

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COMCAST FOUNDER RALPH ROBERTS

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man, Ralph Roberts, who passed away last week at 95.

Mr. Roberts is a true example of the American Dream. He was born to a family of Russian immigrants, and grew up watching his father manage a chain of drugstores in New York City. He inherited his father's work ethic, and following his service in the Navy, he bought a small cable company in 1963 and founded Comcast.

Today, Comcast is headquartered in Philadelphia, and many of my constituents are proud Comcast employees. It's the largest Internet, cable, and telephone service provider to residential homes in our country, and has led the way in the telecommunications industry.

Mr. Roberts' spirit will live on not only in his successful business, but in his legacy of charity and generosity in the Philadelphia area. He was truly a remarkable and inspiring man, and he will be sorely missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP AND INGENUITY OF STEVEN LEVESQUE

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Steven Levesque on earning the prestigious Community Excellence Award. I join the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) in recognizing Mr. Levesque's tireless efforts to cultivate business and employ Mainers at the former Naval Air Station Brunswick, now known as Brunswick Landing, and the former Topsham Annex, now known as the Topsham Commerce Park.

As Executive Director of Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA), Mr. Levesque has worked with an exceptional team to swiftly transform the base property from military to civilian functionality.

The success of MRRA's Reuse Master Plans for the former military installation serves as a model for innovative business practice in the state of Maine and beyond. Already, Mr. Levesque and MRRA have helped to bring 72 total businesses to Brunswick Landing and the result of their extraordinary efforts is 617 new Maine jobs. In addition to the Brunswick Landing, the Topsham Commerce Park provides residential space as well as office, retail and civic uses for residents.

Although the surrounding community of this project is not in my Congressional district, I

recognize how critical the work of Mr. Levesque and MRRA is to my Second District constituents, the businesses that employ them, and the overall health of Maine's economy.

It is an honor to recognize Mr. Levesque on his leadership and ingenuity as the Executive Director of MRRA. Our great state thanks and applauds Mr. Levesque for his hard work as he accepts the Community Excellence Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. NICK MANGANARO ON HIS 90TH BIRTH- DAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Nick Manganaro as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Nick began working at Medico Industries at the young age of 13, and he has continually served my local community in his duties at the company's Hanover Township facility.

The son of Italian immigrants, Nick graduated from Pittston High School in 1943. He proudly went on to serve in the Navy during WWII and was stationed in Panama until 1946. Upon returning to Pittston, Nick immediately resumed his work at Medico Electric Motor Company.

To this day, Nick is still employed by Medico Industries, where he has worked for 77 years. His work ethic is unparalleled. A wearer of many hats, Nick has worked on the rigging crew, operated cranes, drove tractor trailers, and maneuvered all of the construction equipment. Within the company, Nick is considered to be a father figure to many employees, always willing to provide support and guidance to those in need. He is admired by his coworkers and customers for his bright attitude, modest demeanor, and dedication to the company.

Though he cannot perform all the job functions he once could, Nick continues to work seven days per week—a habit that is indicative of his tireless, hard-working character. He still lives at the Manganaro family home—stead, where he resides next door to his sister, Maria Capolarella Montante. The two have one living brother, Joe Manganaro. Outside of work, Nick is a member of St. Rocco's Parish in Pittston, and is a life-long member of the San Cataldo Society in Pittston, a social organization that is united in celebrating its member's Italian heritage, familial values, and religious principles.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Nick Manganaro on this important milestone, and I admire his diligent work ethic and sense of commitment. I thank Nick for his service to our country and community, and I hope that he will celebrate this year in the company of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT U.S. AT- TORNEY JOHN DUNCAN

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan. Duncan bravely served our nation as a soldier in the U.S. Army before serving our nation in the U.S. Attorney's Office for 27 years. As Mr. Duncan retires, it is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and civil servant.

Assistant Attorney Duncan, after graduating from the University of Buffalo in 1969, served in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1972, being stationed at the White House from 1970 to 1972. During his time in the military, Duncan earned the Presidential Service Medal and the Joint Service Accommodation Medal.

Following his time in the military, Assistant Attorney Duncan attended Syracuse University Law School where he is still heavily involved today as an adjunct professor. Following his graduation from Syracuse University Law, Duncan began working in private practice in 1975 and continued through 1978. He then moved to the public sector working in the Onondaga County District Attorney's office as the Chief Assistant District Attorney from 1978 through 1988 and was named the Chief Homicide Prosecutor in 1985 and served until 1988. Duncan then moved to the U.S. Attorney's office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney until 1999 when he was promoted to Executive Assistant.

Assistant Attorney Duncan has received numerous commendations and awards throughout his career in Central New York, including: an Onondaga County Sheriff's Department Commendation for the prosecution of People v. Billy Blake in 1987, the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office of United States Attorneys Director's Award for Outstanding Performance in Law Enforcement in 1994, the Above and Beyond the Call Award from CONTACT Community Services for leadership and volunteer service to community substance abuse prevention in 1996, the Edward J. Speno Award from the New York State Federation of Professional Health Educators for distinguished community service in support of substance abuse prevention programs in 1996, a Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General commendation for the prosecution of Oneida Research Services, Inc. in 1998, the American Bar Association Division for Public Education Award for commitment to Youth Court Programs in 2004, the American Probation and Parole Association award for outstanding service to Youth Courts in 2005, the U.S. District Court Recognition Award for support to the Open Door to Justice Program in 2006, and a Syracuse Police Department Commendation for the prosecution of the "Elk Block" Syracuse street gang in 2006.

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During his career, Assistant Attorney Duncan has played an active role in the community through his board and chair memberships of several organizations and commissions, such as: the United Cerebral Palsy Association, the Onondaga County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, the City of Syracuse and County of Onondaga Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, the Onondaga County Youth Court Advisory Board, and the Town of Dewitt Police Commission.

Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan has gone well beyond the call of duty while serving and protecting the 24th district. I wish Mr. Duncan well in his retirement and would like to thank him for his years of hard work, dedication, and service to our community.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES RYLAND
REVERE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life of Charles Ryland Revere, known by most as "Charlie," a native son and lifelong resident of Middlesex County in Virginia's First District. It was a privilege to be among the hundreds upon hundreds of admiring friends who joined Charlie's family in celebrating his life on June 7, 2015, in what many congregants noted to be perhaps the largest funeral gathering in the history of Lower United Methodist Church, a sanctuary that has stood across four centuries in Hartfield. As Charlie's eulogist noted, his lifelong contributions to his family, his community, and his beloved church were "incalculable." Another of Charlie's grateful friends observed, "Charlie's passion for life and his Christian compassion for others were beyond measure." Charlie's dedication to humbly serving, uplifting, and caring for others took many forms—Army officer, county supervisor, hospital board chair, youth league booster, free health clinic advocate, volunteer firefighter, bank board member, farmer, employer, and church leader, to name a few. His commitment to the professional men and women of Revere Gas touched thousands of families over the more than 50 years of operation. Charlie did not allow tragedy or any adversity to deter his loving embrace of life and all those who were blessed to know him. As a person of extraordinary humor yet humility, Charlie was never concerned with accolades or recognition. His life certainly reflected a notion often associated with Presidents Reagan and Truman—that there is no limit to what can be accomplished and the good that can be done when we don't worry about who gets the credit. We in the First District will miss him dearly but we will long note and take heart from his selfless devotion to his community, his country, his family, and his faith. I submit the text of an article from the Southside Sentinel that gives a small glimpse of the impact of the lives of Charlie and his remarkable wife, Sally Gayle.

[From the Southside Sentinel, Apr. 18, 2012]

"FRIENDS TO THE COMMUNITY"

(By Tom Chilemmi)

HARTFIELD.—Many stories were told about Charles and Sally Gayle Revere of Hartfield

during last Saturday's 14th annual Pride of Middlesex award banquet. Most involved good-natured ribbing. Sprinkled among the humor were heartfelt affirmations of a grateful community.

Sallie Belle Benedetti, a longtime friend, shared memories of their college years at the University of Richmond, where Charles and Sally Gayle met.

On a serious note, Benedetti said, "You've shared your time and talent so unselfishly. You have touched us in so many ways and we are better for knowing you."

Benedetti closed with a quote she said describes the Reveres so well. "The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living, but to make a life . . . a worthy well-rounded useful and loving life. If anyone has done that well, I think Sally Gayle and Charlie have."

Johnny Fleet of Hartfield, who grew up with Charles, told several stories. However, he also had this to say. "The word 'generous' comes to mind when I think about Charlie and Sally . . . generous, not just in monetary things. In today's world, generosity is better judged by the time spent and time given. And it truly applies to them. I don't know how they keep up. They are absolutely tireless in their efforts and the time they spend with their family and this community for all the things they are involved in."

Fleet made a point of noting Sally Gayle's many acts of kindness. "She has made more visits, sent more cards, sent more birthday acknowledgments, sent more get-well cards and more food than anyone I can imagine."

The Reveres are "friends to the community," said Fleet.

In selecting the Reveres, the Middlesex Rotary Club "brought the cream to the top," said Jimmy Pitts of Urbanna. "No two better people could have been picked for what they've done for the county of Middlesex and all of us in it. We thank you so much." Charles Bristow of Urbanna said, "I don't know of anyone else that is more deserving."

The Pride of Middlesex (POM) award is given annually to recognize and honor individuals or groups that exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

In accepting the award, Charles said, "It's very humbling to be recognized by your peers. It's an honor and we do appreciate this more than you know."

Charles said his family is thankful to live in Middlesex where there is a true sense of community. "This county has some very kind people. They are very, very generous when there is a need, and they all have the best interests of the county and the community."

Sally Gayle thanked all those involved in the event. "We're very humbled to receive this honor. Thank you so much."

Charles also recognized the 37-year career of Reverend Chauncey Mann, Jr., who recently retired as pastor of Grafton Baptist Church. Rev. Mann, a Rotarian, was the emcee of the banquet, which was held in the Hartfield Firehouse pavilion.

"Chauncey is someone I admire," said Charles. "He's always been a great friend, he's always been community minded, he always puts the best interest of the county forward, and he's worked tirelessly for the county. He's just been a model citizen for our county. We are going to miss you."

The Reveres selected two organizations to receive a charitable donation from the proceeds of the Pride of Middlesex award banquet. Donations will be given to the Grafton Baptist Church's after-school program and the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, which also serves Middlesex County.

BACKGROUND

Charles Revere, a native of Middlesex, graduated from Middlesex High School. He

attended the University of Richmond where he met and married Sally Gayle Shepherd. Sally Gayle grew up in Lynchburg and is a graduate of E.C. Glass High School. She attended Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, and graduated from Phillips Business College.

After Charles graduated from the University of Richmond and completed infantry training in the U.S. Army, the couple moved to Fort Ord, California, until Charles completed his two-year military obligation. Charles elected to participate in the National Guard program for four years after which he was discharged as a captain.

Upon returning to Middlesex, Charles joined Revere Gas, a business his father started as Middlesex Bottled Gas in 1942 by delivering bottled gas from Richmond to a few Middlesex customers. Today, Revere Gas serves customers in 17 counties from six locations. Revere Gas is a family business. Sally Gayle is the firm's secretary/treasurer and for many years she handled the payroll. Both of the Reveres' sons, Craig and Carlton, work for the company.

In 1999-2000, Charles was president of the National Propane Gas Association. During the same period, Sally Gayle was chairman of the Scholarship Foundation of the National Propane Gas Association. Charles has continued the family interest and service to the Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department. His father was one of the five original founders.

Charles was a member of the Middlesex Board of Supervisors from 1980 to 1988. He is a past president of Middlesex Lions Club, and is currently a director on the boards of EVB Bank, Riverside Health System, Riverside Tappahannock Hospital (chairman), and the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

Sally Gayle's past services include: president/chair of American Cancer Society (Middlesex); chair of the first Middlesex Relay for Life; president of Middlesex Junior Woman's Club; volunteer work with the Middlesex YMCA (Middlesex Capital Campaign); RGH Hospital volunteer; president of the Middle Peninsula Community Concert Association; chair of the first county rescue squad drive; and a volunteer at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic and with Red Cross Blood-mobiles.

Charles and Sally Gayle have and continue to serve and support Lower United Methodist Church in many capacities.

Previous POM recipients have included the following notable county residents and organizations: Louise Gray, Sherman Holmes, Ruth Barr, Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad, Joe Fears, Jack Fackler, Tom Hardin, Charles Bristow, Dave and Linda Cryer, sisters Rachel Norris Bridger and Ruby Lee Norris, and Aubrey and Margie Hall.

POLICY INITIATIVE ON IRAN:
BREAKING THE STALEMATE,
ENGAGING WITH THE IRANIAN
POSITION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, with a long history of serving the American people and the U.S. national interest, we stand together today to call for a new approach in our country's policy toward Iran and the Iranian opposition.

