

Noah, and Gabriel; Sisters: Jasmine and Elsie McGhee; Paternal Grandparents: Mike and Roberta McGhee of Newport News, Virginia; Maternal Grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. William C. Battle of Knoxville, Tennessee; and countless others.

Ryan was truly an exceptional man, athlete, and soldier. His short but impactful life will forever highlight the virtue of those service men and women with whom Ryan now shares a common bond. He leaves behind a family proud of all that he had accomplished throughout his life and service in the military. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will live on forever among the many dedicated heroes this nation has sent abroad to defend freedom. We can only thank his loved ones for sharing the company of this remarkable young man.

My condolences and prayers go out to Ryan's family, and I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for the service, sacrifice, and example of their soldier, Corporal Ryan C. McGhee. He was respected and admired by those around him, and continually performed above and beyond all expectations while serving his country. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, after careful consideration of H.R. 3170, it is with great regret that I announce my opposition to this bill as a result of its careless disregard for human life.

Historically, there has been a restriction on government-funded abortion in Washington, DC. Language known as the Dornan Amendment, which prohibited both federally and locally appropriated funds from being used to pay for abortions, has always been adopted in prior-year versions of H.R. 3170. However, in a break from this longstanding tradition, the majority chose instead to include language that does not prohibit local taxpayer funding for abortion services. In effect, Congress is breaking with history and allowing taxpayer funded abortions where they were previously prohibited.

I was extremely disappointed that H.R. 3170 included this language, especially since it also contains provisions that I strongly support. For example, I applaud bipartisan efforts to include language protecting the state franchise rights of GM and Chrysler auto dealers. Over 3,000 of these small business owners will ultimately be left behind as a result of the restructuring plans supported by the Obama Administration and recently approved in hasty federal bankruptcy court proceedings. Given that the rights of these auto dealers were not fairly rep-

resented in GM and Chrysler's bankruptcy proceedings, I support providing some kind of legislative remedy to these stakeholders.

Unfortunately, the Majority blocked consideration of an amendment that would have eliminated the language allowing taxpayer funding of abortion services in H.R. 3170 and allowing Members to vote for the bill on its merits. This cynical political move forced those of us opposed to taxpayer-funded abortions to vote against this bill, also implying opposition to helping our auto dealers. Let me be clear that my vote against this bill in no way implies my opposition to protecting the rights of the auto dealers left behind in GM and Chrysler's bankruptcy proceedings.

In short, I really hoped to take this opportunity to support our nation's auto dealers. Because H.R. 3170 effectively legalized taxpayer-funded abortion services, I could not support it.

HONORING THE ROLE OF AMERICAN WORKERS IN PUTTING MAN ON THE MOON

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the key role American workers played in putting man on the moon and to honor their respective contributions to mankind.

On September 12, 1962 President John F. Kennedy challenged America to "go to the moon in this decade . . . not because it is easy but because it is hard." Long Islanders heard this call, rolled up their sleeves and made that dream a reality. I am proud of the Long Islanders who produced the Grumman-built Lunar Module nicknamed "the Eagle" which achieved its rightful fame when astronaut Neil Armstrong announced to the world that, "the Eagle has landed."

America landed on the moon on July 20, 1969 and the men and women of Long Island got us there.

July 2009 is the 40th anniversary of mankind landing on the moon, an eternal tribute to America's engineering genius that sits some 235,000 miles away on the lunar surface. The Grumman-built Lunar Module is a permanent symbol of the collective efforts of the hard-working American men and women who met President Kennedy's call to achieve the impossible.

During the height of the Cold War, a significant portion of the Nation's scientific and technological genius was turned not to weapons but to space exploration.

Forty years later, we honor the ingenuity and tenacity of all Americans that answered President Kennedy's call to reach to the heavens and thank them for their historic contributions to mankind.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN G. FULLER

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a great Alaskan, Mr. John (Jack) G. Fuller, an outstanding soldier, legislator and Alaskan. Mr. Fuller served our country in the Marine Corps, the Michigan National Guard, the Alaskan National Guard and as a Representative to the Alaskan Legislature. His abilities and dedication have been recognized by all who have served with him, and earned him the opinion of others as irreplaceable.

