

department where he has served with distinction. During his tenure, he married Cheryl and together they are raising their son, Kevin.

While with the El Cerrito Police department Kenneth served in a number of different roles. He worked as a Major Crime Scene Evidence Technician; a Field Training Officer and a Forensic Detective. He also served as a Narcotics/Intelligence Officer where he notably participated in the state wide marijuana eradication programs in the summers of 1984 and 1985. Having performed these duties with great technical competence, efficiency and distinction, Kenneth was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1991 and to Detective Sergeant in 1995.

After his many years of dedicated service, Kenneth was promoted to the rank of Commander in 1997. As Police Commander of the El Cerrito Police Department, Kenneth has served his community with great dedication and pride and upon the occasion of his retirement is deserving of special recognition and the highest commendation.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride and pleasure in drawing special public attention to Commander Kenneth S. Mosby and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

EMERGENCY FUNDING IN H.R. 4745

### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, section 402 of House Concurrent Resolution 95, the congressional budget resolution for fiscal year 2006, requires a statement to be published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD explaining how the funding contained in H.R. 4745, (making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program, which will be considered in the House today, meets the criteria of emergency funding specified in such section.

Funding for the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program is provided in response to essential, urgent, and compelling needs resulting from the extreme natural disasters that occurred in the Gulf of Mexico region in calendar year 2005. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma resulted in the most expensive natural disasters ever to strike the U.S., and their scope and cost were completely unforeseen. The emergency funds provided in H.R. 4745 are justified under the criteria outlined in H. Con. Res. 95.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed Roll Call votes No. 8 and No. 9. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 8 and "aye" on Roll Call vote No. 9.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on February 14, 2006 during Rollcall votes No. 8 and No. 9 during the second session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was for H. Con. Res. 322—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the contribution of the USO to the morale and welfare of our servicemen and women of our armed forces and their families, the second was S. 1989—Holly A. Charette Post Office Designation Act.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yea" on these rollcall votes.

### IN SUPPORT OF THE CANINE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

### HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Canine Volunteer Protection Act of 2006. I do so because I am an advocate of protecting our service animals while they perform their duties.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, there were reports of first responders having difficulty working with local authorities. In some instances their dogs were threatened and their handlers were harassed as these first responders bravely carried out their duties. It was because of these reports, Mr. Speaker, that a constituent of mine, Ms. Amy Stegal of Stafford Springs, CT, contacted me and asked that we provide protection for these invaluable canine rescuers.

Ms. Stegal is affiliated with Connecticut Canine Search and Rescue, CCSAR. This important organization was incorporated in 1994 as a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a professional team response to all emergency service agency requests for lost, missing or drowned persons; advancing education in search and rescue procedures; and offering support for families of lost and missing persons.

Mr. Speaker, these dogs and their handlers heroically volunteer their time and expertise in times of natural disaster, yet they are not protected by Federal law. The Canine Volunteer Protection Act would give members of volunteer canine search and rescue teams, such as CCSAR members, the same protections current law gives other law enforcement animals. This includes both a monetary fine and/or imprisonment of those persons who willfully and maliciously harm any search and rescue dog.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure to protect search and rescue teams as they selflessly perform their rescue missions. I thank Ms. Stegal of Stafford Springs for bringing this important issue to my attention.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the votes on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall Vote 7: I would have voted in favor of the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act. I strongly support the extension of the "patch" for the Alternative Minimum Tax, AMT, which helps middle income taxpayers who are being unfairly drawn into paying higher taxes.

Rollcall Vote 6: I would have voted in favor of H. Res 657, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools.

Rollcall Vote 5: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 670, congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL.

Had I been present for the votes on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall Vote 4: I would have voted against H. Res. 653, providing for consideration of the budget reconciliation bill for fiscal year 2006, S. 1932. I strongly oppose the Republican budget reconciliation.

Rollcall Vote 3: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 648, to eliminate floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members of officers of the House.

Rollcall Vote 2: I would have voted against the ruling of the chair on the McDermott point of order stating that the provisions of H. Res. 653 violate the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 by imposing an unfunded mandate.

### TRIBUTE TO SHEPARD KING

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Shepard King, a remarkable man with tremendous talent, energy and generosity whose many contributions to our entire South Florida community comprise an enduring and lasting legacy that will be with us for many years to come.

Shepard King was a doer and an achiever. He was co-chair of the National Tax, Trusts & Estates Practice at the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, one of Florida's most successful and influential firms. He served as a President of the Miami Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, AJC, and strongly believed in its mission. Additionally, Shep served as a Director of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association; an Adjunct Faculty Member in the Masters in Taxation Program of the UM School of Law; a Member of the American College of Tax Counsel; the Executive Council, Tax Section of The Florida Bar; the Law Revision Council of Florida; the Board of Directors, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation; co-founder, the Family Business Institute at Florida International University and Hands Across the Campus; and Chairman, South Florida Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Through the work of Ms. Bernita M. King, Mr. Russell L. King and the American Jewish Committee, however, Shephard King's legacy will be alive and well because of the Shep King Endowment Fund, which was established in 2004, one year after Shep King passed away. Throughout his life, he had a profound appreciation for the insights and opportunities that his education had provided him, and he always encouraged his own children and others to get as much education as possible.

Because he believed so strongly in the power of education, the Shep King Endowment Fund is dedicated to providing scholarships to underprivileged children in South Florida. The Endowment aims to identify recipients while they are still in elementary school and to provide hands-on guidance, as well as financial support, to aid children and offset private school educational expenses during junior high school, high school and college. Although the scholarship is established through the United Jewish Philanthropies, the recipients are students of any race, religion, or ethnicity. Currently, the first Shep King Scholar is studying at a private junior high school in Miami, and an additional student is anticipated to be added this fall.

