

Tennessee. I want to thank the shelter, the volunteers and our law enforcement for working together towards a safer and healthier community each day.

RECOGNIZING CHAD ALLEN HERBERT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Chad Allen Herbert, who is the Constituent Services Representative for military issues in my district office.

Chad is the "big brother" of our district office staff. He joined my staff ten years ago as an Army reservist with special concern for the problems and challenges of military personnel and their families. Many of these problems involve the byzantine structure of bureaucracies at the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Chad made it his business to learn and understand how to navigate the maze of these military agencies. As a result, he has done more over the years to help men and women of the First Congressional District who serve in the armed services than anyone I know of.

Among the most sobering duties of my office is speaking words of comfort to families who have just lost a loved one in military service. Chad has often followed up my initial conversations or substituted for me during the worst moments in the lives of military families. His poise, tact, and professionalism have never failed to be appreciated as he has honored the fallen and their families. Indeed Chad has a passion for making sure our veterans are honored for their extraordinary service to our country. He takes special pride in getting our vets the recognition they deserve, for example, by helping World War Two and Vietnam veterans acquire the medals they were awarded but never received.

Chad was a recent college grad when he began in my office ten years ago, and has since married and is raising a fine family. I am privileged to recognize his ten years of service in my office to the military families of Wisconsin's First District.

THE MARKET IS RESPONDING TO FAILING MORTGAGES

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, one of America's top concerns during this difficult economic time has been the frequency of home mortgage foreclosures.

Earlier this month, there was news to encourage us. Efforts by banks, borrowers and the Administration to modify troubled mortgages have begun to produce much larger numbers of modifications.

As banks have stabilized their balance sheets and raised fresh capital, their officers even have been able to reduce borrowers' mortgage principal when they work out loans.

Modifications that reduce the balances that borrowers owe on their homes have more than tripled.

Earlier this year, Congress debated legislation to change the Bankruptcy Code and force principal reductions on the market. The measure was rightly defeated. To send homeowners into bankruptcy is not the answer and forced principal reductions will chill future lending.

Recently, calls for bankruptcy legislation re-emerged in the House. This month's news shows once more that the measure is not needed. The market has found a better solution.

Americans need Congress to do something else to help homeowners. Let's pass effective legislation to bring growth and jobs back to America. That is the better way to help people keep their homes.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER FRENZE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Mr. Christopher Frenze, Republican House Staff Director for the Joint Economic Committee, who is retiring this week from a distinguished career in government service. Chris has been a longtime public servant of this Committee and a tremendous asset to both my office and this Congressional body.

After earning his B.A. from American University and doing graduate work in economics at Virginia Tech, Chris served as Director of Research at the National Tax Equality Association. Chris began a long and extraordinary career at the Joint Economic Committee in 1981, holding such positions as Senior Economist, Chief Economist to the Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Republican Staff Director.

Over the years, Chris focused the Committee's research and policy work on several key fields of economics, such as tax policy, fiscal policy, and business cycle analysis, including the assessment of labor market conditions. This research aided countless Members considering tax policy changes, monetary policy targets, IMF reform, and numerous other issues. His career has been distinguished by his relentless effort to promote the public interest, encourage economic growth, reduce the burden of government and respect the Constitution.

Chris's knowledge of economic policy is only one of his many talents. He is recognized as an effective, successful manager who recruited valuable economists that served the Committee for many years. His work serving Senate and House Republicans Members of the Committee, in both the majority and in the minority, has given him unique insights into the way the Committee and the Congress functions, and his expertise, vast institutional knowledge and constant professionalism will be sorely missed.

Chris Frenze represents the very best in public service. I know I can speak for all of my colleagues on the Joint Economic Committee, and those Members that have served on it in

the past, in congratulating Chris upon his retirement and thanking him for his dedicated and tireless service to the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING DANYELL TREMMEL FOR HER SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Miss Danyell Tremmel, our District Director, for more than 10 years of work in the First Congressional District of Wisconsin office serving my constituents.