Ours is an independent initiative, motivated by our concerns for United States national security, as well as justice and opportunity for

millions of Arab and Persian citizens whose futures are being shaped by current events, and the unending suffering of the Iranian people, who have been deprived of their most fundamental rights for over 35 years under the tyrannical regime ruling Iran.

We are also concerned about the safety and security of the approximately 2,500 Iranian opposition members trapped in Camp Liberty in Iraq, whom our government, through its military, has pledged in writing to protect. Their safety while being processed for onward relocation by the United Nations remains a moral obligation for the United States, arising not only from our written guarantee but also from the valuable help and intelligence—including information about Iran's nuclear program—provided by these opposition members. Our country's failure to uphold its solemn promises to these defenseless men and women is inexcusable, and is a by-product of our government's misreading of the Iranian regime's intentions.

We are united in our understanding of the nature of the regime in Iran, a subject about which many of our colleagues in Washington seem uncertain. While we share the goal of seeking an end to Iran's nuclear weapons activities through diplomacy if such an outcome can be negotiated, we believe it is a mistake for Iran's actions in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and elsewhere to be overlooked, minimized, excused or even welcomed. We also believe it will better serve our country's interests to pay closer attention to the human rights and aspirations of the Iranian people.

Today we call for an end to the misguided position of those in Washington who seek to isolate, exclude or otherwise ignore Iran's largest, most established and best organized political opposition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi. In recent years we have come to know Mrs. Rajavi and the NCRI, and we know the resistance far better than many in Washington who believe that the NCRI should be kept at arm's length for one reason or another.

We call as well for immediate pressure by our government on the government of Iraq, which depends on United States military and financial aid, to end the systematic torment of the MEK members still in Iraq that has thus far resulted in 142 deaths (101 outright murdered, 15 victims of rocket attacks, and 26 denied access to proper medical treatment) and the ongoing denial of livable health, sanitary and nutrition conditions. This cessation of harassment should be followed immediately by their physical removal from Iraq to countries in which Iranian opposition members are already leading productive lives, including the United States.

Mrs. Rajavi's steadfast message, to political and religious leaders around the world over a period of many years, is a 10-point plan for the future of Iran that would resolve Iran's most dangerous and destabilizing challenges. The plan would restore political legitimacy through universal suffrage, guarantee rights for all citizens and particularly women and minorities, end the cruel excesses of the judiciary and establish the rule of law, end the nightmare of fundamentalist Islamic dictatorship by once again separating church and state, protect property rights, promote equal opportunity and environmental protections, and—last but certainly not least—seek a non-nuclear Iran, free of weapons of mass destruc-

tion. The idea that Washington should continue in 2015 to disregard a worldwide group of Iranians promoting such a platform is indefensible. The United States should be maintaining a vibrant and constant dialogue with the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

It is by now beyond dispute that the regime in Tehran is fomenting instability and conflict throughout the region, most notably in Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Iraq. Its campaign to undermine stability was launched because the regime sought to enhance its influence throughout the region and because it feared the emergence of more open political systems in nearby countries that could revive the democratic forces behind the Persian Spring of 2009. Iran shares responsibility for the rise of ISIS; this phenomenon was cynically facilitated by Syrian dictator Bashar al Assad and then-Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in Iraq to divert the focus from their own divisive sectarian actions, supported by Iran, about which we have repeatedly warned in previous years.

Iran's regime has sustained a leader in Damascus guilty of major war crimes against his own people and in defiance of a Presidential "red line," a UN-brokered transition process and the united stance of Arab League governments insisting on his departure. It has supplied military-grade weapons to Hizballah, a Lebanese non-state actor with the blood of American diplomats and Marines on its hands. It has supported and led sectarian militias in Iraq assaulting Sunni villages and towns. It has provided long-range rockets to Hamas in Gaza to be aimed at population centers in Israel, destabilizing efforts at a negotiated two-state solution. And it has supplied arms, explosives, and funds to an insurgent group in Yemen that has driven out foreign Embassies, including our own, seized power and provoked a new regional military conflict.

In all of these actions, while the U.S. Administration has exercised restraint in the apparent hope of moderating Iran's behavior, Iran's leaders have shown nothing but contempt for longstanding American, European, and Arab interests throughout the Middle East. They have also clearly demonstrated that money is no object in their efforts to quell popular movements for more open and democratic governance, both domestically and in neighboring Arab countries.

Inside Iran, while many Americans have for years detected signs of moderation, the regime has become, if anything, more repressive since Hassan Rouhani became President in 2013. Imprisonment and executions have increased. Information, including access to the internet, radio, and television, as well as social media, are now substantially controlled by the Revolutionary Guards. The 2013 elections were carefully managed by the regime to avoid a repeat of the open rebellion in the streets in 2009, after which many were executed and more have been imprisoned.

The editors of The Washington Post, writing about its reporter, whom they say is "entirely innocent of the charges" for which he has been imprisoned in Iran since July of 2014, write that this "blatant abuse of the human rights of an American journalist" raises "disturbing questions about a regime that Mr. Obama is counting on to implement a complex and multifaceted accord limiting its nuclear activities." The Post editors ask, "If [Foreign Minister] Zarif and President Hassan Rouhani either countenance or cannot stop such bla-

tantly provocative behavior by the Iranian intelligence services and judiciary, how can they be expected to overcome the entrenched resistance to limiting Iran's uranium enrichment?"

We share these concerns. We also recognize that the fundamentalist regime in Tehran, in violating so many norms of political governance and international behavior since the 1979 revolution, survives not through the ballot box but only by absolute suppression and its false claim to religious authority—a formula which has now been repeated by Sunni extremists attempting to create an Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. No one should misunderstand why the National Council of Resistance of Iran is the single entity feared most by the rulers in Tehran: it is because the MEK and NCRI directly challenge the religious claim of authority that the mullahs have used to exercise and maintain political power.

The ayatollahs' thirty-five-year war against the MEK and the NCRI; the repeated deadly assaults against the residents of Camp Ashraf and Camp Liberty; their intelligence services' covert influence and propaganda campaigns against the Resistance in Western countries; their constant diplomatic requests over the past two decades for the U.S., France, and other governments to place the MEK on their lists of terrorist organizations; their confiscation of satellite dishes and jamming of Iran National TV signals reaching the population inside Iran; their arbitrary arrest, imprisonment, and execution of anyone supporting the Resistance—all these aspects of the regime's obsessive focus on the Resistance are due to one fact.

This is not about terrorism, not about culture, not about the Iran-Iraq War or the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War. All the propaganda generated by the regime to defame and criminalize the Resistance has now been exposed, and the NCRI has challenged every terrorist listing and won. No, this obsession of the mullahs with the Resistance is about Islam, and the desire of millions of Iranians to exercise their faith while living in a modern society with higher education, and economic and political empowerment for women and men alike. The concept of Velayat e-faqih in the new regime's constitution—forcefully imposed by Ayatollah Khomeini after the fall of the Shah to place total religious and political power in the hands of one man—has been a disaster for the Iranian people, for Iran, and for the world. You will not hear any debate in Washington that ISIS must be stopped; it is high time Americans also recognized that if ISIS succeeds, what the world will get is a Sunni version of Khomeini's Iran.

We recommend the following four initiatives to our government and to presidential candidates and prospective candidates in both parties, aimed at de-escalating conflict throughout the Middle East, in part by recognizing these realities, standing for American principles and basic international norms, and opposing the destructive role of Iran in the region.

First, on the nuclear issue, we support a peaceful solution if it can be achieved through diplomacy. However, we strongly believe that such a solution cannot be achieved by making concessions to Iran but rather by making clear that Iran will be denied any potential opportunity to obtain a nuclear bomb. Iran under the ayatollahs has consistently shown that it cannot be trusted. Verification, not blind trust in

the Iranian government to fulfill conditions of the agreement, must be an unconditional reality. Furthermore, western negotiators must clarify what is meant by Possible Military Dimension (PMD) activities of Iran before a comprehensive deal can be signed.

Second, Iran's destructive role throughout the region must be curbed and deterred. Far from being part of the solution, Iran is a major part of the problem. There should be no direct or indirect cooperation with Iran under the pretext of fighting ISIS. Iran has been a major engine of the spread of Islamic extremism and fundamentalism. It is globally recognized to be the primary state sponsor of terrorism. The success of a long-term stabilization strategy in the region hinges on ending Iran's cynical and destructive meddling in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, and other countries.

Third, we should be more vigilant and vocal about the serious human rights abuses by the regime that continue inside Iran. Our policy on Iran's internal and external transgressions against universal international norms can no longer be held hostage to the nuclear issue. Indeed, our failure to stand for basic principles and rights only encourages the regime to violate them further with impunity. Nuclear negotiations, which many have taken as an indication of moderation within the theocratic regime, must not inadvertently provide it an undesired veneer of legitimacy and abet its suppression of the Iranian people. During Mr. Rouhani's tenure as President, the human rights situation in Iran has measurably deteriorated, while illicit arms trafficking and support for terrorist non-state actors has continued unabated. A successful policy toward Iran and the Middle East cannot be based on denial of these realities.

Ultimately, the core of our approach is to side with 80 million Iranian people and their desire, along with people everywhere, for freedom and popular sovereignty based on democratic principles. Engaging with the democratic opposition has been the missing piece of U.S. policy for many years under both Republican and Democratic leadership. Thus, as our fourth initiative, we call on our government to break the stalemate and engage in respectful dialogue with the Iranian opposition, consistent with our country's policy of dialogue with all political groups. Whatever the outcome of nuclear negotiations and in virtually any possible scenario, the wishes of the Iranian people and their desire for change must be taken into consideration.

The fact is that Washington officials, experts, and expatriates cannot possibly know what Iranians living under a violently repressive dictatorship truly believe about their circumstances or whom they would support in an open political process. We disrespect a great people by assuming that a democratic and non-nuclear Iran is impossible. It is not impossible; to the contrary, it is the only way to a future of regional stability.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, as a Muslim woman advocating a tolerant and democratic interpretation of Islam enabling Muslims to be accepted and respected by all cultures and faiths, represents the very opposite of the misogynous Iranian regime's dictatorial nature and that of all Islamic fundamentalists and extremists. We need to align our policies with our principles, and begin listening to the voices of brave Iranians, many of whom have waited more than three decades, as their

loved ones endured torture and death in the mullahs' prisons, still believing in the promise of America. All of us here today stand with them in solidarity with their deepest aspirations for a respectable, just, and democratic Iranian government worthy of its people.

Hon. J. Kenneth Blackwell—Former U.S. Ambassador, UN Human Rights Commission

Hon. Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr.—Former Special Envoy and Asst. Secretary of State

Hon. John Bolton—Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN

Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Thomas V. Cantwell—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf

Hon. Marc Ginsberg—Former U.S. Ambassador to Morocco

Hon. Rudy Giuliani—Former Mayor of New York City, Presidential Candidate

Hon. Porter Goss—Former Director of CIA, Former Chairman of House Intel Committee

Hon. Newt Gingrich—Former Speaker of the House

Brig. Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.) David D. Phillips—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf

Hon. Mitchell B. Reiss—Former Ambassador, Former Special Envoy to the Northern Ireland Peace Process

Hon. Bill Richardson—Former NM Governor, Secretary of Energy, UN Ambassador, Presidential Candidate

Hon. Glenn Carle—Former Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, National Intelligence Council

Gen., U.S. Army George Casey—Former Chief of Staff and Commander of Multi-National Forces—Iraq

Hon. Linda Chavez—Former Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, Chairman of the Center for Equal Opportunity

Gen., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) James Conway—Former Commandant

Hon. Howard Dean—Former Governor of Vermont, DNC Chairman, Presidential Candidate

Dr. Alan Dershowitz—Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Lt. Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.) David Deptula—Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intel, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

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Hon. Louis J. Freeh—Former FBI Director

Gen., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) James L. Jones—Former Commandant, NATO Commander, National Security Advisor to the President

Hon. Robert Joseph—Former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security

Hon. Patrick Kennedy—Former Congressman from Rhode Island

Hon. Joseph I. Lieberman—Former Senator from Connecticut

Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Wesley M. Martin—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf, Senior Antiterrorism Officer—Iraq

Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Leo McCloskey—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf

Hon. R. Bruce McCollm—President, Institute for Democratic Strategies

Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Gary Morsch—Former Senior Medical Officer, Camp Ashraf

Hon. Michael B. Mukasey—Former U.S. Attorney General

Hon. Tom Ridge—Former Governor of Pennsylvania, Secretary Homeland Security

Hon. John Sano—Former Deputy Director, CIA National Clandestine Service

Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.) Hugh Shelton—Former Chairman of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff

Hon. Eugene R. Sullivan—Retired Federal Judge, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Ret.)

