

on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this motion.

HONORING WILLIAM D. WHITE OF
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend and former high school classmate, William D. "Bill" White, who has retired from the Napa County District Attorney's Office after 35 years of dedicated public service in law enforcement.

Bill grew up near Lake Berryessa in Napa County and attended a small county elementary school that was variously housed in a county roads building, a laundromat, and a teacher's home before a proper elementary school was built. When he moved to the "city schools" in St. Helena, he prospered. He was on the high school football and track teams, was both vice president and president of the Student Body Council and Model U.N. representative.

Bill began his law enforcement career shortly after he graduated from St. Helena High School. He enrolled in Napa Valley College and soon thereafter joined the campus police force.

In 1973 Bill began working for the Calistoga Police Department as a patrolman and as a police dispatcher and later worked as a patrolman with the Suisun Police Department in Solano County. Bill joined the Napa County Sheriffs Department in 1977 and distinguished himself over the next 18 years as a patrol deputy, narcotics investigator, and homicide investigator.

He joined the Napa County District Attorney's Office as an investigator in 1995, later becoming supervising investigator in 2004 and chief investigator in 2005. In these years he became an expert in domestic violence and homicide investigations. In the course of his career he has worked on more than 3,000 domestic violence cases and became a court-approved expert in investigating these crimes.

Madam Speaker, Bill White has provided an invaluable service to the people of Napa County for many years, and it is fitting and proper to honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING BRIGHAM MATTHEW
BARZEE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brigham Matthew Barzee of Kansas City, Missouri. Brigham 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 2137, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brigham has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Brigham 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 Brigham Matthew Barzee for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 12, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 135–142.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 135—"yes"—On Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair; rollcall No. 136—"yes"—On Approving the Journal; rollcall No. 137—"yes"—Kilpatrick of Michigan Substitute Amendment; rollcall No. 138—"yes"—Lee of California Substitute Amendment; rollcall No. 139—"present"—Call of the House; rollcall No. 140—"no"—Ryan of Wisconsin Substitute Amendment; rollcall No. 141—"yes"—Revising the congressional Budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013; and rollcall No. 142—"yes"—Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror.

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY ALL YEAR AROUND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the everlasting accomplishments and contributions of women as we look to celebrate National Women's History beyond the month of March.

This year's theme, as resolved by the House of Representatives on March 4, 2008, was to increase awareness and knowledge of women's involvement in history. It is an effort that is long overdue. Women have been pillars in our communities for centuries despite the sexism and discrimination that have limited their opportunities to succeed across all fields and disciplines. Their stories are undeniably woven in the fabric of our history, from colonial times up through today.

The fight of our sisters and mothers to overcome stereotypes and other obstacles has helped carry out the promise of our democracy and drawn us closer to a more perfect union. The names of those who have broken through the barriers of the status quo include Harriet Tubman, whose stewardship of the Un-

derground Railroad helped free hundreds of thousands of African American slaves; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, whose activism pushed open the ballot box and made it possible for all women to vote; Rosa Parks, whose refusal to move to the back of an Alabama bus jumpstarted the modern civil rights movement; and Dolores Huerta, who, as co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union, helped secure fair wages and working conditions for thousands of rural and urban workers.

In our very own House of Representatives, the list of heroes includes the first woman in the U.S. Congress, Rep. Jeannette Rankin, and Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress who later become the first female and black Presidential candidate. It includes our very Speaker, NANCY PELOSI, who last year became the first woman elected to lead this grand Chamber.

My district, New York's 15th Congressional District, is not without its share of accomplished heroines. It is home to accomplished community leaders like Dr. Ramona Hernández, Director of the Dominican Studies Institute at the City University of New York; technology advocate Dr. Georgina Falú, founder and president of the Falú Foundation; prominent Harlem physician and activist Dr. Muriel Marjorie Petioni; and Susan Susman, founder of the Preserve West Park North Coalition, who is an active member of the Mitchell Lama Residents Coalition and fierce housing activist. These are just some of the extraordinary residents whose accomplishments sometimes go unnoticed by the media but who are working continually to improve the lives of their families and their communities.

So Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions made and realities faced by women in the month of March and every day of the year. It is an effort that will bring us one step closer to a Nation that not only values equality and justice but is also firmly committed to securing it for all.

REBUILDING AMERICA'S FUTURE

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, with an economic slowdown looming and the war in Iraq draining billions of dollars in public resources every week, a strong Federal budget will give families the help they need to weather tough times and prepare for a prosperous future.

A budget that invests in America's future will direct federal funding to where it's needed most, especially health care, education, housing, nutrition, job training and other priorities that promote economic growth and expand opportunity.

A budget resolution that invests in America's future will include bold new investments in high-quality, affordable health care; strong public education; infrastructure and the development of clean energy sources to end our dependence on foreign oil. It also means an end to the costly war in Iraq, and the repeal of President Bush's irresponsible tax breaks for those who don't need or want them.

