

Club has donated over 800,000 food products to local needy families and individuals. The New York City Council recognized Joe's efforts for the Food Drive and honored him with an award in 1997.

Certainly, Joe Delaney is a giant of the Staten Island community service community and I rise today to join the Notre Dame Alumni Club in honoring Joe for his years of service to our community. The Alumni Club will be honoring Joe at their annual "Universal Notre Dame Celebration" on April 18th.

I rise to offer gratitude to Mr. Delaney on behalf of my constituents on Staten Island, and to thank him for his years of community service.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL J. MAHER ON RECEIVING THE MOTHER ROSALIE CLIFTON HILL SERVICE AWARD

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael J. Maher upon his receipt of the University of San Diego's Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Service Award for 2008.

In honor of Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill, the University of San Diego (USD) presents this award annually to an alumnus who personifies the spirit and philosophy of the University. Such a person must exhibit involvement, service enthusiasm and commitment well beyond what is expected of an USD alumnus; demonstrate support of, and service to the USD Alumni Association; and must exemplify in all aspects of his or her life an incorporation of honesty, loyalty, integrity and fidelity.

Michael J. Maher epitomizes these above mentioned qualifications. Graduating from the University of San Diego in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy, Mr. Maher returned to San Diego in 1976 to begin his 32-year professional career.

Maheer has been a fervent supporter of the University of San Diego's athletic programs. He has been instrumental in the continued success of the University's golf program as well as the Torero Athletic Committee. He has dedicated hundreds of hours of mentoring to student athletes.

His continued support of the University has positively influenced associates and fellow alumni to become more involved.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in congratulating Michael Maher upon his receipt of this esteemed honor.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on February 5, 2008 the President sent Congress his proposed budget. This budget is out of touch with the values of the good people who reside in the Second District of Kansas. I am deeply concerned about the President's funding cuts in early childhood education.

Head Start is a successful national school readiness program. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. Unfortunately, Head Start has experienced a 12 percent decline in funding from Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2009. These recent cuts have left individual Head Start programs strapped for funding and only able to serve about 40 percent of the eligible population of children and families. Without increased funding, this percentage will continue to decrease due to the reality that more families are having difficulty making ends meet. For Kansas, this means putting in jeopardy the over 50,000 children who currently use these services. I joined with my colleagues in sending letters to the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee asking them to make funding for Head Start a priority and hope we will soon vote to increase funds for Head Start.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program provides funding for child care for low income families. Child care costs continue to skyrocket—Kansas families pay an average of about \$9,000 a year for an infant in full-time center care. Yet federal support for affordable child care hasn't kept pace. Because of funding shortfalls, only about one in seven children eligible for federal assistance actually receives it. Over the last six years about 150,000 children lost child care due to CCDBG funding shortfalls. Congress must renew its commitment to making sure our children—our future—are not the ones bearing the burden of tight financial times. Kansans rely on CCDBG—in 2005, 18,800 Kansas children were served by the CCDBG. We need to make sure that Kansas' working parents have access to low-cost, high-quality child care so they can continue working and supporting their family. I joined in sending a letter to the Appropriations Committee asking them to support funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program and hope to vote for an increase in funding this year.

My fellow colleagues, it is time that we have a frank and open conversation with the American people. The decisions that this Congress is going to have to make for this next fiscal year are going to be tough, but they must be done. Over the next months, we must work together to restore fiscal responsibility and, at the same time, make sure we deliver services to our constituents. Being fiscally responsible does not mean that we can forget about the importance of early childhood education. Programs like Head Start and CCDBG are important for everyone involved: they enable lower income families to work and improve their economic situation; they make sure that dedicated public servants, like child care providers, receive the compensation they deserve; and they ensure that all children get the social and educational start that will serve them throughout their lives.

HONORING CHUCK AND BOBBIE TERRELL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on May 16, 2008, the San Bernardino community will

gather to honor Chuck and Bobbie Terrell as they are presented with the prestigious Golden Baton Award from the San Bernardino Symphony Guild. In the Guild's 77 years of its existence, this will only be the ninth time that this honor has been awarded. The Guild is honoring them not only for their significant contribution to the San Bernardino Symphony but also for their commitment and dedication to the San Bernardino community as a whole for having spent over 50 years in the field of education.

After honorably serving his country in the United States Marine Corps, Chuck began his career by teaching social science at Azusa High School in 1956. Over the next 10 years, he served as a teacher, a counselor, the director of activities, the unit administrator, and finally, as principal, starting in 1963. During those years, Bobbie supported her husband by raising their children, and also stayed active in her church, the Jr. Women's Club and the United Way. In addition to performing his duties as principal, Chuck received his education doctorate from the University of Southern California.