Hon. Raymond Tanter—Former Personal Representative of Secretary of Defense to Arms Control Negotiations

Hon. Robert Torricelli—Former Senator from New Jersey

Hon. Frances Townsend—Former Homeland Security Advisor to the President

Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Charles (Chuck) Wald—Former Deputy Commander U.S. European Command

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 615, the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act. I want to commend Mr. PAYNE on this momentous day for the hard work he has spent crafting and shaping this bill.

A year ago, when I was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, Mr. PAYNE approached me with concern after learning that DHS has not achieved Department-wide interoperability. He told me that although nationwide over \$13 billion has been invested in achieving interoperable communications at the State and local level, the DHS Office of Inspector General, found that "personnel do not have reliable interoperable communications for daily operations, planned events, and emergencies."

As a former U.S. Attorney, who helped set up Indiana's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and Fusion Center, I was astounded by this persistent information gap and pledged to work with the gentleman on producing and moving a bill that puts DHS on the path to achieving interoperability.

The bill before us does this by requiring the Department's Under Secretary for Management to develop a strategy for achieving and maintaining interoperable communications between the DHS components. Moreover, it requires DHS to report to Congress on the progress it is making toward achieving these milestones.

Seamless communication between first responders in the aftermath of a disaster is absolutely vital to coordinating an effective response. As we learned on 9/11, inoperability of first responders' communication systems led to confusion, duplication, and discord that cost some brave men and women their lives. The federal government must take the lead in this effort and develop a system that will allow DHS's own components to effectively communicate both day to day and, most importantly, during emergencies.

After nearly a year and three votes on the House floor, I'm proud of the tenacity and

dedication of the gentleman in sheparding this bill through both chambers. I'm proud to support this bill that will head directly to the President's desk for signature and thus improve the safety of all our communities.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CARRIE MAE
PACE-WILLIAMS THOMPSON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Ms. Carrie Mae Pace-Williams Thompson was born on December 10, 1920 in Taliaferro County, Georgia and this year she is celebrating a remarkable milestone reaching 95 years of age; and

Whereas, Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she is a strong woman of God and a sister in the Hall Order of Eastern Stars; and

Whereas, Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson is celebrating her 95th Birthday with family members at this year's Pace-Williams Family Reunion in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

Whereas, she celebrates a life of blessings as a Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother, friend, community servant and leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her 95 years and she prays daily and leads by example serving as an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating her birthday today with family and friends giving generations of loved ones the opportunity to give thanks and display their love for the blessings that God has bestowed upon the Pace-Williams family; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 26th and December 10th, 2015 as Ms. Carrie Mae Pace-Williams Thompson Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of June, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF KLA LABORATORIES' 85TH ANNIVERSARY AND GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW TECHNICAL CENTER IN DEARBORN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize KLA Laboratories on their 85th anniversary as well as for the opening of their new facility in Dearborn, Michigan. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize KLA for their dedication and service in the IT and communications field.

In today's technological climate, a skilled and dependable communication provider is an invaluable asset. Over the course of 85 years,

KLA Laboratories has been a critical resource for private and public entities ranging from cellular providers to educators and healthcare organizations. KLA established itself on the principles of customer satisfaction, a commitment to quality, and safety. As a testament to these principles, KLA Laboratories now counts several major Detroit-area businesses among those they serve, including Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and all of Detroit's professional sport teams. This diverse client base exemplifies KLA's leadership in the communications field and has warranted them the coveted "Best Audio/Visual Provider in Michigan Award" on numerous occasions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring KLA Laboratories for combining best business practices and a committed partnership with our community. I thank them for their great work in our region and hope it will continue for many years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
RAYMOND SHELTON

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Bufalo Soldier Raymond Shelton of Halifax County, Virginia, who passed away June 12, 2015 at age 100.

Raymond Shelton served as a medic in the 92nd Infantry Buffalo Division, the last segregated Army division and the only African-American division to fight in Europe during World War II. This division suffered 3,200 devastating casualties between August 1944 and May 1945, as it fought to liberate Italy from Nazi occupation. Mr. Shelton served as a chaplain assistant for an Army medical corps, where he played music at services in the field, fought in combat, guarded a German POW camp, and had the somber task of collecting personal belongings of deceased soldiers to return to their families.

Mr. Shelton was awarded four medals for his dedicated service: a good conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal, American Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In 1946, Shelton was honorably discharged as a tech corporal and later settled in Hampton, where he worked his way up from bag boy to store manager at the Bi-Lo Market.

He retired to South Boston with his wife, Mabel, but his service to others did not end with his military career. In his retirement, he often visited nursing homes, sharing his love of music by playing the piano and entertaining residents with his stories. He was a pillar in the community and will forever be remembered as a hero to South Boston and our great nation for his compassion, dedication, and patriotism.

On the occasion of the passing of Raymond Shelton, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join with me and the community of South Boston, Virginia in honoring the memory of a great American hero.

RECOGNIZING LEVITTOWN-
FAIRLESS HILLS ROTARY CLUB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club on its 60th anniversary. Yours is a global service organization, founded in 1905 in Chicago and since then has grown to more than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members, worldwide. Rotary International has contributed to many service projects on the local and global scale and consistently worked toward the elimination of polio, which is a major Rotary project. In forming your clubs, you gather together business and professional leaders, who will strive to advance high ethical standards and dedicate themselves to humanitarian service. Rotarians contribute to their communities through individual local chapters, such as the Levittown-Fairless Hills Club that each year awards scholarships to local, high school graduates and takes part in the international efforts. In so doing, you are upholding the Rotary International motto: Service Above Self. Again, congratulations to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club for 60 years of community service and best wishes for continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
JANUSZ BORZUCHOWSKI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janusz Borzuchowski of Bialystok, Poland, who helped keep the flame of liberty alive in one of this country's most important allies since the birth of the American Revolution.

As the 2016 election cycle roars into our television sets and permeates our consciousness, I am pleased to be able to report from time to time on the sometimes secret heroes whose lives we can all celebrate in the most bipartisan fashion.

Many of their stories we find in our civil and human rights movements, on our factory floors, in our military and police, in our hospitals, and myriad other places—all bearing the stamp: MADE IN THE USA.

However, it is also important to remember those around the world who, while not sharing our sacred citizenship, do share our values—often at the greatest risk and greatest potential cost to themselves.

Janusz Borzuchowski was not quite six years old when his father, Lieutenant Tadeusz Borzuchowski, was taken from their home by a Soviet Union then allied with Hitler's Germany. He, along with thousands of others of Poland's intelligencia, was murdered on Stalin's orders in Katyn Forest.

As a young man, Janusz Borzuchowski became a civil engineer and well-known outdoorsman, teaching at the local university and marrying a woman with whom he deeply fell in love, Halina Dworakowska, who herself returned to Poland very young after being born in Kazakhstan, where her parents had been sent into exile by the Soviet regime.

As the Polish motto, "For Our Freedom—and Yours," slowly resurrected itself from behind the Iron Curtain, Janusz went on to be a key clandestine figure in the Solidarity movement in Eastern Poland. Working out of Bialystok, he was in charge of collecting money to support the cause—distributing in the process beautiful clandestine postage stamps for secret sale among liberty's partisans—and secretly running the region's printing press from one of his apartments.

At the same time, his sister Agnieszka, who passed away three years ago, was a fabled physician in the Medical University of Bialystok who hid Solidarity movement fugitives from Communist authorities—disguising them as patients in her hospital ward for infectious diseases. She was also the premier and pioneering figure in the largest city in northeastern Poland in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Just last year, Bialystok named a local park after Agnieszka in recognition of her vast following of well-wishers and her many medical, social, and political contributions to Poland.

Agnieszka's passing was followed last year by that of Janusz's oldest daughter, Dorota, an architect in Warsaw who was very well known for her designing of the interiors of some of the most famous gambling casinos in Poland's capital. His other daughter, Polish American Congress Washington Director Dr. Barbara Borzuchowski Andersen, is one of the Polish American community advocates best known for her work with both Congress and the White House.

Unfortunately Janusz—a devoted husband, father, brother and advocate for liberty—is himself now facing major health problems. I cannot think of a better tribute to him now than to salute him: "W imię Boga za Naszą i Waszą Wolność"—thanking God, for our freedom, yours, and that of people around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight and was not present for two roll call votes on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Rollcall Vote # 376—Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015—"no."

Rollcall Vote # 377—Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015—"yes."

Rollcall Vote # 378—TSCA Modernization Act—"yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on the vote cast for H. Con. Res. 55 (Roll no. 371).

On June 17, 2015 I voted against Representative MCGOVERN's Resolution which

would have directed the President to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2015. I appreciate the Congressman's sustained work on this issue. I continue to believe Congress should vote on a new Authorization for Use of Military Force and have previously voted in favor of revoking the existing AUMF. However, I am not comfortable requiring that the President remove troops in the short time frame provided in this legislation, especially given the difficult job those troops face in combating ISIL and training our allies in Iraq and the region.

TRIBUTE TO THE MCCORMICK FAMILY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the arrival of John Dominy and his two sons Tom Ball and Abraham McCormick to America in 1830 began the McCormick family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the McCormick Family has produced many well respected citizens, and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the McCormick family are pillars of strength that have touched the lives of many; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the McCormick family for they are some of our most honorable citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world and we take pride in knowing that families such as the McCormick family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other through their family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the McCormick family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 1, 2015 as McCormick Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of August, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGIE GOODE

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Georgie Goode, a longtime Phoenix educator, and community activist, who passed away recently at the age of 87.

Born to Horace H.S. and Georgia Stroud in 1928, Mrs. Goode led a remarkable life that can serve as an example to young people in our communities. She was a Phoenix treasure—an educator, school board leader, activist, mother and grandmother who inspired our community in countless, immeasurable ways.

Raised near Atlanta in segregated schools, she would go on to graduate from Spelman College, a historically black liberal arts college for women and later received a master's degree from Atlanta University.

Mrs. Goode arrived in Phoenix in the 1950s, where she would marry Mr. Calvin C. Goode. In her time in Phoenix, she was a tremendous leader, serving as a City of Phoenix Councilwoman for 22 years. She was passionately committed to strengthening education and did so through her work on the board of the Phoenix Elementary School District and Phoenix Union High School District, as well as a teacher in the Roosevelt School District.

Mrs. Goode was also a very active member of several community boards, where she was instrumental in providing basic amenities for several neighborhoods, such as paved roads, streetlights, and a library.

Mr. Speaker, Georgia Goode was a pillar of the Phoenix community. Her lifelong commitment to education, building strong neighborhoods, and mentoring those around her will live on. I am deeply honored to recognize Georgie Goode's storied life. She will be missed by many, but her impact on our communities will endure for generations to come.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE PALM BEACH RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY 2

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County as they open the Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2. Today, the facility will celebrate its public grand opening as the most environmentally friendly waste-to-energy power plant in North America. It is also the first waste-to-energy power plant built in the United States in more than 15 years. As a member of Congress representing Palm Beach County, I am proud to recognize the County's commitment to alternative forms of energy and reducing the accumulation of waste.

The Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2 will reduce our reliance on the County's landfill by up to 90 percent while providing enough energy to power an estimated 44,000 homes and businesses. Each year, this facility will process over one million tons of post-recycled waste as well as recycle an estimated 27,000 tons of metal. Not only will the Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2 repurpose our waste, but it will do so in an efficient way using advanced air pollution controls and water conservation measures.

I especially look forward to visiting the facility's Education Center. This Center will provide countless opportunities to educate our students and the greater public on the benefits of preserving our environment and investing in innovative energy solutions.

I congratulate the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, its partners, and its employees on this momentous occasion and honor them.

PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the wellbeing of seniors in my district. The House passed H.R. 1190, which would repeal provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as ObamaCare, to create an unelected Independent Patient Advisory Board (IPAB) to determine Medicare benefits.

Currently, ObamaCare grants the IPAB the authority to unilaterally cut Medicare spending, risking the solvency and stability of the program, without an Act of Congress. Simply put, the unelected and unaccountable Washington bureaucrats, not patients and doctors, control the level of benefits at the most important health care system for seniors.

Like millions of seniors, my late mother depended on Medicare for quality health care to meet her needs during her golden years. Because this issue is so personal to me, I am proud to join Representative ROE (R-TN) and 233 other bipartisan cosponsors in the House to vote in favor of this critical legislation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to protect Medicare for today's seniors, while providing a fiscally sound program to assist future generations. Our seniors deserve the best health care, and the right to make their own choices and not rely on unaccountable executive appointments to make decisions for them.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support the bipartisan Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015 and the repeal of the IPAB.

CONGRATULATING PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES ON EARNING PLACEMENT ON THE FORTUNE 500 LIST

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pioneer Natural Resources of Irving, Texas, on having a successful fiscal year and joining an elite group of businesses on the Fortune 500 list.

