

needs. This bill will provide incentives for smart grid systems, as well as for energy efficient buildings. And it includes new energy efficiency standards for appliances.

Transportation is another area where we can do more to improve our efficiency. And my bill will move us forward by requiring that all new vehicles achieve 35 miles per gallon by 2015 and 50 miles per gallon by 2030. It also includes additional incentives for Americans to purchase high efficiency vehicles and for manufacturers to produce many vehicles that use alternative fuels.

Americans want fuel choice and my bill will require 50 percent of all new vehicles to be capable of burning various biofuels (in addition to gasoline) by 2012 and 80 percent by 2015.

We need additional incentives for fuel efficiency vehicles. It also includes funding for research and development focused on the major technological barriers to alternative fuel vehicles, such as advanced batteries, to develop the next generation vehicles. And it provides incentives for Americans to purchase these new vehicles that use alternative fuels or are more efficient.

And we must pay for this new energy policy. My bill does that by ending unneeded tax breaks for the oil and gas industry and closing tax loopholes.

In conclusion, let me again emphasize that we must all work together and bring everything to the table to address our energy challenge. This bill is a good draft to start with and I will continue to work with my colleagues to enact a comprehensive energy policy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower gas prices, and protect our environment.

SUPPORTING VETERANS IN  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the city of Auburn, WA, the Auburn City Council and Mayor Pete Lewis for exemplary and steadfast support of the Washington National Guard. They demonstrated their patriotism and support for the military in their quick and sincere actions to create an event to honor the deployment of the 81st Heavy Combat Brigade of the Washington National Guard on August 19, 2008.

Auburn, located in the 8th District of Washington, the District I represent, is not unlike many communities around the country where budgets are tight and funds are allocated only after careful consideration. However, in this case, Auburn and its able leadership approved, without any hesitation, city resources to secure a location and provide funds to support a family BBQ with a festival-like atmosphere for deploying Guardsmen and their families. Hundreds of Guard families and Auburn residents showed up to participate in the event and enjoy the send off activities.

Auburn's action in this instance reflects a deep and great respect for service members and veterans and is the latest example of their steadfast commitment. Every November, Auburn hosts one of the largest Veterans Day parades on the west coast of the United States. Their Veterans Park is a permanent

reminder of the city's dedication and affection for veterans. Under Mayor Lewis and the current City Council, Auburn is taking the lead in Washington in supporting the military and our many brave veterans and I applaud their efforts.

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,  
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND  
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for this bill. There is no doubt about Iran's intentions any longer: they are determined to do everything they can to harm the U.S. and annihilate our ally, Israel. They are well on their way to developing a nuclear weapon and they will not hesitate to use it against innocent civilian populations throughout the Middle East. They have armed terrorists in the past, they have built up their conventional weapons, and now they are doing everything they can to obtain the ultimate weapon.

A nuclear armed Iran is a threat to everyone, everywhere and no one can afford any longer to sit back and wait for our allies to do the "dirty work" for us and disarm Iran. We, too, must act.

The time is long past due for us to pass these sanctions against that regime and stop their nuclear ambitions before they wipe our allies off the map.

HONORING KYLE THEODORE BUCK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Theodore Buck of Kansas City, Missouri. Kyle is 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 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

HONORING MR. DONALD "MAC"  
MACGREGOR

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bucks

County resident Donald "Mac" Macgregor. On July 4th, 2008, Mac retired after a 35 year career as the director of the Bucks County Youth Center. During those 35 years, Mac revolutionized the detention center and its program, setting a high standard for working with delinquent children requiring secure care.

Madam Speaker, Mac has served his community and has helped troubled children his entire life. In addition to serving as a Juvenile Police Officer with Upper Moreland Township, Mac also operated, along with his wife Bonnie, the first group home in Bucks County with 6 delinquent youths.

Mr. Macgregor came to the troubled Bucks County Youth Center at a time when his predecessors faced near riots within the facility. With his unique innovative approach that showed how respecting children can help them respect themselves, Mac turned he facility into a leading youth center that has helped many Bucks County kids turn their lives around.

In addition to bringing a new approach to troubled youth care, Mac also oversaw the construction and planning of the award winning Bucks County Juvenile Detention Center. This state-of-the-art facility has become a must-visit for all Pennsylvania municipalities who are looking to improve their youth detention facilities and programs.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Macgregor's commitment to working with troubled children is an inspiration to the Bucks County community and the nation as a whole. During his many years of service, he has created a new way of thinking about and treating delinquent youth that has changed countless lives for the better. I would like to thank Mr. Macgregor for his lifetime of dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DALE MYERS,  
U.S. AIR FORCE

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Dale Myers, United States Air Force. While serving on my staff as a Legislative Fellow during this Second Session of the 110th Congress, Dale has shown an exceptional commitment to duty in his daily pursuit of excellence. During his tenure here on the Hill, Dale worked on a myriad of legislative matters for me from developing draft legislation to staffing hearings and briefings.

A natural leader, Dale personifies his strengths while engaged in matters relating to taking care of our men and women in uniform. His contributions to my efforts on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will have a resonating impact on our military service members and veterans for years to come.

