

more than a decade. With many investments and accomplishments in the City of Plainfield, the utility authority is a mainstay in the community. It is not only the fifth largest employer of the City of Plainfield, it also holds an annual Environmental Fair. I am pleased to support Plainfield's continued efforts to positively impact both the economy and the environment.

I very much look forward to the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority's 10th Annual Environmental Fair on September 12, 2009. In its 10th year, this festive, community-based fair symbolizes a progressive shift toward bettering the environment. This is an important milestone for the City of Plainfield and it coincides with our hard work on energy issues.

The PMUA has done an excellent job over the years of promoting environmental awareness, particularly among the youth. The annual Environmental Fair demonstrates this achievement by featuring fun activities for children. The fair also provides the community with information about utilities, recycling and community services through vendors, public and environmental agencies and civic organizations.

This year's theme of "Conserve and Save" is a message by which we must all abide, for a safe, sustainable, clean energy future.

Congratulations to the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority and the City of Plainfield.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL HAMAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cheryl Haman of Stanhope, Iowa, on her dedication to the community of Stanhope as a librarian since 1976.

The community of Stanhope is celebrating this amazing woman, but I feel that we in Washington should praise the contributions of librarians in America and recognize Mrs. Haman for her years of dedication to the town of Stanhope. Her service to the community, Iowa, and our nation represents an ideal that should be an inspiration for all Americans.

I commend Cheryl for her many years of loyalty and service to Iowa and to our country. It is an immense honor to represent Cheryl in Congress, and I know she will serve as a role model of valuable citizenship to Stanhope and all of Iowa.

TRIBUTE TO BILL HEFNER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to a great American servant in light of his passing on September 2, 2009, former Congressman Bill Hefner, who died of a brain aneurysm at the age of 79 years old.

Bill Hefner served for 24 years in the House of Representatives and was a committed and devoted husband and father.

Mr. Hefner joined the U.S. House back in 1975 and was later considered the dean of

North Carolina's U.S. House delegation. He represented the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina, which includes cities like Charlotte suburbs, Kannapolis and Concord and other cities like Monroe and Laurinburg. He served in Congress from January 3, 1975 until January 3, 1999.

I had the honor to also serve with Bill Hefner on the House Appropriations Committee. As a member of the Committee he fought for funding for Fort Bragg in his home state when he was chairman and later ranking minority member of the military subcommittee.

Mr. Hefner also prided himself in working very hard on veterans' issues and transportation projects that benefited the entire East Coast.

Having spent much of his life growing up in the district I represent, Bill Hefner decided to retire in the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama. In 1998, Bill Hefner moved to Gunterville in Marshall County to enjoy the beauty that North Alabama has to offer.

After his time in Congress, his days of public service were not over. Congressman Hefner served from October of 2001 until November of 2002 as a District Commissioner for Marshall County, Alabama.

What most people don't know about Bill Hefner is that the 12-term Democratic Congressman was also a southern gospel singer and was a founding member of the very popular Harvesters Quartet, which began in 1953 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Hefner was born in Elora, Tennessee and graduated from high school in Sardis, which is located in North Alabama. He graduated college from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. Hefner leaves behind his wife, Nancy, and two daughters, Stacey and Shelly. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and the many fans of southern gospel music, like myself, who will always remember his great tenor voice.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. On this day eight years ago, those attacks struck a heavy blow to American citizens in an effort to crush the American spirit of freedom. The attacks were the first significant attacks on the continental United States since the burning of Washington in 1814 and the deadliest attack on American soil in our nation's history. On that day, nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in a senseless act of hatred and cowardice.

Today, let us remember those whose lives were lost. Let us remember the people who were trapped when the Twin Towers fell and the brave New York firefighters, policemen, policewomen and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives to help them. Let us remember the passengers onboard flights American 11, United 175, American 77 and United 93. Let us remember those who died in the attack on the Pentagon.

This horrible event filled us with outrage, loss and fear; outrage at the idea that our enemies would attack us while we went about our daily lives, loss as we remember those who did not survive, and fear that we were no longer safe. Instead of being consumed by fear and doubt, we remained strong and determined. Since that day eight years ago, we have worked hard to secure our country from those who would do us harm. Through our actions, we have returned the sense of security the attacks took from us.

Although these attacks left us shaken, they did not destroy us. We were able to rebound and grow stronger. We put aside our differences and banded together as a nation. On that day, we were not concerned with past disagreements or misunderstandings. This year, on September 11, let us not only remember those we lost with moments of silence and memorial ceremonies. Let us also commemorate them by once again setting aside our differences and banding together as Americans.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. BARROW. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my gratitude to the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, Chairman MILLER, and Ranking Member KLINE, for working with me to include an amendment I offered in the Manager's Amendment of this bill.

I believe The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act will make college education more affordable for more American students than ever before, transform early education opportunities, and ultimately help build a stronger, more competitive American economy for the future, while saving taxpayers money.

For the reforms in this bill to be effective, it's critical that our colleges and universities have the right tools to make these reforms as successful as possible. My amendment requires the Secretary of Education to provide funding and technical assistance to institutions of higher education in operating the Direct Loan program, including assisting institutions with the transition into the program.

Right now, college costs more than ever, while families are struggling more than ever. Allowing our students to graduate with a better education and less debt is the best way to make sure that American workers remain competitive long into the future.

TRIBUTE TO JACK READ

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jack Read of

Stanhope, Iowa, on his dedication to the community of Stanhope as a mayor of the town and as a member of the Stanhope Volunteer Fire Department for over fifty years.

