

Miss Leuer chose to write a letter to the author expressing the positive impact the poem provided as she dealt with the tragedy of losing her sister in an accident.

"I personally attribute a great deal of that peace to your poem, 'Caroline,'" Miss Leuer wrote. "I realize we can endure this pain only because of small miracles we experience every day. 'Caroline' is one of those miracles."

The panel of judges gave Miss Leuer a perfect score for her "original, emotional, genuine, and inspiring response," and Target donated a \$10,000 grant to St. Michael Catholic Library on her behalf.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Sixth District of Minnesota, I want to congratulate Amelia Leuer for her talent and national achievement. I wish her the very best as she graduates high school and pursues what are sure to be bright endeavors in her future.

TRIBUTE TO WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I am humbled today to recognize my fellow Oregonians killed on the job or at war in 2008. This nation has made great strides in protecting Americans from all walks of life in all different types of jobs, but any death, or injury, resulting from an on-the-job accident or injury is one too many.

So as we recognize these men and women on this Workers Memorial Day, let us also pledge to do better to provide safe and productive work environments for our nation's workers. Let us remember the ultimate sacrifice of these men and women and honor their legacies.

William Adams, Cecil Alberts, Joshua Amos, Eugene Ardisson, Jeffrey Baker, Robert Betz, Shawn Blazer, Kerry Boatman, Lance Corporal Dustin Canham, Scott Charleson, Randy Chipman, Edward Clarke, Mike Dennison, Captain Bruno de Solenni, Michael Dewey; and Coner Duty.

Private First Class Cody Eggleston, Corporal Jessica Ellis, James Exline, Jene Fitzgerald, Robert Ford, James French, Edrik Gomez, Nathan Gourley, William Hakim, Matthew Hammer, Thomas Holliday, Kevin Ivey, Lance Corporal Robert Johnson, Christopher Judah; and Stephen Kaufman.

Jason Ketcheson, Matthew Kohanes, Robert Kramer, Roger Kruiuzenga, Kevin Leader, Timothy Leake, Kelly Linhart, Jeffrey Little, Miguel Martinez-Perez, Sergeant Zachary McBride, David McKay, John Miller, Sergeant Mikeal Miller, Joseph Montero; and Joshua Moughler.

Private Tan Ngo, Mark Phares, Dale Pickett, Paul Reiter, Steven Renno, Bryan Rich, Robert Rolph, Jesse Savage, Roark Schwanenberg, George Shaw, Aaron Simmons, Terry Smith, Gurdev Sohi, Darrell Souza; and David Steele.

Gerald Stierwalt, Brian Swenson, Thomas Tennant, Hector Terriquez-Chavez, Chad Thompson, Frank Toohey, Sergeant James Treber, Tommy Walker, Lieutenant Colonel James Wiley, William Woodruff, John Wor-

thington; and Private First Class Joshua Young.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INITIATING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE REFORM ACT OF 2009

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009. This legislation is an important first step in reforming and improving the U.S. foreign assistance program, particularly with respect to developing countries. I call it a first step, because I intend to work with my House and Senate colleagues later this year on a broader reform effort that will include a comprehensive rewrite of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

There is broad consensus that the U.S. foreign assistance program is in need of a significant overhaul. Currently, foreign assistance programs are fragmented across 12 departments, 25 different agencies, and nearly 60 government offices. The current foreign assistance structure is characterized by duplication, fragmentation, and conflicting purposes and objectives. As a result, the United States lacks a clear and consistent strategy toward developing countries. Last week, the Government Accountability Office issued a report detailing the urgent need for developing such a strategy.

Over the years, there have also been criticisms about the accountability, effectiveness, and transparency of U.S. foreign assistance. While some of these criticisms have merit, in the vast majority of cases our assistance is being used to help lift people out of poverty, combat food insecurity, and promote stability and good governance all over the world. Yet without an effective and transparent system that tracks our assistance, it is difficult to document our successes.