Further, Dale has made a positive and lasting impact on my staff by increasing their knowledge of the inner workings of the Department of Defense. In doing this, he has given them a greater appreciation and respect for the hard work and dedication exemplified by those individuals working exhaustively to support the men and women serving on the forefront of America's defense. As he transitions to his next Air Force assignment, I thank

Major Dale Myers for his numerous contributions and wholeheartedly wish him the very best of luck with his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CON-WAY FREIGHT'S  
DAVID MAY FOR BEING NAMED  
2008 ATA NATIONAL DRIVER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David May of West Seneca, N.Y., the American Trucking Association's 2008 National Truck Driver of the Year. David, a relay and city driver for Con-way Freight, should be proud of this impressive accomplishment and commitment to keeping our nation's highways safe.

The National Truck Driver of the Year award is the greatest honor a professional truck driver can achieve. In his 27 years on the road, David has driven over 1.4 million miles without getting in an accident. This is a great accomplishment for David, and we are proud to claim him as our own.

David has served as a committed and influential leader by serving as America's Road Team Captain in 2005, the driver representative on the CDL Advisory Committee in Washington, DC, and as a participant in the 2007 National Conference of State Legislatures Summit. He has spoken with the public and colleagues about the importance of improving highway safety and has addressed numerous groups including legislators and school children.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to David May for maintaining such high standards and encouraging others to do the same. This remarkable accomplishment should inspire us all to pursue our goals with devoted persistence.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL A. EMORY

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long service of Mr. Neil A. Emory to Harnett County, North Carolina. On October 31, 2008, he will retire as County Manager, capping a public service career that spans three decades. Mr. Emory began his tenure as one of the longest serving County Managers in Harnett County history 15 years ago and has been serving the citizens of North Carolina for nearly 28 years.

Mr. Emory is a native son of Weaverville, North Carolina. He attended Appalachian State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Local Government Administration and went on to earn his Master of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

Neil Emory's innovative leadership and unique vision have benefited Harnett County in innumerable ways. Mr. Emory oversaw a period of tremendous growth in Harnett County resulting from the expansion of nearby Fort

Bragg, leading up to and continuing through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission process. His greatest accomplishments have been the many improvements to county infrastructure; the construction of a new county courthouse; the construction of new schools and the restructuring of the community college system; the expansion of emergency services; and an extensive update to the county mapping system. He accomplished all of this by working across party lines and through sound long-range planning. I remember working together in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran to address the needs of Harnett County's ailing communities.

Neil has worn many different hats during his career, but perhaps his most important jobs are being a husband to his wife, Elizabeth, and father to his daughter, Hannah, and his son, Taylor. Ever active in his community, Mr. Emory has served as the PTO president of the Harnett County School Board and is involved in numerous associations for county managers and public administrators. He was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow as a lifetime Rotarian and has also received the International County Manager's Association Award for 25 years of service to local governments. Mr. Emory has also found time to enjoy American's favorite pastime, serving as assistant coach of the Dunn All-Stars for the past 12 years.

Madam Speaker, Neil Emory exemplifies dedication, leadership and commitment. As a former county commissioner, I am proud to honor the career of Neil A. Emory today. I ask all of my colleagues to join my wife, Faye, and me in celebrating his 28 years of service to Harnett County and to the State of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF DR. EPHRAIM  
MCDOWELL

**HON. BEN CHANDLER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Ephraim McDowell, the Father of Abdominal Surgery, is one of the most well-known Kentuckians and physicians in American history. During a year-long celebration continuing through the end of 2009, Danville, Kentucky and the Sixth Congressional District will celebrate Dr. McDowell's contributions to the field of medicine.

Originally born in Virginia in 1771, Dr. McDowell's father, Samuel McDowell, served in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He was sent to Central Kentucky when Ephraim was 11 to serve as one of the first land court judges in the County of Kentucky.

Dr. McDowell received his early education in Danville and then returned to Virginia to study medicine under Dr. Alexander Humphries. Recognizing his great talent, Dr. Humphries encouraged him to travel to the University of Edinburgh, the seat of medical learning at the time. He studied there for two years, returning to Danville in 1795.

In December of 1802, Dr. McDowell married Sarah Hart Shelby, daughter of the first governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby. They had nine children, five of whom lived to adulthood.

On Christmas Day in 1809, Dr. McDowell performed the world's first successful ovarian

surgery. Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, a 46-year-old Green County housewife, had been told by other physicians that she was pregnant with twins. Using no anesthesia, Dr. McDowell removed a twenty-two and one-half pound tumor. Mrs. Crawford recovered in 25 days and lived for 32 more years, to the age of 78.

Throughout his career, Dr. McDowell performed many other surgeries, including one on future United States president, James K. Polk, who traveled from Tennessee to Kentucky for Dr. McDowell's expertise.

He was also an original founder of Centre College—a private, liberal arts school in Danville—allowing his legacies of education and ingenuity to remain alive in Central Kentucky's students.

Dr. McDowell lived until 1830. He died at his summer home, Cambus-Kenneth, of what is now believed to be appendicitis. Mrs. McDowell lived out her life at the home of one of her daughters. She passed away in 1840.

Dr. McDowell's residence, apothecary and office are preserved as a museum, the McDowell House, in Danville and are designated as a National Historic Landmark. This premier historical site will serve as a host for the year-long celebration to remember the most prominent surgeon west of the Alleghenies in the early 19th century.

HONORING RYAN PATRICK  
WILLIAMS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Patrick Williams of Platte City, Missouri. Ryan is 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 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

HONORING DIWALI

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 29, 2008*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights."

It is during this time that the Hindu people celebrate their heritage with festivals, fireworks, and worship.

I would like to acknowledge the thousands of Hindus in my Congressional District and their valuable contributions to our community as citizens of strong faith, families with deep