

"Aye" on the Poe Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 482).

"No" on the LaTourette Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 483).

"Aye" on the Tancred Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 484).

"Aye" on the Tancred Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 485).

"Aye" on the Royce Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 486).

"Aye" on the Forbes Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 487).

"Aye" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 488).

"Aye" on the Rogers (KY) Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 489).

"Aye" on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 490).

"No" on Passage of H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 491).

"Aye" on Hayes Amendment to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 492).

"No" on the Blumenauer Amendment to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 493).

"Aye" on the Price (GA) Amendment No. 17 to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 494).

"Aye" on the Moran (KS) Amendment to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 495).

"Aye" on the Garrett Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 496).

"Aye" on the Musgrave Amendment to H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 497).

"Aye" on Passage of H.R. 2642, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 498).

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR
DOUGLAS P. JONES

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rev-

erend Douglas P. Jones, who celebrates his 18th anniversary as pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, on June 18, 2007, as well as his birthday on June 10, 2007.

After graduating from the University of Cincinnati, Pastor Jones continued his studies in pastoral care administration at Cincinnati Bible College. On April 8, 1989, the Welcome Ministry Baptist Church voted to call Reverend Jones as their pastor. During his years of service, he has earned certificates in various workshops and counseling sessions, as well as special training in administration, management, and planning. Under his leadership, the congregation has seen its membership grow from 165 to over 3,600.

Pastor Jones' tireless efforts and continued dedication to the ministry has allowed him to develop strong support that extends throughout the city of Pontiac and Oakland County. This includes serving as the Chaplain of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Board Chair of North Oakland Medical Center, and acting as a board member for the Pontiac Oakland Symphony, the Minority Chamber of Commerce, and the Salvation Army. Pastor Jones is more than deserving of the numerous honors and awards that he has received over the past 18 years, including commendations from the City of Pontiac, the State of Michigan, and even recognition from President Bill Clinton.

The impact that Pastor Jones has had on the community is immeasurable. As founder and President of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition and board member of the Pontiac Youth Assistance Board, he has established programs that guide our youth to a brighter future. In addition, the scholarship established by his church has helped open the doors of success to hundreds of young men and women.

Today I recognize Reverend Douglas P. Jones for his commitment to his faith and community. He has truly worked to help better those around him. I wish him many years of continued success and a happy and healthy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAFF
SERGEANT SHANNON WEAVER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, SSG Shannon Weaver was killed on May 21, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an I.E.D. Staff Sergeant Weaver was assigned to the A Company, 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division stationed in Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Staff Sergeant Weaver had previously completed two operational deployments and was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. Staff Sergeant Weaver will be dearly missed by family and the community of his youth, Piedmont, Alabama. Shannon was a graduate of Piedmont High School where he was a member of the football team. His former teammates recall a young man known for his strong will and determination.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family and for the gratitude

our country feels for his service. Staff Sergeant Weaver, like other brave men and women who have served in uniform, died serving not just the United States but the entire cause of liberty. Indeed, like those who have served before him, he was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve our Nation. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's remembrance at this mournful occasion.

COMMEMORATING UCLA'S 100TH
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the University of California, Los Angeles for winning its 100th NCAA championship. UCLA is the first university to reach this historic milestone through the hard work and dedication of gifted young student-athletes and their coaches. Beginning with the university's first NCAA championship in tennis in 1950, 16 different men's and women's athletics programs have contributed to these 100 championships, establishing an unparalleled record of excellence. The most recent championship victory was achieved when the women's water polo team captured the 2007 NCAA title. For the talented young women of the water polo team, this represents their third consecutive championship and fifth overall.

Madam Speaker, while this is an occasion to commend these athletes, their coaches, the athletics staff, and the fans who proudly wear the blue and gold, we should recognize not only their athletic achievements, but also UCLA's outstanding tradition of nurturing student-athletes who excel both on and off the field and the contributions they make to their communities as they do so. I am proud and delighted to congratulate UCLA on this occasion. Go Bruins.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker. I was not present during rollcall votes Nos. 444-447 on June 7, 2007, and rollcall votes Nos. 492-498 on June 14, 2007.

On rollcall vote No. 444 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 445 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 446 I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 447 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 492 I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 493 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 494 I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 495 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 496 I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 497 I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 498 I would have voted "yes."

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL D. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2638, the Fiscal Year 2008 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

The tragic terrorist attacks of 2001, and the destruction resulting from Hurricane Katrina in 2005, made clear that we must improve our nation's ability to prepare for and respond to disasters. In the days and weeks following these events, the United States Congress acted quickly to provide our Nation's first-responders with the resources and equipment they need to ensure our security.

The bill before us today provides critical resources for vital national security requirements, including increased border patrol agents, port security improvements, and grants for America's firefighters. Still, although continued funding for such important programs is essential, it is obvious that increased spending alone cannot solve every problem.

Since its creation in 2002, the Department of Homeland Security has at times suffered from wasteful spending decisions and business management shortcomings. Unfortunately, this legislation fails to correct many of these deficiencies—and instead would boost

funding levels well above what experts at the Department have requested.

In 2004, the 9/11 Commission also characterized the federal focus on aviation security following the 2001 terrorist attacks as "fighting the last war," and noted that "opportunities to do harm are as great, or greater, in maritime or surface transportation." In the wake of attacks on subway trains in London and on passenger rail lines in Madrid and Mumbai, it is clear that terrorist organizations are intent on disrupting surface transportation systems and mass transit around the world. Despite the 9/11 Commission's warning, the legislation before us today continues to provide billions for aviation security, while failing to prioritize rail and transit spending.

Mr. Chairman, it is our duty to make certain that we have an effective national security system, capable of ensuring the safety of all Americans. I am concerned that H.R. 2638 fails to adequately achieve this goal and I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve this bill as we move forward with the legislative process.