

of thousands of volunteers who care for our nation's trails understand the value of volunteerism and stewardship of our public landscapes.

This resolution recognizes the contribution of trail volunteers and organizations, highlights the opportunities trails provide to improve our physical and mental health, supports the goals and ideas of National Trails Day, encourages people to observe National Trails Day, and applauds national, State, and community agencies and groups for their work in promoting awareness about trails.

I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating National Trails Day and recognizing the value of America's 200,000-mile trail network. On June 6, I hope we can all take time to join our constituents in doing trail maintenance, hiking, or another fun outdoor activity in honor of this day.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RHEA  
PAUL

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Rhea Paul, a resident of Milford, Connecticut, for her lifetime of dedication to the improvement of quality-of-life for children who suffer from language and significant developmental disorders, for serving as a teaching professor who has mentored hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students, and for contributing extensively to the research in autism and language disorders as she prepares for her investiture as President of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Dr. Paul currently serves as a Professor at the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy within the Yale University School of Medicine, where in 2008 she became the first woman in her field to be awarded a Yale professorship. She has published over 70 papers in refereed journals and her textbook, *Language Disorders from Infancy Through Adolescence: Assessment and Intervention*, is considered the gold standard by scholars, clinicians and students alike.

Dr. Paul, who specializes in autism studies and preliteracy development, has been the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her enormous contribution to the field of Speech Communication Disorders including the Millar Award for Faculty Excellence in 1988, an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fellowship in 1991, the Editor's Award from the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology in 1996, and the Faculty Scholar Award from Southern Connecticut State University in 1999. She is the widow of Dr. Charles Isenberg, who passed away in 1997, and the proud mother of three grown children.

Today, I would like to recognize Dr. Rhea Paul as she begins her term as leader of Connecticut's professional association of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and professional affiliates. I am truly proud that such an accomplished woman resides in my Congressional District, and grateful for the energy and advocacy Dr. Paul demonstrates on behalf of children with communication disorders

and their families. I offer my best wishes to her and the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association in their future endeavors.

## MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember the brave men and women who have given their lives in battle, and we also honor the veterans who served in prior engagements and the troops currently in uniform. Throughout our history, brave Americans have fought for freedom and democracy around the world, and today we remember them for their noble service. We honor our troops and veterans through our deeds and our words, reaffirming our commitment to support our troops and providing our veterans with the benefits they deserve.

Over the last few years, Congress has made historic gains for America's troops, veterans, and military families. Among these accomplishments include a New GI Bill to restore the promise of a full, four-year college education for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, the largest increase in history for veterans' healthcare and other services, and significant strides in rebuilding the American military and strengthening other benefits for our troops and military families. This Memorial Day I pledge to continue this critical work to put America's troops and veterans first.

I know that more remains to be done. I will never stop fighting to ensure we do right by the men and women who serve our nation and defend our freedom. This Memorial Day, please join me in paying tribute to the brave men and women from Northwest Indiana, and all of America, who gave their lives in defense of freedom and democracy.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE MEN  
AND WOMEN FROM NEW JERSEY'S  
3RD CD, MEMORIAL DAY  
2009

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. ADLER. Madam Speaker, in honor of Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, I would like to recognize service members from the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey that have made the ultimate sacrifice in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom:

