

no place in this bill and loaded firearms have no place in parks. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing these harmful changes.

When the Bush Administration issued its regulations allowing national park visitors to carry loaded, concealed, and operable guns, it was clear these changes were not designed to protect Americans visiting parks. The Bush regulations aimed to overturn reasonable restrictions that had existed for nearly 30 years enabling park visitors with proper permits to carry firearms, as long as they were rendered inoperable with either a trigger lock or by disassembly. Fortunately, on March 19, 2009, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly halted the Bush Administration's regulations from going into effect.

Today, with this amendment, the gun industry seeks to go beyond the Bush Administration's suspended regulations and put into law extreme rules that allow park visitors to openly carry rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic weapons in national parks. This reckless and irresponsible policy will dramatically increase the risk of shooting protected wildlife, vandalizing historic monuments, gun-related accidents for children and families visiting these parks. We cannot allow this dangerous policy to be passed into law.

Our national parks are America's sacred treasures and we must ensure their conservation and the safety of all who visit them. Madame Speaker, I fear that with this amendment, we are sacrificing our national parks and the safety of American families for the wishes of the gun industry and we will set a very dangerous precedent.

**JOB CREATION THROUGH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2009**

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I voted yesterday in support of our Nation's small business and for the passage of the "Job Creation through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009", H.R. 2352.

Small businesses play an integral role in the United States economy. Small businesses employ more than half of all workers in the private sector and generate 60 to 80 percent of new jobs in this country. The entrepreneurial development programs developed by this bill will help small businesses not only survive the current downturn, but allow them to expand and create new jobs.

I am particularly pleased that this bill creates Veterans Business Centers for veteran entrepreneurs. Our nation was built by citizen-soldiers, yet too often, our veterans have difficulty finding well-paid, rewarding work in the nation they served and protected. According to the Department of Labor, we need to do more to help our youngest veterans find gainful employment. Veterans between the ages of 18 and 24 had an unemployment rate of 14.1 percent; nearly double the rate of those between the ages of 25 to 34 (7.3 percent). It is unacceptable that hundreds of thousands of veterans who have risked their own lives to defend our country can't find jobs, and many endure homelessness and lives of poverty after they return home. Our brave men and

women in uniform have given so much for this country; it is right that the Congress help ensure that our returning soldiers have jobs when they come home.

I also am pleased that this bill increases the amount of entrepreneurial development training that will be offered through online training. I have long supported greater use of online job training, which is why I introduced H.R. 145, the Online Job Training Act of 2009, which amends the Workforce Investment Act to provide grants to states that establish or improve workforce training programs on the Internet. I have seen the value of online job training first-hand at a successful pilot program in my state run by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Rutgers University. Online training allows workers to access needed development services during the time most convenient for them and in a location most convenient for them—scheduling around jobs, child care, and elder care responsibilities. Offering entrepreneurial development training online will expand the reach of this training to reach more workers and increase the impact of these existing programs.

The Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act will build on the investments that this Congress made through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This bill will provide further aid to our small business and continues our efforts to put the economy back on the track to recovery.

**REMEMBERING DR. NORVAL POHL,
FORMER UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
TEXAS PRESIDENT**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Dr. Norval Pohl, the former president of the University of North Texas, located in Denton, Texas.

Over his six-year tenure as the 13th President of UNT, Dr. Pohl made several prominent, lasting contributions that will benefit the university's students for years to come. Among other accomplishments, Dr. Pohl helped establish the College of Engineering, and oversaw the creation of Discovery Park, a brand new 105,000 square-foot chemistry building, and a student recreation center, which was later named after him.

More important is the relationship he cultivated between faculty and students. Dr. Pohl always kept his door open to students, making time to listen to their ideas and concerns and give advice. Under Dr. Pohl's guidance, UNT truly became a student-centered university. Not even a brave struggle with cancer kept him from giving his time to the students who sought his counsel.

Dr. Pohl earned his Ph.D. in Quantitative Systems from Arizona State University, and received an M.B.A. in Management and a B.A. in Psychology from California State University at Fresno. In addition to his years at UNT, Dr. Pohl's career saw success at Northern Arizona University, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and finally at the Prescott campus of Embry-Riddle University, where he served as Chancellor and Provost.

