

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

training at a time when millions of Americans are searching for ways to survive in a tough and changing economy, simplifies the financial aid process to make it easier for families to apply, and supports early childhood education so that more children graduate from high school and proceed to higher education. At the same time, this bill streamlines government programs to put an additional \$87 billion back into the federal budget over ten years.

I've heard from individuals in my home state about how this bill would impact their lives. It will mean that 20,594 students will be eligible for Pell Grants next year and the 107,677 Oregon students who applied for subsidized loans last year will be guaranteed low interest rates. An additional \$1.6 million per year will go towards Oregon's College Access Challenge Grant program, which will have a huge impact on the 25,000 students who use it to help prepare for and make undergraduate and graduate work affordable. I am also pleased that the bill reinvests in our community colleges. I am impressed by the work that the two community colleges in my district, Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College, have done to help individuals struggling to prepare themselves for a changing economy. I am pleased that President Obama has recognized the importance of higher education and the need to make it accessible and affordable in today's changing economy.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I wish to make the following disclosure in accordance with the Republican Earmark Transparency Standards requiring members to place a statement in the Congressional Record prior to a floor vote on a bill that includes an earmark that I have requested.

H.R. 2522, a bill to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes, which I introduced on May 20, 2009, contains one earmark as defined under House Rule XXI, clause 9. The earmark contained in H.R. 2522 would authorize additional appropriations for a project under Title XVI of Public Law 104–266, the Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1996.

The project authorized under H.R. 2522 would authorize an additional \$40 million in federal spending authority, not to exceed 25 percent of the total project cost, to allow the Calleguas Municipal Water District to fully complete their Salinity Management Pipeline, which will generate an additional 27,000 acre feet per year of groundwater and facilitate the use of an additional 16,000 acre feet per year of recycled water in the area.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2)

is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

HONORING LISA CAMPBELL FOR HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize police specialist Lisa Campbell of San Ramon for acting on her intuition and training to jumpstart the series of events that unraveled an 18-year-old case and reunited a long-separated family. Ms. Campbell and her colleague Officer Allison Jacobs were able to make our community safer and save an innocent mother and her two young children from horrific circumstances.

As a child of only 11, Jaycee Dugard was kidnapped on her way to school. For 18 years, she suffered terribly and was denied contact with her loved ones and the outside world. Had it not been for Ms. Campbell's realization that something was awry with the man requesting a permit to hold an event on the UC Berkeley campus, the abuse of Jaycee and her daughters would not have stopped.

Lisa Campbell's and Allison Jacobs' quick action and good instincts prevented innocent people from experiencing further harm, led to the arrest of a dangerous person, and reunited a family tragically separated for almost two decades. I am honored to represent Ms. Campbell, and I am grateful for her dedicated public service.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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. SPRATT. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. In one fell swoop, this legislation helps millions of students afford to go to college, and it reduces the deficit by making the student loan program more efficient. Rarely are we given the chance to help students, improve government services, and reduce the deficit all at the same time; today we should embrace that opportunity.

By making the student loan program more efficient, the bill reinvests some of those savings into increasing the maximum Pell Grant award next year and in the future, benefitting the six million low-income students who rely on Pell Grants to help pay for college. The legislation provides for the maximum Pell grant to increase from \$5,550 in 2010 to \$6,900 in 2019. The bill also revamps the Per-

kins loan program, expanding it to every college in the country—currently, fewer than 500,000 students receive Perkins Loans. The bill also simplifies the process for applying for federal student financial aid, and offers new services to help students both attend and complete college.

In addition to making college more accessible, this bill also invests in education for preschool and school-aged children. It expands and improves early learning systems through competitive grants for states to offer high-quality services for children age zero to five, and will support more and better training for early childhood educators. The bill also provides funding to help modernize and repair schools—elementary and secondary schools as well as community colleges across the country. The funding is targeted for projects that are energy efficient and that create healthier and safer learning environments for our children.

To help strengthen our economy, the Congressional budget resolution that we passed earlier this year called for significant investments in education—including in Pell Grants—within a framework of fiscal responsibility. Today we have before us a bill that fulfills the challenge. It makes the student loan program run more efficiently, and thus reduces the deficit, while making dramatic improvements in our education system that will help students of all ages. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

STATEMENT ON VOTE OF H.R. 3221, STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RE- SPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, regretably, today we voted on yet another expansion of our federal government at a severe cost to the American taxpayer. \$100 billion dollars of stimulus money has already been given to the U.S. Department of Education in the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act"—the so-called stimulus bill. With money borrowed from our children's future, the full appropriations of the stimulus bill have yet to be spent—and we have yet to be given an accounting of who exactly is getting and spending the American taxpayer's money. I can not support the duplicative spending in H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, until there is full accountability from the U.S. Department of Education of how they are spending this stimulus money.

Furthermore, while I cast a no vote on H.R. 3221, I will note there are several good things in this bill. For instance, one of the proposed nine new federal programs at the U.S. Department of Education is one focused on our veterans. Members of our Armed Services should be given loan forgiveness when they valiantly serve to protect our freedoms, and they should be allowed to transfer general education credits from one school to another while they are serving. I wish this portion of this bill was given to Members for individual consideration; however, it wasn't.

Instead, this bill primarily sought to get rid of the Federal Family Education Loan Program