

which honors a group of courageous women pilots—all of whom earned their wings in Texas. During World War II, Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, were stationed at 2 air bases located in Waco, Texas: Waco Army Air Field and Blackland Army Air Base.

One of the 38 members of WASP who died while flying for their country was killed in Waco while flight-testing a BT-13 to make sure that it had been properly repaired. Bettie Mae Scott was killed on July 8, 1944, her body sent home in a cheap pine box, with not so much as an American flag draping her coffin.

Madam Speaker, my district not only played an important part in the history of the WASP, my district is also the home of WASP Deanie Parrish, a Martin Marauder D-26 pilot, who towed a sleeved target behind her aircraft while a B-24 would pass by and gunnery trainees in the turrets would practice for combat by firing live ammunition, using color coated bullets, at the target.

Wings Across America, founded by Deanie's daughter, Nancy Parrish, located at Baylor University, has played a key role in the creation and implementation of the bill we have before us today. Along with interviewing over 100 WASP, creating the website, "WASP on the Web," founding the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, Texas in 2003 and creating all the exhibits for the opening of the museum in 2005, successfully nominating the WASP for the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, and designing and creating the "Fly Girls of WWII" WASP exhibit, which is now on display at the Women's Memorial at Arlington, these 2 volunteers have worked tirelessly to educate and inspire America with the history of the WASP.

This bill honors the WASP and place the WASP history in the national spotlight, where I believe it rightly belongs.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST & ADULT EDUCATION ADVOCATE MR. HOWARD RANSOM

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mr. Howard Ransom Jr., who passed on the morning of July 26, 2009, at the young age of 55. My heart goes out to his wife, Linda; father; brother, Phillip Ransom; sister, Sheila Ransom; a niece; three stepchildren; his grandson, and the rest of his family.

Ransom was an extraordinary citizen, an activist for at-risk youth and disadvantaged adults in the South Los Angeles community for more than 30 years. His volunteerism spans several organizations including the Brotherhood Crusade, Young Foundation and the United Way.

Born on April 4, 1954, in Chicago to Howard Ransom Sr. and Ollie B. (Cooper) Ransom, Howard Jr. was reared in Oakland. He graduated from Oakland High School and went on to receive bachelor degrees in Theatre Art and African American studies at California State University, Hayward.

As an instructor with the Los Angeles Unified School District for over two decades, Ran-

som was a tenured "master teacher" at the Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center in Watts, where he succeeded in preparing at-risk youth and educating adults in human development and skill enhancement curriculums. He was noted nationwide for his success in preparing students for GED testing.

In 1992, Ransom co-designed a civil service training program that focused on postal employment for the residents of Watts. More than 800 men and women (many on welfare) enrolled in the program during its first year, with 68 percent completing the class and passing the exam with scores in the top percentile.

Ransom received numerous recognitions for his accomplishments, such as "Educator of the Year" Award from the Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment, and was chosen as a "Living History Maker" by Turning Point Magazine.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Howard Ransom for his remarkable service and contribution to our community. He has made a true impact on the lives of many youth and adults, and will be truly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF FORMER PUBLIC CITIZEN PRESIDENT JOAN CLAYBROOK

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize and show my appreciation for Joan Claybrook, the former president of Public Citizen, who recently stepped down after a long career of fighting for consumer safety and social change.

Joan has been an inspiration to me and to countless others on the Hill and around Washington. As a private citizen, as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, and as president of Public Citizen for 27 years, she has been a fearless advocate for American consumers. Every life saved by a shoulder belt or air bag in this country is indebted to Joan's decades of commitment to the issue of auto safety.

Indeed, Joan has been fighting this fight since the beginning. Even before a full career dedicated to protecting American consumers, Joan had worked as a research analyst, congressional fellow, and legislative aide to Sen. Walter Mondale. Then, in 1966, she and Ralph Nader successfully pushed for passage of the nation's first motor safety laws—the Highway Safety Act and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Four years later, she began work for Public Citizen, running the organization's Congress Watch division by 1972. After serving as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Association during the Carter administration, Claybrook returned to Public Citizen. She became president of the organization in 1982, and commenced an impressive 27-year tenure in the post that would be the envy of any advocate or administrator.

