

Ms. Marino began her teaching career in Wyoming. After teaching for a year in Wyoming, she moved to Garfield Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. Over the course of her twenty-seven years at Garfield Elementary Ms. Marino taught kindergarten as well as third and fourth grade.

As I reflect on the impact that educators have on the lives of their students, I think not only of scholastic standards but of their ability to instill the invaluable desire to learn—to reach for something greater than ourselves. I still remember fondly those special teachers who motivated and encouraged me on my childhood journey. I have no doubt Ms. Marino has made a similarly significant impact on the countless students she has taught over the years.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Marino begins a new chapter in her life, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her twenty-eight years of public service and the substantial contributions she has made to the lives of countless children.

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TRIBUTE TO ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND “AHS 2007: THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION”

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**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great high schools in the Sixth District of Indiana: Anderson High School. During the 2007–2008 academic year, Anderson High School will offer its students a nearly completed new instructional facility for the first time in approximately 3 or more years.

On May 17, 2007, Phase II of the new building was completed and a dedication ceremony was held with Principal Phil Nikirk cutting the ribbons, in symbolic red and green school colors, held by 2 Student Council members. This spectacular facility replaces a beloved landmark of over 100 years, the old Anderson High School building which burned in 1999. It ushers in a new era of history for this proud school.

With this thought in mind, the Anderson High School yearbook staff, which will be celebrating 100 years of student publishing in 2007–2008, will host on Friday, September 7, 2007, “The Ultimate Celebration.” During this event, every member of the student body will participate in an all-school student celebration of both the new school building and the oldest student publication in the City of Anderson.

Further, at present, the Anderson High School yearbook, the Indian, will receive written commendation from the Indiana High School Press Association, Indiana University’s Department of Journalism, and the Madison County Historical Society.

In addition, students will observe (and no doubt cheer) during the presentation of a new address for the school’s famed Indian mascot. This presentation will be made by a descendant of Chief Anderson for whom the City of Anderson is named.

The celebration also will include a presentation by the Marching Indians of their State Fair trophy to the school, and the football team will be recognized.

Speakers are scheduled to include Mr. Carl Erskine, an Anderson High School graduate who has achieved national prominence as a former member of the Dodgers baseball team; Mr. Mike Pace, a descendant of Chief Anderson; and the Honorable Kevin Smith, Mayor of the City of Anderson.

Also speaking is Mr. Johnny Wilson, an Anderson High School graduate and Harlem Globetrotter team member, and Mr. Ray Tolbert, a graduate of Madison Heights High School and former professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA champions.

To make this experience more meaningful to the students of Anderson High School, the yearbook staff and the school will present every student present on the day of the celebration a book written by Mr. Erskine. The book is entitled, *Tales from the Dodger Dugout*. In it, Mr. Erskine specifically mentions the City of Anderson, the Anderson High School Indians, and his personal humble beginnings. With this gift, the yearbook staff and school hope to encourage reading, teach today’s students about their school’s “family tree,” and offer hope and encouragement to students who might otherwise feel that success only can be obtained by the wealthy.

Seeing Mr. Erskine in person and reading his book will enhance the education of today’s Anderson High School students and build pride among the student body for an accomplished graduate. September 7th should be a day and a celebration that will be long remembered in school history, for it will be captured in living color for presentation in the 100th anniversary issue of the Indian yearbook.

Madam Speaker, I again commend Anderson High School for its long history, its newly completed facilities and its distinguished yearbook, the Indian.

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HONORING DON BROWNE, A GIANT IN THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

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**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a man who has been a leader in the media and a strong visionary for the future.

With four decades of experience as a journalist and executive, Don Browne is currently the president of the Telemundo Network. He oversees all functions of the Telemundo television network and its 16 owned-and-operated stations.

In a very short time, Mr. Browne led Telemundo from zero original programming to more than 1,000 hours of original prime-time productions a year produced out of Telemundo Studios’ production center based in South Florida. During his tenure, Mr. Browne has set in motion numerous initiatives that have further solidified and defined the network’s position within the Spanish-language television landscape, and has helped make it the world’s second largest producer of Spanish-language content. Thanks to Mr. Browne’s commitment to original programming, Telemundo has carved a unique competitive position in the market, syndicating its program-

ming properties to over 60 countries in more than 20 different languages and distributing its content in a variety of emerging digital media platforms.

Furthermore, Mr. Browne has earned for himself a national reputation for being particularly active in the recruitment and career development of women and minorities. For example, Mr. Browne is the visionary behind the creation and expansion of the bicoastal “Taller Telemundo,” an innovative educational program designed to discover, recruit and train the next generation of “telenovela” writers and actors. He is also cofounder and board member of the “Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program” for at risk high school girls. He was a charter member of the NBC News Taskforce on Women and Minorities and currently serves as a member of NBC’s Taskforce on Diversity.

For these efforts, he has been correctly recognized with numerous awards for community service such as the prestigious Ida B. Wells Award for his commitment to promote diversity in the workplace and Governor of Florida’s Points of Light Award for exemplary service to his community.

I am proud to call Don Browne, his beautiful and brilliant Cuban-born wife, Maria, and their sons Chris and Ryan, my friends, and I am honored to celebrate his 40 years in broadcasting. On behalf of a grateful community, I rise to thank this giant of the television industry for his service, his vision and his leadership.

