

The 2000 elections undermined the confidence of voters as the saga of counting ballots and tallying votes lingered for months. As a result, the call for election reform implemented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which provided funding for election administration and electronic voting machines. This act was a giant step in the right direction of assuring voter security, and voter confidence.

However, the elections of 2004 exposed once again a call for further action. An estimated 50 million voters cast their ballots on the electronic voter machines that lacked a voter-verified paper audit trail. This leaves no mechanism to verify or resolve reported voter tallies. Simply put, this is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker—H.R. 811 takes aim at resolving this very problem. It mandates an independent audit mechanism, which means that every voter will verify on a permanent paper ballot his or her vote. And in order to ensure this is carried out in the right manner, this bill provides necessary funding and oversight.

With another Presidential election on the horizon, it is vitally important that we restore the confidence of voters across this nation. Every citizen must be heard, and thus their every vote must be recorded. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ensure that the voice of Americans is never again placed in doubt.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT E. CLARK

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert E. Clark, a decorated Captain in the United States Navy, and native of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

At a commencement ceremony later today, Captain Clark will be inducted into West Chester East High School's Hall of Fame—a deserving honor for a devoted servant of our great Nation. While a student at East High School, Clark was a scholar athlete—maintaining excellent grades while lettering in football, basketball, and track.

After graduation, Clark went on to attend the United States Naval Academy—the first graduate of West Chester East ever to do so. Since graduating from Annapolis, Clark has honorably served his country as an officer in the Navy's submarine fleet.

He has received several personal decorations for his distinguished service, including the prestigious Legion of Merit.

I thank Captain Clark for his selfless service to our Nation, and I congratulate him on his well-earned induction into West Chester East's Hall of Fame. He has set a fine example for our next generation of young leaders to follow.

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS)

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chemical Abstracts Service, an American scientific institution and world's largest compendium of information on chemical substances.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, adjacent to the campus of Ohio State University, what is now called Chemical Abstracts Service, or "CAS" as it is popularly known, was founded in 1907 when a collaboration of leading chemists partnered with the American Chemical Society to begin publishing a new journal called Chemical Abstracts.

One hundred years later, Chemical Abstracts is recognized around the world as a leading source of indexed scientific literature and contains more than 27 million bibliographic records related to the chemical sciences. Its sister resource, the CAS Registry, comprises more than 32 million unique entries for chemical substances. These two massive and integrated databases, along with a wealth of related resources on chemistry and chemical reactions, form the backbone of today's Chemical Abstract Service. Scientists, information professionals, and academicians around the world access these databases daily through online services that have revolutionized the way scientists conduct research.

Speaking of the value of CAS services, 2005 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Robert Grubbs, said, "CAS databases streamline the investigative process, allowing you to take an idea and rapidly find the important and necessary information before you forget about the idea or it loses its excitement. That really is invaluable."

This year CAS celebrates its 100th anniversary as a strong, vibrant national scientific treasure: fully electronic, web-enabled, and still growing every day. This month, CAS is being designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark and it is my honor to recognize this great scientific institution and wish CAS good luck for its next 100 years.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOR THE STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buffalo and Western New York letter deliverers who are part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

This month, NALC collected more than 70 million pounds of food for local food banks, pantries, and shelters to help needy families as part of its nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. I would like to specifically recognize the Branch 3 carriers in Buffalo and Western New York for collecting more than 2 million pounds

of donations, placing them as the top NALC local branch in the drive for the fifth consecutive year.

With one in five American children living in poverty, we must all do our part to end hunger. I am proud of the efforts that these hard-working men and women have taken to better their community and I ask that all Americans join in the effort to stamp out hunger.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RHYS LEWIS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Rhys Lewis upon his receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout nearly seven decades, Mr. Lewis has served our nation with distinction. As a United States Marine Corps Sergeant, he defended our liberty in the South Pacific during World War II before returning home and marrying Ruth M. Lewis in 1947. Then, in 1958, Rhys was elected a Republican precinct delegate and, ultimately, a Redford Charter Township Trustee. In addition to his loyal public service, Mr. Lewis has been Chairman of Redford Civil Affairs and of the Wayne 17th Congressional District Republicans.

