

six U.S. mine tragedies and more than 30 miners' deaths this year already, the President did not request funding for additional safety enforcement personnel in his Fiscal Year 2007 budget. This proposal is after years of budget cuts to the Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration, MSHA, resulting in a decline of 170 full-time employees at MSHA and a decline of 217 employees in coal enforcement. In addition, President Bush has appointed former mining executives to the top political positions at the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

I will continue to support efforts to implement stronger miner safety laws. I oppose this bill and urge my colleagues in joining with me to fight for stronger regulations that will save lives and to fight for our working men and women.

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER T.  
MOSLEY III

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Walter T. Mosley III, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn, New York community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments. Walter T. Mosley III serves as Chief of Staff and Counsel to New York State Assemblyman William F. Boyland, Jr. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Mosley served as Legal Counsel to the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, Hon. Clarence Norman, Jr. from 2001 to 2005. In this capacity, he served as advisor to the Deputy Speaker on legislative and public policy issues related to statewide and borough-wide initiatives.

Mr. Mosley's current responsibilities include proposing and recommending legislative items and statewide sponsorship requests, serving as the assemblyman's consultant to social programs and economic development projects within central Brooklyn. He also serves as his re-election consultant, and manager of his staff, both in Brooklyn and Albany, New York.

Prior to accepting his current position with the New York State Assembly, Mr. Mosley served as a political consultant on several local and countywide campaigns, and in 2004, was assigned by the Democratic National Committee to work on behalf of Senator JOHN KERRY's presidential campaign. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Mosley was a Legislative and Oversight Analyst and Investigator for the New York City Council's Office of Oversight and Investigations. In that capacity, Mr. Mosley issued a number of citywide reports and studies on several public policy issues for the City Council.

Mr. Mosley is involved with many community activities, which include his personal work with literacy programs, youth and civic organizations that have made him keenly aware of the importance of helping others while providing opportunities for individuals to reach their full potential. Presently, Mr. Mosley serves as Chairman and Volunteer Mentor to "Future Giant," a non-profit Harlem/South Bronx community based organization formed to support and mentor adolescents and young

adults; Board Member, Bedford YMCA; Chairman of the Economic Development & Job Creation Committee for Community Board 2; Board Member, CUSH Campus Schools in Brooklyn, NY; Mentor, Penn State Fast Start Program for incoming freshmen from New York City; and an active member of the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP.

Recently, Mr. Mosley co-founded and is a managing partner for the consulting firm, Advent Consulting Group, LLC where he helps to advise and organize not-for-profit groups in New York City.

In his spare time, Mr. Mosley serves as a volunteer youth coach with the Brooklyn Skyhawks Football Club and as a participating coach with the National Football League's Junior Players Development Program. Mr. Mosley is a member of the oldest African-American fraternal organization in America—Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

In addition to his volunteer work, Mr. Mosley actively fundraises for the internationally acclaimed HIV/AIDS advocacy group, The "Balm in Gilead," where he participates yearly in their annual marathon. Mr. Mosley sincerely hopes the level of his commitment not only helps to generate funding and awareness in the fight against HIV/AIDS, but will encourage other young adults to join in his efforts to raise money and awareness towards the fight against this horrible disease. This year, Mr. Mosley intends to run in the New York City Marathon to raise funds for the Bedford YMCA. As a result of his tireless work and efforts, Mr. Mosley is the recipient of numerous community awards and recognitions.

CONCERNING THE THREE  
SUICIDES AT GUANTANAMO BAY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker there has been no organization, no strategy and no plan for the handling of the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. They have been in prison for years and years, with no hope of being formally charged. They are given none of the rights afforded prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention nor are they given the rights of criminal suspects in the U.S. justice system. In fact, out of the roughly 500 detainees at Guantanamo Bay, only four have been charged with war crimes. And, since these detainees are classified as enemy combatants, they can be held until the Iraq war is over. Since no one can accurately determine when the war will end, the prisoners could be detained for an indefinite amount of time.