My hope is that over the years, the Shep King Endowment Fund can bring the opportunities that come through education to many others and that Shep's legacy will continue to live on through their accomplishments.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
DICK GODDARD

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my friend, Dick Goddard, for his life-long activism and advocacy in promoting and protecting the welfare of animals, especially humankind's best friends, our dogs and cats.

Mr. Goddard has served as WJW TV8's, FOX8 News, Chief Meteorologist for 40 years. His interesting intellectual insights and quick wit reflect in every forecast and have endeared him to thousands of daily, faithful viewers. For decades, Mr. Goddard has channeled his celebrity profile, both, on and off camera, to promote and support programs that benefit the animal companions of our community. From neuter and spay programs, to featuring dog and cat adoptions twice weekly during the 6 o'clock news broadcast, Mr. Goddard's unwavering and compassionate focus has provided safe and secure homes for hundreds of unwanted pets.

Mr. Goddard has built strong connections with area animal shelters and volunteers his time and talents in raising tens of thousands of dollars for more than 60 animal welfare organizations throughout Ohio. He regularly attends and promotes animal welfare events and is the point person in our community regarding animal-related concerns. Mr. Goddard's commitment and compassion is equaled and supported by many volunteers, including Patti Fisher and Mary Pennington, who've worked behind-the-scenes with Mr. Goddard for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Dick Goddard,

whose personal and professional integrity, affable nature, and deep concern for our community lends a voice of protection, rescue, warmth and shelter for stray and abandoned dogs and cats throughout our region. I also wish my friend a very happy birthday and a lifelong forecast of peace, health and happiness, under blue and sunny skies.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 18TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAGORNO  
KARABAKH FREEDOM MOVE-  
MENT

**HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2006*

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I join today with many of my colleagues in extending my congratulations to the people of Nagorno Karabakh on the anniversary of the Nagorno Karabakh Freedom Movement.

On February 20, 1988, the people of Nagorno Karabakh officially petitioned the Soviet government to reunite with Armenia and reverse the injustice perpetrated by the Soviet dictator, Joseph Stalin.

This peaceful and legal request was met with violent reaction by the Soviet and Azerbaijani leadership, and escalated into full military aggression against Nagorno Karabakh. The people of Nagorno Karabakh bravely defended their right to live in freedom on their ancestral land.

Today, Nagorno Karabakh continues to strengthen its statehood with a democratically elected government, a capable defense force, and an independent foreign policy.

I stand with the people of Nagorno Karabakh in celebrating their continuing freedom and democracy.

HONORING VINCE YOUNG AND HIS  
2005 ROSE BOWL VICTORY

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2006*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Vince Young on leading the University of Texas Longhorns to their 2005 Rose Bowl Victory.

Vince is a fellow Houstonian who has successfully overcome numerous obstacles to the success that he now enjoys. As a young child, he was hurt in a horrible accident that left his body battered and bruised. Vince worked tirelessly to recuperate with a tenacity not often demonstrated by 7-seven-year old children and, with the help of his mother and his grandmother, he recovered. Under the guidance of his family, Vince also fought his way through the difficulties and temptations that so many young people must face in today's world.

As a student at James Madison High School in Houston, Vince demonstrated a natural athletic prowess. His stellar performance as a high school quarterback earned him the attention of universities nationwide. Vince chose to attend the University of Texas at Austin, an institution known for academic excellence and a

tradition of athletic achievement. There, he triumphed as a student-athlete. In 2003, he became the starting quarterback for the Longhorns and began a college football career that was certainly meant for the record books. As a starter, Vince garnered the best win record in the University of Texas' history, which consists of 29 wins and only 2 losses, the sixth best winning percentage in NCAA history.

During the 2005 season, Vince's strength, accuracy, agility, and speed led the Longhorns to an undefeated season and a Big 12 Championship. His outstanding performance earned him nationwide accolades and culminated in a stunning victory over the USC Trojans at the 2005 NCAA Championship game. Under Vince's leadership, the talented team earned the University of Texas its first national title since 1970.

Vince's trademark is his versatility, which is expressed both on and off the football field. Throughout his college career, he was heavily involved in community service activities. His particular interest in assisting youth has been demonstrated through his mentorship of elementary and middle school students, his performance as a student-teacher and mentor for middle school math and science students through the LEAP, Learn, Enjoy and Play, Program, and his volunteer activities at the Austin YMCA. Vince has also served as a speaker at several youth organizations in Austin and is active in community service projects through his church.

In a State where football players at all levels are often treated as royalty and who, at times, come to expect indulgences that others are denied, Vince has consistently demonstrated a depth of character to which all young people should aspire. He is a charismatic leader who has set a tremendous example for all of us and who has shown that hard-work, dedication, and heart are a recipe for success.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Vince for his victorious Rose Bowl performance. But more importantly, I would like to express my thanks to him for representing the city of Houston with such class. I wish him continued success as he grows both as a football player and a man.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARLOTTA  
WALLS LANIER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 15, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carlotta Walls LaNier for her contributions to the American human rights movement and her continued service as a role model and educator for the youth of this country.

Carlotta is truly a woman of living history. She was born on December 18, 1942, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was one of the nine African American teenagers who integrated Little Rock Arkansas' Central High School in 1957, following the U.S. Supreme Courts' ruling in Brown v. Board of Education. Implementing such a ruling required a presidential order to provide troops to protect Carlotta and the other students breaking through the racial barrier. Despite threats on her and her family's life, and countless other incidents of intimidation and prejudice, Carlotta graduated in 1960.