

A section that eliminates the references to divisions and counties in the statutory description of the Judicial District of North Dakota, which enables the court to better distribute the workload between two active district judges and reduce travel for litigants in the northern central area of the district.

A section that authorizes the "statement of reasons" that judges must issue upon sentencing to be filed separately with the court. Current law requires the statement to be bundled with other information in the case file distributed to the Sentencing Commission, where it can be difficult to maintain a seal related to confidential information.

A section that specifies that federal pretrial services officers can provide the same services to juveniles as they do for adult offenders. An example would be drug treatment.

And a section that applies an inflationary index to the threshold amount requiring approval by the chief judge of reimbursements for the cost of hiring expert witnesses and conducting investigations for indigent defendants. The dollar thresholds are statutorily fixed and erode over time. This means chief judges must devote greater time approving what are otherwise not genuine "high-dollar" requests.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3632 is necessary to improve the functioning of the U.S. courts, which will ultimately benefit the American people. This is a non-controversial bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 2892, "Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: TSA, Aviation Security

Project Amount: \$1,250,000.00

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Safe Skies Alliance, 110 McGhee Tyson Boulevard, Suite 201, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701

Description of Request: This funding will be used to create a research and training center that will provide critical improvised explosives recognition training to TSA Transportation Security Officers, law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, emergency services personnel, first responders and others.

IRAN SANCTIONS ENABLING ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, for many years, I have advocated for high-level, diplo-

matic negotiations between the United States and Iran without preconditions. Under the previous administration I was compelled to do so with fervor due to the use of reckless saber rattling that accomplished nothing save for heightened tensions between our two nations.

I opposed this bill because I do not believe that additional economic sanctions at this time support U.S. actions to engage Iran diplomatically. Furthermore, it sends a mixed message: On one hand, the U.S. President wishes to engage in diplomacy. On the other hand, the U.S. Congress is punishing Iran during diplomatic engagement.

During my time in Congress, I have called for the kind of diplomatic dialogue that the U.S. and Iran engaged in for the first time in three decades on October 1st, 2009. These negotiations brought together not just Iran and the U.S. but France, Great Britain, Russia, China and Germany.

The talks proved a successful beginning to reinstating U.S. diplomatic ties with Iran. The two countries now have a foundation from which we can build. This must be nurtured so that mutual understanding and opportunities for collective action can be had on even the most difficult issues such as the Iranian nuclear program, Iraq and the protection of human rights. Additional economic sanctions only serve to threaten further engagement.

I question the wisdom of bringing a sanctions bill before this body when, after 30 years of isolationism and antagonism, the Obama Administration is finally beginning a new path forward with respect to diplomatic engagement to bring Iran into the international community in a way that promotes international security.

In the past, sanctions have had little impact on influencing the behavior and decisions of the Iranian government who have managed to remain insulated from the intended effects of sanctions. Instead it has been the people of Iran who bear the brunt of the impact.

I do not think it is the intention of this body to punish the Iranian people; particularly in light of their bravery following the elections of June 12th. It is clear that the people of Iran desire change and are willing to endure that which is necessary to achieve it through peaceful means. We must support their actions by doing all that we can to ensure their voices are heard rather than passing legislation that is intended to cause further harm to their economy.

Passage of this bill fails to recognize the sensitivity and importance of the dialogue that was begun on October 1st. And it fails to support the bravery of the Iranian people who will be the ones to feel the impact of the legislation. I oppose the legislation.

HONORING RICHARD LONG

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Richard Long, a lifelong champion of the American labor movement, my mentor, counsel and dear friend on the occasion his retirement from the United Auto Workers where he served as National Community Action Program (CAP) Director for the past nine years.

This year, Dick retires from a 46-year-long career which began in 1963 at the former Pontiac Motor Division in Pontiac, Michigan, where he first became a proud member of UAW Local 653. Over the ensuing years as Dick advanced on the shop floor, he also advanced and deepened his involvement in the UAW, which would chart his personal and professional trajectory for the next 40-plus years.

