

health needs of children afflicted with the disease. The Children's Oncology Group has been at the forefront of raising awareness about the challenges that exist in the post-treatment, cancer survivorship period. For example, few may know that two-thirds of the children who survive cancer will ultimately experience at least one, if not more, long-term health issue as a result of their treatment. These so called "late-effects" pose substantial health challenges for those who are fortunate enough to survive childhood cancer as well as for the doctors who treat them.

To that end, the Children's Oncology Group has taken an important lead in focusing greater attention on long-term complications that arise from radiation and other therapies and has worked to study the long-term care needs of childhood cancer survivors. In fact, one of my constituents, Dr. Smita Bhatia, a resident of Arcadia who works at the City of Hope, served as the Chair of the Late Effects Committee at the Children's Oncology Group for eight years and was instrumental in establishing national guidelines for survivorship care. Today, these guidelines are being used to help equip survivors with the tools they need to identify the side-effects of specific cancer treatments and remain healthy as they mature into adulthood.

The measure before us today will help advance our understanding of childhood cancer by addressing the need to obtain more accurate data to study trends and evaluate the most effective courses of treatment. While approximately 12,500 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year, researchers have experienced great difficulties in pinpointing the exact causes of childhood cancer. Because of its random occurrence in children across the United States, it has been nearly impossible to acquire statistically significant data on the causes of and effective treatments for childhood cancer. The work of Cure Search and the City of Hope will be amplified by the underlying bill, which authorizes the creation of a national childhood cancer research database to provide better statistics on the occurrence of childhood cancer as well as the most effective treatments for patients. Building this database is critical to ensuring that those who are responsible for treating childhood cancer have the very best data available to them.

Additionally, the bill authorizes \$30 million to enhance and expand biomedical research programs that allow scientists to study how tumors form and spread as well as the impact that genetics can have on the likelihood of cancer and relapses of the disease. The bill also will provide better educational and informational services for childhood cancer patients and their families to ensure that they have access to appropriate clinical treatments and support services.

H.R. 1553, Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act, affirms a long-term commitment to providing a cure to childhood cancer and also will ensure that doctors and patients alike are provided with the best information to make important medical decisions in the near-term. As we seek to address the needs of childhood cancer patients, survivors and their families, I urge my colleagues to recognize the importance of the research that will be authorized by H.R. 1553 and support this bill.

HONORING DR. DONALD F. AVERILL FOR 47 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true leader in my community, Dr. Donald F. Averill, who is retiring after 47 years of dedication to education and economic development throughout the Inland Empire.

With 14 years of teaching at the secondary level, and 33 years of community college experience, Dr. Averill was chosen to be Chancellor of a very important education provider in my home town of San Bernardino, California, a position he held for 8 years. The San Bernardino Community College District is comprised of two colleges, San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College, the Professional Development Center, and its own public television and radio station, KVCR.

Beginning with 140 students at two high school campuses in 1926, San Bernardino Valley Community College has grown into a district with two modern campuses and thousands of students. It has served more than 700,000 students over the past 80 years.

Our district is blessed with many fine educational professionals who are passionate about their work and care deeply about the lives of their students. Dr. Averill took his interest one step further by working with the county and the K-12 students to increase the college-going rate in the region by 45 percent, with the majority of that enrollment going to the community colleges.

Dr. Averill's forward-thinking skills are an essential part of what has made San Bernardino a model community for educational development. In particular, he is credited with developing and implementing extensive workforce development programs that incorporate education and economic development in California. He was one of the founders of the Economic Development Network of the California Community Colleges, or EdNet, an innovative technological tool that utilizes existing community college infrastructure to promote the State's economic expansion. He also was instrumental in completing extensive long-range facilities plans for San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa. Dr. Averill's hard work and dedication to ensuring the future success of our young people is truly appreciated.

My constituents in the 41st District are particularly grateful for Dr. Averill's role in adding a simulated fire fighting unit for training in aircraft fire fighting. Our region is always at risk from devastating wildfires and it is crucial that our firefighters have the training tools they need to protect our communities.