Mr. Speaker, I visited Guantanamo Bay in 2003. I saw firsthand the conditions of the prisoners and the facilities in which they were being held. These prisoners were being held in small cells for over a year without any hope of having their day in court—or even being formally charged with a war crime. With this desperate atmosphere, it is not surprising that there have been at least 41 unsuccessful suicide attempts by 25 detainees since the United States began taking prisoners to the base in January 2002.

I find it inexcusable that my own country has not demonstrated more concern for the

basic Constitutional rights of these prisoners. If there is legitimate evidence of crime, these prisoners deserve a speedy trial.

Mr. Speaker, we must be a positive example to the world. We must prove to all those who would challenge our way of life that a worthy Democracy that upholds the rule of law even in the time of conflict, can exist. If we are to convince the world that terrorism is wrong and freedom is right and just, then as the most powerful voice of liberty, the United States of America must start acting as a leader and as an example.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency I was not in attendance in the House between June 12th and June 14th, and during that time I missed a number of roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 250 through 262, 270, 273, 283, 286 and 287, and I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 263 through 269, 271, 272, 274 through 282, 284 and 285.

I ask unanimous consent that this be entered into the RECORD in the appropriate place.

TRIBUTE TO MARK ABBOTT

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Abbott, Dean of the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University, on his nomination to the National Science Board. Oregon has long benefited from Dean Abbott's impressive scientific knowledge and I am delighted that he will now have the opportunity to share this insight with the rest of the country.

We in Congress have already benefited from Dean Abbott's scientific expertise. In July, 2002, he testified before the House Committee on Science's Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards about satellite data management at NOAA from the perspective of the Earth science community.

During his time at Oregon State, Dean Abbott's research has been focused on the interaction of biological and physical processes in the upper ocean. He has been a pioneer in the use of satellite ocean color data to study coupled physical/biological processes and he has also advised the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation on ocean information infrastructure. Dean Abbott was also recently appointed a co-chair of the State of Oregon's Climate Change Integration Group. This panel, appointed by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, has been charged with tracking the State's progress on greenhouse gas emission reductions and looking at future economic and societal implications of climate change.

The National Science Board is the governing body of the National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency established to promote the progress of science, advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and secure the national defense. The National Science Board has the dual responsibilities of serving as the national science policy advisor to the President and the Congress and serving as the governing board of the National Science Foundation.

Today, the Nation and the world are confronted with many questions about the possible impacts that human behavior is having on the environment. We need to make sure that our policy decisions are based on science and not the other way around. With Mark Abbott and others like him serving on the National Science Board, I know that this will continue to be the case.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM D.  
PINKETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of William D. Pinkett, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn, New York community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

William D. Pinkett was born in New Haven, Connecticut to the late William Sheridan and Hattie Pinkett. He is the fifth of five brothers, all of whom have preceded him in death.

William (Bill as he is affectionately called by most) came to Brooklyn as an infant, when his parents came to New York seeking a better life.

Bill was educated in the New York public school system, attending PS 41, Junior High School 210 and Boys High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree and Masters in Sociology from Brooklyn College. He also received a Masters of Science Degree in Educational Supervision from Pace University. In 1950, the US Army drafted Bill and he served in the infantry in Korea. In 1953, Bill received an honorable discharge and was immediately hired by the US Postal System. While working as a clerk at night, Bill attended graduate school and taught in the NYC Public Schools on a per diem basis during the day.

After 10 years of postal employment, he assumed a fulltime career as classroom teacher for 22 years. He later served as an educational administrator at the Board of Education headquarters for the next 10 years. Bill's tenure at the New York City Board of Education lasted 33 years. He retired in 1991, as a licensed Senior Educational Administrator of Curriculum and Staff Development.