Some years later in 1987, Dick was elected Vice President of his UAW local and the following year he was elected its president. His leadership, commitment and talent was fully recognized in 1998, when then-UAW President Stephen Yokich named Dick his Administrative Assistant and, again, in 2000 when Dick was appointed National CAP Director. I remember well my pride and optimism when I learned that Dick had been appointed National CAP Director. For many years, Dick had mentored and counseled me so ably and devotedly; I was certain that in his new role, he would educate and organize others with as much verve and dedication as I had experienced.

As CAP Director, Dick was well-suited to the role and charge of "developing and advancing policies that improve social and economic conditions and enrich the quality of life for all people." By any account, Dick made a powerful impression on the State and National political landscape. His effectiveness was rooted in his ability to be equally comfortable working on the national stage or alongside grassroots volunteers in a makeshift office space.

Dick's contributions to the community and commitment to civil rights and social justice have been his personal and professional legacy. Whether in his role as a local president, supporting Oakland University with his wife Jackie, National CAP Director, or working on behalf of the many community organizations he champions, Dick has worked to create a better future for America's families and workers. For that legacy and commitment, he is much admired by me and many others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my salute today to an important and formative figure in my life: Richard Long, a man to whom I am deeply indebted for his friendship and good counsel and a man whose 46 years of untiring work on behalf of America's working families and the ideals of social justice should be heartily commended and passionately emulated by each of us.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PIRAN TALKINGTON OF WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize twelve-year-old Piran Talkington of Woodbridge, Va. On June 24, 2007, Piran successfully executed the Heimlich maneuver to save the life of his four-year-old sister Caitlyn. Just 10 years old at the time, Piran showed remarkable composure by calmly employing this life saving technique.

As a Cub Scout in Pack 289 of Woodbridge, Piran learned basic life-saving skills as part of his training to become a Boy Scout. Piran's attentiveness during these lessons proved invaluable when he was able to unblock his

younger sister's airway during a family dinner. After Caitlyn regained her breathing and recovered her color, she tearfully hugged Piran.

Piran has continued his participation in Scouts and is now a Star Scout in Troop 1367. The Boy Scouts of America, upon recommendation of the National Court of Honor, has awarded Piran the Medal of Merit. This is the Boy Scouts' fourth highest national award. The award recognizes Piran for demonstrating the finest Scouting skills and ideals.

For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts have developed upstanding youth with the character and maturity to handle tough situations. Piran is an exceptional example of a young Scout. He also is an Honor Roll student and winner of the Fifth Grade Science Fair for Physical Sciences. Piran's life-saving measures were not an isolated instance of distinction. He works hard to reach the highest levels of achievement in everything he attempts.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Piran's accomplishments. The decisiveness and skill with which he acted to save his sister can be attributed to his scouting background. This training will serve him well throughout his life, and I am confident that his future will be full of success and outstanding accomplishments.

KENNETH M. STAMPP, UC
BERKELEY PROFESSOR EMERITUS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Kenneth M. Stamp, professor emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley. He was a prolific historian, accomplished scholar and a devoted friend, husband, partner, father and grandfather. Professor Emeritus Stamp passed away on Friday, July 10, at the age of 96.

Dr. Stamp, who was born on July 12, 1912, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, struggled to earn money for his education during the Great Depression. He ultimately earned a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D in History at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 1946, after short teaching stints at two other universities, Dr. Stamp joined the staff at Berkeley as an assistant professor.

During his nearly 40-year career at Berkeley, Dr. Stamp established himself as a sometime controversial, though conclusively influential 19th Century historian. He is best known for his decades of work changing historical perceptions about American slavery, the Civil War and Southern Reconstruction.

His trailblazing research and publications helped further humanize enslaved African Americans by giving their stories equal historical weight. Dr. Stamp heroically countered other historians' arguments at a time when the accepted historical record characterized slavery as a necessary institution.

In his books, Dr. Stamp rejected 1950s theories suggesting that sectional compromise might have saved the Union from civil war. Rather, he traced the cause of the war directly to a moral debate over slavery.