Beyond his achievements in the educational field, Dr. Averill is a community leader. He serves on the executive committee of the Economic Development Network of California, and is a board member of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, the Workforce Investment Board, the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce and Arrowhead United Way.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Averill for his many accomplishments and thanking him for making our com-

munity a leader in educational, professional and economic advancement. The valuable contributions he has made throughout his career will be remembered for years to come.

NATIONAL D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1235, a measure expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II.

On June 6, 1944, the largest sea-borne invasion in military history led to the defeat of Hitler and the Nazis' stranglehold on Europe. Nearly 7,000 ships and landing craft, loaded with American, British and other troops, crossed the English Channel to destroy tyranny and restore freedom to Europe. Nearly 3,500 lives were lost in this immense display of courage and sacrifice.

The heroism displayed by the Allied forces on D-day should never be forgotten and we should always honor the men and women who saved democracy from the shadow of oppression. That is why we should approve H.R. 1235 calling on Congress to support the designation of a National D-Day Remembrance Day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to recognize and honor the veterans who served on D-day, and join me in supporting this bill thanking them for their courage and sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS PROFESSOR JEFFERSON DAVIS FUTCH, III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, for 46 years, Dr. Jefferson Davis Futch, III has been a member of the faculty at Washington and Lee University, my alma mater, in Lexington, Virginia. At the end of this school year, Professor Futch retired from his post. While he may no longer be teaching, his legacy of scholarship and dedication to the W&L community will never be forgotten.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1932, J.D. Futch earned an Associate Bachelors degree in humanities and a Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University. He spent three years in the United States Army from 1957 to 1960, and joined the Washington and Lee faculty in September of 1962.

Throughout his life and career, Dr. Futch has been honored as a member in Phi Beta Kappa and as a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship from 1955-1956. He contributed to articles in the widely respected magazine National Review from 1958-1976. And, in 1987, he was recipient of the W.W. Pusey Award which recognizes outstanding and dedicated service to Washington and Lee University.

Dr. Futch specializes in the history of the papacy, Renaissance and modern European history.

From the many lives he has touched to the University he helped grow and strengthen throughout his tenure at Washington and Lee, Dr. Futch is an icon in the Washington and Lee community and someone who will be missed by students, faculty, and friends alike. No professor had a more profound impact on my love of history and interest in public service than Dr. Futch. I will always be deeply grateful for his guidance in my life. I know I speak on behalf of the alumni who have had the honor to know and learn from Dr. Futch when I say that we wish him many years of happy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. KIMBERLY
COUNCIL-HAIGLER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Kimberly Council-Haigler of Brooklyn, New York, for the achievements of one who provide selfless contributions to their community.

The daughter of Mr. Benjamin and Rev. Linda Council, she is the oldest of five and the mother of two. In 2003 she gained her license and was ordained at the Berean Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin Jr. She Received a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Central University and a Master of Science in Library Science from Pratt Institute.

Rev. Council is active in her church and professional community overseeing the Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry. At the same time she serves as the superintendent of the Young Adult Sunday School Department, an instructor at the Berean Bible Institute and sits on the Board of Directors of Berean's Christian Education Ministry.

Currently she works as a Reference Librarian at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. She is a member of the Law Library Association of Greater New York where she has served on the Board of LLAGNY's Board of Directors, and co-chair of LLAGNY's Student Relations Committee. She is also a member of the American Association of Law Librarians and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority incorporated.

Her service to the community is outstanding and deserves grave recognition.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act (H.R. 6063).

This bill authorizes \$20.2 billion for NASA for the 2009 fiscal year which represents a 14 percent increase over the President's request of \$17.6 billion. The President's vision of new manned space missions without requesting adequate funding for the agency has resulted in cuts to other NASA programs, including important earth sciences research. The bill we're considering today addresses the needs of NASA's entire mission and all four of its directorates which encompass space exploration, aeronautics, and other research and technology development programs.