Pioneer is a strong and driven company set on providing oil and natural gas to the world. They work to meet the needs and demands of the oil and natural gas market that drives much of the energy industry. Pioneer has provided many years of stable economic growth, producing jobs and opportunities worldwide. It is an incredibly active and enriching company, and I am honored to have such a business within the 24th district of Texas.

This company was not built overnight. Pioneer came to be by hardworking individuals and tactical strategic intelligent business maneuvers. With large oil and natural gas operations, its economic impact is felt far and wide. But its positive impact on local communities is just as meaningful. Pioneer's employ-

ees give back by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates, the United Way, and the North Texas Food Bank, to name a few.

By focusing on economic growth and helping the communities in which they are involved, Pioneer has built a strong reputation. This company will continue expanding and practicing smart business tactics that will bring about more jobs and enrich the lives of Texans and many others. Pioneer has brought pride to the 24th district of Texas and continues to be a positive influence in the state and our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Pioneer Natural Resources as a member of the Forbes 500 list. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating such an accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY HANKIN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the career of a distinguished public servant, Stanley Hankin, after a remarkable 53 years of service to our country. On July 3, 2015, Mr. Hankin will be retiring from the U.S. Department of Labor, leaving a legacy of extraordinary dedication to the Department and to the American worker.

Mr. Hankin arrived at the U.S. Department of Labor in 1962 as a graduate student at the University of Maryland. He began in the Division of State and Federal Relations within the Bureau of Employment Security, where he developed national training programs for workers in the State Employment Security system. At that time, videotape technology was just being introduced, although its uses were largely unknown within the government. Using his initiative and foresight, Mr. Hankin transformed video into an integral part of the Department's strategy to convey its messages to the American public.

As an innovator and forward-thinker, Mr. Hankin's talents as an Audiovisual Producer were well-known. He ran nationwide training workshops on how to videotape and produce programs, and he began videotaping significant meetings and sending the recordings to employees in the field. Mr. Hankin also persuaded the Job Corps and the Bureau of Apprenticeship to utilize video PSAs as tools for promoting their good work. After Jobs Corps began to collaborate with the National Football League, Mr. Hankin produced the first in-house Department of Labor PSA, which featured Rosey Grier and Ron Jaworski of the Philadelphia Eagles and Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Mr. Hankin continued his work with video into the 1970s, a period when the technology was gaining popularity. During this time, he began efforts to use video as a means of communicating with workers, and also started a program to coach Department of Labor executives for on-camera appearances and interviews. In the 1980s, when the Department of Labor was given a fully operational Ampex Television studio, Mr. Hankin seized the opportunity. Before long, he was producing award-winning programs for both employees

and employers. Mr. Hankin's accomplishments were so widespread that he was invited to Amsterdam to teach its Labor Department employees how to produce video programming. He was then asked to document the 1983 Conference of Liberators, which brought together men and women from across the world who had played a role in liberating Nazi concentration camps. The resulting work, *To Bear Witness*, brought the Department critical acclaim, winning an Emmy in 1983.

From the 1990s until today, Mr. Hankin continued to approach the Department's use of various forms of media with great innovation. Among many other projects, he produced emergency PSAs for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and *Up From Zero*, a program documenting the heroic workers in New York City who reclaimed and recovered the World Trade Center site. Considered by Mr. Hankin to be one of the Department's crowning achievements, *Up From Zero* won numerous awards, including the coveted CINE Golden Eagle Award. His most recent plans include making video-streaming a regular component of the Department's events and maintaining the standard of excellence expected of the Department's television facility.

Whether he was training Department employees on how to better communicate the goals of their new programs and initiatives or producing PSAs to help the unemployed, at-risk youth, or veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mr. Hankin always has supported the mission of the Department to assist and protect the rights of American workers. Over the course of his career, he produced or directed more than 1000 video programs and projects.

Through his leadership, infectious energy, and enthusiasm, Mr. Hankin has inspired a standard of excellence in the creative disciplines throughout the Department of Labor. A truly remarkable and accomplished public servant, he has received well-deserved recognition and the love and respect of employees throughout the decades.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Stanley Hankin for his 53 years of outstanding service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO PAMELA THIEVON— DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, Members of this House come from all backgrounds, walks of life, and political philosophies. We are truly a diverse group. However, each and every one of us has at least one thing in common—the desire to provide quality service to the hundreds of thousands of constituents who call us “Representative.”

My predecessor, the late Representative Dean A. Gallo, established a well-earned reputation for prompt and accurate constituent service, helping thousands of New Jersey residents over his two decades of service in Congress. I would like to think that I have been successful in emulating Dean's stellar record.

There is no mystery about this continuity and I would like to identify and pay tribute to

a "common link" between the staff of Congressman Gallo and my New Jersey District Office staff: Mrs. Pamela Thievon of Long Hill, New Jersey.

For over two decades, Pam has provided tireless service to the people of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. As my current District Director, Pam leads a team of caseworkers and field personnel. In this important capacity, she has helped thousands of families, taxpayers, veterans, citizen organizations and service groups in their daily struggle to work through the federal bureaucracy. I take casework—resolving your problems with the federal government—very seriously and work enormously hard to get you the answers you deserve. Pam helps me to ensure that constituents are heard and are given an adequate response in a timely manner.

In addition, over the past two decades Pam has mentored dozens of caseworkers and field staff, making an indelible impression on their careers and, indeed, their lives. Just as important, she has provided responsible and sound advice to me as I work to serve the diverse communities of the 11th Congressional District.

Of course, retirement itself is a great gift. After decades of selfless effort, Pamela Thievon will retire at month's end. She certainly earned this new chapter in her life. We will miss her, but hope she will enjoy her "golden years" surrounded by family and friends.

I am confident that my friend, Dean Gallo, would join me in uttering a heartfelt, "thank you" to Mrs. Pamela Thievon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained from voting when my D.C. bound flight was diverted to Richmond, VA due to the severe weather in this region. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall #376: "no."
Rollcall #377: "no."
Rollcall #378: "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #376 on H.R. 1190, Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act. I was not present for this vote due to travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote "no."

Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #377 on H.R. 805, Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2015. I was not present for this vote due to travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote "yes."

Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on Rollcall #378 on H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015. I was not present for this vote due to a travel in Texas at the ICE detention facilities and subsequent flight delay. I intended to vote "yes."

STOP OVERDOSE STAT (SOS) ACT

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I reintroduced the Stop Overdose Stat (S.O.S.) Act, legislation that will curb the nation's growing opioid overdose rates.

Joined by Sen. JACK REED of Rhode Island, our legislation will establish a grant program that funds efforts to educate and train the public, first responders, and caregivers of those at-risk of overdose on how to administer naloxone, a drug that reverses the effects of heroin and opioid overdoses until proper medical care can be provided.

We remain encouraged that this important legislation can be funded during the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations cycle, a reflection of the Obama Administration's priority to expand naloxone access across our nation.

Since I first introduced this bill in 2009, nearly 140,000 Americans have died from opioid related deaths, including more than 4,000 from my home state of Maryland.

I thank Sen. REED for leading this effort on the Senate side, committing to the idea that Washington lawmakers have a responsibility to fund proven programs that make a real difference in treating and preventing overdose, and ultimately saving lives.

And while I understand that there is much work to be done in order to address substance abuse before it gets to the point of overdose, each year hundreds of Maryland families and tens of thousands of American families need immediate assistance.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to cosponsor this important and much needed piece of legislation.

HONORING THE OLDENBURG INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Oldenburg Indiana Volunteer Fire Department's 150 years of service to the community.

Being a volunteer firefighter is a special calling. These brave men and women who serve obviously don't do it for the money. They volunteer for this job because they love their community and want to give back.

Firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect their neighbors. And, for that, their community owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

It is my privilege to recognize Oldenburg's courageous firefighters for their dedication and to recognize the Oldenburg Indiana Volunteer

Fire Department for 150 years of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2015, I was unable to be present for all votes due to multiple flight delays.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following votes:

H.R. 1190, Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act—Aye.

H.R. 805, Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act—Aye.

H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act—Aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, I was unable to vote due to travel delays. Had I been present on the House floor, I would have voted "nay" on roll call No. 376, final passage of H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015. I would have voted "aye" on roll call No. 377, H.R. 805, the Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015, and "aye" on roll call No. 378, H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PHYLLIS DANIEL

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Thirty five years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as a teacher, administrator and principal; and

Whereas, Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel has enhanced the academic curriculum of Public Schools in DeKalb County, Georgia and has increased the good will of the schools in my district. Her work resonates throughout the community and she has created a legacy for students through scholarships and servitude; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a friend, a fearless leader and a servant to ensure that all students receive the best education and skills to become outstanding leaders of our communities and nation; and

Whereas, Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of my District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel on her retirement and to wish her well

in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 26, 2015 as Ms. Phyllis E. Daniel Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of May, 2015.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERO CAMPAIGN

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to recognize the 15th Anniversary of the John R. Elliot HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers.

The HERO Campaign was created by Bill and Muriel Elliot in honor of their son John, a Naval Academy graduate, that seeks to end drunken driving tragedies nationwide by promoting the use of safe and sober designated drivers. This campaign, which began as a result of the death of John at the hands of a drunk driver who was arrested and released while still intoxicated, resulted in the enactment of John's Law which allows police to hold a driver's vehicle for up to 12 hours if they are arrested for driving while under the influence.

Since the organization's founding in 2000, the HERO Campaign has organized more than 100,000 designated drivers to end drunk driving and has extended its reach to over seven states, from Massachusetts to Kentucky, through its partnerships with the NFL and NASCAR. In 2005, I was a co-sponsor of H.R. 3—the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU) that included this needed provision and ensured John's legacy would live on through the protection of drivers across the nation.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to Bill and Muriel for their many years of hard work on this very important issue. The strength they have shown in turning tragedy into a worthwhile cause is a testament to their son's memory and the noble and needed cause to end drunk driving.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, my family and I said goodbye to a remarkable woman, my mother-in-law, Loretta Wagner. While she will be greatly missed, we are comforted in knowing that she lived a full and blessed life as a voice for the voiceless, and is now in Jesus' embrace as his good and faithful servant.

Due to the extraordinary nature of this event, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. and vote on legislative business during this time. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On Passage of H.R. 1190—Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #376), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 805—Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #377), had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of H.R. 2576—TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 (Roll Call Vote #378), had I been present I would have voted yes.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF ADDISON, TEXAS ON THIRTY YEARS OF ADDISON KABOOM TOWN!

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Addison, Texas, located in my Congressional district, for this year's Addison Kaboom Town! fireworks show. July 3rd marks the 30th consecutive fireworks show for the town, which is expected to draw over 500,000 spectators, a remarkable accomplishment as Addison is home to 19,000 residents and is only 4.4 sq miles.

Addison Kaboom Town! began in 1985 and has quickly grown into the nationally renowned event it is today. Addison Kaboom Town! has received accolades from the American Pyrotechnics Associations, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, and AOL, each naming it one of the top fireworks shows in the country. The fireworks show has been simulcast over Dallas-Fort Worth radio, which broadcasts a music program that accompanies the fireworks.

In addition to the fireworks show, this year will also feature the Addison Airport Air Show in addition to live performances by the 36th Infantry Division Band, Rhythm and Boots, and the Dallas Wind Symphony. Addison Kaboom Town! is truly a remarkable fixture of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and the display of patriotism from Addison and the plethora of visitors it attracts is second to none. I look forward to this year's celebration as well as its continued success into the future.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the 30th anniversary of Addison Kaboom Town!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, I was absent during roll call vote #376. Had I been present, I would have voted "NO" on passage of H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015.

COMMENDING THE NORTH ATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF JOHN REILLY

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the North Attleboro Police Department and Chief John Reilly on achieving accreditation and demonstrating the department goes above and beyond state and national standards.

Under the strong leadership of Chief Reilly, the department has revamped their policies and practices to come in compliance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

For two years, the entire department worked together to ensure that they met the highest possible standards in their service to the town of North Attleboro. This is no small feat, nor is it an easy task for a department facing budget cuts.

Earning this recognition is about more than the preparation and readiness of the North Attleboro Police Department, it's about guaranteeing their officers are committed to the safety and protection of their community.

With each traffic stop and every distress call, our police officers face a challenging, oftentimes evolving situation with courage and bravery.

They never ask who is calling for their help or whether their service is necessary. Instead, they race to the scene and risk their safety for that of the community.

Thank you Chief Reilly and your entire force for your work day and night to ensure that our citizens can walk around North Attleboro knowing you will always answer their call.

THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GRACE LEE BOGGS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Grace Lee Boggs who will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 27, 2015. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mrs. Boggs for her service and contributions to the cause of civil rights throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

Born to Chinese immigrants in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. Boggs graduated from Barnard College in 1935 before going on to receive her Ph.D. in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College in 1940. Mrs. Boggs moved to Detroit in 1953 and immediately identified with issues facing the city's African American population.

In an era known for the greatest civil rights advancements in our nation's history, Grace Lee Boggs became an indispensable ally. Her unique approach to the power struggle affecting minorities and women in the middle of the 20th century stood out as innovative even amongst the leading civil rights thinkers of the time. At the core of Mrs. Boggs' understanding of social relations is the idea that small groups

of people working together are the key to bringing about social change, as opposed to the idea that total revolution is the only option. Mrs. Boggs' belief in starting with localized change is one which all Americans can support, as our nation was founded on the idea of change coming from the bottom, rather than the top.

Mrs. Boggs' legacy in Detroit has been enshrined in The James & Grace Lee Boggs School, the Boggs Center, and programs like the Detroit Summer, which brings members of all ages and backgrounds together to think creatively about the problems their communities face and fulfilling the dream of making positive change one small group at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mrs. Boggs for her service to our community and her leadership in advancing the rights of all Americans. She has made an indelible mark on our nation for which we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTER WEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Center West Missionary Baptist Church in Delta, Alabama, located in Randolph County.

The church was founded on July 11, 1915 under Rev. B.W. Matthews.

The original church building was built in 1915 and burned in 1946. It was rebuilt that same year in the same location. In 1973, a new more modern building was constructed across the road where services are still held today.

On July 11th, the congregation will gather to commemorate their 100th anniversary. Former pastors, leaders and members will join the present Center West family to reminisce about the past and prepare for the future in this rural community focused on God's word.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for Center West Missionary Baptist Church and congratulate them all on their 100th anniversary.

THE NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE P5+1 AND IRAN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the ongoing negotiations between the P5+1 and Iran concerning Iran's nuclear weapons program. In today's polarized environment there are few areas where we can all reach agreement, but certainly Democrats and Republicans alike can agree that Iran must not be allowed to develop a nuclear weapon. I believe that every single pathway available to Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon must be completely blocked.

I commend the efforts of President Obama and Secretary of State Kerry, as well as our

partners in the P5+1, as they have worked diligently to reach a framework agreement that will halt Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon. We must ensure that any agreement reached has as its aim a framework that allows for unobstructed verification and enforceability. Such an agreement is not only in our best interest, but also in the best interest of the region at-large. We need such a framework because it is no secret that the Iranians have engaged, over the years, in deceitful actions that are cause for much concern. This reality of course does not mean that we should not engage fully in negotiations, but simply, that we must weave this reality into our final agreement. Buyers beware, Mr. Speaker.

It is my belief that as we move closer to a final agreement, we must ensure that Iran allows United Nations' inspectors the necessary and sufficient access to nuclear sites. This must include military sites. Along similar lines, we must be allowed a full accounting of Iran's previous efforts at weaponization. In knowing their past progress, we will be better able to discern their compliance with the agreement. These factors are essential if we are to determine whether Iran is meeting its obligations.

Although these elements are needed, we must also have a strong mechanism that allows sanctions to be re-imposed should Iran violate the agreement. The political calculus of reimposing sanctions could be quite difficult and, therefore, it is not enough that sanctions be able to be "snapped back," but we must also ensure that any sanctions in place now are lifted gently and deliberately. We cannot lose sight of the fact that Iran continues to fund terrorist organizations the world over. Any sanctions relief will undoubtedly increase their ability to fund such organizations. The final deal must spell out the immediate consequences for Iran should it violate the agreement, and sanctions must only be reduced when Iran provides unequivocal proof of compliance with the negotiated agreement.

Furthermore, this ought to be clear as day to all involved—any agreement must block Iran's path to a nuclear weapon not for a year, not for five years, but for decades to come. It concerns me that Iran's breakout time will be just a matter of days after twelve or thirteen years. It is important to remember that should we need to re-impose sanctions that we will certainly need more than a few days to do so. Any deal worth signing, therefore, must mandate that Iran demonstrate that it has entirely abandoned its desire for nuclear weapons capabilities.

Similarly, a final deal must insist that Iran dismantle its nuclear infrastructure. Allowing such infrastructure to remain simply courts trouble further down the road. Should Iran's nuclear infrastructure remain in place, it will be far too easy for Iran to not only skirt its responsibilities under the agreement, but to reinvest in its nuclear weapons ambitions quickly and meaningfully.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud President Obama and Secretary Kerry for working diligently to find a diplomatic solution that stops Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. The United States must certainly continue to negotiate from a position of strength. Such a position is clearly strengthened when Congress continues to weigh in on what a final agreement must entail. At the end of the day, however, I do believe that no deal is better than a bad deal.

Let us work together to ensure that we choose neither "no deal" nor "a bad deal," but a strong deal that denies the Iranians all paths to a nuclear weapon.

KILLEN'S KNOWS BRISKET

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Killen's Barbeque in Pearland for being named one of the top barbeque destinations in the country. The Food Network finally recognized what Pearland residents have known since Chef Ronnie Killen opened his doors.

A new Food Network series, "Top 5 Restaurants," named Killen's Barbeque the second best barbeque restaurant in the nation for its delicious smoked brisket. After millions of fan recommendations, our hometown barbeque hero's brisket came second only to a pork rib joint in Memphis. Killen's brisket is truly the best of the best. I can't wait to get back to Texas and order up some delicious brisket!

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to the entire team at Killen's Barbeque on being recognized as a top barbeque destination in America.

STATEMENT ON INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE, WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS TIBETAN GRIEVANCES AND SECURE A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT FOR THE TIBETAN PEOPLE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce this resolution along with my friends and colleagues Representatives MATT SALMON, NANCY PELOSI, JOSEPH R. PITTS, JAMES P. MCGOVERN, YVETTE D. CLARKE, STEVE CHABOT, ALAN GRAYSON, GERALD CONNOLLY, ALBIO SIRES, ALCEE L. HASTINGS, MICHAEL E. CAPUANO, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, JOHN LEWIS, DONALD S. BEYER, JR., BETTY MCCOLLUM, SCOTT DESJARLAIS, DAVID N. CICILLINE, ALAN S. LOWENTHAL, JARED POLIS, BRAD SHERMAN, MICHAEL M. HONDA, REID J. RIBBLE, CHARLES B. RANGEL, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, DANA ROHR-ABACHER, KATHERINE M. CLARK, TRENT FRANKS, and AMI BERA.

This resolution calls for meaningful dialogue and a negotiated settlement for the people of Tibet and acknowledges the contributions of His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama in advance of his 80th birthday. The 14th Dalai Lama has tirelessly promoted, through peaceful means, genuine autonomy for the people of Tibet.

Throughout his life, His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama, has championed greater understanding, harmony and respect among all religious faiths. As the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, he has been a

model for all of us on the importance of preserving the cultural, religious, historical, and linguistic heritage—not just for the Tibetan people but for all people.

His Holiness has done outstanding work to safeguard the environment in the Tibetan plateau, to promote democracy among the Tibetan people, and to champion non-violent conflict resolution. With this resolution, we reaffirm the unwavering friendship between the Tibetan people and the United States and call on the government of the United States to uphold its commitment to preserving the human rights, political and religious freedom of the people of Tibet. Additionally, it calls on the People's Republic of China to enter into meaningful dialogue with the Dalai Lama and his representatives, without any preconditions, in order to produce negotiated settlement for the Tibetan people.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

RECOGNIZING JIM TUDOR

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Jim Tudor with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores who is retiring this week after 29 years of outstanding service to the people of Georgia.

Jim and his wife Sandra Tudor have 4 children, James, Kelly, Bobby & Bill, and 5 grandchildren.

In addition to working for 29 years on behalf of Georgia consumers at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim worked for 7-Eleven for nine years and served his country as a member of the U.S. Army for two years.

An active member of my community, Jim donated his time through the Covington Rotary and previously the South Dekalb Rotary.

Over the years Jim has received a number of awards, including the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000 and various Pigeon Awards from The Pigeon Committee—a group of fellow lobbyists for the State of Georgia.

Jim was recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top Ten Lobbyists or Trade Organizations for 3 straight years: 2012–2013–2014.

He gives back to his community and has been extremely active with Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and various other youth groups as a mentor and leader.

Upon retirement, Jim and Sandra plan to roam the countryside in their retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago.

I wish Jim, Sandra, and the entire Tudor family lots of happiness as they embark on this new adventure.

HONORING JAMES "JIM" E. TUDOR

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor today a dedi-

cated Georgia citizen and leader, James "Jim" E. Tudor. After a 29-year-long career, Jim Tudor has recently announced his retirement from the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, where he has contributed his time and loyalty since January 1987.

Before dedicating his career to Georgia's convenience store industry, Mr. Jim Tudor worked for nine years at 7-Eleven, followed by two years of committed service in the United States Army. He is also a 1972 graduate from the University of Cincinnati.

In 2000, Jim Tudor was honored with the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson, a now-retired American tobacco company responsible for producing many of the United States' popular cigarette brands. Jim has also received various Pigeon Awards presented by The Pigeon Committee, a group of fellow Georgia lobbyists. Namely, in 2012, Jim received the annual Pigeon Award for his work towards the legalization of Sunday alcohol sales in Georgia. Mr. Tudor was again recognized by James Magazine as one of the Top 10 Lobbyists and Associations in Georgia for three consecutive years, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Aside from his notable career and presence in the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim maintains a strong presence in the Covington Rotary, and, previously, the South Dekalb Rotary. Within his community he acts as an active mentor and leader, dedicating his time to the Georgia Youth Assembly and The YMCA, amongst various other youth groups. Jim is also a devout Christian and has served in various leadership roles in his church.

Jim and his wife, Sandra Tudor, have four children—James, Kelly, Bobby and Bill—and five grandchildren to whom Jim, known better (more affectionately?) as "Poppy" to his grandkids, refers to as "the reward you get for not killing your children". Upon retirement, Georgia natives Jim and Sandra Tudor plan to roam the countryside in their beloved retro-style 2015 Mellow Yellow Winnebago.

Over the past three decades, James E. Tudor has been a crucial and unforgettable part of the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. His service in and out of the workplace has left a lasting impact, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to meet such a devoted Georgia citizen. A leader, mentor, veteran and friend—Jim, on behalf of the Georgia community, I offer the sincerest thank you and best wishes on your retirement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

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 \$18,152,658,501,837.30. We've added \$7,525,781,452,924.22 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE DAN CONKLIN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judge Dan Conklin's 29 years of service with Missouri's 31st Circuit Court in Greene County.

Judge Conklin was elected Circuit 31, Division 3 judge in 2004 after serving as an associate circuit judge since 1987. The great work and contributions to the judicial system and community have not gone unrecognized, demonstrated with his 2010 re-election and getting 78 percent of the vote. Prior to his time with the 31st Circuit, Judge Conklin was the Republic, Mo., city attorney and worked as a partner in a private practice, Conklin, Holden and Wagner.

Judge Conklin is known for his passion for the court, and he is respected far and wide for it. Colleagues and attorneys have all mentioned the humor he brings to the bench. He has been dedicated to improving the quality and speed of the legal system, putting in 45 weeks per year for jury trials. Judge Conklin has no plans of slowing down as he approaches his 70th birthday, and plans to continue his record of service with a transition back to private practice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Judge Dan Conklin for his decades of service to Greene County and the State of Missouri. I wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST AND INTEGRITY ACT OF 2015

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Ms. JACKSON LEE, I am pleased to introduce the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2015, along with additional cosponsors. This legislation has a history of support by both police and civil rights organizations around the country and is focused on building trust between law enforcement agencies, officials and the people they serve.

Over the past two decades, tensions between police and communities of color have grown as allegations of bias-based policing by law enforcement agents, sometimes supported by data collection efforts and video evidence, have increased in number and frequency. Since the tragic police-involved shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, there has been public outcry for Congressional action to address police accountability and public safety issues through the adoption of substantive law enforcement policy reforms.

Despite the fact that the majority of law enforcement officers perform their duties professionally and without bias, the relationship between the police and some of minority communities has deteriorated to such a degree that federal action is required to begin addressing the issue. With recent Washington

Post reports of almost 400 police-involved shooting fatalities in the first five months of 2015, all should agree that the time for bipartisan action is long overdue.

The Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act is designed to provide incentives for local police organizations to voluntarily adopt standards to ensure that incidents of deadly force or misconduct will be minimized through appropriate management and training protocols and properly investigated, should they occur. The bill authorizes the Department of Justice to work cooperatively with independent accreditation, law enforcement and community-based organizations to further develop and refine accreditation standards, and further authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of obtaining accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations.