According to colleagues, his 1956 book, "The Peculiar Institution: Slavery in the Ante-

Bellum South," remains the preeminent historical reinterpretation for that period.

Dr. Stamp had the distinction of travelling throughout the United States and Europe as a visiting professor, visiting fellow, and as both a Commonwealth and Fulbright lecturer. His humble upbringing contributed to a dedicated sense of social justice, which he demonstrated in his professional life and political views. Dr. Stamp participated in a 1965 Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

Throughout his career, Professor Emeritus Stamp earned many accolades, which included serving as President of the Organization of American Historians, being twice named a Guggenheim Fellow and winning the Lincoln Prize from the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Perhaps most admirable is the way in which Dr. Stamp resurrected long-forgotten voices from generations of our African-American brothers and sisters living through one of the grimmest scourges in our nation's history. Over time, Dr. Stamp's work has invaluable altered the framework of academic assumption, historical discrimination and public perception.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a great human being, Professor Emeritus Kenneth M. Stamp. Our community is indebted to his life's contribution in countless ways. We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Stamp's family and to all who were dear to him. May his soul rest in peace.

HONORING MR. FRANK G.
MILLS, SR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Frank G. Mills, Sr. Mr. Mills was elected and installed as the State Commander of the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars at the 90th State Convention.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a congressionally chartered war veterans organization that has been serving the community as well as other veterans for over 100 years. The VFW is a model organization that exemplifies the principles that our Nation was founded upon.

Mr. Mills, a Life Member of Post #1754 in Huntington, Pennsylvania, has successfully served in all post chairs at the VFW. He served as the Post Commander four times and attained All State Post District Commander in 2006–2007. Frank also served on the national level on the Americanism and Community Activities Committee, Finance and Organization Committee, and Veterans Service Resolution Committee.

Frank Mills proudly served our country in the United States Navy as an Engineman 2nd Class on the USS *Tang* SS 563 submarine during the Vietnam war. His service medals include: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

Mr. Mills has led a life of service through the VFW and military service that instills a unique

sense of pride in the hearts of every American citizen. For his commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania, I am extremely grateful to Frank G. Mills Sr.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand here before you not only as a member of the United States Congress, but as a woman. I fully support H.R. 1700, "National Women's History Museum Act of 2009", this is an issue that I hold dear to my heart. This bill will increase awareness and knowledge of women's involvement in history.

Women's history is a vital part of American history, however it is not public knowledge; mostly in part to the lack of women's history education in the schools. The establishment of a National Women's History Museum would be a great tribute to all of those women whose stories are not told in history books. We must celebrate the women who paved the way for the rest of us. I thank my colleague Representative MALONEY, for introducing this valuable piece of legislation.

Today, women account for 51 percent of the world's population and throughout "woman's-kind" we have had countless sisters whose brilliance, bravery and power changed the course of history. H.R. 1700 will provide for an establishment which will recognize and honor the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote women's history.

A National Women's History Museum will bring awareness to all of those women who have broken barriers and glass ceilings for the rest of us. Women such as the honorable Speaker PELOSI, the honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Shirley Chisholm, Susan B. Anthony, Barbara Jordan, Sojourner Truth, Sacagawea, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Annie Oakley, and the list could go on for miles.

A museum devoted to women's history will shed light not only on well known women of history, but also those less renowned, such as Belva Ann Lockwood, who fought for admittance into law school. She fought to practice before the Supreme Court and even ran two full campaigns to run for President of the United States, although she could not vote.

In Texas, women such as former Governor Ann Richards, who was an accomplished political worker, Texas state treasurer, and Governor of Texas. Furthermore, Rosanna Osterman was a Texas pioneer, American Civil War nurse and philanthropist. She lived in Galveston, and during the 1853 yellow fever epidemic, she erected a temporary hospital on her family premises in order to nurse the sick and the dying. Osterman also chose to stay in Galveston during the civil war and opened her home as a hospital, first to Union soldiers, then to Confederate soldiers.

American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded