Moreover, Mr. Weems was an ardent supporter of standards that led to significant academic achievement and unparalleled performance by the LSU student body. He was instrumental in hiring leadership of the highest caliber that has thrust LSU into the national spotlight in both academics and athletics.

In addition to serving as chairman of the LSU Board of Supervisors, Mr. Weems also served as the chairman of numerous Board committees, including the Flagship committee, Budget and Finance committee, and Athletics committee.

Earning both a B.S. and law degree from LSU, Mr. Weems is a member of the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame and an LSU Law Center Distinguished Alumnus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Charlie Weems for his remarkable service and contributions to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I have been out on medical leave. I have been unable to cast votes however:

Had I been present for rollcall No. 570, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 569, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 568, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 567, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 566, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 565, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 564, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 563, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 562, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 561, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for rollcall No. 560, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for rollcall No. 559, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 558, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for rollcall No. 557, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 556, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 555, I would have voted "nay." Had I been present for rollcall No. 554, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 553, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 552, I would have voted "aye." Had I been present for rollcall No. 551, I would have voted "nay."

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HONORING THE PHOENIXVILLE AREA VIOLENCE PREVENTION NETWORK

HON. JIM GERLACH
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization that has been committed for nearly a decade to improving the quality of life in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Phoenixville Area Violence Prevention Network has been working with community leaders since 1999 on strategies for strengthening neighborhoods and aiming to rid the Borough of violence. With countless hours of hard work and scores of dedicated volunteers, this organization has brought together schools, church groups and other members of the community to institute a call for peace and zero tolerance for violence.

The network will commemorate its ninth annual Day of Remembrance and Hope on Sunday, September 14 in Reeves Park. The event will remember the victims of violence, promote anti-violence activities and recognize local individuals who exemplify and work to advance peace in the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Phoenixville Area Violence Prevention Network and all those who give some of their time and energy in hopes of building better communities.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF
HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of our own; my friend and colleague, the Honorable Chairwoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES who represented the 11th congressional district of Ohio for five terms. Sadly she passed away at the young age of 59 on August 20, 2008 from an aneurysm in her brain. She is survived by her son, Mervyn L. Jones II, and her sister Barbara Walker.

Congresswoman TUBBS JONES truly was a pioneer. She became the first African-American woman to chair the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the 110th Congress and the first African-American woman to serve on the Committee on Ways and Means in the 108th Congress where she played an important role on the health subcommittee. She fought tirelessly for wealth building and economic development, access and delivery of health care, and quality education for all. The Congresswoman had the ability to remain grounded and always continued to work and include the interests of her constituents when dealing with issues.

It was an honor and a privilege to have worked directly with her on the Committee on Ways and Means. On the Health Subcommittee she focused on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), disparities and she played an important role in the SCHIP debate. She was a strong supporter of tax provisions designed to encourage the rehabilitation of historic, and other real property, and to encourage community development. Despite her constituency that is mainly unionized, she supported the Peru Trade Promotion Agreement and other free-trade agreements as long as they met the International Labor Organizations Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Right to Work.

She will be missed by members on both sides of the aisle and by staff on the hill who admired and enjoyed working with her as well. We who knew and worked with her will surely be among many who will miss her smile, her tenacity, and her infectious love of life. She leaves us an inspirational legacy, a memorable record of public service and a charge to keep fighting for what is right and just. She will forever be in our hearts.

MR. STEVE TOKARSKI

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, It is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize Mr. Steve Tokarski. I can truly say that when it comes to service to one's community, few people can match the outstanding efforts of Steve Tokarski. Steve has always been a dedicated, distinguished, and honorable citizen. Having known him for many years, I can say with certainty that he is one of the most involved citizens I have ever known. Steve has served the Polish American community in Northwest Indiana and beyond for many years, and for his efforts, he will be honored at a banquet hosted by the Silver Bell Club on Sunday, September 21, 2008, at the Salvatorian Monastery in Merrillville, Indiana.

An attorney by trade, Steve began his career after completing his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Indiana University School of Law in 1969. Prior to that, he attended Purdue University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Tokarski's desire to serve his community, paired with his passion for his chosen profession, eventually led to him serving not only as a deputy prosecutor for Lake County, Indiana, but also as