Beyond the human toll created by law enforcement accountability issues, there remains the fiscal impact created by the high cost of litigation settlements for police abuse claims. Currently, there are no federally recognized minimum standards for operating a law enforcement agency. The ad hoc nature of police management has accordingly left many officers and agencies in the dark about how to cope with changes in their communities. While most cities fail to systematically track the cost of litigation, the cost reports for major cities have proven staggering. In New York City alone, during Mayor Michael Bloomberg's three term tenure, NYPD payouts were in excess of \$1 billion for policing claims. For small departments, the cost of a single high profile incident could prove crippling in its impact on public safety.

While the Department of Justice has a range of criminal and civil authority to address policing issues, the Civil Rights Division will never have the resources necessary to investigate more than a small fraction of those departments engaged in unconstitutional conduct, even with the enhanced funding and task force authority granted by this legislation. Through the support of a robust accreditation regime, like that existing in healthcare, Congress can ensure that all communities have the best trained and managed police departments. Only by establishing acceptable police operations standards can we begin to preemptively address issues like use of force and heal the rifts within our communities.

Media reports from Baltimore and other cities depicting confrontations between protestors and their police departments illustrate the current divide between law enforcement and the communities they police. In the past years, cities from New York to Cincinnati and Miami to Los Angeles have experienced unrest following controversial use of force incidents by their police. Absent a climate of trust and accountability, community needs are not served and the jobs of the police officers become more difficult and dangerous.

The energies of Congress should be focused on the adoption of legislative priorities that address the substance of law enforcement management and strengthen the current battery of tools available to sanction misconduct. As a Congress we have been enthusiastic about supporting programs designed to get officers on the street. We must be just as willing to support programs designed to train and manage them after they get there. The current national climate requires decisive ac-

tion to implement solutions. Out of respect for all who have lost their lives over the last nine months—both law enforcement and civilian—I hope you will join Ms. JACKSON LEE and myself in supporting legislation that initiates the reforms necessary to restore public trust and accountability to law enforcement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 375.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

HOUSE MAJORITY TURNING ITS BACK ON COMPETITIVENESS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I and many business leaders are having trouble fathoming this foolhardy decision by House Republicans to allow the Export-Import Bank to expire.

I thought my Republican colleagues wanted to support small businesses and create jobs.

Well, last year, the Bank helped 121 Virginia businesses, and thousands more nationwide, reach new global markets with their American-made products and services. Nearly 90% of its loans benefit small businesses, and those loans supported 164,000 jobs, most of which had higher-than-average wages.

I also thought my Republican colleagues wanted to help reduce the deficit.

The Bank returned \$675 million to the Treasury last year and more than \$1 billion in each of the previous two years.

By allowing the Bank to expire, House Republicans are casting aside a program that has consistently created jobs, strengthened small businesses, and helped reduce the deficit.

Every other industrialized nation has an export-import bank, and this unilateral disavowal cedes American competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, there is a bipartisan majority that supports the Ex-Im Bank. I urge you to bring up a clean extension and let the House work its will.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SUSAN MARTIN'S SERVICE AS PRESI- DENT OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Susan Martin for her seven years of service as President of Eastern Michigan University and her long career as a public servant to the State of Michigan. Dr. Martin's commitment to EMU and higher education has

resulted in tremendous improvement for the university's campus and greatly enriched the collegiate experience of thousands of students. Dr. Martin's long career in public service reveals her dedication to the betterment of the State of Michigan and her capacity to inspire others to achieve academic excellence.

Dr. Martin's passion for higher education began when she worked as an administrator at Grand Valley State University. For 18 years, she worked in several faculty and administrative positions, including Assistant and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Special Assistant to the Provost, and Executive Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. She later served as the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at The University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Dr. Martin's seven years as the first female president of Eastern Michigan University are marked by many accomplishments. Under her leadership, the university has experienced enrollment growth, the expansion of the Honors College, increased financial aid assistance, student-focused academic advising, collaboration with public safety agencies in the surrounding community, the creation of living and learning spaces, and massive construction projects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Dr. Susan Martin for her seven years as president of Eastern Michigan University and her dedication to quality, affordable, public education. I thank her for her leadership, and wish her many years of success.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GLADYS OPELOUSAS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, reaching the age of 90 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Gladys Opelousas was born on August 30, 1925 in Marks, Mississippi and today she is celebrating reaching that milestone of reaching 90 years of age; and

Whereas, Ms. Opelousas has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she is a devoted aunt and sister that blesses the lives of others with her kindness and charm; and

Whereas, Ms. Opelousas is celebrating her 90th Birthday with family members and friends in Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, she celebrates a life of blessings and through her goodwill, communities across the nation have been enhanced; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout 90 years and she is leading by example a blessed life by serving as a faithful matriarch to her family and a precious jewel to our nation; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her birthday today with family that hail from the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Gladys Opelousas for an exemplary life which is an

inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 30, 2015 as Ms. Gladys Opelousas Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of August, 2015.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on June 23, 2015 due to responsibilities back in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"No" on roll call no. 376, passage of H.R. 1190, the Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act of 2015;

"Yes" on roll call no. 377, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 805, the Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015 (DOTCOM Act of 2015); and,

"Yes" on roll call no. 378, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 2576, the TSCA Modernization Act of 2015.

HONORING LOUIS WILLIAMS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tremendous public servant who has dedicated his life to serving the needs of his community. Louis Williams, of Edwards, Mississippi, is retiring from the police force after 39 years of service, 38 of which he spent as chief of police. As an officer, Williams has served as a vital link between law enforcement and the youth of his community as a figure both highly respected and admired.

Before joining the police force, Williams coached Edwards' youth baseball and basketball and has continued doing so over the years. His mentorship gave him the relatability necessary to effectively police his city and maintain a healthy relationship with its citizens. The number of adolescents he has coached now spans three generations for many families whom Williams has gotten to know over his decades of service.

As police chief, his dedication is unquestioned, as he has made the concerted effort to maintain round-the-clock availability. While Williams views that as a condition of the job, he is greatly appreciated for it by all who have ever given him a call. His career has exemplified how policemen and women can govern efficiently by truly committing their time and effort to their citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chief Williams for his dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015, I was absent during roll call vote #377. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 805, Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015 (DOTCOM Act of 2015).

IN SUPPORT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 329 "LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate LGBTQ Pride Month and the remarkable progress that has been made in making our country more diverse and tolerant and embracing differences in the 17 years since the cruel murder of Matthew Shepherd, a college student from Laramie, Wyoming, and 12 years since the historic case of Lawrence v. Texas that laid the groundwork for the Supreme Court decision in United States v. Windsor, which held that the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional.

As a country, America has made and continues to make great progress in the area of social equality, as evidenced most dramatically by the seismic shift in public support for marriage equality over the past decade.

Today, supporters of marriage equality dramatically outnumber opponents by 61%–35%; a near total reversal from 2004, when opponents outnumbered supporters 58–39 percent. Currently, we await a critical ruling from the Supreme Court which could legalize same-sex marriage nationwide later this month.

Our country made progress in bringing our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, out of the shadows with the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which I was proud to support.

Our nation is now stronger and our people are safer thanks to the sacrifices made by these brave Americans, who no longer need to choose between service and silence.

There have been other changes for the better.

In April 2015, President Obama issued a landmark Executive Order prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQ persons in the workplace.

This civil rights victory ensures the tax dollars used to pay government contractors support contractors that are committed to equal employment opportunity for all persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

This legislation marks a major shift from a time when the U.S. Civil Service Commission prohibited the hiring of LGBTQ persons to a time when the Secretary of Defense has selected an openly gay man as his chief of staff.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 46th anniversary of the LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement, where activists such as Frank Kameny led the struggle for the voices of the LGBTQ community to be heard.

Frank Kameny's courageous demonstrations inspired others to resist mistreatment, and we witnessed in 1969 what happens when a community says enough is enough.

Our country has made progress since the Stonewall uprising of 1969, and with the support of equal rights for all communities by leaders such as President Barack Obama, more and more voices are being heard.

Mr. Speaker, although more remains to be done to realize the full promise of America that all are equally treated and protected by the law, it is undeniable that America is closer to realizing that promise than it was during the dark days of Stonewall.

So there is much reason for joy and optimism as my home city of Houston celebrates Houston Pride Week right now.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the 16th largest LGBTQ community in the nation is located in the Houston metropolitan area, which I am privileged to represent.

The Houston LGBTQ community is culturally diverse, economically dynamic, and artistically vibrant.

Houston Pride Week has been an annual event for the last 36 years, since 1979, and promotes the individuality of Houston's ever-growing LGBTQ community.

The Pride Festival and Parade are at the center of the Celebration and are annually attended by more than 400,000 people from Houston and around the world. I am a proud participant and previous grand marshal of the event.

Mr. Speaker, progress is made through the efforts of courageous leaders who actively engage their communities and face adversity to ensure that the rights of all are clearly recognized and protected.

People like the legendary Bayard Rustin, who organized the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation which inspired the Freedom Rides of the 1960s and helped Dr. King organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and who was the driving force behind the historic 1963 March on Washington.

Texas natives such as Sheryl Swoopes, a 3-time WNBA Most Valuable Player and champion for the Houston Comets, as well as Houston Mayor Annise Parker, whose election made Houston the largest city in the U.S. to have an openly gay mayor.

These leaders have set an example of what can happen when we lift the limits of inequality and support our fellow Americans in pursuit of their inalienable rights.

Other members of the LGBTQ community whose contributions have enriched American culture and made our country better include the great poet Langston Hughes; Mandy Carter, 2008 national co-chair of Obama Pride and lifelong activist; Billy Strayhorn, the musician and gifted composer whose 30-year collaboration with Duke Ellington gave the world some of the greatest jazz music ever; Tom Waddell, army medical doctor and Olympic athlete; and James Baldwin, one of the towering figures in the history of American literature.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the achievements of just a few of the countless number of Americans who overcame prejudice and discrimination to make America a more welcoming place for succeeding generations of LGBTQ community members.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, we need to think in a comprehensive way about water in California. The controversial California Water Fix, formerly known as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), is an outdated and destructive plumbing system. It does not create any new water nor does it provide the water and the ecological protection that the Golden State must have. California and the federal government must set aside this big, expensive, destructive plumbing plan and immediately move forward with a comprehensive approach that includes:

- 1) Conservation,
- 2) Recycling,
- 3) The creation of new storage systems,
- 4) Fix the Delta—right sized conveyance, levee improvements, and habitat restoration,
- 5) Science driven process,
- 6) Protection of existing water rights.

This combination of projects constitutes a comprehensive water plan for the state.

Through a comprehensive plan that brings all stakeholders to the table, California can solve its water needs, and it can avoid the continuous water wars that have long divided our state. Unfortunately, California is once again embroiled in a bitter water war brought about by the California Water Fix (BDCP), the most recent attempt to fix California's water supply. After more than five years of study and over \$200,000,000 spent on consultants, the process has become bogged down and turned into another battle pitting north vs. south, water exporters vs. environmentalists, and senior water right holders vs. new comers. A classic California water brawl is in full bloom.

The governor's water plan for California is to take water out of the Sacramento River just south of Sacramento and put it into two tunnels each 40 miles long, 40 feet in diameter and with a potential capacity of moving 15,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). While the current proposal is set up to move 9000 cfs, the twin tunnels have a much larger capacity therefore setting the system up for future expansion. Pumping would also continue directly from the southern Delta at the Tracy pumps. The system will be able to deliver up to 5.3 million acre feet of water to the pumps in Tracy and then on to the San Joaquin Valley farmers and Los Angeles.

So what is wrong with the Water Fix (BDCP)? It is not a water plan for California. It does not create one gallon of new water. It does not solve the long term needs of the state. With a minimum estimated construction and operating cost over 50 years of \$24.5 billion, it is an extraordinarily expensive plumbing system dressed up with a coating of habitat restoration. The plan simply takes water from one region and delivers it to another while tearing up acres of prime agricultural farm land in the process. All of this while stoking the fire of divisiveness over water that has plagued our state for years.

A quick look at the water flow in the Sacramento River over the last two decades shows that approximately six months out of

the year there is somewhere between 15 and 20 thousand cubic feet per second (cfs) of water flowing in the Sacramento River. This proposal has the potential to suck the river dry and destroy the largest delta estuary on the west coast of the Western Hemisphere. Critical habitat for dozens of fish species like salmon, striped bass, and sturgeon would be threatened. These fish and the water they live in are crucial for jobs, agriculture and fishing businesses, and the region's economy.

We should never build a water system that has such destructive potential. It is never safe to assume that ecological concerns will trump greed and thirst. We should keep in mind that in 2012 the U.S. House of Representatives voted on H.R. 1837, the euphemistically titled Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Reliability Act. The bill passed by a vote of 246 to 175 and swept away all environmental protections for the Delta while stealing 800,000 acre feet of water from the aquatic environment. Luckily, the legislation was derailed in the U.S. Senate, but H.R. 1837 in one form or another is likely to return in future legislative battles.