Rhys is a pillar of the Michigan Republican party, who has served on the Michigan GOP State Committee for eight years and in the Redford Republican party as for a decade. As a result of his loyalty to liberty and courage of his convictions, Rhys has enriched the lives of others and established a honorable legacy of courage, leadership and service.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his legendary contributions to the Michigan Republican party and of his lifetime of extraordinary achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rhys Lewis for his tireless service to our community and our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, due to inclement weather, my flight to Washington, D.C. was delayed, and I regrettably missed rollcall votes 448–450. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 448, "yea," rollcall No. 449, "yea," rollcall No. 450, "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, June 11, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have

voted “aye” on H.R. 2356, rollcall vote No. 448; I would have voted “aye” on S. 676, rollcall vote No. 449; I would have voted “aye” on H. Res. 418, rollcall vote No. 450.

RECOGNITION OF RABBI JAY ROSENBAUM AND THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD OF RABBIS GERMAN-AMERICAN JEWISH EX-CHANGE PROGRAM

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, Today, I rise to commend Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis (NABOR) on the fifth anniversary of the German-American Jewish youth exchange program.

NABOR has brought together young high school students from Germany for an exchange program with American Jewish youth living in a variety of cities and suburbs throughout the United States. The students have learned about each other's cultures and traditions and in the process established close and enduring bonds of friendship. They meet not only other students participating in the exchange programs but also the larger population of teenagers in their schools. The result is that over tens of thousands of young people in Germany and the United States have been touched by this program which has gone far in increasing understanding of two very rich cultures.

It is with real pleasure that I recognize Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum, who serves as the Spiritual Leader of Temple Israel of Lawrence, the oldest synagogue in Long Island. Rabbi Rosenbaum has been a leader in the Jewish community for over 30 years, and has been recognized for both the outstanding services he provides as a Congregational Rabbi as well as for work on his behalf of International Jewry and human rights. Rabbi Rosenbaum was the founder of the NABOR exchange. He was also among the leaders six years ago of a delegation of 50 Rabbis who visited Berlin to establish a closer relationship with the Jewish community, business community and leaders of the society in Germany.

This year the North American Board of Rabbis is bestowing its Tikkun Olam award to Mr. Jan Carendi, Chairman of Allianz of America, and Mr. Ernst Lieb, President of Mercedes-Benz USA. Both Allianz and Mercedes Benz have distinguished themselves as enlightened companies that have supported the exchange program since its inception. Operating on a global platform, they have a tradition of striving to improve relations and understanding between German and the Jewish communities throughout the world. The award was presented at a ceremony hosted by Dr. Hans-Juergen Heimsoeth, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York City, which has also played a prominent role in support of the exchange program.

Madam Speaker, Germany has moved a long way from the dark days of the Third Reich and now has the fastest growing Jewish population in Europe. It is important for students to learn that past but also to develop an understanding of the dynamic positive changes taking place within German society. I

therefore am pleased to recognize the great contributions being made by Rabbi Rosenbaum and the North American Board of Rabbis.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the township of Washington and borough of Westwood Police Departments will hold a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. Nearly 200 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily. I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in these communities, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Michaela Bermudez, Michael Bonhard, Sabrina Di Costanzo, Maureen Drivick, Amber Hermanns, Mariel Hohmann, Gabriella Khalil, Tyler Kocher, Xhenette Koci, Gina Lagomarsino, Connor McCarron, John Meluso, William Mitchell, Kathryn Neary, Sara Nestrowitz, Andrew Paterson, Matthew Rivera, Steven Shanley, Gregory Smith, Vincent Soccodato, Amanda Sonntag, Tie Stutzer, Dana Tannariello, Nile Tracy, Erin Wholey, Abigail Blumkin, Kirstyn Brendlen, Craig Carmilani, Ryan DeLoughry, Tristan DiMaria, Chiara Ferrari Wong, Justin Hrbek, Ethan Isaac, Caner Kardesoglu, Rebecca Koch, Patrick Korkuch, Bridget Kramer, Kylie Kuizema, Tess LaSala, Ryan Liggio, Matthew Macchione, Adrian Mena, Alycia Monaco, Corinne Myers, Scott Oberhelman, Justine Park, Samantha Roth, Jason Solomon, Raechel Sontag, Michelle Stewart, Roney Amir, Yessica Barrantes, Evan Botternan, Manuel Bravo, Maxwell Brungardt, Morgan Hans, Sabrina Herzing, Erin Hunter, Larysa Iwaskiw, Harrison Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Jennifer Kang, Minseok Kim, Susana Londono Vasco, Marcela Ortiz, Alesia Passaro, Alison Pimpinella, Larry Pirone, Catherine Saunders, Jessica Sheldon, Michael Wiegman, Lee Wilson, Tyler Yurkin, Armando Amador, Paul Antonick, Michael Best, Kathy Bilius, Paris Birkner, Slater Brown, Melissa Bui, Hana Butler, Alyssa Foss, James Giordano, Meghan Harrington, Ryan Mansfield, Ryan McKinley, Emilie McLaughlin, Chelsea Moriarty, Kailee Oakes, Gabriela Paredes, Ankira Patel, Sandy Restrepo, Troy Ribitzki, Maria Rosca, Alex Ruiz, Nicole Scordo, Cynthia Smith, Elias Bermudez, Erin Bianchi, Alyssa Blundo, Frank Cofone, Ryan Dahm, Raven Donahue, Ashley Driscoll, Lisa Firriolo, Rachel Fischer, Travis Gallo, Kristen Greenstein, Ryan Liddy, Karine Liu, David Londono Vasco, Allison Maskin, Zachary Miros, Michael Miuccio, Megan Robinson, Tierney Rosen, Jason Sangastiano, Travis Segarra, Alexandra Serpikov, Sam Zitomer, Vanessa Beuel,