Jack Fuller began his military career with the 21st Regiment of the Third Marine Division in the Pacific Theatre of World War II, in Guam and at Iwo Jima. It was at Iwo Jima that he was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity. Whilst serving as a Sergeant on February 23, 1945, Mr. Fuller took command of his unit when all its officers were dead or wounded and enabled his platoon to continue the attack. Following this he was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Following World War II, Mr. Fuller returned to Michigan and joined the Michigan National Guard. During this period he excelled and successfully graduated from the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. He was eventually granted a permanent commission.

In 1964, Jack Fuller moved to Alaska, with the intention of teaching at the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools on St. Lawrence Island. He also enlisted in the First Scout Battalion, an Eskimo division of the Alaskan National Guard, based in Nome. Jack worked his way up, reaching the rank of Battalion Commander. While under his command, the unit was evaluated as excellent during JACK FROST 1977. Mr. Fuller was further awarded the Legion of Merit, the third highest award of the Army for the outstanding skill, initiative and professionalism he displayed as a Commander. He was the first officer of the Alaskan National Guard to achieve this honor and his dedication to the battalion earned him the admiration of those he served with.

Upon retirement from the Alaskan National Guard in 1978, Mr. Fuller turned to a new challenge and was elected to the Alaskan Legislature as a Representative for District 22, where he served for eight years. In 1986, Mr. Fuller was one of the first to be recruited for the Alaska Defense Force upon its creation, where he used his many skills to aid the State in times of emergency. He also contributed to the State through his work as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Norton. Sound Health Corporation. In recent times Mr. Fuller has also served as President of the Wasilla Senior Center. Regardless of the task at hand, Jack Fuller has committed himself fully to serving others.

On behalf of The United States of America, I extend my thanks and appreciation to Jack Fuller, for his dedication and service to the Great State of Alaska and the entire country. His achievements in both military and civilian life are remarkable and deserve our recognition here, today.

COMMUNIST CHINA MUST END THE
RUTHLESS PERSECUTION OF
FALUN GONG

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, through their annual rally this week, Falun Gong practitioners and sympathizers have focused international attention on the horrible suffering of so many Falun Gong practitioners in Communist China. At that rally, I stood in warm, heartfelt solidarity with them and I will continue to do so until the Chinese people are free. On the occasion of this rally denouncing 10 years of persecution against the Falun Gong, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the names of several students, professors and lawyers who have suffered for their opposition to Communist China's brutal tyranny.

Currently, twelve professors and students from the prestigious Tsinghua University are known to be detained in Communist China under deplorable conditions due to their Falun Gong beliefs:

1. Mr. Bai Rongchun
2. Ms. Zhu Tong
3. Ms. Cong Dayang
4. Ms. Liu Zhimei
5. Ms. Yao Yue
6. Mr. Meng Jun
7. Mr. Wang Xin
8. Mr. Wang Weiyu
9. Mr. Yu Chao
10. Mr. Zang Lianjun
11. Mr. Yuping
12. Mr. Bao Weizhong

I would also like to commend and thank the handful of brave human rights lawyers who have accepted the challenge of representing Falun Gong adherents, as well as other oppressed citizens, and who themselves have been subjected to harassment, disbarment, detention and even torture as a result. Madam Speaker, these attorneys have taken an enormous risk for their fellow countrymen and I commend and admire their honorable efforts:

1. Zhang Kai
2. Li Chunfu
3. Wei Liangyue
4. Tang Jitian
5. Lan Zhixue
6. Jiang Tianyong
7. Li Heping
8. Li Xiongbing
9. Li Fangping
10. Pu Zhiqiang
11. Zhang Kai
12. Jiang Tianyong
13. Li Heping
14. Li Xiongbing
15. Li Chunfu
16. Wang Yajun of Globe-Law in Beijing
17. Cheng Hai
18. Tang Jitian
19. Yang Huiwen of Anhui Law Firm in Beijing
20. Xie Yanyi
21. Li Dunyong of Gongxin Law Firm in Beijing
22. Wen Haibo
23. Liu Wei of Shunhe Law Firm in Beijing
24. Zhang Lihui of Beijing G&G (Giant and Goal) Law Firm in Beijing