The community of Stanhope is celebrating this incredible man, but I feel that we in the House of Representatives should praise the contributions of volunteer firefighters in Iowa and recognize Mr. Read for his years of dedication to the town of Stanhope. His years in public service, and his commitment to the safety of the citizens of Stanhope provide an incredible example of the importance of active citizen involvement in America.

I commend Jack for her many years of loyalty and service to Iowa and to our country. It is an immense honor to represent Jack in Congress, and I know he will continue to serve as a role model of valuable public service to all of Iowa.

A TRIBUTE TO JAY ROTH

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my very good friend, Jay Roth, National Executive Director of the Directors Guild of America, DGA, on the occasion of his recognition by the Government of France with its prestigious "Chevalier dans l'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur."

I enjoy, with Jay, a relationship much deeper than simply that of a politician with the leader of an important guild. He has been—for many years—my wise advisor on issues relating to the creative community, the arts, and all aspects of intellectual property. I have been privileged to know him since his days as a prominent labor lawyer in Los Angeles.

Known for his tenacity and acuity in entertainment and labor law, Jay's experience and knowledge places him in a league of his own. Born and raised in New York City and a graduate of the University of Vermont and Boston University Law School, he practiced labor and entertainment law for 25 years prior to being selected by the DGA's National Board of Directors to guide the Directors Guild of America. As the Managing Partner of Taylor, Roth, Bush & Geffner, he specialized in representing entertainment guilds, labor organizations, and pension, health and welfare funds in entertainment, bankruptcy and transactional matters around the world.

He has skillfully represented all three U.S. Guilds—DGA, Screen Actors Guild, SAG, and Writers Guild of America, WGA,—on many international copyright, bankruptcy, residuals and intellectual property rights issues for 20 years. As counsel, he represented many high-profile industries including the Motion Picture Industry and the Directors Guild/Producer Pension and Health Plans. Among his many clients were the United Teachers of Los Angeles, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

He is widely known for his dedication to the entertainment community, as Treasurer of the Motion Picture & Television Fund and a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He is also a highly regarded advocate of the labor community, who has served

as chair of the Labor Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Associations and as chair of the American Bar Association Airline-Railway Labor Law Committee. He was recently elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, and he is also recognized as a noted lecturer around the world on matters related to entertainment, labor law, and intellectual property rights of directors, writers and actors.

Jay was appropriately recognized for his invaluable contributions to the DGA when he received the Honorary Life Member Award in 2008.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Jay Roth on the occasion of his recognition from the French Government of the French Legion of Honor.

WES WATKINS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH LAB AND POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, Wesley Watkins spent a lifetime in service to Oklahoma and the United States. From his time serving in the Oklahoma Air National Guard to his 20 years in the United States House of Representatives, Wes continually displayed his love for his state and country. He proved to be a great asset to our state during his time as an administrator at Oklahoma State University along with his years as a member of the Oklahoma state senate.

Naming the Agricultural Research Laboratory and the Postal Service facility in honor of Wesley Watkins is the sign of the gratitude the state of Oklahoma and our nation owe the former Congressman from Oklahoma's 3rd Congressional District. Due to his dedication to public service no Oklahoman has proven more deserving of such an honor than Congressman Wesley Watkins.

DEPOSIT RESTRICTED QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAMS ACT OF 2009

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Deposit Restricted Qualified Tuition Programs Act of 2009. My bill establishes an avenue for those wanting to save for the college education of a child, grandchild or other related individual, to do so in a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured deposit. At the present time, savers can only access the 529 college savings program through a securities based plan and my bill would not change this avenue.

However, following the recent crash of the stock market, many savers saw their accounts drop in value by fifty percent or more and as such are reluctant to place any more monies in a securities based plan. Furthermore, many small savers can find investing in securities based products both complex and intimidating.

A FDIC insured deposit option would provide guaranteed principal return and a guaranteed return on the deposit, all from a commercial bank that the saver likely has a relationship with. This proposed legislation will help families across the United States save in a safe, sound and simple manner for their children and grandchildren's college education.

Again Madam Speaker, this bill does not make any changes to the current 529 college savings program nor the current delivery system of the program through a securities based plan. It simply adds another 529 college savings program delivery option through an FDIC insured deposit.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE RINGLEE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Steve Ringlee, a resident of Ames, Iowa, for being honored as the Ames Tribune's 2009 Citizen of the Year.

For more than a decade, Steve has shown his compassion by sharing breakfast at McDonalds with the city's homeless and disadvantaged. His once a week breakfasts are filled with talk and prayer as a way to reach out to those in need. He is motivated by his strong Christian faith and follows the golden rule of loving your neighbor as yourself.

Steve moved to Ames in 1990 and has served as the president of the Ames Community School Board and vice chair of the Ames Education Foundation. Not only does Steve hold weekly prayer breakfasts, he helps men at the local shelter locate jobs and permanent housing. He helps with automobile repairs and directing men to Skunk River Cycles who assist shelter men with bicycle repairs.

I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Steve Ringlee for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award. I thank Steve for his willingness to volunteer his time and uplift so many people in need within his community. I consider it a great honor to represent Steve in Congress and I wish him the best in his future service to those in need.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Chair, I am proud today to support House Resolution 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. This is long-overdue legislation that will provide funding directly to students, rather than to bankers. In addition, this bill expands a successful, much needed program to help more students go to college, supports job