Thanks to Joan's efforts, airbags are now standard equipment in all cars sold in the United States, and our government now issues vehicle safety standards that save

thousands of lives a year. But safer cars are just the beginning of Joan's contributions to our civic life. Over the years, she has dedicated herself to countless issues of consumer advocacy, public health, and social justice. Day after day, week after week, in good times and bad, Joan has kept unrelenting pressure on companies and elected officials to live up to their public responsibilities. She has strived to make our government more responsive to the needs and aspirations of its citizens. In short, this nation is a safer, fairer, better place because of her efforts.

Although Joan has left Public Citizen, her work and her inspiration goes on. Generations of leaders and activists have looked to her perseverance, her toughness, her smarts, and her compassion as a model for how to get things changed here in Washington. From Ralph Nader to Robert Redford and Jimmy Carter to JOHN MCCAIN, Joan has taught us all so much about what it takes to effect real change.

She has taught us to keep an unyielding idealism about the way things can and should be, and to combine it with an unblinking, no-nonsense understanding of the foibles of Washington and a tough-as-nails approach to pragmatic, consumer-oriented policy-making. And she has always reminded the powerful that the people come first.

Joan has been a model of courage, conviction, independence and ingenuity, one to which we all aspire. I am so proud of all she has accomplished, which is why I rise to thank her.

THE LOSS OF JEANNE MALCHON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the death of former Florida State Senator Jeanne Malchon. The state of Florida suffered a great loss on August 23, 2009, when she passed away.

In 1982, she successfully ran for the Florida Senate. My mother, Betty Castor, was serving also in the Senate at that time and remarked on the dedication and fervor she had for bettering the lives of Floridians. Senator Malchon pledged to strengthen social services for the elderly and poor and promoted concern for environmental causes. She sponsored the 1985 Florida Clean Indoor Air Act, which prevented smoking in shared public areas. Senator Malchon also successfully raised the penalties for driving under the influence, increased funding for teen runaway shelters, and raised standards which required employers to report toxic chemicals that were used in the work place.

Senator Malchon's was known amongst her peers in the Florida Senate as a smart and candid legislator who got things done. She was said to be so effective because she didn't play political games or allow partisan politics to get in her way. She has been called "a steady hand in a perilous time." Those that knew her can agree that she was an extremely knowledgeable and determined woman.

Jeanne Malchon was a very dedicated individual who helped others even before she became involved with politics. Born in Newark,

New Jersey, she was trained to make mechanical drawings as a draftsman. When her country called during World War II, Senator Malchon became a civilian employee for the Army even though it required her to leave home for Hawaii. In 1952, Senator Malchon and her family moved to St. Petersburg where her political interest and involvement started when she became a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters. She was appointed to a seat on the Pinellas County Commission in 1975.

Madam Speaker, Senator Jeanne Malchon will be greatly missed by the state of Florida. My thoughts are with her family in this time of loss.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on member requests, I am submitting the following information regarding congressionally directed appropriations projects I sponsored as part of H.R. 3326, FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations bill.

Account: Defense

Amount: \$2,000,000

Requesting entity: Minnesota National Guard

Address: 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

Description of Project Request: Funding will help meet the needs of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon reintegration program for service members, which is implemented across all congressional districts throughout Minnesota and over all phases of the deployment cycle. During FY 2010 the Minnesota National Guard will experience a surge in support requirements as Minnesota soldiers return home from mobilization. Funding will be used to support reintegration services for soldiers returning from mobilization, as well as services for family members. Funding will support wounded soldiers, transition events, mental health services, research and additional needs.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

Account: Army Other Procurement

Amount: \$2,360,000

Requesting entity: Minnesota National Guard

Address: 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155

Description of Project Request: Funding will be used for the Minnesota National Guard initiative, Communications Aerial Platforms for Increased Situational Awareness (Phase II), which will provide improved situational awareness to on-scene incident commanders during responses to state emergencies such as floods or other natural disasters. The system provides on-scene communications linking together all response organizations; site command communication, including voice, video, data, and cellular; and real-time streaming data to responders; resulting efficiency saves lives and property.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of me or my spouse.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE 68TH BIRTHDAY OF KARL E.
PEACE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. Karl E. Peace on the occasion of his 68th birthday.

Dr. Peace is a distinguished scholar and academic in the field of biostatistics and mathematics. Born in southwest Georgia, Dr. Peace attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Virginia Commonwealth University, receiving his doctorate from the Medical College of Virginia/ Virginia Commonwealth University in 1976.

Dr. Peace has authored eight books, received numerous awards and contributed to a variety of publications and peer reviews in the field of biostatistics, mathematics, drug development and public health policy. He has held professorships at several colleges including Randolph-Macon College and Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Peace is currently the Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, Founder of the Center for Biostatistics, professor of biostatistics and senior research scientist in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public at Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Peace has been a member of several professional and honorary societies including the Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics, the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science. In 1994, Dr. Peace founded the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium to provide a forum for pharmaceutical and medical researchers and regulators to share timely and pertinent information concerning the application of biostatistics in the pharmaceutical field. Dr. Peace is the founding editor of the Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics and reviewer and editor of several additional journals including the American Statistical Association, Communications in Statistics, the Journal of the American Medical Association and the American Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Peace has a dedicated record of philanthropy to education. He has created twenty-one endowments at five institutions including three at his alma mater, the Medical College of Virginia and one at Randolph-Macon College. He endowed the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the first school of public health in the U GA System. His endowments have enabled hundreds of students to complete their undergraduate or graduate degrees. Dr. Peace has generously donated time and resources to organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Georgia Cancer Coalition, the Southeast Georgia Cancer Alliance and the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition that are dedicated to cancer research, treatments and cures.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Dr. Peace in celebration of his 68th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness and special times with family and friends.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEAN
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HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Jean Fruci.

Jean has served on the Committee staff since July 1995. In 2007, she became Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, which handles issues related to U.S. energy policy and environmental science. It oversees civilian R&D programs within the Department of Energy; R&D programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including climate, weather, and ocean research; and research at the Environmental Protection Agency. Prior to joining the Committee, she worked as a Legislative Assistant to Rep. George E. Brown (D-CA) in the areas of agriculture, resource management, energy, and the environment.

Since becoming Staff Director, Jean has played a pivotal role in several of the Committee's key pieces of legislation including the Energy Independence and Security Act, the America COMPETES Act, and the National Climate Service Act.

Jean's expertise is unmatched, especially in environmental research and development, and weather and climate monitoring. She is a scientist at her core—she holds a Ph.D. in soil science from Cornell University—but she also can effortlessly negotiate the intricacies of policy and government agencies. She is an invaluable resource to Members and a mentor to the people working under her.

Madam Speaker, Jean's service, expertise, and institutional knowledge has made her a valued member of the Committee staff. I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish her well with the next phase of her life and career. In closing, I just want to say thank you, Jean, for your many years of dedicated and loyal service. We will miss you, and we hope that our paths cross again in the future.

RECOGNIZING STEVE MOSES

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Mr. Steve Moses. Mr. Moses retired on August 28, 2009 after working for the Federal Government since he was 35.

For the past twelve years, Mr. Moses has served as the Chicago Passport Agency's Customer Service Manager and Congressional Liaison. Since he began, his duties have grown from helping 250 Passport Acceptance Facilities in the Chicago Passport Region (Illinois and Michigan) to over 950. His office expanded from a one person operation to the recent addition of a night-shift Customer Service Manager along with a team of two passport specialists and a customer service assistant.