25. Li Jinglin of Jiurui Law Firm in Beijing
 26. Wei Liangyue of Jiaodian Law Firm in Heilongjiang
 27. Yang Zaixin of Baijuming Law Firm in Guangxi
 28. Sun Wenbing of Xinhe Law Firm
- Most recently, sometime between July 2 and July 8, these three brave lawyers were arrested for their efforts to defend Falun Gong practitioners:

29. Ruping Liu
30. Wang
31. Wang Ping Yonghang

Madam Speaker, the ruthless, despicable persecution against Falun Gong practitioners and other oppressed minorities must end and these brave prisoners of conscience must be released immediately.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on project funding, I am submitting the following information regarding project funding I requested as part of Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill—H.R. 3183:

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010
Energy and Water Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Energy—EERE
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eastern Illinois University

Address of Requesting Entity: 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois 61920

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 for Eastern Illinois University to replace the campus central thermal plant with a biomass-fired combined heat and power center. Of this amount \$1,000,000 will purchase equipment for the new plant.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010
Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Heartland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1500 West Raab Road, Normal, Illinois 61761

Description of Request: \$250,000 for the Illinois Community College Sustainability Network which will strengthen Illinois community colleges' capacity to promote and provide energy education and sustainable practices across Illinois. Of this amount, \$173,040 is for energy efficiency and green job training personnel; \$77,040 is for supplies and material support.

Requesting Member: TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON
Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Fiscal Year 2010
Energy and Water Appropriations bill
Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Richland Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: One College Park, Decatur, Illinois 62521

Description of Request: \$500,000 for Richland Community College to expand on the existing biofuels degree program in an effort to provide a more comprehensive bioenergy program to include biodiesel, bioethanol, and

other bioenergies in coordination with renewable energy programs. Of this amount \$500,000 is for equipment.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

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Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chair, as with many bills debated in Congress, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 3170) contained some good and some bad provisions. This spending bill funds many important functions of the federal government, including the Department of the Treasury (one of the first four original Cabinet agencies created by the new U.S. government in 1789) and various smaller agencies that are involved in the financial services industry such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Small Business Administration (SBA). In addition, H.R. 3170 funds the Executive Office of the President, the Judiciary (the Third Branch of federal government), and the District of Columbia.

As an original co-sponsor of the Automobile Dealer Economic Rights Restoration Act of 2009 (H.R. 2743), I was extremely pleased that House Committee Appropriations Committee Chairman, DAVID OBEY, and the House Democratic leadership agreed, in a bipartisan fashion, to adopt and protect an amendment offered by my good friend and colleague, Representative STEVE LATOURETTE of Ohio. The LaTourette amendment essentially inserted the language contained in H.R. 2743 into H.R. 3170. The LaTourette amendment would restore the status quo ante for automobile dealerships that were callously terminated by General Motors and Chrysler during their bankruptcy proceedings in blatant disregard to the dealership's contractual rights, state franchise laws, and just plain human decency. Normally, the Rules of the House prohibit the inclusion of language that changes statutory law on spending bills. But because the situation faces automobile dealers is such an exigent circumstance, I agreed with the House leadership that the LaTourette provision should be an exception to the regular rules governing the debate on appropriations bills. I strongly support the retention of the LaTourette amendment throughout the rest of the legislative process.

However, when confronted with many other provisions in H.R. 3170, I could not vote in support of the overall bill. Unfortunately, the House Democratic leadership prevented the consideration of other amendments that could have corrected the major flaws in other parts of this legislation. H.R. 3170 continues the pattern in almost every other appropriations bill in spending well over the rate of inflation.