My thoughts go out to his wife Dr. Barbikay Bissell Pohl, and sons Chandler and Prescott, as well as a long list of family and friends. Dr. Pohl will be greatly missed by the many that are fortunate enough to have known him.

**275TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TEWKSBURY MASSACHUSETTS**

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 275th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

From its inception, Tewksbury has contributed to the rich history of Massachusetts and the country. Tewksbury began as a small collection of farms that now exist alongside the technological powerhouses of the new millennium. Businesses that call Tewksbury home conduct cutting edge research in the areas of energy, defense, digital entertainment, and medicine. From the American Revolution through the industrial revolution and now the information technology revolution, Tewksbury has emerged as a successful, innovative, and vibrant community.

I am proud to honor Tewksbury's 275th anniversary, and I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the people of Tewksbury another 275 years of innovation and success.

MRS. CAROLYN MROZ

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mrs. Carolyn Mroz, recipient of the Humanitarian Award from The Optimist Club of Dundalk, Inc. Carolyn has been selected to receive this award because of her dedication to the Dundalk community over the last several decades.

Born in Dundalk, Maryland, Carolyn graduated from Sparrows Point High School but has not lived in the Dundalk Community for 34 years. Moving to Howard County in the 1970s so her husband could be closer to his job, Carolyn has remained active in her home community despite her physical distance from it.

Today, Carolyn is the President of Bay-Vanguard Federal Savings Bank, a company her father started in 1959. Her father began his work at the bank working with families from the steel yards and factories, leading him to establish conservative banking principles that Bay-Vanguard still operates by today. Sticking to her father's policies, Carolyn has kept the bank healthy in the current economic crisis, posting a zero percent foreclosure rate on home loans.

The Humanitarian of the Year award is presented to individuals who benefit the communities of Dundalk and Edgemere even though they do not reside in the area. In addition to Carolyn's efforts in the banking sector, she has been the president of the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council,

where she now serves as secretary. Additionally, she has served as president of the Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, helping to raise over \$500,000 for the renovation of the Todd House on North Point Road in Edgemere.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mrs. Carolyn Mroz on this memorable occasion. Her dedication to the community of Dundalk is apparent in every aspect of her life despite her not residing there, and the community is truly a better place because of her.

INTRODUCING A BILL HONORING
THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
TAKAMIYAMA DAIGORO TO THE
SPORT OF SUMO AND TO UNITED
STATES-JAPAN RELATIONS

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that recognizes the contributions of Jesse Kuhaulua, known professionally as Takamiyama Daigoro, a trailblazer in the sport of sumo wrestling.

Maui-born and a graduate of Baldwin High School in Wailuku, Jesse made his debut as an aspirant in Japan's national sport in the winter of 1964 in Osaka. At the time, he knew little of the Japanese language and the subtleties of the sport itself. In this initial test, he wondered if his stay in Japan would be counted in weeks or months.

On June 15, 2009, Takamiyama Daigoro will retire from a 45-year long sumo career filled with historic milestones. This day marks the day before his 65th birthday by which senior members of the sport must retire.

Takamiyama Daigoro was the first United States born wrestler to enter the sport of sumo. In 1972, he became the first foreigner to win the Emperor's Cup, a top division championship in the sport. He was also the first foreign-born wrestler to climb to the sumo's third highest rank of sekiwake. Takamiyama also stands as the only foreigner to open his own stable, to train future generations in the sport, after he stopped actively competing himself.

Takamiyama opened the door for others from Hawaii to join him in this most ancient of sports. This group includes Saleva'a Atisano'e, also known as Konishiki, who became the first foreigner to reach the second-highest rank of ozeki; as well as Chad Rowen, also known as Akebono, who became the first foreigner to hold the highest rank of sumo, that of yokozuna; and Fiamalu Penitani, also known as Musashimaru, who became the second foreigner to hold the title of yokozuna.

I urge my colleagues to support this recognition of Jesse Kuhaulua, a true ambassador of aloha spirit.