NASA's Ames Research Center is a key component of the vibrant research and innovation community in my Congressional District. With special expertise in supercomputing, networking and intelligent systems, Ames develops technologies critical to NASA's missions. Ames and the other NASA research facilities around the country rely on the funding within the Science Mission Directorate (SMD). The House of Representatives has consistently exceeded the President's budget request and I'm pleased to see this pattern continue today. We have exceeded the Administration's request for all four of the divisions within SMD to ensure that NASA scientists at Ames and across the country have the resources they need.

While this is a good bill, I hope future reauthorizations will revisit the restrictions imposed on NASA's ability to engage in Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) agreements. Just last week Ames Research Center announced it had signed an EUL with Google in a strategic partnership to develop new ideas, technologies, and applications. I hope we can expand this program in the future to provide further opportunities for NASA to develop these fruitful relationships which leverage private sector expertise to use our tax dollars effectively and efficiently.

NASA is a critical component of our nation's research and development infrastructure and I thank the Committee on Science and Technology for their hard work on this bill. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this legislation.

IMPACT OF FLOODING IN IOWA

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, Iowa, the State I am proud to represent in this great body, is facing one of the worst natural disasters it has ever witnessed. Record flooding has affected hundreds of communities, devastated hundreds of businesses, displaced thousands of our fellow citizens, and has done billions of dollars in damage.

The waters are beginning to recede in some parts of the State, but we are not out of the troubles yet. The level of devastation has not yet been fully realized, and probably won't for some weeks. I saw firsthand the damage done as I toured my district this weekend, and words cannot begin to illustrate just how damaging the floodwaters have been.

I rise today to salute my fellow Iowans, and salute the sense of community that is so

strong in Iowa. In preparation for the floods, there were countless instances where Iowans banded together, from all walks of life, from all ages, to work together to do whatever was necessary to save the communities we all love to call home.

And this is what Iowans will continue to do. We will continue to work together to rebuild our communities and heal the wounds the flood waters opened. We will continue to work together and fight on because our families, our communities, and our State are worth nothing less.

But Madam Speaker, Iowa will need generous Federal assistance to get back on its feet. Iowans will do whatever they can, but the fact is the flooding that has hit Iowa has never been witnessed, ever, and the damage and challenges presenting themselves are simply too much for the State and local governments to handle by themselves. Iowans will do their part, but we must do ours.

Madam Speaker, Iowans continue to display what is best in the American spirit as we continue to face the challenges that are presented to us today, and we will persevere, for as Iowa goes, so goes the Nation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD
ASHBROOK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard Louis "Dick" Ashbrook—devoted family man, accomplished scientist, peace and social justice activist and humanitarian.

Born in Philadelphia, Dick graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in metallurgical engineering. He earned his master's degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from Case Institute of Technology. In 1961, Dick and his wife, Mary, moved to Brook Park where he worked for NASA's Lewis Research Center doing research on high temperature alloys and ceramics. He was also a consultant with Brush Wellman.

He was active in civil rights and fair housing through the Berea Area Council on Human Relations. He participated in countless peace vigils as a member of the Peace Community Church. He was an early member and longtime manager and roadie of the Cleveland area contra dance band, Mud in Yer Eye, in which he played concertina, bones and other rhythm instruments. He volunteered in the book-mending lab at Oberlin College and was an active member of SPINACH (Senior People Interested in Nutrition and Community Health). He also volunteered at the Second Harvest warehouse.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Dick Ashbrook—an exceptional man, scientist and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and joy. I offer my deepest condolences to his devoted wife, Mary, beloved children, Anne (Tom) Fitzpatrick, Connie (Martha Landowne), Peggy (Darryl Francois), Janet (John Dunn), Ellen (Ann Adams), Nico Ashe (Andrew Poltzer) and eight grandchildren. Dick Ashbrook's legacy, both personally and professionally, will be remembered by family, friends and colleagues.