Maria Campos, Joseph Corra, Nina D' Ambrosio, Amy Dadamo, Jennifer Dunn, Brandon Eo, Andrew Ferreira, Keith Haas, Mechele Hudspeth, Jennifer Keri, Matthew Kornhauser, Vikas Lohana, Kiyoshi Lopez, Samantha Malnick, Robert Marino, Kyle Marshall, Christian Merkle, Taylor Meyers, Rachel Mosca, Denee Oliver, Ashley Puk, Robert Schroeder, Cassandra Trovini, Faviola Vivar, Jake Campanella, Andrew Cirillo, Robert Ciringione, Christopher DeTitta, Elise Fedele, Renee Goe, Olivia Guerriero, Darian Henry, Samuel Hutchinson, Brittany Kanabar, Colin Keating, Aracelis Lombardi, Michael LoSardo, Scott Loverich, Adina Millman, Kahna Miyoshi, Kayla Navarro, Kumal Nekiwala, Emiri Nezu, Brendan O'Sullivan, Jessica Potestivo, Paige Rios, Phillip Sabbagh, Joseph Sabbers, Samuel Bernhardt, Zachary Charkonis, Natasha Collova, Alex Contreras, Elliott Cortes, Hope Di Pasquale, Jessica Easterbrook, Victoria Geimke, Emily Griffin, Michael Haas, Samantha Lewis, Quinton Long, Lauren Marsiglia, Luke Mazzarini, Nicholas Napoli, Jaime Pallatta, Chelsea Pate, John Rivera, Jacqueline Romeo, Joseph Scotto, Michael Spezial, Janell Spigner, Ryan Stapleton, Andrew Toto.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MARK KIDD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I am here today with my colleague Mike Rogers to extend our sincerest gratitude to Corporal Mark Kidd—a son, grandson, brother, Marine and American—for his service to our nation, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. As a friend of the family it is very difficult for us to try to serve the dual roles that, in many ways, you helped give us on this sorrowful day.

Mark, as we all know, grew up cradled in the arms of his loved ones and strengthened here in the cradle of liberty. When he was called to serve he served in the defense of his nation, not by oppressing his fellow human beings in foreign lands, but by bringing emancipation to them so that they, too, could yearn to breathe free. It is in such a way of service to our fellow human beings that we honor not only our nation, but more importantly, we honor the universal spirit of a loving God who created us all. Thus, it is important that we remember, even as we grieve today, how we are all frail ephemeral human beings, groping through this veil of tears toward the infinite eternal perfection of the loving God, who created and awaits us all. It is a daunting calling, then, that we must answer; to strive, suffer and serve on behalf of our fellow human beings.

But Mark was not daunted. Mark accepted this challenge and he devotedly, courageously, and honorably strove to help free an entire people. Now he is cradled in the arms of our loving God and, no doubt, having not slumbered through this earthly life he may truly say with joyous rapture; now God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour and caught our youth and wakened us from sleeping.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, Corporal Mark Kidd—beloved son, grandson, brother, Marine, American.