From 1966 to 1977, Chuck served as superintendent of schools for the communities of Needles, Corona and Norco. Bobbie received her B.A. in psychology from Cal State Fullerton in 1974, and began teaching elementary school in Chino.

For the past 30 years the Terrells have made their home in San Bernardino. Chuck became San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools in 1982 and worked in that capacity until his retirement in 1993. After receiving her master's degree in counseling from Cal State San Bernardino, Bobbie worked in the Alvord School District as an elementary counselor and a resource specialist. Bobbie eventually earned her school psychologist's credential from Cal State San Bernardino and became a school psychologist in the Jurupa Unified School District until her retirement in 1993.

Their careers aside, I am sure the Terrells would say that their greatest accomplishment is their family, which includes their children Greg and Kathy, their six granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

In retirement, the Terrells continue to serve their community as they always have. Chuck still serves San Bernardino to this day, as president of the board of trustees for the San Bernardino Community College District. Bobbie has served as treasurer for the San Bernardino Symphony Guild for the past 4 years. Active in the Presbyterian Church, she has also served as treasurer at the presbytery level for 6 years.

Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the service, sacrifice, and dedication of Chuck and Bobbie Terrell. Their impact on our community over the years serves as a great reminder that a life spent educating others is a life of a true patriot.

HONORING MORGAN WALKER MARTZ

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Morgan Walker Martz 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 175, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

APRIL 15TH—TAX DAY

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Madam Speaker, once again the Tax Man cometh. Today, April 15, is the day American taxpayers scramble to comply with a tax code, over 67,000 pages long.

In 2007, individual taxpayers spent an estimated 3.18 billion hours complying with the Federal income tax laws. Individuals spend \$26.5 billion for tax software, tax preparers, postage, and other costs related to filing their Federal income tax, while corporations spend \$156.5 billion to comply with Federal tax laws. Americans may send two and a half trillion dollars to the IRS, but the cost to our economy is much greater. Despite this, the majority party is forcing a \$654 billion tax increase on the American people, the largest in American history.

It's time to scrap the IRS and this oppressive tax code. It's time to look at the fair tax or the flat tax as viable alternatives to our overly burdensome tax code. It's time to stop punishing taxpayers and pass fundamental tax reform.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for three rollcall votes on April 14th. If I had been present for those votes, I would have voted as follows:

First, on rollcall No. 183, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 886, Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado, as a cosponsor of the resolution I would have voted "yes."

As the resolution reminds us all, on Sunday, December 9, 2007, a troubled individual was responsible for killing several innocent people and injuring others at, first, the Youth With a Mission facility in Arvada and, a few hours later, at the New Life Church in the Colorado Springs Area—where he was fatally shot by Jeanne Assam, a volunteer private security guard.

The resolution rightly commends Ms. Assam and the quick response of local first respond-

ers in the city of Arvada and in Jefferson County as well as those in El Paso County and Colorado Springs who, assisted by Federal authorities and medical professionals limited the danger to the church and local community. And it offers the heartfelt condolences of the House of Representatives to the victims and families of these tragic acts of violence in Colorado and conveys our gratitude to Jeanne Assam, city and county officials, as well as the police, fire, sheriff, Federal authorities, and emergency medical teams whose quick response saved lives.

Second, on rollcall No. 184, to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 994, regarding National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day, I would have voted "yes."

And, third, on rollcall No. 185, to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3548, as amended, the Plain Language in Government Communications Act, as a cosponsor of that measure I would have voted "yes."

H.R. 3548 requires Federal agencies to use plain language in government documents related to obtaining a service or a benefit. It responds to the fact that government documents often are complex and difficult to understand, particularly when they are not written clearly. To address this problem, President Clinton in 1998 issued a memorandum that, in part, required Federal agencies to use plain language in all documents that explain how to obtain a benefit or service. However, while a few agencies still maintain plain language programs, efforts to promote plain language have waned. H.R. 3548 defines plain language and requires agencies to use plain language in any new document that explains how to obtain a service or a benefit or that is relevant to obtaining a service or a benefit. The bill ensures that many of the letters, forms, and other documents that people receive from the government will be written in a clear, understandable way. Under this bill, for example, the Social Security Administration would be required to use plain language in letters that provide beneficiaries information about Social Security.

