

Since 1978, Pat has served as President and Directing Business Representative for the District Lodge. In this role, Pat has had the responsibility of negotiating multiple labor agreements and enforcing 61 labor agreements with employers. He also served 10,000 members representing nineteen local lodges in the District. Finally, he had the full responsibility of overseeing and supervising a full staff of elected business representatives and office employees.

Particularly noteworthy is Pat's work in establishing a Joint Apprenticeship Program between General Dynamics and District Lodge 776, which has continued under Lockheed Martin. This model program successfully trained highly skilled aircraft tooling personnel with a high completion rate. I am most familiar with Pat's outstanding work with the Community Learning Center in Fort Worth. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Learning Center which provides skills training to unemployed, underemployed and displaced workers.

Pat Lane has also been extremely active in the Fort Worth community. He served on the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness for four years. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for the Tarrant County United Way as well as the Tarrant County Junior College as a labor consultant. Furthermore, he has devoted his time as a youth baseball coach and Boy Scouts Leader.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this opportunity to recognize the dedication of Mr. Pat Lane to the Fort Worth community. As he retires, I join his friends and family in wishing him a long and happy retirement. He has certainly earned it.

**MOURNING THE PASSING OF
KEELEY DORSEY, A STUDENT AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH
FLORIDA**

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great sadness to recognize the life of a talented student at the University of South Florida, Keeley Dorsey. I know my colleagues join with me in extending their sincere condolences to Keeley's family and friends who knew him well and loved him deeply.

The USF family lost a valued member of its community last Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, during a routine workout session with his fellow football team members, Keeley passed out, and efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. He was only 19 years old, but even during his short time among us, Keeley made a huge impact on those around him and set a sterling example for what hard work and perseverance can achieve.

Keeley was a star football player at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, strong enough to play three positions—quarterback, tailback and wide receiver. As he excelled on the football field, he worked just as diligently on his academics and gained admission to USF. In Keeley's first football game last fall, he ran 52 yards for a touchdown. Over the course of the season, his talent on the field showed, and

coaches were certain that Keeley, with his positive attitude and outstanding leadership skills, would be a cornerstone of the next season's football team. He had even been selected to be a host for visiting high school recruits, a duty usually carried out only by upperclassmen.

As I join with Keeley's family and friends in mourning a life lost so young, I know that they are proud of him and of the accomplishments he made in his 19 years. I know the University of South Florida family will remember him always.

**TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD RESERVIST
SPRING DE HAVILAND**

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and thank retiring United States Coast Guard Reserve Public Affairs Specialist First Class Spring de Haviland for her exemplary service to our Nation.

Specialist First Class de Haviland retired from the United States Coast Guard Reserves on January 11, 2007 after 30 years of service that began on January 26, 1977. She served at a number of duty stations, including San Pedro, California, Valdez, Alaska, Grand Haven, Michigan, Kodiak Island, Alaska, Washington, D.C. United States Coast Guard Headquarters, and Washington Island, Wisconsin.

During her distinctive career, Ms. de Haviland earned 6 Good Conduct Medals, 6 Meritorious Service Medals, a Unit Commendation Medal, and a Special Operations Medal. She received 4 awards for exemplary service from the U.S. Department of Defense Information School for her work as a public affairs, media relations, community relations and cultural affairs relations instructor. Among her many projects, she created, produced and distributed worldwide to the military Persian Excursion, a humorous video featuring Bob Hope, and directed the Two Hundred Year USCG Anniversary celebration in Grand Haven, Michigan. Ms. de Haviland was also recognized as Outstanding Enlistee of the Year by her USCGR group.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Specialist First Class de Haviland for her 30 years of dedicated service. Our Nation owes her a debt of gratitude for her commitment and record of accomplishments.

**CONGRATULATING THE 2007 NAACP
HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
HON. CAROLYN Q. COLEMAN**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great woman in the African-American community and a visionary leader in North Carolina, The Honorable Carolyn Q. Coleman. Mrs. Coleman will receive the 2007 NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Award at

the 23rd Annual NAACP Humanitarian of the Year Banquet on Saturday, January 27 in Durham, North Carolina. Her work over the last year is inspiring but what truly makes her remarkable is the scope of her deeds over a lifetime.

