Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Madam Speaker, I commend Colonel Richardson for her well-deserved, historic achievement. I am truly honored to have her as a constituent and wish her all the best as she commands the Fort Meyer military community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING FACILITY

### HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to a special company in Robeson County, North Carolina. Next week, the Campbell Soup Company celebrates the 25th anniversary of its soup manufacturing facility located in the town of Maxton.

Maxton is a small community of about 2,500 residents. But the combination of abundant resources, a strong transportation network and a terrific work force all helped bring Campbell to Robeson County.

The economic future of Maxton and Robeson County is tied to the progress of Campbell's facility. Only 25 years ago, the first cans of soup came off one of two manufacturing lines. Today, nearly 10 manufacturing lines fill more than 5 million cans or microwavable bowls of soup, canned pasta, beans and Swanson broth every day—more than 1,000 cans every minute.

But the economic impact of Campbell's facility here is much more than its 800 full time and hourly employees, and the 220 different products that they make. Campbell also uses some 300 different ingredients, including more than 40 million pounds of potatoes, 28 million pounds of carrots, and 25 million pounds of beef, chicken and seafood, much of it from our fertile region.

With almost 25 acres under roof, including nearly 1 million square feet to manufacture, warehouse and distribute Campbell's trademark soups, the Maxton facility remains among Campbell's and the food processing industry's most modern and sophisticated facilities. In almost every year since 1982, Campbell's has invested in new technology at Maxton that has helped to reach the heights of efficient, quality production that it is legendary for today. Most recently, microwavable soup bowls began being processed in Maxton that are designed to meet the needs of busy, time-pressed consumers.

Furthermore, the real success of Maxton's Campbell Soup Facility comes not only from its products, but also from its people. I have walked this plant, greeted employees working the lines and sampled a day's production. I can tell you that what makes the Campbell Soup plant in Maxton special is the dedication of its employees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of Campbell's Maxton facility. Campbell's Maxton facility has a wonderful history of contributions made by thousands of North Carolinians who have made their careers there. We're proud to have such a terrific company like Campbell's in North Carolina and look forward to many more years of success.

## THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'S VOTE ON THE MOVEON.ORG ADVERTISEMENT ON GENERAL PETRAEUS

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I believe the MoveOn.org advertisement in the New York Times about GEN David Petraeus was both wrong and counterproductive. I also agree with all of the findings in H.J. Res. 52 that praise General Petraeus's exemplary military career, for which he has received numerous awards for his service to our country. However, I decided to vote against this resolution as a matter of principle and because it is a diversionary tactic by the Bush administration and the congressional Republicans. As a legislative body determining important issues affecting our citizens, the Congress should not be in the business of passing resolutions supporting or opposing political ads. Adopting such a practice would consume all our time and divert our attention from important issues like the war in Iraq.

The MoveOn.org advertisement was wrong to question the integrity of General Petraeus. It was also counterproductive in that it took the focus off of President Bush's failed Iraq policies and made General Petraeus the political face of the war. That is exactly what the Bush administration wanted. Moreover, by shifting the focus from President Bush to a political attack on General Petraeus, the Republicans have cleverly attempted to divert attention from the President's responsibility and the real security issues we are facing in the world, like the re-emergence of al-Qaeda along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. I would have supported the resolution that was put forward by Senate Democrats which reaffirms our strong support for the men and women of our Armed Forces, and which condemns all attacks on those who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, September 25, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the 11 votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1400, rollcall vote No. 895; "aye" on H. Res. 584, rollcall vote No. 896; "aye" on H. Can. Res. 210, rollcall vote No. 897; "aye" on H. Res. 663, rollcall vote No. 898; "aye" on H. Res. 548, rollcall vote No. 899; "aye" on H. Res. 642, rollcall vote No. 900; "aye" on H. Res. 557, rollcall vote No. 901; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 902; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 903; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 904; and "aye" on H. Res. 95, rollcall vote No. 905.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the SCHIP bill that will provide millions of children in America with health coverage. The bill passed Tuesday, 265–159.

The bi-partisan compromise will include $35 billion more for the SCHIP program allowing Congress to cover 4 million more additional children, bringing the total number of children covered to 10 million. Next year alone, this new SCHIP bill will provide Minnesota with $50 million in additional dollars to help insure Minnesota's children.

This compromise reauthorizing SCHIP is supported by 43 Governors, 16 of them Republican, including Republican Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger and my home state Governor Tim Pawlenty.

But unfortunately, Madam Speaker, it has been widely reported that the President has promised to veto this bill to provide children with health care.

Last February, I spoke on the floor of the House to criticize the budget cuts contained in the President's budget. Like the budget, we could easily look at the SCHIP bill and say, this is all about numbers, it is just a plan and it is an impersonal thing. But, in fact, Madam Speaker, this bill is a moral statement about who matters in our society.

This bill is a reflection of our own humanity. It talks about who counts, who doesn't, who matters, who doesn't, and what are our priorities.

As the late Senator and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey from my State of Minnesota stated so eloquently:

"The moral test of any government is how it treats those in the dawn of life, the children; those in the dusk of life, the elderly; and those in the shadow of life, the disadvantaged."

The SCHIP bill brought to the House floor today clearly shows the priorities of this Congress.

We are for children having access to health insurance.

We are for providing health care for 4 million additional children.

We are for families not having to worry about the health care for their children.

This SCHIP bill is a clear measure that Congress values the hardworking energy, the blood, sweat and tears of Minnesotans or Americans.

Mr. President, let's not play politics with the health care of our nation's children. Step up to plate and truly leave no children behind by signing this SCHIP bill into law.