In order to begin addressing these issues, this bill requires the President to develop and implement a comprehensive National Strategy for Global Development, which will define and streamline the roles of each department and agency engaged in development policies, programs and activities overseas. In addition, the strategy will establish a process to review and improve coordination among the various departments and agencies involved. The strategy will also establish objectives for our development programs, with the goal of reducing poverty and contributing to broad-based economic growth in developing countries. Most importantly, it will spell out the connection between reducing poverty in the developing world and advancing U.S. national security and foreign policy interests.

To improve the accountability and transparency of foreign aid, the legislation requires each U.S. department and agency carrying out foreign assistance to develop a system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of assistance programs. It also requires the President to publish and make pub-

licly available comprehensive information on U.S. foreign assistance on a program-by-program and country-by-country basis. Upon enactment of this legislation, every American and all recipients of U.S. foreign aid will be able to see where and how U.S. foreign assistance is being used.

Madam Speaker, overhauling our foreign assistance apparatus is critical to safeguarding America's long-term national security, confronting transnational threats, stimulating global economic growth and ensuring that U.S. foreign assistance reflects the values and priorities of the American people. This legislation is a critical first step in achieving these objectives, and I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues and the Obama Administration on the broader U.S. foreign assistance reform effort.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ALLISON REEDY ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Allison Reedy of Tiffin, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Allison's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet Class of 2013. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Allison brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Tiffin Columbian High School in Tiffin, Ohio, Allison attained a grade point average which placed her in the top ten percent of her class. Allison participated in Tiffin Columbian High School's marching, concert, and symphonic bands; she was a member of the Quiz Bowl, and was active in TC Crew. Allison was also inducted into the National Honor Society.

Outside the classroom, Allison was a member of the cheerleading and swim teams. Allison utilized her leadership skills as President of the Spanish Club and leader of the Band Dance Committee. I am confident that Allison will carry the lessons of her student leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Allison Reedy on her acceptance of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Allison will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the Nation.

NEW EDITION OF THE GPO STYLE
MANUAL

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, the GPO is currently distributing copies of the latest edition of the U.S. Government Printing Office Style Manual, the first revision to this authoritative style guide since 2000.

The GPO Style Manual, as it is popularly known, is issued under the authority of section 1105 of Title 44 of the U.S. Code, which requires the Public Printer, as head of the GPO, to “determine the form and style in which the printing . . . ordered by a department is executed . . . having proper regard to economy, workmanship, and the purposes for which the work is needed.” The Manual is prepared by the GPO Style Board, composed of proofreading, printing, and Government documents specialists from within GPO, where all congressional publications and many other key Federal Government documents are produced.

The first GPO Style Manual appeared in 1894. It was developed originally as a printer’s stylebook to standardize word and type treatment and remains so today. Through successive editions, however, the GPO Style Manual has come to be widely recognized by writers and editors both within and outside the Federal Government as one of the most useful resources in the editorial arsenal.

The new edition of the GPO Style Manual has been thoroughly redesigned to make it more modern and easier to read, and the content has been updated generally throughout in keeping with current usage. In addition, a variety of suggestions offered by users since the last edition was published have been incorporated. In addition to Members of Congress, copies are being distributed to Federal agencies and Federal depository libraries, and are being offered for sale to the public. There is also a free online version of the Manual at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/stylemanual/index.html>.

As Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing during the 110th Congress, when the new edition of the Style Manual was prepared, I commend the staff of the GPO for the production of this handsome volume, and I commend its use to my colleagues and their staffs in both this House and the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARINE
RENEWABLE ENERGY PRO-
MOTION ACT OF 2009

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2009, a bill to promote the development of renewable energy from our oceans and rivers, using the tides, currents, waves and even the thermal properties of our oceans to generate electricity. I thank Senator MURKOWSKI for introducing a Senate companion to this important measure.

Marine and hydrokinetic devices offer the potential to capture energy from waves, tides, ocean currents, and the natural flow of water in rivers, as well as marine thermal gradients, without building new dams or diversions. The potential for this energy is tremendous. The Electric Power Research Institute has estimated that ocean resources in the United States could generate 252 million megawatt hours of electricity, which given as much support as other types of renewable energy, could be equivalent to 6.5 percent of America’s entire electricity generation.