Carolyn Quilloin Coleman is a native of Savannah, Georgia, where as a young woman she became involved in civil rights and human rights issues with the local NAACP Youth Council. After a 9 year ban of the NAACP in Alabama, Coleman joined the late Althea Simmons in reorganizing units in that State. She currently serves as Secretary of the National Board and Assistant Secretary of the National Association. On the State level, Mrs. Coleman is the First Vice President of the North Carolina State Conference and is a member of the Greensboro Branch's Executive Committee.

Mrs. Coleman graduated from Savannah State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and minors in Economics and Sociology. She pursued her Masters Degree in Adult Education at North Carolina A&T and has also studied at the Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee.

Professionally, Mrs. Coleman served as the Special Assistant to Governor Jim Hunt for eight years, providing guidance on issues of the minority community. In her forty-year relationship with the NAACP, Mrs. Coleman has served with distinction as a Regional Youth Director, Alabama State Director, Southeast Voter Education Director and the North Carolina State Director.

Mrs. Coleman led the North Carolina State Conference in filing 13 lawsuits challenging the at-large elections of Judges, County Commissioners, City Council and School Board members. Her efforts led to redistricting in the State, which made possible the election of two African-American Members of Congress in the 1990s, the first since Reconstruction. In total, the results of those suits led to the election of ten African-American Superior Court Judges and over 100 new African-American officials.

In 2006, Mrs. Coleman won re-election to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners with 74 percent of the vote and was elected the first African-American woman to chair the Board. As a Commissioner, Mrs. Coleman is a liaison on several boards, including the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and the Work First Planning Board, in addition to her responsibilities on the Board's Budget Process Committee, Community Based Organizations Study Committee and School Budget Committee.

Despite her years of continued service, Mrs. Coleman still makes time for her friends—as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, her family—as the mother of one son, Carlton, and faith—as a communicant of the New Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Coleman for more than twenty years as a family friend and a colleague in the struggle for racial justice. There is no question that her work has made a difference in the lives of many North Carolinians.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and the delegates to the NAACP Conference in paying tribute to this courageous

and dedicated woman who has worked to foster and continue our Nation's founding principle—that all men and women are created equal.

THE CLEAN WATER STATE
REVOLVING LOAN FUND

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it was brought to my attention that on last Friday—during the customary exchange between Majority Leader HOYER and Minority Whip BLUNT—the gentleman from Missouri had some questions regarding the “substantive” nature of my subcommittee's business on last Friday.

As the recently elected Chairwoman of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, I have come to the floor to address the gentleman's inquiries.

From the onset, I want to make it clear to the gentleman from Missouri that I empathize with his disgruntlement over our current work schedule.

However, I also want the gentleman to understand that I will not sit idly by and allow the escalation of the gentleman's disgruntlement to come at the expense of my subcommittee and the good work of the committee members.

The Water Resources Subcommittee has the broadest agenda of any of the Transportation Subcommittees, covering Corps of Engineers' projects and authorities, EPA's Clean Water and Superfund Programs, Brownfields, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and programs carried out by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Last Friday, with a standing room only crowd, the Subcommittee returned to some of the unfinished work of the previous, Republican-led Congress—particularly, reauthorization of the highly popular Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund program.

This is the same program that, despite bipartisan efforts, was blocked from floor consideration by Republican leadership last Congress due to various objections to certain wage provisions.

The Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund program is a powerful partnership between EPA and the States. It allows States the flexibility to provide funding for projects that will address their highest-priority water quality needs.

The program allows Federal, State, and local agencies to leverage limited dollars. Moreover, loans for such water infrastructure projects also tend to stimulate local economies by encouraging commercial development and construction and creating good paying jobs.

As a result of this, the Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee will be moving forward on a pro-environment and pro-infrastructure agenda.

