.

Finally, I look forward to continue to work toward a deepened relationship with Taiwan to achieve greater prosperity for both nations, and hope that such work can be undertaken through official diplomatic visits to the U.S. from Taiwan officials without obstruction.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations.

SD–430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD–342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the ''Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act''.

SD–226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SD–106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine rebuilding American manufacturing.

SD–538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the ''America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act'' (America COMPETES), focusing on scientific research and the United States economy.

SR–253

OCTOBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump.

SR–328A

Committee on Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Syria.

SVC–217

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine reversing Iran's nuclear program.

SD–419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland.

SD–342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, and Beth Labson Freeman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

SD–226

11 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrell McSweeny, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director for Environment and Energy, and Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, to be an Associate Director for Science, both of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.
SR–253

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State.
SD–419
Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.
SH–219

OCTOBER 7

3 p.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine Social Security disability benefits.
SD–342

OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217 following the open session.
SD–G50

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation
To hold hearings to examine investing in small town America, focusing on the importance of a comprehensive farm bill.
SR–328A

OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.
SD–G50
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the draft regional recommendation regarding the Columbia River Treaty.
SD–366

OCTOBER 23

2:15 p.m.
Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy.
SD–562

POSTPONEMENTS

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine natural resource adaptation, focusing on protecting ecosystems and economies.
SD–406