will adhere to the US DOD requirements for the Joint Chemical Agent Detector (JCAD). This program will ultimately develop advanced chemical technology for coating suits, tents, and other equipment for military and first responder personnel. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

ORELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Oreland Volunteer Fire Company on the celebration of their 100th anniversary. Chartered in 1908 with the help of just a handful of volunteers, the Oreland Fire Company has developed into a modern, professional fire company.

One hundred years ago, dedicated officers chartered the Oreland Fire Company. In 1911, the Oreland Fire Company held its first meeting, with 5 officers and 11 members present. Today, the organization is comprised of 35 members who are committed to protecting their community's people, homes and businesses. It is with great pride that the Oreland Fire Company continues to operate as an all volunteer fire company.

At the time of the organization's inception, the fire company owned a fire wagon and a horse drawn wagon, without a horse—manpower provided their strength when a fire struck. The company held their meetings at Aiman's Hall on the 100 block of Plymouth Avenue, until they were able to construct their first Fire House in 1913.

Today, the company continues their proud tradition of providing the best service to the community. These firefighters, just like those described by Benjamin Franklin, still ''apply themselves with all vigilance and resolution,'' as well as dedication and courage, to the protection of their community in times of fire crises and as promoters of fire safety and prevention.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate the members of the Oreland Fire Company for their service, commitment, and sacrifice. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone and wish these dedicated firefighters another 100 years of success and safety.

CALLAN J. KNEIB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Callan Kneib, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Callan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Jordan has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Callan is a Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic O' Say and held the post of Senior Patrol Leader with his troop.

Callan's Eagle Scout service project consisted of repair and restoration of grave markers at Mt. Mora Cemetary in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Callan Kneib for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE TOM REYNOLDS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Congressman TOM REYNOLDS for his service to the people of New York and the United States House of Representatives. Congressman REYNOLDS has represented the 26th Congressional District of the State of New York for 10 years.

TOM has dedicated his entire adult life to public service. He began in the New York Air National Guard where he served from 1970 until 1976 attaining the rank of sergeant. While in the Guard, TOM was elected to the Concord Town Council at the age of 23. He served on the town council for eight years before he was elected to the Erie County legislature. In 1988, TOM was elected to the New York State Assembly and became minority leader just seven years later. In 1998, TOM was elected to succeed his friend, Congressman Bill Paxon, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Known for his political acumen, TOM was chosen by former House Speaker Dennis Hastert to co-chair Battleground 2000, an unprecedented effort of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) to raise money for incumbents, challengers, and open-seat candidates. Due in large part to the overwhelming success of Battleground 2000, TOM was tapped by his Republican colleagues to serve two terms as chairman of the RNC where he raised substantially more money than his counterpart on the other side of aisle.

In describing TOM, The Washington Post stated, ''Reynolds has quietly become one of the most influential Republicans in the House.'' He served on the influential Rules Committee before relinquishing his seat to become a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, where he has served for two terms.

TOM has received a number of awards and honors throughout his career. He was named a ''Champion of the Dairy Farmers'' and ''Hero of the Taxpayer.'' He was awarded the U.S. Apple Association's ''Golden Apple Award,'' the ''Guardian Eagle'' award for his efforts on behalf of senior citizens, and the ''Silver Helmet'' for his support of veterans' issues. He was named to the New York State Farm Bureau's Circle of Friends. The New York State Sheriff's Association named TOM a ''Friend of Law Enforcement.'' He was named ''Legislator of the Year'' by the Shooters Committee of Political Education, and he was inducted into the Kids Escaping Drugs Hall of Fame. In 1996, TOM'S hometown Chamber of Commerce awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated leader and friend to many in this body. I know his family—his wife, Donna and his four children—as well as his many friends and colleagues join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the State of New York and the United States of America.

TOM will surely enjoy the well-deserved time he now has to spend with his family and loved ones. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SPIRIT OF JOHNNY HAYES

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague Mr. Lincoln Davis of Tennessee, rise today to honor the life of Johnny H. Hayes, a lifelong community leader and a public servant of the people of Tennessee and the United States. Johnny was a friend to many. Tragically, he passed away last week on his farm in Sumner County, Tennessee after a courageous battle with cancer.

A graduate of Tennessee Technological University in 1961, Johnny moved to Hendersonville, Tennessee where he built a successful insurance business. He later moved to the Sideview Community. Always keeping himself busy, Johnny operated a livestock operation, breeding and raising grand champion red Angus cattle.

Johnny served in the cabinet of Governor Ned McWherter and was a trusted advisor to former Vice President Al Gore. Johnny also was a close friend and loyal counselor of Phil Bredesen, the current governor of Tennessee.

In 1993, Johnny was nominated by President Bill Clinton to serve on the board of directors for the Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA. His calm nature, good humor, and ability to take on challenging issues helped strengthen TVA's relationships in the seven-state region, and his work left a lasting legacy.

For Johnny, any person in need was a worthy cause. As a member of the Bethpage United Methodist Church, Johnny served on the Administrative Board and as Sunday School Superintendent for 18 years. He used his fundraising skills to finance a new playground and chapel, and was always there to address the needs of his neighbors.

Despite all of his success in business and politics, Johnny always remained humble and loyal to his friends and family. Johnny Hayes will be sorely missed by all those who were lucky enough to know him. We close by offering our deepest condolences to his wife Mary Howard Reese Hayes; three children, Craig, Amy, and Mary Kate; and three grandchildren, Austin, Ashley, and Miller.