Currently, Washington State companies, universities, research institutions and public utilities are working to bring affordable, reliable and abundant electricity to major urban load centers located near Puget Sound.

For example, the Department of Energy designated the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center, run by the University of Washington and Oregon State University, to develop tidal and wave research projects. Additionally, the Department of Energy’s Marine Sciences Laboratory on the Olympic Peninsula assesses waterpower resource potential to address and remove environmental roadblocks to deployment, testing to accelerate the integration of large-scale waterpower electricity generation into the Northwest power grid, and is essential to establishing a robust basis for industrial investment based on verifiable technology performance, assured cost basis, and environmental performance. Furthermore, two entities in Washington State are further along in deploying tidal energy turbines than anyone else in the United States. Both Verdant Power, in partnership with the U.S. Navy, and the Snohomish County Public Utility District, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, are well underway in their research and development of tidal energy in the Puget Sound and should be seen as test beds for the nation.

The Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act will accelerate these efforts by establishing a research, development and demonstration program at the Department of Energy that is specifically devoted to marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy. This office will help to develop new marine renewable energy technologies, increase reliability and durability of facilities, reduce manufacturing and operating costs of the devices, help identify and address environmental impacts of marine renewable energy and make sure that such power can be integrated into the national electricity grid.

Importantly, the bill authorizes federal funding for a Marine-based Energy Device Verification Program, which will bridge the gap between design and development efforts and the commercial deployment of marine renewable energy devices. Funds would facilitate the installation and evaluation of marine renewable energy projects in partnership with appropriate federal research institutions and organizations. Information learned will be available for the benefit of utilities, independent power producers, generators, and others in the marine renewable energy development community.

Further, the bill establishes an Adaptive Management and Environmental fund to provide grants for entities to help pay for the regulatory permitting and development of new marine technologies.

Finally, the bill would allow marine energy to qualify for the existing accelerated deprecia-

tion tax benefit, which essentially allows marine projects to accelerate the depreciation of their project costs over five years and will help enhance project economic returns for private developers.

I urge my colleagues to consider this important bill.

“IN CONCERT”: A POEM BY ALBERT CARY CASWELL IN HONOR OF THE COLBERT FAMILY, THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY, OUR MILITARY BANDS, AND PBS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

IN CONCERT

In the home of The World’s Greatest Democracy . . .
Up upon a hill, our nation gathers as one twice yearly . . .
In Concert, on Memorial weekend . . .
And on The Fourth, as her birthday begins . . .
For treasured moments, which now live on . . .
All in our hearts, which are now born . . .
As when, upon Capitol Hill . . . one family . . .
The Colbert’s, have brought such moments to instill . . . you and me . . .
All, In Concert . . . The Colbert family . . .
And PBS, have so entertained us on TV . . .
As all of our hearts are so thrilled . . .
With such laughter and joy, and such tears so filled . . .
With some of our nation’s, and the world’s greatest talent billed . . .
As a city gathers on her west lawn . . .
As before the world’s greatest dome, a masterpiece soon dawns . . .
As The United States Capitol, shining moments on a hill!
Beamed across our nation, to give to all such a thrill . . .
When, on a Memorial Day weekend . . .
As a national, we are all so moved to tears . . .
As we so see, the true meaning of courage so here . . .
As we watch our Armed Forces, most selfless stories appear . . .
For no greater glory, or gift could be!
Then Arms and Legs, and precious Lives indeed . . .
All so we may be free, as we fall to our knees!
As out across this great nation, we are all brought to tears . . .
Reminding us all, the true cost of freedom so very dear . . .
And then, on The Fourth of July . . .
As our Nation’s birthday party, so fills the skies . . .
With fireworks exploding on, and off the stage . . .
As we see Jerry’s, Yankee Doodle Dandy talent made . . .
All there in the glow of our nation’s beloved Dome, it plays . . .
As we’re all so reminded to celebrate . . .
And why we’re so blessed . . .
To but live in these here United States!
As all “In Concert,” as they create!
As children, babies, men and women get up to dance . . .
All in Freedom’s beloved stance!
Whether, country . . . or rock and roll . . .