We should also be providing tax relief and help to struggling families and veterans; increase homeland security funding; and reject the President's cuts to our first responders.

A budget that invests in America's future will succeed only with broad support in Congress. I encourage my distinguished colleagues to support this proposed budget to rebuild America's future.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this latest attempt to undermine our personal liberties and violate the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. This bill will allow the federal government to engage in the bulk collection of American citizens' communications. In effect, it means that any American may have his electronic communications monitored without a search warrant.

As such, the bill clearly violates the Fourth Amendment, which states:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The assurances in this bill that Americans will not have their communications monitored without warrant are unconvincing. The bill merely states that the government should do its best to avoid monitoring Americans if possible. We have seen how meaningless such qualified prohibitions have been as we recount the abuses over the past several years.

Just today, we read in the news that the federal government has massively abused its ability to monitor us by improperly targeting Americans through the use of "national security letters." Apparently some 60 percent of the more than 50,000 national security letters targeted Americans, rather than foreign terrorists, for surveillance.

This is what happens when we begin down the slippery slope of giving up our constitutional rights for the promise of more security. When we come to accept that the government can spy on us without a court order we have come to accept tyranny.

I urge my colleagues to reject this and all legislation that allows Americans to be spied on without a properly issued warrant.

HONORING ZACHARY ANTHONY LAYTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Anthony Layton of Platte City, Missouri. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by tak-

ing an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary 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 Zachary Anthony Layton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRISCILLA RAKESTRAW, 24TH TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ms. Priscilla Rakestraw, who is the recipient of The Agenda for Delaware Women's 24th Trailblazer Award. Priscilla was selected for this award because of her pioneer roles in formulating corporate policy, community service, politics, and Government.

During her career in human resources at the DuPont Company, Priscilla was instrumental in developing substance abuse and sexual harassment programs for DuPont. These programs gained recognition nationwide, eventually resulting in their adoption at DuPont locations throughout the United States. Due to Priscilla's foresight and persistence, DuPont was able to provide assistance aimed at eradicating harmful behaviors in the workplace.

After leaving DuPont, Priscilla continued to use her skills and passion as a leader to advance causes for organizations she feels strongly about. She is active in raising funds for various community, church, and charitable organizations. As development director for Wilmington College, Priscilla played a vital part in raising funds to expand the university by acquiring new college sites. As development director for the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, she has raised funds for a new, more conveniently located facility. She has served on a number of boards, including Goodwill, the Ministry of Caring, the East Side Charter School, and the annual auction for the Emmanuel Dining Room, where she raised over \$500,000 to provide food to those in need.

An advocate for women in politics and Government, Priscilla has long encouraged women to pursue positions in politics, she herself having extensive experience in the political arena. Priscilla has held leadership positions in more than 120 campaigns, both at the national and State levels. She is presently the longest serving member of the Republican National Committee, having held the position of Delaware's Republican National Committee-woman since the age of 27. She will attend the National Convention this year, as usual, and is a member of the Arrangements Committee and chair of the Convention's Entertainment Committee.

I want to publicly thank, recognize and acknowledge Priscilla Rakestraw for her many

years of service and numerous contributions to the State of Delaware. She is an excellent role model for those who aspire to serve their community through both public office and private service. She is a true trailblazer in every respect.

HONORING MARGARET TRUMAN DANIELS AND HER LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Truman Daniels, the daughter of a great American President and a popular mystery novelist whose source of grace and inimitable talent was no mystery. Her strong-willed parents, President Harry S. Truman and his wife Bess, instilled in her a depth of character and a penchant for independence that remained with her a lifetime. She was their beloved only child who made a name for herself in the entertainment business—staking a claim in the worlds of music, television, radio, and books, and even establishing her own brand of critically-acclaimed Washington-based mystery novels.

She was a longtime New York resident, and we are proud to have called her one of our own. The breadth of her talent and the legacy she sought to preserve set her apart, and that is what we celebrate today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department as this year it celebrates 150 years of distinguished service to a grateful community.

In truth, the department actually traces its origins as far back as 1829, when Campbell township, which would later become Springfield, was laid out and initially settled. Twenty years later, the community's first constable was appointed by a population consisting of a small group of families living on the outer edges of the wilderness. Law and order, of sorts, having been established, the population of Springfield grew rapidly as more families sought new challenges and opportunities in the beauty of the Ozarks.

To keep up with a growing settlement, Springfield formally created a small police force in 1858—consisting of a marshal and two junior officers. Thus began in earnest what would later be recognized as one of the most effective and efficient community law enforcement agencies in the country.

By the end of the 19th century, the chief of the Springfield Police Department was collecting a stout salary of \$50 a month, and officers were making a whole lot less. And if the pay didn't scare them away, the department's