Wherever Bill worked, he also served as a union representative in those titles. Upon retirement at the Board it was to be expected that he would become an elected officer in the Retired School Supervisors Chapter of the Council of Supervisors and Administrators (CSA). In his capacity as a Trustee of the CSA Retiree Welfare fund, Bill continues to serve as a champion for the rights and benefits for retirees of his former union.

Given Bill's leadership abilities, it was not a surprise that he was elected Chairman of the City-Wide Council of Municipal Retiree Organizations (COMRO), which is comprised of retirees from over 40 New York City unions, representing in excess of 150,000 retirees. Bill is completing his second term as Chairman of this distinguished organization of uniformed and civilian retirees, which seeks to maintain and improve the health benefits of all municipal retirees as well as keeping a watchful eye on legislation that impact upon New York City's five pension systems.

Bill will be quick to tell you that whatever skills in public relations with workers and retirees he might have, came about because he learned so much from his master teacher (and late wife), New York City Councilwoman Mary Glover Pinkett.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of William D. Pinkett as he offers his talents and services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, William Pinkett's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 14, 2006*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5576) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 5576, the Transportation-Treasury-Housing and Urban Development-Judiciary-DC Appropriations Act of 2007.

This bill will provide over \$139 billion in budgetary resources, including direct appropriations and funds from the transportation trust fund. Our highways and infrastructure system built this Nation, and we need to maintain them. This legislation brings the funding level to the amount required in the recently passed transportation bill, provides over \$1 billion for Amtrak and other rail service, as well as the funds needed to maintain our Community Development Block Grant and elderly housing programs.

But I believe that this could have been a better bill. The proposed cuts to the HUD programs such as Hope VI and Section 8 housing for the elderly should have been rejected.

I support H.R. 5576 as amended, and urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this bill.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS P. CANALI  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 16, 2006*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Francis (Frank) P. Canali on the occasion of his retirement from the Worcester, Massachusetts Public Schools. The end of this school year marks the end of Frank's distinguished thirty-four year career as a teacher and administrator at Worcester Vocational High School. During his long tenure, Frank has gained a well-deserved reputation as a talented professional educator who is widely respected and admired for his unflinching devotion to Worcester Voke.

The longevity of Frank Canali's career is not only impressive, it is also inspiring. In an age when loyalty is becoming an increasingly rare quality, Frank's steadfast commitment to the students, faculty and staff of Worcester Voke reminds us all what one man can accomplish when he dedicates his life's work to the betterment of a single institution. When Frank walks out the doors of Worcester Voke for the last time, he will leave the school an infinitely better place than he found it.

Frank began teaching at Worcester Vocational High School in 1972 as a graphic arts instructor in the evening program. He later taught offset lithography, both in the Career Educational Training Program and at Worcester Vocational High School, before becoming head of the graphic communications department in 1980. Along the way Frank furthered his own education by earning a bachelor's of science degree in education and a master's degree in administration of occupational education. He was subsequently appointed assistant principal in 2000 and ultimately principal in 2003. As Frank now prepares to end his career as principal, he leaves Worcester Vocational High School as one of the highest-performing public schools in the City of Worcester and with a new state-of-the-art facility that is the envy of every community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Both remarkable achievements are due in no small part to the immeasurable and lasting contributions Frank has made during his career. His positive influence has benefited an untold number of young men and women, and his legacy will be that he tirelessly demanded that vocational education receive the attention, emphasis and investment it rightly deserves and that our nation so desperately needs.

Mr. Speaker, as the brother of two Worcester public school teachers, I know well the great challenges and demands our educators face on a daily basis. For thirty-four years, Frank Canali has met and mastered those daily challenges. He enters retirement with the quiet pride and satisfaction of knowing that he has truly made a difference. I wish to offer my heartfelt appreciation for Frank's public service to the families of Worcester, Massachusetts, and I wish him and his wife Pattie, their children and grandchildren a happy and healthy retirement. He has earned it.