California must move beyond a patched plumbing system. We need to think about what California really needs, and what it needs is a comprehensive water plan. Big changes are coming that threaten our water supply and our economy. A short list of these challenges include: climate change and related weather events, population growth, world food supplies, and earthquakes.

Climate change is real and its effect on California will be significant. The Colorado River Basin is in a prolonged drought, and likely to be much drier in the future. Based on today's water flows, the water in the Colorado River is oversubscribed by a third and projections indicate less water in the future. This is a big, big problem for the seven states that rely on the river, and especially for Southern California.

The Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Central Valley, and the coastal ranges will also be drastically impacted by climate change. We know that the timing of the precipitation is going to change and the snow is already melting earlier. As a result, the snowpack is moving up the mountains and while it may be deeper at the higher altitudes, the amount of land it covers is greatly reduced. It's the lower snowpack that has the greatest volumes of water and if that continues to recede, we will have less and less water. The 2009 "California Water Plan," published by the California Department of Water Resources, estimates that the snowpack will decrease 25–40 percent by 2050. We must also anticipate more severe storms and flooding. All of this means the natural and man-made storage systems will hold less water. Putting the denial of scientific facts aside, California has to deal with the reality of climate change and its water policy implications.

We know California's population will continue to grow and therefore, the demand for water will increase. We know the world will be very hungry in the future, and we know that the role of agriculture in California is going to be exceedingly important. California agriculture not only fills our own desire for diverse and nutritious foods, but it will also continue to meet basic food needs for people around the world and will continue to serve as an essential component of our nation's economy.

We know the Delta is in serious trouble. The fish species are threatened with extinction and

a total collapse of the estuary ecosystem is possible if the current water pumping program continues. Rising sea levels and deferred maintenance threaten the Delta levees which protect nearly 500,000 people, thousands of acres of valuable farm land, and miles of critical highways, gas and water transmission lines, and water delivery channels. Major upgrades are needed.

For these reasons, California must take off its blinders and expand its scope when thinking about ways to manage its water supply. It must be a holistic approach that is applied to every project that will impact the water needs of all Californians.

To achieve this comprehensive approach, here are six specific actions to provide a foundation for California's water future. If California does all of these, we will create new water supplies and better use the resources we already have:

- 1) Conservation,
- 2) Recycling,
- 3) The creation of new storage systems,
- 4) Fix the Delta—right sized conveyance, levee improvements, and habitat restoration,
- 5) Science driven process,
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The quickest and cheapest source of new water is to stretch our current supplies by conserving what we have. Californians have been at this for years in our cities, in our industries, on the farm, and in our homes. We have engaged in serious water conservation, yet more can and should be done everywhere.

There are many conservation strategies. One conservation strategy is to use devices that measure the moisture in the soil to provide real time monitoring of the exact amount of water needed for ideal growing conditions. These devices are connected to a computer that automatically turns on just the right amount of water. These systems are in use and conserve at least ten percent with a financial payback in less than one year. If they were deployed widely perhaps at least 1 percent of the 30 million acre feet of water consumed by agriculture could be saved each year (300,000 acre feet).

All of us are going to do a lot more water conservation, not just the agriculture community. The water conservation mandate set by the state is a 20 percent reduction per capita by 2020 which equals 1,600,000 acre feet. In a very real way conservation can create new water that was not previously available for use. To be on the conservative side, let us assume that just one quarter of the State's goal could be obtained in the next decade, thereby adding 400,000 acre feet of new water to our supplies each year.

Can you name the fifth biggest river on the west coast of the Western Hemisphere? It's the water that flows out of the sanitation plants in Southern California and is dumped into the Pacific Ocean.

Why would any sane government take water from the Sacramento River, pump it 500 miles south, lift it 5,000 feet in the air, clean it, use it once, clean it to a higher standard than the day it arrives in Southern California, then dump it in the ocean? California does just this as it discharges over 3.5 million acre feet of water to the ocean each year, much of which could be reused.

We need to think seriously about recycling, not just in Southern California, but everywhere. The State of California currently recycles approximately 650,000 acre feet of water

each year and has set a water recycling goal of 1.5 million acre feet of new water in California by 2020, and 2.5 million acre feet by 2030. While achievable, WaterReuse California estimates this goal cannot be achieved without State regulatory changes to expand the types of recycling available that rely on existing technologies.

Another option is desalination of the ocean. This is feasible and used extensively throughout the world, however it is not a viable option for all communities. It costs about 40 percent more to desalinate sea water than to recycle water using current technology. However, technological advances are being pursued for both recycling and desalination that could lower the costs of both.

In the next ten years, conservation and recycling in California can create approximately 2.2 million acre feet of new water to use each year, and that can increase to 3.2 million acre feet in twenty years. This is new water that is not available today because it is wasted or pumped out to sea. It can be developed at a reasonable cost when compared to all other alternatives that might be out there. Conservation and recycling are steps one and two in a comprehensive water program for California.

Water storage south of the Delta is possible and necessary. The capacity of the great Delta pumps near Tracy is 15,000 cubic feet per second. They are designed to meet maximum demand south of the Delta. They do not operate year round, only when there is sufficient water in the Delta, when threatened fish are not near the pumps, and when there is agricultural and urban demand south of the Tracy pumps. There is very limited water storage capacity south of the Delta. We must build more. San Luis and Los Vaqueros reservoirs could be expanded. New dams could be built at Los Banos Grandes, Temperance Flats, and numerous smaller off stream sites throughout the San Joaquin Valley. There are extensive and numerous aquifers throughout the San Joaquin Valley that may prove suitable to store additional water that would be used in a conjunctive water management system. With these water storage facilities in place and a smaller cross Delta facility operating year round, the need for havoc causing, excessive pumping in the Delta could be avoided.

When coupled with recycling, the underground aquifers in Southern California are another key to our water future. The underground aquifers of the Santa Ana River in Orange County, the San Fernando Basin, Chino Basin, San Bernardino, San Gabriel Basin, and others have a combined capacity larger than Shasta Reservoir, the largest man made reservoir in the state. Today, some recycled water is put into the underground water basins to be stored for those inevitably dry years. When needed, it is pumped out, used, cleaned and returned to storage. On a larger scale this recycling system could create as much as 2.5 million acre feet of new water, and thereby reduce the need for shifting Colorado River supplies and imports from the Sacramento River.

Surface and underground storage should be used in a conjunctive water management program. Use the rivers when there is lots of water and use the reservoirs when there is little. Another way to describe this strategy is "big gulp" and "little sips." When there are low flows in the Delta the system would take a little sip. When there is excessive water in the

Delta, the system would take a big gulp, but there must be some place to put that water when the big gulp is taken. Therefore, the surface and sub-surface reservoirs south of the Delta become an essential element in a California water plan.

Water storage north of the Delta is also important, and three proposals are on the books today. An off stream reservoir at Sites, located west of Williams, has great promise for storage and for creating greater flexibility in managing the Sacramento River for salmon runs, water demand, and Delta outflow. This reservoir can deliver 500,000 acre feet of annual yield and the additional flexibility that it offers can under some scenarios save another 500,000 acre feet of water that would otherwise be released into the river systems. Raising Shasta Dam is also possible, as is better conjunctive management of the many aquifers in the Sacramento Valley. State and federal agencies have already commenced studies for these projects. A quick completion of these studies is essential.

The current plan for the California Water Fix (BDCP) is a dual use facility with the main focus on the twin tunnels with a capacity of 15,000 cubic feet per second, and the continued use of the Delta channels for moving water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers to the Tracy pumps. This dual use system adds another layer of risk to the eco-system and agricultural economy of the Delta with the potential for the massive tunnels to suck the Delta dry from the north and from the south with the thirsty pumps. In scale, the cost and destructive potential of this project will rival the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River in China. The twin tunnel proposal is a large scale, destructive project that does not create one gallon of new water for a thirsty California.

The location of the intakes for the twin tunnels is in the heart of the rich farm lands of the northern Delta, near the small community of Courtland. Thousands of acres of valuable farmland essential to California agriculture production will be destroyed during construction of the project, and, following completion, a vast industrial zone of pumping stations, fish screens, reservoirs, and electrical stations will impede on one of California's great agricultural regions. Along the forty mile route of the twin tunnels the construction process will produce a total of 22 million cubic yards of tunnel muck. This combination of soil and conditioning agents will have to be stored and managed and the latest draft of the plan calls for storage areas along the tunnel ranging in size from 100 to 570 acres. The amount of muck extracted would be enough to cover 100 football fields to a height of roughly 100 feet, and in the end will destroy close to 1600 acres of farm land while disrupting domestic and agricultural water wells.

Go forward carefully; start small; use science to evaluate each step; then proceed to the next step. Remember the Delta is a unique and precious environmental asset. We must take care of it. A narrowly focused plumbing system like the California Water Fix/BDCP will not achieve progress in creating a water supply sufficient for California's future. We must pursue a holistic, comprehensive approach that will achieve a bigger bang for our buck.

First, reduce demand on the Delta with steps one, two and three: water conservation,

recycling, and strategic use of storage facilities. Use the "Big Gulp, Little Sip" pumping strategy. Move forward with the flood plain and fresh and saltwater marsh habitat improvements. Repair and improve the key Delta levees. Evaluate the effect on the Delta as these projects come on line.

Then, and only if necessary, proceed with a conveyance system that is much smaller and with a reduced capacity to destroy.

A much smaller facility with a capacity of no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second could be built to deliver water from the Sacramento River to the Tracy pumps. With the normal minimum flows in the Sacramento River above 15,000 cfs, a small 3,000 cfs facility could operate at least 300 days in most years, delivering approximately two million acre feet of water south to the pumps at Tracy where it would be pumped south to the new and expanded storage facilities.

There are several alternative ways to build this smaller system. One alternative is found with a careful look at the Delta map which reveals that two thirds of this Delta friendly system is already built. Two miles from the State Capital is the Port of Sacramento and the shipping channel that ends 25 miles south near Rio Vista. From there it is thirteen miles to existing channels and the Tracy pumps. The Federal Government already owns the land along the river where an intake and fish screen could be built, allowing 3000 cfs of Sacramento River water to enter the channel and flow south to a shipping lock at the southern end of the channel. Then, pumps could deliver the water into a short 12-mile pipe beneath the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and into the existing Delta channels that lead to the Tracy Pumps. The threatened Delta fish could be protected by sealing the channel from the Delta. Such a smaller facility is less costly than two 40-foot diameter, 40-mile long tunnels that devastate large swaths of the Delta and put the entire Delta at risk.

It is correct that this smaller facility like the twin tunnels is insufficient to quench the thirst of the Southern water contractors. This is where the southern reservoirs and the "Little Sip, Big Gulp" strategy comes into play. In normal water years there is sufficient water in the Delta to allow the pumps to take a big gulp of two million acre feet of water. This amount together with the two million acre feet delivered through the 3,000 cfs facility and the new water developed from conservation and recycling efforts could add up to six million acre feet. This plan would create far more new water than will ever be available with the current California Water Fix (BDCP) plan, which in its current state creates nothing new, except new destruction.

This small 3,000 cfs proposal and the current twin tunnel proposal envision the continued use of the existing Delta levee system as water conveyance channels for the delivery of water to the big pumps at Tracy. However, the California Water Fix (BDCP) has neither a plan nor funding for the maintenance of the levees that are crucial for their proposed water conveyance system. The Delta levees must be upgraded and maintained if water is to be transported through the Delta and if the Delta agriculture, infrastructure, ecology and people are to be protected.

No sane homeowner would go fifty years without maintaining their plumbing system. For more than fifty years, the Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water

Resources have used the Delta levees as a plumbing system to deliver water from the Sacramento River to the Tracy pumps. Yet, they have spent virtually no money maintaining these critical levees, the failure of which could shut down water deliveries for an extended period of time. The Federal and State agencies have relied upon the local reclamation agencies to do the repairs, literally giving the exporters a free ride. When a levee does give way and an island is flooded, it is the local agency and Federal and State governments that foot the bill to repair the levees, often at a much greater cost than would have been necessary with basic maintenance.

Legislation is necessary to require that the Federal and State water contractors, who have for years and will continue for even more years depended upon the Delta levees for the delivery of water to their fields and cities, pay a part of the levee maintenance cost.

The California Water Fix (BDCP) envisions restoring flood plains and the salt and freshwater marsh habitat of the Delta in an effort to restore the fisheries. However, a series of questions are raised: where to do it, how much to do, what type, at what cost and who is to pay for the restoration? Those who have created the ecological problem should pay for the restoration of the problem. All this will require careful attention to science, and a careful balance between competing goals. Current science indicates that no amount of habitat restoration can compensate for the damage done to fish from excessive water exports.