SPC Ryan Baker, United States Army—  
Browns Mills, NJ

SSG Robert Chiomento, United States  
Army—Fort Dix, NJ

CPT Gregory Dalessio, United States  
Army—Cherry Hill, NJ

PFC Vincent Frassetto, United States Marine  
Corps Reserves—Toms River, NJ

SGT Bryan Freeman, United States Army  
Reserves—Lumberton, NJ

SSGT Anthony Goodwin, United States  
Marine Corps—Westampton, NJ

SSG Terry Hemingway, United States  
Army—Willingboro, NJ

MAJ Dwayne Kelley, United States Army  
Reserves—Willingboro, NJ

MAJ John Pryor, United States Army Re-  
serves—Moorestown, NJ

CPL Thomas Saba, United States Marine  
Corps—Toms River, NJ

LTCOL John Spahr, United States Marine  
Corps—Cherry Hill, NJ

SPC Philip Spakosky, United States  
Army—Browns Mills, NJ

Within our military, servicemen and women demonstrate the highest level of heroism and bravery. The presence of these heroes makes our nation stronger and safer. The loss of any service member is painful. This Memorial Day we, as we should ever day, honor and give thanks to these men, and all other Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen who have given their lives in service to our country. We mourn their loss, and we offer prayers to their families. God bless our service members and their families.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, during final consideration of H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009, I inadvertently voted "aye" on roll call vote 277 when I had intended to vote "nay". I would like the record to reflect that I am proud of my long support of sensible policies and regulations that promote the health and safety of children and families from gun violence, including within our parks.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVEN C. LaTOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. LaTOURETTE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 915, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman STEVEN  
C. LaTOURETTE.

Bill Number: H.R. 915.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake  
County, OH

Address of Requesting Entity: 1885 Lost  
Nation Road, Willoughby, OH 44094 USA.

Description of Request: To authorize and make funds available to Lake County, OH for the purchase of Lost Nation airport from the City of Willoughby. The transaction will help maintain the capacity of the national aviation system. Up to \$1,220,000 will be made available to Lake County, OH for the purchase.

## TRIBUTE TO PAT BOONE

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the legendary singer, actor and author

Pat Boone of Nashville, Tennessee, for his 75th birthday on June 1. I want to take a moment to recognize his tremendous accomplishments and thank him for all he has contributed to Tennessee, our country and across the world.

Pat continues to give back to the community through charitable and educational organizations. For 32 years, he has played a significant role in the growth and success of Bethel Bible Village, a residential group home in my hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee, that provides a happy, healthy and godly environment for children of families in crisis. Through golf tournaments, banquets and auctions, Pat has helped raise more than \$2.7 million for this ministry and the families it serves.

Before graduating from Columbia University in 1958, Pat had already signed a multi-million dollar recording contract and had various television and movie deals, including hosting The Pat Boone Chevy Show. Through the course of his successful career, Pat started two record companies and released more than 30 Gold Record albums, including "Ain't That a Shame," which climbed the charts to number one in 1955. He is the Billboard number ten all-time top record artist and a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Pat's writings are as well known as his entertainment and have been translated into multiple languages, allowing people across the world to read his works. His first book, *Twixt Twelve and Twenty*, was a number-one best-seller in the 1950s and can now be found in school and church libraries across the nation. Pat Boone has proven himself an inspiring and successful writer, authoring more than 15 books.

Pat has served as the National Spokesman for the March of Dimes, the National Association of the Blind and other worthy charities. As the Entertainment Chairman of the National Easter Seal telethon, Pat helped raise over \$600 million dollars to help handicapped children and adults. He currently is helping build a worldwide Internet "blood bank" to help solve the recurring blood shortages in certain parts of the world.

Pat and his wife of 55 years, Shirley, initiated Mercy Corps, one of the most respected humanitarian relief organizations in the world. What started as a small relief effort in Cambodia, now operates in more than 22 countries and delivers millions of dollars in food and basic necessities to those in need.

Pat Boone is an accomplished man of integrity, loyalty and outstanding leadership. He has positively shaped our community in Chattanooga, providing hope and encouragement to a generation of children at Bethel Bible Village and I am proud to recognize his accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR GENE CAREY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor Gene Carey for his years of service to the City of Lewisville and the North Texas Region.

Gene Carey has a long tenure of public service in Lewisville where he served as

Mayor for nine years, a City Councilman for seven years and a member of the city's Park Board for four years. His experience supported his philosophy that Mayor is not a position you start at, rather a position you work up to. Carey is known as a principled and ethical leader with a calming effect on the community.

Although he is leaving his position on the City Council, his hard work has resulted in projects that will serve as a reminder of his work for years to come. Under his leadership, Lewisville has seen the securing of new funding for infrastructure and neighborhood improvements, and the revitalization of Old Town Lewisville. Mayor Carey has offered strong guidance at a time when the city saw valued economic developments. He, along with his fellow City Council members also worked hard to provide a new jail facility.