I joined in cosponsoring the bill because I think it is important for those of us in government to do more to communicate clearly with our employers, the American people, and I hope that the Senate will join the House in giving prompt approval to the legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, during the week of February 25–29, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 69–87.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 69, H. Res. 978, "yea" on rollcall vote 70, H. Res. 930, "yea" on rollcall vote 71, H. Res. 944, "yea" on rollcall vote 74, H. Res. 974, "yea" on rollcall vote 75, H.R. 3521 the Sires of New Jersey Amendment, "yea" on rollcall vote 76, H.R. 3521 the Meek of Florida Amendment, "yea" on rollcall vote 81, H. Res. 1001, "nay" on rollcall vote 83, H.R. 5351 on Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "yea" on rollcall vote 84, H.R. 5351, "yea" on rollcall vote 85, S. 2272, "yea" on rollcall vote 86, H.R. 4454, "yea" on rollcall vote 87, H.R. 4454.

Madam Speaker, during the week of March 3–7, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 88–106.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 88, H.R. 1143, "yea" on rollcall vote 89, H.R. 1311, "yea" on rollcall vote 90, H.R. 816, "yea" on rollcall vote 91, H.R. 4191, "yea" on rollcall vote 92, H. Con. Res. 278, "yea" on rollcall vote 93, H. Res. 951, "yea" on rollcall vote 96, H. Res. 1014, "yea" on rollcall vote 97, H.R. 4774, "yea" on rollcall vote 98, H. Con. Res. 286, "nay" on rollcall vote 100, H.R. 1424 the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "yea" on rollcall vote 101, H.R. 1424, "yea" on rollcall vote 102, H.R. 5400, "yea" on rollcall vote 104, H. Res. 1015, "nay" on rollcall vote 105, H.R. 2857 the Flake of Arizona Amendment, "yea" on rollcall vote 106, H.R. 2857 the Inslee of Washington Amendment.

Madam Speaker, during the week of March 10–14, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 108–145.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 108, H. Res. 537, "yea" on rollcall vote 109, H.R. 3196, "yea" on rollcall vote 110, H.R. 4166, "yea" on rollcall vote 115, H. Res. 924, "yea" on rollcall vote 116, Motion, "yea" on rollcall vote 117, H.R. 2082, "yea" on rollcall vote 118, H. Res. 948, "yea" on rollcall vote 119, H. Res. 493, "yea" on rollcall vote 122, H. Res. 1031, "yea" on rollcall vote 130, H. Res. 1036, "yea" on rollcall vote 131, H.R. 5563, "yea" on rollcall vote 132, H. Con. Res. 316, "yea" on rollcall vote 133, H. Res. 936, "yea" on rollcall vote 134, S. 2733, "yea" on rollcall vote 137, H. Con. Res. 312 Kilpatrick of Michigan Amendment, "yea" on rollcall vote 138, H. Con. Res. 312 Lee of California Amendment, "nay" on rollcall vote 140, H. Con. Res. 312 Ryan of Wisconsin Amendment, "yea" on rollcall vote 141, H. Con. Res. 312, "yea" on rollcall vote 142, H. Res. 991, "yea" on rollcall vote 143, H. Res. 1041 On Ordering the Previous Question, "yea" on rollcall vote 144, H. Res. 1041 On Agreeing to the Resolution, "yea" on rollcall vote 145, H.R. 3773.

Madam Speaker, during the week of March 31–April 4, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 147–160.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 147, H.R. 3352, "yea" on rollcall vote 148, H.R. 2675, "yea" on rollcall vote 149, H. Con. Res. 302, "yea" on rollcall vote 150, H. Con. Res. 310, "yea" on rollcall vote 151, H. Res. 1005, "yea" on rollcall vote 152, H. Res. 1021, "yea" on rollcall vote 154, H. Res. 1065 On Ordering the Previous Question, "yea" on rollcall vote 155, H. Res. 1065 On Agreeing to the Resolution, "yea" on rollcall vote 156, H.R. 5501 Carson of Indiana Amendment, "nay" on rollcall vote 157, H.R. 5501 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "yea" on rollcall vote 158, H.R. 5501 On Passage, "nay" on rollcall vote 159, H.R. 4847 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "yea" on rollcall vote 160, H.R. 4847 On Passage.

Madam Speaker, during the week of April 7–11, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 161–182.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 161, H.J. Res. 70, "yea" on rollcall vote 162, H.R. 2464, "yea" on rollcall vote 163, S. 793, "yea" on rollcall vote 164, H. Res. 1084 On Ordering the Previous Question, "yea" on rollcall vote 165, H. Res.