The California Water Fix (BDCP) and any other proposal must be based and driven by quality science that measures and informs decisions. California and federal law require that the Delta aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems be protected. We must do so, not just because the laws demand it, but because our status as human beings on this planet demands that we pay attention and protect precious and rare ecosystems. Also, healthy ecosystems provide a valuable asset to our communities because healthy ecosystems help to ensure we have healthy water. If we let the ecosystems fall by the wayside, our water will get dirtier making it increasingly difficult and costly to clean it up enough to use. For all of these reasons, we must let science govern.

The California Water Fix (BDCP) anticipates 50-year permits from state and federal agencies to allow incidental takes of endangered fish species. Once granted, the water exporters will have assurances that the project can take covered species and pump Delta water despite changes in the environment. To date, the California Water Fix (BDCP) has not built in flexibility to address the inevitable changes that will occur and the damage that could be done if the plan does not account for climate change.

We must also use science to understand our river basins in the age of climate change. Dams on California Rivers serve multiple purposes of water storage, flood protection, electric power generation, recreation, and environmental river flows. Current dam operations on California Rivers place flood protection as the first priority followed by water storage. The decisions to release water to create greater flood storage are based on the average river flows compiled from the last 60 years. Climate change and resulting river flow change is certain and one can only imagine how rare it will be for the historic average to actually occur.

We have the technology today to better understand what is happening, in real time, in every river basin in this state. Satellites and unmanned aircraft using infrared and ground sensing radar, together with terrestrial stations collecting soil conditions, snow temperature and moisture content coupled with telemetry will soon be deployed in the American River basin. Collecting this data and using it in real time to predict river flows allows for better operation of the dams so that additional flood storage capacity could be available by lowering the reservoir ahead of the storm or keeping water in the reservoir if a major storm is heading for a different river basin or if it is a cold snow storm. Using the best science can simultaneously deliver increased flood protection and greater water storage.

Soon after gold was discovered in California, the miners discovered that water could be used to separate gold from gravel and soon after, the right to the water flowing in the rivers became as valuable as the gold. Today, water is California's gold. The classic water war in California is usually about one group attempting to take another group's water. It is reasonable to view the current twin tunnels conflict in this way: southern exporters taking water belonging to northern water right holders and water necessary for the aquatic river environment. Any water plan that ignores the prior and existing water rights is destined to be embroiled in a vicious and contracted water war. If a project is to be built, then existing rights must be honored.

California must develop a comprehensive water program. The current California Water Fix (BDCP) is an outdated and destructive plumbing system. It does not create any new water. It does not provide the water and the ecological protection the Golden State must have. California and the federal government must set aside the big, expensive, destructive plumbing plan and immediately move forward with a comprehensive program that includes:

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California is once again embroiled in a water war. The California Water Fix/BDCP is not a comprehensive plan; it is a plumbing system that seeks to extract water from one part of the state and deliver it to another part. If history is any indication, water wars are expensive and fruitless. Only by embracing a comprehensive plan that creates new water for the entire state can we avoid gridlock and a water war. This paper presents a plan that emphasizes using the best available science and a portfolio of water projects to create a positive solution to the water challenge facing California. It's time to move forward and ensure a reliable water supply for the entire state.

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WATER SOLUTION FOR CALIFORNIA: 'LITTLE SIP, BIG GULP'

(By John Garamendi)

Don't be fooled. The dreaded twin tunnels through the heart of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta did not die. The governor's new "California Water Fix" plan is the same destructive twin tunnel \$17 billion boondoggle, just without the fig leaf cover of

habitat restoration. Not one gallon of new water supply is created for our thirsty state.

California water needs can be met with a comprehensive program that over the next 10 years can create more than 5 million acre-feet of new water at a cost no greater than the twin tunnels. Here are the keys to our water future:

1. Conservation
2. Recycling/desalinization
3. Creation of new surface and aquifer storage
4. Science-driven process
5. Fixing the Delta—right-sized conveyance, levee improvements and habitat restoration

Go forward carefully; start small; use science to evaluate each step; then proceed to the next step. The Delta is a unique and precious environmental asset.

First, reduce demand on the Delta with water conservation, recycling and desalinization, and strategic use of surface and aquifer storage. Move forward with habitat improvements for the floodplain and fresh and salt-water marshes. Repair and improve the key Delta levees. Evaluate the effect on the Delta as these projects come online. Then, and only if necessary, proceed with a conveyance system that is much smaller and with a reduced capacity to destroy.

A much smaller facility with a capacity of no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second could be built to deliver water from the Sacramento River to the Tracy pumps. With the normal minimum flows in the Sacramento River above 15,000 cubic feet per second, a 3,000-cfs facility could operate at least 300 days in most years, delivering about 2 million acre feet of water to the pumps at Tracy and on south to new and expanded storage facilities.

Half of this Delta-friendly system is already built. Two miles from the state Capitol is the Port of Sacramento. A fish screen could be built at the existing opening on the Sacramento River, allowing 3,000 cubic feet per second of Sacramento River water to enter the deep water channel and flow 25 miles south to a shipping lock at the southern end of the channel. Then, pumps could deliver the water into a 12-mile pipe beneath the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and into a new aqueduct alongside the Old River channel that leads to the Tracy pumps.

An alternative route could take the water out at the southern end of the shipping channel, delivering it into an aqueduct around the town of Rio Vista, across the Sacramento River at Sherman Island and through Contra Costa County to the Tracy pumps. This route would intersect six vital San Francisco Bay aqueducts, thus creating a safety system for 8 million Bay residents.

The "Little Sip, Big Gulp" strategy completes the program to meet California's future water needs.

In normal water years, there is sufficient water in the Delta to allow the pumps to take a "big gulp" of 2 million acre-feet of water. This amount together with the 2 million acre-feet delivered through the 3,000-cfs facility would meet the annual water demand south of the Delta.

The new water developed from surface and underground storage, conservation, and recycling and desalinization efforts could add up to 5 million acre-feet, and together with an eco-friendly Delta solution would be enough to serve the future needs of a thriving California.

CONGRATULATING ARAPAHOE/
DOUGLAS WORKS! (ADW)

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arapahoe/Douglas Works! (ADW). ADW was selected as the NAWB 2015 WIB Excellence Award Winner and was recognized during the 2015 NAWB Forum in Washington, D.C.

The WIB Excellence Award honors workforce investment boards that have demonstrated an ongoing ability to develop comprehensive workforce solutions and innovations for its community by creating proactive program initiatives, engaging businesses, diversifying funding, and ensuring accountability. Not only did ADW fulfill and exceed its Workforce Investment Act responsibilities, but it has continuously demonstrated its dedication and leadership in promoting workforce development strategies.

By developing partnerships and initiatives that serve the entire community, ADW has proven to be a critical resource to southeastern Colorado. I am proud to hold my annual Relevant Job Skills Seminar in conjunction with ADW to better prepare those looking for jobs.

Mr. Speaker, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! is a testament to how public service can help build a community and I am honored to represent them in Congress.

MARY LOIS NEVINS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of my close friend, Mary Lois Nevins, who passed away on May 25, 2015.

A resident of Pasadena for over seventy years, Mary Lois embodied civic engagement as she was an active supporter of the Altadena-Pasadena Young Democrats, the California Democratic Council, the League of Women Voters, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club, and the National Women's Political Caucus of Greater Pasadena. She walked the precincts, knocked on doors to engage voters, and volunteered her time to monitor polling stations on Election Day. In fact, she was gearing up for the 2016 elections during her last weeks.

I met Mary Lois when I won a seat on the California Board of Equalization, which was previously held by her husband, Richard Nevins. From that time, she was my most enthusiastic supporter in Pasadena, and I owe so much of my connection to the Pasadena community to her. After I came to the House of Representatives and redistricting placed Pasadena in my district, Mary was the first one to express her excitement and support.

But my longstanding friendship with Mary Lois is just an example of the passion and positive change she brought to Pasadena. After raising three sons with Richard, she went back to school to earn her teaching creden-

tials, and spent the next twenty years teaching at-risk youth at the center now known as Hill-sides. But she didn't stop there. She founded the Tutor-Friend Volunteer program, which brings together the young residents of Hill-sides with high school and college students in Pasadena. This unique program allows students to build close-knit communities as they help each other reach their highest potential. That was Mary Lois' strength since she saw the best in everyone she met. The students at Hill-sides, many in the foster care system, were no exception. She was determined that they receive every opportunity regardless of their background, and her legacy with the Hill-sides program will never be forgotten.

After she retired from Hill-sides in 1986, Mary Lois remained active in Pasadena. She was devoted to the Mother's Club Family Learning Center, and served as the President of the Board from 1988 to 1992. She promoted the revolutionary concept of two-generation learning, which focuses on educating both the child and his or her caregiver. She believed that educating a child during the first years of life is critical to a healthy future, but it is just as important to educate the child's caregiver. Thanks to her dedication, the Mother's Club is now a nationally recognized model for two-generation family learning.

Mary Lois is truly a shining example of activism. She firmly believed that everyone should be engaged in their government, educated about the issues affecting them and their community, and that ordinary citizens putting their minds together could make a difference. We are thankful for her many years of service, and will continue to honor her legacy and commitment to her community.

HONORING MR. FRANK KOGUT

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Frank Kogut, a 100-year-old veteran of World War II, who served in the Army from 1941 to 1946.

As the Representative of a district home to veterans of every major conflict since World War II, I know very well the sacrifices that our veterans, military men and women, and their families have made for our country. I speak for our district and the Nation when I sincerely thank Mr. Kogut for his service to our country. Mr. Kogut, who held the rank of First Lieutenant, captured a German Admiral and fought in the 746th Tank Battalion on D-Day.

Mr. Kogut's courage and resolve reflect the dedication of a generation of men and women who served during one of history's darkest periods. His patriotism is truly admirable and exhibits a level of dedication and self-sacrifice worthy of recognition. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I honor Frank Kogut.

RECOGNIZING SANDI ADAMS-SLESCH

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sandi Adams-Slesch's 30 years of committed service to the people of Tullytown Borough.

Tullytown lays on the southern edge of Lower Bucks County along the Delaware River, between Falls and Bristol Townships, and includes part of historic Levittown—the embodiment of the American dream for families who returned home after World War II. Levittown—and Tullytown—has an important place in our local history, and one that is only strengthened by the individuals that live and work there.

For three decades, Sandi has attended to the needs of her neighbors and community through her service as Police Secretary of Tullytown Borough. Her thoughtful and dedicated work has earned the praise of her peers and added to the success of her hometown.

The continued efforts of involved individuals, like Sandi, make my District of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, a special one to represent.

I thank Sandi for dutifully executing her role as Police Secretary for the last 30 years and wish her all the best in her next 30.

**REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR.
PATRICK J. CARANO**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Patrick J. Carano, who passed away peacefully on June 5, 2015. Mr. Carano was highly regarded for his commitment to social justice, his educational determination, his devotion to his work, and most of all his unconditional love for family and friends. As a member of the Summit County community, Mr. Carano attended St. Martha's Catholic Grade School and North High School prior to graduating from Akron University. As a devoted public servant, Mr. Carano worked vigilantly for Summit County and the Summit County Port Authority until ultimately retiring in 2011 as the head of economic development for the City of Tallmadge, Ohio.

Mr. Carano was an esteemed member of our community. In his early years, he created the St. Martha's Social Committee. He later served on the board of the Akron Catholic Commission and dedicated his time to working with the non-profit Genneseerat, Inc. He was a man who championed his fellow workers and fought for better wages and fairer contracts for union members. Mr. Carano understood the importance of being politically involved and proved himself to be a leader within his party. He participated in numerous campaigns for Democratic candidates, organized the Summit County Progressive Democrats, and reinvigorated the Tallmadge Democratic Club.

Patrick Carano aimed to make his community a better place to call home, and he undoubtedly succeeded. Patrick is survived by

his loving wife, Lisa Zeno Carano; his sons, Justin and Matthew Carano; step-daughters, Kelsey and Samantha Kulesza; twin brother, Michael Carano; his nieces, Sarah and Lisa; his sister, Joan Feaster; and brothers, David and Thomas Carano. I am deeply saddened by the passing of Patrick Carano and I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his entire family. He was a great man whose legacy and memory will live on.

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 infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 7

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine highly pathogenic avian influenza, focusing on the impact on the United States poultry sector and protecting poultry flocks.

SR-328A

JULY 8

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine a path forward, focusing on trust modernization and reform for Indian lands.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine cyber crime, focusing on modernizing our legal framework for the information age.

SD-226

JULY 9

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine mitigation requirements, interagency coordination, and pilot projects related to economic development on Federal lands.

SD-366

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and related legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.

SD-366