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IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. NORRIS

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Norris for 29 years of civil service with the Social Security Administration. Bill has been an invaluable asset to my office for many years, and he retires from the SSA with my gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of thousands of Northeast Ohioans who have been helped by him.

Bill began his career with the SSA as a claims representative in Mansfield, OH. Bill’s enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to his clients carried him through the ranks quickly, and before long he reached the role of supervisor. In 2002, Bill was named the District Manager of the Cleveland Southwest office, a position he has held for 5 years.

Bill also volunteered with the Indian Guides when his children, William and Elizabeth were younger. He remains involved with the Knights of Columbus, and still finds time to devote to his favorite hobby, fishing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring William J. Norris for his distinguished career of civil service. As he leaves for his well-deserved retirement to spend more time with his wife Mary, I thank him on behalf of the thousands of social security beneficiaries who have been touched by his compassion and dedication.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3311, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE I-35 BRIDGE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF S. 1927, PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007; AND MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3222, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1927, a temporary bill to renew the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, FISA, to provide procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information.

As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I know that the recent National Intelligence Estimate contains a stark warning about our vulnerability to terrorist attacks. S. 1927 intends to fill an intelligence gap that exists in the original FISA law and due in part to a recent court ruling regarding the surveillance of foreign suspects. S. 1927 seeks to make clear the procedures for obtaining warrants for the surveillance of domestic and foreign terrorist suspects. Reform in the intelligence-gathering arena is particularly necessary as the worlds of technology and communications rapidly change. Clearer laws and boundaries enable our intelligence agencies to respond swiftly against terror suspects.

Although I believe in providing our intelligence agencies with the necessary tools to protect our Nation from terrorism, I am also concerned that we do so without limiting Americans' liberties and rights to privacy. Because of the seriousness of the threats we face, we cannot delay in giving needed direction to our intelligence agencies. However, I share many of my colleagues' concerns with this bill. While S. 1927 includes a provision to sunset in 6 months, I support Speaker PELOSI's call to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to revisit this issue as soon as possible when Congress reconvenes. Congress should continue to work to find a balance between protecting our Nation, and protecting the freedoms that have made our Nation great.

HONORING 125 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE FIREFIGHTERS OF GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY IN BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteer firefighters of Good Will Fire Company No. 1 in Belvidere, New Jersey. For the past 125

years, they have faithfully guarded their neighbors. I commend them for their extraordinary service.

The Good Will Fire Company was first formed in 1879 and officially incorporated on April 26, 1882. It has relied upon the dedication of volunteer firefighters throughout its rich history. Changes in demographics, lifestyle choices, and regulatory requirements have made it harder to recruit volunteers, but the men and women of this fire company make up for the open spots with their tremendous commitment and spirit.

Many of the current members of Good Will Fire Company have fire fighting in their blood, fulfilling a legacy of service. And, there are also those at Good Will that have sons and daughters ready to step into their boots.

On August 18th, the Good Will Fire Company celebrated their service with a parade. The people of Belvidere are well-aware of how fortunate they are to have these men and women protecting their lives and homes and businesses. And, I join them in honoring these brave firefighters.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS DANA M. GAINES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer First Class Dana M. Gaines, United States Navy, for twenty years of active duty naval service.

From his entrance into the navy in 1987 all the way up to his retirement twenty years later, Petty Officer Gaines exemplified what it means to be great leader. Early on in his career, he became the first sailor to be appointed President of the Army's Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers' program. In this role, he oversaw the service of over 1500 soldiers and sailors. Later in his career, Petty Officer Gaines was commissioned to Fort George G. Meade in Maryland where he served as the lead instructor and course manager for report writing course IS-222.

Petty Officer Gaines' great achievements in the U.S. Navy have not gone unrecognized. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Award, the Armed Forces Service Medal, as well as six overseas service awards, among others.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Petty Officer Dana M. Gaines for twenty years of active duty naval service. As he retires from active duty to spend more time with his wife Kristy and children Christopher and Jarin, I and the country are grateful for his service.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3221, the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act; and H.R. 2776, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.

As forward thinking as this legislation is Madam Chairman, it is by no means a perfect bill. This legislation contains a Renewable Portfolio Standard for investor-owned electric companies that I voted against, and remain opposed to as I believe it places an unfair burden on my state of North Carolina and the other Southeastern states. It is my hope that this RPS can be corrected in conference so that certain states are not placed with the burden of funding initiatives in other states.

These two pieces of legislation truly represent a new direction in our nation's energy policy. This legislation will move the United States toward greater energy independence and security by developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure.

H.R. 3221 provides incentives that will increase research and development in clean energy technologies, raise efficiency standards for appliances and lighting, and direct the Federal Government to become a leader in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. H.R. 2771 will expand tax incentives and bonds for renewable energy, energy efficiency and renewable fuels as well as incentives for consumers to purchase plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and energy efficient appliances.

This legislation will put our nation on a path towards energy independence, it will strengthen national security, grow our economy, and create new jobs. It does so by investing in the future, in new energy technologies and innovation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 4, 2007, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845 and 846.