MOREEN BLUM

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my good friend, Moreen

Blum, who was recently honored by the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club for her outstanding contributions to democratic politics in the San Fernando Valley. I have known Moreen for over two decades and have had the pleasure of working with her on many important issues in our community.

A long time volunteer in local politics, Moreen was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She joined the Navy when she was 20 years old and was a member of the Waves until 1952. Shortly after moving to Los Angeles in 1959, she formed the West Hollywood Democratic Club and was a Golden Girl at the John F. Kennedy nominating convention. Currently, she is President Emeritus of the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club, and is very active as the president and founder of the Summerville Democratic Club. Her noteworthy achievements were recognized by the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, as she was presented with the Dorothy Mayer Award. She serves as a worthy example to all political activists.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Moreen Blum for her impressive career and dedication to the people of the San Fernando Valley.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. KISSELL. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 18, 2009, I was unable to vote as I was participating in an Armed Services Congressional Delegation meeting at Ft. Bragg and missed three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 267 to pass H. Res. 300, Congratulating Camp Dudley YMCA of Westport, New York, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; "yea" on rollcall No. 268 to pass S. 386, the "Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009"; and "yea" on rollcall No. 269 to pass H. Res. 442, "Recognizing the Importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its Positive Effect on the Lives of Low Income Children and Families."

RECOGNIZING MAYOR VIC
BURGESS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Vic Burgess who will be retiring from the City of Corinth this month after many years serving his community.

Since 2003, Mayor Burgess served selflessly in the non-paying position and also served for over five years as a City Council Member before being elected as Mayor. Mayor Burgess also held the position of County Judge for four years. His commitment to his community is further illustrated by his service as a volunteer police reserve officer for the City of Lewisville for six years and as a reserve officer for the Denton County Sheriff's Department for two and a half years.

As Mayor and former City Council Member, Vic Burgess demonstrated professionalism, integrity, enthusiasm and dedication to the city and citizens of Corinth. A fellow Council Member stated that, "Mayor Burgess had a steady guiding hand to lead in good and bad times. He put the city on a good path for the future."

It is with great honor that I recognize Mayor Vic Burgess for his years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of Corinth and North Texas. I am proud to represent him in Washington and honor his service and devotion that demonstrates true leadership.

HONORING JAMES F. VESELY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I pause to honor a man who spent more than 40 years using his exceptional journalistic skill, integrity and ethic to promote civic engagement and help educate his readership and many others in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

James F. Vesely retired from The Seattle Times on Friday, May 15, 2009. He oversaw the editorial pages at The Times since 2001 after holding the position of associate editorial page editor for the previous 10 years. During his tenure at the largest newspaper in my home state of Washington, Mr. Vesely consistently pushed The Times editorial pages and its writers to think independently, write accurately and report fairly. And, with an outstanding journalist with a lifetime of experience under his belt in the lead, the editorial page and its writers did just that. During a tremendously difficult time for newspapers throughout our country the editorial pages at The Times spoke consistently, accurately and uncompromisingly.

Before joining The Times in 1991, Mr. Vesely spent much of his career in the Midwest, including ten years in Detroit with The Detroit News. He also worked as a consulting editor for the Anchorage Times and as a visiting editor at The People's Daily in Beijing. In the mid-seventies, he was a Journalism Fellow at Stanford University and was a member of the National Conference of Editorial Writers for the past 15 years.

Mr. Vesely's involvement in civic engagement was the true barometer of his positive effect on citizens looking to "get involved" in their communities and government. In 2005, Mr. Vesely took the time to moderate a forum I held in the 8th District on Social Security and he and The Times Editorial Board hosted, moderated and submitted questions at many political debates—races I was involved in and a variety of others. Mr. Vesely also offered his time to CityClub, a non-profit, non-partisan education organization dedicated to informing citizens and building community leadership, in order to facilitate healthy dialogue and educational opportunities for people in the greater Seattle area. He never rested in educating himself and others to make our corner of the country a more informed, vibrant place to live.

With the retirement of James F. Vesely from The Seattle Times, the Pacific Northwest is losing an informed voice of reason and the journalism profession is losing a wealth of experience, wisdom and generosity. I wish Mr.