Danyell has actually been working for the people of the District even longer than I have. When Mark Neumann represented the District in the House of Representatives, she was his only caseworker. Thus she was already a seasoned "veteran" when she agreed to continue on my own staff as I succeeded Congressman Neumann in 1999. Since then she has become something of a "big sister" to newer staff

Anyone who has shared the day to day experience of casework in a Congressional office knows the strains and frustrations, in addressing legitimately upset constituents on the one hand and the bureaucratic slip-ups that have adversely impacted their lives on the other. Over the years, Danyell learned how to negotiate her way through the red tape to resolve these issues. She is very intelligent and patient. Her serenity under stress is invaluable and has inspired her coworkers.

Danyell directs my district office operations whenever the Chief of Staff is unavailable, and will be doing so for an extended time while he serves his country on military duty in Iraq.

Danyell has kept her enthusiasm, high standards, and work ethic as she has worked with me for the people of the First District. I am pleased to recognize her for more than 10 years of selfless dedication.

HONORING PHILADELPHIA SENIOR CENTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Philadelphia Senior Center for 60 years of outstanding service to their community.

Founded by the Female Society for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, Philadelphia Senior Center has been enriching the lives of seniors in Philadelphia since 1949. From its modest beginnings, Philadelphia Senior Center (PSC) has expanded to three branches around the city. PSC centers and services are free to any individual over the age of 55, and over 60 percent of PSC members have incomes well below the poverty level. Combined, these centers assist over 5,000 clients and members each year.

PSC provides an incredible array of services and aid to seniors in the Philadelphia area.

Nearly 400 nutritious meals are provided daily and 70,000 yearly, at the PSC branches. Over 70 classes and activities are offered at PSC, ranging from Tai Chi to art classes to computer use instruction. PSC also maintains the crucial Financial Management Service. The only program of its kind in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Financial Management Service enables seniors to make sound financial decisions for their households. PSC also has trained counselors and staff to help with housing issues seniors might face. These PSC workers help find affordable housing and resolve issues and disputes for its members.

For 60 years, Philadelphia Senior Center has been dedicated to advancing the wellbeing and personal growth of all seniors. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking the Philadelphia Senior Center for all they have done to improve the lives of thousands of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR
EDWARD KENNEDY

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the family and friends of one of my most prestigious colleagues, Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy lived one of the most extraordinary lives in American political history. He was the last brother of one of America's most storied families; one of our all-time great senators; and a champion for human rights. His legislative accomplishments have touched and improved the lives of virtually everyone who lived in this great country for the past half a century.

Albert C. Caswell approached me shortly after Senator Kennedy's funeral with a poem he wrote titled, "Our Nation's Tears". My colleagues may recognize Mr. Caswell's familiar face as he has served as a Tour Guide in the U.S. Capitol for the past 23 years. I was moved by Mr. Caswell's poem and he has asked that I submit it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I ask unanimous consent to add my statement and his poem to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I encourage my colleagues to read it.

OUR NATION'S TEARS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Our . . .
Our Nation's Tears . . .
As so now lie here!
For one of America's finest son's, this oh so
cherished one . . .
A Champion, for Fathers, Mothers, Sisters,
Brothers, Daughters and Sons. . .
For Seniors, and our most precious of all
ones . . . our Children . . .
For America, and all of these ones!
Our Lion of The Senate Ted, so very dear
. . .
As it's for or thee, we now so shed such tears
. . .
As down our quivering cheeks they now so
run!
All for you Ted, and your great American
family my son . . .
And that great love story, that our Lord God
had so begun!
And that great Irish family, that came from
far across those seas . . .

But, for a better life to be . . .
And that great void now so left, as upon our
souls as now so etched . . .
And that great hole in all our hearts, this
abyss . . .
Ah, but lies such depth . . .
All in this great caesium, with us you have
so left . . .
For this our nation, our Teddy bear . . . you
have so blessed!
As our tears fall like the rains . . .
As it's for you Teddy, we now so cry out all
in our pain . . .
As comes from our swollen eyes . . .
As it's for or you, our shining Knight. . . we
now so weep . . .
For in our heart's, you . . . we shall so keep!
As we pray to our Lord above, that your soul
he shall so reap!
For our True Champion, has so died!
As like Your Profile's in Courage, we too
must so rise!
As you have so taught our nation, so over
the many years . . .
That out of such loss, such heartache . . .
and such swollen tears . . .
That somehow, light too can come!
And that somehow, we must all so persevere!
With A Smile, With A Grin . . .
With The Heart of A Child, and a work ethic
so then!