Over the coming weeks my subcommittee will be introducing legislation aimed at reauthorizing a series of long overdue Clean Water Act program provisions and water infrastructure bills aimed at restoring and maintaining confidence in our Nation's water resources.

Regrettably, over the past six years the current Administration has presided over the slow, but steady, dismantling of the public's confidence in our water resources. Inadequate budgets, the easing of regulatory safeguards, and misguided priorities have brought about a dramatic reversal in national water quality trends.

We have not enacted a Water Resources Development Act since this President has been in office. This is ridiculous!

Adequate investment in our Nation's drinking water infrastructure has also been woefully neglected. Two years ago the EPA conducted a survey of the needs of public water systems. The survey estimates that public water systems need to invest \$276 billion on drinking water infrastructure improvements over twenty years to comply with drinking water regulations and to ensure safe water.

Without a renewed commitment towards investment from all parties, in less than a generation, the U.S. could lose much of the gains made possible by the Clean Water Act.

State and local governments can not tackle these enormous challenges alone. The Federal Government must be a willing and able partner and the time to act is now. The Federal Government must renew its commitment to ensure the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of our Nation's water supply.

We owe future generations no less.

COLLEGE STUDENT RELIEF ACT
OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5, the College Student Relief Act of 2007.

Make no mistake; H.R. 5 is a bad bill which does not live up to its title. In fact, this legislation provides no assistance to help future and current students attend college. Instead of helping increase attendance, this legislation seeks to reduce interest rates for those making payments on their student loans. This is a worthy goal. But this legislation accomplishes this by taxing private lenders, ultimately reducing the number of lenders willing to participate in the student loan program.

H.R. 5 provides a short-term reduction in interest rates for students who received federally guaranteed subsidized loans while they were attending college. In order to pay for this required rate reduction, this legislation forces private lenders to reduce their rates below market value. Additionally, this legislation doubles the tax imposed on these lenders by increasing the lender origination fee from .05 percent to 1 percent.

Over the course of this debate we have heard stories from Members of Congress about how the ability to go to school greatly added to their quality of life. I agree wholeheartedly that there are numerous benefits to attending college. However, not one of those Members of Congress would have had greater access to college if H.R. 5 had been in effect when they were undergraduates, because this bill does nothing for aspiring students.

Finally, I think it is important to note that we have a very competitive private marketplace

providing student loans. When the government places mandates reducing their ability to compete—we all lose by driving competitors out of the marketplace. H.R. 5 directly targets the Federal family education Loan industry, dealing a devastating blow to the industry that has helped millions of students go to college.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation and work toward a bill that will actually help college students realize their goals of furthering their education.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MICKEY
PEABODY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mickey Peabody for her many years of service and leadership to the City of Oakdale and the community of Stanislaus County. On January 19th, friends and colleagues will hold an event to express sincere gratitude and to congratulate Mickey as she receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her history of great community involvement, Mickey will be thanked for her years of devotion to the Stanislaus County Commission for Women, Childcare Planning Council, Mental Health Board, Commission on Aging, Citizens Against Substance Abuse, Oakdale Fights Back, and the California Senior Legislature—along with many other agencies and commissions.

In addition to this Lifetime Achievement Award, Mickey has received awards that include Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Senior Citizen, and Woman of Distinction. Additionally, Mickey has earned a leadership award from the California Public Health Consortium and the National Center for Small Communities.

Mickey has a past filled with great instances of charity and compassion, and she will undoubtedly continue this same community devotion in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Mickey Peabody for her many years of service and philanthropy. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing her many years of continued happiness and success.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE HAPPY HOOLIGANS

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, on January 16, I joined the Happy Hooligans and the North Dakota Air National Guard in celebrating their 60th Anniversary. This unit—the 119th Fighting Wing, now rechristened the 119th Wing—has served our nation for the better part of the last century, and their dedicated commitment to our Nation's defense will only continue in the coming years.

I can remember being at the Capitol on September 11th and one year later, being at