During Mayor Carey's tenure, Lewisville saw major efforts to improve the overall quality of life for its citizens with passage of parks and library funding that has resulted in a new library and several areas where families can safely gather to enjoy a day away from hectic schedules. He was a strong advocate for a cultural arts center that will soon break ground.

His work has earned him the respect of fellow public servants. Council members will be quick to tell you that Carey always made sure all citizens had their voice heard, whether the issue be large or small. A fellow Council Member stated, "For 20 years, Gene Carey served with honor and integrity. With his quiet humility he has led the City Council and staff in making Lewisville one of the best places to live in North Texas".

Gene Carey is also respected for his deeds beyond city government. He is family man and a member of Lakeland Baptist Church. He served as President of Christian Community Action in Lewisville and is a graduate of the Lewisville Citizen's Police Academy. He also has the distinction of Honorary Police Officer. He is a professional with a well known sense of humor.

It is with great honor that I recognize Mayor Gene Carey for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of Lewisville and North Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington. His service sets a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will endure.

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
AFFORDABLE GAS PRICE ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 21, 2009*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Affordable Gas Price Act. This legislation reduces gas prices by reforming government policies that artificially inflate the price of gas. While the price of gas has not yet reached the record levels of last year, over the last 2 months the average price of gas has risen approximately 16 percent. In some areas, the price of gas is approaching \$3.00 per gallon. There is thus a real possibility that the American people while soon by once again hard hit by skyrocketing gas prices.

High gas prices threaten our fragile economy and diminishes the quality of life for all

Americans. One industry that is particularly hard hit is the trucking industry. The effects of high gas prices on the trucking industry will be reflected in increased costs for numerous consumer goods, thus further harming American consumers.

Unfortunately, many proposals to address the problem of higher energy prices involve increasing government interference in the market through policies such as price controls. These big government solutions will, at best, prove ineffective and, at worst, bring back the fuel shortages and gas lines of the seventies.

Instead of expanding government, Congress should repeal Federal laws and policies that raise the price of gas, either directly through taxes or indirectly through regulations that discourage the development of new fuel sources. This is why my legislation repeals the Federal moratorium on offshore drilling and allows oil exploration in the ANWR reserve in Alaska. My bill also ensures that the National Environmental Policy Act's environmental impact statement requirement will no longer be used as a tool to force refiners to waste valuable time and capital on nuisance litigation. The Affordable Gas Price Act also provides tax incentives to encourage investment in new refineries.

Federal fuel taxes are a major part of gasoline's cost. The Affordable Gas Price Act suspends the Federal gasoline tax any time the average gas prices exceeds \$3.00 per gallon. During the suspension, the Federal Government will have a legal responsibility to ensure the Federal highway trust fund remains funded. My bill also raises the amount of mileage reimbursement not subject to taxes, and, during times of high oil prices, provides the same mileage reimbursement benefit to charity and medical organizations as provided to businesses.

Misguided and outdated trade policies are also artificially raising the price of gas. For instance, even though Russia and Kazakhstan allow their citizens the right and opportunity to emigrate, they are still subject to Jackson-Vanik sanctions, even though Jackson-Vanik was a reaction to the Soviet Union's highly restrictive emigration policy. Eliminating Jackson-Vanik's threat of trade-restricting sanctions would increase the United States' access to oil supplies from non-Arab countries. Thus, my bill terminates the application of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 to Russia and Kazakhstan, allowing Americans to enjoy the benefits of free trade with these oil-producing nations.

Finally, the Affordable Gas Price Act creates a Federal study on how the abandonment of the gold standard and the adoption of freely floating currencies are affecting the price of oil. It is no coincidence that oil prices first became an issue shortly after President Nixon unilaterally severed the dollar's last connection to gold. The system of fiat money makes consumers vulnerable to inflation and to constant fluctuations in the prices of essential goods such as oil.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Affordable Gas Price Act and end government policies that increase the cost of gasoline.