And to cherish each new day, as it begins!
And make each new day count! Time and
time, and time again!
And hold your families ever so close!
For this is life's full measure, that which so
means the most!
Sail on my Son! We will hear your heart on
the ocean's setting sun's . . .
Our beautiful brother from Boston!
For Heaven so hold's a place, for our most
precious one!
For such men, of such courage, kindness,
style and grace . . .
And who have worked and prayed for re-
demption, in all they've faced!
And live by such undying Faith!
Of such men so bright, who have all our
heart's so bathed in all their light . . .
As the baby bore the load, lesson's learned
. . . profiles in courage he so earned
. . .
How, Teddy raised his head each day. . . was
but a lesson for all of us to stay!
To take heart, to take pause . . . all in your
pain, and remember his life cause . . .
To remember his smile, and ever his heart of
a child . . .

And that up in Heaven on this day . . .
Four brothers are so reunited, in a football
game . . .
"And remember, that the work goes on!"
"The cause endures!"
"The hope still lives!"
"And the dream shall never die!"
Ted, our most precious one . . . can you but
not in Heaven hear my son?
All of Our Nation's swollen tears, these ones!
And for you, our Nation cry!
In loving memory of Senator Edward Ken-
nedey, May our Lord bless you our warm son,
and your family.

RECOGNIZING JOYCE YAMAT
MEYER FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WIS-
CONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joyce Yamat Meyer, our Washington office Chief of Staff and now Acting Chief of Staff over all office operations.

Joyce is a native of Wisconsin. Since 1995 we have worked together in several different offices. I myself was a Congressional staffer when I met Joyce. I quickly recognized her great abilities. When the member she worked for retired from the House of Representatives, I persuaded my employer, Senator BROWNBACK, to bring her on board.

After my election in 1998 I invited Joyce to become my Legislative Director. Since that time, her skills and knowledge have grown with her responsibilities. I have also been pleased to watch her become a wonderful wife, mom, and leader.

Joyce is one of my partners in serving the people of Wisconsin's First Congressional District. Her home town is Franklin, Wisconsin. Following state redistricting in 2002, she was thrilled to find that her home was now in the First District. Ever since, serving her home town neighbors has been a point of pride for Joyce.

I have worked with Joyce longer than anyone in my office. I am pleased to recognize Joyce Yamat Meyer for more than ten years of excellent work with me in serving the people of the First District.

HONORING BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the nationwide effort to fight one of the most prevalent cancers in the United States. For 25 years, we have used the month of October to highlight the admirable work in the campaign against breast cancer while also recognizing that we still have a great fight ahead of us. While there are over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, at least 40,000 more women are dying every year. One out of every eight women is afflicted, and my home state of Connecticut has the third highest rate of new breast cancer cases in the country.

Recently the fight turned personal for me and my hometown of East Hartford. Judy Geier, a local 14-year veteran firefighter, wife of a police officer, and mother of five, was diagnosed with breast cancer in July and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. She expects surgery and radiation treatment in the near future. I am proud of how Judy has shown strength and courage in this battle, and how the East Hartford Fire Department, led by Fire Chief John Oates, and the entire town have rallied around Geier and her family during this trying time.

This was exemplified with the work of the Department did to bring the Pink Heals Tour to East Hartford. Founded by Arizona firefighter, Mr. Dave Graybill, the Pink Heals Tour is engaged in a nationwide mission, armed with a caravan of pink fire trucks, to raise funds and involvement in communities to prevent and treat breast cancer. When the East Hartford firefighters learned of the Pink Heals Tour and its mission, they worked hard to bring the Tour to East Hartford on behalf of